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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th November 1877, No. 1,449 W.

Buildings and Roads.  
Military Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 37. From Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to the Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads, dated Fort St. George, 31st October 1877, No. 4,321.

THE two groups of incorporating mills at the Gunpowder Factory are much in want of general repair. The wood-work of the roofs requires scraping, cleaning, fresh caulking and painting. The plaster of the division, or traverse walls, between the mills is decayed, and grit is continually falling. This in incorporating mills, where a piece of sand falling on the mill bed may cause an explosion at any moment, is a state of affairs which should be remedied as soon as possible. I propose replacing the plaster with Portland cement, as nothing else stands the combined action of sea air and saltpetre so well.

2. The floors have also sunk irregularly and require thorough repairs. Altogether I consider that these repairs are emergently necessary. Their cost is estimated at Rupees 4,115 for the two groups of mills, but I have no funds available under the head of Military Repairs, and am consequently unable to undertake them as I should like to do. I have therefore the honor to request that funds may be provided, and that I may be permitted, in anticipation of their provision, to commence the work. The Superintendent of the Powder Mills informs me that he is about to stop the mills one group at a time to enable the Engineers to overhaul the engines and machinery. He is most anxious that the repairs to be executed by the Public Works Department should be carried out at the same time, so as to avoid a double stoppage of the mills.

3. The estimate being for repairs merely, and the amount, well within the limit of my powers to sanction, need not be submitted for the consideration of Government.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1877, No. 1,449 W.

THE immediate prosecution of the work is approved. Of the sum of Rupees 4,115 required, Rupees 3,636 are provided by the transfers shown below :—

|                                                                                       | RS.    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Chingleput.—Double-storied Hospital for 90 patients, out-houses (A). ...              | 2,294† |
| B. I. No. 7 ...                                                                       | 803†   |
| Malabar.—Improving drainage of European Infantry Barrack Square (A). B. I. No. 11 ... | 150†   |
| Reserve.—Military, with Government ...                                                | 389    |
| Repairs.—Do. with Chief Engineer ...                                                  |        |
| Total ...                                                                             | 3,636  |

\* Allotments are in excess of estimates.  
† In anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India.

2. The District Engineer should endeavor to provide the balance (Rupees 479) from Repair Funds at his own disposal, the Government not being in a position to make any further allotment, but in any case he will prosecute the repairs to completion as emergent.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.  
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.  
" " " Chingleput.  
" " " Malabar.  
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.  
" Military Department.

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No 1449 W P.W.D.  
Proceedings of the Madras Government,  
Under date the 5 Nov/77  
Read the following:-

From the D. Engineer, } (H.E. No. 4321 of 31st October 1877)  
Presidency

The immediate pro-  
-ention of the work is approved.  
Of the sum of Rs 4,115 required,  
Rs 3636 are provided by the trans-  
-fers shown below:

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Chingleput. Double storied Hospital for 90 | } Rs 2294 |
| patients out houses (A) - B. I. No. 7      |           |
| Malabar. Improving drainage of European    | } Rs 803  |
| Infantry Barrack Square (A) B. I.          |           |
| do. "                                      | 150       |
| Reserve. Military. with Govt. -            | 389       |
| Repairs - do - with Chief Engineer -       | 3636      |

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funds at his own disposal -  
the Government not being

in a position to make any  
further allotment: <sup>W.H.</sup>  
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W.H.  
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In this case,  
will forward the  
reports & completion  
as requested.

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To *The U.S. Presidency*

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*Run Packer Factory*  
*Ward* Approves the  
immediate prosecution  
of repairs to the incorpa-  
ting mills at the —  
and appropriates a sum  
of the sum required by certain  
transfers of funds.

*Wm. B. Rye*