

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cr. No. 8, 20-4-1958.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th April 1858.

No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 25th March 1858, No. 1073.

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Our Governor in Council at Fort Saint George.

Reply to letter from dated 26th September 1857, No. 120
para. 2.
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Department.

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3. The importance of local supply, and the advantage of being independent, as far as possible, of the manufactures of England (and the attendant delays and risk of transport) even when there may be some disparity in workmanship and some increase in cost, has been so often urged by us, that we have only on the present occasion to express our satisfaction with the substance of this report, and to express a hope that the continuance of heavy demands upon this Country for all description of Tools, will be rendered unnecessary by the development of the resources in this respect of the Madras Presidency. This object has already been pursued with great success in Bengal, where great Public Works have been executed with but trifling assistance from the Workshops in England.

We are &c.,

(Signed) ROSS D. MANGLES, and 11 others.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance and to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 681 ; dated 14th April 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

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W. B. Mangles
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Department Public Works.

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Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

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Public Engineers.

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For the Engineer

12th April 1858

Copy to the Engineer

N^o 19420

Public Works 1858 Department
Dy to Genl. 20th April
N^o 116.

Ex: from the office of Genl
in the Military Dept

dated 25th March } 1858
No. 1st April }

N^o 1073

No. 681. 14th April 1858.

Communicating copy
of a Despatch from the
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