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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th February 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 115. From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 8th January 1869, No. 285.

Ordnance Department.

I have the honor to append, in the margin, for the information of Government,

I have the honor to report to you that the coal which was stored in the coal shed near Royapooram, and which was landed from "Imogen," in August and September last, was found yesterday to have become so heated, that smoke or vapour was observed by the guard to be issuing from the roof of the shed.

All the Lascars, who could be spared, were at once sent to the spot by Lieutenant Lockhart, who accompanied the two fire engines from the Arsenal, which also proceeded to the shed.

The coal from the "Imogen" owing to want of space had been stored at the further end of the shed, and on account of the greater portion of it being very small, almost dust, it had formed into a solid mass, the whole of which had heated. It was, therefore, necessary to make a breach in the wall of the shed in order to get at the centre of the mass, and, by directing the fire engines ventilation and to increase the surface exposed to the air. The fire engines were kept playing on the mass in order to cool it, as the men were engaged in its partial removal.

When I visited the shed to-day the coal had become much cooler, and all danger of ignition was, in my opinion, over.

It will, however, be necessary to store a considerable portion in the open plain, as replacing it in the shed would be merely to cause another occurrence of spontaneous heating.

copy of a report by the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, of a partial combustion of coal, which occurred on the 5th instant, in the coal shed near Royapooram.

2. I trust Government will ap-

prove of a portion of the coal being stowed in the open plain; if so the Police authorities will be requested to make proper arrangements for a guard being placed over the coal.

MEMORANDUM.

The Military Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will, with reference to his letter, No. 285, dated 8th instant, be good enough to state where the "open plain" therein referred to is situated, and whether it is Government property? also for what time and what probable cost for watching it is proposed to stow the coal on the open plain, and the value of the coal.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major Genl.,
12th January 1869. Secy. to Govt., M. D.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 116. From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 28th January 1869, No. 310.

Ordnance Department.

With reference to Memorandum, dated 12th January 1869, the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines has the honor to state that the open ground alluded to in the report from this office, No. 285, dated 8th January 1869, is that lying between the coal godown and a public latrine, and information has been obtained from the President, Municipal Commission, that it is the property of Government.

2. The Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, has arranged that the Lascar Guard on duty at the coal godown should also watch over the coal stored on the plain, and thus no additional expense will be incurred. The sanction of Government is, therefore, required for the use of the ground in question.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th February 1869.*

Transferred, with No. 285 of 1869, to the Public Department for disposal.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major Genl.,
4th February 1869. Secy. to Govt., M. D.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1869, No. 199.

The Government approve of the arrangement proposed for guarding and removing to the open plain in the vicinity of the coal shed near Royapooram, a portion of the coal there stored.

(True Extract).

 Secretary.

To the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.
„ Collector of the Madras District.
„ Military Department.

Memorandum Department.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

8 January 1869.

No. 285.

From

Colonel L. L. Barker

Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to append in

the margin,

for the in-

formation

of Government,

copy of a report

by the Comm.

and of

Ordnance

I have the honor to report to you that the Coal which was stored in the Coal Shed near Royapuram, and which was landed from "Indoogen" in August and September last, was found yesterday to have become so heated, that smoke or vapour was observed by the Guard to be issuing from the roof of the shed.

All the Lascars, who could be spared, were at once sent to the spot by Lieutenant Leathwaite, who accompanied the two Fire Engines from the Arsenal, which also proceeded to the shed.

The Coal from the "Indoogen" owing to want of space, had been stored at the further end of the shed, and on account of the greater portion of it being very small, almost dust, it had formed into a solid mass, the whole of which had heated. It was therefore necessary to make a breach in the wall of the shed in order to get at the centre of the mass, and by dividing it into two, to introduce ventilation and to increase the surface exposed to the air. The Fire Engines were kept playing on the mass in order to cool it, as the men were engaged in its partial removal.

When I visited the shed today the Coal had become much cooler and all danger of ignition was in my opinion over.

It will however be necessary to store a considerable portion in the open plain, as replacing it in the shed would be likely to cause another occurrence of spontaneous heating.

Test. H. George, of a partial combustion of Coals which occurred on the 5th Instant in the Coal Shed near Royapuram.

I trust Government will approve of a portion of the Coal being stored in the open plain

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE AG. INSPR. GENERAL OF

ORDNANCE AND MAGAZINES.

Ac, Ac, Ac

Dated February, 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 13th February 1869, No. 199.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 115-117.

Approving of the arrangement proposed for guarding and removing to the open plain in the vicinity of the coal shed near Royapuram, a portion of the coal there stored.

plain; if so, ^{the} Police authorities will be requested
to make proper arrangements for a guard being
placed over the Cart.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most obedt. servant

Coll
Adj. Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines

Ordnance Department.

Inspector General's Office:

Fort Saint George,

28 January 1869.

No. 310.

Official Memo.

From

Colonel S. L. Parrot

Adj. Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government.

Military Department.

With reference to Memo. dated 12th January, 1869, the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines has the honor to state that the place ground alluded to in the Report from this office No. 285 dated 8th January, 1869 is that lying between the Coal godown and a public Latrine, and information has been obtained from the President Municipal Commission, that it is the property of Government.

2. The Commissary of Ordnance Fort Saint George has arranged that the Larca Guard on duty at the Coal godown should also watch over the Coal stored on the plain, and thus no additional expense will be incurred. The sanction of Government is therefore required for the use of the ground in question.

S. L. Parrot Colonel
Adj. Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

11th March

San: 15th Feb/19.
Military 1869 Department

From

Mr. W. J. Jackson General

of Ordnance & Mag.

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

Dated 8th January 1869.

No. 285

Inform of the fire in the
Coal shed at Day's Barracks
and request that a portion
of the Coal be stored in the
open plain.

11th March 1869

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter *from the*
By Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines

(Henculir 8825 Lang 69 No 310)

Order thereon No 199. 13 Feb 1869.

The Govt approve of the
arrangement proposed for removing
to the open plain in the vicinity
of the Coal shed near Royapuram,
a portion of the Coal there stored
~~and~~ also for guarding it.

~~Sub. Order No 199.~~

The Secy. Infr. Genl.
H. H. H. H. H.
Collector of the Madras
Military Dept } do disp 1/2

