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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From Captain R.E. HAMILTON, R.E., Executive Engineer, Presidency division, to the Superintending Engineer, V circle, dated 8th August 1884, No. 2607:—

I have the honor to inform you that I have, at present, work in progress at the high court and at the stationery office.

2. At the former building the outside is being plastered with Portland cement, for which work high scaffolding is of course necessary.

3. The foot of the scaffolding naturally takes up a little space, and the Municipality, under section 290 of the Municipal Act, have summoned the contractor for not obtaining a license. He paid Rs. 101-12-0 for a license for scaffolding for the front of the building and a much larger charge will be made before the work is completed.

4. At the stationery office, Mr. Goodsir, the contractor, for a similar reason, was called upon to pay Rs. 400 a-month. As the repairs of this building will take six months, the total cost will amount to Rs. 2,400.

5. These charges seem preposterous, and, of course, there is no provision in the estimate. When Government repairs are carried out, surely these demands should not be made.

6. I request you will be so good as to obtain early orders or give me orders to stop work. I shall be continually summoned while these works are going on, and shall not, of course, pay the fine, for I have no means of doing so.

No. 1802.

Endorsement on the above.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works department.

2. The scaffolding required for repairs to Government buildings must necessarily cause an obstruction to a certain extent, though perhaps very little, in the street, and, therefore, by section 290 of the Madras Act I of 1884, a license has to be obtained and paid for.

3. The Government probably never contemplated that taxes should be thrown on the Public Works department in this way, and I trust that we may be exempted from these liabilities.

CHEPÁK,
11th August 1884.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

No. 478-E.

Transferred to the Financial department for consideration.

OOTACAMUND,
15th August 1884.(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.From A. T. ARUNDELL, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 4th September 1884,
No. 1104.

Referring to the Assistant Secretary's endorsement, No. 1891, dated 21st August, herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that the fees charged for taking up portions of the public streets for scaffolding and building materials on account of work at the high court and at the stationery office are at the rate sanctioned by the Commissioners and by Government (G.O., No. 1690, dated 26th July 1884), under sections 290 and 294 of the Municipal Act, namely, four annas per day for every one hundred square feet occupied.

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3. At the time of my inspection, the area occupied was only 924 square feet, the fee for which would be Rs. 2-5-0 per day, and there would be no likelihood of the large amount named by Captain Hamilton being reached.

4. The present rate of fee, however, seems needlessly high for encroachments which are temporarily necessary for the improvement of buildings. Such encroachments are a troublesome obstruction to the street, and the fee should be such as to make it economical to restrict the area taken up as much as possible and to use despatch in completing the building.

5. Taking this view, the Commissioners, at a general meeting held on the 3rd instant, resolved to reduce the rate of fee for scaffoldings, hoards and fences erected under sections 290 and 294 for building purposes to half the present rate, namely, 2 annas per day for every one hundred square feet taken up. Under section 420, I have the honor to request the sanction of the Governor in Council to this modified fee.

6. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras held on Wednesday the 3rd September 1884.

Read G.O., No. 1690, dated 26th July 1884, Financial department, fixing the rates on timber and firewood imported into Madras at half the maximum limits, and directing the publication of the draft bye-laws in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in two of the daily newspapers, and sanctioning the levy of fees under section 420 of Act I of 1884.

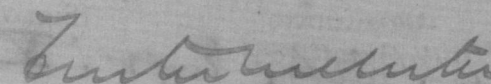
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ORDER—dated 18th September 1884, No. 2223, Financial.

The modification proposed is sanctioned, and the President's letter will be communicated to the Public Works department.

(True Extract.)



Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
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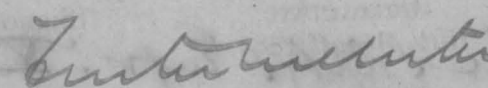
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

8 October 1884.

Sir,

In compliance with Lord Cranbrook's Despatch No. 14, Public,
dated 24th December 1879, I am directed to forward in dupli-
cate a list of Despatches received from Her Majesty's Secre-
tary of State which remain unanswered in the P.W. Department
at the end of the quarter ending 30th September 1884

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

C. Bowen. Major R.E.

Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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