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P. W. D.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
 Chepauk, Madras,
 11th October 1893.

No. 2083

From

Henry Juvin, Esq., C.I.C.,

Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

1 Newspaper

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo. No. 971, dated the 1st Instant and to report that there is no certain information regarding the date of the establishment of the Government's lime kilns, but from the correspondence in the files of the late Presidency Division I gather that it is pretty certain that they were in operation as far back as 1850 and have been so ever since. Lime can be purchased in the local market and contractors for works are at liberty under certain conditions to provide the lime required for the works upon which they are engaged. But practically they prefer taking the supply from the Government kilns they do so in almost

almost all cases, 1st because the price is fixed, if they resorted to private manufacturers to any great extent the price would rise. 2^d the requirements of the standing orders of the Division oblige them to use only pure lime free from defects and to be slaked on the works with fresh water. They ~~cannot~~ ^{cannot with certainty} get cheaper lime of a uniformly pure quality from the local suppliers, it could very likely be obtained from Messrs Arbutnot & Co. of a reliable quality but to specify Messrs Arbutnot & Co. lime would be to turn the monopoly of it from the Government kilns to this one large manufacturer whose price would likely rise.

2. The price of our lime is fixed upon the cost of materials and labour in manufacturing, very little profit is kept as a margin for safety but we keep the price about level with that of the private manufacturers, the profit we credit to works at the end of the year.

3. I would refer to my letter No 2216 of 16th October 1890 (just three years ago) in this letter the whole matter was explained and Government orders were issued thereon No 2853 W dated 27th October 1890 and these have been acted upon ever since. As regards the prices they are now slightly less being

8 annas and 4 annas which are about the same as the market rates. 3/21/✓

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant,

Henry Innes
Consulting Architect
to Government.

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No. 7: **W. CURRENT No. 8628**

Public Works Department.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE *Chief Engineer*
P. W. D.

No. 2083

Dated

Despatched

Received

11th October 1893.

No. of ENCLOSURES. /

Subject.

*Submitting a report regarding
the Govt. Lime Kilns at
the Cochrane Canal Basin,
Madras*

*no 47168 1.3.81
- 38070 19.9.91
- 28534 27.10.91
- 37408 4.11.93*

*For orders
Submitted to
His Excellency the
Governor*

11/10/93

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*Note to be sent to H.E.
on his return to Madras*

*For
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Pro/ta*

To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

BEILBY WENLOCK G. C. I. E.,

GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

MADRAS.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED
CHUNAM MERCHANTS OF MADRAS.

Most Humbly Showeth:—

1. That your petitioners beg, with the highest sentiments of respect and submission, to bring the following to the notice of your Lordship in Council, in the humble hope that, after a candid consideration, your Lordship will be graciously pleased to do your petitioners the needful as prayed for.

2. That your petitioners carry on trade in chunam at the Cochrane Canal Basin, and solely depend on this traffic for their maintenance and that of their families and dependants; but owing to the existence of Government Lime Kilns, your petitioners not only suffer pecuniary loss, but also live precariously.

3. That your petitioners submitted a petition to the Government of Madras on the subject of these grievances on the 5th December 1879, and received the following endorsement as promulgated in Proceedings of Government No 471 W. P. W. D. dated 1st March 1880.

"His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the Government manufacture of lime should be restricted to what is actually required for departmental use, and steps will be at once taken to give effect to this measure. In addition to the limitation ordered in the previous paragraph, the Presidency Engineer should endeavour to obtain a portion at least of his supply in the open market, subject to the necessary precautions for ensuring goodness of quality and sufficiency of supply".

4. That your petitioners beg most submissively to state that the above order being ignored by the Presidency Engineer, your petitioners submitted a petition again to the Government of Madras on the 30th April 1880, and were informed in their No 1303 W. dated 2nd June 1880, that measures would be taken to prevent the Government Lime Kilns from interfering with your petitioners' trade in any way. Notwithstanding all this, the condition of your petitioners has not improved to any appreciable degree as the Government Contractors are obliged to purchase their supply from the Government Lime Kilns, and are prohibited (it is said) from buying from the local market, and the P. W. Department do not also buy a portion of their supply in the open market, except raw shells and charcoal for the operation of lime.

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5. That, as the Government invite tenders for supply of other articles, your petitioners most respectfully beg to entreat your Lordship in Council that if a similar measure be adopted in the case of chunam also, your petitioners could supply any quantity equal to the sample at 13 parabs per pagoda of 3½ Rs. By so doing, the Government will not only better the condition of your petitioners in the interest of private trade, but will also avoid the expenditure which is now being incurred in maintaining the Establishment, supervision, and accounts portions, as well as deterioration of charcoal, raw shells and wastage of lime; and if the out-turn of lime be calculated on the cost of operations, the number of parabs per pagoda will be less than 13, on account of portions of percentages which will be charged for establishment and wastage of materials.

6. That your petitioners are compelled to detail the above facts, and to seek redress for their grievances at your Lordship's hands, and your petitioners therefore most humbly beg to submit that the only remedy for this state of things would be to invite tenders as requested in para 5 of this petition.

For which act of grace, your petitioners shall ever, as in duty bound, pray.

Madras
23rd October 1893

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No 3594 C of 2nd November 1893

Referred to the
Consulting Architect
with reference to
his letter No. 2083
dated 11th October
1893 for report
on para 5 of the
petition.

J. C. S. S.

Col. R. S.
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

Recd. 30. 10. 93.

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P. W. D.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chopaul, Madras,
24th November 1893.

No. 2586

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From

Henry Swain, Esq., C.I.E.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

In returning the petition received
with your endorsement No. 3594 C dated the 2nd
November 1893, I have the honor to report with
reference to para 5 of the petition that lime
is now sold at the Government Kilns for
Public Works only at 14 parrals per 3 1/2 Rs and I
doubt, if the Government Kilns are closed, that
the Merchants will continue to sell 13 parrals

2. The lime Kilns are situated close
to one another and the so called Chumam
Merchants are merely Chumam burners,
4 or 5 of them owning a kiln and taking turns
in burning it. These are petty men having
no stock of shell or charcoal in hand and
having to purchase the same from one or two

merchants who appear to have the monopoly of
all the shell & charcoal that come into Madras,
and retail it to the chunam burners. If the
Government kilns are closed the whole matter
will be in the hands of these merchants and
I anticipate that the price of lime will in time
be greatly increased and the difficulties experienced
in past years would have to be again met; and
Government may be necessitated to resume the
manufacture of lime and large expenditure in-
volved in building kilns &c.

3. The manufacture by
Government agency also enables me to secure
a reliable article which after all is the most
important argument in favor of retaining
the control of the kilns and manufacture of
lime. There is really no ground ^{for the} ~~for the~~ complaint
that the contractors carrying out the works are
at liberty to purchase lime from where they
like if they adhere to the specifications & rules
laid down. The price of the lime at the
Government kilns is kept as near the market
rate as possible.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Henry Davis

Consulting Architect
to Government.

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Public Works Department.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 2506

Dated

24th

Despatched

November 1893.

Received

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No. of ENCLOSURES. /

Subject.

Reporting the inconvenience
& difficulties that would be
felt by closing the
Govt. Kilns.

No 974 D of 4-10-93

" 2853 W - 27-10-90

" 4715 - 1-3-80

" 1303 W - 2-6-80 (Ship)

Read the following:-

Memo. to the Consq. Architect to Govt. No 974 D of 4. Oct 93.
Letter from do do No 2083 of 11. Oct 1893.
Petition from the Chumam merchants of Madras
of 23rd October 1893.
Letter from the Consq. Architect to Govt. No 2506 of 24 Nov '93.

FOR ORDERS.

To ensure an
unfailing supply of
chumam of reliable
quality the maintenance
of the Government
Lime Kilns is necessary.

The petitioners should be informed
that the Govt. considers that it would
be against the interests of the public
to make any alteration in the present
system of manufacturing lime, which
has been in existence ^{almost uninterupted} for more than
40 years.

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30 Nov.

The question has been
raised more than once, and
always with the same
result -

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over
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His Excellency the Govt.

FOR ORDERS.

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N^o. 3121 Wdy 4-12-93

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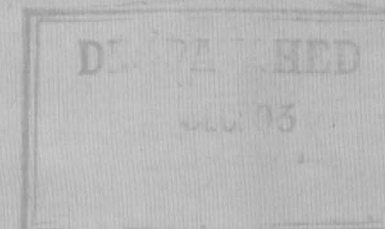
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Memo to the Comm. Architect to Govt N^o 974. D. 24th Oct 93.
Letter from the _____ do _____ 2083. d. 11th Oct 93.
Petition from the Chumam merchants of Madras d. 23rd Oct 93.
Letter from the Comm. Architect to Govt N^o 2506 d. 24th Nov 93.

The petitioners are informed that the Government consider that it would be against the interests of the public to make any alteration in the present system of manufacturing lime, which has been in existence almost uninterruptedly for more than 40 years.



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The Petitioners (order only).
Comm. Architect.

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