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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd December 1873.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 30. * From Lieutenant-Colonel N. G. CAMPBELL, R.A., Officiating Deputy Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, in charge Ordnance Office, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 27th October 1873, No. G.-195.

With reference to O. G., No. 2,423, dated 2nd October 1873, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the sheds

*“Smiths’ sheds being low and deficient of ventilation require the walls and pillars to be raised. The sheds being contiguous to the steam-hammer their tiles are constantly displaced through the vibrations caused by it and admitting rain in large quantities, a corrugated roof is therefore urgently required.”
Vide Proceedings of Government of 1871, No. 2,391.

†I have the honour to inform you that the roof of the smiths’ sheds in this factory is leaky throughout, and the sheds are flooded with water during the present season, and the smiths’ work has in consequence come to a stand-still. In the list of repairs required to the buildings of the factory embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 2,391, dated 20th September 1871, sanctioning the execution of the repairs, the urgent demand for a corrugated roof for the smiths’ sheds is included, and although it is now more than a year since this was sanctioned no steps have been taken to supply it. If this cannot be done at present, I request that you will, at least as a temporary measure, cause the roof to be tiled properly with the least possible delay so as to render the place fit to work in, as otherwise the smiths will have to remain idle, thereby the Government will sustain the loss of their work.

‡ No. 201, dated 21st January 1873.
factory” was sanctioned, but with the order that “their execution to be deferred for the present.”

4. On the 18th July 1873, the District Engineer, in reply to a reminder sent him by the Superintendent, stated§ that “application for funds was again made to Government on the 7th May 1873, but no orders have as yet been passed.”

5. Upon this the Acting Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, again addressed the District Engineer requesting him to obtain the sanction of Government to proceed with the alterations

“The undersigned as before stated has already addressed Government on the subject; he begs the Superintendent will take any further steps which seem to him to be necessary.”

and improvements of the factory, and was answered by the District Engineer as per margin.

2. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory by order of the Inspector-General addressed the District Engineer, Presidency, on the 18th November 1872, vide his letter† entered in the margin, pointed out to that officer that for want of the necessary repairs the smiths’ shop was flooded, and suggested as a “temporary remedy that the tiled roof should be repaired,” and it was so.

3. In January 1873, Proceedings‡ of Government was published in which the estimate of Rupees 16,700 for “alterations and improvements to the buildings of the Gun Carriage Manu-

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6. I trust that the explanation now afforded by me may satisfy the Government that every step in connection with the repairs, some of them most urgently required, to the sheds of the Gun Carriage Manufactory was taken after full communication with the Presidency District Engineer.

7. I have now directed the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Manufactory, to again address the Presidency District Engineer on the subject of the repairs required, more urgently than ever, to the roof of the smiths' sheds. This roof is now two years older than when the proposal for its removal was originally made and is in a deplorable state.

8. I am aware of the desire of Government not to expend funds unnecessarily on the buildings of an institution the days of which are probably numbered, and shall be careful that no repairs save those of sheer necessity are recommended by me; but I should not be justified in failing to bring to the notice of Government that the men employed in these sheds at present are exposed, when working, to the monsoon rains and labour at the risk of health.

No. 31. From the same Officer, dated Fort St. George, 30th October 1873,
No. G.-202.

In continuation of my letter* relative to the putting up of a corrugated iron roof for the smiths' shed at the Gun Carriage Factory, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that in obedience to their Order,† the District Engineer, Presidency, was communicated with on the subject.

2. I beg to subjoin a copy of his reply to the communication.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, dated Fort St. George, 24th October 1873.

In reply to your letter No. 1,229, of 17th October 1873, I have the honour to inform you that the work has been entered in the Budget for the ensuing official year, and to suggest that you await an alteration of the "circumstances" adverted to in paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 2,423, of 2nd October 1873, as I am not in a position to suggest any proposals since I have no savings to surrender in your favour I regret to say.

2. Should any savings become available, I shall immediately acquaint you with the altered circumstances of the case when we may apply to Government for money.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1873, No. 2,903.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 1.

THE Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines will be informed that His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to appropriate any portion of the scanty funds available for the Military Works of this Presidency for providing new roofs to the smiths' sheds

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of the Gun Carriage Factory. He will arrange with the District Engineer for such repairs as may be necessary.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.
" Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
" District Engineer, Presidency.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

27 October 1873.

No. 195

From,

Lieut. Colonel N. S. Campbell M.A.,

Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

(a) No. 2423 dated 2nd Oct. 1873.

(a) With reference to Order of Government, I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the Sheds alluded to in para 3 of the Order are not through any fault of the Inspector General exposed to rain in consequence of having "already been purloined in anticipation of sanction" but by

(b) "Smiths Sheds being low and deficient of ventilation require the walls and pillars to be raised. The Sheds being contiguous to the Steam Hammer their tiles are constantly displaced through the vibrations caused by it and admitting rain in large quantities, a corrugated roof is therefore urgently required."

Vide Proceedings of Government No. 319 of 1871 No. 2391.

required in the Factory.

2. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage

(c) I have the honor to inform you that the roof of the Smiths Sheds in this Factory is leaky throughout, and the Sheds are flooded with water during the present season and the Smiths work has in consequence come to a stand still. In the List of repairs required to the buildings of the Factory embodied in Proceedings of Government No. 2391 dated 20th September 1871 sanctioning the execution of the repairs the urgent demand for a corrugated roof for the Smiths Sheds is included, and although it is now more than a year since this was sanctioned, no steps have been taken to supply it. If this cannot be done at present, I request that you will at least as a temporary measure cause the roof to be tiled properly with

Manufactory
by Order of the
Inspector
General addressed
the District
Engineer Presidency
on the 18 Nov. 1872
vide his letter

entered

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

30th October 1873.

No. 202

From,

Lieut. Colonel N. G. Campbell M. A.,

Off. Insp. General of Ordnance and Magazines,
in charge Ordnance Office.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter relative to
the putting up of a corrugated iron roof for the Smiths
Shed at the Gun Carriage Factory, I have the honor to
acquaint you for the information of Government, that in
obedience to their Order, the District Engineer Presidency
was communicated with on the subject.

I beg to subjoin a copy of his reply to the
communication

To
The Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1229 of 17th October 1873
I have the honor to inform you that the work has been in-
cluded in the Budget for the ensuing financial year, and to sug-
gest that you await an alteration of the "circumstances"
adverted to in para 4 of G.O. No. 2423 of 2nd October 1873, as I
am not in a position to suggest any proposals since I have

no

(a)
No. 4 dated 24th
October 1873.

(b)
No. 2423 dated 2nd
October 1873.

Public Works Department
No. 5843.

From
The Off. Insp. General of Ordnance and Magazines
in charge Ordnance Office
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Dated 27th October 1873.
No. 283

No. 4
1873

Subjoining detailed
information as required relative
to the putting up of a corrugated
iron roof for the Smiths
Shed at the Gun
Carriage Factory.

No. 33

No. 2903-2nd October 1873

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government

no savings to surrender in your favor I regret to say.

2.- Should any savings become available, I shall immediately acquaint you with the altered circumstances of the case when we may apply to Government for money.

Fort St. George } (Signed) Geo. Goddard Lieut. Col. R. S.
24 October 1873. } District Engineer Presidency.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Napier Campbell, Lieut. Colonel R. S.

Off. Dy. Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines
in charge Ordnance Office.

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Ex. J. C.

2903. Pub. Works Dept.

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The Offr. Dy. Insp. General
of Ordnance & Magazines in
charge Ordnance Office } (H. & Co. 927/2 Oct 1/73)
Cc ——— Cc ——— Cc ——— (H. & Co. 930/2 ———)

The Inspector
General of Ordnance
and Magazines will
be informed that
His Excellency the
Governor in Council
is not prepared to
appropriate any.

Public Works 1873 Dept.
No. 5929.
From
The Offr. Dy. Insp. General
of Ordnance & Magazines
in charge Ordnance Office.

To
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Dept.

Dated 30th October
1873.
Recd. 31st

At 202
Status for the information
of Government that in pursuance
of Proceedings of Government
No. 2423 of 22nd October 1873 the
District Engineer Presidency
was communicated with
regarding a corrugated roof
for the Gun Carriage Factory.

No 31
No. 2903-2 Oct 1/73
12th Nov 73
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portion of the scanty
funds available for
the military works
of this Presidency
for providing new roofs
to ~~the Smith's Sheds~~
~~to sheds of an Institute~~
~~of the Army Carriage~~
~~factory the days of which~~
~~that officer states to~~
~~be probably numbered.~~

He will arrange with
the District Engineer
for such repairs as
may be necessary -
shown

Subject to a report
in our public papers
that the days of this or
that sort of factory are
numbered. When the
question arises probably
good cause can be shown
for the maintenance of
this particular institution.
We can refuse to do this
work without facilitating
the downfall of our, as it
were, poor carriage
factory etc.

- 1- The Inspr. Genl. of Ordnance & Equip.
- 2- Inspr. Genl. of Artillery & Cavalry
- 3- Inspr. Genl. of Engineers & Royal Engineers
- 4- Inspr. Genl. of the Presidency
- 5- Inspr. Genl. of the Military Dept.

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The Inspector-General
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Magazines

Dated

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6/02/Decr 1873, No. 2903.

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Gun Carriage Factory.

• Meeting to sanction
the provision of new
roofs to the Smiths'
Shed of the
Factory.