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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th January 1875.*

No. 178. Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. H. H. COLLEN, Secretary, Special Ordnance Commission, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th November 1874, No 364.—

DURING the recent visit of the Special Ordnance Commission to the Gun-powder Factory, Madras, it was stated, as a matter of opinion, that the railway works had probably influenced the extraordinary inundations which have occurred at the factory during the past two or three years, and which were, it was alleged, not known previously for many years past.

2. I am to request the favor of any information showing whether any investigation was made on this point, and the Commission would be glad to have some practical opinion on this matter, and the possibility of a remedy for the evil complained of.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1875, No. 80.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 6.

THE Presidency District Engineer and Consulting Engineer for Railways will report their joint opinion, formed

on any information available in their records, or on any existing interference with former natural drainages, whether the idea that the railway works have in any way enhanced the rise of floods at the Gun-powder Factory, has any foundation or not. In the former case, they will be so good as to suggest a means of abating the evil.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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quoted in any subse-
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this subject

Special Ordnance Commission Office,

Military Department

Port William, S^t. George
24th November 1874

To The Secretary to the Government of
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SIR, Public Works Dept.

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I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
In

Your most obedient servant
Edwin W. Adams

Secretary, S. O. B.

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From
The Secretary to the
Special Ordnance
Commission

Dated 24th
Received 25th } November 1874
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Intimating
that the Railway
works ^{are supposed to} have influenced
the inundations at
the Gun Powder Factory
Madras, requesting
information as to
what has been
done in the matter,
and a practical
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Lb. no. 80. 12-1-75.

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to Dir 12-12-74
to Dir 26-11-74

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(P. O. No. 364 of 24th Nov 74)
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Read the following:—

From
The Secretary to the } C.M. No. 364 d/24 Nov 74
Special Ordinance Comm.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council does
not consider that an

It appears to me that the
Commission is duty bound
and that there
is no reason to
be made the subject of
being a due course
we might call on the
Dept. & Eng. & Drafting
Eng. & Drafting
The Govt. of
therefore that some facts
may

may be brought forward
for investigation, whereon
to found an inquiry and
practical opinion.

CMW

The Railway
can only assist
the Factory by in-
tercepting pre-
existing drainage.

It would
be better to
have the drainage
intercepted
before it reaches
the railway.

We can easily
ascertain the
cause. Say "yes"
or "no" to the Com^{tee}
and settle the
matter at hand.

J. D. S.

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Representations have been made
as one of the reasons for burning the Quadrant
Factory therefore through the General Order
Committee have agreed, Expenditure for washing this Quadrant
should call for repairs, & also an account of any goods which
may have occurred previous to the construction of the

0.10.14, Railway 5.12.74

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The Dist Engr.
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