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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th April 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 36. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

Communicate an order sanctioning the Estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, amounting to Rs. 5820, for the construction of 10 latrines around the Fort of Trichinopoly, and directing that application for funds be submitted after the 1st May next, together with a note by the Honorable T. Pycroft inquiring what is being done towards clearing away the prickly-pear about Trichinopoly. (Dated 29th February 1864, No. 596).

No. 37. From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 23rd March 1864, No. 6.

In reply to your Memorandum,* calling for information of the progress that has been made in destroying the prickly-pear round the Trichinopoly Fort, I have the honor to forward a Memorandum drawn up by my Acting Head Assistant which gives all particulars.

* No. 113, Judicial Department.

Memorandum of what has been done up to date in the matter of clearing the prickly-pear surrounding the Fort.

The work was begun in October 1863, and contracts were made to the amount of Rupees 1600-14-0 with two contractors to cut and bury the prickly-pear, stipulation being made that the pits in which it was to be buried were dug by Jail convicts. The average rate was six Pice per square yard.

Amount sanctioned	Rupees 2000
Work performed	Rupees 1736
Amount advanced to Contractors	
and value of Tools	1330
Balance due to Contractors	406
Balance from the amount sanctioned ..	670

2. The first contract was with one Hyder Sa, to clear 34,934 square yards for Rupees 1092-4-0. This piece extends along the western, northern, and part of the eastern sides of the Fort, and saving a small piece on the eastern side the work is complete. Rupees 738-13-4 have been paid to this contractor in advance, and for part of the work now done.

3. The second contract was taken by one Mutusami Pillay, to clear 16,276 square yards along the remainder of the eastern, and part of the southern side for Rupees 508-10-0. In this case the bushes have all been cut but none buried, as in consequence of the prevalence of cholera a short while ago just about that place it was thought inadvisable to let the convicts work there. I am to have a gang however next week, and I hope in a month to be able to report that this piece, and the remaining piece in Hyder Sa's contract, which is delayed from the same cause, is finished. 270 Rupees have been paid on this contract.

4. A few small agreements were besides made with pensioned Serjeant Walker, and his son to clear some land along the western side of the Fort, but on the inside of the ditch and on these (this work is now almost completed) 200 Rupees have been spent; the quantity of land cleared here is square yards 15,284.

5. Besides this the villagers have cleared about 16,674 square yards for which no payment is to be made, but the people are to have the use of the land.

6. The amount of land which will finally be cleared is:

By Government	Square yards 66,544
By the Villagers	16,674
	83,218

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This is all cleared, with the exception of about 24,000 square yards which, as I have before shown, remains unfinished, and when it is completed there will be no prickly-pear left on the land immediately outside the Fort ditch.

7. There is a large quantity of prickly-pear along the Ramparts on the inside of the ditch which requires to be cleared; but I presume that this will be all removed with the Ramparts, for the levelling of which an estimate has, I believe, been sent in from the Engineer Department.

8. I am rather inclined to fear that our remedy is not a very efficacious one; in many of the pits where it has been buried, the prickly-pear is shooting up again, and though we are safe for the first six months, for the contractors have bound themselves, if it re-appears within that time to bury it again, yet, I think, for some time after that it will have to be most carefully watched.

TRICHINOPOLY,
11th March 1864.

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1864, No. 461.

The Government desire that the Collector of Trichinopoly will expedite the removal of the prickly-pear surrounding the Fort as much as possible. Should the removal of the whole not be completed before the 1st proximo, the Collector will submit a further report on that date stating what has been actually done.

2. Should the prickly-pear still shoot up as anticipated by Mr. Leman after the six months, during which the contractors are bound to destroy it, the Collector should arrange for the pits where it has been buried being frequently examined, and the plant destroyed as it shoots up by convicts from the Jail.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Per R. 297-99
12.10.62

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29th February 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 591. From Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 8th December 1863, No. 1,325.

SIR,

1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Report.

1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 3,100 of the 24th October last, I have the honor to forward an Estimate amounting to Rupees 5,820, with a Plan, for erecting ten

Latrines around the Fort of Trichinopoly.

2. The sites for the Latrines have been fixed by the Collector, on personal inspection of the ground, in company with the Executive Engineer.

3. As I am unable to state the source from which funds can be provided for the work, I request that sanction may be granted from the General Funds allotted to the District.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Orders mentioned below:—

No. 1,639, dated 12th October 1863, Judicial Department.

" 3,100, dated 24th " " Public Works Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Chepauk,

15th December 1863.

No. 592. From Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 22nd December 1863, No. 1,415.

SIR,

1. In reply to Memorandum No. 104 of the 14th instant, I have the honor to state that the Latrines proposed to be built around the Trichinopoly Fort at an estimated cost of Rupees 5,820 are in lieu of the three originally proposed at a cost of Rupees 1,480 each, and which were included in the Estimate of Rupees 27,600 for dismantling the Fort walls, referred to in G. O. No. 3,100, dated 24th October 1863.

2. The Estimate of Rupees 5,820 provides for the Latrines around the Fort, referred to in G. O. No. 1,705 of the 29th June last, but does not include any for the Town or Cantonment (for which at least ten more are required) referred to in the above Order.

3. I am unable to state from what particular source the estimated cost of the ten Latrines can be met, as no work proposed for execution this year can with propriety be postponed to meet this charge.

No. 593. Memorandum from A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government (Judicial Department), to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Fort Saint George, 16th February 1864, No. 192.

1. In returning the enclosed letter* from the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, the Chief Secretary has the honor to inform Colonel Orr that he sees no objection to the plan of the Latrines therein referred to.

2. If funds should be available towards the close of the official year, the work should be executed then.

No. 594.

ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 596.

1. The Governor in Council sanctions the Estimate amounting to Rupees 5,820 for the construction of ten Latrines around the Fort of Trichinopoly.

* 8th December 1863, No. 1,325, with three Enclosures.

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2. In his letter No. 1,415, dated 22nd December 1863, recorded above, the Superintending Engineer states that there are no funds available in his Division to meet the cost of these works, and as the Government is unable to make a special grant from the current year's Reserve, an application for the necessary funds should be submitted after the 1st May next.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

- „ Accountant General.
- „ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Judicial Department, with note by the Honorable T. Pycroft.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

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Note by the Honorable J. Pycroft
on C. Nos 5198, 5421 and 687

What is being done towards clearing
away the Prickly Pear about Trinchi-
nopoly.
Signed J. P.

contract - A — piece left unfinished
Pillars - B — All unfinished
the work - C — very nearly finished
S. D. L. M. an
Ag. H. D. ap. H. Collector

Received of the Honorable J. Pycroft
the sum of Rs 5198 5421 and 687

List of 19 April.

Recd of 1864 Report

Mr. Pycroft, of the
17th August No 596

29 Feb
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10 S. coffee

No 393

Feb 591
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Communicate an
order sanctioning the
contract by the
Engineer 6th Dec
No 5520 for the construction
of a station around the fort
of Trincomalee, in
that application for funds
be submitted after the
next. together with a
copy of the plan of the
station which is being
towards clearing away the
prickly pear about Trincomalee

Recd from the Hon. J. Pycroft

Proc. of Govt. in the Pub. works Dept. 29th February 1864. N^o 596
 Letter from the Coll^y of Trichinopoly 23 March 64
Order thereon 5 April 1864 N^o 461.

The Govt. desire that the Collector of Trichinopoly will
 expedite the removal of the ^{the} Trichy fear surrounding
 the Fort as much as possible. Should the removal of
 the work not be completed before the 1st Nov, the Collector
 will submit a further report on that date stating what
 has been actually done.

Should the Trichy fear still show up as anticipated by
 Mr. Daman after the six months during which the contractors
 are bound to destroy it, the Collector should arrange for the
 pits being ^{seen it has been varied} frequently examined & the plant destroyed
 as it shows up by the works from the soil. *10/11/64*

To Mr. Major P. S. Trichinopoly
 " Public Works Dept. 23
 March 64

On or before from the
 Collection of Mr. J. D. of
 dated the 23rd March
 1864. N^o 6.

Mr.
 J. D. of
 Collector of
 Trichinopoly
 To Mr. Major P. S. Trichinopoly
 Public Works Dept. 23
 March 64

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