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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 18th November 1863.

No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th November 1863, No. 3289.

Sanctioning Rupees 3910 (being part of the available balance of Rupees 10,900 in the Estimate for the Cuddalore Court House) toward the construction of stone Vanghanics on the bank of the Cauvery River in the Salem District. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 13th November 1863, Nos. 253 & 254.)

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1863, No. 1790.

Communicated to the Honorable the Judges of the High Court, and to the Civil Judge of Cuddalore.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th November 1863.

No. 253. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R, E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 26th October 1863, No. 1,151 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state with reference to the Order of Government No. 3,035, dated 20th instant, requesting to be informed how much has been laid out from the sum of 20,000 Rupees for the Court House at Cuddalore, that the South Arcot District was left for some time after the changes in the Department, without the Executive Engineer, and even up to this date the Assistant Engineer has not joined. The two most important ranges, out of the four into which South Arcot is divided, I intended for these Officers, and I am sorry to say that the works in both ranges have been much retarded from their unavoidable absence.

2. I was more fortunate in the Salem District, as at least one Officer was retained who was acquainted with it, and a fair quantity of work has been performed in it.

3. The Executive Engineer of Cuddalore only having joined in August, and the Táluq Overseer being also a new man, they had much to learn, and their time has been fully occupied in making themselves acquainted with the District, the prevailing prices, localities of works, &c., and I considered it absolutely necessary that the new Court House, which is to be a large upper storied building, should be executed on contract.

4. I have invited tenders, but the one or two parties who responded, merely wished to carry out a part of the wood work at exorbitant rates, and up to this time the Executive Engineer has not been successful in finding any one even to execute any part of the brick work by contract, to be paid for by the piece.

5. The season was too far advanced to commence burning bricks and chunam, when Mr. Harrington joined; and moreover I was of opinion that it would be advisable [illegible] and that of the Táluq Overseer to attend to the construction of this building, if carried out by day labor and by manufacturing their own materials.

6. The Executive Engineer with whom I have been in constant correspondence on the subject for nearly two months since he joined the District, now reports that he cannot even buy any quantity of bricks ready made, so the work I regret to state cannot be commenced till after the rains.

7. I shall be in Cuddalore myself in the course of next month, and the Government may reply upon my using my best endeavours to make such arrangements as shall tend to expedite the work, but I am afraid I shall not be able to spend more than 10,000 Rupees in this official year, and I therefore propose to submit in a few days in what manner the probable unexpended balance may be judiciously appropriated in other parts of the Division.

No. 254. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1863, No. 3,289.

1. The Government regret to observe the very great delay which has been permitted to occur in commencing the construction of the Court House* at Cuddalore, and seeing that the Superintending Engineer was on the spot in the early part of the current official year they are of opinion that arrangements might then have been made by the Officer for the prosecution of this important work.

2. Relying however on Lieutenant-Colonel Hitchins' assurance that not more than 10,000 Rupees (from the allotment of Rupees 20,000) can be laid out on the building by the 30th April next, the Government resolve, with a view to utilizing the funds placed at its disposal, to sanction the application of a sum of Rupees 3,910 (part of the available balance of Rupees 10,000) towards the construction of stone Vanghanies† on the bank of the Cauvery river, the Estimate for which was approved in Proceedings No. 2,661, dated 15th September 1863.

* In South Arcot District.

† Salem District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th November 1863.

3. The Government will await the receipt of the Superintending Engineer's proposals for expending the amount (Rupees 6,090) still available.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Accountant General.
Controller and Auditor of Public Works Account.
Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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