

All Letters to be addressed and Remittances
made payable to
THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
Commercial and Land Mortgage
Bank, Limited,
MADRAS.

Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE,

Madras, 1st April 1895.
No. P

My dear Mr. McCartie

I called this morning upon the Honorable Mr. Bliss, believing he held the Public Works Portfolio, but he has referred me to His Excellency, through you.

I write therefore to ask His Excellency to be kind enough to give the Bank an order to obtain moulded bricks from the Government kilns. I have ascertained from Mr. Irwin that he can supply what is required, without inconvenience to Government and I therefore venture to make the request.

The only reason I understand for Government being unwilling to issue bricks is, that it may interfere with local trade or enterprise, but in this case it cannot do so as the bricks we ask for are not made locally and are not otherwise obtainable. If they were we would procure them, for it is the policy and object of this Bank to encourage and foster local trade and enterprise.

The Bank is erecting a building on a site within a stone's throw of the High Court Buildings, and we believe the edifice will do credit to the City of Madras, if we can get fir

Henry Irwin
Consulting Architect to Govt.

class bricks for its construction. I take the opportunity of sending the elevation and plans for you to be able to shew to His Excellency in making this request, which I hope you will kindly do for me. The Contractor promises the building by the end of December, if I can obtain for him the bricks asked for. The columns and Beams are to be of iron and steel, respectively, so that only the shell of the building will be constructed of masonry and will possibly require some 600,000 bricks. The favour will connect His Excellency's name, if I may take the liberty of saying so in a most agreeable manner with the Institution, and my Board will feel extremely grateful to him.

May I suggest further that its being a purely local Institution, which has acquired for itself a name in all the Markets of India, may perhaps afford a reason, if any be required, to induce His Excellency to favour the request.

Believe me

Yours very truly

J. Raman
Secretary & Treasurer

C. J. Macartie Esq. C.
Private Secretary

His Excellency Lord Wellesley G.C.S.E. &c.
Governor of Madras.

Your most obedient Servant,

Henry Innes

Consulting Architect to Govt.

P. W. CURRENT No. 2648



MADRAS,

3. Apr. 1896

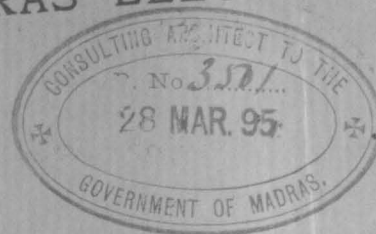
My dear Colonel
Would you
kindly note on the enclosed
from Shourack and Circulate
to His Excellency - so far
as His Excellency can remember
a similar request was
negotiated very recently.

Yours sincerely
R. E. L. A. N.

MADRAS ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

Engineer's Office and Works,

1, RUNDALL'S ROAD, VEPERY,



Madras, 27th March 1895.

No. A²/229

To

H. Irwin Esquire. C. I. E.
Consulting Architect to Govt
Madras.

Sir,

I require 10000 Stock bricks and 300 running
feet of 9 inch earthenware piping for use in
the Tramway and I request you will be pleased
to let me have them if possible from your stock.

I am obliged to trouble you
with this requisition because the bricks cannot
be got anywhere else in Madras.

I understand
that it will be necessary to obtain the sanction
of Government in the C. W. D. for the issue of
these materials, and if you have no objection
yourself to their issue. I shall be thankful if
you will kindly obtain the necessary permission
from Government for the purpose.

N. 4008.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant

H. J. Hargreaves
Engineer

The S. D. O. No III

Can there be supplied
without prejudice to the
Government works
H. J.

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Papers - Son
Pulley

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Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Cheppauk, Madras.
3rd April 1895.

No. 74

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

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Enclosures.

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed letter, I have the honor to report that the bricks asked for by the Chief Engineer Electric Tramway Company cannot be supplied at present but they can be supplied in next May without prejudice to the Government works provided Government see fit to authorize their being sold to the Tramway Company.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Henry Irwin

Consulting Architect to Govt.

From

THE CONSULTING ARCHITECT

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 74

Dated

Received

3rd } April 1895.

No. of ENCLOSURES. 1

Subject.

Reporting that the bricks asked for by the Chief Engineer Electric Tramway Company cannot be supplied at present.

*S. O. order
2000
supplied in
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801.

Read the following:—

From the Cons. Architect No 74 dated 3rd April 95

FOR ORDERS.

The question was discussed in Council in Mr. Sorenack's absence, and from what was said it appeared that Mr. Sorenack had done his very utmost ^{to} private enterprise to undertake the work he wanted done. But nobody will go into the business, because there is no guarantee that there will be a demand for the better class of brick which are now being asked for. The fact is that the general demand is for cheap & nasty brick - and that for good bricks is very rare, and not enough to justify any individual putting up the necessary machinery. Consequently Mr. Sorenack must use bad bricks or come to the Govt. works. And similarly in this case. Next year I suppose the Bank of Madras will be coming up also.

A similar request from the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank has recently been admitted by His Excellency, and this being so I do not see how the present request can be refused.

2. The orders in the former case have not yet issued, and I have ventured to detain them pending a reconsideration of the question which came forward during my absence.

3. It is true that there is no interference with

an existing industry in this particular case, but there may be the result of preventing the starting of an industry which would grow up if the demand, which evidently exists, for bricks of a superior class is not met by Government.

It is impossible that private agency should ever come forward to meet a demand of this kind unless Government — definitely refuses to do so, and I cannot but think that the temporary inconvenience which may result from the absence of a supply will be more than compensated

I must admit that I thoroughly believe in what the C. E. says as to the discouragement to private enterprise which is entailed by Govt. assisting on these occasions — but they are so special — and crop up so seldom that I do not think we are doing any harm by allowing them.

If it could be proved that our refusal would be the means of creating this manufacture as a private enterprise, I would not hesitate to refuse, but I believe that it would only mean that these particular corporations would be absolutely unable to carry out their projected works, which will be of great public utility, and I hope too (in the case of the banks), of beauty & adornment to the City.

W
21 Apr.
* perhaps not "absolutely unable" but unable to carry them out in the style which these (and we) would wish to see them carried out.

Jagoe —
As to the future it is, as I doubt, an excellent thing if some private firm would start a proper brick making factory. Perhaps the C.E. might intimate to Messrs. Ashurst & Co., who are the most likely firm to do so,

that if they will do so, we will certainly not compete. Indeed, I think we might go farther still than that if they will supply us at present cost and of as good quality as we now get we will give up our present brick field works. Or another thing we might do would be to offer to sell our works, as they stand, on the above condition, to any firm which will put money into the business.

W
23/4/95

I think we should accede
JG
24/4

by the possibility in the future of the establishment of a new industry.

S
W
17.4

The Hon. Mr. H. H. Bliss C.S.
The Hon. Mr. J. G. Jones

FOR ORDERS.

Supply of bricks to the
Western Electric Trimming
Co

D/O from the Private Secy to H.E. the Gov. d/3 April 95.

Note for His Excellency the
Governor: —

The proposal for the
supply of bricks from
the Government Factory
for the Commercial
Bank premises has already
been laid before His
Excellency the Governor,
and G.O. No. 478 W dated
28 Feb. 1895 was based
on His Excellency's order.

2. G.O. No. 531 W dated
7 March 1895 merely
repeats the decision
of Government.

It appears that the kind
of brick required by Mr.
Stranack is not procurable
in the open market - and
that if his request is granted,
there can be no complaint of
Gov. interfering with private
enterprise. I would therefore
allow him to get the bricks he
wants - if Mr. Travin can under-
take to supply them without
any disturbance of his own
requirements.

W
3 Apr.

W
3 Apr 95

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495 DW

#6
Suppl of bricks for the
Commercial Bank
premises.

N^o 988 W d/29 April 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

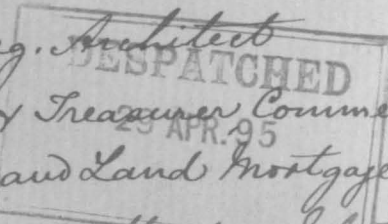
Read the following

Letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Commercial and Land Mortgage
Bank, No. 8 d/1st April 1895.

Letter from the Consulting Architect No. 74 dated 3rd April 1895.

As it appears that the
kind of brick required by the
Commercial and Land Mortgage
Bank and the Electric Tramway
Company is not procurable in
the open market and that there
will thus be no interference with
private enterprise, the Consulting
Architect is authorised to issue
the bricks applied for, provided
they can be supplied without
dislocation of Govt. requirements.

To The Cons^g. Architect
" Secy & Treasurer, Commercial
and Land Mortgage Bank
" Engineer, Madras Electric
Tramways



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7.3.95 No 5312
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7/4/96

No 988 W.d/29 April '95

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22.4.95

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after issue of
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