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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th January 1869.*

No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department —

Intimating that the Officer in charge will be re-
sponsible for the opening and closing of the
shutters of the Expense Powder Magazine at St Thomas' Mount (Here enter 6th January 1869, No. 26)

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1869, No. 126.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 15.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

4th Division

Dated December 15th

G. O., 15th Dec 1868 No. 3

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th December 1868

No. 128. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th November 1868, No. 4,029.—

1 Plan
1 Estimate

1. I have the honor to submit for sanction a plan and an estimate of Rupees 460, for making certain improvements to

the Expense Powder Magazine at St Thomas' Mount, with a view to obviate the dampness now experienced, and to admit of more ventilation, &c, which were prepared at the request of the Military authorities, and duly approved of by the Officer Commanding the Centre Division.

2. The Assistant Engineer in charge of the Mount Range states that, on his inspection of the Expense Powder Magazine, he hardly ever experienced such a damp, unwholesome atmosphere. The barrel-stands were literally covered with mildew, and yet there is no leak in the building. The Magazine is as perfect as when it was handed over to the Military authorities; but the omission of the double doors and windows, and the erection of doors exactly opposite to the windows, not only endanger, he considers, the safety of the Magazine, but they interfere with the ventilation, as the door and window cannot always be left open, whereas if they were double, the outer ones could be left open in fine weather. The site of the Magazine is also very awkward, for, being at the foot of a steep slope of the mount, the storm water rushes past it in great quantity and with considerable force. The compound wall is very close to the Magazine, and consequently a good deal of water enters by the weep holes in that wall, the foundations get saturated, and the damp rises to the bottom of the asphalt floor, and probably passes through any minute pores in this in the form of vapour.

3. The ditch around the outside of the compound wall has, therefore, been ordered to be considerably widened and deepened to prevent the damp, and it is further proposed to have double doors and windows, and to erect the inner casing walls, as shown in the plan, as also to put up copper ventilators in the roof. This will enable the Officers in charge of the Magazine to leave the outer windows open, which will keep the Magazine dry.

4. It is also necessary that the Military authorities should be asked to instruct the sentry on duty at the Magazine, to see that the shutters of the basement arches are always opened in fine weather, and closed in wet weather.

5. There is a sum of Rupees 279 now available from the current year's grant for Military Minor New Works in the Madras District, and the remaining sum of Rupees 181, it is recommended, may be transferred from the North Arcot District allotment for Military Minor New Works to make up the amount of the estimate Rupees 460.

No. 129.

ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1868, No. 3,800.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 10.

1. The Government approve of the estimate of Rs. 460 for certain improvements to the Expense Powder Magazine

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at St Thomas' Mount, and sanction the appropriation and transfer of funds recommended to meet the cost of the work

2. The subject of paragraph 4 will be considered in the Military Department.

(True Extract)

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

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

Exd. S T. Augustin.

DECEMBER.
No. 123-129

Expend Powder Magazine at St. Thomas' Mount — Estimate of R. 100 for certain improvements to the Expense Powder Magazine at St. Thomas' Mount, approved, and the proposal to instruct the sentry on duty at the Magazine to see that the shutters of the brement piches are always opened in fine weather and closed in the wet or referred for consideration in the Military Department

Military Department.

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*Communicated to the Com-
mander-in-Chief and Inspector General of
Advances*

*The Officer in charge of the
Magazine will be responsible for the opening
and closing of the shutters.*

*to the Hon. Secy. of the Navy
by the Hon. Secy. of the Navy*

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2. Civil Engrs Office case no. 10

Expense Powder Magazine at
St. Thomas' Mount. Prosbly
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in charge will be responsi-
ble for the opening & closing
of the shutters of the Expense
Powder Magazine at St. Tho-
mas' Mount, Madras.

Encl. S T. Augustin.