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No. 46. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 8523.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the following circumstances connected with the supply of English Stores and Machinery for the Department Public Works, and to solicit the support and assistance of Government in the matter.

2. On the 2nd of this month, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Arsenals obligingly brought to my notice, that certain Steam Engines and other Machinery received by the "Malabar" for the use of the Department Public Works, were lying at the Light-house, Beach, exposed to the sun and weather, and he requested me to state whether speedy arrangements could not be made for their disposal; and whether proper cover could not be provided for them? In reply, I observed, that it was beyond my power to make any such arrangements, that I even was not informed of the nature and quantity of the stores, regarding which no information whatever had been afforded me on the present, nor on previous occasions of similar receipts arriving from England, and I requested that the Inspector General would at least permit me to peruse reports of shipping arrivals and of Bills of Lading, and of Invoices of Stores forwarded for the use of the Department Public Works, so that I might have some knowledge of the supplies intended for the Department. In reply the Inspector General states in his Proceedings of the 15th Instant, that the packing account of the "Malabar" is not available, having, been forwarded to Government for transmission to the Honorable Court; that the copy of it in the books of his office cannot be sent out for inspection;—but that it may be seen by any person whom I may depute for the purpose.

3. It thus seems sufficiently clear, that the Inspector General, amidst his many other labours and engagements is unwilling to favor me with any official intimation of the nature, or quantity, or value of the machinery or stores that may be received for the use of the Public Works Department from the Honorable Court, and that the latter must look to *indirect* sources for information, which it plainly is indispensable should be obtained by him from some authority connected with the despatch or receipt of the machinery in question; and which it is also necessary for the local Officers of the Department to be acquainted with, in order to enable them to make proper arrangements for the execution of works, as well as for the payment of such machinery as may be allotted to them for that purpose.

4. Under these circumstances, I deem it proper to submit the matter for the orders of Government, for although in the latter part of his Proceedings of the 15th Instant, the Inspector General kindly states, that he will be most happy to take into consideration any arrangement which may be proposed, with the view of securing a regular communication of the information sought for; yet is it obvious that no arrangement can be fully satisfactory which does not recognize it as a duty on the part of the Consignees to expeditiously furnish every information connected with the description, quantity and value of each kind of store or machinery despatched by the Honorable Court, as plant for the use of the Department Public Works.

5. On a former occasion, when a proposition was made by the late Military Board to the effect, that certain rails allotted to this Department, and placed for safety in the Grand Arsenal should be used for a Railway between Vellore and the Madras Railway. I was under the necessity of bringing to the notice of Government, that I had been kept in perfect ignorance of matters on which I ought to have been fully informed and consulted.

6. I hope therefore that the Inspector General, the Marine Board, Master Attendant, or other authority, may now be authorized to give early and full information in an Official manner to the Chief Engineer, of all documents relating to Shipping arrivals and to the Stores of the Engineer Department as soon as practicable.

7. In conclusion I would respectfully observe, that this subject has not failed to attract the notice of the Government of India, for in their despatch dated 28th January 1858, No. 451 (vide Extract Minutes Consultation, 27th January 1858, No. 336.) Captain Yule has called upon this Government to report, whether the Public Works Department here may not be required to make its own arrangements for landing and receiving stores belonging to it according

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th April 1858.

to the practice in Bengal? a system which only has not been proposed long ago in Madras on account of the extra expense involved; and of a desire to economize existing establishments and public buildings as much as possible.

8. In the course of a few days however a report will be submitted, I trust, on this subject, in reply to the orders of Government; but as sometime must unavoidably elapse before this can be done, I trust that the Government may be pleased to direct, that for the future, the Chief Engineer be supplied with a list of Shipping arrivals and departures, of Invoices, Bills of Lading, Packing Lists, together with a monthly return from the Grand Arsenal of receipts, issues and remains of Department Public Works plant, so as in fact to have some authentic information of the state of his stores, and to have a knowledge of Shipping arrivals and departures, that may in some measure enable him to make arrangements for the despatch and distribution of his Plant.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 659; dated 13th April 1858.

The Chief Engineer complains of the difficulty he experiences, in obtaining a knowledge of the arrival from England of Machinery and Stores in general, for the use of the Public Works Department, and requests that he may be supplied with Shipping lists, Invoices and Bills of Lading, together with monthly returns from the Grand Arsenal of all receipts, issues, and remains of Public Works plant.

2. In para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation 29th March, No. 567, the Chief Engineer was requested to consider this very subject in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, and to suggest the course most likely to effect the object in view. Colonel Faber's attention is called to this order; and he will, in accordance with it, confer with the Inspector of Ordnance, and arrange a plan for obtaining from time to time early information of the nature he requires. It is not needful, however, that monthly Statements or returns should be furnished to him from the Arsenal. It will be sufficient if he is kept acquainted with arrivals of all stores, or obtains transcripts of Invoices, &c., from time to time as they arrive, and his own records will supply him with information regarding issues.

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

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Central Office of Mr
Fort Saint George
26th March 1858

From

To The Chief Engineer
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
dated 26th March 1858

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the following circumstances connected with the supply of English stores and machinery for the P. Works, and to solicit the support and assistance of Government in the matter.

2. On the 2^d of this month, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Ammunition obligingly brought to my notice, that certain steam Engines and other Machinery received by the "Malabar" for the use of the P. Works, were lying out the Light House Reach exposed to the sun and weather, and he requested me to state whether any arrangements could not be made for their disposal and whether proper cover could not be provided

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3 It thus seems sufficiently clear, that the Inspector General, amidst his many other labours and engagements

is unwilling to favor me with any official intimation of the nature, or quantity, or value of the machinery or stores that may be received for the use of the D.M. from the Honble Court, and that the latter must look to indirect sources for information, which it plainly is indispensable should be obtained by him from some authority connected with the despatch or receipt of the machinery in question; and which it is also necessary for the local Officers of the Department to be acquainted with, in order to enable them to make proper arrangements for the execution of works, as well as for the payment of such machinery as may be allotted to them for that purpose.

4. Under these circumstances, I deem it proper to submit the matter for the order of Government, for although in the latter part of his Proceedings of the 15th Inst, the Inspector General kindly states, that he will be most happy to take into consideration any arrangement which may be proposed, with the view of securing a regular communication of the information sought for; yet is it obvious that no

arrangement can be fully satisfactory which does not recognize it as a duty on the part of the Consignees to expeditiously furnish every information connected with the description, quantity and value of each kind of store or machinery despatched by the Honorable Court, as plant for the use of the D.A.W.

5 On a former occasion, when a proposition was made by the late Military Board to the effect, that certain rails allotted to this Department, and placed for sale in the Grand Arsenal should be used for a Railway between Villon and the Malabar Railway. I was under the necessity of bringing to the notice of Government, that I had been kept in perfect ignorance of matters on which I ought to have been fully informed and consulted.

6 I hope therefore that the Inspector General, the Marine Board, Master Attendant, or other authority, may now be authorized to give early and full information in an official manner to the Chief Engineer, of all documents relating to shipping arrivals and to the stores of the Engineer.

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7 In conclusion I would respectfully observe, that this subject has not failed to attract the notice of the Government of India, for in their despatch dated 28 January 1858. No 451 (vide Extracts Minutes Consultation 27 January 1858. No 336) Captain Yule has called upon the Government to report, whether the Public Works Department here may not be required to make its own arrangements for landing and receiving stores belonging to it according to the practice in Bengal, a system which only has not been proposed long ago in Madras on account of the extra expenses involved, and of a desire to economize erecting establishments and public buildings as much as possible.

8 In the course of a few days however a report will be submitted, I trust, on this subject, in reply to the orders of Government; but as some time must unavoidably elapse before they can be done, I trust that the Government may be pleased to direct, that for the

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Wm. Fisher Colman
Chief Engineer

N. 659

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 13th April 1858.

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From the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept

Dated 26th March 1858.
Recd 29th 58

N. 8523.

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B. F.

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