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With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 3685 dated 12th October 1858, sanctioning the construction of stone Platforms for 68 Pdr. Guns, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that an experimental stone Platform constructed at Artillery Head Quarters by the District Engineer was used throughout the late Annual Artillery Practice, but the results of the test, as reported on by the Brigadier Commandant of Artillery prove that a Platform capable of resisting effectually the shock of firing from a 68 Pdr. Gun, should be constructed entirely of stone and not of brick and with a depth of foundation greater than that given to the experimental Platform.

2. The Platform tested at the Mount was composed of brick and granite and the Extract as per margin, from the Commandant of Artillery's Report, will shew Government, that a Platform of that description is not adapted for Ordnance of a heavy Calibre. The friable nature of bricks yields readily under great pressure and such material is consequently ill adapted to resist the shock from a heavy 68 Pdr. Gun. It is therefore necessary, in my opinion, that another Platform should be constructed for experiment and entirely of stone, and with a foundation of greater depth. I beg to state that

the Chief Engineer has been addressed on the subject, and requested to give the necessary instructions for proceeding with the erection of such a Platform, also to repair the one already made, as suggested by the Commandant of Artillery as per margin; and, when completed to be subjected to the test of firing and the results duly communicated to Government. It is of

the utmost importance that a thoroughly dependable standard Platform should be settled, consequent on the Heavy 68 Pdr. Guns now being placed in position in several principal Military Stations.

The Governor in Council observes, that Minutes Consultation No. 1131, dated 22nd March 1859, provides for the reconstruction of the Platform alluded to. The letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will now be communicated to the Department Public Works, with a view to the suggestions of that Officer on the subject receiving attention.

2. The report of the result of the further trial when completed, will be made by the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(True Extract and Copy.)

W Hamilton Dal
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.

" Department Public Works. *With 20 spare Copies*
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.

Ed. A. A. DeMonte.

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