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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th August 1865.*

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating letter from the Inspector
General of Ordnance and Magazines,
with a view to measures being taken
for the repair of the buildings at the
Gun Powder Manufactory, which were
affected by the explosion which took
place on the 28th July 1865. (Here enter 31st July 1865, No. 2,830.)

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1865, No. 2,265.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 12.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 4th Division, who will
be requested, in communication with the
Inspector General of Ordnance, to arrange for the immediate execution of the repairs
in question.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustiu.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 28th July 1865, No. 79; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I regret to have to report the occurrence of an explosion, which took place this morning at a little after 8 o'clock, at the Gun Powder Manufactory.

2. On hearing of the accident, I visited the Mills, and found that the damage done was comparatively trifling, as described in the enclosed copy of a report furnished by the Superintendent Gun Powder Manufactory.

3. Government will, no doubt, observe with satisfaction, that no lives have been lost, and that the arrangements at the Mills are now as perfect as they possibly can be, for the conduct of operations of so dangerous a character.

4. I beg that Government will be so good as to issue orders for the immediate repairs required to the buildings, affected by the explosion.

5. I have authorised, as a temporary arrangement, the use of one of the old Gun metal beds, and I have noted to include in the forth-coming annual Indent, which will be submitted in September next, the spare beds recommended by the Superintendent Gun Powder Manufactory, to be obtained from the Messrs. Halls.

From the Superintendent Gun Powder Manufactory, Madras, 28th July 1865, No. 106; to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George.

I regret to inform you that the charge in the Mill next to the Engine-house of the 2nd Group of Mills, exploded this morning at a little after 8 o'clock.

2. Two charges of dust had been milled, the third charge had been about $\frac{1}{4}$ hour or 20 minutes under the runners when it exploded.

3. Mill Maistry Permall was approaching the Mill when it exploded; he was knocked down and is a little burnt, but has had a wonderful escape. I have sent him to Hospital, not so much of necessity, as a precaution, that he may receive proper attention.

4. The Planks of the roof and sides of the Mill are of course shattered, and scattered to a distance of about 40 paces; they would not have been so shattered, had they not been so firmly nailed on, in opposition to the opinion of Mr. Winn; at home they are very lightly attached, to fly without resistance.

5. The Planks of the second adjoining Mills on roof and sides are extensively damaged, the partition walls uninjured.

6. The worst result is in the fracture of the bed of the Mill.

7. If one of the Gun metal beds of the old Mills will fit, I propose using it, if approved, until a new one can be obtained.

8. It would be a judicious arrangement to apply for two or three spare beds from Messrs. Halls; for they almost always are broken on such occasions.

9. The cisterns acted beautifully, and drenching, saved every other charge—not merely in the two Mills connected with the exploded Mill, but, by the concussion, also in the three Mills on the other side of the Engine House; and all the six Mills of No. 1 Group, so proving their practical value and their excellent adjustment by Messrs. Halls.

10. At Waltham Abbey, three years ago, they all failed from defective construction, and so all six Mills there exploded in succession.

11. I have now to request that urgent instructions may be conveyed to the Public Works Department, to restore the Mills for work with all possible expedition; it can speedily be effected if undertaken at once, by an adequate employment of people.

ORDER, No. 2830, 31st July 1865.

Communicated to the Department Public Works, in view to immediate measures being taken, in communication with the Inspector General of Ordnance, for the repairs required being effected.

(True-Extract.)

Hamilton Stoe
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance
" Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies.*
" Quarter Master General
" Barrack Master, Presidency.
E. J. E. Cashart.

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Mil. Dep. at 10

Of 31 July/65
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No. 2880

Communications
letter from the Insp. Gen.
of Ordnance & Magazines,
with a view to measures
being taken for the
repair of the buildings
at the Gun Powder Man-
factory, which were af-
fected by the explosion
which took place
on the 28 July 1863 -
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Communicated to the

Superintending Engineer of the

Division with the request

for communication with the

Inspector General of Ordnance

to arrange for the immediate

specification of the repairs

in question.

At the Department of Ordnance 4. 1. 1865

Contracted for the accounts of the

Military Dept. of the 18th August

John G. George &
per Aug 1865