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

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No. 40. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 19th March 1859, No. 8785.

SIR,

Para. 1. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 11th Instant No. 544, I have the honor to state that the Brick Making Machines and Pug Mills, alluded to in my letter of the 25th Ultimo, No. 8145, not having been landed by this Department, nor come under its cognizance till after they had been damaged, I am unable to give any more definite information than that already afforded as to the manner in which the injuries were received.

2. With respect to the loss of parts of a Steam Dredge while being shipped for transport to Negapatam, I cannot say who were to blame, as the operation was conducted entirely by the Ordnance Department, and the responsibility must rest between them, the Boatmen, and the Officer and Crew of the "Coromandel."

3. In reply to para. 2, I beg to state that, the six five ton Cranes referred to, were received from England in the Ship "Endymion" on the 7th of May 1857, with an Invoice, of which an extract was furnished to this office, dated London, 2nd December 1856. The bolts of these Cranes were all too short by two inches, and have had to be lengthened.

4. The twelve hand Pumps were received by the Ship "Graham" on the 22nd November 1855, but no Invoice, or extract from it, appears to have been sent to this Department, and it was not till these had been inspected, after having been indented for from the Mofussil, that these defects were discovered.

5. With reference to para. 3 of the orders under reply, I beg to say that I will not fail to report promptly all future instances of injury to articles received from England as soon as they come to my knowledge, but whether I shall have the means of showing that they occurred before the arrival of the articles in the roads, or in the process of landing them will depend, I respectfully submit on the decision of Government, on my proposition for the entire transfer of the receipts, custody, and issue of Public Works Stores to this Department, since under the present system, I know nothing of any thing that may have arrived till it is landed.

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No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 833; dated 8th April 1859.

Ordered that a copy of paras. 1 and 2 of this letter be forwarded to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, with a request that he will enquire and report the nature, extent and causes of the damage alleged to have been sustained by the Machinery specified by Colonel Faber in the processes of landing and re-shipping. Ordered also that paras. 3 and 4 with the previous correspondence on the subject be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities.

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

Central Office of Public Works  
Fort St George 19<sup>th</sup> March 1859.

N<sup>o</sup> 8785

From  
The Chief Engineer,  
To  
The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department

Office  
Machinery

Sir,  
In accordance with the instructions conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant N<sup>o</sup> 544, I have the honor to state that, the Brick Making Machines and in-  
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Officer

Officer and Crew of the "Gromandis".

3. In reply to para 2, I beg to state that, the six five ton cranes referred to were received from England in the Ship "Endymion" on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1857, with an invoice, of which an extract was furnished to this Office, dated London 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1856. The bolts of these cranes were all too short by two inches, and have had to be lengthened.

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5. With reference to para 3 of the orders under reply, I beg to say that I will not fail to report promptly all future instances of injury to articles received from England as soon as they come to my knowledge, but whether I shall have the means of showing that they occurred before the arrival of the articles in the roads, or in the process of landing them, will depend; I respectfully submit on the decision of Government on my proposition for the entire transfer of the receipts, custody, and issue of Public Works stores

store to this Department, since under the present system, I know nothing of any thing that may have arrived till it is landed.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Central Office of P.W.  
Fort Saint George  
19<sup>th</sup> March 1857.

} Your Most Obedient Servant.  
W. H. Miller Colonel

Chief Engineer

Public Works Dept

No. 833

# Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1859

(Read the following  
letter from the Chief  
Engineer.

(Inserted 19<sup>th</sup> March 1859  
N<sup>o</sup>. 8785)

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copy of paras 1 and 2  
of this letter be for-  
warded to the Inspec-  
tor General of Ordnance  
and Magazines, with  
a request that he  
will enquire and re-  
port the nature,  
extent and causes of  
the damage alleged  
to have been sustained

by

Case 15 March 1859. N<sup>o</sup>. 33-34.

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20<sup>th</sup> 1859 21<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> 1859 21<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

From the Chief Engineer  
to the Secretary to Government  
under Minute 21<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> March 1859

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Refers to Extract  
Minutes of Consultation  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1859  
1859 regarding the  
damages sustained by  
masonry.

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by the Machinery  
specified by Colonel  
Tabor in the process  
of landing and re-  
shipping. Ordered also  
that Papers &c. with  
the previous correspon-  
dence on the subject  
be brought to the notice  
of the Home authorities.

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of Revenue & Magazines.  
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App. Com: 15<sup>th</sup> June/59.  
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Public Works 1859-29410.  
2050 Com: 12<sup>th</sup> April

No 8335.

Contract with of Com.

208<sup>th</sup> April 1859.

From the Register-County  
of 20<sup>th</sup> April 12<sup>th</sup> May 1859  
Ch. 12/18. Com.

The Inspector General  
of Ordnance & Magazine is to  
inquire and report (no matter)  
what and causes of the same,  
image alleged to have been  
endowed by the Treasury  
specified by Col. Baker in the  
process of landing and  
re-shipping, and the same  
condemned on the subject to be  
to ought to the notice of the  
Home Government.

No 10 441.

31<sup>st</sup> March 27<sup>th</sup> April