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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th September 1878, No 3,632 W.

Buildings and Roads
Military Works

Read the following papers.—

No 158 From Major POSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency,
to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Fort St George,
23rd August 1878, No 3,096.

With reference to G.O. No 3,317 W, of 19th August 1878, I have the honor
to inquire whether the extension and completion of the platforms in question is to be
carried out at once, or deferred until the arrival of the 'C' racers, which it appears the
Secretary of State is to send out from England.— G.O., No 3,255 W, of 15th August
1878.

2 In the event of the platforms being completed now I have the honor to
request instructions to the makers and constructors of the 'C' racers to be laid down.

No 158-A From the same Officer, dated 23rd August 1878, No 3,201.

No 158-B From the same Officer, dated Fort St George, 2nd September 1878,
No 3,207.

With reference to your memorandum No 3,893, of 31st August 1878, I
have the honor to request that I may be favored with the instructions sought in my
No 3,026, of 22nd August 1878, to enable me to carry out the orders of Government,
No 3,317 W, of 19th August 1878.

No 158 C From the same Officer, dated Fort St George, 5th September 1878,
No 3,362.

With reference to your memorandum No 3,912, of 2nd September 1878, I have
the honor to report that I have seen the lithographed drawings of racers referred to
in the orders of Government you quote and that I understand them.

In G.O., Military Department, No 3,909, of 2nd August 1878, it is stated that
"the Secretary of State for India will be asked to supply 'C' racers for distribution
in the three Presidencies in the proportion of one to each."

In G.O., No 3,317 W, I am directed to complete the extension of one of the
platforms in each of the Light-house and Naval Barracks to a height of 10 feet
being worked and made available for the full extension.

The 'C' racers which the Secretary of State for India has been requested to
send will, I presume, be such as will suit the wrought iron traversing platforms of the
standard design for 9 R.M.L. guns, and not the wooden platforms of obsolete pattern
sent from Bombay; it is probable, moreover, that some time will elapse before these
'C' racers will reach Madras.

The information I am therefore anxious of having is—

- (I) Am I to wait for these "C" racers from home, or not, to complete one platform in each of the two batteries as ordered in G.O., No. 3,317 W, of 19th August 1878;
- (II) If I am *not* to wait for the "C" racers from home, am I at liberty, in communication with the Ordnance Department, to construct or procure, as best I can, and lay down, as a temporary measure, racers to suit the long wooden platforms brought from Bombay, so that one gun may be "mounted and made available for drill and exercise" in each of the two batteries (viz, Light-house and Napier Bridge)

No. 139 ORDER THEREON 13th September 1878, No. 3,632 W

The District Engineer has, with reference to the foregoing letters, been informed* by the Chief Engineer that the orders of the 19th August, No. 3,317 W, are to be carried out, under which he is to complete the extension of one platform in each battery at the Light-house and Napier Bridge, to admit of the guns being mounted and made available. He has also been informed that the racers to be laid down are to suit the wooden platforms.

2. These orders will be attended to without further delay.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency
Military Department

Ld T. D. Rao
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No 3096

Sir,

The District Engineer,
Presidency

Sir,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Govt. Works

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 3317 W of 19th
August 1878, I have the honor to inquire whether
the extension, and completion of the platforms
in question, is to be carried out at once, or
deferred until the arrival of the C. Rovers
which appears the Secretary of State is to
send only from England - vide G.O. No. 3255 W
of 15th August 1878.

As the work of the platforms being
completed now, I have the honor to request
instructions as to the nature and dimensions
of the racers to be laid down.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. P. P. P.

Major

District Engineer Presidency

Sd/- George

23rd Aug 1878

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See report Engineer
Barracks

No 3096

Date 23rd of August 1878.
Recd

Batteries.

Inquires whether the
extension and completion
of the platform in question
is to be carried out at
once, or deferred until
the arrival of the Rovers
from England

P.S. Progress Report of work done at the Right House.
Vapour Battery and Elvii Battery for the week ending 28 August 1878.

Description of work.	Quantity work done up to date	Work done last period	Work done since last period	Remarks.
Right House Battery.				
Earth work (Sand) excavated	Cy ³ 13233	12482	751	Railroad completed last week.
Concrete work.	Cy ³ 20,065	17510	2456	Concrete work completed except platforms which await orders.
Clay work done.	Cy ³ 71	32	39	3 workmen in shed 2 as Messrs fully employed during week.
Planting grass	Sq ^{rs} 5 1/2	.	5 1/2.	Clay at road sloping downward also planted at grass. Plaster put in shed.
Vapour Battery.				
Earth work (Sand) excavated	Cy ³ 14137	14107	30	Railroad finished last week except platform which await orders is completed.
Bricks in chimney work	Cy ³ 17145	14079	3066	Brickwork being erected in by 2 as Messrs.
Concrete work	Cy ³ 15916	14021	1895	Laying of clay masonry materials for plaster being collected.
Clay work done	Cy ³ 238	51	187	
Planting grass	Sq ^{rs} 0	.	0	

Elvii Battery.				
Bricks in chimney work	Cy ³ 1263	1108	155	Retaining wall retained Two platforms with a bed of 3 ft of gravel ready - orders for bricks awaited.
Concrete work done	Cy ³ 3583	3020	963	Clay laying, suspended as completion of same is desirable.

For Saint George.
28 August 1878.

J. M. Maitland Captain.
Executive Engineer in charge
Batteries.

... and ...

... and ...

No 3201.

... 20th August 1878

B. A. Hines.

Sub. to ...
... of the ...
... 28 Aug 1878.

No 3201

Sub. to the Chief Engineer
... with reference to ...
... of the ... 1878

W. H. ...

... 11/11/78

(No. 3267.
From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Govt D.M.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 3399
of 31 August 1878, I have the honor to request
that I may be favored with the instructions
sought in my No 3096 of 23rd Aug 1878 -
to enable me to carry out the orders of Govt
Memo 3317 of 19th August 1878.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. H. ...
District Engineer,
Presidency.

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Batteries

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No. 3362.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency

To,

The Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Govt. Works,
Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo. No. 3912
of 2nd September 1878, I have the honor to report
that I have sent the lithographed drawings
of crabs referred to in the orders of Govt.
you quote, and that I understand them
In G. O. No. 3909 of 3rd August
1878 it is stated that "The Secretary of State
for India will be asked to supply 'C' crabs
for distribution in the three Presidencies in
accordance with the number of guns in each

In G. O. No. 3317 W I am directed to com-
plete the extension of one concrete platform
in each of the Light House and Napier
Bridges Batteries to admit of the guns
being mounted and made available for
drill and exercise."

The 'C' crabs which the Secretary of
State

State in order to be
 will be as usual in all the
 wrought iron turn out, as the
 Standard does in 1874 and 1875
 and not the same pattern as the
 pattern and from the same source
 moreover that some of the will elapse before
 these "C" pieces will reach the
 destination even if they are
 of iron.

I am to mark for the "C" pieces
 from some of the complete one
 platform in each of the two batteries
 as ordered in the No 2217 of 19th
 August 1878

II If I am not to mark for the "C"
 pieces from some - am I at liberty
 in communication with the Ordnance
 Department to send out a message as
 to the same as it is to be as a
 temporary measure as the same
 the long wooden platform from
 from 1870 but - I think you have
 may be "not" but it is not
 "available" for the "C" pieces

in each of the two batteries (viz Light House
 and Napier Bridge.)
 I have the honor to be

Sr,
 Your most obedient servant
 W. Thompson Major R.
 District Engineer
 Residing

For the General }
 5th Sept 1878. }

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Board and Buildings

No 3362
 dated 31st Sept 1878 -

Batteries of maddas -

Request further in-
 formation regarding
 completion of concrete
 platform in the -

Approved
 3. 9. 78

No 3032 of 13-9-78

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the (?) 13-9-78

Read the following -

From
 The Dist Engrs Presidency (N.B. No 3046 of 23rd Sep 1878)
 to _____ (N.B. No 3281 of 28th Sep 1878)
 to _____ (N.B. No 3267 of 2nd Sep 1878)
 to _____ (N.B. No 3362 of 5th Sep 1878)

* Memo No 3978 of 5th Sep 1878

The District Engineer
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 foregoing letters been in-
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 of the 19th August 1878
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available. He has also
been informed that the
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platforms.

These orders will be
attended to without fur-
ther delay.

The Dict. Ings. President
The Military Department
Sept 25-9-78
desp. 13-7-78

Oct 7-9-78
Desp. 13-9-78
Desp. 13-9-78

W. L. Presidency

14 Sep 1932

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Careers for the Batteries
of Artillery

Giving the district
Engineer, presiding the
information he requires
regarding the —.

Subdiv. Rep.

Wm. T. B. Smith

Aug 13-77