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No. 82. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 7th October 1859, No. 5842.

With reference to the orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit herewith, a report received from the Executive Engineer, Jackatalla, on the working of the peat presses.

Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2138, dated 20th November 1857.
Do No. 1711, dated 24th August 1858.
Proceedings of Government, No. 2341, dated 30th September 1859, paragraph 3.
1 Enclosure.
1 Report No. 133, dated 16th August 1859.

2. It will be observed from the accompanying report that, although both presses were worked in June last, the actual result as to the density and quantity, &c., of the peat pressed has not been obtained, owing to the extremely wet weather on the hills.

3. The presses, Captain Farewell states, will not be worked till finer weather, when a final report will be obtained and submitted to Government.

4. The report now submitted was received in the Central office on the 22nd August last, but in consequence of the incomplete information therein contained, it was thought advisable to await the further report expected from the Executive Engineer, as soon as the weather would permit the working of the presses, so that a fair result of the same might be obtained.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1859, No. 2415.

The Government await the final report promised in paragraph 3.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Spirad Ex. Engineer's Office
Jackatalla
16th August 1859

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From
Captain M. Farwell
Special Executive Engineer
Jackatalla

To
The Deputy Chief Engineer
Southern Circle
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your letter N°3693 under date 10th August 1859, I have the honor to inform you that in my letter N°18, dated 19th May 1859 I reported that one of the peat presses was broken, and that until the two presses were at work together a fair report on them could not be furnished.

2. I repaired the broken press and commenced working both presses on June, but owing to the unprecedented weather we have had during the last two months, the pressed peat has not dried sufficiently to allow of its being carried to Jackatalla to be weighed and used.

3. Almost all the peat pressed has been so saturated with water as to have scarcely cut to the size of unpressed peat as usually cut from the bog, and of course has lost the density produced by the press.

4. I consequently ordered the presses not to be worked till we have fairer weather, as I am therefore as yet unable

to report on the working of them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

W Leadbetter Capt
Special Executive Engineer

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George
7th October 1859.

No. 5842

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government N.W.P.

Public

Sir,

With reference to the orders of Government noted in the Margin, I have the honor to submit herewith a Report received from the Executive Engineer Jaokatalla on the working of the Peat presses. —

2. It will be observed from the accompanying Report that, although both Presses were worked in June last the actual result as to the density and quantity per cent of the peat pressed has not been obtained owing to the extremely wet weather on the Hills. ——

3. The Presses, Captain Farewell states will not be worked till finer weather when a

Ref. Government letter No 3842 dated 24th Sept 1859.

Public Department

Read the Report noted in the margin

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be informed in reply that the Lieutenant Governor has perused with much interest the Report of Executive Engineer Jaokatalla on the working of the Peat Presses and that he is glad to learn that the Presses will be worked as soon as the weather permits.

Ordered also that a copy of the Report be forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor
22 October 1859

Read Chief Engineer's letter No 2118 dated 20th Sept 1859
do No 1911 dated 26th Sept 1859
Memorandum of Public Department No 2341 dated 30th September 1859, para 3

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a final Report will be obtained and submitted to Government. —

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Central Office 1st Div.
Fort St. George
7th October 1857.

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

C. L. Lieut. Colonel
for absent Chief Engr. South Fields

J. H. Dalton Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

E. Gray

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No. 2620.

The Chief Engineer

The Secretary
to Government No. 196

Dated
Received } October 1859

From the Chief Engr. No. 5842 dated 26th March 60
& No. 7774 inclos. 17th August No. 2740-59
No. 2415-11 Octr.
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Executive Engineer Jacksatton on the working
of the Rail Presses and states that a final
Report will be submitted as soon as this
can be received from the Executive Engineer

No 2415

The Govt. await
the final report promised
in Para 3

Fort St. George
11th October 1859

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With an order