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7TH MAY 1883, No. 1325 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from F. N. THOROWGOOD, Esq., M. INST. C.E.,
Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to the Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, dated Madras, 23rd April 1883, No. 6 W.:—

I have the honor to report that Mr. Charles Underdown, Foreman Diver of these works, has sent in his six months' notice to leave these works unless his pay is increased, when he will be willing to stay in continuation and under the general terms of his present agreement.

2. Mr. Underdown arrived here in June 1880, and has been a most efficient, hardworking, and steady Foreman. He has on three occasions, in addition to managing all the diving staff, taken charge of the whole of the block-setting operations during Mr. Lowe's absence on sick leave, and I may say that during the latter part of 1880 and in 1881 his services were invaluable. In zealous discharge of his duties he far exceeded any written terms of agreement to work.

3. Considering the small value of the rupee now-a-days, and the higher rates paid to leading divers on other works in the tropics, I cannot be surprised at Mr. Underdown's asking for an increase of pay on a renewed agreement. At the same time I have not ventured to hint that such a thing would be sanctioned. I may remark, however, that I myself consider his services would be well worth Rs. 350.

4. By the terms of his agreement he is entitled to a second-class passage to London and his fare from London to Newcastle-on-Tyne, the former of which I can apply for in due course, should his engagement not be renewed.

5. I will, however, venture to ask for something extra for Mr. Underdown, in the event of the Government of Madras or the Government of India not sanctioning an increase of pay; and that, in consideration of his having rendered such very efficient service during Mr. Lowe's (Head Foreman) absence in 1880, when he received no extra pay as he did subsequently in 1881, he shall have granted him one month's pay as gratuity.

6. I will repeat, however, that, in the event of resumption of active work, I am of opinion that the best thing to do would be to give Mr. Underdown Rs. 350 and renew his engagement.

ORDER—dated 7th May 1883, No. 1325 W., Public Works.

The Government observe that in the present condition of the works it would be useless to ask the Secretary of State to sanction any increase of salaries. Should active operations, however, be resumed, the Government will be prepared to recommend an increase of Rs. 50 per mensem to Mr. Underdown's salary.

2. The question will be at once referred for consideration of the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

To the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 7th.

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G.O., 7th May 1883, No. 1325 W.

MAY

Mr. Underdown, Foreman
Diver

Passing orders on request of the Superintendant, Madras Harbour Works, that the salary of — be increased.

No. 6111.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO

Colonel R. H. Sankey, C. B., C. E.

Secretary to Government, P. W. S.

Fort St George

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

A. Hiroogoda, M. S. S. S.
Superintendent
M. H. Works

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

FOR ORDERS.

In the event of resumed active operations on the Harbor works it will apparently be desirable to retain the Underwoods Service, but (1) it would be quite useless to recommend any increase of salaries till the restoration scheme has been finally sanctioned by execution, and (2) any such increase as thus proposed will need the sanction of the Secy of State.

H. E. Sullivan

FOR ORDERS.

Draft- *unwritten*
I am not sure
whether the H. E.
intended that he
Sd, I should at
once be addressed
or not?

Att

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Yes. I thought it was
just as well we should
know beforehand
whether, in the very probable
event of active operations
being resumed, we should
be in a position to
be in *understand*'s service.

Att

C. A. W.

Secretary of Land

4/5/83 *Att*

No 1325 *W*

*Genl
Estab*

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7th May 1883
Read the following

Letter from the Suptt, Madras }
Harbour Works } (H.E. No 6 Wd 23 April 83)

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condition of the works
it would be useless to ask
the Secretary of State to
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consideration of the Home
Government.

(A.E. No. ~~24~~
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To,

The Rt. Honble

The Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

In forwarding for
your Lordship's information
the accompanying copy
of our Proceedings No. 1325 W
of 7th May/83.

we have the honor to
recommend for sanction

Supt. Madras Harbour Works

^{or 4}
a prospective increase of
Rs 50/- per mensem to
the salary of the Foreman
^{Diver}
of the Madras
Harbour Works - to commence
from the date on which
the reconstruction of the
works may be taken
up.

2. We consider it very
desirable that some
encouragement should be
held out to Mr. Under-
down, as, owing to his
Experience on the works
as well as of the
climate, his services
will be especially

valuable on the
resumption of active
operations.

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Nos.

Mr Underdown, Freeman
Diver, ~~Mr Underdown~~

In view of orders on request
of the Supte M. H. Wright that
the delay of his name

Letter to the Secy of Public
requesting sanction to the
increase of the delay of
from date of commencement
ment of the work

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