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No. 7. Read the following letetter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 2nd July 1858, No. 1610.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring under the consideration of Government the very great inconvenience this Department suffers from the rigid adherence of the Ordnance Authorities to the system of cash payments on the supply of Articles on Indent.

2. No inducement whatever will prevail to induce the Commissary of Ordnance to issue a single Machine or Tool even on Indents passed by Government, until the value thereof has been made over to him either in cash or by transfer receipt.

3. This course would perhaps be unobjectionable in ordinary cases, but emergencies have arisen occasionally when it has proved seriously detrimental to the public service, as for instance, in a recent case when a cart and bullocks were sent from Nellore for a Crane, which could not be delivered because the price had not been fixed in the Inspector General's Office, and there have been other similar cases of delay.

4. As it is out of the question to suppose that the delivery of a Machine to a Public Department without pre-payment can possibly lead to loss while, it may sometimes be really necessary, I would suggest that all Indents marked "emergent" by the Chief Engineer should receive immediate compliance, and that the account should be afterwards adjusted.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1532; dated 4th August 1858.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance for any observations he may wish to offer on the suggestions contained in the Officiating Chief Engineer's letter above recorded. It appears to Government that some arrangement should be made to meet emergent Indents at once, the account being adjusted afterwards.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Public Works,

No 1610

From

The Offg Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Department Public Works

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed't Servant
Lawford Major
Offg. Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
2d July 1838

Lt Colonel

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To the Secy to Government
P.W.D.

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Bringing for the consideration of Govt the very great inconvenience and Delay to suffer from the rigid adherence of the Ordnance authorities to the system of cash payments in the supply of articles on Indents, & suggesting that all Indents marked "Emergent" should receive immediate compliance & that the account should be afterwards adjusted.

With an order

No 1532

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Fort St. George
4th August 1858.

To Copy to the Inspr Genl of Ord. & Magazines
Offg Chief Engr

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