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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th January 1881, No. 25 W.

General.  
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 40. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.  
Public Works.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,  
25th Nov. 1880.

No. 22.

MY LORD DUKE,—With reference to your Excellency's Public Works letter No. 38, dated the 16th July last, herewith is transmitted a report by General Hyde of this office, with accompaniments, from which you will learn that it has been found impossible to procure a properly qualified Foreman Mechanic for the Dowlaishweram Workshops on the terms offered by your Government. You will doubtless inform me should you desire any further steps to be taken in this matter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) HARTINGTON.

His Excellency the Most Noble  
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

REPORT by Major-General H. HYDE, R.E., dated 29th October 1880.

Subject.—Appointment of a Foreman Mechanic, as Superintendent of the Dowlaishweram Workshops.

THE list of applicants for employment both at Bristol and Glasgow has been gone over to ascertain if any men are willing to take this employment, and it has not been found either in Glasgow or Bristol, the two best towns for this description of Mechanic, possible to get a man for the post. In the present state of trade, the division has become such that for this post we require a man with a knowledge of four or five trades. Such men are rare and can always get high wages. I attach letters from two Inspectors. Colonel Chrystie told me, when I consulted him, that the shops could not afford higher pay, and that if a man could not be got for the money from England, the man must be got in India. I would point out another reason why men will not take such a post. All Mechanics going to India go with the object of rising in position; in this post there is no such prospect and no man worth having would go out under such conditions.

It will be necessary to inform India that a man cannot be got for the money.

From HARMAN MacKENZEE, Esq., to Major-General H. HYDE, R.E., India Office,  
Westminster, dated Bristol, 27th October 1880.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, received this morning, on the subject of a Foreman for the Workshops on the Godavari river.

I have had some conversation with the Works Manager of the Avonside Engine Company, and it is his opinion, and I am disposed to agree with him, that it would be useless to attempt to find a man of the required efficiency on the terms offered.

He does not think that a man who would be competent to discharge the duties required would be willing to go out for a salary of 250 rupees on an engagement terminable by six months' notice. If the salary commenced at 400 rupees with a three or five years' engagement a suitable man could be found.

From A. LANE, Esq., to Major-General H. HYDE, R.E., India Office, dated Glasgow, 12th October 1880.

I beg to inform you that I have not been successful in obtaining or hearing of a man capable of filling the post as required in the enclosed stipulations, and herewith return the same.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1881, No. 25 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintendent of Works, Godáviri.

2. Under the circumstances, the proposal to obtain a Foreman Mechanic from England must be abandoned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Godáviri.

Exd. S. T. Austin.  
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To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,  
GODAVARI.

Dated January, 8th.

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G. O., 8th January 1881, No. 25 W.

JANUARY.  
Nos. 40-41.

Foreman Mechanic for the Dowlaishweran Workshops.—Despatch from the Secretary of State for India intimating impossibility of obtaining a — on the terms offered by this Government, communicated to the Superintendent of Works, Godavari, with remark that the idea of obtaining a — from England should be abandoned.

Public Works

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India Office London,  
25<sup>th</sup> November 1880.

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The Governor in Council.  
Fort St George.

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Yours

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matter.

I have the honor to be

My Lord Duke

Your Grace's most  
obedient humble servant

Nottingham

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Ass. to S. S. no. 7 of 31.1.80

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H. J.

Public Works

25<sup>th</sup> November 1880.

The  
Letter to Lord S. George  
H. 22.

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Report by Major Gen. Hyde dated 29 Oct 1880.

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(Sd) H. Hyde.

29/10/80.

W3 2/6  
66oltman Road Bristol

27<sup>th</sup> October 1880.

General Hyde B.E.  
India Office  
Westminster.

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suitable man could be found.

I remain Sir

Your obedient Servant.

Harman Mackenzie.

Hyde Park Locomotive Works.

Glasgow October 12<sup>th</sup> 1880.

General Hyde R.E.  
India Office

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Your obedient Servant.

(52) Alf<sup>d</sup> Lane.

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✓Copy Report by Genl. Hyde,  
dated 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1880 & Enclosures.

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Referred to in Public Works Letter to  
Madras, N<sup>o</sup> 22, dated 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1880

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Despatch from the Secretary of  
State, N<sup>o</sup> 22, dated 25<sup>th</sup> Nov/80.FOR ORDERS.C. B. Sankey  
Secy. Government  
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Communicated  
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Freeman Nicchane  
for the Darul Uloom  
Wood Shops.

Despatch from the  
Secy of State for India  
indicating  
the impossibility  
of obtaining it —  
on the terms offered  
by the Govt. of Madras  
to the Govt of India  
with remarks that the  
idea of obtaining a  
loan from the Government