

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*

*4th October 1871.*

No. 48. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 22nd August 1871, No. 6:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of my despatch in this department, numbered 4 and dated the 15th of June, stating that directions had been given for the supply of two cwt. of Dynamite to assist in blasting operations about to be undertaken in the Cauvery river, I have to inform you that the preparation in question does not appear from recent experience to be so useful or effective as it had been represented to be. Its transport from one part of England to another and its ultimate shipment to Madras would involve troublesome formalities and would not probably be unattended with danger.

2. Under these circumstances I have directed that two cwt. of compressed Gun Cotton should be supplied in lieu of the Dynamite. The cotton will be made in discs ready for use, and will be accompanied by detonating fuzes to be inserted at the time of operation. The charges should be placed upon the surface of the rocks or inserted in crevices.

3. Gun Cotton is used to a considerable extent by the Royal Engineers for sub-marine blasting, and the officers of that corps stationed in your Presidency might probably be consulted with advantage, should difficulties arise in its employment in the Cauvery river.

4. The supply in question will be forwarded to Madras, *via* the Suez Canal when ready.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1871, No. 1,740.

Forests, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of Forests and Public Works Department, with reference to G. O., 22nd July 1871, No. 1,287.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Conservator of Forests.  
„ the Public Works Department.  
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

India Office

London 22<sup>d</sup> August 1871

Revenue Forests  
No. 6

My Lord

With reference to  
Paragraph 2 of my despatch in  
this Department numbered 4  
and dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of June  
stating that directions had  
been given for the supply of  
two cwt of Dynamite to assist  
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His Excellency

The Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

Fort Saint George

or effective as it had been represented to be. Its transport from one part of England to another, and its ultimate shipment to Madras would involve troublesome formalities and would not probably be unattended with danger.

2. Under these circumstances, I have directed that 2 cwt of compressed Gun Cotton should be supplied in lieu of the Dynamite. The Cotton will be made in discs ready for use and will be accompanied by detonating Fuzes to be inserted at the time of operation. The charges should be placed upon the surface of the rocks or inserted in crevices.

3. Gun Cotton is used to a considerable extent by the Royal Engineers for sub-marine

blasting, and the officers of that corps stationed in your Presidency might probably be consulted with advantage should difficulties arise in its employment at the Cannary River.

4. The supply in question will be forwarded to Madras via the Suez Canal when ready.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant,

Clyde

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Province (Forests)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1871

The  
Letter to Sir H. George  
No 6

Recd. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871

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Communicated  
to the Conservator of  
Forests and Public  
Works Department  
with reference to  
G.O. 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1871

No 1287

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21 Public Works Dept  
14 Board of Agric

Stating that, as Dynamite  
referred to in a previous Dispatch, does  
not appear from recent experience to  
be useful for blasting operations, & as  
the shipment of which would probably  
be attended with danger, 2 cwt. of  
compressed Gun Cotton has been  
ordered for, & directing how the same  
should be used.

No 1740 - 4 October 1871

W. H. order

Received at Ottawa on the  
14 September 1871.