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Read the following letters:—

No. 266. From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 5th October 1864, No. 709.

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 2,791 of 26th ultimo, I do myself the honor of reporting that, at present, I see no probability of a larger sum than that allotted* being spent in the current year on the Central Jail at Rajahmundry.

* 80,000 Rupees, Part I. item No. 79.

2. I would, however, suggest the advisability of obtaining the extra grant referred to, and keeping it in reserve in case of my anticipations being incorrect.

No. 267. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp Cannanore, 29th October 1864, No. 153.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report having ascertained from the Assistant Engineer in charge of the new Jail at Coimbatore, that he will not be able to lay out within the current official year more than the sum of Rupees 60,000 allotted for the works in 1864-65.

2. Great mismanagement of Lieutenant Trail's successors, from February to May, by undue dependence on and leniency towards a faithless timber contractor (Mr. Bake), has chiefly hindered speedier progress with the building. To counteract which, as far as possible, I have obtained Mr. Rohde's concurrence in authorizing the use of teak instead of jungle-wood in the roofs, the Forest Department being unable to supply the latter in any quantity or in reasonable time.

3. But I must bring to notice another cause of delay, for which the Commissary of Ordnance Fort Saint George, and the Inspector General of Jails have to account. The former not having brought to notice till September his inability to supply materials which he was authorized to issue in June (if not in the former official year), and the latter leaving me . . . in doubt how to dispose of the accompanying Indent, save as now done, to ensure no further delay. I leave my accompanying statement of facts and dates to speak for itself. It is impossible to get work done quickly under such circumstances.

Memorandum on the subject of Indents for iron gates, and iron bolt and flat, for the new Jail at Coimbatore.

1. An Indent for supply of all but the gates was passed by the Principal Commissary of Ordnance in season 1863-64; but appearing not to have been acted on either by the Executive Officer in charge of the Jail works, or by the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, was re-transmitted by the Superintending Engineer to the Principal Commissary of Ordnance in letter No. 22 of 6th June 1864, with a request "for the speedy delivery of one-fourth of each article passed, as the progress of the works depended greatly on them." Information was also requested whether the gates could not be undertaken.

2. Letter No. 497 of 13th June, from the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, states that the passed Indents will be complied with, but that it was necessary that a fresh Indent dated and sanctioned in the current year should be furnished. Intimation was also given that the gates could not be undertaken (in copy of letter from Principal Commissary of Ordnance, which stated "that the iron required might be issued at once.")

3. Original Triplicate Indent of 16th June was then sent with letter No. 39 of 24th June to Inspector General of Jails, with the copy of letter above noted; requesting that the Indent might be sent on direct, the copy of letter returned, and reply to a letter No. 23 of 6th June, sent informing the Superintending Engineer whether Mr. Rohde was prepared to supply the gates as his estimate stated he would do.

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4. In a letter No. 54 (date unknown) the Inspector General of Jails again requested the Principal Commissary of Ordnance to undertake the execution of the gates, which he subsequently agreed to, and the Inspector General's letter No. 68 of 15th July, giving cover to copy of the same, was sent to Lieutenant Smith with instructions to write and expedite the supply of the iron.

5. In No. 70 of 27th July, the Superintending Engineer inquires of the Inspector General of Jails, what became of the Indent, the result of Lieutenant Smith's reminder being that the Commissary of Ordnance had not received it up to the 14th July.

6. In his reply No. 97 of 29th July, the Inspector General of Jails forwarded copy of the Indent as revised and eventually sent in by him.

7. With his letter No. 116 of 24th July, Lieutenant Smith remitted to the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, Rupees 2,000, as an advance for the gates. In acknowledging which Major Harrison asks whether iron 2 1/2 x 1/2 may not be substituted for 2 1/4 x 1/2. Which the Superintending Engineer authorized on 4th August.

8. In his letter No. 173 of 12th September, Lieutenant Smith reports that the Commissary of Ordnance states that bolt and flat iron of the size required are not in store, and he submits a fresh Indent to be signed and passed on to Mr. Rohde for approval and countersignature. The original letter of the Commissary of Ordnance, No. 1,375 of 8th September, was passed on to Mr. Rohde on 25th September, for disposal with the original and revised Indents.

9. A copy of a revised Indent, headed "Duplicate," was received at the Coimbatore Head Quarter Office, on the 26th September, with the following letter No. 276 (without date) from the Inspector General of Jails, viz. :-

"Sir,—In acknowledging your letter of the 26th September, I have the honor to return the Indent duly countersigned. Should it not be in duplicate?"

CANNANORE,
29th October 1861.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Esq. Colonel, R. E.
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1861, No. 2,212.

1. Under the circumstances stated in the letters above referred to, it will be unnecessary to apply to the Government of India for additional grants for the Central Jail now under construction at Coimbatore and Rajahmundry.

2. The Indent referred to in paragraph 3 will be forwarded to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for early disposal. Colonel Simpson will be requested to ascertain and report the cause of the delay, on the part of the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, in supplying the iron gates, &c., indented for by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

3. Colonel Walker's Memorandum, submitted with the foregoing letter, forcibly represents the difficulties experienced by the Public Works Department, in procuring materials, and even such simple manufactured articles as those required for the Coimbatore Jail, and clearly demonstrates the necessity of establishing, with as little delay as possible, the means of obtaining and supplying every thing, not procurable in the province, that may be required by the Department from a Central Depot and Workshop at the Presidency. The erection of a suitable Workshop and Store-room, and the establishment of an effective establishment for their management having now been sanctioned, the Government request that the Superintending Engineer will intimate to the Officers in charge of Ranges in their respective Districts that, except in cases in which articles can be obtained cheaper and better elsewhere, all Indents for tools, &c., required for Public Works, should be submitted for compliance to the Presidency Store Department. It has been observed that in almost every case in which an order for tools or other articles has been sent to a Commission Agent or private tradesman in Malabar, the party to whom the commission was entrusted procured the articles from the Public Works Stores, thus saving the price

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by the extra 10 per cent. charged on all private purchases and by the tradesman's own commission, and causing a considerable loss of time. If the articles required by any Officer are available in the Public Works Stores, they will be at once supplied, and if not so available, they will be obtained by the Store Department from other establishments or in the open market.

4. The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, will be requested to expedite, as much as possible, the completion of the building for the accommodation of the Presidency Stores and Workshops.

(True Extract.)

Signed / *C. A. Orr*. Colonel, R. E.
Secretary to Government

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st, 4th, and 7th Divisions.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Judicial Department.
.. Inspector General of Ordnance, with Indent.
.. Store Department.

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No 709. Superintending Engineer's
Office, 1st Div, Station
5th October 1864

From Captain J. Hughes R.E.
Superintending Engineer, 1st Div.

To Colonel C. A. G. R. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D. Div.
Madras.

*8,000,000
Rupees
1864

With reference to G.O. No 279 of
26th March, I do myself the honor of
reporting that at present I see no pro-
bability of a larger sum than that
allotted being spent in the current
year on the Central rail at Rajah-
mundry.

I would, however, suggest the
adviseability of obtaining the extra grant
referred to, and keeping it in reserve
in case of my anticipations being in-
correct.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt^t servant
W. T. Hughes
Superintending Engineer, 1st Div.

Enclosure
W. T. Hughes

Have on the subject of students for Jan. 1864
and Jan. 1864 and Feb. for the same at
Cincinnati.

The student for supply of all but
the gates was passed by the Princi-
pal Commissioner of Prisons in
Jan. 1864, that appearing not
to have been noted in either by the
Executive Officer in charge of the
Jail House, in the Commissioner of
Prisons. The said letter was
retransmitted by the Dept. of Prisons
to the Principal Commissioner
of Prisons in letter of 10th of
Jan. 1864, with a request for the spe-
cification of one fourth of the whole
number, as the prisoners of the prison
separated from the whole. Information
was also related whether the gates
could not be removed to the

Solution of 10th of Jan. from
the Commissioner of Prisons, that
said letter states that the prison
student will be supplied with, but
that it was necessary that a fine
student should not be furnished in
the course of year should be fur-
nished. Information was also given
that the gates could not be trans-
ferred by copy of letter from Princi-
pal Commissioner of Prisons, which
states that the gates required might
be moved at once.

Original complaint student
of 10th Jan. was then sent with letter
of 10th of Jan. to the Prisoner. Sent
of 10th, with the copy of letter of 10th
of Jan. 1864, requesting that the student

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10th of Jan. 1864
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might be sent on direct, the copy of
letter returned, and right to be letter
no. 6 of 6th June, sent - informing the
Supp. Engineer whether the material was
prepared to supply the boats as
his Estimate stated the material was

In a letter to the State Engineer
the Inspector General of Jail again
requested the Principal Engineer
of Ordnance to undertake the
procurement of the material, which
he subsequently agreed to and the
Inspector General's letter to the State
Engineer giving copies of the same
was sent to the State Engineer with the
instructions to write and expedite
the supply of the same.

On the 10th of July, the
Superintending Engineer, inquired
of the Inspector General of Jail
what became of the material, the
result of which was the communication
being that the Commission of the
Engineer had not received it up
to the 15th July.

On the 15th of July, the
Inspector General of Jail, furnished
copies of the material as
received and immediately sent in
a letter.

With the letter to the State
Engineer, Lieutenant Smith reported
to the Commissioner of Ordnance
and stated that the material was
received for the boats - the material
which was received was
not suitable, but it was not
possible to get more - the State
Engineer was then requested to
expedite the material.

Lieutenant Smith reports
that the Commissioner of Ordnance
states that the material of the
size required was not in stock,
and he submits a fresh estimate
to be signed and passed on to the
State for approval and com-
missioning - The Original letter
of the Commissioner of Ordnance
of 15th of July was passed
on to the State on 26th September
for disposal with the original and
received in due time.

A copy of a revised estimate
of the material was received at
the State on 26th September with the
original letter, but without date,
from the Inspector General of Jail.

In a communication from the
State of the 10th of September, the
Commissioner of Ordnance has
been requested to expedite the
material - Should it not be
in the State?

Commissioner
of Ordnance

Alfred Smith
Supp. Engineer

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Instruction at Com. 1000

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The Incident
referred to in para 3
will be forwarded to the
Inspector General of
Ordnance and Magazines
for early disposal. Coll. and in kind
Simpson will be requested
to ascertain and report
the cause of the delay
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Commissary of Ordnance,
Ordnance Dept, in
plying the iron gates
indented for by the
Superintendent
Doll-Hall
Memorandum for early reports
to difficulties experienced

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will be sent to the
Officers in charge of
Ranges in their re-
spective divisions that,
except in cases in
which the articles can
be obtained cheaper and
better elsewhere, all tenders
for tools &c required
for the Public Works
should be submitted
for compliance to the
President of the Dept.
of

It has been observed that
in almost every case
in which an order for
tools or other articles
has been sent to a Govt
commission agent or private
tradesman in the
territory, to whom the
commission was
entirely procured
the articles from the
Public Works Stores
have raised the price
by the extra 10 percent
charged on all private
purchases and by the
tradesman's own com-
mission, and caused
considerable loss to

For the articles required
by my Officer
are available in the
storehouse.

As the stores they will
be supplied,
and if not available,
they will be obtained
by the Store Department
from other establishments
in the open
market.

The Superintendent
will be requested
to expedite, as much
as possible, the com-
pletion of the building
for the accommodation

of the Presidency
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Supd Engineer
To all other Superintendents
Chief Engineer
Master General of Ordnance
Store Department

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Superintendent

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