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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th June 1866.*

No. 236. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Passing orders on certain indents for articles
required from England by the Ordnance } (Here enter 8th June 1866, No. 1,953.)
Department.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1866, No. 1,859.

ACCOUNT, No. 23.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Inspector General of Ordnance ... Here enter 13th February 1866, No. 260.

Report from the Controller of Military Accts. ... 28th " " F.

Memo. to Inspector General of Ordnance... .. 16th March " "

From Controller of Military Accounts... .. 10th " " B.

" *Inspector General of Ordnance.* ... 19th May " No. 18.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 13th February 1866, No. 260; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 4,342, dated 24th November 1865, communicating despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 106, dated 30th September 1865, I have now the honor to submit a "special indent" for certain tools required for the use of the Civil Master Armourer attached to the Grand Arsenal, and for other mechanical appliances required for the Gun Carriage and Gun Powder Manufactories.

2. As observed in paragraph 2 of the despatch above quoted, many of the tools included in the list therewith forwarded are already in Store, some others have been made up, and others are in the course of being made up, especially such as can be made up here at a rate lower than the English rate, so that the indent now contains only such special tools as cannot be either made up or obtained locally.

3. I have also included in this indent sundry other articles for purposes specified.

4. In my indent No. 83, dated 30th September 1865, I entered a demand for 1,200 barrels of coal tar. I now find that such large quantities are required for sanitary purposes that this demand should be increased, so as to insure supplies being available at all times, and at all stations. The Commissary General, in letter of 21st November 1865, points out that he will require 4,000 gallons or 135 barrels extra to the quantity I had previously been informed would be required for issue through his Department, I have therefore asked for 200 barrels extra in this indent.

5. At the request of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a two years' allotment of shalloon for cartridges has been indented for, with reference to the despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, communicated in Order of Government, No. 2666 of 18th July 1865.

6. In the series of photographs lately received from England, is a "machine for rounding and hollowing barrel staves"—five views bearing pencil numbers in the right hand corners 1,576-7, 1,707-8-9—one of these machines will be of the greatest utility in the Grand Arsenal, and can be worked with great economy by the steam power already available. I have therefore included one of these machines, which are of very moderate cost, in the indent.

7. As it was known at the time of my sending in the last annual* indent,

*No. 83, dated 30th September 1865. that the 16th Lancers were to replace the Dragoon Guards, I entered therein a demand for 700 lances complete, in that Indent; but that requisition in all probability will be cancelled by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, with reference to his despatch, communicated in Order of Government, No. 3,316, dated 6th September 1865.

8. Efforts were made to obtain good male bamboos for lances in and about Bangalore, but on the 16th December 1865, the Adjutant General writes "the Commander-in-Chief has seen some of the bamboo shafts it is proposed to issue to the 16th Lancers, and does not consider them fit for the purpose, I am therefore to beg that you will make special application for an early supply of shafts from England."

9. I shall not, however, lose sight of the wish expressed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State regarding bamboo shafts, and am now endeavoring to procure supplies from the district a little north of Vizagapatam, from whence it is understood that the finest specimens of male bamboos are procurable. As a temporary measure and for drill purposes, I have, with the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, issued to the 16th Regiment the lances of the 12th Lancers which are perfectly serviceable in all respects, but many of them altered from the late pattern. I have under the above circumstances repeated the demand for lances in the present indent.

10. The items of machinery included in this special indent will all form useful adjuncts to those already in use at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and tend still further to insure efficiency and economy in manufacture. I have entered them at the special request of the Superintendent, after ascertaining that they are not procurable from the Store-keeper Machinery Department Public Works.

11. A supply of vent pieces for 12 pounder Armstrong Guns is expected from England, and I have asked for 12 for the 6 pounder Guns, with reference to despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, communicated in Order of Government, No. 4,157, dated 10th November 1865.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 28th February 1866, F.

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, 16th March 1866; to the Inspector General of Ordnance.

The Military Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the

*No. 84, dated 13th February 1866.

From Insp. Genl. of Ordnance, 13th February 1866, No. 260.

† Recorded in Mil. Pro., 16th February 1865, No. 690.

and re-submitted to Government with a copy of the report.

From the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 10th March 1866, B; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, with advertence to the Order of Government, No. 867, dated 7th March 1866, to forward a memorandum from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, of the 9th idem, No. 9872, with a supplemental sheet (in triplicate) to be attached to the special Indent, No. 84, dated 13th February 1866, containing a requisition for 800 pairs of Cavalry pistols, smooth bore, ordered to be indented for.

2. Estimated value, Rupees 28,000.

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From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 19th May 1866, No. 18; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In obedience to the instructions contained in your memorandum, dated 16th

"I have the honor to state that I have compared the Indent with the records in my office, and find that one 15 cwt. steam hammer is entered as in Store in the returns supplied to me by the Department of Public Works."
"Apply to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, for the information required about the steam hammer in the Public Works' Stores at Chepauk."

March 1866, I have the honor to re-submit the special Indent, No. 84 of 13th February 1866, and to annex in the margin, extract of report from Mr. Moncrieff, Store-keeper of Machinery.

2. On application to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, for the transfer of the steam hammer to the Ordnance Department, that Officer informs me that "the steam hammer is complete, but that it is likely to be required for use in the Public Works Department."

ORDER, No. 1953, 8th June 1866.

Ordered that the Indents referred to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, together with the papers above recorded and those marginally noted.

Proceedings of Government, 7th March 1866, No. 867.

Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 8th June 1866, No. 1954.

(True Extract.)

Thurthall Major General

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance.

Controller of Military Accounts, with an enclosure.

" Adjutant General,.....
" Examiner of Ordnance Accounts,.....
" Military Accountant,.....
" Commissary General,.....
" Public Works Department,.....

} for information.

With 15 copies

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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Proc. of Gov't for June
No 2401

Proc of Gov't
this date

Dated 8 } June 1866
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England by the
Ordinance Dep't

With an Order
No 1959. 13th June 1866.

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