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No. 86. Read the following letter from Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, dated 5th November 1858, No. 437.

SIR,

The receipt from England of such ponderous articles of Machinery as Steam-Dredges and Punts intended for other ports and localities than Madras, and the great inconvenience and expense as well as risk attendant on their landing at this port and re-shipment to their respective destination, urge me to request Government will allow such a modification of the orders enjoined on the Department Public Works, as may be applicable to the particular instance now submitted to Government, so that authority may be given for the direct transhipment of such Machinery or when practicable that the Vessels which bring out the articles of Machinery should convey them to their destinations.

2. The immediate occasion of this reference to Government is the arrival of the supply of punts by the "Royal Albert" referred to in Honorable Court's Despatch No. 16, dated 21st July 1858, communicated to this Department in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1784, dated 1st September 1858, as the localities where the Dredgers (for which these punts are intended) are to be employed, are specified in the Honorable Court's Despatch, I suggested to the Officiating Chief Engineer, the desireableness of sending away the punts without landing them at Madras, and that by timely arrangements with the Superintendent of Marine, this may be effected. But the Officiating Chief Engineer, considered himself precluded by the orders of Government from taking charge of any Machinery not already indented for, and that he felt it inexpedient to receive charge of stores until they had been inspected and found complete.

3. I need scarcely assure Government that besides the certainty that much trouble and expense will be saved by the adoption of the course recommended by me, the delay which frequently ensues in the despatch of Machinery to the stations for which they are intended, will also be most effectually avoided. And I beg therefore Government will be pleased to issue the necessary instructions on the subject.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, No. 2542; dated 27th November 1858.

It is observed from a letter dated 29th September 1858, No. 3 that the Home Gvernment have shipped the Dredges and Punts intended for the service of this Presidency for delivery at Madras and Coringa where they say they are to be landed for the convenience of being put together, the Home Government refer probably to the Mechanics whose services have been engaged for that purpose and who are accompanying some of the Dredges as the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will have learnt from the order of Government dated 18th November 1858, No. 2442. Under these circumstances the Government think that Colonel Balfour need apprehend no difficulty or inconvenience in the matter.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordnance Department

No 48 Pont St. Square. No. 437

From Colonel [illegible]

The Inspector General

of Ordnance and Magazines

To

The Secretary to Government

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Date [illegible]

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Inspector Genl's Office
Fort St George
5 November 1858

E. Maclean Colb
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The Inspector General of Ordnance informed of the Home Government instructions in regard to the Dredges and Punts shipped by them for the service of this Presidency.

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