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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 33. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 28th July 1858, No. 2283.

SIR,

Referring to my letter No. 1817, dated 10th July 1858, I have had under further consideration, the great inconvenience arising from the present system of detaining in the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, the machinery sent out on Indent for the Department of Public Works, and I have come to the resolution of indenting at once for all serviceable articles and forwarding them to the Districts in which they may at any time be usefully employed.

2. It is true, that the stores and Workyards in which the Engines should be placed are not yet sanctioned, but in all Districts there is a Central Office where temporary arrangements for the safe custody of machinery may be made, as the District Engineers draw a sufficient Office rent.

3. I would therefore very strongly recommend that, Government may be pleased to direct, that the machinery mentioned in the accompanying list should be delivered over to my charge for despatch to the Districts therein specified on regular Indents signed by myself, but without awaiting the adjustment of their value by cash payments or otherwise.

4. The Ordnance Department is now encumbered with our stores, while more are expected from England and vessels are daily sailing for the outports, of which under the present system we can take no advantage.

5. Let me solicit the early orders of Government on this subject, as the fine season is passing away.

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF MACHINERY FOR USE IN THE D. P. W. NOW REMAINING IN THE ARSENAL AT FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Names of Articles.	Arcot North.	Arcot South.	Bellary.	Canara.	Chingleput.	Coimbatore.	Cuddapah.	Ganjam.	Kistnah Division.	Kurnool.	Madura.	Malabar.	Nellore.	Rajahmundry.	Salem.	Tanjore.	Trichinopoly.	Tinnevelly.	Vizagapatam.	Garrison Engineer.	Civil Architect.	E. C. Canal.	Mint Master.	Gun Carriage.	Total.	Remarks.
Rails, Iron bridge 12-10 and 8 feet			4000	3000	5000	872	4000	4000	1000	1000	4000	4000		6000	4872	4000			1000	9000	6000				64714	
Pug-mills with Iron box and lever																									...	
Brick-making machine with case & fly-wheel																									...	
Crabs, single purchase	1	1		1			1			1			1								1				6	
„ double „		1					1	1					1								1				5	
Nippers with chains for stores													1												1	
Handles for Pumps	1	1			1	1	1	1	1				1												8	
Rods with buckets and valves for pumps	1	1			1	1	1	1	1				1												8	
Pipes with flanges for pumps	1	1			1	1	1	1	1				1												8	
Barrels, pump 3 inch	1	1											1												3	
„ „ 4 „						1																			1	
„ „ 5 „						1	1		1																3	
„ „ 6 „								1																	1	
Blocks, Iron pully with 6 brass sheave, single																					1				1	
„ „ „ „ 6 „ double																					1				1	
„ „ „ „ 6 „ treble																					1				1	
„ „ „ „ 5 „ „					1																				1	
„ „ snatch with brass sheave 1 single																				2	2				4	
Portable Engines & boilers combined, 4 Horse Power													1	1											2	
„ „ „ „ 6 „ „																1				1					2	
Pairs of 8½ inch bore pumps and gearing combined																				1					1	
Circular Saws and other Iron works for 14 wood Tables	1	1	1			1		1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				11	

Central office of Public Works,
Fort Saint George,
25th July 1858.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Major,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 1604; dated 12th August 1858.

1. In this letter the Officiating Chief Engineer again brings to notice the great inconvenience arising from the present system of detaining in the Arsenal the Machinery sent out on Indent for the Public Works Department, and states that he has come to the resolution of indenting at once for all serviceable articles and forwarding them to the Districts in which they may at any time be usefully employed. He requests accordingly that he may be permitted to obtain the required Machinery on regular Indents signed by himself, but without awaiting the adjustment of their value by cash payments.

2. The Government cannot authorize the issue of Machinery until assured that the District Engineers have the means of duly taking care of them; nor unless they are at present required or likely soon to be so. Where this is the case the Machinery may be sent, but under orders already communicated to the Central Office, cash payment is indispensable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P.W.

Fort Saint George.

28th July 1858.

No 2283

From.

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To.

The Secretary to Government

of P.W.

Sir

Referring to my letter No 1847 dated 10th July 1858, I have had under further consideration, the great inconveniences arising from the present system of obtaining in the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, the Machinery sent out in Indents for the Department of Public Works, and I have come to the resolution of indenting ab once for all serviceable articles and forwarding them to the Districts in which they may at any time be usefully employed.

2 It is true, that the stores and Workyards in which the Engines should be placed are not yet sanctioned, but

but in all Districts there is a Central Office where temporary arrangements for the safe custody of machinery may be made as the District Engineers draw sufficient Office rent.

3 I would therefore very strongly recommend that Government may be pleased to direct that the machinery mentioned in the accompanying list should be delivered over to my charge for despatch to the Districts therein specified on regular Indents signed by myself, but without awaiting the adjustment of their value by cash payments or otherwise.

4 The Ordnance Department is now encumbered with our Stores, while more are expected from England, and vessels are daily sailing for the outports, of which, under the present system we can take no advantage.

5 Let me solicit the early orders of Government on this subject, as the fine season is passing away.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedient & Servant
[illegible] Major.
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Central Office Pub. Works
Fort Saint George
28th July 1858.

1858 Department

No

Enclosure in a letter from the officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govt

of India

Military Dept

Dated 28th July 1858.

Received 3 July 1858.

No 2283

Proposed distribution of machinery for use in the D.P.W. now remaining in the Arsenal at Fort Saint George.

Proposed distribution of Machinery for use in the D.P.W. now remaining in the Arsenal at Fort Saint George.

Names of Articles.	Arnee Roads	Arnee Lascks	Ballary	Canara	Chingleput	Coimbatore	Cuddapah	Gunjam	Kistnah	Kurnool	Madura	Malabar	Nellore	Rajahmundry	Salem	Tanjore	Trichinopoly	Vizagapatam	Vizagapatam Light	Civil Architect	C.E. Canal	Mint Master	Gun Carriage	Total	Remarks.
Rails Iron Bridge 12.10 ft	"	"	4000	3000	5000	872	4000	4000	1000	1000	4000	4000	"	6000	4872	4000	"	"	4000	9000	6000	"	"	"	64744	
Pug Mills with Iron Box & Lever	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	
Brick making Machine with case of Knife	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	
Crabs single purchase	1	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	
" " double "	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	5	
Nippers with Chains for Stores	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
Handles for Pumps	1	1	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	
Rods with Bucketts & Valves for Pumps	1	1	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	
Pipes with flanges for Pumps	1	1	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	
Barrels Pumps 3 Inch	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	
" " " 4 "	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
" " " 5 "	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	3	
" " " 6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
Blocks Iron Pully with 6 Brass sheaves single	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	
" " " " 6 " double	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	
" " " " 6 " Treble	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	
" " " " 5 " "	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	
" " " " 4 " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"	"	"	"	4	
" " Snatch with brass sheave single	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	
Portable Engines & Boilers combined 4 Horse Power	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	2	
" " " " 6 " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	
Pairs of 8½ Inch Bore Pumps and Gearing combined	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	
Circular Saws and other Iron works for 14 Wood Tables	1	1	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	14	

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
28th July 1858

L Stanford Major.
Superintending Chief Engineer

O.W. Dept

No 1604

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Extract from the Minutes of Com.
Under date the 12th Augt 1858

Read the following
letter from the Superintending
Chief Engineer

Hereunto 28 July/58 No 2253

Ordered. In this letter the
Superintending Chief Engr
again brings to notice
the great inconvenience
arising from the pre
sent system of detaining
in the Arsenal the Ma
chinery sent out on
Indent for the P.W.D.
and states that he has
come to the resolution
of undertaking at once
for all serviceable ar
ticles and forwarding
them to the Districts

in which they may
at any time be more
fully employed. He
requests accordingly
that he may be per-
mitted to obtain the
required machinery
on Regular Indents
signed by himself,
but without awaiting
the adjustment of
their value by Each
Payments.

2. The Government
~~do not see how they~~
can ~~authorize~~ the
price of machinery
until approved that
the District Engineer
have the means of
duly taking care
of them; Whilst the
machinery is under
orders already com-
municated to the Cen-
tral Office Each
Requisition is under-
stood

This case
is Clearly ascertained,
the machinery may
be sent, but under
orders already com-
municated to the Cen-
tral Office Each
Requisition is under-
stood

10 Copies to the Offr. Chief Engr. Dated 13th Dec.
Received Dec. 6

unless they are
personally present or
likely soon to be so.

Public Works 1853 Dept.
D.G. to Cons. 17th Augt.

No. 1604

Extract Minutes of Couns.
D/ 15th Augt. /58.

No. 33884.

Are unable to accede to the proposal of the Offg. Chief Engineer for the withdrawal from the Arsenal of a large quantity of Machinery of the P.W.D. for distribution to the Provinces until assured that the District Engineer have the means of duly taking care of them observe that where this is the case the Machinery may be sent but that such engagement is indispensable in all cases.