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11th May 1864.*

No. 231. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th April 1864, No. 6,560 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government No. 1,036, dated 12th April 1864, I have the honor to report that "iron racers" are supplied at the Presidency by the Ordnance Department.

2. Work of this character, viz., laying iron platforms, with racers, &c., can, in my opinion, be most conveniently performed by the Public Works Department.

3. When I held the appointment of Commanding Engineer of the Dublin District, new platforms were being laid in some of the Batteries near Dublin. The raised racers were there supplied by the Store Department of the War Office, and the works were carried out under my orders.

4. A letter from Captain Wood, Assistant Engineer Fort Range, is enclosed.

From Captain H. W. WOOD, R. E., Assistant Engineer, Fort Range, to Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Fort Saint George, 19th April 1864, No. 888.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum No. 6,324, dated 16th instant, giving cover to Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Works Department, No. 296, and Order thereon, No. 1,036, dated 12th instant, on the subject of iron racers for gun platforms.

2. The only occasion on which iron racers have been required at Fort Saint George is the one which has recently occurred, when six Armstrong 110-pounders were ordered to be mounted on the Sea Face Batteries.

3. The Inspector General of Ordnance had no pattern racer by which I could form any estimate of the cost of one, and he desired, moreover, to procure them from England, so that as far as possible no mistake should take place in providing properly for the equipment of the heavy Armstrong Gun Batteries. Accordingly, when framing my Estimate for the alteration of the Sea Face Batteries, I provided merely for fixing the racers into the granite masonry, leaving the Ordnance Department to supply me with the iron racers when they received them.

4. On former occasions when iron pivots were required for the 68-pounder Batteries, their cost was provided by the Public Works Department and paid to the Ordnance Department who supplied them. A similar course should, in my opinion, be followed with regard to the iron racers, as it is very desirable that these should be of the proper description and pattern.

5. As the Public Works Department is a Civil one, War Office and other Circulars and instructions regarding the arming of Batteries and construction of Magazines are generally speaking not issued to them. I am of opinion, however, that they should be issued to such Officers of the Public Works Department as have Military defensive works in their charge, and beg to submit for your consideration whether this necessity should not be brought to the notice of Government. I have made this digression, as in this very matter of iron racers, I have never had any plan or drawing of the new platform communicated to me. Whatever knowledge I have of the subject has been procured from private and unofficial sources. It is manifest that this course of proceeding is likely to cause error, and should therefore be guarded against by proper measures being taken to provide information in an official manner.

No. 232. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1864, No. 1,358.

1. These papers will be communicated to the Military Department with reference to Proceedings in that Department under date the 4th April 1864, No. 1,110.

iron racers when they received them.

On

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th May 1864.

2. It would appear that according to the practice in this Presidency iron racers for Gun platforms should be supplied by the Ordnance Department and fixed by the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N. 888.

From Captain H. W. Wood R. E.
Assistant Engineer
To The Superintending Engineer
4th Division
Madras.
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo: N. 6324 dated 16th instant giving cover to Proceedings of Madras Government P. W. Department N. 296 and Order thereon N. 1036 dated 12th instant on the subject of iron racers for Gun platforms.

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in an official manner.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
A. M. M. O. Captain R. E.
Assistant Engineer

Thos. H. Gearing
19th April 1861

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Of
From

To
Colonel C. A. Carr. P. E.
Secretary to Government. P. M. D.

Mr.

With reference to Proceedings of
Government No. 1036 dated 12th April 1864

Enclosure

1 Letter from
Agnes C. & Fort
No. 188 2/12 64

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Wm. H. Dickinson, Thos. H. B.

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The Capt. & Co. to: Dr.

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Dec. 23 April 1864.

Wm. L. Garrison



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Your Most Obedient Servant

A. B. B. Col. R. E.
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To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

10th 1864
from 1st of 1864 to 1942
The Public Engineer
4th Division

To the Secretary
to Government
D.C.M.

Date 29th April
Circ. 2d May 1864

Q1. No 6580

Reporting that there
are no supplies at
the Presidency by the
Providence Department.
C10 1355-11th May 1864

With an order

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New paper with 20

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specimen & description of that type and
also the 2nd of 1864 at No 1110

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common type and paper of the 2nd of
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To the Military Dept. 1st
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