1. Number of pieces 8
2. Date of repair 23/6/37
3. Initials of Reference

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th April 1857.

No. 80. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 2nd April 1857, No. 11526.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying letters from the principle Commissary of Ordnance under date the 6th November and 13th December last, requesting an order on the Paymaster for Rupees (19,861-8-5) nineteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, annas eight and pice five, being the value of one of the Pile Driving Steam Engines lately received from England, and issued by him to the Commandant of Engineers.

No. 2516 and 2777.

2. As Government have lately ruled in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 460 under date the 12th Ultimo, that *all* stores received from the Arsenal for P. W. should be paid for, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the disbursement to the Commandant of Engineers, the sum of Rupees 19,861-8-5 to enable that Officer to meet the demand of the Ordnance Department on account of the Engine.

3. From the copy of the invoice forwarded by the Accountant General to this office, the stock value of the two setts of the Pile Driving Apparatus is given at Rupees 36,872-7-10 or at 18,436-3-11 for one, but the price fixed by the Military Board in the Indent for the issue of the article is Rupees 19,358-0-11 which corresponds with the demand made by the principal Commissary of Ordnance. There is a similar difference between the price fixed by the Military Board for the Crabs and their invoice value. The Crabs were sent out with other Machinery for the P. W. D., and I am still in correspondence with the Military Board respecting the increased prices above the invoice rates fixed by them for articles of Stores received for the P. W. D., The present reference cannot be delayed any further from want of the Military Board's final reply, as the Principal Commissary of Ordnance is desirous of an immediate adjustment, to enable him to close his accounts. I have no doubt however that the increased price charged by the Military Board is owing to some causes, perhaps to the packing, landing, housing and cleaning the Machinery, charges which may properly be added to the stock value of each apparatus, and in the mean time I have the honor to recommend that the sanction of Government may be accorded, to enable the Commandant of Engineers to meet the demand of the Ordnance Department.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, No. 785; dated 25th April 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the disbursement to the Commandant of Engineers of the sum of Company's Rupees (19,861-8-5) nineteen thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one, annas eight and pice five, being the stock value of the Pile Driving Apparatus supplied by the Ordnance Department. He desires to be informed where this Machine is now, what has up to this time been performed by it, and where it is likely in future to be required, and what are the expenses ordinarily incurred by it.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of O.W.
Fort Saint George
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Central Office of W
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Alfred Taber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Capt Gray

D.o to Comr 17th March 57 R. 1142

Public Works 1857 Depte
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No 687

From

The Chief Engineer

To

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Dated 2nd
Rec.d 3rd } April 1857

No 11526

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From - Dr 27th June 1857 Ch. 1207
Comm.d 4th July

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