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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th March 1862.*

No. 53. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 18th February 1862, No. 625:—

Communicating paragraphs 3 to 6 of the letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, submitting certain explanation with respect to the demands for Public Works Stores made on the Home Government by the Ordnance Department in past years. (Vide Military Proceedings, 18th February 1862, Nos. 378-379.)

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1862, No. 359.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 4th November 1861, No. 2,027.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
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, 4th February 1862, No. 198; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government No. 4024, of 8th November 1861, communicating Order from the Public Works Department, No. 2027, of 4th November 1861, regarding Stores indented for by this Office on the several requisitions submitted by the Public Works Department from 1856-57 to 1859-60.

2. The Order in the Military Department has been communicated to the Officers as per margin, who, I may here observe, prepare their own Indents, and submit them direct to Government without the intervention of this Department.

*Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
Clothing Department.
Commissary General.*

3. In the 3rd clause of paragraph 2 of the Order above quoted, it is stated that, there have been till quite recently orders in England, for an amount of Stores very far in excess of present wants. For instance, the 3rd Article in the Chief Engineer's List, namely, Pickaxes 7 lbs. it appears that

In 1856,	10,000	were demanded
" 1857,	7,250	" "
" 1858,	7,250	" " and
" 1859,	9,000	
	<u>33,500</u>	

4. I may respectfully observe that, the Records of Government in the Military Department, in connection with the form of Indent on the Home Government, will place this matter in its true aspect.

5. The Honorable Court of Directors between the years 1856-57 and 1859-60, postponed compliance with new demands, and on two occasions cancelled all old demands on account of the Department Public Works, as shewn in the Despatches noted in the margin—as for instance, in the article Pickaxes referred to, the number of Pickaxes due in 1859-60 as per Indents in this Office, is only 10,750, the full number demanded by the Chief Engineer, and not 33,500.

*Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 180, dated 16th December 1857, paragraph 32, and Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 407 of 1st February 1858.
Despatch from do. No. 115, of 21st July 1858, paragraph 70.*

6. The same explanation applies to the other items alluded to in paragraph 3 and clause 4 of the Order of Government, the actual outstanding demands in 1859-60 being as shewn in red* ink; and so again with Pile Driving Machines, seventy were indented for on Indent No. 60, dated 12th February 1857, but of this number one only was supplied, and sixty-nine remained due on Indent No. 63 of 27th January 1858, which latter was cancelled by Despatches of the Honorable Court of Directors, No. 180, of 16th December 1857, and No. 115 of 21st July 1858, so that in the Indent for 1859-60, No. 64, dated 29th January 1859, Pile-Driving Machines were altogether omitted.

*Steam Engine 6 Horse Power 220 130 }
Do. do. 4 " 58 43 }
* Included in the annual Indent of the Chief Engineer, forwarded with his letter No. 6876, dated 23rd December 1858, herein enclosed. (to be returned when done with).*

Pile-Driving Machine, 70—nil.

7. Finally, I would beg respectfully to solicit the notice of Government to the system that obtains in this Department, in respect to the form and preparation of annual Indents, wherein it has been the invariable practice to bring forward in each successive Indent, the Stores, item by item, due on all former Indents, as per blank sheets† attached hereto, so that it is not possible that any un contemplated aggregation of demands can take place. I may also be permitted to state that, all uncomplished with Ordnance Indents on the Home Government, were cancelled by this Department in 1859-60, in Report to Government, No. 14, paragraph 7, dated 19th May 1860.

† A. Up to October 1860.
B. From December 1860 and in present use.

19th May 1860.

ORDER, No. 625, 18th February 1862.

Ordered that paragraphs 3 to 6 of the foregoing letter be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to the remarks in Proceedings in that Department, No. 2027, dated 4th November 1861, regarding the demands for Public Works Stores made on the Home Government by the Ordnance Department in past years.

2. Under the explanation given in paragraph 7, the Statement of Stores indented for and received by the Ordnance Department since 1856, called for in Military Proceedings No. 4024, dated 8th November 1861, need not be submitted.

Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
Commissary General.

3. The Officers specified in the margin, will be requested to expedite their replies to the Proceedings referred to in the preceding paragraph.

(True Extract.)

Harold
Secretary to Government

To the Public Works Department. *With 6 spare copies*

- „ Inspector General of Ordnance.
- „ Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
- „ Clothing Department.
- „ Commissary General.

Aug. 1st Feb. 1853
 " 7th Feb. 1853
 Dec. 14th 1853
 Aug. 8th 1853

A. B. Smith
 Proprietor of the
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Copy of the...
 dated 1853.

Aug. 14th 1853

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The Chief Engineer with reference to is
 Proceeding of... dated 4th Nov. 1861
 No. 2024.
 H. H. George
 1st March 1862

13th April
 To Major...