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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 45. Read the following letter from Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 28th May 1859, No. 49.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order of Government No. 1248, dated 23rd May 1859, intimating that the shipment of Steam Tugs on the "Tartar" is referred to in the despatch from the Secretary of State for India, a copy of which was transmitted to this Department, with the order of Government No. 712, dated 26th March 1859.

2. I frankly admit that an allusion was made, in a very general way, to Tugs being on board the "Tartar," but I beg to submit that, considering the responsible part assigned to this Department in the landing of Stores, and in providing for their safety, specific information, other than that of the cursory nature conveyed in the despatch from the Home Government, is needed. In some instances the information conveyed through such medium is so vague and indefinite, as to leave this Department in uncertainty as to the fact of the shipment, and nothing definite is known until after the arrival of the vessel in the Madras Roads. In the absence of details, such as specifications of the articles shipped, their tonnage, &c., it is difficult to make due provision for storage.

3. The only sure guide, to this Department or to any Store Department, or to any Merchant, in such matters connected with consignments of Stores is the "Packing Account;" and, on hearing of the arrival of the "Tartar" with Dredges, Punts, &c., on board, a reference was at once made to the Packing Account* of the Stores on that Vessel; and, as Government will see by this document, that other Stores were exhibited as being on board, but as already stated in my letter of the 19th Instant, no detailed information whatever was contained therein of the Dredging Apparatus and Punts, &c., being on board the "Tartar;" and, confiding in the authenticity of a Document sent from the India House, I addressed Government without delay and have only to regret to find that a casual intimation such as that to which Government refers to, is preferable to the proof afforded by the true and only good document, viz., the Packing Account of Stores.

4. In elucidation of this, I would beg a reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 714 of 26th March 1859, from para 2. of the letter from the Secretary of State for India, it would appear that the Bills of Lading and other papers connected with the shipment of a Steam Tug, &c., on the "Eunomia" to Masulipatam, were to be forwarded to Government; but as yet I have not received them, although the Accountant General has sent me an Invoice for the Machinery amounting to Rupees (54,081-0-5,) fifty-four thousand and eighty-one and pice five, and if the usual course be followed, this amount will have to appear in the Ordnance General Books to the credit of account of London, and without having that proof of the arrival of the articles so essential for accuracy in accounts.

5. The fact is, I am anxious about the future, for I see the possibility of great confusion by the course now followed, and if it arises there will be nothing but recrimination between Departments, a result which I would do much to prevent, even at the risk of appearing to Government to be obtruding opinions, or offering suggestions, and proposing arrangements which may not, at present, be acceptable.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1859, No. 1351.

The packing account of the Public Works Stores shipped on board the "Tartar" was received in the Public Department of the Government Secretariat and was sent direct to the Superintendent of Marine without communication with the Public Works Department.

2. The Government learn from the Chief Engineer's letter, May 26 No. 866, that the Store Department of his office is landing one tug from the "Tartar" and that the other two will be sent to Masulipatam and Coringa. The aid of the Ordnance Department will not be needed therefore on this occasion.

3. The packing account of Military Stores received with the Inspector General's letter will be returned to him.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Account Department

No. 49

The Inspector General

of Ordnance and Magazines

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of the Order of Government No. 1248

dated 23rd May 1859 intimating that the shipment

of Store for the "Foster" is referred to in

the Despatch from the Secretary of State for

India, a copy of which was transmitted to this

Department with the Order of Government No.

12 dated 26th March 1859.

I frankly admit that an

allusion was made, in a very general way, to the

being on board the "Foster", but I beg to submit

that, considering the responsible part assigned

to this Department in the landing of stores

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Account Department

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be nothing but recriminations between Departments,
a result which I would do much to prevent, even at
the risk of appearing to Government to be obtruding
opinion, offering suggestions, and proposing arrange-
ments which may not, at present, be acceptable.

Inspector Genl's Office,
Sir J. P. George,
28 Aug 1859.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. Macrae
Inspector Genl of Customs
and Excise
to the Magazine

J. W. D.

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Madras Government
to Sir

The bills of Lading,
invoices and Packing Accounts
are usually received in the
Public Department. In the
case of stores in the Taster's
they have been received and it
will be seen from the two books
that they have been
disposed of as follows.

Bills of Lading } to the Public
Packing Accounts } of Marine
Account of Transport }
Invoice - to the Accountant General

secretariat was sent
direct to the Superin-
tendent of Marine
without

Mr. P. M. 24 May 1884

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from the ships and stores
and being
to the Secretary to Government
the Public Department

June 28

June 28 1884

Enclosed

Office that the
limited number of bills of Lading
subject of large number of bills of Lading
which have been received and it
will be seen from the two books
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disposed of as follows.

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Let Mr. Bull in his article
says that Captain can get
the Invoice from Mr. Smith,
the document of it is the
Invoice was sent to the
Assistant General and it
is not from him Mr. H
it is not from him Mr. H
it is not from him Mr. H

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J W D

N^o 1351

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3^d ^{June} May 1859

Read the following
Letter from the Inspec-
tor General of Ordnance
and Magazines

(Here enter 28th May 1859
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2 The Government
learn from the Chief
Engineer's letter, May 26
A.D. 1866, that the store
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from the Tartar, and
that the other two will
be sent to Masulipatam
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Refers to the Inspector Genl of Armed
and Magazine Dept. 4th
" " Chief Eng. " with Paddy.
" " Public Dept. "

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I was the Clerk of the
York & Lancashire

Observing that the
Department of the Chief
Office is having and
the "York and Lancashire"
be sent to the
General and that the
order of the
not needed - the
account of the
be returned to the
General of
Magazines

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