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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 9. Read the following letter from Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, dated 11th October 1858, No. 392.

SIR,

With reference to the letter of the Acting Chief Engineer No. 4345 dated 8th October 1858 to your address, I beg to report to Government that I received a copy of that communication from the Acting Chief Engineer on Saturday 9th October after all the Clerks had left the Office, and that the Indent to which it bears reference was received so late on Saturday as not to have been included in the Papers of the day.

2. The Indent itself bears no appearance of being of an emergent nature, as set forth in the Chief Engineer's Report to Government, and is not designated "Emergent."

3. I am induced to lay this question before Government, as I have seen frequent demands made by the Chief Engineer on Government to comply with requests for issues of Stores without payment. I have myself received so many similar applications, that I feel called on to submit to Government that, this reiteration of requests by the Chief Engineer is totally opposed to fixed orders, and so greatly tending to break through the great security now existing for the due accounting for Stores and Public Expenditure, that I hope a check would be put on this habit of the Acting Chief Engineer.

4. I beg also to observe that there is no fact stated in the letter to enable Government to decide as to the emergency of the case, the fact of the Steamer being under orders is only sufficient to shew that the shipment becomes necessary, but the necessity of the demand being delayed until the Vessel is ready is not stated, and can be no reason for inconveniencing the Government and Ordnance Department by deferring the application until a Vessel is ready.

5. I have endeavoured to induce the Acting Chief Engineer to abstain from these urgent calls; I am quite satisfied that a little foresight and arrangement would obviate the necessity of such urgency.

6. I beg also to bring to the notice of Government that, during the 3 Years the Public Works Department have sent in Indents on England, no supplies of the article White paint now applied for, have even been Indented for, and Government are aware by the Honorable Court's Military despatch No. 115 dated 21st July 1858 that, in the 70th para. the Honorable Court have a second time reiterated their determination not to supply Stores for the Public Works.

7. The Government will also see by that despatch that the supplies of Stores for the Ordnance service are greatly limited, that remarks although quite in keeping with previous ones are very severe on the Ordnance demands, and that if I undertake to give out to the Public Works those Stores which are intended for the Ordnance service, I am only exposing myself to the censure of the Home Government and aiding the Government in this country to evade orders.

8. My request to Government now is that the Chief Engineer may be enjoined to abstain from making demands on emergency without full and sufficient cause, and the same to be stated in detail if called for.

9. That articles not previously Indented for or supplied from Home shall not be obtained from the Ordnance Department without previous communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance.

10. That when articles are demanded on emergency, the Chief Engineer in person, or if too fully occupied, through one of the Superintending Engineers, shall communicate with the Inspector General of Ordnance.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Paint mixed Zinc white lb 372.....	58	5	10
Iron round bar ⅛th Inch diameter lb 79..	4	15	0
	63	4	10

11. In order to prevent delay in passing the present demand, I beg to state in the margin the cost of the Iron and White Zinc paint (there being no white-lead paint in the Arsenal) to enable Government to pass an order for the amount.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th November 1858.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 2303; dated 30th October 1858.

With regard to the articles alluded to in the first part of the above communication the matter it is observed has been already settled. The Government have refused Extract Minutes Consultation 11th October to allow any deviation from the ordinary course. The value of the iron and white paint was subsequently sanctioned, a shipping order given and the articles it is believed have been sent to Negapatam by the "Coromandel." The issue has shown that as stated by the Inspector General there was no such emergency as to necessitate a departure from the prescribed rules.

2. With respect to paras. 6 to 11 of his letter the Government consider that articles not previously indented for or supplied from Home for the use of the Public Works Department should not be obtained from the Ordnance without previous communication with the Inspector General, and that when articles are demanded on emergency, the Chief Engineer should depute one of the Superintending Engineer's or the Assistant to the Chief Engineer to communicate in person with the Inspector General on the subject. Such a course would it is hoped tend to expedite business and save Government needless references such as that made by the Officiating Chief Engineer in his letter of the 8th Instant must be regarded.

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

Indent Department.

No 392.

From,
The Inspector General
of Ordnance and Magazines.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of the Acting Chief Engineer No 4,345 dated 8th October 1858 to your address, I beg to report to Government that I received a copy of that communication from the Acting Chief Engineer on Saturday 9th October after all the Clerks had left the Office, and that the Indent to which it bears reference was received so late on Saturday as not to have been included in the Papers of the day.-

2. The Indent itself bears no appearance of being of an emergent nature as set forth in the Chief Engineer's Report to Government, and is not designated "Emergent".

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3. I am induced to lay this question before Government, as I have seen frequent demands made by the Chief Engineer on Government to comply with requests for issues of Stores without payment. I have myself received so many similar applications, that I feel called on to submit to Government that this reiteration of requests by the Chief Engineer is totally opposed to fixed orders, and so greatly tending to break through the great security now existing for the due accounting for Stores and Public Expenditure, that I hope a check would be put on this habit of the Acting Chief Engineer.

4. I beg also to observe that there is no fact stated in the letter to enable Government to decide as to the emergency of the case, the lack of the Steamers being under orders is only sufficient to shew that the shipment becomes necessary, but the necessity of the demand being delayed until the vessel is ready is not stated, and can be no reason for inconveniencing the Govern=ment and Ordnance Department by deferring the application until a vessel is ready.

5. I have endeavoured to induce the Acting Chief Engineer to abstain from these urgent calls. I am quite satisfied that a little foresight and arrangement would obviate the necessity of such urgency.

6. I beg also to bring to the notice of Government that, during the 3 Years the Public Works Department have sent in Indents on England, no supplies of the Article White paint now applied for, have ever been Indented for, and Government are aware by the Honorable Court's Military despatch No 115 dated 21st July 1858 that, in the 70th para, the Honorable Court have a second time reiterated their determination not to supply stores for the Public Works.

7. The Government will also see by that despatch that the supplies of Stores for the Ord=nance Service are greatly limited, that remarks although quite in keeping with previous ones are very severe on the Ordnance demands, and that if I undertake to give out to the Public Works those stores which are intended for the Ordnance Service, I am only exposing myself to the

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censure of the Home Government and aiding the Government in this country to evade orders.

8 My request to Government now is that the Chief Engineer may be enjoined to abstain from making demands on emergency without full and sufficient cause, and the same to be stated in detail if called for.

9. That Articles not previously indented for or supplied from Home shall not be obtained from the Ordnance Department without previous communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance.

10. That when Articles are demanded on emergency the Chief Engineer in person or if too fully occupied, through one of the Superintending Engineers, shall communicate with the Inspector General of Ordnance.

11. In order to prevent delay in passing the present demand, I beg to state in the margin the cost of the Iron and White Zinc paint (there being no white Lead paint in the Arsenal) to enable Government to pass an order for the Amount.-

Paint mixed Zinc white	Rs.	a. P.
℔ 372.	58.	5. 10.
Iron round bar 5/8 in. diameter ℔ 79	4.	15. -
	Rs. 63.	4. 10.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Inspt. Genl. Office,
Fort St. George,
11 October 1858.

C. Mallett Colonel
Insp: Genl: of Ord: & Mags:

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Public Works Dept.

No 2303

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 30th October 1858.

Read the following

letter

From the Inspector General of Stores & Magazines

Dated 11th October 1858

Rec'd 11th October 1858

No 392

Offers explanation relative to an Indent from the Chief Engineer Department Public Works for White Paint and shews up the impropriety in the routine of duty pursued by that Department.

Ordered that the Inspector General of Ordnance & Stores be requested to favor the Board with his observations upon the matter of the above communication the Indent from the Chief Engineer Department Public Works for White Paint and shew

from the ordinary course.
The value of the iron
and white paint was
subsequently sanctioned,
a shipping order
given and the articles
it is believed have been
sent to Negapatam
by the "Coromandel".
The issue has shown
that as stated by the
Inspector General there
was no such emergency
as to necessitate a de-
-parture from the prescrib-
-ed rules.

2. With respect
to paragraph 11 of his letter the
Government considers
that articles not previous-
-ly indented for or sup-
-plied from Home for
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the use of the Public
Works Department
should not be obtained
from the Ordnance
without previous com-
-munication with the
Inspector General - and
that when articles are
demanded on emergency
the Chief Engineer
should depute one of
the Superintending En-
-gineers or the Assistant
to the Chief Engineer
to communicate in
person with the Inspector
Genl on the subject.
Such a course would
it is hoped tend to
expedite business
and save Government
needless references

such

such an Oath made by
the Officiating Chief
Engineer in his letter
of the 8th Instant must
be regarded.

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& Majr Genl —

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Dated 30th October/58.

From the Offg Chief Engr
D/ 9th Nov.r/58 No 2665
re Cons. 23

Saying down
certain rules for obtaining
mining articles on indent
for the use of the P. W.
Department

No 9810.

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