

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 23rd June 1857.

No. 9. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th June 1857, No. 80.

SIR,

I regret to be under the necessity of bringing to the notice of the Government, that the Boiler, forming a principal part of the Bullet Machine sent from England per Ship "Ostrich," was upset in the surf on the 15th May last, in 4½ fathoms water while being landed, and has not yet been recovered.

2. I am aware that the Marine Board have made sundry endeavours to raise it, but ineffectually, and I would not wish in any way to disparage their efforts; I however beg strongly to urge Government to give stringent and peremptory orders to the Marine Authorities for the recovery of this portion of the Bullet Machine; and to accomplish which, I submit that the most powerful means should be employed.

3. It would be almost a disgrace, if in Madras, with all the recently improved appliances at command, failure were to attend this undertaking. I would suggest as one means of success the renewed employment of the occasional powerful Steamers which touch at this Port; these would, I hope, notwithstanding any individual failures, eventually, and that within a reasonable time, raise the boiler; for each strain on it must proportionately diminish its embedment in the sand.

4. I need not state at any length to Government how important it is, at the present time, to have the means of laying in a stock of Rifle bullets, and having been furnished by the Honorable Court with the necessary Machinery to effect this object, how equally important it is that the most energetic measures should be adopted to make that Machinery available for use. The expense attending the recovery of the Boiler should be a consideration secondary to that of setting the Machinery to work at once.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieutenant Colonel,
*Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.*

Referred to the Marine Department for special and early notice.

Fort Saint George, }
18th June 1857. }

(By Order.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieutenant Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 10 ORDER THEREON, No. 248; dated 23rd June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Marine Board with instructions to make renewed efforts and to adopt all the means and appliances at their disposal for the recovery of the Boiler referred to, and also to have recourse to the large Steamers touching at this Port to effect the above object, incurring any expense that may be necessary on this account.

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under date 23^d June 1857.

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