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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd August 1861.

No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 26th July 1861, No. 2,647:—

Authorizing the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to complete the new Steam Mill House, &c., in course of erection at the Gun Powder Manufactory. } (Vide Military Proceedings 26th July 1861, Nos. 510-511.)

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1861, No. 1,447.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 11th July 1861, *No.* 62; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Adverting to the 7th paragraph of the Military Despatch* from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, communicated in the Proceedings of Government No. 1891, dated 31st May 1861, I have the honor to represent to Government, that the erection of the new Steam Mill House at the Gun Powder Manufactory, and the necessary preparations for adapting the Incorporating Mill to be driven with Steam power, have so far progressed towards completion, that a suspension of the works will render the outlay already incurred, a loss to Government.

*No. 55, *dated* 30th *March* 1861.

2. The Superintendent Gun Powder Manufactory reports that the works are in a very forward state, the protective wall, Mill House foundations and Plummer block wall are complete; the Teak framing of the Mill House, together with its Wrought Iron braces, bolts and nuts, doors and windows, are all but complete; the Spur and Bevil wheels with Plummer blocks, shafting, &c., have been contracted for, and will be shortly supplied.

3. The purchase of Timber for boarding the sides and roof, and a few castings to be procured from the Mint, comprise all that is necessary for the entire completion of the works.

4. I have considered it necessary to submit the above particulars to Government; as, from the paragraph of the Military Despatch above quoted, it will appear that the arrangements at the Mills are to be superseded by the proposed despatch of twelve Incorporating Mills from England, the whole to be worked by Steam power, and I beg therefore to be favored with the instructions of Government, whether, pending the setting up of the twelve Mills, the one now reported on shall be completed and worked; or, whether it shall be suspended, and the material and fittings, as far as may be, made available for the twelve Incorporating Mills referred to by the Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

ORDER, No. 2647, *26th July* 1861.

The Governor in Council observes, that as the necessary preparations for adapting the Incorporating Mill to be driven by Steam power, have so far progressed towards completion, that a suspension of the works will involve a loss to Government, and taking into consideration that a considerable period of time must elapse before the twelve Incorporating Mills and Steam Engines expected from England, can be brought into working operation at the Gun Powder Manufactory, especially should it eventually be determined to change the site of the present buildings, His Excellency resolves, under the above circumstances, to authorise the completion of the work on hand.

2. The attention of the Inspector General of Ordnance will, however, be called to the remarks of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in paragraph 7 of the Despatch, recorded in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, regarding several operations in the process of manufacturing Gun Powder, being brought together, as open to objection.

Proceedings of Govt., No. 1891, 31*st May* 1861.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Department Public Works.
" Military Auditor General.
" Military Accountant.

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