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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th September 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 634. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Camp at Cumbum, Kurnool District, 10th September 1867, No. 1,636.

Read the following letter from the Assistant Engineer in charge of Military Buildings Range, Bellary, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 1st September 1867.

I am sorry to have again to inform you that a considerable quantity of Government property has been destroyed by fire. About 9 o'clock last night I was informed that the Engineer's Yard buildings were on fire; on my immediately proceeding to the spot I found the shed (thatched) used by the Sawyers was burning; in this shed were several forms, gratings for wash-houses doors and windows; from the inflammable nature of these articles it was found impossible to save any of them. The alarm having been sounded, the call was speedily responded to by many of the inhabitants of the Fort, the European and Native Sappers; a fire engine also was sent down from the Arsenal, and a detachment of Her Majesty's 76th Regiment speedily arrived. By great exertions the Range Office furniture and records were removed to a place of safety; oil, glass, and other articles in the stores adjoining the office were also secured, and a portion of the roof of this range removed to prevent the fire spreading; the large piles of rafters and heavy beams near these store-rooms were also all shifted; the fire having destroyed the Sawyers' shed and all it contained next attacked a pile of reepers and one of rafters, and at these last it was ultimately stayed; the heap contained 200 or 300 rafters, and acted as a bank to prevent the fire spreading: although nearly every one of the rafters took fire, by the constant application of water, most of them were taken out from the pile, but in a nearly useless condition; as this pile of rafters was gradually reduced, attention was paid to the pile of reepers, and water and sand being thrown on them the fire was got under; at about 1-30 A. M. only a smouldering heap remained, the last spark of which was extinguished at 3 o'clock, when I left the yard. It is impossible at present to assign a value of the property destroyed, a list of the same will be furnished in a few days. Only for the most strenuous exertions of every person present could so fierce a fire have been conquered, at first it appeared certain the whole of the wood stored in the yard and the ranges of buildings must be destroyed. I would remark that as the construction of the yard for storing wood was not sanctioned, I am obliged to have all the sawn wood stacked in the present yard, together with the wastage slabs, and all worked or partially worked up timber in close proximity to each other, the danger attending on this arrangement was amply exemplified last night; I would again solicit that constructing the detached wood yard be brought to the notice of Government. With reference to the origin of the fire it is impossible to state with any certainty at present. As I was on the spot before the roof of the Sawyers' shed was half a light, I must consider, from the direction in which the fire was burning, that a light had been applied to the thatch from out-side the compound wall (which wall formed one side of the shed). There was one peon on duty in the yard who had a light with him, but this was far away from the spot at which the conflagration commenced. The Superintendent of Police was present during the fire, and has been asked to investigate the matter. In conclusion I would beg to suggest that a Sepoy guard be applied for, which

List of Government property destroyed by the fire in the Engineer's Yard, &c.—(Concluded.)

No.	Description.	Length.	Breadth.	Height.	Cubic.	Rate.	Per.	Value.	Condition.	Under what head to be charged.
			In.	In.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
	Sundries	...	...	...	40 0 0	3 0 0	Do.	120 0 0	Ends, wastage, &c., of which there is not any exact account.	
20	Glass (dozens)	...	...	...	.....	4 8 0	Dozen.	90 0 0	Broken in clearing out stores.	
10	Oil (gallons)	...	...	...	.....	4 8 0	Gallon.	45 0 0	Upset in do. do.	
3	Doors	3	...	...	.....	15 0 0	Each ...	45 0 0	Broken to get at stores.	
	Roofing	30	20	6	600 0 0	12 0 0	Square.	72 0 0	Pulled down to stop progress of fire.	
								372 0 0		
								5,155 8 0		

(Signed) W. PORTER,
Assistant Engineer.

BELLARY,
5th September 1867.

No. 636. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1867, No. 2,991.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 72.

1. Before passing orders on the papers above read, the Governor in Council desires to be furnished with a full report of the result of the enquiries which are being instituted by the Police. His Excellency also requests the Superintending Engineer to take measures for convening a Committee, in accordance with Mr. Porter's suggestion, and to submit their report on the statement of property destroyed for the information of Government.

2. Should Major Moberly concur in Mr. Porter's view of the necessity for a guard over the Engineer's Yard and store-rooms, he will at once take steps for its supply.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 118.
To.

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The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

Sir,

I beg to forward a List of property destroyed by the Fire on the night of the 31st. August. The total loss is appraised at 5155-8-0 I have given the Articles in detail and the different Accounts to which the losses respectively belong excepting those set down as "Consumed" (which items were, arrived at on Comparison with the orders given for their preparation, or were known to be on hand) all the others are to be seen in the yard and I should feel obliged if you will have a Committee to investigate the correctness of the Statement.

I remain
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. Porter
Assistant Engr

Ballary
5th September 1867

Superintending Engr 3rd

Recd. 12th 1949.

No. 1645.

Supdy. Engrs. Divn 3rd
Camp Mastrapoor
Mastrapoor Valley
Kurnool District
12th September 67.

From

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Divn

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying original letter and statement with reference to Mr. Porter's letter dated the 1st Instant, a Copy of which was forwarded by me on the 10th Idem. The value of the property destroyed is Estimated at Rupees 5155-8-0; of which Rs. 45 for 3 trees and Rs. 72 for Reroofing what was pulled down to stop the progress of the fire is required. As Regards the other items I would beg permission to write them off to Profit and Loss.

I have the honor
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
A. Allen Major R.E.
Superintending Engr. 3rd.

P.W. 3575/67

Recd. 5th Sept 67

Sales of Personal Estate sold and delivered by the Executors of the Last Will & Test. of Samuel Ogden Esq. late of the City of New York deceased. Dec. 1867.

No.	Persons Names	Quantity	Value	Price	Descriptions	Sales
33	Ox	13¾	47 3 2	3 12	Ox	177 3 10
76	Bull	13¾	168 11 3	3 12	Bull	442 3 3
91	Cow	13¾	130 4 0	3 12	Cow	2 12
67	Calf	9¾	64 6 8	3 12	Calf	2 12
23	Heifer	9¾	22 1 11	3 12	Heifer	2 12
12	Steer	9¾		12	Steer	8 17
8	Yearling Colt	7¾		10	Colt	184
8	Yearling Filly	7¾		10	Filly	80
15???	Stallion	2	208 4	12	Stallion	168
4	Brood Mare	4		12	Brood Mare	48
104	Lambs	12	208	12	Lamb	78
						3392 10
					Brought forward	220
113	Lambs	11	207 3	12	Lamb	3192 10
92	Ewe	11	60 6	12	Ewe	776 11
66	Ram	11	172 4	12	Ram	216 11
92	Lambs	9	18 9	12	Lamb	646 4
63	Lambs	9	9	12	Lamb	70 5
66	Ewe Lambs	10	18 9	12	Ewe Lamb	133 12
8	Barren Ewes	11	22	12	Barren Ewe	70 5
						82 8
						64
						1970 11
					Brought forward	590
3	Rams	11	1 1 39	4	Ram	1470 11
						120
	Ewe Lambs	"	40	3 8	Ewe Lamb	
20	Ewe Lambs	"		4 8	Ewe Lamb	
103	Ewe Lambs	3	7	4 8	Ewe Lamb	120
	Ewe	30	20 6?0	12	Ewe	90
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I remain Sir
Your
Obedient Servt

(Signed) Walter
Assistant Engr

(True Copy)

No 1636.

Forwarded for the information of Government

A. Wilson Major
Supt Engineer 3rd Dist

Camp Cumbum
Cumbum Taluq
Nundial District
19th Sept 1867

Public Works Department.

No 2991

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th September 1867

Read the following

From the Supg Engineer
of the 3d Dist
" " — Do — 3d "

(Here enter No 1656 dated 10th Sept
" 1645 " 12 " 1867

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Should

To
The S. Engr 3rd Dn
Cuddapah

Copy

Public Works Dept
From the Supg Engr
of the 3d Dist
Kurnool
Dated 10th Sept 1867
Rec'd 18th " "
No 1656

Forwards Copy of a Report from the Asst Engr in charge of the Cuddapah Division regarding the destruction of property by the Rioters on the 27th ult. and requests that the Police Department may be called upon to furnish a statement of the property destroyed in the Cuddapah Bazaar.

No 2991 : 26th Sept 1867

Write accordingly

Asst Engr
2nd Sept 1867 R. Rao

Richard Porter Esq
Superintending Engineer
Kurnool

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith for your information a statement of property destroyed in the late disturbances in Cuddapah, which you will observe amounts to Rs 1130.

2. I have also the honor to report that Mr Porter, the Executive Engineer, who, you are aware, has been in charge of the Cuddapah Division since the 27th ult. has not yet returned to his duty, and I am therefore unable to report the measures adopted by him to restore confidence in the bazaar.

I have &c
(Signed) Venkatachellum
Asst Engr

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P. W. 186 . *Department.*

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

To The S. Engr. [illegible]
Quartermaster [illegible]
Dec 26 1867

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Pro: of the Madras Govt:

Dt 26th September 1867

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative to the Fire in the Engineers Yard at Bellary on the 31st August last.

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