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Read again letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 3rd and recorded in Diary to Consultation 10th August 1858, No, 1155.

No. 41. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government; dated August 1858, No. 223.

SIR,

I have this day received Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1,554 of date 7th instant, communicating copy of a letter from Major E. Lawford, Officiating Chief Engineer, on the subject of delay likely to arise in supplying the works at Jackatalla with a Steam Saw-Machine, unless a departure from the recognized rules of issuing Stores from the Ordnance, to the Public Works Department, be permitted.

2. I have no doubt as to the advisability of the Saw-Machinery being sent to Jackatallah at as early a date as possible, since the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, Department Public Works, in sending me an Indent for it on the evening of the 9th of June last, stated that, it was very much required for the Jackatallah Barracks, and with the view to expedition, the Indent was duly priced and passed on to the Department Public Works on the 10th idem, as shewn on the face of the Indent, so that there was no delay on the part of this Office as will be seen by the Office copy of the Indent which I enclose in original, to be returned when no longer required.

3. The price of the Saw-Machine and Apparatus was thus made known to the Department Public Works fully 2 months ago, and yet the article has not been removed from the Arsenal a circumstance I think which fully bears out the remark I made in para. 7 of my letter to Government No. 214 of yesterday's date.

4. I am as unwilling to retard the despatch of Public Work as I am to break through rules, and as three deviations from prescribed rule have already been permitted, by Major Lawford's own shewing, I fear adding to the number will only tend still more to weaken the rule; but I have no objection again to yield to the emergency of the service if Government desire it. I beg however to point out, that, the simplest and most expeditious way in which the Department Public Works can obtain this Machinery, I think will be, for Government to grant Major Lawford the sum of Rupees (6,849-10-4) Six thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, annas ten and pice four, which he can hand over to the Acting Principal Commissary of Ordnance, and I feel confident that, if such course be followed, there will not be an hours delay on the part of the Ordnance Department, and I recommend that this letter be at once considered and disposed of as the best mode of showing the Department of Public Works that there is nothing in the orders of Government to prevent the duties being properly performed.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 1607; dated 12th August 1858.

The Government observe that they have sanctioned the disbursement of Rupees 6,849-10-4, the value of the Saw Machine required for the Jackatallah Barracks on the 28th June 1858, and the Officiating Chief Engineer has had nearly a month and half, for procuring a transfer receipt for the amount from the Collector of Coimbatore, payable to the Inspector General of Ordnance, agreeably to the orders dated 26th April 1858, No. 772, and there is no reason why the delay in the issue of the Machine in this case, should be ascribed to the system of cash payments. If the sanction of Government for the Machinery had been communicated to the District Engineer without delay, and that Officer took necessary steps to get the transfer receipt from the Collector; the delay now complained of would not have occurred. The Officiating Chief Engineer will therefore adopt immediate measures to procure the receipt in question.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordnance Department.

Immediate

1825. 5th.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications to transmit to you herewith for the information of the Public Works Department a Contract entered into by the Board with Messrs. Maudslay, Sons & Field for the supply of a pair of Steam Engines of 80 horses power each, for the Dockyard at Woolwich.

2. You will observe that the Contract requires that the Engines shall be completed and delivered at Woolwich on or before the 1st day of December next, and that the Contractors are to be allowed the sum of £1000 for every week they may be in advance of that period, and are to be subject to a deduction of £1000 for every week they may be in arrear of the same period, unless the delay shall have been occasioned by circumstances over which they have no control, and which shall be certified by the Board of Ordnance to be sufficient to excuse the delay.

3. The Contractors are to be allowed the sum of £1000 for every week they may be in advance of the time fixed for the completion of the Engines, and are to be subject to a deduction of £1000 for every week they may be in arrear of the same time, unless the delay shall have been occasioned by circumstances over which they have no control, and which shall be certified by the Board of Ordnance to be sufficient to excuse the delay.

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I have the honor to be [illegible] most obedient Servant

J. Haldane

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10 Despatches to the Off^g Chief Engr^s Dublin 13th
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with Indorsts.

Public Works 1858 Depart.
Dt. to Coms. 17th August.

No. 1607.

Extract Minutes of Cons.
Dt. 12th August 1858.

Further Cons: 24 Augt/58
No. 82284

Cannot see how the delay in the issue of Saw Machine required for the Jackatalla Barracks can be ascribed to the system of Cash payments. Remarks that if the sanction of Govt. for the Machinery had been communicated to the District Engineer without delay and that Officer took the necessary steps to get the transfer receipt from the Collector of Coimbatore the delay complained of would not have occurred.

No. 41 & 42.