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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th May 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 552. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Palamcottah, 7th April 1864, No. 2,201.

SIR,

1. In reply to G. O. No. 907 of the 1st instant, I have the honor to observe that I had no idea of avoiding responsibility or the stating my opinion in the matter of the Steam Dredge.

2. I have more than once urged on Government the advisability of giving up steam as a motive power in this case, but have never been favoured with any reply.

3. Under the impression that the Government now agree with me, I beg permission to send all the old machinery to Madras to be sold by auction. I do not think it is likely to fetch any price whatever at any of the places named in the Order.

4. I have already set on foot enquiries as to the possibility of procuring good Carpenters from any place in the neighbourhood of Paumbem, who could enlarge and repair the hull and fit her up as a hulk for Convicts. I have not yet heard of any vessel likely to suit, but will address Government again in reply to G. O. No. 474 of 16th February 1864, when I have further information.

5. I have this day heard from the Railway Officers at Negapatam, through Major Syme, that their Workshops are not sufficiently advanced to allow of their undertaking the construction of the Hand Dredge. I have therefore requested him to forward the model to you, in the belief that, with it and the spoil boats lying in the Cooum, you will procure a more reliable estimate than I can furnish.

No. 553. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 2nd May 1864, No. 2.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that the Government will re-consider their Order No. 960 of 6th April, transferring the Steam Dredge from Cocanada to Paumbem.

2. All the objections formerly set forward to the use of steam are still in existence, if any thing, stronger than formerly; for the sand bank channel is in good order, and the principal employment now is cutting the angle of the reef.

3. Even now, before the Convicts can be stopped, occasionally damage is caused to a bucket or link in the chains by an unusually hard piece of rock, against which the power of the steam engine would tear several buckets to pieces before the mischief could be discovered by the ruin coming to the surface of the water.

4. The local artificers can speedily repair the petty damage to the Hand Dredge, whereas the Steam Dredge must be sent to Negapatam or Madras.

5. Moreover, Major Syme further reports that a fresh difficulty has arisen in the supply of firewood. I fear that the Government Officers have done very little towards keeping it up, and I hear from other sources that the proprietors of the very considerable jungle that existed a short time ago have been cutting away very freely, and conveying it to Negapatam for the Railway.

No. 554. From Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 3rd May 1864, No. 31.

SIR,

With reference to the Order* of Government on the subject of the Dredge now at Cocanada and to be sent to Paumbem, I have ascertained that, whilst there is perhaps no great danger in sending her down the coast in tow of a sailing vessel in January or February

* No. 1,075 of 15th April 1864.

whereas the Steam Dredge must be sent to Negapatam

next, the difficulty in engaging a vessel to undertake the job will be great, and the amount of remuneration likely to be asked for great also: it might perhaps be advisable to invite tenders by advertising in the Madras Gazette, by which it could be ascertained not only if sailing vessels are forthcoming for the task, but also what they would expect to receive as payment.

No. 455.

ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1864, No. 1,515.

1. Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing papers, the Order No. 960, passed in this Department on the 6th ultimo, directing the transfer of the Dredge from Cocanada to Paumbem will be cancelled. For the present, the Dredge will remain at Cocanada; but as, from Colonel Chambers' letter No. 2,127 of the 26th January last, it appears that, owing to the small number of Punts, two Dredges cannot be efficiently worked in the harbour there, the Government consider it advisable that one of them should be laid up in reserve.

2. Captain Moberly's proposal to send the machinery of the old Dredge to be sold at Madras, is not approved of, as the cost of transport would probably exceed the price realized by the machinery. He is directed to have it disposed of by public auction at Columbo or at Tuticorin.

3. The Government await Captain Moberly's report as to the possibility of adapting the hull of the old Dredge to form a hulk for the Convicts. It is observed that no reply has been yet received to the Order No. 650 of the 4th March last upon this subject.

4. The model of a Hand Dredge, alluded to by Captain Moberly, has not been received from Negapatam.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 8th Divisions.
" Store Department.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Supdg Surgr's Office &c
Madura 2d May 1864

No. 2

From,

Captain F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer &c

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government &c &c

Sir,

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3 Even now, before the convicts can be stopped, occasionally damage is caused to a bucket or link in the chains by an unusually hard piece of rock — against which the power of the Steam engine would tear several buckets to pieces before the mischief could be discovered by the divers coming to the surface of the water.

4. The Local artificers can speedily repair the petty damage to the hand dredge — whereas the Steam Dredge must be sent to Negapatam

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I have &c.

J. Frederick Capt. R.E.
Superintending Engineer & Jr.

Lt. Colonel Lt. Col. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Safety Engrs Office
8th Jan. Madras
2nd May 1864

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of Fort St. George, a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 1031, dated the 31st ultimo, with its enclosures, on the subject of the proposed Steam Communication between Madras and Rangoon.

2. I am to request that you will move the Government of Fort St. George to favour the Government of India with its opinion on the proposals contained in the letter from the Chief Engineer, Orissa Division, dated the 30th March 1864, and in the letter from the Chief Engineer, Pegu Division, dated the 31st March 1864, which are enclosed in the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

3. The Chief Engineer, Orissa Division, proposes that the Steamer should call at Cocanada and Pamben, and that the Chief Engineer, Pegu Division, proposes that she should call at Pamben, Negapatam and Madras.

4. The Government of India observe that the Government of Fort St. George has already sanctioned the establishment of a Steamer between Madras and Rangoon, calling at Pamben, Negapatam and Cocanada, and that the Chief Engineer, Pegu Division, proposes that the Steamer should call at Pamben, Negapatam and Madras.

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Rec: 6th April 1864 No 139-140

1864 Dated 11th May. Rec'd 20th May

The Secy to Govt of Madras M.D.

From The Secretary to the Government of India

Public Works Department

Dated 7th May 1864

Rec'd

Requests to reconsider G.O. No 960 of 6th April 1864 transmitting the steam chart of Rangoon and requests to what G.O. the above G.O. may be sent to Negapatam or Pamben under certain proviso.

No 1575 – 25½ May 1864

No 553.

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Be kind enough to forward
Captain Mulberry
Report to Chief of the
Engineers Office Baltimore
[illegible]

To the Chief Engineer Virginia
" " Navy Department
" " Confederate States

Baltimore

1864 Dept
From No 2088
The Supg Engineer
1st Division
To The Secy to Govt
D.P.W.
Dated 3d
Desp'd 4th } May 1864
Rec'd 11

No 91

Affords certain information with reference to the order of Govt No 1075, of 15th April 1864, on the subject of the Dredge now at Cocanocke, and to be sent to Pamunkey.

No 1575 – 25th May 1864

No 554

No 1575 – 25th May 1864

16 July / 61 – 276 / 1864 Dated 7th 1864 Despatch 221.
(11) Govt. of Fort St. George
May
No. 1610

From The Superintending Engr
S. Division

To The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 7th
Recd. 14th April 1864.

No 1575 – 25th May / 64

Observes that he had no idea of avoiding Responsibility or thus stating his opinion on the matter of the Steam Dredge, begs permission to send all the Old Machinery to Madras to be sold by Auction & informs that the Railway Officers at Negapatam state that they cannot undertake construction of Steam Dredge and thus he has requested Major Lyons to forward the model to the Secretary for reasons assigned.

No. 552

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Captain Moberly's proposal to send the Machinery of the Old dredge to be sold at Madras, is not approved of, as the cost of transport would probably exceed the price realized by the machinery & he is directed to leave it disposed of by public auction at Colombo or at Trincomalee.

The Govt. await Captain Moberly's report as to the possibility of adapting the hull of the Old dredge to form a hulk for the convicts. It is observed that no reply has been yet received to the order of the 4th February last before this subject.

The model of a hand dredge, alluded to by Captain Moberly, has not been received from Negapatam.

To The Superintending Engr 1/
" " Store Department
" " Controller of P. Wks

Dated 25th

16 July / 61 Inst. a/c

P.W. 1864 Depte
(11) Pro. of Govt for May
P.C. 16101

From
The Superintending Engr
S. Division
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 7th
Rect. 14th April 1864.

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No. 552

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Proceedings 2nd May 1864
Directing the transfer of the
Dredge at Cocanada to
Cuddalore. Cancelled.

Cell 11 Sept. 64

Report
Copy of the Proceedings
Copy of Letter from Govt

No. 1575. Public Works Department.

Madras Government
Undersdale the 25th May 1864
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} No. 7th April/64 No. 2201

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Requests to reconsider G.O. No. 900 of 6th April 1864 transferring the Steam Dredge from Cocanada to Paumben & suggests that the above Dredge may be sent to Negapatam or Paumben under certain provisos

} No. 2nd May 1864 No. 2.

3rd May/1864 No. 61

Superintending Engr S. D.—

Affords certain information with reference to Order No. 2075 of 15th April/64, on the subject of the Dredge now at Cocanada to be sent to Paumben

} No. 2nd May 1864 No. 2.

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Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing papers, the Order passed in their letter dated 6th instant, directing the transfer of the dredger from Cocanada to Paumben, will be cancelled. For the present, the dredger will remain at Cocanada; but as, from Col. Chambers letter of the 26th January last, it appears that, owing to the small number of pumps these dredgers commonly be efficiently worked in the harbour there, the Govt. considers it advisable that one of them should