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No. 27. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 21th November 1859, No. 7600.

In acknowledging the order of Government, No. 2636, 11th instant, I have the honor to report that, as far as the Department Public Works is concerned, the committee appointed by orders of 12th June 1856, has been required to examine and report on any scientific or mathematical drawing instruments prior to application being made to Government for sanction for their purchase. Only two such instances have, however, happened, and they were disposed of in orders of Government as per margin.

No. 930, 12th June 1856.
No. 153, 28th January 1858.

2. There does not appear to be any use in keeping up the committee for the purpose for which it was ordered; as, with suitable supplies from the Home Government, there is now no necessity for purchasing instruments in this country, but the continuance of such a committee is desirable for the purpose of reporting upon any instruments received from England which may be objected to as inferior; or in the event of any being received from the ships in an injured condition.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1859, No. 2889.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Central Office of S. W.
Fort St. George
24 November 1859.

No. 7600

From,

The Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government.
Department Public Works.

Public.

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Fort St. George
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Capt. [illegible] Lieut. Colonel
Asst. to the Chief Engineer. Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
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Report that the Committee appointed by order of Government of the 12th June /56 has been kept up & the duties it has been required to perform since its formation. Thinks it desirable that the Committee should be continued for the purpose of examining & reporting upon any Instrument Recd from England or from Board Ship in inquired Condition.

Recorded 16th Dec