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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

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, 6th June 1883, No. 12 W.:—

I have the honor to ask for the orders of Government on the following point connected with the temporary stoppage of these works.

2. It will doubtless be known to Government that during the last six months of construction of these works, from May to November 1881, nearly all the stone required for blocks or rubble base was obtained from Pallavaram quarries. Since the damage by the storm of November 12, 1881, during 1882 more than 77,000 tons of rubble have been used for protecting the work that remains, for making a heavy revetment to the north, and for the manufacture of concrete blocks. For this latter purpose a large quantity of very excellent hard clean stone was quarried in the belief that it would very shortly all be used up.

3. On my resuming charge of the works March 6, 1883, I stopped all work of construction and of blockmaking, as I did not know what kind of blocks would be required. As a consequence to this there remains on the quarry site at Pallavaram about 8,000 tons of the best clean granitic rock, ready heaped up for loading into wagons, but the use of which must be postponed *sine die*.

4. The quarrying is in charge of a Muhammadan Contractor, G. M. Kazim Ali Nakvy Sahib, whose tender was accepted in 1877, and who has been carrying on the quarrying work most creditably ever since. At his own cost he has made $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of railway into the quarry (the rails being lent by these works), and it is by no fault of his that the sudden stoppage of work leaves him with so large a stock of stone quarried on his hands.

5. If work were going on now at only a slow speed, or prospects of full work were in the immediate future, I should have paid this contractor for the stone collected (but not loaded into wagons) at three-fourths of the full price per ton. This has always been done at both quarries since the work began.

6. Under the present circumstances, however, I think it right to address Government specially on the subject, and ask to be allowed to pay an advance of half the contract rate per ton on the stone accumulated.

7. The contractor does not demand the full three-fourths of the contract price, but only asks for something in the way of compensation for the money he has spent in quarrying and collecting the stone and in maintaining his railway without any return. I have roughly measured the quantity of stone, but a more accurate measurement shall be taken before making a payment, as I think the contractor's estimate of 8,000 tons is excessive.

8. I think the demand is fair and reasonable, and it is one that, in the regular procedure of the work, has been always granted, and indeed was stipulated for in the contract for the Ambatūr quarry. I therefore very respectfully ask that a payment at half the contract rate per ton be sanctioned.

ORDER—dated 11th June 1883, No. 1633 W., Public Works.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, the stone in question being properly mortgaged to Government.

(True Extract.)

C. Brown.

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

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

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 11th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 11th June 1883, No. 1633 W.

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Madras Harbour Works

Payment of compensation to the quarrying contractor at half the contract rate per ton for stone accumulated by him during the sudden cessation of work, sanctioned.

Madras Harbour Works Office,

June 19th 1883.

S/o.

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Colonel R. H. Sankar, C.B., M.

Dear Colonel Sankar,

Before doing anything further in the matter of the 8000 tons of stone at Pallavaram upon which subject G.O. No. 1633 W. June 11th was passed I must ask whether I understand the order aright.

As I read it the whole of the heaps of stone lying over a length of nearly 2 miles are to be mortgaged to Government, if an advance is paid the contractor who has quarried the stone.

The contractor has been working under conditions approved by the old Harbour Committee of 1876, and

of blocks would be required. As a consequence

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contractor at least was ordered to
for stone accumulated by his
sudden cessation of work, same

If one only knew what blocks & make it would be better

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would ask you -
In a note true on the subject Mr. Barclay says, "But
"it seems true that there is no object whatever in
"taking a mortgage of the stone, for if it is the only
"security of Gov^t, ^{it} must be one with possession, & if Gov^t
"is to take possession of the stone at all it may as well
"be under the contract, & c^t that in that case the
"full contract price would have been paid."
A word or two from you will make the meaning
clear.

Yours very truly
J. M. W.

yours very truly

Wm. Munro & Co. Supt. W. & A. M.

BUILDINGS AND
CIVIL WORK

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Dear Sir

I have replied that if the interested parties to the stuff in Stacks, draw white wash lines over the same & give a written declaration that there are no objections to the same, it is all that is needed as was intended.

Any more required of the testaments will I take in with the Director.

Any line I have asked I to consult you if in doubt.

I do not require the letter from

Yours

Saw
the stone in the pile
regarding payment to
contractor for quarrying
stone for building the
works.

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for stone accumulated by
sudden cessation of work, same

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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO

Colonel R. A. Sankey, C.B. M. E.

Secretary to Government

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5. If work were going on now at only a slow speed, or prospects of full work were in the immediate future, I should have paid this contractor for the stone collected (but not loaded into wagons) at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the full price per ton. This has always been done at both quarries since the work began.

6. Under the present circumstances however I think it right to address Government specially on the subject, and ask to be allowed to pay an advance of half the contract rate per ton on the stone accumulated.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

J. M. Morrison.
Superintendent
M. Harbour Works

No 1633 Wd 11th June 1813

Sanctioned as
proposed by the Super-
intendent, M. H.
Works, the stone
in question being
properly mortgaged
to Government.

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P.W.C. No 4767
Buildings & Roads

From
The Superintendent
Madras Warren Works

M.H.
Dated 6 June 1813
Recd

No 1633 Wd 11th June 1813

No of Enclosures nil

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Supd M H Works

Ex^o P.W.C.

Solicits sanction for paying
compensation for stone
accumulated during sudden
cessation of work

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

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G. O., 11 June 1883, No. 1633/4

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Madras Harbour Works

Payment of Compensation
to the quarrying Contractor
at half the Contract rate
per ton for stone accumulated
by him during the suspension
of work,

Sanctioned

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