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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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No. 185.

READ—the following letter from Messrs. GRINDROD, JENKINS and Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Colombo, 13th December 1882:—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, No. 3175 W.

2. With regard to your paragraph No. 3, we wish to explain this, that whatever Captain Taylor's report may be, whether favorable or otherwise, we must ascertain for ourselves, by competent Engineers, whether it is practicable or not and the cost of the undertaking. We know there are difficulties in the way, as there always must be in such undertakings, but as far as we can ascertain there are none that cannot be overcome.

First—We require the concession, and having obtained that then we employ competent Engineers for making the calculations, for which we pay. If their verdict is against us then we shall only lose some £2,000 to £3,000, but it would not be politic to spend this sum unless we were assured beforehand that the concession would be given to us.

3. We have every respect for Captain Taylor's knowledge and his report will be of great value, but we must base the undertaking as a whole, and this can only be arrived at by Engineers well versed in such works.

No. 186.

ORDER—dated 26th December 1882, No. 3429 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the following reply be sent.

(Here enter No. 3430 W., dated 26th December 1882.)

(True Extract.)

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

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N 187.

LETTER—from

COLONEL R. H. SANKEY, R.E., C.B.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department,

To

Messrs. GRINDROD, JENKINS AND COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and as you now consider it needless to await the result of the investigations shortly to be undertaken by the Master Attendant, as to the practicability of the scheme for cutting a ship canal through the island of Ramesvaram, I am desirous to reply as follows in regard to the terms of the concession which you ask for.

2. In the first place I am to say, in regard to the general concession for cutting the canal, that no objection will be raised by this Government; secondly, that the land being all private property you will have yourselves to arrange the terms of acquisition with the owners; thirdly, that before any definite agreement is come to it will be necessary to submit for the approval of this Government the scale of dues which it is proposed to levy on vessels making use of the proposed canal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Yours St. Obedt.
26th December 1882

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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Ship Canal across the Island of
Rameswaram.

Cutting a — Proposals for —

BRADBIDGE, JENKINS & CO LONDON.
GRINDROD, JENKINS & CO COLOMBO.

COLOMBO 13th Dec 1882

To The

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras

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Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Inst at 2:30 PM.

With regard to your paragraph 1st, we wish to explain that whatever Captain Taylor's report maybe, whether favorable or otherwise, we must ascertain for ourselves by competent engineers, whether it is practically or not and the cost of the undertaking. We have thus modified the way, as this always must be in such undertakings but as far as we can ascertain there are no more that cannot be overcome.

1st We require the concession and having obtained that, then we employ competent engineers, for making the calculations, for which we pay. If their verdict is against us then we shall only lose some money but it would not be politic to spend this money unless we were assured before hand that the concession would be given to us.

We have every respect for Captain Taylor's knowledge and his report will be of great value, but we must have the undertaking as a whole, and this can only be arrived at by engineers.

I am to say in reply

BRADBIDGE, JENKINS & CO LONDON.
GRINDROD, JENKINS & CO COLOMBO.

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will send in such words

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servants

Grindrod Jenkins & Co

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No 3430 W at 26 Dec 82
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to Messrs. Penderock Jenkins

Perthshire

I am directed to ask
 knowledge to receipt of your
 letter of the 13th inst. and as
 you have considered it need-
 less to await the result
 of the investigation shortly
 to be undertaken by the
 British Antarctic Survey
 in connection with the
 discovery of a shipwreck
 through the island of
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 directed to reply as follows
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 the concession which you
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Finally that before
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Government the scale of
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posed to levy on
vessels making use
of the Panama Canal

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