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DATED 12th March 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Pig iron: Correspondence on the subject of obtaining a certain quantity of — that had been locally purchased for use in Eduardi Eastern Dr — Could not have been foreseen in time to admit of their supply from home, ended.

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Note for His Excellency the Governor

With his endorsement No. C/263 dated 25th Octr. 96 the Supdg. Engineer, I Circle, submitted an application from the Ex: Engineer, Godavari Eastern Divisi for sanction to the local purchase of 20 tons of pig iron for the use of the Govt: workshop at Dowlaisheveram as the quantity in stock had been consumed The Executive Engineer explained that the iron was not available in the P.W. Stores at Madras, and that was not included in the Hom'l indent for 1896-97 as there was a bala of 25 tons at the time of indent and such a large expenditure could not be foreseen.

When this was submitted t Govt: for sanction, His Excellency re marked as follows "The loss in th transaction is heavy, the Indian price being 60 p.c. in excess of the English price. This should be looke into for the profit that is made i India must be enormous. No satisfac explanat

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...s offered for failure
... requirements. Would not
20 tons suffice, pending re=
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Memo No. 4029C dated 11th Nov. 96, in the sense of His Excellency's remarks, was then sent to the Supdg. Engr., I Circle.

On this the Ex: Engr., Godavari Eastern Division, stated that when the indent for 1896-97 was made there was a large quantity of 20 tons of pig iron in hand, and it was considered unnecessary to indent for a fresh quantity. But unforeseen demands ... the Ganjam and Kistna Eastern ...ions were received for calingula ...ow, grooves & pipes for which the ...uantity of pig iron available was ...sed. He added that if cast iron ...osts were required for the Godavari ...anicut ... tons of pig iron would be re= ...quired, otherwise 10 or 12 tons would ... sufficient to meet ordinary re= ...quirements.

The Supdg. Engr. in for= warding the explanation stated ...at as no castings were required ... the Godavari anicut, 12 tons would be enough for ordina...

In these circumstan... in G.O. No. 190 W dt. 21st Jany 97, ...tioned the local purchase of ... tons of pig iron, but it was pointe out to the Supdg. Engineer that no satisfactory explanation could be found of the failure to make timely arrangements for the pur= =chase of a supply through the India Office, and the Supdg. Engr. was asked to report explicitly whether the indents from the Gan= =jam & Kistna Eastern divisions could not have been foreseen.

It was also observed that the quantity of iron required has been reduced from 20 to 12 tons in consequence of the inquiries made under the orders of Govt., & explanation was called for as to why sanction to the purchase of the smaller amount was not applied for in the first in= =stance.

In reply the Ex: Engr. stated that the article was not included in the home indent as the indents from

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the great uncertainty in regard to allotment- to it would not have possible to have warned e workshops in time as to the quantity of pig iron that would be required. As very little in the way of cast iron work is now done in the at Dockyards weaken the stock of pig iron had not been kept up. Consequently when a heavy demand was suddenly made, the iron had either to be purchased forcibly delay to the works would result.

A warning of requirements can in most cases be given, & the special attention of all officers of the dept. was called in G.O. No 724 dated 12th March 97 & in Circular No 5343 C dated 9th Dec. 1897 to the necessity of making intelligent & comprehensive forecasts of requirements in European stores. Submitted therefore that these papers be recorded. The delay in dispatching them is due to great pressure of work in the office

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From J.C. Larminie Esq. Supt'g. Engineer, 1st Circle

To The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 1193 G.D.

Dated 3·10·97.

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SUBJECT.

Pig iron that would be required – stating that it would not have been possible to have warned the work-shops in time, as to the quantity of — on acc. of the great uncertainty existing in regard to the allotment of funds –

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FROM

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

FIRST CIRCLE.

Enclosures. TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WAITAIR, Darjeeling 3-10-1897.

SIR,

In reply to your memo No: 3980C of 27.9.97, I have the honour to state that under the circumstances set forth in my letter No: 6486D of 11.6.97 and considering the great uncertainty existing in regard to the allotment of funds, it would not have been possible to have warned the Workshops in time as to the grant of pig iron that would be required

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

J B Larmine
Supte Engr 1st Circle

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

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