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Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 17th September 1862, No. 3,199:—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government No. 2,062, dated 28th August 1862, I have the honor to state that notwithstanding strict search has been made among the records of the Central Office for the copy of the Contract under which the Steam Tug intended for use at Paumben was supplied, no trace of it can be found. Thinking it might have been sent to the Superintendent of Marine I wrote to that Officer on the subject, and in reply he informs me that the document has not been made over to his Department.

2. I would therefore suggest that the several letters from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, and District Engineer Godavery, bringing to notice the defects in the Steam Tug in question, be at once sent on to the Home Authorities with a view to their determining whether the vessels can be thrown on the hands of the contractors or makers, and whether as also suggested by Major Stoddard, they can be called upon to make good the expenses which have been incurred by Government in getting her out and fitting her up.

ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1862, No. 2,310.

1. The Secretary of State will be addressed with regard to the defects pointed out by Major Stoddard in the Steam Tug intended for use at Paumben and now lying in the Cocanada River.

2. The Government are not satisfied with the explanation furnished by the Acting District Engineer in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter dated 16th July 1862, No. 327, with regard to the expenditure incurred in excess of the estimate. A proper and correct estimate should have been prepared.

3. The Chief Engineer will be requested to take due notice of so important a document as the Contract for the Tug having been mislaid in his Office.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer,
„ Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Control Office P.P.
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17th September 1862.

Sir,

To
Lt Colonel Jr. J. Bird and R.E.
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
&c &c &c

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

In reply to the
Proceedings of Government
No. 2062 dated the 28th August 1862,
I have the honor to state that
a Patent Landing Stage Bench
has been made among the records
of the Central Office for the erection
of the Central Gangway which the
Steam Ins intended for use
at Paumben was submitted no
trace of it can be found. Nothing
it might have been sent to the
Superintendent of Marine I
wrote to that Officer on the subject
and in reply he informs me that
the document has not been

made

made over to his Department.

2. I would therefore suggest that the several letters from the Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle and Distt. Engineer Godavery bringing to notice the defects in the Steam Ship in question, be at once sent on to the Home Authorities with a view to their determining whether the Vessel can be thrown on the hands of the Contractors or Masters and whether as also suggested by Major Stoddard, they can be called upon to make good the expenses which have been incurred by Government in getting her out and fitting her up.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt

Central Office P.W.
Chepauk
17 Septr 1862

Colonel RE
Chief Engr & Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

To The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Chepauk
26th September 1862

Chief Engineer
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Copy in a letter to England Dated 9th March No. 16 of 1863

From the Chief Engr 5/10 Aug. & 1862 Encl. 3060

No. 167 24673

Authorities be addressed with the subject with direction to their determining whether the Vessel can be thrown on the hands of the Contractors or Builders and whether they should not be called upon to make good the expenses incurred by Govt in getting her out & fitting her up

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From No. 2819

The Chief Engr. Dpt

To The Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 17th Sept 1862.

Rec'd 18th Sept 1862.

No. 3199

No. 2310 26 September

Resolving that the Contract under which the Steam Tug intended for use at Paumben cannot be supplied cannot be traced either in the Office or in that of the Dept of Marine & recommending that the Same with an order

No. 2310.

The Secretary of State will be addressed with regard to the defects pointed out by Major Stoddard in the Steam Tug intended for use at Paumben and now lying in the Cocanada River.

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