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No. 556. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Covilputty, 29th April 1864, No. 2,547 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to reply to Government Order No. 2,673, dated 16th September 1863, calling for an estimate for repairing the small dredge at Negapatam, and for a report on the measures taken to preserve the bottom plates from corrosion.

2. On receipt of the above, Lieutenant-Colonel Foord, the late Superintending Engineer, called* upon Mr. Roberts, the Assistant Engineer of the Range for the information above requested, but he had received no reply when he handed over the Division to me in the beginning of January last. I visited Negapatam the end of the same month, and should have reported at the time, but I waited for an Estimate from the Assistant Engineer. After repeated calls, in one† of which I informed Mr. Roberts that the measurements of the plates of the vessel would be sufficient for me without the Estimate, I received a report‡ from him on the 26th instant, together with an Estimate for the repair of the dredge amounting to 700 Rupees.

* 21st September 1863, 20th November 1863.

† Dated 25th February 1864.

‡ No. 422.

3. I do not forward this Estimate, and I cannot recommend its being sanctioned. The vessel is hauled up above high tide, and her bottom rests on balks of timber, but several of the bottom plates have been long ago removed. My inspection convinced me that the boat was in very bad order. The engine and fittings have been removed into store. The greater part of the bottom plates have been worn away from $\frac{3}{16}$ths to $\frac{1}{16}$th of an inch in thickness, and it is difficult to tell the exact state of the upper plates. The wings of the boat which appear to have been added at a later period to steady her, are the only portions I would consider in good order.

4. There is no dock into which we could haul the dredge for repairs; the vessel would have to be taken to pieces, and the means at our disposal do not admit of our carrying out such work as fitting new plates, rivetting, &c., &c. The Estimate also under the circumstances of the case cannot be considered a reliable one.

5. The Railway authorities at Negapatam might possibly undertake to repair her, as they have established large Workshops, but the cost could not be otherwise than considerable, and this cost would have to include repairs to the small engine and its fittings, and would be incurred for a dredge which may after all not be used, and which I understand is anything but a perfect machine.

6. If Government resolves on prohibiting such an expenditure, I can only suggest that the vessel should be hauled up higher before the monsoon, and a leaf roof put up to protect the boat from the wet weather.

No. 557. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1864, No. 1,516.

As it appears that the small dredge at Negapatam is in very bad order, and that its repair will be attended with much expense, the Government direct that it be sold, and that the engine and fittings which have been removed into store, be despatched to Madras by the earliest opportunity.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Store Department.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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No 2547. Superintending Engrs Office 6 Div
Coimbatore 29 April 1864.

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Offg Supg Engineer 6 Div

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Under date the 25th June 1861
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To The Sup.g Engineer 6th Dn
" " Store Department -

Engrd Dec
Reptd
& audr 4 March/61

Chief Engr

Dated 28th May -

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The Officiating Supt Govt Steam Vessels
No 6 - Dredged
To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 29th April 1864
Rec'd 2 May "

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Reporting on the state of the small Dredge in the Harbour at Negapatam -

Wm Vaughan

No. 556.

e - 4th May 1864 No. 13th

Wm Vaughan Esq
Offg Secy
Public Letter.

Sir

I request I may be informed whether the small Dredge now at Negapatam is to be sent to Madras for repairs, or whether the damages must be repaired there.

I have &c

Wm Vaughan

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Dept 26th May-

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D. 28 May 1864

Permission granted
for the sale of the usual Oath
dredge at Negapatam in
Tanjore District.

No. 556 1554