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No. 28. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 19th January 1866, No. 3,704 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Gun Powder Manufactory, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 16th August 1865, No. 134.

1. I have the honor to inform you that an excellent arrangement prevails at the Great Powder Factories at Home, which I request may be adopted here also, of keeping a good reserve of seasoned planks stacked near the Incorporating Mills, all ready prepared to complete the repairs of damages from explosions on the instant, so as to allow of the Mills being restored to use at the earliest possible moment, and, what is of no less importance, to remove from before the eyes of the Millmen all traces of disaster which agitate the fears of the Millmen, the effects of which it is most desirable to efface as early as may be.

2. Those in the Manufactory who have repeatedly witnessed such scenes at Home say that they never saw such destruction of planks as from the late explosion which occurred here, and which they impute entirely to the improper firmness of the fastenings, which, when made only just strong enough to retain the planks in their places, admit of their instantaneous release without resistance, when they are merely blown to the ground ready to be used again, and very few new planks are required to re-place shattered ones. This was urged upon the notice of the Officers and Employés of your Department when the Mills were originally put up by Mr. Winn (the Engineer sent out to put up the Engines, &c.,) but not attended to, and we have now experienced the consequence. I therefore feel anxious to bring it to your particular notice to ensure due care on this point in future. At Waltham Abbey Mills they merely put wooden pegs to attach the planks, which probably would not stand in this climate; but the lightest that will answer should be always used. The planks of No. 1 Groupe are even more firmly fastened than No. 2, and if we have a similar disaster there, we may anticipate correspondingly bad results.

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1. Submitted to Government, together with an estimate, Rupees 1,100, for the preparation and maintenance of a sufficient stock of planking for two Mill-houses, that no delay may occur in reconstructing such buildings after explosion.

1 Original letter No. 134, dated 16th August 1865.
1 Abstract Estimate.

2. It is requested, that the sum, Rupees 1,100, may be sanctioned out of the savings of Rupees 1,180 from the current year's allotment Rupees 1,180 for Lightning Conductors to the Expense Magazine at Vayasurpady—*Vide* G. O., No. 1,868, dated 14th July 1865.

3. Had the Mill-houses been put together in the manner suggested by the Superintendent, it is more than probable that they would all have been unroofed in the late storm.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st February 1866.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1866, No. 400.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5.

The Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 1,100, submitted with this letter, for the preparation and maintenance of a stock of planking for the two Mill-houses referred to, and the amount will be met from the source indicated in the 2nd paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's Endorsement.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, with Estimate.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Military Department.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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Enclosures
1 Original letter
No. 134 of 16 Augt/65
1 Abstract Estte

Submitted to Government, together with an Estimate Rupees 1100 for the preparation and maintaining of a sufficient stock of Planking for 2 Mill Houses, that no delay may occur in reconstructing such Buildings after explosion.

2. It is requested that the sum Rupees 1100 may be sanctioned out of the savings of Rupees 1180 from the Current years Allotment Rupees 1180 for Lightning Conductors to the expense Magazine at Vayalurpady, Vide G. O. No. 1868 dated 14th July 1865.

3. Had the Mill Houses been put in the manner together as suggested by the Superintendent, it is more than probable that they would all have been unroofed in the late storms

Supt Engr's Office
4th Division
Madras
19th January 1866.

A Horsley Col. R. E.
Supt. Engr. 4th Division

To
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The Supt. Engineer
4th Division

To The Secretary
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Submitting a letter from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory with an Estimate Rupees 1100 for sanction for the preparation and maintaining a sufficient stock of Planking for 2 Mill Houses.

With enclosure
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The Government sanction the estimate of Rs. 1100 submitted with this letter for the preparation and maintenance of a stock of planking for the two mill houses referred to, and the amount will be met from the source indicated in 2nd Para of the Superintending Engineer's endorsement.

To The Supt. Engr. 4th Division Watch & Ward
4 Controller of P. W. A.
No. 3 Accountant General
7 Military Department

Fort St George
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