

Edd (1915) Department.

Inis SERIES.

G.O. No. 1189 Edd

DATED 3 -11-15

[Despatch Abstract.]

Motor tractor: Stating that the Govt have no objection to the temporary retention of the motor tractor at Madras and its continued use by Munition works.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Seckt. II-8-13,602-4-13.

CURRENT No.

2435

From The Soc. Suppl.

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Subject.



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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

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Charges to pay.

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As.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Perambur Works

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

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Service Instructions.

5 OCT 1910

Words.

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TO

Read here at

H.

M.

Secretary Govt of Madras
Revenue Dept Ootacamund.

The director of Industries provided
this dept with a tractor
and trucks for conveyance of
munitions to and perambur works
and subsidiary firms burning shells.

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text

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To Educational U.O.

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stop D of I now
 state tractor must be returned
 stop can we not keep tractor
 for convenience of munitions for
 which it is considered it
 will be extremely useful and

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facilitate outturn of shells from
 perambur works reply

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REVERSE-C

No.

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J. 3574

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Perambur Works,

16/10/15

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The Secretary,

Government of Madras

Revenue Dept.,

Ootacamund x

DEAR SIR,

I write to confirm my telegram despatched at 16/10 o'clock on

the 4-10-15, which was as follows:-

The Director of Industries provided this Dept. with a tractor and trucks for conveyance of munitions to and from Perambur Works and Subsidiary firms turning rough shell shop. Director of Industries now state tractor must be retained shop. Can we not keep tractor for conveyance of munitions for which it is considered it will be extremely useful and will facilitate outturn of shell from Perambur Works x Reply x

Yours faithfully

M. V. Rao

Loco. & Carriage Superintendent.



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No. 369.

POST COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE.

From Stonehousehill (Cotacamund) dated 9th October 1915.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue (Forests).

Reference Government Order 1073 Educational 29th September. Kma Loco Superintendent, Madras Railway presses for retention motor tractor at Perambur for conveyance munitions on ground that retention will be extremely useful and facilitate out-turn of shells. Please ascertain in consultation with Director Industries whether tractor essential to munition work or whether alternative suitable transport such as motor lorries can be procured elsewhere for example from Corporation or Spencer and Company stop Wire reply.

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9 OCT 1915

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Sectt. II-6-13,002-4-13.

CURRENT No.

REVENUE - E

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From

Received 12/1/1915 Registered 12/1/1915

Subject.

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TO

Madras Revenue Colacamin

Government telegram 369 Dated 9th
Director Industries Says doubtful if
Corporation or Spencer Can spare motor
vehicles being rubber tyred
Wear and tear enormous tractor
Can take twenty tons shells.

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Having only five tractor has truck
which can be left at
side for loading and unloading
lorries have to wait while
loading Director thinks tractor
more suitable than lorry for

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Service Instructions.

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TO

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for collecting
~~for~~ shells and ensuring regular
 Service board agrees with Director
 Board forests-

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for believe
 shells

Telegram no 385

To

The Board of Revenue
L.A. (Forest)

Reference Board's telegram
(dated) Eleventh October (1915)
Govt understand from (Mr)
McCarthy that ^{except} ~~besides~~ (the)
motor tractor there is no
~~other~~ means of extracting
the timber about six lakhs
of cubic feet ^{timber}. Stop ~~may~~
Consider that even hand
cart could transport the
steel cases in question stop
Please make further enquiries
and report if any satisfactory
substitute for (the) motor
tractors for munitions work
is ~~not~~ available

Spd Telegram
14-10-15 7-30 AM

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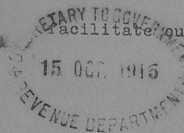
CURRENT No. 2211 E

Received 15-10-1915. Registered 16-10-1915

Subject.

Motor tractor

Reporting to Government that the -----will greatly facilitate output of shells.



ENCLOSURES.

No.

Spare copies

Forest Reference No. 1930 G1./15-1
Station Madras, Dated the 11th October 1915

From

Land Revenue.
The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc.
Separate Revenue.

Resolution

Reference.

The Hon'ble Mr. H.F.W.Gillman I.C.S.

Commissioner of Land Revenue and Forests

Read telegram from Government, dated 9th October 15.

Read the following letter from K.T.B.Tressler, Esq.,

Acting Director of Industries, Madras, No.E.3 dated 9th

October 1915:--

In reply to your telephone message, I have to

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explain that it is rather difficult for me to offer an opinion on the necessity or otherwise of a Motor Tractor for munitions work. This is mainly a matter of personal opinion. I dare say that the Munitions authorities might be able to utilize motor vehicles borrowed from the Corporation of Spencer and Company, but the wear and tear on these would be enormous as they are rubber tyred and I doubt whether either of the people referred to would spare their machines.

The duty of the Motor Tractor is to go round Madras collecting shells from various workshops. The tractor can draw about 20 tons, carry and a motor lorry will only about 5. Further the Tractor has trucks which can be left at site for loading or unloading, whereas lorries have to wait while being loaded. I certainly think that the tractor will greatly facilitate the output of shells by providing a regular service and so enabling supplies to be sent at the proper time.

Reference

Submitted to Government.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to Government:--

"Government telegram (No.) 369 dated 9th. Director (of) Industries says doubtful if Corporation or Spencer can spare motor vehicles - Being rubber tyred wear and tear enormous. Tractor can take twenty tons shells, lorry only five. Tractor has trucks which can

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be left at site for loading and unloading. Lorries have to wait while loading. Director thinks tractor more suitable than lorry for collecting shells and ensuring regular service. (The) Board agrees with (the) Director. "

For Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

M.S./ 11-10-15.

22/10/15
11-10-15

DEPARTMENT.

Seckt. II-8-19,002-4-13.

CURRENT No. 2219E

From Ag Loco Supdt, Perambur Works

Received 16-10-1915 Registered 16-10-1915

Subject.

Requesting reply telegram re: tractor for use in manufacture of munitions

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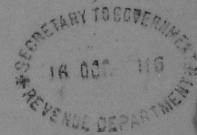
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Perambur Works. M.S.M.	15	16	40	20 to from Ooty	37
TO Secretary Govt of Madras Revenue Dept Madras.				Recd. here at 20 H. 54 M.	

T572 please reply to my telegram no T354 of 5th instt re tractor for use in manufacture of munitions
Ag. Loco Supdt.



N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—No. 268 Tel.—12-12-14—40,000 Bks.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE - E
2278

O.P.-30.

CURRENT No.

Received 24.10.1915 Registered 24 OCT 1915



Subject.

Motor-tractor.

Recommending to Government the temporary retention of the-----in M a d r a s.

ENCLOSURES.

No. _____

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Forest Reference, No. 1930/15-3

Station M a d r a s. Dated the 22nd-October 1915

From

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Land Revenue.

The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc.
Separate Revenue.

Resolution
Reference.

The Hon'ble Mr. H.F.W. Gillman, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Forests

Read the following letter from K.T.B. Tressler, Esq., Acting
Director of Industries, E-3, dated 19th October 1915:--

With reference to your No. 1930/15, dated the 14th October
1915, I have the honour to explain that the question of the
carriage of munitions is one of practicability rather than
possibility. It is of course possible to carry shells in any
way but a consideration of the circumstances of the case will
make it clear that everything depends on regularity and it

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doubtful if this can be secured except by means of a motor-tractor.

I understand that the output from Perambur is about 300 shells a day, equivalent to say 20 tons of metal. All these 300 shells are roughed out in various local workshops and are then sent to Perambur for finishing. Hence the means of conveyance provided must be capable of ensuring a steady distribution of an average of 20 tons of metal per day from the goods stations to the works and a steady transport of 20 tons of rough shells from the works to Perambur.

Loading, unloading and the return journey consume a good deal of time and it is doubtful if any vehicle would do more than one trip a day. The motor tractor could however distribute in the morning and at the same time pick up for Perambur. To do the same work 40 carts would be required for distribution and the same number for carriage to Perambur. What with the demand for carts it seems to me extremely problematic whether a regular service could be maintained and if this is not done, the output of munitions falls.

It is true that the tractor may break down and carting have to be resorted to occasionally, but at Perambur it is in professional hands and can quickly be put right. And quite apart from the munitions question this is one of the reasons why I think it is to everyone's interest that the tractor should remain at Perambur at least for a time. When I made the offer of the loan to the Forest Department I had Mr. [unclear] as an assistant and my intention was to send him up with the

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tractor to Coimbatore. When he left I hunted round for another man. The tractor was due at Coimbatore early in August but I did not send it out then as I had no one to send with it. As soon as I got an application from Mr. Logan for an appointment I wrote to the Conservator telling him that I expected to get a suitable man shortly and asking him if he could wait a fortnight. Meantime Perambur applied and I lost Mr. Logan. So far I have been unable to get another man. The name I suggested has not been accepted, my second selection has ^{entire} and enquiries for further applicants taken time.

This is one no dookley.
I have every confidence in the Tractor but, at least for a couple of months to begin with, it must be in competent hands and at present I have absolutely no one to send out with it. Frankly I do not think it will give satisfaction at Coimbatore unless it is run for the first month or so by a really good man.

Reference.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board recommends that the tractor may be temporarily retained in Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

V.R.D./22-10-15

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23/10.

17 H B m km
23 + 15
a. SECRETARY.

Again G.O., No. , dated 190 .
Current No. from the , No. , dated 190 .
Current No. 3430 from the *Loco Supdt* , No. *Tel.* , dated *4. 10 1905*
Perambur Works

SUBJECT.

*Motor tractor belonging to
the Department of Industries*

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S. 4 *ibis*

S. 5 + 6 *ibis*

(5) In G.O. No 940 Est., dated the 22nd April 1915, the Govt. directed that the motor tractor belonging to the Department of Industries should be lent to the Forest Deptt. for a period of six months. Recently, Mr. Bressler wrote to Govt. saying that the tractor would be of use to the munition works at Perambur & requested orders as to whether it might be lent to those works or should be lent to ^(for the use of the Forest Deptt.) Coimbatore. The Revenue Deptt. consulted the Board of Revenue ~~each other~~ as to whether the use of the tractor might be postponed. But the Board states that the machine was required at once by the Forest Deptt. ~~and should be lent~~ as

Gr. No 1073 (2)
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C.F.

as otherwise a considerable amount of revenue would be affected. The Govt thereupon issued orders to Mr Treacher to send the tractor at once to Bombay.

From the telegram now received from the Deccan Supdt, Poona Works, it would appear that before orders were received on his letter, Mr Treacher had lent the tractor to Munim. Works. The Deccan Supdt says that it is very useful for the transport of shells &c., and requests to be informed whether he could not keep it. The Govt are now placed in a very delicate position. For orders what reply should be given to the Deccan Supdt.

Dk. CR
5.10.15. 7/10/15

The failure to send the tractor would, I understand, mean considerable loss in the Ford Dift and bridges have already been strengthened to carry it. I am afraid we must tell the Deccan Supdt. we regret we cannot comply

with his request

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5.10.15

St. E. the Governor.

Please place the facts again before
Revenue: there is much to be said
for giving precedence to munitions work
just now - over everything.

In the previous discussion it was
alleged that for the munitions work
hired motor lorries could be obtained
in Madras, and that therefore this
factor could be reasonably devoted to
best purposes. What are the facts?

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6.10.15.

Will Revenue please consider again?
There are other motor lorries in
Madras and I presumed that they
could be hired at a price so that
perhaps the Corporation could have
one and could spare it when
wanted the Forest Dept. can do
without the motor transport.

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7.10.15

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REVENUE - E

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Recd 7.10.15

REVENUE - C

Colno 3430-1

7.10.15

5/11/16

Submitted to H.M.

Remove

LD.

20.11

Mr. Marshall tells me Perambur is a distributing centre which sends out heavy 6 inch steel bars to the P.W. Workshop & various local firms, which cut up & shape the bars into steel form when they are again collected and finished off at Perambur. Failing a motor tractor or a heavy ordinary bullock cart old bar to be used.

2. The L.M. hadu Secy says the Corporation has several long works, I understood, by motor traction including some recently purchased from a special malaria grant for the transport of material to fill in mangle tracks.

3. So far as the Forest Dept. is concerned, the Conservator telegraphed that the reduction of large revenue from the P. Combatae was dependent on the early arrival of the tractor. The proposed loaned last April was to abridge the road train for transporting large timber from the foot of the Anamalai

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leads to Coimbatore, a distance of 42 miles, the principal reason being "the impossibility of procuring enough carts to bring out even the present yield."

It is conceivable, though this is a mere conjecture, that the Conservator may have entered into contracts, which cannot be fulfilled without the tractor.

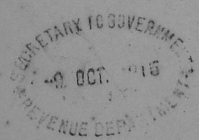
4. The real issue seems to be whether alternative means of transport can be arranged in Madras.

L.D.
7.10.15

H.H.

Write Sir Harold Stuart
(a loss of revenue being indicated).

Sent on that previous
and if find any
to urgency of case.



Red 4 P.M.

W.C.P.
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Of the motor tractor is shown to be essential to munition work, we should face the loss of forest revenue + give it up. But as H.E. says - What are the facts? Can a suitable motor lorry be procured elsewhere, for the Corporation or from Messrs Spencer & Co. who have several? The D. of Industries had better be ordered to ascertain + report sharp.

H.H.
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I have dictated a telegram accept, which should be despatched at once, the etc. with the file being sent to Educ. no. for perusal & and return.

I may add that I saw Mr. McCarthy, the Conservator, Western Circle, last night. The position is that many thousands of cubic feet of felled timber cannot be extracted from the P. Comibatoe forest without the use of the tractor. The timber, I understand, is lying ready for transport.

Ld.
9.10.15

(P.T.O. for telegram)
H. d.

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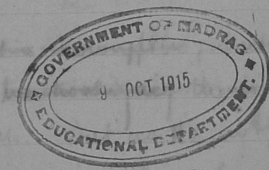
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to Educational U.O.

At (22)

2/66 E/157

9.10.15



Educational Department

Submitted that the file may be referred to Rev after perusal.

CA
9.10.15

Seen and returned with thanks

Rev no.

Despatched telegram from Board 9.10.15



* thousands of thousands, I believe to

0.506 cf.

[En 2193 E(15)] Telegram from the Board of Rev.
L.R. (Mr.), dated 11-10-15.

To Under Sec?

~~in order whether~~ in the circumstances

0.506 cf.

explained in the telegram, this Dept may
accept the proposal to employ the motor
tractor for munitions work at Leamas.

Sec
12-10-15.

In order

12-10-15

H.M.

Major Sir Harold Stuart

H.E. the Governor.

For orders in the light of the
Board's telegram of pp 5-6 cf. in
reply to the memo on p. 4

LT

12-10-15

On the information now supplied, I would
let the motor tractor remain for munition work

12-10-15

I understood from Mr Mc Carthy that
there is no other means of extracting the
timber (about 6 loads of cubic feet)
but surely even hand cart could bring
past these shell cases. I would certainly

make further inquiries for though munitions should undoubtedly have the preference if no satisfactory substitute is available. I feel convinced such a substitute can be found.

Hus
13.10.15

P.
13.10.15.

To Undersecretary

With reference to views
Sir Harold Stuart ~~Stuart~~ (agreed to by His Excellency) a draft telegram to the Board of Rev is submitted for approval

S.K.
13/10/15 Issue telegram at once, & submit file to H.M.

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13.10.15

Telegram No. 355 of 14-10-15 to the Board of Rev (L.R. Stuart)

My
14/10/15

Received 5 PM
S.K.
13/10/15

Received 7 PM
S.K.
14/10/15

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D. 8-10 cf.

[Case 2211 E/15] from the 102 L.R. No Ref. 1930 9/15

dated 11-10-15

D. 11 cf.

[Case 2219 E/15] Telegram from the Loco-Super,

No T 572 dated 15-10-15.

To Under Sec?

It is not? that this file may be over
the receipt of the Board's reply to our tele-
gram, dated 13-10-15. As orders on this
file have to issue in the Educational
Dept it seems inadvisable to send an
interim reply ^{to the Loco Super} from this Dept.

A.C.

16-10-15.

About Board's reply

Ld.

18.10.15

D. 12-14 cf.

[Case 2278 E/15] from the 102 L.R. No Ref. 1930/15-3 9 22-10-15

The Board's reply will be found
at pp. 12-14 of the cf. I have spoken
to Mr. Gillman about the matter. He
has himself discussed it personally with
Mr. Portman & is satisfied that the
removal of the tractor would really
hamper the output of manure.
There seems therefore nothing for it
but to postpone the claims of the
Forest Dept notwithstanding the anti-
-ipated ~~loss~~ loss of revenue.

Shan / C.C.
C.C. 37/10

Box No 39
Dated 28-10-15
29-10-15

H.M.

H.M. to Harold Stuart K.C.S.I., K.C.V.

H.E. to Suman.

25/10/15

The motor tractor is desirable, not essential, for the munitions work, as I presume the resources of Madras w^d be equal to supplying 80 carts, or twice that number, if need.

Whether the motor tractor is really essential for extraction of timber I do not know.

The only informant seems to be Mr MacCarthy's statement to Sir H. Stuart.

Mr. Tressler says he has no one to send with the tractor. That is a matter for Educational.

On the statements before us, I w^d leave the tractor here. That seems to be what our officers want. But Mr. Tressler seems to have made no real

effort to get a substitute. I know the Corp^r has a motor tractor itself.

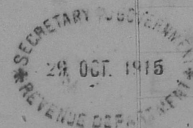
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Mr. Dandon was present when he made the statement to me - at the O.C. Club.

H.M.

Our Forest revenue is below the budget proportion and I am anxious to see it improve: that is why I want this motor tractor to be sent to Coimbatore. But as there is no one to look after it there it cannot be sent at present so I would leave it with Mr. Porteous but tell Mr. Trueler to try to get another man in place of Will as soon as possible and send the tractor to Coimbatore when this man understands the working of it. The tractor is not essential for munitions: it is a convenience and that is why Mr. Porteous wishes to keep it.

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27.10.15

To Under Secy

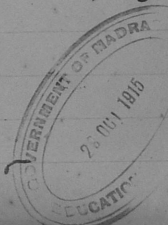
It is said that the file may now be transferred to the Educational Dept for issue of orders.

Secy Gt.
29.10

29.10.15

Edw. L. as. J

29.10.15



Rev. no. 2166 E/15-2
29.10.15

SE

A draft order is submitted for approval. The question of appointing a substitute for Mr. Wells is separately under consideration.

Stk 27.10.15. Ca 27.10.15. Ca 31.10.15

The Director is being asked for permission with view

(Edt) Box. N.55
1.11.15

H. E. the Governor

2.11.15



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27/10/15

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C. No. 3430, From the Loco Super, No. 1364, dated 4. 10. 1915

1800 Rev. Fresh, 1930 4-1, 11-10-1911.

" " Big Riv Fresh, 1980-2 22.10. 1915

No. 1189 ^{Exp.} _{Min.} dated 3-11-1915

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2. The question will be further considered as soon as the Director reports that he has found a satisfactory substitute for m^c will.

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The D. J. 31.10.15

"Revenue Dept. Perambur in Wolsky

As the Director of Industries
States that there is no one
in the Dept^t at present
to ~~accompany~~ ^{accompany} the
motor tractor to Coim-
batore ^{and to look after it there} the Gov^t have
no objection to its temporary
retention at Madras and
thence for its munition work.

2. The Director is requested to send the tractor to bombatore ~~as soon as~~ when a substitute for Mr. Mills is appointed and when he is ~~inserting~~ inserting the working of it.

$\frac{DK}{29.10.15}$
 $\frac{Q}{29.10.15}$

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO G. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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