

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

30th November 1880, No. 2,749 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 129. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works.

No. 18.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
14th October 1880.

MY LORD DUKE,—Herewith is enclosed copy extracts of a letter which has been addressed to me by Mr. W. Parkes, C.E.

Dated 21st September 1880.

2. Considering that the necessity for his visiting Madras this year has been sufficiently shown by Mr. Parkes in this communication, I have sanctioned his proceeding to Madras early next December for the purpose of inspecting and conferring with your Government on the progress of the Madras Harbour Works.

3. Salary and allowances at the rates laid down in your Government, No. 1,433, dated 25th May 1875, will be granted Mr. Parkes, during his absence from this country.

I have &c.,

(Signed) HARTINGTON.

His Excellency the Most Noble

The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

Copy extracts of a letter from Mr. W. PARKES, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 21st September 1880.

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of the Secretary of State to my visiting Madras during the ensuing winter.

In an order of the Madras Government, dated 25th May 1875, the necessity for such visits as the one now proposed is laid down as a matter to be left to my own discretion subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, and it is in compliance with the terms of this order that I make the present application.

The necessity for this visit is caused simply by the fact that the execution of the works being under my superintendence, it is absolutely necessary, for the efficient performance of my duties, that I should from time to time verify and replenish by personal inspection and consultation the materials for the conclusions I have to form, and the instructions I have to give, on various matters of detail which arise as the works proceed.

In the interval between my visit in the early part of 1879 and that proposed in 1881 about 25 lakhs of rupees will have been expended, and the Harbour Works, which, when I last inspected them, had just emerged from their preliminary stage, are now approaching their final stage. Many of the anticipations which were originally formed therefore, both on matters of construction and on the effect of the works, have during those two years been brought to test.

Some plans will require reconsideration and some further development by the light of the events which have occurred.

The mode of completing the pier heads is a question of great importance which I could not be satisfied to determine on without more materials than I am likely to get by correspondence.

The state in which the piers as a whole should be delivered up by the Engineering Staff to the authorities charged with the conservancy of the harbour is also a matter on which questions will no doubt be raised, on which I, as the designer of the scheme, ought to have full materials for forming an opinion, and these can only be obtained by personal inspection.

The utilization of the harbour and sheltered frontage by the erection of jetties, quays, &c., involves questions in which I ought to have a voice. These will now become pressing.

Should I receive the sanction asked for, I should propose to leave England early in December, and I would request an early reply as I have many professional engagements to arrange for. On the occasion of my last visit I was absent from England a few days over three months, and the total cost was £755. The present visit will probably require about the same time and money.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1880, No. 2,749 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKLEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC WORKS
ACCOUNTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 30th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 30th November 1880, No. 2,749 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 129-130.

Mr. W. Parkes, Engineer-in-Chief of the
Madras Harbour Works.—Despatch from the
Secretary of State intimating sanction to —
visiting Madras early next December, re-
corded.

FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 133.W.

MADRAS, 12th OCTOBER 1881.

SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ORDERS OF THE SECRETARY OF
STATE CONVEYED IN HIS DESPATCH DATED 14TH. OCTOBER 1880
AND COMMUNICATED IN G.O. NO. 2749.W DATED 30TH. NOVEMBER
1880, APPROVING OF THE INSPECTION OF THE MADRAS HARBOR WORKS
BY MR. PARKES THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF OF THOSE WORKS, I HAVE
THE HONOR TO STATE THAT A CLAIM FOR RS. 9115-1-6 HAS BEEN
PREFERRED IN THE TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE BILL OF THE HARBOR
WORKS DIVISION AND PASSED BY THIS OFFICE ON ACCOUNT OF
THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THAT OFFICER ON HIS TOUR OF INS-
PECTION IN DECEMBER 1880; BUT I AM TO POINT OUT THAT NO
PROVISION TO MEET THIS CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE BUDGET
OF THE HARBOR WORKS FOR 1881-82.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

D. P. Connors

EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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Go. 30-4-80-2749 W

B No 2532 W a/17th Oct/80.

Recorded.

2. The Examiner of P.W. Accounts will make a further report towards the end of the current official year, if the amount in question cannot be covered by savings.

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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 133-W.

DATED 12 OCTOBER 1901.

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B No 2532 W a/17th Oct/80.

MR. PARKES -- MADRAS HARBOR
WORKS -- REGARDING THE TRAVELLING
ALLOWANCE CLAIMS OF.

To The Secy P.W. a/17th Oct/80
17/10/80

Entd. in Receipt Bgr
Wth order