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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th January 1881, No. 106 W.

General
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 97. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 8th January 1881, No. 7.

With reference to G.O., No. 2,205 W., dated 20th September 1880, I have the honor to report that on the 5th January I inspected the surplus materials, except the limestone belonging to the Lawrence Asylum, and decided on their being sold by public auction at the end of this month with the exception of a very few that will be used on works this official year and a few special stores, iron castings, pipes, &c., to the value of Rs. 350, which will be required hereafter for the Asylum.

2. With regard to the limestone, which in the books amounts to 15,782 parabs, valued at Rs. 2-8-0 a parah, or a total of Rs. 39,455, I have to report that, as promised in my letter No. 212, dated 11th August, it has been measured and the quantity found amounts only to 11,639 parabs, the deficiency therefore amounts to a little over 26 per cent.

This stone has been for years stored in the open, with no watchers, and, I may say, under charge of no one, and as this is the case I am unable to account for the deficiency or to fix the responsibility of the loss on anybody.

I have no doubt myself but that some of the stone has been stolen and some used on Government works but not charged for.

3. With regard to the book rate, Rs. 2-8-0, I have to point out that this limestone was collected before the new Coonoor Ghât was opened, and all or the greater portion of it was brought up at a great cost by pack-bullocks. I am informed that the contractors were paid Rs. 2 and Rs. 2-2-0 a parah for carriage alone, and that this rate was then low compared with the ordinary rates of carriage. This being the case it follows that the limestone is now of far less value than it was formerly.

4. New burnt-lime is procurable in the market at Ootacamund at 15 annas a parah (4,000 cubic inches); the limestone is in large quantities about 10 miles south of the foot of the ghât, it is burnt on the spot where wood is cheap, and carried up in a partly slaked state in carts.

The great cost is the carriage, that may be taken as Rs. 7 a bandy-load of ten parabs or about 11 annas a parah, leaving 4 annas as the cost of the lime per parah at the place where the limestone is found.

5. To cart the limestone into Ootacamund, to burn it there (this being the only place where there is a demand for lime), and to deliver it on works, costs roughly 12 annas a parah of burnt-lime. This high rate is in consequence of the great cost of wood, Rs. 3-4-0 a bandy-load of 1,000 lbs., and the cartage of the limestone to the kiln and the burnt-lime from the kiln to the works, also the high price paid for labor. I therefore consider the present market value of the limestone to be about 5 annas a parah.

6. In the Government Order I am directed to sell all materials (limestone included) which there is no immediate prospect of using on Government work. We have no prospect of using this limestone for years, but I would strongly urge that it should not be sold outright by auction, as it would most certainly, if so sold, sell for little or nothing.

7. I propose the following arrangement, by which I believe Government will realise a fair value for the stone and also dispose of it in the course of a year or so:—

That the limestone be handed over to a contractor and he pay for it from time to time as it is used at the rate of about 5 annas a parahi. That he be allowed the use of the Government lime kilns, and he is to supply all Government works at or near Ootacamund with burnt-lime at the rate of not more than 15 annas a parahi for slaked lime.

That he be at liberty to sell to the public limestone or burnt-lime at any rate he thinks fit.

Should however he sell to the public at less than 15 annas a parahi he is bound to charge the reduced rate only for the lime supplied to Government.

8. Should you approve of the above proposal I will endeavour to arrange for its being carried out at once. I need not add that all the lime now used on Government work at Ootacamund is from the stock at the Lawrence Asylum, and it is much to be regretted that this course was not adopted before.

9. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, I have to report that the whole amount, Rs. 7,740-7-0, have been credited to the Lawrence Asylum work.

No. 98.

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1881, No. 106 W.

THE proposal in paragraph 7 of the foregoing letter is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT

Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,

Rs. / P. / A.

Dated January 1881

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G. O., 15th January 1881, No. 106 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 97-98.

Limestone belonging to the Lawrence
Asylum.—The proposal of the Superintend-
ing Engineer, Second Circle, for the dis-
posal of the —, approved and sanctioned.

No. 7

Supy. Engineer's Office, Circle
Bombay, 8th January 1881.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
Second Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
A. W. G. Madras.

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80 No. 2205 W. 20-3-00 (orig)

From

The Survey Engineers,
Second Circle.

Dated 8th
Sept. 10th } Jan'y 1881.

No. 7

Materials belonging to
Lawrence asylum.

Reporting regarding
the materials belonging to
Lawrence asylum, and
stating that he has de-
cided on their being sold
by Public Auction, also
proposing certain arrangements
with regard to the
disposal of the stones

C.D. 1. 1881.

No. 106 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th Jan'y 1881.
Read the following.

From

The Survey Engineers,
Second Circle.

(M.C. No. 7 of 10 Jan'y 1881)

The proposal
in para 7 of the
foregoing letter is
approved and sanctioned.

Sd/-

[Signature]

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Lt. 2nd Circle
Exec. P. W. Section

20/1/81

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O.O. 15th Jan'y 1880 10810.

Nos 9-1098

Lime stone belonging
to the Lawrence ^{stone}
The proposal of the
S. & G. Co. for the
disposal of the
approved & sanctioned

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