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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

READ—the following despatch from the Right Honorable Viscount CROSS, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort. St. George, dated India Office, London, 21st April 1887, Public Works, No. 4.

Your Excellency's Public Works letter, No. 2/451 W., dated 14th February 1887, and your Marine letter, No. 1, dated 23rd February 1887, both dealing with the position of the Engineer-in-Chief and Superintendent of Works of the Madras Harbour in relation to the Trust Board, have received my consideration in Council.

2. The circumstances narrated in your letters under reply show that, although a settlement of the questions that had arisen has been come to for the present by the continuation of Mr. Thorowgood in his office of Superintendent of Works, it is necessary that definite instructions should be given as to the relations of the Harbour Board with that officer as well as with the Chief Engineer.

3. It is pointed out by your Government that the Harbour Board have, under Act II of 1886, full power to carry out the works to a conclusion, and to control all the operations arising in connection with them, and to deal as they deem best with all employes on the works, including the Superintendent, subject to the sanction of your Excellency in Council, and also subject to the proviso that no alteration in the design of the harbour can be made without my previous sanction. I entirely agree with your Excellency in this opinion, regard, of course, being had, as stated in my letter of 14th October 1886, No. 5. P.W., to the terms of any formal engagement entered into by Mr. Thorowgood and others in this country, and I trust that Mr. Thorowgood will, on reconsideration, accept this decision and cordially co-operate with the Harbour Trust in carrying out the important and responsible duties entrusted to him, which he has hitherto so satisfactorily discharged.

4. It has already been intimated to your Excellency that I have thought it desirable to reconsider the question of the entrance to the harbour, and the further action that may thence arise must be awaited before Mr. Parkes' position in relation to the future progress of the works can be finally considered. I shall, however, at once inform Mr. Parkes that he must understand that his position in future will be exclusively that of the adviser of the Secretary of State, that any information or comments on the subject of the works which he thinks should be communicated to the engineers in India must be laid before the Secretary of State, who will deal with them as he thinks suitable, and that direct correspondence on his part with India must cease. I request that, in like manner, all technical reports on the subject of the works which Mr. Thorowgood may desire, in conformity with his past practice, to have submitted to the Consulting Engineer in this country, may be forwarded to me through your Government. This, of course, will not prevent any communications or suggestions as to the harbour works which the Board may desire to make being also conveyed to me through the channel of your Excellency's Government.

ORDER—dated 20th May 1887, No. 1382 W., Public Works.

Communicated, with reference to proceedings of Government, No. 451 W., dated 14th February 1887, Public Works, and No. 70, dated 15th February 1887, Marine, to the Chairman, Madras Harbour Trust Board, for information and guidance, and for issue of the requisite instructions to Mr. Thorowgood.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chairman, Madras Harbour Trust Board.
„ Marine Department.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.
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India Office,
London, 21st April 1887.

Public Works,
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To His Excellency Right Honourable The Governor
in Council Fort St. George.

SIR,

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No. 1. Your Excellency's Public Works Letter, W., dated 14th February 1887, and your letter, No. 1, dated 23rd February 1887, regarding the position of the Engineer-in-Chief and Superintendent of Works of the Madras Harbour in relation to the Trust Board, have received consideration in Council.

2. The circumstances narrated in your letters clearly show that, although a settlement of the question as that had arisen has been come to for the time being by the continuation of Mr. Thorowgood in the position of Superintendent of Works, it is necessary that definite instructions should be given to the Engineer-in-Chief and Superintendent of Works of the Harbour Board with that view as well as with the Chief Engineer.

3. It is pointed out by your Government that the Harbour Board have, under Act II. of 1886, to carry out the works to a conclusion, to control all the operations arising in connection with them, and to deal as they deem best with the employees on the works, including the Engineer-in-Chief, subject to the sanction of your Excellency in Council, and also subject to the sanction of the Harbour Board. No alteration in the design of the works can be made without my previous sanction. I agree with your Excellency in this regard, of course, being had, as stated in my letter of 14th October 1886, No. 5 P.W., to the effect that no formal engagement entered into by Mr. Thorowgood and others in this country, and that Mr. Thorowgood will, on recon- sideration of this decision and cordially con- sidering the Harbour Trust in carrying out its duties and responsible duties entrusted to him, he has hitherto so satisfactorily dis- charged.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) Cross.

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