

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th June 1857.

roads in Madras with the exception referred to have been long under the orders of the Assessment Department; and as the late Justices in Sessions had, in their Proceedings of 13th June 1856, communicated to Government with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of 25th Idem,* assented to take charge of the Cooum road, if an allowance were made for keeping it in repair, the Government are pleased to direct that the road now under notice shall at once be made over to the Commissioners, and that an annual sum of Rupees 850 be paid to them for the maintenance of the road. Thus the entire contribution of the Government for the roads in charge of the Commissioners will amount in round number to Rupees 11,900. This sum will be paid annually from 1st May 1857, and debited to the Public Works Department under the head of repairs of roads; and all the roads in the limits of Madras shall remain in the Commissioner's charge, the bridges as also the roads within the compounds of the Government buildings, alone remaining under the Civil Architect.

6. The Government cannot learn from the papers before them how the annual and monthly allowances sanctioned by the Government of India on 7th May 1855, were hitherto disbursed to the Assessment Department, how they were brought to account there, and whether the contribution received from Government by the Assessment Department was included in the Accounts Current published by the late Justices in Sessions, and if so how much of it. This information will be obtained from the Municipal Commissioners through the Public Department, and the Accountant General will be requested to state, to what head the payments of contributions to the Assessment Department on account of roads are debited, and whether they were included in the Public Works charges.

7. Under the arrangements authorized in this order, the office of the Superintendent to Government Roads, who has no place in the new Public Works Department, will be abolished; and the establishment employed under him on account of the Road Department, will be dispensed with from the date this order reaches the Superintendent. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council must take this opportunity to place on record his acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by Major Worster in his capacity of Superintendent of Government Roads, and his sense of the great interest and zeal which that Officer has invariably evinced in the discharge of the arduous and important duties which devolved upon him in that capacity.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, No. 671; dated 9th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 1st April 1857, No. 385.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

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*To Mr. George, J.
9th June, 1857*

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No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 30th May 1857, No. 1026.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department.

Observing that Government see no objection to the adoption of the proposal, that road gangs or parties of prisoners detached from Jails for employment on Public Works, should be directed to pay all charges except that of extra guards, and to make their own arrangements in respect of them, independent of the Inspector of Prisons, who is to continue to control the discipline of such outstation Jails and to see generally that the convicts are properly lodged and cared for. (Here enter 1st April, 1857, No. 385.)

1. In the above Extract, Government in the Judicial Department, approved of certain suggestions made by the Inspector of Prisons, regarding the cost of maintaining the convicts at Guindy, who are detached from certain Districts, are employed on Public Works at that place; and directed that the necessary orders be issued through the Public Works Department, for carrying the resolution out.

2. The Government however, on further consideration, find that the system of allowing Officers of the Public Works Department, to pay all charges on account of convicts working under them, and to make their own arrangements in respect of them, independent of the Inspectors of Prisons will not work well; and it does not appear expedient to impose upon those Officers, duties which do not naturally belong to them.

3. In the Minutes Consultation of 8th November 1856, No. 2074, it has been ruled, that convict labour should be charged at one half of the ordinary current rates of each District, and under this rule, it is not likely that the receipts will permanently cover the cost of maintaining and guarding the convicts. The Government therefore, in modification of the order in the Judicial Department above recorded, resolve to direct that the entire cost of feeding and guarding such gangs of convicts be wholly debited to the Judicial Department of the District, in which they may be located, without reference to the Districts from which the convicts may have been transferred; and the Accountant General will be instructed to see that this rule is carried into effect in all Districts to avoid the adjustments in the accounts which must, under the present system, make several useless entries necessary. The sum realized by the employment of convicts in the Public Works Department will be credited to the Judicial Department, as a set off against the charges.

4. Under this order, the convicts now employed at Guindy will at once be transferred to the Session Judge of Chingleput, who will be directed, through the Judicial Department, to make arrangements for their subsistence, in common with other convicts in that District; but it must be understood that the convicts are to be stationed at Guindy as usual, and that they are to work, at the stipulated rates, under the orders of the District Engineer of Chingleput instead of under the Superintendent of Government roads as heretofore. The District Engineer of Chingleput will also assume charge of the roads in that District beyond the limits of the Supreme Court which have hitherto been superintended by Major Worster; and the Chief Engineer will be good enough to issue instructions accordingly.

5. The Government observe that all the roads within the limits of the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Madras, are, with one exception, in charge of the Municipal Commissioners under the orders contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st June 1855, No. 710, Public Department. In the same order, and under the authority of the Government of India, an annual allowance of Rupees 9,006-13-1 for the maintenance of these roads, and a monthly allowance of Rupees 170 for establishment and contingencies, were granted. In sanctioning* an annual maintenance allowance of 850 Rupees for the new road from Marshall's road to St. Andrew's bridge, which is the exception above referred to, and for the conservancy of the Cooum river bank along which the roads runs, the Government directed that the road should be placed under the Superintendence of the Civil Architect instead of the Justices in Sessions, under an impression that some roads in the limits of Madras, were in charge of the Superintendent of roads whose duties were to be transferred to Colonel Atkinson, but as it now appears that all the

* Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd April 1857, No. 766.