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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd March 1859.

No. 110. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 17th March 1859, No. 8721.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 10th March 1859, No. 530, requiring me to report on the proposition, which was approved of in Extract Minutes Consultation, in the Military Department, of the 4th Idem, for putting up the Engine and Boiler of the Government Printing Press in the Grand Magazine, I have the honor to refer to my letter of the 8th Instant, No. 8410, submitting a Report of a Committee, which having assembled by my order to take into consideration Mr. Smith's Memorandum of the 13th January 1859, on the prevention of danger from sparks, by making the Furnace of the Boiler consume its own smoke, likewise turned its attention to the question of how most judiciously and advantageously to place the Machinery, and after an inspection of the ground, and of the buildings, gave its opinion, that the Engine should be put up in the small room available for the purpose next the Printing Office, and that the Boiler should be placed a few feet outside, under a small shed erected for the purpose.

2. Considering this an excellent arrangement, inasmuch as, while it involved no modification of the Machinery, except some slight and easily effected alterations of the steam and feed pipes, it allowed the Engine to be set up at once, in such a position as to act directly on the shafting transmitting motion to the Presses, and the Boiler to be conveniently placed for the supply of steam, without discommoding by the generation of heat or smoke, the adjoining rooms of the Government buildings, I fully and heartily concurred with the views of the Committee, and recommended that the house for the Boiler and the chimney, with their connecting underground flue, should be begun without further delay.

3. It is therefore scarcely necessary to add, that I am not of opinion that a suitable position for the Engine and Boiler can be found in the Magazine, which is so far from, and so situated, with reference to the Printing Room, that to transmit motion to the Presses will require a vast extension of shafting, and the introduction of a complicated system of bevelled wheels, while it is not so far removed as to allow of the flue being carried up into the open air, either by means of a masonry chimney, or an Iron funnel, without causing great annoyance. An under-ground Tunnel, in connection with a detached lofty chimney, to carry off smoke and hot air as far as possible, seems indispensable ; and all that would be saved, by making use of the Magazine, would therefore be merely the cost of the small shed over the Boiler, required by the Committee's plan, which saving would be more than counterbalanced by the expense of additional shafting, Cog-wheels, &c., and that of such alterations as might be required for the admission of light and air into the Magazine, and the junction with it of the requisite external flue.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, No. 662 ; dated 21st March 1859.

Referred to the Military Department with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department, dated 4th March 1859 and to Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 19th March 1859 No. 646.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of W.
Fort Saint George,
17^e March 1859.

From

The Chief Engineer,
D. I. W.

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To

The Secretary to Government.
P. W. D.

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Central Office 10th,
Fort St. George,
17th March 1859.
Yours most Obedt. Servant.
W. B. Colman
Chief Engineer

