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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th August 1872.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 504. From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 29th June 1872, No. 1,442.

In reference to G. O. of the 11th June 1872, No. 1,449, calling my attention to Mr. Robertson's remark that the season was being lost for blasting operations in the Paumben Channel for the want of a regular supply of gunpowder, I have the honour to report that an indent for powder was forwarded to the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops on the 7th November 1870, and the supply was received on the 21st April 1871, or upwards of five months after the despatch of the indent. The delay is owing to the difficulty in obtaining freight at Madras.

2. I may mention that the supply of powder in hand being exhausted, work to the Paumben Channel was stopped on the 27th February 1871, and resumed on the 22nd April 1871, a fresh supply having been received on the day previous. Thus it will be observed that the powder was indented for nearly four months before it was actually required.

3. In future, I propose, when indenting on the General Superintendent of the Public Works Stores for gunpowder to request that gentleman, in the event of his being unable to obtain direct freight for Paumben, to send the powder by a coasting steamer to Negapatam, from which port country vessels are nearly always available for its despatch to Paumben.

No. 504A. From the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
Here enter No. 2,164, dated 8th August 1872.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1872, No. 2,070.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

THE Governor in Council approves of the measures adopted by the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division for obviating delay in the future supply of gunpowder for blasting operations at the Paumben Channel. It has been ascertained from the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines that small quantities emergently required can be supplied from Trichinopoly.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

No 1442

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Superint^g Engineer's Office S^t D^o

Madras 29th June 1872

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Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Roberts
Superintending Engineer
S^t Division

To

Colonel C. W. Walker
Secretary to Government S^t D^o
Madras.

Sir

In reference to C.O. of the
11th June 1872 No 1449, calling my
attention to Mr. Robertson's remark
that the Season was being lost for
blasting operations in the Pambone
Channel for the want of a regular
Supply of Gunpowder, I have the
honor to report that an indent for
powder was forwarded to the General
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its despatch to Pambene. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient S^t

Nica J. White

Superintending Engineer S^d D^o

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Ordnance Department

Ordnance Office:
Fort Saint George
8 Aug 1872

No. 2164.

Official Memo

From
To
The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
The Chief Engineer,
Department Public Works.
Fort St. George.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of
your Memorandum^(a), and in reply to state that
if only a small quantity of Blasting Powder is
required, it can be supplied from Trichinopoly,
but if the demand be large, it will have to be
specially made up and supplied from Madras
for issue to the Public Works Department in
Madras and Tinnevely.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

W. Stewart, Col. R.A.
Inspector Genl. of Ordnance and Mag.

423 dated 2^d
August 1872.

L.
J. P. C.

Dec 12th 1872

P. M. 1872
The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines
Fort St. George
8th August 1872

Report to the In.

Report of Ordnance
Magazines to the In.
and enough to report
whether the powder required
for use in the Madras
is sufficiently (or not)
could not be supplied
from the Madras
Magazine.

The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines
8th August 1872
To the Secretary to the
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Supply of Gun powder
not being obtained for
blasting operations
in the Peninsula Channel
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 The Inspector General
 of Ordnance & Magazines
 To the Chief Engineer
 Department Public Works
 Fort St. George

Dated 8th Aug 1872 -
 Recd 9th Aug 1872 -

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the August 1872 -
 From the Sup^r Eng^r 8th Divⁿ Read the following
 From the Inspector Gen^l of Ordnance & Magazines - (Here enter No 23rd 29th Jan 1872)
 (Here enter No 2164 of 8th Oct 1872)

The Governor in
 Council approves of
 the measures adopted
 by the Superintending
 Engineer 8th Division
 for obviating delay
 in the future supply
 of gunpowder for
 blasting operations
 at the Pamban Channel.
 It has been ascertained
 that the only supply
 from the Inspector

A.A.
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 that nearly spent
 in the Pamban
 Channel is being
 blown away, and
 that the only supply

General of Ordnance
and Magazines that
small quantities
emergently required
can be supplied from
Pechinopoly.

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mode of accomplishing
the object in view is by
~~opening~~ channel
further westward
which it has already
been proposed to
do?

[Signature]

To the Inspector Genl

Decr 16/9/72

C/o 3854

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Date:

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 29 Aug 1870 No. 2070

Nos. 504 & 505

Pamban Channel. Ap.
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advised by the Engineer
of the S. B. for avoiding
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supplied from Trichinopoly.