

Letter from the Executive Engineers
Buckingham Canal Division to
the Superintending Engineer 2nd Div.
d/ 5th May 1894, No. 349.

I have the honor to request the
favor of sanction to the local
purchase of Cotton belting 6"
wide for engines employed in
new watering foundations of locks
under construction. Cotton belting

of the width required is not avail-
able in the Public Works Stores.

2. The favor of early sanction by
telegram is requested as the
necessity for Cotton belting is
urgent.

3. I take this opportunity of
pointing out that it is necessary
in cases where local purchase
of European Stones is clearly in-
evitable and is emergent
that Executive Engineers should
be empowered to buy them, re-
porting their action for approval.

The present rigid and stringent
rules, requiring previous sanction
of Government in all cases, are
productive of great inconvenience,
delay to works and enhanced and
unnecessary

unnecessary outlay and excess
or on estimates. It is a sheer
impossibility, in all cases, to
foresee the necessity for indenting
months beforehand in a general
indent, for petty articles of
European manufacture. The
necessity can sometimes only
be determined when final
grants for works are given
and by the actual exigencies
of works in progress.

4. The circumstances under
which this cotton belting is
now emergently required
supply a crucial case. Until
a few weeks back, it was not
known for what, and how
many, locks funds would be
allotted this year in this D^y.
Five locks are now under con-
struction. In two of them, the
percolation is found to be so
tremendous that the pumps
and engines have to be kept
going night and day, in order
to keep down the water level.
The wear and tear is con-
sequently very great, and thought

though new belting was obtained
last year, more may be required
at any moment and the engines
will lie idle, and pumping,
and consequently the progress
of works perforce be stopped,
unless more spare belting
is available in case of a
break down. Such a delay
means heavy extra expense,
and might be serious, as
floods sometimes occur in
the South West Monsoon in
certain rivers along the Canal.
Finally the Public Works works-
shops when applied to could
not supply the belting.

5. There are very great and
unusual difficulties in this
Division in the construction of
such considerable works as
locks, owing inter alia to the
fact that the foundations are
far below the level at which
the foundations of locks on
fresh water high level canals
are built. It is therefore
necessary

necessary that restrictions
that tend to hamper the
progress of works should be
removed so far as is possible.

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Submitted to the Chief
Engineer P.W. Department,
for favor of early sanction
to the purchase of belting
now required, and for orders
on the Chief Engineer's proposal
in para 3 of his letter.

Camp Saugam

17. May 1894

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Major R.B.

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Supg Engineer

Per J. G. G.

P. W. CURRENT No. 3723
From

The Supt Engineer,
2nd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D.
Madras.

Recd: 19.5.94
Dated 17th May 1894
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Cotton Belting Co—
required for Buck's [?] and
[?] —. Requesting sanction
of Govt. for local
purchase of — urgently.

no 2024825-1.86
- 167947 2-7.86
- 304000 27.9.88
- 1516 48 7.6.93
- 1850 48 20.7.93
- 2957 47 29.8.93

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Sent No: 1316 W. d/ 25 May 1894

In cases of real
emergency there is
no objection to the
Suptg Engr autho-
- rising the local pur-
- chase of Europe and
- titles, but an ap-
- plication for the
sanction of Govt
should follow without
delay.

2. In the present
case, the quantity of
cotton belting required
is not specified and
the Suptg Engr should
submit an application
in the form prescribed
in G.O. No 167945 of
2nd July 1886.

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