

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd February 1872.*

No. 38. Read the following endorsement of the Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1872 :—

From the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th January 1872, No. G/333.

I HAVE the honour to report that on the morning of the 21st instant it was discovered that one of the pieces of wood built into the chimney of the engine-house at the Bullet Factory as supports for the lightning conductor had taken fire, and it is supposed that as these lightning conductor supports have been exposed to great heat for the last fifteen years, they had become completely charred and spontaneously took fire.

2. I should not have considered it necessary to have reported the case to Government, but that I consider, with the experience gained by an accident of this nature, the general question of the method of fixing lightning conductors demands attention.

3. The buildings have sustained no damage, and none of the stores have been burnt, but as the supports require looking to, and the lightning conductor should be properly secured without delay, I request you will obtain the sanction of Government for the work to be put in hand as early as practicable.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1872, No. 321.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 3.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division who will submit with the least practicable delay an estimate for such work as may be necessary for the security of the lightning conductors.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
.. Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE,
Fort Saint George

24 January 1872.

No. 333

From,

Colonel S. L. Darrow, C.B.,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that on the morning of the 21st Instant it was discovered that one of the pieces of wood built into the Chimney of the Engine House at the Bullet Factory as supports for the Lightning Conductor had taken fire, and it is supposed that as these Lightning Conductor supports, have been exposed to great heat for the last 15 Years, they had become completely charred and spontaneously took fire.

2. I should not have considered it necessary to have reported the case to Government, but that I consider, with the experience gained by an accident of this nature, the general question of the method of fixing Lightning Conductors demands attention.

3. The Buildings have sustained no damage, and none of the stores have been burnt, but

but as the supports require setting to and the Lightning
 Conductor should be properly secured without delay,
 I request you will obtain the sanction of Government
 for the work to be put in hand as early as practicable.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most Obedient Servant.

Albano to Colonel W. A.
 Inspector General of Ordnance
 and Magazines.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

W. H. Hambleton, }
 26 January 1872. }
 W. H. Hambleton
 Offg Secretary to Govt.

to the Public Works Department

July 1872. Dept
 Ordnance Department
 No. 308
 Ordnance Office,
 Fort St. George.

Memo. 24 January 1872
 From the Inspector Genl. of Ordnance
 to the Secy to Govt. & Military Department
 No. 333 & 334
 Official Memo.

Forwarded through the
 Secretary to Government & Military
 Department. P. W. 466/72
 Albano to Colonel W. A.
 Inspector General of Ordnance &
 Magazines.
 To the Secretary to Government
 & Military Department.
 Transferred.

Public Works 1872 Department

No. 466

From
The Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Dated 26th }
Received 29 } January 1872

W. G.
333.

Reporting that one of the
wood supports for Lightning
Conductor built into the
Chimney of the Engine House
at the Bullet Factory had
taken fire and requesting
to obtain sanction of Govern-
ment for the work to be put
in hand.

M. D.
1872/1873
W. G. order.

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*Communicated to the Sup^g
Engineer 14th D^g who will submit within
the least practicable delay an estimate
for such work as may be necessary
for the security of the Lightning
Conductors.*

[Signature]

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9 To Sup^g Eng^g 14th D^g ✓
" " Military Depart^{mt} ✓

M. J. de la Botte
2-2-72
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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

1. The Superintending Eng.
1st Division

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

20 February 1872. 1321.

Nos. 38489

Shullet Factory. Letter

from the Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazine
Requesting certain work
may be carried out to the
Lightning Conductor at
the Shullet Factory, Co.
to the Inspector, & to the
instructions.