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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th May 1857.

No. 35. Read the following letter from the Military Board ; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th April 1857, No. 380.

SIR,

The Chief Engineer having sent us a copy of his Proceedings No. 11757, of 16th April 1857, laying before Government an extract of a report about difficulties in Indenting for Iron, we have the honor to report that we do not comprehend the suppositions case laid before Government ; but we may state that we received a very carelessly prepared Indent from the District Engineer Nellore, which we did our best to comply with and authorized to be passed writing the following resolution.

" Resolved to pass the above Indent as checked, and to suggest to the Chief Engineer the necessity of Indenting on England for Iron of the size which the Public Works will require and not in a lump by weight."

" It is requested that after the Iron has been weighed, the Indent may be returned to this office to be priced."

2. We advise Government not to act on such kind of reports without giving us an opportunity of explaining how difficult it is to enforce regularity and system in demands on the Government Arsenals.

(Signed) Æ. SHIRREFF, Brigadier,
Commandant of Artillery.
(,,) G. BALFOUR, Lieut.-Colonel,
Stipendiary Member.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 937 ; dated 15th May 1857.

It is observed that the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of 16th April 1857, referred to by the Military Board do not appear to have been laid before Government, as supposed by the Board, and the letter above recorded does not therefore require any notice at present.

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

Extract from a letter from the Supt Engr Central Circle Dated 9th April 1857 No. 118.

para 21 I think that in the following instances you might recommend simplification of procedure.

Indents for articles on the arsenal.

B. indents for so many lbs of iron in flat bars of sizes.

The Military board returns & recommend that the indent should be made out in bars in lengths.

C. does not know how many in lengths there is of particular sizes of bar iron & so writes to the Principal Commissary of ordnance for information - The B sends up the indent a second time. The Military board write to the Commissary to know if he can comply with the indent. He says since I wrote to B 1 flat bar of ½" iron of 20 feet long has been used, the Military Board returns the indent with a recommendation that the indent should be submitted at another time, as at present it cannot be complied with. This has taken up some six months and the District Engineer was

was dissapointed after all- what an amount
of time lost in the execution of the work for
which it was required; how much more simple
to have sent the Canadian Engineers in the first
instance making up the ties indented for more
to Sept, and only not be sent to the Principal
Commissary direct-

b

Edmund Smith
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 16th April 1857.

Read again the Report from the Supt. Engineer Central Circle of Public Works on tour of inspection upon the practical working of the new system of Public Works in the several provinces of Bellary, Kurnool and Nellore as noticed by himself during his late journey.

H. C. No. 68 under date 19th April 1857

Resolved that as the foregoing Report will in the usual Course of business be duly laid before Government for its favourable Consideration and orders, a Copy of para 21 in which the Supt. Engineer illustrates the tedious and ineffective system of indents by the narrative of a six months correspondence with the District Engineer of Nellore be forwarded to the Secretary of the Military Board with the request of the Chief Engineer that he will be so good as to place the same before the Board for the information of the

X This Report it is said, is with Col. Cotton, and cannot be spared for a day.

Copy of Para 21 from a Letter from the Supt. Engr. Central Circle dated Kistna 31st March 1857

Para 21

President and Stipendiary Members

H. E. Para 21

(Signed) E. Faber Coll

Chief E. D'p. W

Secretary to the Military Board

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From

The Military Board

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department &c &c

Sir,

The Chief Engineer having sent us a copy of his Proceedings No 1175 of 10th April 1854, copied upon Government an Estimate of a report about difficulties in Underdraining for Clay we leave the Board to report that we do not comprehend the Instructions issued before Government by this we must state that we received a very explicit Report and Estimate from the District Engineer Nellore, which we did our best to comply with and authorized to be passed writing the following resolution

"Resolved to pass the above Estimate as checked and to suggest to the Chief Engineer the necessity of Indenting on England for Iron of the size which the Public Works will require and not six or seven by one inch."

"It

Extract Proceedings

To

The Secretary Military

Board

Dated 10th April 1854

Received 13th April 1854

Forwarding Copy of Report from Report of the Executive Engineer Cuddalore for Pollicat Line of the Trichinopoly Division

Two Systems of Underdrains by the Narrative of a six months Correspondence with the District Engineer with the Estimate requesting that the same may be laid before Government by the Board for the information of the Court of Directors

It is requested that after the Iron has been weighed, the Indent may be returned to this Office to be priced.

2. We enclose Government not to take out such kind of reports without giving us an opportunity of explaining how difficult it is to enforce regularity and system in demands in the Government Arsenals.

Military Board Office
Tower of London
20th April 1857

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants

Hon. Thos. Hyde Villiers
Comm. of Ordnance

G. Macpherson Lieut. Colonel
Assistant Member.

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From the Military Board
To the Secretary to Government
Military Department

Dated 20th
Rec'd 21st April 1857.

No. 350.

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 1175 dated 13th Inst. regarding a sub-jetty of Iron Substantics for the Victoria Crescent, Mallow Shew how the Indents were dealt with & request that in such instances for the future I may be kindly pleased to afford the Board an opportunity of offering their explanation.

Write an Order.
No. 937. 15th May

No. 35 & 36

No. 937

It is observed that the Chief Engineers Proceedings of 16th April 1857 referred to by the Military Board do not appear to have been laid before Government as supposed by the Board, and the letter above recorded does not therefore require any notice at present.

Fort St. George
15th May 1857

A Copy to the Inspector Genl. Ord. 16. of Ordnance & Magazine