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DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	357	Press Mis.
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Read the following papers:—

No. 95. From the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 26th November 1870, No. 238 G:—

Ordnance Department.

The establishment of a cart-stand near the Gun Powder Factory having been already twice distinctly prohibited by the orders* of Government, I regret to be obliged again to bring the subject under the notice of Government, in reference to the annexed copy of a letter from the Acting Superintendent, Gun Powder Factory,† which states as a fact that the said cart-stand is being proceeded with on the same ground, notwithstanding the express prohibitions before recorded.

2. The removal to a distance of a few yards on the same plain, in the same direction as regards the Factory, by no means conveys it beyond the objections urged against its establishment there in the last clause of paragraph 2 of my previous letter embodied in Proceedings of Government‡, referring especially to the strong winds which for so many months set in the direction of the Factory, and I, therefore, have felt it my duty to again lay the matter before Government, still believing that the former decisions of Government against it are as expedient now as they were when issued.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th November 1870.

(Signed) A. WILDE, Major-Genl.,
Secretary to Government, M. D.

Referred to the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, for report as to the circumstances under which the cart-stand alluded to by the Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines is being proceeded with, the Orders of Government, dated the 18th July and 24th September last, Nos. 883 and 1215, having interdicted the construction of this cart-stand in the vicinity of the Gun Powder Factory.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd December 1870.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

No. 96. From the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th January 1871, No. 48.

I have the honour, with reference to the letter from the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, No. 238-G, dated the 26th November 1870, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, giving cover to one from the Acting Superintendent, Gun Powder Factory, referred to me by Government, under date the 3rd ultimo, for report as to the circumstances under which the cart-stand alluded to by the former is being proceeded with, the Orders of Government, dated

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1871.*

the 18th July and 24th September last, Nos. 883 and 1215, having interdicted the construction of a cart-stand in the vicinity of the Gun Powder Factory, to submit the following remarks for the consideration of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council.

2. I am informed by my predecessor, Major Bowen, that, in giving instructions to proceed with the cart-stand where it is now proposed to place it, he had no idea that they would be considered as in any way opposed to the Order of Government, No. 1215, of the 24th September last; on the contrary, he looked upon this as fully authorizing him in taking the action he did and for the following reason.

3. Paragraph 2 of Colonel Denison's letter of the 4th August 1870, No. 448, was written with the view of obtaining through Government a definite statement as to the limit beyond which the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines would raise no objection to the construction of the cart-stand, and, on receipt of the Order, Major Bowen considered that, whilst the first paragraph confirmed the previous Order of Government, No. 883, dated the 18th July 1870, interdicting its being proceeded with on the precise spot on which it had been commenced, the second paragraph was to be understood as sanctioning its construction, provided it was not placed nearer to the Gun Powder Factory than 600 yards.

4. The Acting Superintendent of the Gun Powder Factory, in the first paragraph of his letter, states that it has been again commenced on the same ground, and the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines makes use of the same expression in regard to it in one part of his letter, and in another alludes to its removal to a few yards only, the impression being thus conveyed that scarcely any change is to be made in its position.

5. There is no doubt that the place to which it is to be removed is at no great distance from the site originally fixed on, but an inspection of the accompanying plan will show that the expressions above referred to are calculated to give a very erroneous idea of what the distance really is, and, indeed, they can only be explained on the supposition that they were written under the impression that the whole of the ground in process of reclamation was to form a part of the new cart-stand, which is not the case.

6. The cart-stand as originally projected, and the construction of which Government put a stop to, is marked *B* on the plan; and that which is now in progress, *Z*. From the Gun Powder Factory to the nearest point of the proposed cart-stand is a distance of 667 yards; to the cooking houses, of 767 yards; and to the forge, 850 yards; or, in the case of the two last, of 167 and 250 yards, respectively, beyond the limit of 600 yards named by the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines. My predecessor, conceiving, as I have already mentioned, that he was authorized by the last paragraph of the Order of Government, No. 1215, to proceed with the construction of the cart-stand beyond this limit, selected for its site the position shown on the plan, in the full belief that, by placing it so much beyond the 600 yards, he was giving complete effect to the meaning and spirit of the Order of Government which it was both his wish and intention to act up to.

7. With regard to the locality referred to in paragraph 3 of the letter from the Acting Superintendent, Gun Powder Factory, as being a more suitable site, I have

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to state that such is not the opinion of the Improvements Committee, who chose the place marked *B* as the most convenient site they could find in the neighbourhood, and, when this, owing to the Government Order, was no longer available, were unanimous in recommending the one marked *Z* as unquestionably the next best. The other piece of ground will also most probably be required by the Municipality before long for other purposes.

8. With this explanation, I would respectfully request the permission of Government to proceed with the construction of the cart-stand as now proposed without any further delay.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 357.

As the cart-stand to which the Acting Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines and the Acting Superintendent of the Gun Powder Manufactory have taken exception appears, from the explanation afforded by the Officiating President of the Madras Municipal Commission, to be beyond the limit (600 yards) prescribed in G. O., dated the 24th September, No. 1215, the Government see no sufficient reason for ordering its discontinuance.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

„ Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines.

„ Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, with Plan returned.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,
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Dated March, 1864.

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G. O., 1864 March 1871, No. 357.

MARCH.

Nos. 95--97.

Defining to order the removal of the cart-plant
in the vicinity of the Gun Powder Manufactory.

Copy

Gun Powder Factory.
Madras, 22nd November 1870.

No 425.

To,
The Inspector General of Ordnance,
and Magazines.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Proceedings Madras
Government Nos 883 and 1215 dated 18th July, and
24th September last, I have the honor to report to
You, that the Cart Stand therein forbidden
in the most positive terms to be constructed

by your referring the subject as soon as con-
venient to Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
(Signed) R. Cadest S^r Lt. & B. Col.
Asst. Supdt Gun Powder Factory.

(True Copy)

G. Mulandras Colt.
Asst. Inspector Genl of Ordnance and Mag^s.

Manufactory, thus coming within 3 yards of the minimum distance within which the construction of such objectionable Establishments is altogether forbidden.

III. I can scarcely think that such is the meaning or spirit of the Order of Government, particularly as a more suitable and at the same time, a more distant locality for a Cart Stand was pointed out in my last letter, recorded in the above proceedings, and fully concurred in by you.

IV. Should you deem fit I shall be obliged. has been again commenced on the same ground by the Municipal Authorities. No communication has been made to me directly or indirectly on the subject by them, or from Government through you. -

II I am however informed, that the Municipal Authorities consider the last paragraph of the last Order of Government completely cancels the first para, and that the nearest portions of the Cart Stand have been carefully measured off to 603 yards, exactly from the Gunpowder Manufactory.

Ordnance Department
1 Enclosure.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:
Fort Saint George,
26 November 1870.

No. ⁶/₂₃₉.

From, Colonel H. Rowlandson,
Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To, The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir,

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2. The removal to a distance of a few yards, on the same plain in the same direction as regards the Factory, by no means conveyed beyond the objections urged against its establishment there, in the last clause of Para 2 of my previous letter embodied in Proceedings of Government, ^a/₂ referring especially to the strong winds which for so many months set in the direction of the Factory, and I therefore have felt it my duty to again lay the matter

^a/₁ Pro Order of Govt.
No. 982-18 July 1870.
^a/₂ Pro Order of Govt.
Nos. 1215-24 Sept 70.

^(b) No. 125 of 22 Nov 70.

^a/₂ No. 165-2 Sept 70.

M. S. Rowlandson
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matter before Government, still believing, that the
former decisions of Government against it, are
as expedient now, as they were when issued.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Y^{rs} Obedient Servant,
Ag: Inspector General of Ordnance
and Magazines.

Municipal Commissioners' Office,
Madras, 30 January 1871

From
J. C. Lock Esqre
Off^r & President Mump^r Com^r
To
The Honble R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor, with
reference to the letter from the Acting
Inspector General of Ordnance and
Magazines & Co. 235 dated the 26th
November 1870 to the Secretary to
Government Military Department,
giving cover to me from the Acting
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referred to me by government under
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the circumstances under which
the Cart Stand alluded to by the
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the orders of government dated
the 18th July and 24th September

Not at all to be taken
into account - 25-58

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With this explanation I would respectfully request the

the permission of Government to proceed with the construction of the Cart Stand as now proposed without any further delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient servant
J. M. A. Doherty
President of the
Munipal Commission

Public Department

Memorandum

Letter from Pres. Municipal Com. dated
24th July 1870.

In G. O. dated

the 18th July 1870. No 883,
Government directed the Pre-
sident of the Municipal Com-
mission not to proceed with
the construction of a Cinerator
and a Cart Stand in the
vicinity of the gun Powder
Factory.

2. Col. Leeson reported
in reply, that he had direc-
ted the discontinuance of
the Cinerator and Cart Stand
and he begged for an expres-
sion of the views of Govern-
ment as to what distance
from the walls of a factory
was to be considered close to

Letter of 4th August
1870 No 448

S. No 2058 of 1870.
24th July 1870. No 1166
18 July 1870. No 57-58

Public 1871 No 1166

From
The M^r. Pres. of the
Municipal Com. No 1166

Pres 33. Aug. 1871
No 31

No 207

Submits report
regarding a Cart
Stand in the vicinity
of the Gun Powder
Factory, Madras.

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it - Colonel Denison also submitted a plan, and stated that the Cart Stand he proposed ~~would~~ be placed at a distance of 1340 feet from the Gun Powder factory, that a Cinerator was regularly worked in the Sewage Farm from July to December 1869, and that the one objected to had been building since December 1869, adding "This would seem to show that the authorities don't attach very grave importance to the construction of such buildings at a reasonable distance from the Government Factory!"

3 On Colonel Denison's letter being referred to Col. Rowlandson the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance

Letter of 2nd Sept. 170
No. 1654.

and magazines for such remarks as he may desire to offer, that Officer submitted a letter from the Acting Superintendent of the Gun Powder Factory, and wrote as follows.

"But the sites now selected for the cinerator and Cart Stand are the worst possible, being in the direct course of the South-east wind, which prevails for so long a season, and passing with full force over an open plain, uninterrupted by a single obstacle or tree, carries ^{with} it clouds of sand and dust which covers every article in the manufactory. Office, and rooms."

"I am clearly of

opinion that they should not be persevered in; and I fully concur in the remark at close of paragraph 4 of Col. Cadell's letter, as to the proper position for the cart stand."

"In reply to the question raised in the 2nd paragraph of Col. Denison's letter, as to the distance within ^{which} no establishment, public, or private, of which fire is an element, should be allowed near a Gun Powder Factory, I consider one third of a mile, or say 600 yards, a safe and proper limit to establish."

4 After a full consideration of the papers, the Government saw no reason to modify their Order dated the 18th.

Extract from Para 4 of Col. Cadell's letter

Even supposing the measure to be wise, in a sanitary point of view, to concentrate a vast number of carts coming from various districts, from any one of which cholera might be imported and then disseminated to all the rest, the proposed site was unnecessary there being plenty of vacant ground several hundred yards further from the Gun Powder Factory, near the corner of the People's Park and between the Salt Stair Station and the Alexandra Pass.

G. O. of 24th Sept. 1870
N^o 1215

Letter N^o 9
238.

July 1870 N^o 883, and added that, as advised by the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, they would not permit any new establishment, public, or private of which fire is an element, being placed nearer the Gun Powder Factory than 600 yds.

5 On the 26th November 1870 Col. Rowlandson brought to the notice of Government that the Cart Stand was again being proceeded with on the same ground notwithstanding the express prohibitions above recorded.

6. Mr. Lock, the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, states in his report that Major Bower his predecessor in giving instructions

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General of Ordnance and
Magazines."

6. As regards the site
near the People's Park referred
to by the Superintendent of
the Gun Powder Factory, Mr.
Lock states that the Improve-
ment Committee are not
of opinion that ^{it is} a suitable
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proposed.

It is submitted that
the Municipality should
select some other site
for a cartstand. Though
within the safe limits
prescribed, it is an annoyance
to the Officer in charge
of the Gun factory & its
being so near will be
an endless subject
of dispute.

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I see no reason whatever
to prevent the erection
of the Cart-stand. There
cannot be any great nuisance
in any object 600 yards off,
and some public office has
residences under the very
nose of the persons
employed there.

I do not think
the objection is a
valid one - 600 yds
is a long distance -
and a fire alarm bell
works for on during
the day only, is dif-
ferent from a bell;
and a bell tone
noise at night & early
morning is really a
nuisance.

A.A. L.

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Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

M. Inspector General of Ordnance and magazines d/26.10.70 N. 4. 1/2. 1880.
Off. President, Municipal Commission, Madras d/20. Jan/71. N. 4. 1/2.

Order thereon 18 March 1891 N. 357.

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The Military Department
Inspt. Genl. of Ordnance
and magazines
Off. President of the Madras
Municipal Commission
with Plans ret'd.

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To Alto
the Military Department
per

Dated March 18. }
Recd. 187, No. 357.

Nos. 35-37.

Receiving the order the amount
of the East Island with vicinity
of the Gun Powder Manufacturing
houses.