

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 30th March 1858.

No. 76. Read the following letter from Captain E. F. FASKEN, for Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th February 1858, No. 642.

SIR,

With reference to my letter No. 455, dated 10th November last, and to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2112, dated 16th November 1857, and also to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2058, dated 4th November 1857, I have the honor to state that, on being advised of the shipment of Steam Engines on the "Robert Seppings," and being apprehensive that there was some confusion between the demands of the Ordnance and Public Works Department, I proposed to the Chief Engineer to make the following distribution of the 11 Engines expected by the above vessels, viz. :—

3 of 4 Horse power and 2 of 6 Horse power; in all 5 for the Ordnance Department; and the remainder, that is, 2 of 4 Horse power, 3 of 6 Horse power, and 1 of 8 Horse power, to the Department Public Works, but since then, I have learnt that there are 11 Engines as particularized in the margin coming out by the "Malabar" which may be shortly expected: I do not therefore deem it advisable that the Ordnance Department should part with any of the Engines received by the "Robert Seppings" and now lodged in the Arsenal; but the decision of Government as to their final disposal is requested.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 567; dated 29th March 1858.

In his letter to Government dated 25th September 1857, the Coal and Mineral Viewer, reporting the results of his visit to Gazelpully in the Nundicannamah pass of the Nellamulla Hills, and Coilecoontlah in the Dhone Talook of the Kurnool District, suggested, as being adapted both to mining operations as well as to public works generally, that Government should have in their Stores one or two Agricultural locomotive Steam Engines of the description so much used in England. The Inspector of Ordnance and Magazines was accordingly requested to state whether there was in Store a Steam Engine of the description referred to by Mr. Wale, and Colonel Balfour, in his reply of the 10th November, reported that Engines of the kind mentioned had arrived by the "Robert Seppings," and that a number of the Agricultural Engines alluded to had been received from Home, but, being all for the Public Works Department, had been given over to the District Engineers; he nevertheless expressed his willingness to make over to the Mineral Viewer one or two Steam Engines of those shipped on the "Robert Seppings," all which he claimed as intended for the Ordnance Department.

2. In his later letter of the 8th February recorded at the head of these proceedings, Colonel Balfour alludes to the existence of some confusion between the demands of the Ordnance and Public Works Departments for the Steam Engines on the "Robert Seppings," and says that he had arranged for a distribution of the 11 Engines brought out by that vessel, by reserving 5 for the Ordnance, and giving 6 to the Public Works Department; but having subsequently heard that 11 Engines were coming out by the "Malabar," he does not consider it advisable that the Ordnance Department should part with any of the Engines received by the "Robert Seppings."

3. Colonel Balfour does not say for which department the 11 Engines by the "Malabar" are intended, but the Government presume that they are for the Public Works, especially as the 11 Engines by the "Robert Seppings" are stated to be for the Ordnance Department; in this case there will be no difficulty in making a division between the two Departments, as each will receive what it indented for. As regards the main question, all that was wanted was to know whether there were any such Engines as those mentioned by the Mineral Viewer in store, and this has now been ascertained.

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4. The Government do not understand why the confusion which is mentioned in Colonel Balfour's letter should exist; they think that, by proper arrangements, both the Inspector of Ordnance and the Chief Engineer should be in a position to ascertain the supplies received for their respective Departments, which always come out on Indent. As regards the Public Works, it is essential that the head of the department should have early and full information of the nature and extent of the supplies and Machinery available, and the Government would wish Colonel Faber will consider the subject in communication with the Inspector of Ordnance, and suggest the course most likely to effect the object in view.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordnance Department.

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The Chief Secretary
to Government.

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With reference to my letter
No. 155 dated 10th November last, and to
Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2112
dated 15th November 1857 and also to Extract
Minutes of Consultation No. 2058 dated 14th
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and now lodged in the arsenal, but the
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is requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Inspector Genl Office,
Fort St. George,
8 February 1858.

W. J. P. Captain
for Inspector Genl of Ordnance
and Magazines.

Public Works Dept.

No. 567
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th March 1858.

Read the following
letter from the Inspector
General of Ordnance and
Magazines.

Here enter 8th February 1858
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In his letter to
Government dated 26th
September 1857, the Coal
and Mineral Viewers,
of his visit to Tagelgully
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Read the
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Ordnance and
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of the 26th September
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No. 567: 29th March 1858
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J. C. P. H.
To Chief Engineer *P. H. H.*
J. A. Public Dept. 11
H. A. Milg Dept. 1

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Dy. to Cons. B. M. Allen

No. 567
Extract mins. of Com.
Dated 27th March 1858.

From the Chief Engr. 4th April 1858
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By mins. of Com. Ind. Dept. 27th April 1858
C No 939 ap.

Requesting the Chief
Engineer to suggest the best
course to be adopted relative
to the disposal of the 11 Steam
Engines received by the
"Robert Spencers" and of
those expected by the "Malabar"

20th 6/4/57