

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

24th November 1880, No. 2,702 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 102. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works.
No.

India Office, London,
14th Oct. 1880.

MY LORD DUKE,—With reference to my Public Works Despatch, No. 14, dated the 12th of August last, herewith is transmitted copies of further correspondence which have passed between this office and Mr. Parkes, Engineer of the Madras Harbour Works, in regard to a continuance of leave, on account of ill-health, granted to Mr. Beardmore, Assistant Engineer on the Harbour Works.

I have, &c.,

HARTINGTON.

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

From W. PARKES, Esq., M. INST. C.E., to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated London, 24th September 1880.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a letter I have received from Mr. N. St. B. Beardmore, Assistant Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works, asking for an extension of his leave of absence on the ground of his recovery being as yet incomplete. I also enclose a medical certificate supporting his application.

I beg to recommend that Mr. Beardmore be authorised to extend his absence from Madras for a time not exceeding three months, but with liberty to return earlier if he can do so without injury to his health. He is naturally anxious to return to his duties, but it is most undesirable that he should expose himself to any danger of a relapse on account of the work as well as on his own account. His place is for the present efficiently filled by Mr. Cartwright.

From N. St. B. BEARDMORE, Esq., to W. PARKES, Esq., M. INST. C.E., dated London, 23rd September 1880.

THOUGH I feel very much better than when I first landed in England, a little less than four months ago, I do not feel altogether recovered in health; and Mr. Howse of Guy's Hospital, whom I have consulted, recommends me to stay two or three months longer in a cool climate.

I should be glad if the extra leave could be granted to me, which I presume would not prevent my returning to India sooner, if I felt so disposed to do. Under the leave at present granted to me I should have to leave England in the first week in October; if I am allowed to remain longer I think I should be ready and fit to sail in the beginning or middle of November.

I enclose the Doctor's certificate.

From the Under Secretary of State for India, to W. PARKES, Esq., M. INST. C.E., dated India Office, London, 11th October 1880.

In reply to your letter dated the 24th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State in Council has sanctioned the continuance of Mr. Beardmore's (Assistant Engineer in the Madras Harbour Works) present sick leave for a further period of three months, during which extension of leave pay at the same rate as he is now drawing, under sanction of this office letter of the 9th of August, will continue to be issued to Mr. Beardmore, subject to adjustment on his return to Madras.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1880, No. 2,702 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, in continuation of G.O., No. 2,132 W., dated 10th September 1880.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Govt. of (1880) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated November, 24th.

Issued

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G. O., 24th November 1880, No 2,703 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 102-103.

Mr. N. St. B. Beardmore, Assistant Engineer, Madras Harbour Works.—Despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding correspondence regarding the grant of an extension of leave to — on account of ill-health, communicated to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

No. 3917.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Port St. George
Public Works Department.

Sundia the 31st October 1881.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No 2336 W. dated 22nd September 1881, I am directed to say that the Governor General in Council confirms the sanction of the Government of Madras to the grant of Privilege Leave for thirty days from the 14th September 1881—that is before it was earned and before any portion was due to Mr Beardmore, Assistant Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.—

2 His Excellency in Council desires me to observe, however, that grants of leave contrary to the provisions of the Rules cannot be sanctioned by the Local Governments; and His Excellency in Council regrets that the Government of Madras should, in the present instance, have granted the leave without having previously obtained the sanction of the Government of India.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Stephen Jacob

Offg Under Secretary to the Govt of India.

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department.

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P.O. No. $\frac{2335}{2336}$ W. 22-9-81.

P. Tr. C. No. 6486

Recd. 7 Nov. '81

Subd. in Receipt Regr.

C. S. H. R. H. H.

To Hon. W. H. Hudson

For information

In reference to
the remarks contained
in the concluding para-
graph of this letter from the
Sd^o the H. M. will
recall the circumstances
under which Mr. Bend-
-mores' leave was granted

The time would not have admitted of a reference to the Sps with any chance of the reply reaching this in time to make the concession if granted of use to Mr Beardsmore and to have sought authority by telegram could hardly have been out of place

If the H² O comes I can

Point out to
 that the leaves
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 certificates so that
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 been printed

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the 14th November 1887

Read the following:—

From the Govt of India W.S. No 3917 of 31 Oct 1881.

Para 1 of the foregoing
letter will be communi-
cated to the Supt. M.H.
works & the San P.W.
Accts.

2. Ordered that the following letter be sent -

H.S. to 2829 W D 7th Nov - /89.

To The Secy to the J. of S. P. W.?

With reference to para
2 of your letter No 3917
of 31 October 1881. I am
directed to point out
that as already stated
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To the Capt. M. H. Wells
in East River

Sept 14-11-81-

in my No 2336 W of
22 Sept. 1881, Mr. Beadmore's
privilege leave was granted
on medical certificate,
so that previous reference
to the Govt. of India was
impracticable -

Att

14/11/81

Recd D. Calcutta

14-11-81

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

27th October 1881, No. 2044.

Stores.

Read the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce (Accounts and Finance—Stores), dated Simla, 10th October 1881, No. 3400 [Current No. 2896].

Read the following :—

Extract paragraphs 3 to 5 of Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 27 (Financial Stores), dated 18th August 1881.

Paragraph 3. With reference to the 4th paragraph of your Lordship's letter, in which it is stated that you have received numerous complaints of the great delays involved in obtaining stores through the agency of the Store Department, as well as of inferiority in quality and high prices, I have to observe that it is most important that these complaints should be specifically communicated to me for investigation as they arise.

4. When complaints are made of the quality of supplies, it is desirable that samples of the articles complained of should be also forwarded; and when a comparison is instituted between local purchases and those of this office, it is essential that the particulars regarding the former should include samples showing the quality of the articles purchased locally.

5. In regard to the question of discounts, which is clearly explained in the Director-General's report, I desire also to direct your Lordship's attention to Financial Despatch, No. 8, of the 11th January 1870.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 11th January 1870, No. 8.

I have considered in Council your letter, dated 18th October 1869, No. 259, intimating that it has been ruled by your Government that the orders which prohibit the procuring of stores from Europe or America, except through indent on this office, are applicable to stores chargeable to Local Funds. You inquire however, with reference to an allegation that if the stores be obtained through the India Office the trade discount of 12 per cent. will be lost to the Local Funds, whether any discount, not allowed for in the price charged, will be credited to the Local Funds by the Home Government.

2. It would appear from this inquiry that some misapprehension exists at your Presidency in regard to the mode in which stores for the use of the Indian Governments are obtained in this country.

3. Except in very special cases, direct orders for such stores are not given; but contractors are invited to tender for their supply on the principle of public competition. No commissions, agencies or discount is allowed by the contractor, who, being paid for his goods as soon as they have been delivered and examined here, is not enabled to charge interest. Freight is also engaged by public competition, the Government not insuring but taking its own risk of losses by sea, which have not hitherto amounted to more than a fraction of a pound per cent.

4. You will observe that, under these arrangements, the tenders sent in show, in each instance, the lowest price at which the contractor is willing either to supply the stores or to convey them to India; but that no abatement on account of discount is allowed for by him in calculating the cost, and that none can be expected from him on receiving payment.

5. There is every reason to suppose that stores for India can be thus supplied by the Home Government more economically than by the direct action of the local Committees, and that any abatement received for trade discount would be entirely illusory, as it could only be made when the rates charged in the first instance had been unnecessarily high.

6. With reference to the request contained in paragraph 4 of your Resolution of 18th October last, I have to inform you that all payments made in England for stores, clearly shown in the indents to be chargeable to Local Funds, will in future be debited in the Home Accounts as remittances to India for adjustment with the Local Funds on account of which they have been authorised.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the—

Home Department,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,
Public Works Department,
Military Department,
Local Governments and Administrations except Bengal,
with the request that the instructions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Despatch of 18th August 1881 may be observed.

(Signed) J. E. O'CONNOR,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1881, No. 2044.

Communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Departments,

(True Extract.)

J. Davidson
Chief Secretary.

To all Departments of the Secretariat, (*Public Works Dept.*)
,, all Heads of Departments.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

B. N. 2827 W of 14th Nov-1881.

Recorded.

Note.

No action need
be taken pending
instructions from
the Govt. of India
in the F.W. Dept?

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P. H. C. No 6600
Govt. of (1881) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

To
ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE
SECRETARIAT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 27th.

Issued

Recd.

11 Nov: 81

Encl.

G.O., 27th October 1881, No. 2044.

30.s.c.

Ns 2827 W of 14-11-81
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OCTOBER.

Stores.—Communicating endorsement of Gov-
ernment of India forwarding Despatch from
Secretary of State regarding stores purchased by
the India Office without any allowance for dis-
count.

Added in Receipt No.

by the order