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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th November 1881, No. 2746 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 31. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
13th October 1881.

No. 34.

WITH reference to your Public Works letters Nos. 49 and 53 of the 10th and 20th August 1881, I have to inform Your Excellency that I have granted Mr. G. W. Lowe, Head Foreman on the Madras Harbour Works, one month's leave in addition to that granted him by your Government and have permitted him to return to duty on the same terms as his existing engagement. A copy of his letter to Mr.

Dated 24th September 1881.

Parkes is enclosed. The family payment of £10 a month will continue to be made in this country.

2. Copies of letters from Mr. Parkes, dated 6th and 14th ultimo, regarding Mr. Lowe, are sent herewith for your Excellency's information.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) HARTINGTON.

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

From W. PARKES, Esq., C.E., to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated 23, Abingdon Street, 6th September 1881.

I HAVE the honor to enclose two G.O.s., No. 1844 W. of 27th July and No. 1968 W. of 10th August, and copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Harbour Works to the Government of Madras on the 12th August, asking for the return to his duties of Mr. Lowe, the principal Foreman of the works. In submitting the question for the orders of the Secretary of State I have to request that an early decision may be made, as Mr. Lowe's arrangements for his return to Madras ought to be made by the middle of this month.

2. I may remind you that Mr. Lowe was originally engaged in 1875 on my recommendation by the Secretary of State on a special agreement for five years, and that his engagement was extended for eighteen months also by special sanction of the Secretary of State in accordance with a reference from the Government of Madras in 1880, and this extended engagement does not terminate till January next. He is entitled to full pay up to the day of his return to England. No provision is made in his original engagement for leave under medical certificate or otherwise, but the terms of the supplementary engagement include a leave of two months, of which, however, he only availed himself to the extent of two or three weeks in November last.

3. Under these circumstances I would respectfully submit that the matter is one to be dealt with by the Secretary of State, independently of the Government of Madras, and on its merits without reference to rules or precedents.

4. I most fully endorse Mr. Thorowgood's reasons for Mr. Lowe's return, if the state of his health permits, of which I believe there is no doubt, but I would especially base my own recommendation on my conviction that Mr. Lowe's services during the ensuing cold season will be far more than an equivalent for his salary. I agree with Mr. Thorowgood that it would be impossible to supply his place. If his services were not available his duties would have to be

divided among the other members of the staff, and they would fall especially heavily on Mr. Thorowgood himself, who after his five years exceptionally arduous duties is, I am persuaded, not in a state to have extra anxiety thrust upon him.

5. I would venture to suggest that the requirements of the case can be met without any departure from the terms of Mr. Lowe's present unexpired engagement. The original proposal (which is the only one of which Mr. Lowe has any knowledge) of *four months' leave of absence on half-pay*, and then a return to duty on the understanding that he shall continue his services at the same rate of pay from month to month as may be required, will meet all the necessities of the case.

6. The recommendations in Mr. Thorowgood's last paragraph appear to be based on the supposition of the remainder of Mr. Lowe's engagement being cancelled as proposed by the Government, and are merely a request for more liberal terms, but if the engagement be maintained as I propose those recommendations would have no place.

7. I may add that I have asked Mr. Thorowgood to telegraph to me about the 15th instant whether the state of the works is still such as to demand Mr. Lowe's return, and any arrangement sanctioned by the Secretary of State would be made subject to his affirmative reply, but these arrangements should not be deferred beyond that date.

From the same Officer, dated 14th September 1881.

Madras Harbour.

I am informed that the Council have agreed to allow Mr. Lowe to return to Madras, and to permit him to be considered as on sick leave for three months provided he passes a medical examination showing his fitness to return.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certificate signed by two medical men in Guernsey, where Mr. Lowe is now residing with his family, which will, I hope, fulfil the last named condition. With regard to the time of his leave, however, three months, (instead of the four originally proposed at Madras, and latterly recommended by myself,) I would respectfully submit that there would be some difficulty in strictly complying with it. The three months will expire on the 19th October, and the only steamer which might have carried him to Madras by that date has sailed today. He could overtake it by the Brindisi route, but I think the Government would hardly wish to put him to so heavy an expense for the sake of a strict compliance with their orders. Nor is his return at so early a date urgent. There will be little work done in November, and if he is on the ground by the latter end of that month to assist in the preparations of the resumption of work after the rough weather of the north-east monsoon, I think all the requirements will be met. I would therefore ask that his leave be extended to four months.

From Mr. G. W. LOWE, to W. PARKES, Esq., dated 6, St. John's Terrace, Guernsey, 24th September 1881.

If I am permitted to return to my duties at Madras I shall be willing to extend my services from month to month from the termination of my present agreement in January next at the same rate of pay as heretofore so long as I may be required.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1881, No. 2746 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with reference to G.O., No. 2063 W., dated 20th August 1881.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS
HARBOUR WORKS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 7th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th November 1881, No. 2746 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 31-32.

Mr. G. W. Lowe, Foreman, Madras
Harbour Works—Despatch from the Secre-
tary of State granting — an extension of
one month's leave, and permitting his
return to duty, communicated to the
Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.

Public Works

No. 34

India Office,
London, 13 October 1881.

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Sir,

1. with reference to your
Public Works letters, Nos. 49 and
53 of the 10th and 20th August
1881, I have to inform Your
Excellency that I have —
granted Mr. G. W. Lowe, head
foreman on the Madras
Harbour Works, one month's
leave in addition to that
granted him by your Government,
and have permitted him to
return to duty on the same
terms as his existing
engagement. A copy of his
letter to Mr. Parkes is enclosed.
The family payment of £10
a month will continue to
be made in this country.

Copies

His Excellency
The Honourable
The Governor General in Council
Fort St. George

dated 24th September 1881

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2. Copies of letters from
Mr Pasko, dated 6th and
14th ultimo, regarding
Mr Love are sent herewith
for Your Excellency's
information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant

W. H. P. H.

No 3

Public Works

13th October 1881

The
Letter to Lord St George

No 34

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A No 2746 Wd 7th Nov 1881

Communicated to
the Supt. M. H. Woods
& the Secy of P. W. Dept
with reference to S.O.

No 2063 Wd 20 Aug 81.

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To the Supt. M. H. Woods

Secy P. W. Dept

Recd 17-11-81

23 Abingdon Street.

6 Sep: 1881.

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose two Government Orders No 1844 W. of 27 July and No 1968 W. of 10th August, and copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Harbour Works to the Govt of Madras on the 12th August, — asking for the return to his duties of Mr Lowe the principal foreman of the works. In submitting the question for the orders of the Secretary of State I have to request that an early decision may be made, as Mr Lowe's arrangements for his return to Madras ought to be made by the middle of this month.

2. I may remind you that Mr Lowe was originally engaged in 1875 on my recommendation by the Secretary of State on a special — agreement for 5 years and that his engagement was extended for 18 months Under Secretary of State India Office.

also by Special Sanction of the Sec. of State in accordance with a request from the Govt of Madras in 1880, and this extended engagement does not terminate till January next. He is entitled to full pay up to the day of his return to England. No provision is made in his original engagement for leave under medical certificate or otherwise, but the terms of the supplementary engagement include a leave of two months, of which, however, he only availed himself to the extent of two or three weeks in November last.

3. Under these circumstances I would respectfully submit that the matter is one to be dealt with by the Secretary of State, independently of the Government of Madras and on its merits without reference to rules or precedents.

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is no doubt, but I would especially base my own recommendation on my conviction that Mr. Lowe's services during the ensuing ^{old} season will be far more than an equivalent for his salary. I agree with Mr. Thoroughgood that it would be impossible to supply his place, if his services were not available (his duties would have to be divided among the other members of the Staff, and they would fall especially heavily on Mr. Thoroughgood himself, who after his five years exceptionally arduous duties is, I am persuaded, not in a state to have extra anxiety thrust upon him.

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He shall continue his services at the same rate of pay from month to month as may be required, will meet all the necessities of the case.

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I have,

(54) W. Parker.

Madras Harbour.

23 Abington Street

14 Sep: 1881.

Sir,

I am informed that the Council have agreed to allow Mr. Lowe to return to Madras and to permit him to be considered as on sick leave for three months provided he passes a medical examination showing his fitness to return.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certificate signed by two medical men in Guernsey, where Mr. Lowe is now residing with his family, which will I hope fulfil the last named condition with regard to the time of his leave, however, three months, (instead of the four originally proposed at Madras, and latterly recommended by myself) I would respectfully submit that there would be some difficulty in strictly complying with
Under Secretary, State
India Office.

with it. The three months will
expire on the 19th October and the
only steamer which might have carried
him to Madras by that date has
sailed today. He could overtake
it by the Brindisi route, but I
think the Govt would hardly
wish to put him to so heavy
an expense for the sake of a
strict compliance with their rules.

Now is his return at so early a
date urgent. There will be little
work done in November, and if he
is on the ground by the latter end
of that month to assist in the
preparations of the resumption of
work after the rough weather of
the N. E. Monsoon, I think all
the requirements will be met.

I would therefore ask that his leave
be extended to four months.

I have,

(5th) W. Parker.

6th John Derrace.
Guernsey.

24 Sep: 1881.

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Dear Sir,

If I am permitted to
return to my duties at Madras
I shall be willing to extend
my services from month to
month from the termination
of my present agreement in -
January next at the same
rate of pay as heretofore
so long as I may be required

I am &c.

(5th) J. W. Lowe.

W. Parker Esq.

India Office,
London, 13 October 1881

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Public Works

No 34

Sir,

I with reference to your Public Works letters, Nos 43 and 53 of the 10th and 20th August 1881, I have to inform Your Excellency that I have — granted Mr G. M. Lowe, head foreman on the Madras Harbour Works, one month's leave in addition to that granted him by your Government and have permitted him to return to duty on the same terms as his existing — engagement. A copy of his letter to Mr Parkes is enclosed. The family payment of £10 a month will continue to be made in this Country.

Copies

His Excellency
The Honourable
The Governor General in Council
Fort St. George

dated 24th Sept 1881.

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Mr Parkes, dated 6th and
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for Your Excellency's
information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant

(for) Warrington

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Public Works

13th October 1881

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Letter to Port St George

No 34

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with original.

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Gobt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O. J. F. No. 2766/r

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^{G.O.}
Mr. J. F. Foreman
In the works.

Despatch from the
Secy of State granting
— an extension of
one month leave &
permitting his return
to duty, Command to the
Supt. in the works.

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