Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st December 1874.

No. 443. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 30th November 1874, No. 4,781 :—

In obedience to G. O., No. 3,217, dated 13th November 1874, I have the honor to report that the Powder Mills Department is *solely* responsible for the delay.

One copy of Memorandum.

2. When I, after reporting that I had materials ready, came to carry out the work, the Powder Mills Department objected to the use of Madras first sort bricks, and insisted on the use of Mr. Chisholm's superior bricks, of which it was found, on application made, that there were none in stock.

3. Had they permitted me to carry out the work as estimated for in communication with them, and as approved by them, and sanctioned by Government, the work would have been finished weeks ago. I may now possibly be under the necessity of submitting a supplemental estimate, consequent on the enhanced cost of the work owing to the introduction of Mr. Chisholm's bricks into the work.

4. The Consulting Architect has been, upon my urgent representation, supplying bricks as suggested by Government from the material laid down at site for the construction of the Senate House since 12th October last.

5. In reply to your observation relative to the stoppage of the manufacture of gun-powder, originally limited to a period of two months, being extended indefinitely, I have the honor to refer you to the Government Order upon which G. O., Military Department, dated 29th May 1874, No. 1,705, quoted by you is consequent, viz., G. O., Public Works Department, dated 30th April 1874, No. 1,125.

6. Paragraph 1 of letter from Officiating Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, printed with this Government Order, refers to my promise to repair a chimney within two months, which I literally fulfilled. This chimney was completed on 30th May, whereas your telegram ordering commencement of work under report was received on 17th July 1874. The remaining portion of the letter refers to the subject of your order now under reply, wherein no reference is made relative to date of completion of the work.

7. I am under the impression that the contents of your order memorandum, No. 353, dated 18th May 1874, (copy enclosed,) may possibly not have been submitted to your notice before you passed your order now under reply.

No. 444. Order thereon, 21st December 1874, No. 3,596.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

The Governor in Council accepts Lieutenant-Colonel J. Goddard's explanations.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, [illegible]

&c. &c.

Dated December 21st.

Read.

Fol.

C. O., 21st December 1874, No. 3,596

DECEMBER.

Nos 440-441

Gun powder Factory.—The explanation submitted by Lieutenant-Colonel Goddard regarding the delay in the construction of certain works at the factory, accepted.

P. W. D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 187

Read the following:—

From

The Offg Engr Presidency (H.P. No 4781 dated 30th Novr 74)

To The Presidency District Engineer in the above letter clears himself satisfactorily of being answerable for any delay upto the 19th June when first he was authorized to proceed with the works in question; and for slow progress subsequently the Ordnance Officers are stated

Secretary Say—

"The Govt. & C. accede Col Goddard's explanation—

The ordnance dept were right to insist on the best material & Col L. may is not to blame for the necessity—Let him be accordingly—A paper which clears himself that is all.

Yes—

J. 12/74

No. 353.

Memorandum. 3-3

Adverting to the letter from the District Engineer Presidency No. 705 Of. 14 May 1874, intimating that the work at the Gun powder Factory for which the collection of materials was authorised in G.O. No. 1125 Of. 30 April 1874 is likely to cost Rs 33,000 the Chief Engineer has the honor to request that as the expenditure of so large a sum is involved, all further action in the matter be suspended pending the further orders of Government which will be applied for.

Signed G.T. Walker Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer Dept. W.

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Lt. Col. R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency

Gen. Secretary
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G.O. No. 3595. 12th Dec 1874

No: 4781

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From,

The District Engineer

Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and

Secretary to Government G.P.W.

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Your most obedient servant

H. Goodwin Lt. Colt.
Distt. Engineer
Presidency.

Fort St. George.
30th November 1874.

P. W. 1874 Department
From Govt. of Fort St. Geo.
No. 7508.
The Dirt Engineer
Presidency.

To
The Chief Engineer
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Dated 30th Nov. 1874.
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To The Dist. Engr
Presidency

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 21 Dec. 1874, N 859

Nos. 443-444.

Gun-powder Factory

The explanations submitted by Dr C. A. Goddard regarding the delay in the construction of certain ~~buildings~~ works at the Factory, accepted -