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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th July 1862.*

No. 115. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 10th July 1862, No. 1,623.

Objecting to the debit of the salary of the Bellary Cantonment Road Superintendent to the allowance for the main roads on which he is not employed, and observing that if the Military Conservancy allowance for the Bellary Station was intended for the maintenance of the minor roads in the Cantonment generally, his salary should be charged to it and not form a charge against the Department Public Works.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 10th July 1862, Nos. 204 and 205.)

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1862, No. 1,108.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. T, O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chempauk, 19th June 1862, No. 17:—

Sir,

1. Adverting to Order of Government No. 512, under date 21st March 1862, I have the honor to submit a plan of the Bellary Cantonment together with correspondence as per margin, which accompanied it from the Office of the District Engineer. The information conveyed is certainly meagre; but it seems useless, looking to Mr. Ratliff's letter, No. 189, to refer it back again in the hope of obtaining more.

2. Government will observe that the sum (Rupees 1,980) sanctioned for Conservancy is expended solely upon the interior of the Fort; and to me it seems that, as the "Station Roads" are kept up in a considerable Military Cantonment like Bellary, more for the advantage of the Military community than for that of the public at large, that Department should be debited with the salary of the Road or Convict Superintendent. Government have already, in Government Order No. 219, dated 14th February 1862, directed that it should be disbursed by the District Engineer, and I confess I do not think sufficient reason is shown for seeking to disturb that decision.

ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1862, No. 1,623.

1. In Government Order of the 14th August 1860, Conservancy grants were sanctioned for the maintenance of minor roads, bridges, drains, &c., in different Cantonments, the repair of main roads being provided for by the Department Public Works. In the Proceedings of Government of the Military Department, dated 31st August 1860, No. 3,151, the station of Bellary was brought under the provisions of the above Government Order and an annual allowance of Rupees 1,980 was granted for conservancy purposes. The Conservancy regulations were so framed as not to interfere with the control exercised up to that time by the Civil Judge of Bellary over convicts employed on minor Military works. In the Proceedings of the Judicial Department, No. 1,510, dated 9th December 1861, the question, viz., which Department should be debited with the salary of the Superintendent of the Convicts was considered, and as the services of that individual were not required either for the charge of the prisoners, or the maintenance of discipline, it was considered that the pay of the Superintendent could not properly form a charge against the Jail Department.

2. In a letter dated 9th January 1862, No. 9,125, the Chief Engineer reported the fact that the Superintendent was employed in supervising the repairs carried out to minor roads in the Cantonment of Bellary, and that consequently in his opinion, the charge on account of salary should be met from the conservancy allowance of Rupees 1,980. Before deciding on the

matter, however, the Chief Engineer was required * to furnish a plan of the Cantonment of Bellary, showing distinctly the roads kept in order by the Military Conservancy Committee and those by the Department Public Works. He was also required to report the roads on which the convicts were ordinarily employed. In the meanwhile the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, was requested with reference to the

Proceedings of the Judicial Department, dated 12th February 1862, No. 216, to issue the necessary instructions to the District Engineer, Bellary, to disburse the amount due to the Road Superintendent. The requisition for the plan referred to

above has resulted in the correspondence as per margin, which will be referred to the Military Department for consideration with reference to the orders of that

Department, dated 16th January 1862, No. 179.

1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, Bellary, dated 7th June 1862, No. 71, with 2 enclosures.

1 Plan.
1 Tracing.

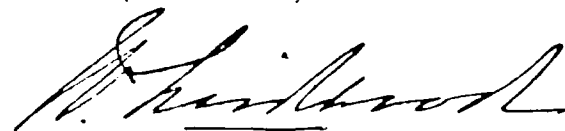
* Proceedings dated 18th January 1862, No. 23.

Proceedings 14th February 1862, No. 219.

From Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, 21st March 1862, No. 11,300 with enclosures.
From do. do. 19th June 1862, No. 17, with enclosure.

3. It is observed from the letter from the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts, to the District Engineer, forming an accompaniment to Colonel Ouchterlony's letter, dated 19th June 1862, No. 17, that the sum of Rupees 1,980 granted for Conservancy purposes in the Cantonment of Bellary is expended exclusively in keeping the Fort roads in order, and from the District Engineer's letter of the 26th February 1862, No. 473, it is observed that the main roads are kept in repair by the Department Public Works with the aid of the Budget grant of Rupees 2,330, and that minor roads are repaired by the Civil Authorities, the Superintendent of Convicts being employed on the latter. The Conservancy allowance of Rupees 1,980 has therefore been diverted from its legitimate object, and the debit of the salary of the Superintendent to the allowance for the main roads on which he is really not employed, has necessarily the effect of crippling the means at the disposal of the Department Public Works. If the Military Conservancy allowance of Rupees 1,980 was intended for the maintenance of the minor roads in the Cantonment generally, and not for the roads in the Fort only, it is clear that as the Superintendent is employed on those roads, his salary should be charged to the allowance of Rupees 1,980 and not form a charge against the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department, with papers.

„ Judicial Department.

„ Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.

