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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 282

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No. 581. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 8th January 1877, No. 59 :—

From Colonel R. CADELL, c.B., Inspector-General of Ordnance, and Magazines, through His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, c.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 3rd January 1877, No. 372 G.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of Government that the Expense Magazine at Veysaurpady is still wholly without those traverses, the construction of which my predecessor, Colonel Stewart, recommended in paragraph 6 of his letter published in O.G. (Public), No. 186, dated 20th February 1873. I have reason to know that the famine relief authorities, with whom I have communicated, would willingly undertake the work very soon, as the nature and position of the proposed embankments are suitable and convenient for distressed villagers working.

2. Major Vibart, Executive Engineer, Presidency, has carefully examined the locality with myself, and sees no difficulty in carrying out the earthwork without any interference with existing walls or buildings. Drains however will have to be made at once under the proposed traverses; their cost will be slight.

3. I need scarcely observe that should the Magazine now explode from lightning or other cause, the village and any people or trains near, besides the Ordnance Store Serjeant in charge, his family and the Native Infantry Guard, would be destroyed; and, as pointed out by Colonel Stewart in the letter already referred to, the neighbouring Napier Iron Foundry does not add to the safety of the Magazine, in which there are usually upwards of three thousand 100 lb. barrels of gun-powder.

4. I would therefore again recommend that the immediate construction of the traverses be authorized as a possible work of permanent utility.

No. 21.

FORWARDED with the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the work be undertaken as recommended by Colonel Cadell.

2. The Veysaurpady Magazine is an old one. A new Magazine has been built at the Mount, and it was once contemplated to abandon the Veysaurpady one, but so long as the Powder Mills are at Madras a Magazine near them will be a necessity; Colonel Cadell does not think the Veysaurpady Magazine can be dispensed with; traverses round the Magazine will add to its safety.

(By order,)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th January 1877.

(Signed) H. O'CONNELL, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

No. 39.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, for the consideration and orders of Government as to whether the proposed traverses should be undertaken as a relief work, the necessary masonry drains being provided by the Public Works Department.

(By order,)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th January 1877.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th January 1877. No. 282.

THE Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposed relief work.
2. It must of course be carried out under direction and supervision of the District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 582. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 282.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Presidency.

2. It is thought that provision of earthen traverses on the south and west sides, as recommended in paragraph 22 of the report recorded with G.O., No. 3,042, of 23rd December 1872, will suffice. And that if properly laid out no masonry drains will be necessary.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Financial Department.
" Military do.
" Revenue do.

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from

The Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines
through His Excellency the Commander
in Chief, to the Secretary to Government
Military Department, dated Ordnance
Office Fort Saint George 3rd January 1877
No. 9.
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I have the honor to request that
you will bring to the notice of Govern-
ment that the expense magazine
at Vayampady is still wholly without
those traverses, the construction of which
my predecessor, Colonel Stewart, recommended
in para 8 of his letter published in O.G.
(Public) No 186, dated 20 February 1876. I have
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cated, would willingly undertake the
work very soon, as the nature and
position of the proposed embankments
are suitable and convenient for dis-
tressed villagers working.

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Presidency, has carefully examined the
locality with myself and sees no difficulty
in

in carrying out the earth work without any interference with existing walls or buildings. Drains however will have to be made at once under the proposed traverses. Their cost will be slight.

3. I need scarcely observe that should the Magazine now explode from lightning or otherwise the village and any people or trains near, besides the Ordnance Store Sergeant in charge, his family and the Native Infantry Guard would be destroyed and as pointed out by Colonel Stewart in the letter already referred to, the neighbouring village of Pichon & Foundry does not add to the safety of the Magazine in which there are usually upwards of three thousand 100 lb barrels of Gun powder.

4. I would therefore again recommend that the immediate construction of the traverses be authorised as a possible work of permanent utility.

Forwarded with the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that the work be undertaken as recommended by Colonel Cadell.

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The Veyasapady Magazine is an old one & a new Magazine has been built at the Mount, and it was once contemplated to abandon the Veyasapady one, but so long as the Powder Mills are at Innaur a Magazine near them will be a necessity. Colonel Cadell does not think the Veyasapady Magazine can be dispensed with. Traverses round the Magazine will add to its safety.

Quarter Master General's Office } (By Order)
Fort St George } (Signed) R. F. Fennell Major General
4 January 1877 } Quarter Master General

No 39

Transferred to the Revenue Department for the consideration and orders of Govt. as to whether the proposed Traverses should be undertaken as a relief work. the necessary masonry drains being provided by the Public Works Department.

Fort St George } (By Order)
January 1877 } (Signed) J. Michael Colonel
Secretary to Government

Order thereon 8 January 1877 No. 59

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposed Relief work.

2. It must of course be carried out under direction and supervision of the

Idio Pyalleny the
 Commander-in-Chief be it our wish
 than the information we have
 previously placed at his disposal would
 appear to have enabled him to give an being
 first cancelled.

2. Colonel Cadell has
 stated that the ex-
 -pense Magazines at
 Veydaupandy is still
 wholly without those
 traverses which Colonel
 Stewart recommended
 in his letter of 26th
 November 1872. These
 were expressly stated
 to be traverses all round.
 But the Committee

This work has been
 -mended more as a
 famine work than because
 of its necessity. It is a work
 that can be done by
 skilled labour.
 As regards the preservation
 of life, that object will be
 effected by making the
 traverses only on the side
 towards the village - & by only
 doing this I presume much
 of the difficulty is to providing
 for drainage will be got over.

23rd January 1873

I do not agree &
 this draft order is
 on ground of the
 papers I think the
 traverse on S. side
 should be provided -
 that it may properly
 be done & relief labour
 and that properly
 traced - no masonry
 drainage can be
 necessary -
 I do not enter on the
 question of the propriety
 of the place - because the
 question is not that of a
 Magazine being built but
 of providing protection for
 the living nearness
 established & certain time
 under some considerable time
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 of which Colonel Cadell
 was a Member, in their
 Report passed with
 G.O. No. 3042 of 23rd
 December 1872 recom-
 -mended that the South
 side only should be
 traversed in the first
 instance; the West side
 only if any additional
 buildings are erected
 in that direction.
 3. The Estimate of Rs. 9000
 sanctioned in G.O. No. 1995 of 11th August 1873, the
 and carried out within
 the ensuing twelve months
 included provisions of
 traverses on the South
 of the Magazines. And
 it is not known that
 any additional buildings

have been erected, such
as would render the
services desirable on the
West side. Still less
has their necessity
for the North and
East sides been shown.

Again, it was
stated by Colonel
Napier Campbell in
his letter recorded
with G. O. No. 289 of
2nd February 1875, that
great and serious loss
will accrue to Govern-
ment so long as the
Vedapandy Magazine
is used for the storage
of powder. In conse-
quence of which the
presentation the

is exposed to
the danger of
the powder
being blown
up by the
explosion of
the powder
in the
magazine
itself. The
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pay for the
loss of powder
and for the
cost of the
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Completion of the
Revenue Magazine
at St. Thomas' Mount
was urged forward.
And it is stated
that it is now stated
that upwards of 3000
10 lbs barrels of gun-
powder are usually
stored there. Should
it still be necessary
to store so largely
on a site where de-
terioration of quality
is inevitable, in spite
of the construction
of and then Magazine
decided to have
taken its place,

No doubt the surround-
 ing of it by drains
 will be advisable.
 But as at present in-
 formed His Grace
 the Governor in Council
 is not satisfied as to
 the necessity of storage
 at Vysampandy on
 a large scale and
 consequently of the
 necessity of drains
 all round.

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UNDER date the 30 Jan/77
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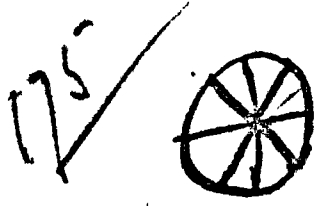
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dency Brit — Gov.
The Dept sanctioning the
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Relief Work, commencing the
Brit Emp with remarks