Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1044 W

DATED 14. April 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Govt Brickfields at Madras. Considering that, in the circumstances now brought to notice by the Consg: Architect, he should be retained by Government.

J.C. 14/4/97

[P.W. 25. 5,000—30-11-96.]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the C.A. to Govt. Lr. 5445 dy 19-3-97

In the circumstances now brought to notice by the Comp. Architect, Nos. the Govt. in Council consider that the Govt. Brickfields at Madras should be sold by Govt.

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C.A. to Govt. Rc 14/4/97

[P. W. 40. 1,000—26-2-97.]

Proforma to issue the Govt. Brickfields Nos 1 to 3

P. W. Department.

Read the following:—

From the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, No. 5445, dated 19th March 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

These papers relate to a proposal to lease the Government Brickfields at Madras, so that the work now done by Government Agency may be taken up by private enterprise.

2. In 1887, Mr. G. N. Groves, Managing Proprietor, Nilgiri Tile Works, made an offer to rent the Madras Brickfields, and in G.O. No. 2379 W., dated 3rd September 1887, a Committee was appointed to report on the question.

3. On the Comittee's report, it was decided in G.O. No. 305 W., dated 25th January 1888, that the Brickfields should be retained by Government.

4. Subsequently, at various times, applications were received for the supply of bricks from the Government kilns, for the construction of large private buildings at Madras, on the ground that first class bricks turned out by private agency were not procurable.

(Flagged A)

(Flagged B)

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procurable.

5. In the notes attached to G.O.No. 988 W., dated 29th April 1895, which was passed on an application for Government bricks, from the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank, a suggestion was made that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. should be asked whether they were prepared to start a factory at Madras on improved principles, on the condition that Government would withdraw from the manufacture on being satisfied that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. were able and willing to supply, for public purposes, bricks of the quality and price manufactured by the Consulting Architect.

(Flagged C)

6. The question was asked in letter No. 326 C., dated 18th January 1896, and in reply Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. inquired whether Government would sell or lease the Government works, as they did not know of any suitable site for a factory of their own. About the same time Mr. Irwin, late Consulting Architect, submitted an offer to rent the Government Brickfields, on the condition of his supplying all Government requirements at Madras.

(Flagged D)

7. It was thereupon decided in G.O. No. 562 W., dated 14th February 1896, to call publicly for tenders for the lease of the Brickfields, and the Government Solicitor was requested to draw up a form of advertisement, based on certain conditions.

(Flagged E)

8. The draft advertisement was received through the Consulting Architect in July 1896, and as the property was valued at over a lakh of rupees, it was found that the prior sanction of the Government of India was required to the lease, under the Statutory rules in para 137, Chapter I, Volume I, P.W. Code. The sanction of the Government of India was accordingly requested to the publication of the notice. vide G.O. and letter Nos. 2493-94 W., dated 27th August 1896.

(Flagged F)

9. The Government of India, in sanctioning the proposal, suggested certain modifications in the conditions of the lease, and in G.O. No. 86 W., dated 9th January 1897, the Government Solicitor was requested to alter the notice accordingly.

(Flagged G)

10. The documents were resubmitted by the Government Solicitor on 5th February 1897, and as he suggested that the lists of the property should again be checked, they were sent to the Consulting Architect for that purpose on the 9th idem.

11. In returning the papers the Consulting Architect now brings to notice several difficulties that

will

il result in the leasing out of the brickfields, and some of them require serious consideration. I do not think the question of liabilities is of much consequence, as that could easily be settled, but his objection (a) is not easily to be got over; he states that the clay in the fields is only sufficient to serve Government purposes for the next 15 or 16 years, and that any lessee would work it as hard as possible to make immediate profit. This would very probably happen and bricks of all qualities to meet the demand, even perhaps of small native houses, would be made and the clay would very soon be exhausted. I do not clearly see the way to prevent this, it would hardly do to insert a clause that the public demand is not to be complied with, if it is for bricks under a certain quality.

Objection (b). I do not clearly see how contractors can claim compensation from Government for the non-supply of bricks ~~for~~ from a private firm.

Objections (c), (d) and (e) are not, I think of much consequence; there may be disputes, but if they are frequent, or cannot be settled, the fields can be resumed by Government according to the terms.

Objection (f) is trifling and need not be considered. With reference to his para (6) I think there should be a clause about "loss by fire" and "materials at site".

12. I do not consider there would be much difficulty in obtaining another store yard.

13. The proposal to hand over the Brickfields to a firm was evidently made with the view that Government should not interfere with private enterprise, but if Government is to be a loser by giving up the manufacture of bricks, &c., it cannot be expected to do so even for the benefit of private enterprise, and I consider that the Consulting Architect's objection (a) is so serious that it is advisable for Government to retain the fields, for the present at any rate.

There no doubt that the fields should be retained by Govt.
A.S.H
12.4.97

This seems safest
BB
13/4/97

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Section (h) I do not change the term Contract
the claim construction from Sec 6 to the
new Sec 7 which from a practical point
of view (c) (d) (e) (f) are not. I attempt to make
consequence, where any Contractor knows
they are to cause a cancel the work, the
power on the occasion of their accepting the
the terms
objection (g) in Sec 6 & new Sec 7 consider-
ation at Sec 6 (c) I attempt where
Sec 6 refers to "Sec 5 (c)" in
those Sec 6 claim that "Sec 5 (c)"
"& clause 47 (c)"
I do not - ~~think~~ consider where Sec 6 must refer
to clause 47 (c) & other clauses.

W Fair copy, designing with pencil
Submitted.

Ch
9.4.27

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 290 dras.

Order

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. 5445.

Dated 19th March 1897

Received 20.3.97

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SUBJECT.

Returning duly checked the amended forms of notice & tender for leasing the Government Brickfields in Madras.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

To,

Madras 1

The Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the notice dated 189

the Fort St: George Gazette of the 189 invit

tenders for the Leasing for ten years of the Government Brickfield

the Brick and Lime Kilns attached together with the machinery and ap

-ratus in use thereon I hereby tender the annual sum of

Rupees (Rs) as the rent I am willing to pay for such premise

and I agree to abide by the undermentioned conditions and those contain

-ed in the said notice with reference to the leasing of the said premis-

-es and the supply of articles to the Government of Madras if this my -

tender be accepted

2. I forward herewith the sum of Rs being 25 per cent

of the amount of two years rent at the rate above offered as required

by the said notice

Conditions

1. The property shall be taken to be correctly described in the -

above mentioned notice as to quantity numbers and otherwise and will

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be let subject to the payment by me of Municipal assessment an

taxes and if any error misstatement or omission in the above p

be discovered the same shall not annul the contract to lease

any compensation be allowed by the Lessor in respect thereof.

3. I shall pay the remainder of my security money to you at your

office at Chepauk Madras within days after the acceptan

of my tender shall have been communicated to me and upon such payment

the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Depart-

-ment on behalf of the Lessor the Right Honorable the Secretary of -

State for India in Council and myself shall execute a proper Lease in

duplicate of the property to me but such Lease shall be prepared by -

the Solicitor to the Government of Madras at my expense and I shall

also bear the expense of the stamp duty on such lease and of having -

same registered.

4. Possession will be retained and the outgoings discharged by the

Lessor up to the date of the completion of the Lease to me and as from

that day the outgoings shall be discharged and possession taken by me

and such outgoings shall if necessary be apportioned between the Les-

-sor and me for the purpose of this condition. If from any caus

-ever the remainder of the security money shall not be paid wit

days after the acceptance of my tender shall be communicated to me

I shall fail to comply with the above conditions or any of them

deposit shall thereupon be forfeited and the Right Honorable the

Secretary of State for India in Council shall be at liberty to rele

the property at such time in such manner and subject to such rent -

terms and conditions as the Government of Madras on behalf of the -

Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council shall dete

-mine and any deficiency in rent which may happen on and all expenses

attending the reletting shall immediately afterwards be paid by me to

the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras and in case of -

non-payment shall be recoverable by the Right Honorable the Secretary

of State for India in Council as compensation for such breach of -

contract.

Yours Obediently,

Tender form

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NOTICE

1. T e n d e r s are invited for the leasing from Government for a term of ten years of the Government Brickfields with the Brick- Lime Kilns attached situate at Egmore Madras together with the mac and apparatus now in use thereon

2. T h e Lessee will during the term of his lease be required to supply to the Government of Madras at prices not exceeding the respect -ive rates specified in the under written Schedule such quantities of the articles therein mentioned as may from time to time be required for Government purposes and of such quality as shall be approved by the - Chief Engineer for the time being of the Public Works Department of - the Government of Madras whose decision as to the quality of any such articles shall be final and conclusive and altogether operative and - binding upon the Lessee

3. T h e Lessee will be required to deposit with the Chief Engineer aforesaid an amount equal to two years of the rent reserved by the - Lease as security for the punctual payment of the rent reserved thereby for the proper up keep of the works comprised therein and for the due performance of the conditions of the lease

4. The lease will be granted and will be stated therein t
granted and made subject to the Statutory Rules of the Publ
Department for the time being in force and will contain a pro
that no transfer or assignment of the lease or of any property
-prised therein or of the contract to supply to the Government
Madras all or any of the articles specified in the underwritten
Schedule or of any interest in the said lease or property or in su
contract shall be valid without the express consent of the Govern-
-ment of India who may in their absolute discretion refuse such -
consent

5. The lease will contain the usual provision that in case of -
non payment of any rent reserved or the non performance of any of
the covenants by the Lessee therein contained the Lessor the Right
Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council shall be at
liberty to enter upon any part of the demised premises in the name
of the whole and that thereupon the term of ten years shall -
absolutely cease and determine and also a provision that upon any
such re-entry the security deposited by the Lessee shall remain -
and be the absolute property of the Lessor

6. The lease will also contain a provision that in case t
shall at any time fail to supply to the Government of Madra
the Articles mentioned in the underwritten Schedule at the re
rates therein specified it shall be lawful for the Lessor to r
and apply all or any part of the security deposited by the Less
in or towards payment and satisfaction of any loss or damage whi
the Lessor may have sustained by reason of such breach of contrac
and to recover the balance if any of such loss or damage by legal
proceedings against the Lessee or otherwise

7. The lease will be prepared in duplicate by the Solicitor to the
Government of Madras at the expense of the Lessee who will also
have to pay the stamp duty on both parts of the lease and the cost
of having same registered

The following is believed to be a correct
description of the Land to be leased

Piece of land bearing Survey nos situate on the Poonamallee
Road at Egmore in the Sub Registration District of the Mount Road
in the Registration District of Madras bounded on the North by the
Poonamallee Road and lands and houses belonging to private persons

on the South by the South Indian Railway line on the East b

land and a house and land belonging to Rajarathnam Naidoo ar

West by houses and lands belonging to Ellayalwar Naidoo and c

-ing in the whole about 74 ½ acres

Note The lease will not include the premises known as "The Wall

Bagh"

The following is believed to be a correct description of the different branches of the Brickfields.

Brick Manufacture

There is one patent Hoffman's Kiln with 12 chambers capable of burn-

-ing (13) Thirteen thousand bricks (10" × 5" × 3") per day also one Panja

Kiln 375 feet long containing 15 chambers which also can burn (13)

Thirteen thousand bricks per day. There are also a number of tempor-

-ary and permanent sheds sufficient to deliver the quantity of raw

bricks required daily. Most part of the clay is pugged by 4 pug mills

worked by a 12 horse power engine which are capable of pugging suf-

-ficient clay to mould from 15 to 20 thousand bricks daily. There

is also a tram-line with branches a mile long with 24 trucks for -

bringing the clay to the pug mills and for conveying it after it is

purged to the several moulding tables. This tramway is work

bullock power for which 5 pairs of bullocks are kept on the

-ment

There are also a large number of iron and wooden moulds su

to mould all the bricks required daily

Terracottah Manufacture

Consists of a number of cisterns for holding the washed and ground

clays and for mixing them as also a large number of shallow cister

for drying the clay. There are 5 large vats for grinding clay quartz

and felspar worked by the same engine that works the pug mills

Tile Manufacture.

Consists of:-

2. Hand power machines with dies complete for making Mangalore pattern

tiles and each can press about 1000 tiles daily

2 Hand presses for flooring tiles with dies &c complete capable of

turning out daily 1000 tiles, 1 Hand Minton tile press for pressing

minton or dry earth tiles which can turn out 500 tiles per day

There are also a number of cisterns for washing and drying all the -

clay required.

1 Hand Machine for pugging the washed clay and cutting it for tile making.

There are 2 stone breakers for breaking up the clinker or v[illegible] bricks into Jelly worked by the same 12 horse power engine that works the pug mills and Terracottah Vats

Lime Kilns

There are 6 kilns capable of turning out 500 Parahs of lime per da and more if necessary.with tiled sheds for storing charcoal and - slaked lime as also platforms paved with bricks for slaking lime on and for stacking raw shells

There are two wells on the premises which supply all the water re- -quired. The water is drawn from one of the wells by a series of buckets attached to a chain revolving on a cog-wheelworked by - bullock power and from the other the water is raised by a pecotta

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The following is believed to be a Correct
List of the Machinery and utensils in use
for brickfield operations with their respective

Quantity	Description of Machines	Rate	Per	Amt
2 Nos	Machine Tile making Clayton for pugging clay	300 " "	Each	600
1 "	Do - pressing Square Tiles	200 " "	"	200
3 "	Tile making pressing Machine Europe Converted into Mangalore Tile press	700 " "	"	2100 "
4 "	Brick pressing Machine Clayton 3 Single and one double	" " "	"	1549 " "
1 "	Minton Tile press	946 " "	"	946 " "
~~1~~	~~Mill grinding~~ Reserved to work with P.W. stones	100 " "	"	~~100~~ " "
1 "	Scale Beam with Chain & Platform to weigh 1 Ton	25 " "	"	25 " "
27 "	Weights Iron	" " "	"	193 " "
1 "	Brick Testing Machine	" " "	"	500 " "
1 "	Do Do Do	" " "	"	1000 " "
1 "	Engine 12 Horse power	" " "	"	3000 " "
2 "	Stone Breakers	250 " "	Each	500 " "
5 "	Pugs for pugging Brick clay	100 " "	"	500 " "
1 "	Do for Do Tile clay	300 " "	"	300 " "
1 "	Saw bench with 3 Circular Saws	" " "	"	300 " "
5 "	Vats Complete for grinding clay	200 " "	Each	1000 " "
24 "	Trucks with about 1 Mile of Tramline	" " "	"	4000 " "
1 "	Screw gearing for drawing water	" " "	"	700 " "
			Total Rs	17573 " "

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The permanent buildings on the land as follows.

Measurements in feet and Nos.			Descriptions	Remarks
Length	Breadth	No.		
1	2	3	4	5
29-0	11-6	1.	Watchman Shed	Brick in mud walls with Mangalore Tile roof.
113-9	30-6	2.	Terracottah Moulding shed and Office	Brick in mud walls with Palmyrah rafters & Tiles
22-6	8-6	3	Do. do. Office Verandah	Palmyrah rafters & Mangalore Tiles
84-0	32-0	4	Vats sheds for grinding clay.	Walls brick in mud — Trusses teak wood and Palmyrah rafters covered with pantiles
28-3	14-0	5	Stone Breaking Machine Shed	Terrace roof
26-3	20-9	6	Engine shed	Walls brick in mud Roof covered with pantiles over palmyrah rafters
37-0	14-9	7	Pugging shed	Casurina rafters covered with Mangalore tiles
33-0	55-0	8	Mangalore & Flooring Tile pressing shed	Walls brick in mud Roof with pan tiles & Palmyrah rafters
53-0	31-3	9	Terracottah Moulding shed with ~~corrugated~~ pantiles	do do do.

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Measurements in feet and Nos.			Descriptions	Remarks
Length	Breadth	No.		
1	2	3	4	5
48 - 0	24 - 6	10		Walls brick in mud
48 - 0	21 - 9	11	Cuddapah slab	covered over with Cudd
48 - 0	24 - 6	12	Shelves for drying	slabs over which 3"
48 - 0	24 - 6	13	bricks	Concrete well plastere
				Inside fitted with Cuddap
				slab shelves.
54 - 3	32 - 3	14		
54 - 9	32 - 6	15	Sheds for stacking	Walls brick in mud
52 - 6	31 - 3	16	dried bricks	Roof with Palmyrah rafters
52 - 3	31 - 6	17		Covered with Pantiles
93 - 9	29 - 6	18	Watchman Shed and	
			Tile drying shed	do do do
37 - 9	26 - 6	19	Zinc roofed shed for	Walls brick in mud
37 - 9	13 - 0	20	drying bricks	roof Zinc sheets over old
seven	fullen	down		iron rails
63 - 9	20 - 9	21	Shed for Pugging clay	Walls brick in mud
			for Tiles	roof palmyrah rafters
				Covered with Pantiles
117 - 0	29 - 6	22	Shed for drying bricks	do do do
9 - 6	12 - 0	23		
9 - 6	12 - 0	24		
9 - 6	12 - 0	25	Sheds for drying bricks	do do do
9 - 6	12 - 0	26		
9 - 6	12 - 0	27		
9 - 6	12 - 0	28		
9 - 6	12 - 0	29		

Measurements in feet and Nos.			Description	Remarks
Length	Breadth	No.		
1	2	3	4	5
61 – 6	10 – 9	30	} do do	do do do
61 – 6	10 – 9	31		
23 – 3	12 – 6	32	Watchman Shed	do do do
403 – 0	16 – 0	33	Punjab Kiln	With iron Chimnies &c Complete
364 – 0	12 – 0	34	Patent Kiln	Patent Kiln with Chimney &c Complete
29 – 0	32 – 0	35	Store	Brick in Mortar with dome roof
16 – 0	11 – 0	36	} Latrines	Sundried brick in mud walls stone pillars, roof with teak rafters and pantiles
16 – 0	11 – 0	37		
16 – 0	11 – 0	38		
16 – 0	11 – 0	38½		
16 – 0	11 – 0	39		
89 – 9	30 – 3	40	Charcoal & Lime shed	Walls brick in mud, Roof — Palmyrah rafters & pantiles
		a	} Six Chunam Kilns with brick pavement	
		b		
		c		
		d		
36 – 0	35 – 0	41	Sub Overseer's Bungalow	Brick in mud walls, Roof Palmyrah rafters covered with pantiles
48 – 0	44 – 0	42	Firemen's Quarters	do do do
		43	Pottery Kiln	
		44	Well	
		45	Do	
30 – 0	13 – 0	46	} Cisterns for drying washed clay	
16 – 0	17 – 6	47		
14 – 0	8 – 0	48		
		49	Grinding Mill	Consists of two stone wheels with iron axle 3" Diameter and 15" long revolving on stone plates
			All the other places not numbered are temporary thatched sheds.	

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C o n d i t i o n s

1. The property is believed and shall be taken to be corr-
-cribed as to quantity numbers and otherwise and will be let
to payment by the Lessee of Municipal assessment and other tax
if any error mis-statement or omission in the above particular
discovered the same shall not annul the contract to lease nor sh
any compensation be allowed by the Lessor in respect thereof

2. The successful tenderer shall pay the remainder of his securit
money to the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras at his
office aforesaid within days after the acceptance of
his tender shall have been communicated to him and upon such payment
the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works depart-
-ment on behalf of the Lessor the Right Honorable the Secretary of -
State for India in Council and the Lessee shall execute a proper lease
in duplicate of the property to the Lessee but such lease shall be -
prepared by the Solicitor to the Government of Madras at the expense
of the Lessee who shall also bear the expense of the stamp duty on -
such lease and of having same registered

3. Possession will be retained and the outgoings discha

the Lessor up to the date of the completion of the lease to

Lessee and as from that day the outgoings shall be discharge

possession taken by the Lessee and such outgoings shall if nec

be apportioned between the Lessor and the Lessee for the purpos

this condition. If from any cause whatever the remainder of the

security money shall not be paid within days after the

acceptance of the tender shall be communicated to the successful -

tenderer or if he shall fail to comply with the above conditions or

any of them his deposit shall thereupon be forfeited and the Right

Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council shall be at

liberty to relet the property at such time in such manner and subject

to such rent terms and conditions as the Government of Madras on -

behalf of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in

Council shall determine and any deficiency in rent which may happen

on and all expenses attending the reletting shall immediately after-

-wards be paid by the defaulter to the Consulting Architect to the

Government of Madras and in case of non-payment shall be recoverable

by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council

compensation for such breach of contract

Schedule above referred to

Statement showing the Size, Weight &c, of the Stock Materials at which they should be issued to Government under terms of lease.

	Name of Article	Per	Rate	Weight	Size	Quantity required to contain 100 Cubical Feet	Quantity required for 100 Superficial Feet
	Patent Kiln		Rs a p	lbs oz			
1	Stock bricks, 1st Sort	1000	11 " "	8. 8	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
2	Do broken	"	5 " "	8. 8	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
	Do 2nd Sort	"	6 8 "	8. 8	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
3.							
4	Claytons press bricks	"	13 "	9. 0	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
	Do Special	"	13 8 "	9. 0	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
5							
6	Special Combry bricks	"	6 8 "	5 0	8" × 4" × 2"	1600	"
	Do Do 2nd Sort	"	4 " "	5 0	8" × 4" × 2"	1600	"
7							
8	Clinker bricks	"	6 " "	9 0	10" × 5" × 3"	1200	"
9	Clinkers (vitrified bricks)	Cub Ft	" "	6 "	"	100 Cft	"
10	Blue jelly (vitrified bricks broken)	100 Cft	5 8 "	"	"	100 Cft	"
11.	Fire bricks	1000	60 " "	7 8	9" × 4½" × 3"	1200	"
12.	Fire clay	Parah	1 " "	"	"	"	"
13.	Flooring tiles, pressed	C 1000	21 " "	2 0	6" × 6" × ¾	"	4.25
	Do Cracked	"	8 " "	2 0	6" × 6" × ¾	"	4.20
14					1" × 3" × 8"	"	160
15	Mangalore tiles 1st sort	"	55½ " "	5 0	1" × 3" × 8"	"	160
16	Do 2nd sort	"	40 " "	5 0			

Statement shewing the Price, Size, Weight &c,
of the Stock Materials – Cont.

No.	Name of Article	Per	Rate	Weight	Size	Quantity required for 100 Cub. feet	Quantity required for 100 Cub feet
			Rs a p	lbs ozs			
	Punjab Kiln – Cont						
12.	Clayton's Press bricks	1000	14 " "	9 0	10"×5"×3"	1200	"
13.	Do Special	"	14 8 0	9 0	10"×5"×3"	1200	"
14.	Do Clinker bricks	"	6 " "	9 0	10"×5"×3"	1200	"
15.	Clinkers (vitrified bricks)	Cub ft.	" "	6 "	"	"	"

No. 66 Madras 5th February 1897.

From,

Ernest Barclay,

Government Solicitor,

M a d r a s.

To,

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Order of Government No 86 W dated 9th ultimo I forward herewith amended forms of notice and tender for leasing the Government Brickfields &c at Egmore.

2. It might be as well to check the lists of articles set out in the notice as it is some time since they were originally prepared.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Ernest Barclay

Government Solicitor.

lic Works (1897) Department.

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CURRENT No. ~~1343~~ 2909/97

CONSULTING ARCHITECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. R. No. 3896 12 FEB. 97

No 815 C a/9 4 Feb 1897

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To C.A.

for favour of check & early return.

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From The Govt. Solicitor, Madras.

No. 66

Dated 5.2.97

Received ~~6~~ 3.2.97

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SUBJECT.

Govt. Brickfields at Egmore:- Submitting amended forms of notice and tender for leasing the —

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Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
19th March 1897.

No. 5446

From

G. S J Harris Esqr.
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to return herewith duly checked the amended form of notice & tender for leasing the Government Brickfields received with your No. 815C dated the 9th February 1897.

2. I have gone very carefully into this matter & am of opinion that the time has not yet arrived when it will be advisable to lease out the Brickfields in fact we are charged with liabilities, imposed by Government itself, from which we cannot well release ourselves for some time to come, nor can I find any clause in the terms of the lease by which we can transfer these liabilities.

3. The liabilities I refer to are

shortly

(i) Due by us to the Bank of Madras - 20 lacs

(ii) " Municipality of Madras - 7½ lacs bricks do do.

These alone will take us 10 months to deliver the Hoffman kilns being kept constantly at work during that time.

4. Again supposing a party willing to take over these liabilities, and to complete the supply at the rate we charge, it will be necessary for us to get the Bank and Municipality, to grant us a full discharge of all responsibilities. it is possible they may do so, but it is more than probable that they will not: if they will not do so, a moments consideration will convince us of the trouble in store for us, both in questions of quality & quantity

5. But there are other serious objections the most important perhaps is

(a) The life of the field:

Without doubt Government should reserve the remainder of the clay for its own use, its life is not more than 15 to 16 years - meeting Government demands only, the position of the field means an enormous saving in cartage: - this means that any lessee will work it as hard as possible for immediate profits, he will make ~~stock~~ "slops" bricks & tiles, and work out the clay in 4 or 5 years

years. (my conviction on this point is absolute) it would be only business to do so.

(b) Our liabilities to contractors

we supply bricks, terracotta &c to contractors, we know amounts required and keep pace with demands. it is very unlikely that punctual attention will always pertain, delays will mean loss to contractors for which they will demand compensation:-

(c) Complaints as to quality, makes, & shapes of bricks, pipes, terracotta &c. from contractors, entitle Executive Engineers, Jail sibdars &c. This calls for no remark.

(d) Encroachment of quantities

(e) Disputes as to up-keep & repairs

(f) Students are instructed yearly. how is this to be arranged for.

6. I can find no clause to cover insurance against loss by fire, - nothing is said about "materials at site".

7. The brickfield is the Store yard for this Division, the Sub Division Office is in the yard, there will be a difficulty in obtaining another suitable place. Tiles, roofing & flooring of

special makes have to be kept in stock
for issue from time to time to various
buildings as required, fire bricks, fire clay
&c &c is also kept.

In conclusion I would urge
deferring the leasing of this field, if
I could see that Government would benefit
in any way, these objections would not
be put forward. As the Government
official in whom all difficulties will
accrue should the field be leased I feel
justified in making this representation

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm Daniel.

Consulting Architect to
Government.