Public Works (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2186 W.

DATED 9th August 97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Oil Gas Apparatus: Letter from the Dr. General of Stores enclosing copy of a contract entered into with Messrs Mansfield & Sons for the supply of an — for the Chemical Laboratory of the Presy: College, ~~Comd. to the Consg. Architect and forwards copies [illegible] of the D. G.'s letter~~ and requesting that when communications have passed in India between indenting officers & agents of firms in England a complete copy of the correspondence may be sent home with the demands. Comd. to the Consg. Architect & to all officers of the Dept. for guidance.

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G.O., No. 2186 W., 9th August 1897.

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Oil Gas Apparatus

Letter from the Director-General of Stores enclosing copy of a contract entered into with Messrs. Mansfield & Sons for the supply of an — for the Chemical Laboratory of the Presidency College, and requesting that, when communications have passed in India between indenting officers and agents of firms in England, a complete copy of the correspondence may be sent home with the demands, communicated to the Consulting Architect and to all officers of the department for guidance.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
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Read—the following paper :—

From the Director-General of Stores, India Office, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Whitehall, London, S.W., 8th July 1897, No. S. 6528.

Referring to the oil gas apparatus for the Chemical Laboratory of the Presidency College demanded in your special Public Works indent No. 25, dated 10th December 1896, I enclose a copy of the contract which has been made with Messrs. Mansfield & Sons showing precisely what will be supplied and also a copy of their letters, dated 22nd May and 4th June 1897, explaining why their price is in excess of that quoted by their agent in India.

2. I would draw your attention to the desirability, when communications have passed in India between indenting officers and agents of firms in England, of sending home a complete copy of the correspondence with the demands so that I may be fully cognizant of the details of what is required.

3. Otherwise it is impossible, when any discrepancies arise, to decide as to what is really required and to check any excess of price which may be charged by the contractor.

Order—No. 2186 W., dated 9th August 1897.

Communicated, and the enclosures forwarded, to the Consulting Architect with reference to G.O., No. 594 W., dated 3rd March 1897.

2. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Director-General's letter will be communicated to all officers of the department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with five enclosures.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineers.
" the Superintending Engineer on Special duty.
" Executive Engineer, Lighthouse division.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

Public Works (1897) Department.

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SUBJECT.

Chemical Laboratory, Presidency College Encloses a copy of the contract with Messrs Mansfield & Sons & of their letters on the subject of oil gas apparatus for — and draws attention to the desirability of sending home a complete copy of correspondence, if any which have passed in India between indenting officers & agents of firms in England.

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B. P.

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C.A. to Govt. with 5 encls
Ch. E. for Irrn
Supg Engrs
S. E. on Spl. duty
E. E. Lt. H. Dn

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140 Great Clowes Street,
Manchester
4th June 1897.

The Director General of Stores,
India Office,
Whitehall
London S.W.

Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 3rd inst. giving us the estimated price quoted in the Indent received from Madras which shows us at once how the difference has arisen. We note that our agent has quoted for the special apparatus as mentioned in our letter to you dated 18th May but his tender to the Presidency College was handed in several months ago and since then prices of labour and material have gone up considerably and this morning we have been informed that we shall have to grant further advances. The plant we should send to India would have all the latest improvements and the difference of £14.17.6 between our tender and the price mentioned in the Indent from Madras does not anything like pay for the extra cost of materials &c. to us as some portions actually cost us 35% more than they did in November last. We have gone carefully into the figures again and have decided to reduce the amount of our tender by £7.17.6, which is the very utmost that we can do and trust you will now place the order with us.

We have &c.,

(Sd) Edwin Mansfield. & Sons.

140 Great Clowes Street,
Manchester,
22nd May 1897

The Superintendent,
India Store Depot.
Belvedere Road,
Lambeth S.E.

Sir,

22/ 551 Oil Gas Plant for
Presidency College, Madras.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 20th inst. and have pleasure in sending you herewith our latest price list with prices arranged to meet the advance in the price of labour and materials The price list you have is ten years old.

The Apparatus quoted for differs from the ordinary No.15 in the matter of special metal retorts, larger mains/syphon boxes, valves for gasholder and extra valves cleaning and scrubbing arrangements for each producer so that the gas can be made with great rapidity with the least possible friction and greater economy of oil and fuel. Our ordinary No. 15 Apparatus, as you know from your former experience of our plant, works very satisfactorily, and we should have quoted for this had we not received instructions from our Madras Agents who had been called in by the Official at the Presidency College to give advice on this and other matters. The Presidency College having called in our Agents we had no alternative but to quote according to their ideas as the affair was influenced by them. We have communicated with our Agents and now have their instructions to quote you for the ordinary No. 15 which will answer your requirements according to our English list, which we now

now have pleasure in doing. You will readily understand that when an Agent has been called in in India he arranges his price to cover his fees while at the same time endeavouring to supply a plant in every way suitable according to his ideas and admitting of future extensions of producing power.

Trusting to be favoured wihh instructions at the convenience.

We are &c.,

(Sd) Edwin Mansfield & Sons.

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.

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E Grant Burls

Director General of Stores.

The Secretary to the
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