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19th December 1864.*

No. 390. Read the following letter from Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 9th December 1864, No. 245 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government No. 3,259, dated 14th November 1864, requesting to be furnished with information relative to the delay in the compliance, by the Grand Arsenal, with an Indent from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, I have the honor to state, that Lieutenant Trail's Indent, dated 19th November 1863, for 96 iron gates, and hoops, and bolt iron, was received in this Office from the Inspector General of Jails on the 7th December 1863; and, after being sent to the Arsenal for check, was passed on the 16th idem with exception of the gates, which it was stated on the face of the Indent, could not be supplied, consequent on the heavy amount of ordnance work then on hand.

2. Nothing more was heard of the Indent, either by this Department or the Grand Arsenal, until the 6th June last, when it was again sent to the Commissary of Ordnance for compliance; but, as the Indent had been passed in a previous official year, the Commissary of Ordnance applied to this Office for instructions, and was informed, on the 10th June, that to prevent delay, it might be accepted as a present voucher, but that an Indent coming within the official year should be called for; and the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, was informed at the same time, that, while the pressure of ordnance work continued, the making up of gates could not be undertaken in the Arsenal.

3. The Inspector General of Jails however, on the 4th July, again urged on this Department the making up of the gates, and offered cash advances for the entertainment of extra artificers in the Arsenal for that special work. On this arrangement the work was undertaken.

4. On the 28th July last, the Executive Engineer advanced to the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, Rupees 2,000, and for the first time sent the plan of the gates, without which plan the gates could not, under any circumstances, have been made up.

* 26th September		10	Gates.
28th		10	"
3rd October		10	"
16th		10	"
21st		20	"
31st		8	"
31st		18	"
Total..		96	

5. The deliveries of gates were made as per margin.*

6. Under this explanation it will be observed that, as far as the Grand Arsenal is concerned, there has been no delay whatever, and that after undertaking the work, every effort was made to complete the gates as soon as practicable.

7. Colonel Walker's Indent is returned herewith.

No. 391. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1864, No. 3,626.

No. 3,259, dated 14th November 1864.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with reference to the orders marginally noted.

2. The Indent referred to in paragraph 7 has been transferred to the Presidency Store Department for disposal.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

There Department
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Department.

No 245. all documents in my possession
Inspector General's Office
Fort Saint George
9th December 1864
Colonel M. Y. Simpson
Inspector General of Ordnance and
The Secretary for Government
Public Works Department
With reference to page 3 of the
Proceedings of Government No 3259 dated 14th
November 1864, requesting to be furnished with
information relative to the delay in the completion
by the Grand Arsenal, with an indent from the
Superintending Engineer of India, I have the honor
to state that Lieutenant Field's indent dated
19th November 1863, for 96 boxes, and keels
and bolts was received in this office from the
Inspector General of India on the 7th December 1863,
and, after being sent to the Arsenal for check, was
passed on the 16th Idem with exception of the
bolts, which it was stated in the face of the
indent, could not be supplied, consequent on the

heavy

heavy amount of Ordnance work then in hand -
 2. Nothing more was heard of the Indent, either by the Department or the Grand Arsenal, until the 10th June last, when it was again sent to the Commissary of Ordnance for compliance, but, as the Indent had been passed in a previous official year, the Commissary of Ordnance applied to this Office for instructions, and was informed, on the 10th June, that, to prevent delay, it might be accepted as a present. It was then that an Indent coming within the official year should be called for and the Superintending Engineer 7th Division was informed at the same time, that, while the pressure of Ordnance work continued, the making up of Gates could not be undertaken in the Arsenal.
 3. On the 10th July, again urged in this Department the making up of the Gates and offered cash advances for the entertainment of workmen and the Arsenal for that special work. On this arrangement the work was undertaken.
 4. On the 28th July last the Secretary Engineer advised to the Commissary of Ordnance for 1000^l and for the first time sent the plan of the Gates, without which plan

plan the Gates could not, under any circumstances, have been made up.

5. The delivery of Gates were made as per margin.

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was made to complete the Gates as soon as possible.

Colonel Walker's Indent is returned herewith.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. M. P. Col
 Insp. Genl of Ordnance

March 1861
On the 11th of March
1861
The 1st of March 1861

The Secretary to the
Public Works Department

March 12th December 1861

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the delay in the construction of the line of the canal between the former channel with the history from the July 1861.

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