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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1870.

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating to the Department Public Works, letter from the Inspector-General of Ordnance, soliciting Government to take early action in the matter of providing suitable building for the Snider Ammunition Factory at St Thomas' Mount } (Here enter 6th December 1869, No. 4,165)

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1870, No. 15.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 1.

RECORDED with reference to G. O., No. 3,914 of the 14th December 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E,
Secretary to Government.

Read the following letter —

No 111. From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 26th November 1869, No $\frac{G}{265}$

Although unwilling to bring before Government any measure which entails extra expenditure, I should be failing in my duty were I to delay longer in soliciting Government to take early action in the matter of providing suitable buildings for the Snider Ammunition Factory at Saint Thomas' Mount

2. Under order of Government communicated with your No. 2101, dated 3rd June 1869, the intimation was given that the building of the Snider Factory at Dum Dum was suspended, until the receipt of fresh plans from Woolwich, and it was then promised that on the receipt of the revised plans "a further communication would be made to this Government."

3. This however has not yet been done, and has perhaps been overlooked, but on information I received, I addressed a demi-official letter to the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Calcutta, enquiring if the building of the Bengal Snider Factory had been commenced, and in reply was informed (also demi-officially) "that the building of the Snider Factory at Dum Dum has been commenced and is progressing rapidly, Government have written regarding it"

"The small Arm Ammunition Factory is the most important military "work in Bengal and must be pushed on" This information I only received yesterday.

4 Under these circumstances, I think it is highly desirable that similar action should be taken in this Presidency; the site has been selected and approved of by Government, and all that now remains is to provide funds for the immediate erection of the buildings, and should Government consider it necessary to obtain the sanction of the Supreme Government, before commencing operations, I would respectfully propose that the same may be obtained by telegram.

5. The greater part of the machinery has been received, as well as expensive materials, implements, &c, and an Assistant Engineer* has also lately arrived from England for special employment in the Snider Factory.

* Who reports that the iron pillars girders and roofing were under immediate despatch when he left England, about six weeks ago

6 Considering the importance which is attached by the Supreme Government to pushing on the Snider Factory buildings in Bengal, it seems to me similar exertions will be expected to be made in this Presidency to be able to bring into use the machinery and highly paid Engineers provided for the purpose of making up Snider Ammunition, and to render its supply from England unnecessary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
6th December 1869.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1869, No. 4165.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, in view to the preparation of plans and estimates for the Snider Ammunition Factory being expedited, and to provision being made in the budget of 1870-71, for funds for the execution of the work.

(True Extract)

Major,

Offg Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance,
" Public Works Department. With 20 spare Copies.
" Controller of Military Accounts

Exd J. E. Cashart.

P.W. 1869 Dept
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To

THE INSPR GENERAL OF ORDNANCE

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William Robertson

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