(1) Number of pieces _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Labourer _____

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No. 268. Read the following letter from Captain O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer 1st Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 26th May 1863, No. 87:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the inconveniences and hindrances to which the public service is exposed from the scheme for re-constituting the Department of Public Works, being only partly promulgated.

2. I neither know my duties nor my powers as Superintending Engineer, and am groping in the dark exposed to make a mistake at every step I take.

3. I am unable to fill up my Office until the Offices of the three Districts constituting the Division are either confirmed or abolished; my own original Office, that of a 3rd Class District, is incomplete, wanting a Draughtsman and Estimate-maker, a vacancy which I am unwilling to fill until some definite arrangement is arrived at with regard to the three District Offices before mentioned.

4. I am still District Engineer and have on my hands also the duties of a Superintending Engineer, whatever they may be, and have but one weak Office to help me to dispose of what is pouring in upon me in bundles from Madras, especially arrears, and in lesser packets from the Godavery and Ganjam.

5. On top of this I receive constant calls from Government to prepare fresh Plans and Estimates which are to be submitted immediately, though no provision is made in the shape of extra assistance to enable these projects to be even investigated.

6. Nothing but dissatisfaction can be experienced by Government and humiliation by its servants in the position occupied by me, unless the whole scheme of re-organization is speedily published.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1863, No. 1,511.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No 87 Supt Eng Office 1st
Waltair 26th May 1863

From Captain O. W. S. Chambers R.E.
Supt Engineer 1st Div

To Colonel R. Birdwood C.B.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Sir,

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Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
Ob. Chambers Capt R.E.
Supg Engr

D.T. 1863 Decr 16th

Copy of Letter for Lieut Genl No. 7668

From

The Supt Engr 1st Division

To

The Secretary to Govr &c
D. R. M.

Dated 26th

Desp? 27th May 1863

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Brings to the notice of Govr &c the inconvenience to the duties of Lieut Merriweather Engr 1st Division on account of the reorganization of the Department being postponed.

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Lieut Colonel Chamberlain has just proved for examination and steps should be taken at once to carry out the changes to them submitted