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9th October 1877, No. 946 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 91. From Colonel R. CADELL, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 3rd October 1877, No. 3,526.

With reference to your letter, No. 2,740, dated 17th September 1877, forwarding reports from officers of the Public Works Department relative to the use of Government powder, I have the honor to state that I think it would be an economical system to the public cash-chest, except in cases where the quantity required is very small, were all officers of the Department of Public Works supplied with Government blasting powder when in want of that article.

2. It is always of good strength and quality, but being made of broken up cartridges principally, it cannot be used in the department, except for saluting and blank exercising purposes. It can be supplied in 50 lb. or 100 lb. barrels as required.

3. With reference to Captain Awdry's remark that Magazines would be required, perhaps the same buildings which cover the powder now used would do for the Government powder which is more securely packed than country-made powder usually is.

4. With reference to the remarks of the Superintending Engineers, Kistna and Godavery Districts, I would remark that the present price of blasting powder is 4 Annas 6 Pies per lb.; but, if that price were really considered too high, I will authorize a small reduction.

5. The Government powder is always issued in 50 or 100 lb. barrels with copper hoops; but if to a public department, the barrels would be taken back with the copper hoops, if returned within a reasonable time uninjured. The copper hoops, however, always fetch their full value in the market if sold.

6. There would of course be no objection to officers of Department of Public Works taking blasting powder for issue to contractors if they indented for it in the usual manner.

7. With reference to the reports from the District Engineers of Kurnool and Ganjam, I beg to state that they have been requested to indent on the Ordnance Officer, Grand Arsenal, in the usual manner for the powder which they require.

No. 92. Order thereon, 9th October 1877, No. 946 W.

The Inspector-General's letter will be communicated to all District Engineers. The Government agree with Colonel Cadell in thinking that Government blasting powder should be used in preference to other powder.

2. Attention should be paid by all officers indenting for powder to the 5th paragraph of the letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To all District Engineers.
To the Military Department.
" Chief Engr for Irrn
" J. D. Rennell Esqr

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:
Fort Saint George,
25th October 1877

No. 3526

From

The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To The Chief Engineer
& Secretary Public Works
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 2710 dated 17th September 1877, forwarding reports from Officers of the Public Works Department relative to the use of Government powder, I have the honor to state that I think it would be an economical system to the Public Service, except in cases where the quantity required is very small, were all Officers of the Department Public Works supplied with Government blasting powder when in want of that article—

2— It is always of good strength and quality but being made of broken up Cartridges principally it cannot be used in the Department except for subsoiling and blasting rock purposes. It can be supplied in 50th & 100th barrels as required—

3— With reference to Captain Sadlier's remarks that Magazines would be required, perhaps the same buildings which

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over the powder now used, would do for the Government powder which is more securely packed than county made powder usually is.—

4. With reference to the remarks of the Superintending Engineer Kistna and Godavery Districts, I would remark that the present price of blasting powder is four annas six pies per lbs but if that price were really considered too high, I will authorize a small reduction.—

5. The Government powder is always issued in 50 or 100 lb barrels with copper hoops but if to a Public Department, the barrels would be taken back with the copper hoops if returned within a reasonable time unexpired. The copper hoops however always fetch their full value in the market if sold.—

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Officer Granted Permit in the usual manner for the powder which they require.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Colonel, R.E.
Inspector Genl of Ordnance &c &c

No. 3526

From

The Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Chief Engineer

Dated 30th

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Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 9th October 1877

Read the following :—

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By order &c.

Ordnance

Dept. of 1877 Stores.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr Dalgety.

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C. O. 9th Oct. 1877. No. 946 W

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