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No. 97. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th April 1859, No. 9410.

SIR,

Adverting to my letter dated 6th Instant No. 9367, submitting for the information of Government, a copy of the Proceedings of a Committee assembled by my orders, at the instance of the Principal Commissary of Ordnance, for the examination of certain Articles landed for the use of this Department from the Ship "Cressy," I have the honor to forward a transcript of a letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance No. 12,051 of the 2nd Instant, noticing the large accumulation of valuable Machinery, Punts, Dredges, &c., in Abercrombie's Battery and on the Beach, and recommending, in consideration of expected further large receipt of similar articles for which no means of storage exist, to transfer some of the Punts and Dredges and other Machinery to Dowlaishweram, where they could, he imagined, be placed under cover and looked after.

2. Having received, almost simultaneously with Colonel Balfour's communication, an intimation from the Agent of the Ship "Cornwallis" that that Vessel had brought three Tugs, consigned to this Port, but which the Commander would be glad to take on and land at Coringa, it appeared to me that, as the bringing on shore of these Tugs with their bulky and delicate Machinery here, would be attended with all the risks from which the Dredges lately landed from the "Cressy" suffered, as represented by the Committee, and would add still more to our embarrassment for space, and for the means of cleaning, and assorting the large quantities of Machinery of all sorts, which, lying about, are being deteriorated, it would be advantageous to send not only the Tugs still on board the "Cornwallis," but likewise the three Dredges lying at the Light House Esplanade, up to one of the Northern Delta Districts, where they could be taken care of, fitted, and brought into effective use without loss of time.

3. This is, in my opinion, very desirable, and as it is quite in accordance with the spirit of Colonel Balfour's suggestion, and with the course recommended by the Committee to prevent the further impairment of the three Dredges under their inspection on the Beach, I have the honor to request that I may be empowered to transfer both Tugs and Dredges to the Kistnah Division, where the services of such Machines are very greatly required on the Canals, in consequence of the paucity and cost of labor there, the Commander of the "Cornwallis" being willing to land them all at Masulipatam.

Letter from Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 2nd April 1859, No. 12,051.

SIR,

The large accumulation of valuable Machinery, Punts, Dredges, &c., for the use of the Public Works Department, and the expectation of the early arrival of other Stores of the same description, induce me to urge on your earnest attention the expediency of appropriating them for the use of the Public Works in the several Districts, but if the stoppage of these works preclude this arrangement, I have the honor to bring under your consideration the advantage of sending at least some of the Punts, Dredges and other heavy articles to Dowlaishweram.

2. I saw the shell of a fine large building at Dowlaishweram formerly belonging to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., but now, I believe, belonging to the Public Works or Workshop at Dowlaishweram, and which might be made available for storing the Punts, Dredges, &c.

3. I am in hopes that an arrangement of this kind may hereafter prove advantageous to the Public Works Department, as affording great facilities in the movement of Punts, Dredges, &c.

4. The same Boats which can receive the Punts, Dredges, &c., from the Vessel at Anchor in the Bay of Cocanada can convey them to Dowlaishweram, and as the Ellore and Masulipatam Canals will soon be finished, the Punts, &c., can then be conveyed to Bezwara to Guntoor and to any part of the Delta of the two rivers.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th April 1859.

5. There is a Workshop at Dowlaishweram, which is well suited for being raised to one of the most efficient working Establishments in India, having ample resources in cheap materials and good workmen, and besides an able and experienced Superintendent at the head of the Establishment, there are skilled Superintendence.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, No. 863; dated 12th April 1859.

Under the circumstances represented in this letter the Government sanction the transfer of the three Dredges on the Beach and the three Tugs on board the Cornwallis to the Kistnah Division. The Chief Engineer will however consider whether one or two of the number may not properly be sent to the Godavery Division instead of the whole three being despatched to the Kistnah, and will act according as he thinks best.

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

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Ordnance Department

No. 12051

From Colonel
The Inspector General
of Ordnance and Magazines

To
The Chief Engineer

Sir,

The large accumulation of valuable Machinery, Punts, Dredges &c. for the use of the Public Works Department, and the expectation of the early arrival of other stores of the same description, induce me to urge on your earnest attention the expediency of appropriating them for the use of the Public Works in the several Districts, but if the stoppage of these works preclude this arrangement, I have the honor to bring under your consideration the advantage of sending at least some of the Punts, Dredges and other heavy articles, to Dowlaishweram.

2 I saw the shell of a fine large Building at Dowlaishweram formerly belonging to Messrs Arbuthnot and Co. but now I believe belonging to the Public Works or Work shop at Dowlaishweram and which might be made available for storing the Punts Dredges &c.

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the Public Works Department, as affording great facilities in the movement of Punts, Dredges &c.

4 The same Boats which can receive the Punts, Dredges &c. from the Vessel at Cocanada in the Bay of Bengal, can convey them to Dowlaishweram, and as the Ellore and Masulipatam Canals will soon be finished the Punts &c. can then be conveyed to Bezwara Junction and to any part of the Delta of the Krishna River.

5 There is a work shed at Dowlaishweram which is well suited for being raised to one of the most efficient working Establishments in India having suitable resources in cheap Materials and good workmen, and besides an able and experienced Superintendent at the head of the Establishment there are skilled superintendence.

Inspector Genl's Office
Fort St. George
2nd April 1859

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Balfour Colt
For Insp. Genl's Ord. and Magazine

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Capt. & Engrs

Supdt. Engr's Office

N° 9410

Central Office of P.W. Works
Fort St George, 8th April 1869.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Public Machinery

Enclosure 1.
1 Copy of letter-

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2. Having received, almost simultaneously

Enclosure as in Letter
From
The Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Central P.O.
Fort St George
Public Department
April 1869.

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From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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simultaneously with Colonel Balfours communication, an intimation from the Agent of the Ship "Cornwallis" that that vessel had brought three Pugs, consigned to this Port, but which the Commander would be glad to take on and land at Coringa, it appeared to me that, as the bringing on shore of these Pugs with their bulky and delicate Machinery here, would be attended with all the risks from which the Dredges lately landed from the "Crefey" suffered, as represented by the Committee, and would additionally move to our Embarkment for space, and for the means of cleaning, and assorting the large quantities of Machinery of all sorts, which, lying about, are being deteriorated, it would be advantageous to send not only the Pugs still on board the "Cornwallis", but likewise the three Dredges lying at the Light house Esplanade, up to one of the Northern Delta Districts, where they could be taken care of, fitted, and brought into effective use without loss of time.

3 This is, in my opinion, very desirable, and as it is quite in accordance with the spirit of Colonel Balfours suggestion, and with the course recommended by the Committee, to prevent the further impairment of three Dredges under their inspection on the Beach, I have the honor to request that I may be empowered to transfer both Pugs and Dredges to the Central Division, where the services of such Machines are very greatly required on the Canals in consequence of the paucity and cost of Labor there, the Commander of the "Cornwallis" being willing to land them all at Masulipatam.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Alfred Forbes Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort St. George
8th April 1859

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public Works Department.

No. 863

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under Date the 12th April 1859.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 8th April 1859 pt. 9)

Under the circumstances
represented in this letter the
Government sanction the
transfer of the three Dredges
on the Beach and the three
Tugs on board the Commodore
to the Kistnah Division -
The Chief Engineer will however
consider whether one or two
of the number may not pro-
perly be sent to the Godavery
Division instead of the whole
three being dispatched to the
Kistnah, and will act according
as he thinks best -

10 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dated 13th

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No 863.

Extract Minutes of Conv:
D/ 12.th April 1859.

Directioning the transfer of the 3 Dredgers on the 6 Reach and the 3 Tugs on Board the Cornwallis to the Hiv.r trade Division the Chief Engr to consider whether 10 or 12 of the number may not be sent to the Gov.r every Division instead of the whole 3 being despatched to the Hiv.r trade and to act as he thinks best.

No 97 & 98

Colchester