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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 261. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 4th July 1860, No. 2,294 :—

1. With reference to the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 962, dated 11th June 1860, I have the honor to submit the correspondence noted in the margin, containing information as to the means at present available on the beach in case of fire.

1 *Letter from Commissioner of Police, dated 23rd June* 1860.
1 *Do. from Civil Architect, dated 23rd June, No.* 591, *with one enclosure.*
1 *Letter from Garrison Engineer, dated* 18*th do., No.* 140.

2. It appears from the reports of the Commissioner of Police, the Garrison Engineer, and the Civil Architect, that there is no Fire Engine on the beach at present for any emergency, but that one is always kept ready and in serviceable condition in the Arsenal; and that with the exception of water conveyed by men from the nearest wells on the beach there are no other means on the spot for extinguishing fire.

3. Colonel Boulderson considers that *one* Fire Engine, as proposed by the Collector of Sea Customs, would be insufficient to answer the purposes of the locality in question, crowded as it is with combustible stores, and surrounded by extensive liquor and Merchants, godowns. He therefore proposes to have several Engines, but does not fix the number, though from the tenor of his letter, I judge he means four at least; and to construct large and deep wells on the beach to secure a good supply of water at all times; and if this be done, he believes that the Departments* on the beach, marginally noted, will be able to provide a sufficient number of men to work the Engines efficiently until the arrival of the trained men from the Fire Department in the Fort.

* *Master Attendant, Custom House, Commissariat, Marine Police.*

4. The Garrison Engineer reports that the Principal Commissary of Ordnance is now making up some Fire Engines, one of which will be ready very soon, and as the Engine and Hose soon get out of order unless occasionally used and looked after, he thinks it will be necessary to have a small Establishment consisting of one or two Lascars as firemen, to take charge of the Engine.

5. Captain Hitchin's letter contains no information in itself, but is accompanied by a copy of one from the Master Attendant, in which that Officer observes that a Fire Engine, if attached to the Custom House, would be available for immediate service at the Import and Export yards, Coal Stores, Granary, Timber Depôt, Public Works Stores, (Abercrombie's Battery) and among the Shipping, and that it could be worked by his own boat's crew without any additional expense to the State, while at present, when a fire breaks out, assistance could only be rendered from the Fort, which is about two miles distant.

6. Under these circumstances, I would strongly recommend that a Fire Engine should be sanctioned for the Custom House, to be placed under the charge of the Master Attendant and to be worked, when required, by his boat's crew; and that, when available, a second Engine should be placed in charge of the Marine Police for service on the beach or elsewhere in the Town when necessary.

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1860, No. 1,215.

1. On the 31st May last, the Board of Revenue submitted a letter from the Collector of Sea Customs recommending that a Fire Engine should be stationed at the Custom House; and in an Order of the 11th June following No. 962, the Government referred the subject to the Chief Engineer for report.

2. It appears from that Officer's letter above recorded that there is no Fire Engine along the whole line of the beach; the only one available being in the Arsenal in the Fort. Colonel Horsley recites the opinions of the several Officers with whom he has communicated on the subject, and finally recommends that an Engine should be stationed at the Custom House; to be worked, on occasions requiring it, by the crew of the Master Attendant's boat.

3. This proposal is approved; and authority is accordingly granted for a Fire Engine to be placed at the Sea Custom House under the charge of the Master Attendant, to be worked, as proposed, by the crew of that Officer's boat. Mr. Dalrymple will cause the men to be exercised at the Engine twice a week, in order to accustom them to its management, and to prevent its getting out of order.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Memo. as to C.W. 1364.

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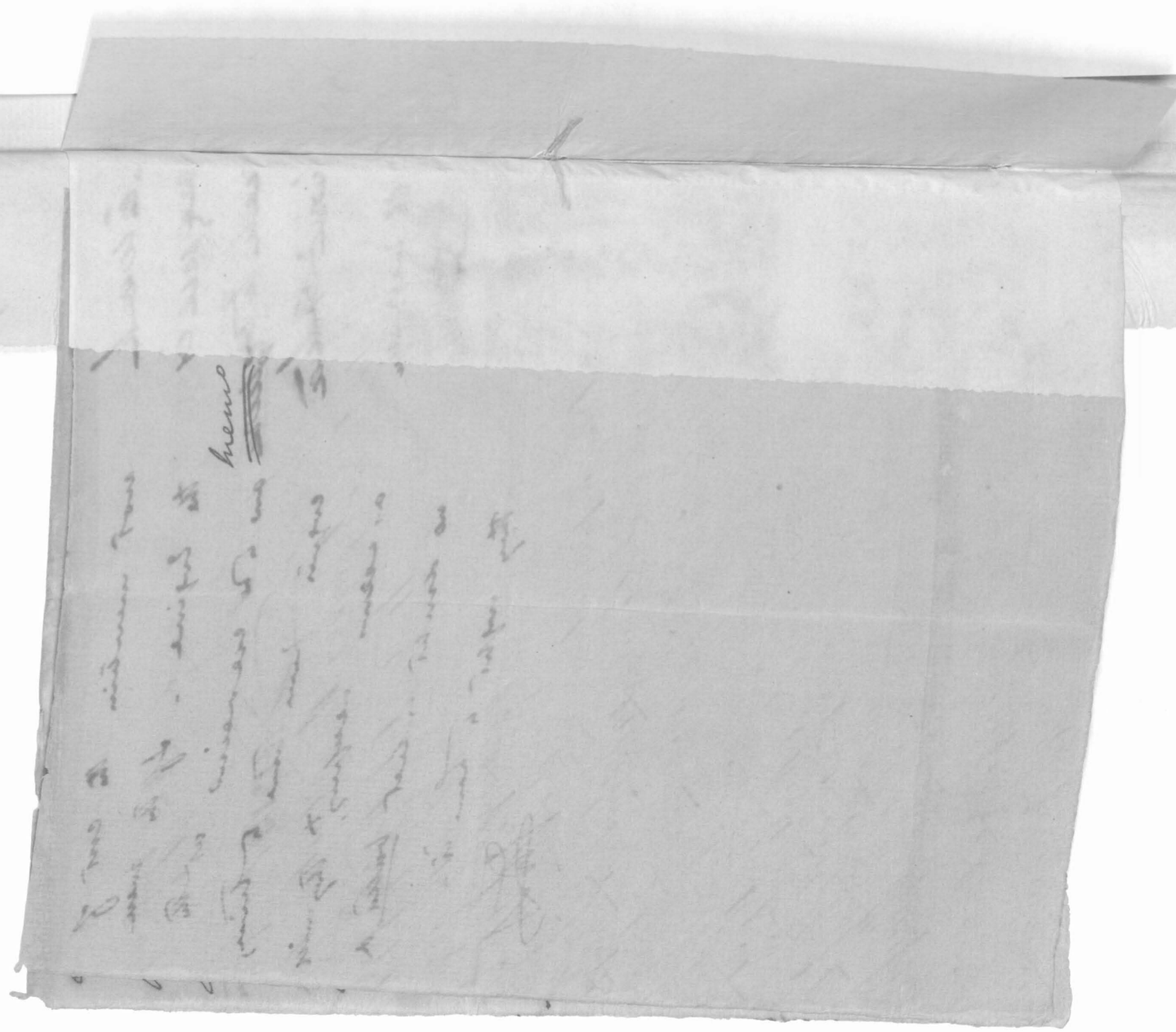
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as seems necessary, they will
no doubt exhaust batteries &
they ought to have it.



Rev. Dept

No 1215

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23d July 1860.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

Affording information as to the means available on the beach at Madras in case of fire.

(Here enter 4th July 1860 No 2294)

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3 This proposal is approved, and authority is accordingly granted for a Fire Engine to be placed at the Sea Customs House under the charge of the Master Attendant, to be worked, as proposed, by the crew of that Officers boat. Mr Dalrymple will cause the men to be exercised at the Engine as frequently

~~progressively as the Chief~~

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Chief Engr " North & Encls

Master Attendant "

Comr of Police "

Inspector Genl of Ords & Magazines "

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2 — Sup. of Marine "

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A Fire Engine to be placed at the Sea Custome House Madras.

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Ord: of the Madras Government

Dated 23d July 1860.

Granting authority for a Fire Engine being placed at the Sea Customs House to be worked, on occasions requiring it, by the Crew of the Steam Vessel attached to that Establishment.

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