

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Messrs Mansfield & Sons, Madras.

Encl from the Govt of India forwarding
copy of their letter to — stating that
there is no list of Engineering firms with
whom officers of the P.W.D are authorized
to deal for the supply of Engineering materials
of European manufacture, recorded

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instructed by the Govt. of India to submit through this Govt. any further communication which they may wish to make. No action is required on this correspondence which may be recorded.

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Letter dated 7th August 1899.

From-Messrs.Mansfield and Sons,Madras.

To -The Government of India,Public Works Department.

We are in receipt of your No.769 C.W.M. of 31st July together with copy of letter No.1863 W.,dated 19th July 1899 from the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,Public Works Department.

We regret to note that the Joint Secretary has been wrongly informed and that our name will not be included in the list although we are constantly supplying materials to the P.W.D. We supply many of the Native States and carry on all the Engineering Work required. We employ a large staff of European Engineers and about 500 Eurasian and Native Workmen but we carry on our Workshop system on methods different to those usually adopted as,after many years experience,we find it better to establish a proper workshop where the work is actually to be done.

Our stock consists of Gas and Water Works materials, valves,pumps of all sizes,telegraph and telephone materials, fire Engines,all kinds of Engineers tools and materials. We have a large Works in England and have for years been supplying goods to the Secretary of State for India. Our stock in Madras and on the sea runs in to some lacs of Rupees so that the statement that we have only a moderate stock hardly holds good. The rapid headway we are making in the Native States,in competition with other Indian Houses,speaks for itself both as to price and the quality of materials we supply.

We hope that you will see your way to include our name in the list so that we may have the opportunity of tendering for the supply of goods that may be purchased in India.

23.8.99.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 877 C.W.M.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

Miscellaneous.

Simla, the 23rd August 1899.

The following with copy of letter replied to is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to his letter No. 1863 W, dated the 19th July 1899.

with CNO 5722/89
Sent to Secy 23/8/89

By order,

O. L. Lees

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Letter No. 876 C.W.M., dated the 23rd August 1899.

From - The Government of India, Public Works Department.

To - Messrs Mansfield and Sons, Madras.

In reply to your letter dated the 7th August 1899, I am directed to say that there is no list of Engineering firms with whom the officers of the Public Works Department are authorised to deal for the supply of Engineering Materials and stores of European Manufacture. The list in Appendix B to Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, Resolution No. 2587 S.R., dated the 9th June 1898, is of firms who, possessing the necessary plant and machinery for applying the tests prescribed in Appendix C to that resolution, are authorised to tender for the supply of such articles as are included in Appendix A of the same resolution, when manufactured by them in this country from imported raw material.

Under

Under the orders issued in Resolution No. 2 P.W., dated 24th March 1899, a copy of which is enclosed, articles specified in Appendix A which do not require the application of the tests referred to above can be purchased from any firms approved by the Local Government or Administration concerned and consequently it is not ^{now} necessary to enter on the list in Appendix B the name of any Firm who is not certified to possess the machinery and plant necessary for the prescribed tests of imported raw material.

I am to add however that local purchases are in all restricted to articles bona fide manufactured in India, and cases should not embrace materials or articles made in Europe and imported into India.

2. I am to request that any further communication you may wish to make may be submitted through the Government of Madras to whom a copy of this correspondence is being sent.