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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 15th November 1859, No. 4051.

Approving of the proposed arrangement for the transfer of the Foundry intended for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory to the Mint. (*Vide* Proceedings Military Department, from 1st to 10th December 1859, Nos, 191 @ 193.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1859, No. 674.

Communicated to the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Papers :—

From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 29th October 1859, No. 258; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Adverting to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1070, dated 17th March 1859, and to the subsequent order of Government quoted in the margin, relative to the setting up at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, of the large Foundry Machinery recently received from England, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying letters, (in original) from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, the Chief Engineer, and the Mint Master.

Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2049, dated 10th June 1859.

No. 600, dated 29th July 1859.
„ 167, dated 1st September 1859.
„ 6451, dated 22nd October 1859.

2. After giving the question raised very careful consideration, I do not hesitate to recommend, that all Foundry operations at the Presidency be centered at the Mint; first—because such operations have closer connection with the general work of that Establishment, than with the work of the Gun Carriage Manufactory; secondly—because the operations of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, with its extensive Steam Machinery already set up, will, exclusive of the charge of a large Foundry, become so enlarged, as to tax the ability and energy of the Superintendent to exercise effective supervision and control over the Department entrusted to him; and thirdly—that the working capacity and power of the Foundry in question are so great, that the out-turn of one month in each year, would meet the ordinary and current requirements of the Ordnance Department, and that consequently extraneous work must be undertaken to an extent which would affect the distinctive character of the Gun Carriage Manufactory—but, chiefly, that on the grounds both of profitable working and economy, it appears highly inexpedient to keep up two distinct Government Foundries, with separate Establishments, within so limited a circuit as that comprising the Mint and Gun Carriage Manufactory; or to incur the expense* of separate buildings for the Foundry at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, when the present Mint buildings may at a comparatively small out-lay be rendered equally fit.

*Estimate... Rupees 13,264½, viz.,
Shed for the Foundry. Rs. 13,150
Raising the wall.... „ 114½

3. I may also add, that on sanitary considerations, the location of a Foundry on the present site of the Gun Carriage Manufactory appears open to serious objection, and will probably, if established there, be made the subject of remonstrance by the Residents in the vicinity.

4. I beg to solicit the orders of Government on the subject.

From the Chief Engineer.

Submits Plans and Estimates amounting to Rupees 16,840, *for certain works in the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and recommends that the same be sanctioned for entry in the Budget for* 1860-61. } Here enter 2nd November 1859, No. 6798.

ORDER, No. 4051, 15*th November* 1859.

The Governor in Council approves of the proposed arrangement for the transfer of the Foundry intended for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, to the Mint.

2. The European Moulder and Founder will, on arrival, be accordingly placed under the orders of the Mint Master.

3. The Chief Engineer will submit an Estimate for such additions to, and alterations of the buildings at the Mint, as may be found necessary for the reception of the Foundry Machinery, which the Governor in Council hopes may now be speedily brought into working order.

4. The Plans and Estimates received with the Chief Engineer's letter No. 6793, above recorded, will be returned for the revision which will now be required.

(True Extract.)

Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Department Public Works, with 8 enclosures.
" Mint Master, for information.
" Financial Department

Exd. J. Davis.

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