

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 1630 W

DATED 29th May 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dredger
Letter from the Director General of Stores, India Office, London, forwarding copy of the Contract, specification, &c. for a steam - for the Buckingham Canal, and also copy of a letter from Messrs. Cockburn & Montgomery in explanation of increase of price for the same, communicated to the officers concerned and the above documents forwarded to the Ruptg. Engineer, II Circle.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Director-General of Stores, to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated India Office, Whitehall, London, S.W., 22nd April 1896, No. 2685 S..

With reference to your letter No. 604 W. of 18th February 1896, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the contract, specification, &c., for the dredger for the Buckingham canal and also copy of a letter, dated 8th April 1896, from Messrs. Cockburn and Montgomery furnishing an explanation of the increased price, which the Consulting Engineer considers reasonable in view of the general rise of prices which has recently taken place in this country.

Freight to Madras will be engaged by this office in the usual manner, as it is considered that it will be more advantageous to do so than to pay the contractor for delivery there.

ENCLOSURE.

From Messrs. Cockburn and Montgomery, 72, Bishopsgate Street within, E.C., to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, Whitehall, dated 8th April 1896.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your S. 3586, dated 2nd April. Our offices closed on the evening of the 2nd for the Easter recess, and we are sorry, therefore, that our tender could not be despatched to you before.

We now have the pleasure to enclose our tender for the dredger for the Buckingham canal, on which we have to make the following remarks:—

In our letter of 11th October 1895 the price which we asked for this dredger was £1,670, and we had to explain to you in this letter the reason of a considerable increase on the price originally quoted on account of extensive alterations to and enlargement of the vessel.

In our letter of 15th October 1895 the price which we asked for this dredger, delivered in Madras, was £1,816 including an evaporator for providing fresh water. In the present tender we have been compelled to again ask a higher price, which we extremely regret to have to do as it must appear to you unsatisfactory, that each time we are asked to tender for the dredger our price increases.

Our present price of £1,925 for the dredger delivered f.o.b. London with the terms of payment as specified in the tender and in your letter of 2nd instant is accounted for generally as follows:—

Our price of 15th October 1895 including an evaporator was £1,816 from which has to be deducted £50 as we have now to deliver in London instead of Madras. Within the last few months prices have increased all round, and as work is plentiful, manufacturers have increased their prices making a difference in our estimate of rather over 5 per cent. In addition to this, in the specification attached to your form of tender, you specify a much larger boiler—6' x 5' in place of 5' 9" x 4' 3"—hand railing round the vessel and a considerable amount in the way of fittings and outfit which were not included in our previous specification.

In the present design we have improved the method of folding down the machinery, which has necessitated making a larger well in the vessel and placing the winch on the floor instead of on the deck. The corrugated roofing for the machinery space has also been extended so as to cover the evaporator.

We beg to enclose herewith specification and blue print of our tracing 1051.

ORDER—No. 1630 W., dated 29th May 1896.

Communicated to officers concerned, with reference to G.O. No. 603 W., dated 18th February 1896.

2. The copy of contract, specification, &c., will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, through the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with enclosures.
 „ Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
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Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
 Spare Copies

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It is requested that in any further communication
on this subject the under-mentioned letter and
number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to
The Director General of Stores,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

S.2685

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London, S.W.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. S. P. S.

Director General of Stores.

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

72 Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C.,

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We now have the pleasure to enclose our tender for the dredger for the Buckingham Canal, on which we have to make the following remarks:-

In our letter of 11th October 1895 the price which we asked for this dredger was £1670, and we had to explain to you in this letter the reason of a considerable increase on the price originally quoted on account of extensive alterations to and enlargement of the vessel.

In our letter of 15th October 1895 the price which we asked for this dredger, delivered in Madras, was £1816, including an evaporator for providing fresh water. In the present tender we have been compelled to again ask a higher price, which we extremely regret to have to do as it must appear to you unsatisfactory that each time we are asked to tender for the dredger our price increases.

Our present price of £1925 for the dredger delivered f.o.b. London with the terms of payment as specified in the tender and in your letter of 2nd inst. is accounted for generally as follows:-

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Our price of 15th October 1895 including an Evaporator was £1816 from which has to be deducted £50 as we have now to deliver in London instead of Madras. Within the last few months prices have increased all round, and as Work is plentiful manufacturers have increased their prices making a difference in our estimate of rather over 5%. In addition to this, in the specification attached to your form of tender you specify a much larger boiler - 6'-0" x 5'-0" in place of 5'-9" x 4'-3", - hand railing round the vessel and a considerable amount in the way of fittings and outfit which were not included in our previous specification.

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We have, &c.,

(Sd) Cockburn & Montgomery.