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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 71. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to the Secretary to Government, dated 26th January 1860, No. 9621.

In acknowledging Extract from Proceedings of Government, No. 8 of 21st instant, I have the honor to report with reference to the enquiry of the result of the employment of the Dredge at Negapatam, that it has not yet been brought into use. It is, as mentioned in the enclosure of my letter, No. 4426, 31st August last, one of five sent out by Messrs. Forrester and Co., which were reported faulty in construction and inefficient, by the District Engineer of the Gódvári and Mr. Kennedy, Assistant District Engineer, Chengalpat.

2. In orders of Government, No. 1373, 6th June 1859, the erection of this Dredge, with certain improvements to remedy the defects, was conditionally sanctioned at a cost of (1,200) one thousand and two hundred Rupees, but the work was deferred, pending further reports on the subject from Mr. Moncrieff at Bezwádá and Mr. Kennedy, Eastern coast canal, which was approved of in the order of Government, No. 2300, 26th September 1859.

3. I am now about to make that report to Government, but, in the mean time, the Dredge at Negapatam has not been brought into work, and the Government are aware that the other Dredge for Negapatam, a large one for the harbour, is in course of erection at Madras, under Mr. Flockhart, Mechanical Engineer ; but its removal to Negapatam will probably not be practicable until next monsoon, when the opening of the bar of the Kúvam will enable it to be taken to sea.

4. In regard to the report required respecting Ransome's patent process for preserving stone, I have the honor to state that I am not at present in a position to report on the subject, having understood the expression " the end of the year " to be at the lapse of 12 months after receipt of the material, which I inferred from paragraph 2 of the despatch of the Home Government.

5. The material was distributed between the Civil Architect, Garrison Engineer and District Engineers of Canara and Malabár, with instructions to test its qualities by application under varying circumstances : that for use at the Presidency is, I hope, in course of trial now ; but the portion for Canara and Malabár, retained here hitherto in hopes of an opportunity occurring for its transmission at a small cost, is now about to be despatched, and it would not be desirable that any opinion regarding its merits should be expressed to the Home Government, until it has suffered exposure in those districts to the full force of the south west monsoon, or until, say, November next.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1860, No. 291.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Central Office of P.W.
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Your Most Obedt. Servt.

To Captain
Asst. to the Chief Engr.

A. L. W. Lt. Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Miss Mary 1st January 1822
Mr 1st July 1822
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To
The Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 26th 3 January 1822
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regarding the employment of
the sick and invalids and
reporting the requirements of
the sick and invalids
to be carried out with the
sick and invalids
alone
6th 1822
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