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and Time Hours

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bricks for Govt: purposes
of approved quality and
at a price not exceeding
present rates; the Chief
Engineer P. W. Sept. being
the sole judge in the
matter. Should these
conditions not be ful-
-filled the Government
will be at liberty to
resume the factories at
a month's notice. Security
must be taken not only
for the punctual payment
of rent, but also for the
proper upkeep of the works.
On the works being thus
made over, Government
will retire from the
manufacture of bricks
& lime, and will not
resume it so long as the
lease

lease is in force.

2. The Govt: Solicitor
will, in communication
with the Consq: Architect,
draw up a form of ad-
-vertisement, based on
these conditions, calling
for tenders; and will
submit it to Govt: for
consideration prior to
publication. It may be
stated in the advertise-
-ment that the Consq:
architect will supply, on
application, all requisite
information as to capital
cost, working expenses,
and outturn.

The Govt: Solicitor
C. A. to Govt:

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From Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. No. -, dated 20th January 1896.

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Madras 20 Jan 1896.

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Arbuthnot & Co.

Madras

To L. Col. & M. N. Campbell R.E.
Joint Secretary of Government
P. W. Dept.
Madras

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 326 C of the 18th instant. We will go fully into the subject and give it our best consideration after making the necessary enquiries.

At present we do not know of any site in Madras suitable for the purpose and we do not think that there is room for a private works on a large scale unless the competition of Government is to cease entirely. Private enterprise does not flourish side by side with state-aided concerns.

We shall be glad to know whether Government would be willing to entertain the idea of selling or leasing the existing Government works on the Poornamallee Road & if so on what terms. In that case we would ask you to allow Mr. Spooner, the Manager of our Cement Works, to inspect the Works & to place at our disposal figures as to their output & the outlet for their manufactures.

We have the honor to be

Yours most obedt servant
[Signature]

Recd: 21.1.96

No. 678C of 21-2-95 ✓
 - 478W - 28-2-95 ✓
 - 531W - 7-3-95 ✓
 - 988W - 29-4-95 ✓
 - 1078W - 7-5-95 ✓
 - 326C - 18-1-96 ✓

Wallajah Baugh
 Poonamallee Road
 Madras
 30 January 1896

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The Secretary to Government
 Public Works Department
 Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to propose to Government to rent the Government Brickfields with the Brick and Lime Kilns attached and all Machinery now in use there. I should undertake the management and general working of the fields and to carry on the manufacture as a private concern undertaking to supply the Government works in Madras within the limits of the Consulting Architect Division with the materials now manufactured for that purpose (principally bricks and tiles) at rates to be agreed on and to keep in stock for emergent supply a certain quantity. The basis of these rates to be the present rate at which these materials are issued to the works of the Division.

The rent to be paid to be a percentage as may be agreed on after a fair valuation of Land, Kilns & Machinery is made.

As the present rates do not provide for the cost of establishment to make the fields pay a sufficient return to cover the cost of supervision rent taxes &c. I should manufacture for public sale at rates such as could be obtained in the market. I believe that there is and will be sufficient demand for bricks and tiles to justify me in making the proposal.

I put forward no figures now but am prepared to do so if the Government see fit to entertain my proposal. The advantage to Government would be a fair return in rent for the Capital laid out on the property as well as being relieved of the cost of establishment for supervision. I have had six years experience in the management of the fields and have during that time considerably increased the financial usefulness of them and believe that I am as well if not better qualified to work the fields in the interests of Government than any one else. There will also be an advantage to the public in as much as there will be some place from which to obtain a superior class of materials from which there is a little demand though not sufficient to make it worth while to

Start special works.

If Government see fit to entertain my proposal I shall be glad to go further into detail and to make a definite proposal.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Henry Greene

Consulting Architect and Civil Engineer

Recd. 30.1.96

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Read the following:—

Letter from Messrs Arbutnot & Co dated 20 January 1896.

Note for orders on the above " 23 "

Letter from H. Ivin Esq. " 30 "

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted with reference
to His Excellency's remarks on
the previous note.

2. In letter No 326 C dated
18 January 1896 to Messrs Arbutnot
& Co a reservation is suggested
which, if adopted, will probably
secure Government against
loss and inconvenience. If the
Brick Factory is handed
over to private enterprise it
might be made a condition
that the firm taking it over
would supply bricks for
Government purposes of the
quality, and at the price,
now manufactured by the
Canning's Architect, and
that if this condition is not