

(1) Number of pages 6
 (2) Date of repair 12-9-42
 (3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <u>178</u>	Press Mis.
<u>30-11-42</u>	
Dated <u>12-9-42</u>	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th March 1864.*

No. 345. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Requesting to be informed whether any and what portion of }
the surplus iron in Store in the Grand Arsenal will be of } (Here enter 4th March 1864, No. 773.)
use to the Public Works Department.

No. 346. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1864, No. 773.

It will be intimated to the Military Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Orders recorded above, that none of the surplus iron in Store in the Grand Arsenal is required by the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

28

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

*From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 13th February 1864,
No. 226; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, No. 255, dated 21st January 1864, and with reference to the explanation called for in paragraph 13 thereof, to state:—

2. The circumstances under which the Notification, referred to, was made, are these, from the re-organization of the Department* Public Works, in 1854-55 until the year 1859-60, the whole of the requirements of that Department were included in the Annual Ordnance Indents on the Home Government, and amongst these requisitions were large demands for Iron.

*Letter to Government, Military Department, No. 30, of the 23rd May 1855, from the Military Board, submitting a special Indent for Iron, Steel and Copper for the Department Public Works, on the Honorable the Court of Directors.

3. To place this matter more clearly before Government, I may state that during the nine years preceding 1854-55, the average annual quantity of Iron received from England for the Ordnance Department, was 110 tons. That during the next succeeding five years, that is, from 1854-55 to 1859-60, when large quantities of Iron were obtained specially through the Ordnance Department, for the Department Public Works; the receipts averaged 536 tons annually, or a total of 2,680 tons.

That since 1859-60 to the end of 1863-64, that is, since the Department Public Works has indented on England for its own Stores, the receipts of Iron for the Ordnance Department has averaged only 85 tons annually, or 340 tons in four years, while the requisition on England for the next year 1864-65, is for 48 tons only.

4. I may here mention, that intimation has been given from time to time to the Public Departments, that Iron was available for public purposes in the Ordnance Stores.

5. The Iron specified in the Notification of the 23rd December last, forms a portion of that referred to above, and for which, from the year 1859 to this date, there has been little demand.

6. The object of the Notification published in the Gazette is, to ascertain whether there is any demand for Iron in the local market, and if so, at what rates; the Mercantile Notices of last month having mentioned that the prices of Iron were improving in the Madras market.

"After communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance with whom will rest the final decision."

7. If favorable rates were offered, it was my intention to address Government on the subject, recommending sales; provision is made for this reference in the concluding portion of the Notification.

8. With reference to the enquiry whether no portion of this Iron is adapted for or convertible to, the uses of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, I may explain that in its present form it is not adapted, and that its conversion to forms adapted for Gun Carriage purposes, under the Steam Hammer, could only be effected at a sacrifice of the difference in cost of this Iron and that of Iron Scraps.

9. The invoiced cost of the Iron in question per ton is Rupees 120, as against the *hitherto* obtaining rate of Iron Scrap,* Rupees 31-5-1 per ton, it could therefore only be converted into Scrap Iron at a loss per ton, to the extent of the difference of the two rates given above.

*Last Commissariat Contract rate, Rupees 89-9-7 per ton.

10. The other information called for I will furnish, as directed, through the Controller of Military Finance; but I respectfully beg the permission of Government to mention here, that the great object in obtaining Iron Scrap in the market is with the view of furnishing the Manufactory with the best (and in the Home market the most expensive) Iron, at the Home cost of

ordinary Iron, every ton of Scrap Iron so turned out under the Nasmyth Hammer is shaped for the particular purpose for which intended, and relieves the Annual Ordnance Indent of demands on the Home Government, to the same extent, for Iron of the required dimensions, which would otherwise have to be obtained.

11. Scrap Iron prepared at the Factory is specially adapted for all the several purposes for which Iron is used in the construction of Gun Carriages and Ordnance Carriages of all classes, with the exception only of Iron intended for Tires of Wheels.

ORDER, No. 773, 4th March 1864.

The Governor in Council observes that it would have been more regular, if Colonel Simpson had obtained the authority of Government before advertising the Iron referred to, for sale.

2. It would appear from the foregoing Report that the purchase of so large a quantity as 240 tons of Scrap Iron* was not warranted by the requirements of the public service.

3. Reference will be made to the Public Works Department for the purpose of ascertaining whether any and what portion of the surplus Iron in Store in the Grand Arsenal will be of use to that Department.

4. The Inspector General of Ordnance will state in what manner he would propose to dispose of the Iron that may not be required by the Public Works Department, or for any public purposes.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Russell
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.

„ Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies*

„ Controller of Military Finance.

J. W. 1864. Dep't
Gen. of Post for Mount
No 10574

Pro. of the old Court
in the Military Dep't.

Dated 4th }
Dec 2 8th } March 1864

No 743

Respectfully the mi.

formed within and
what portion of the
shown in 1862 in the Grant
General will be given by
the M. A.

every 748

It will be situated

to the Military Department with

reference to Jan 3 of the order

recorded above that none of the

surplus now in store in the

Grant Arsenal is required by

the Public Works Department

Elephant
15th March 1864

To the Military Department
J. W.

X. 88

Nov 16th March.

No 345-346

the order

at 748-15th March 1864.