

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
13th March 1862.*

No. 30. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department,
dated 7th March 1862, No. 371.

*Direct that the remarks of the Collector of
Madura on changes that appear desirable in
the Marine Establishment at Paumben and
the rates of Pilotage be communicated to the
Superintendent of Marine for consideration
and report through the Marine Department,
in continuation of paragraph 2 of Judicial
Proceedings of Government, No. 1,584, dated
23rd December 1861.*

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department,
dated 7th March 1862, Nos. 78—81.)

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1862, No. 69.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, in reference to paragraph 2 of Proceedings,
23rd December last, No. 1,584, Judicial Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Chepauk, 18th January 1862, No. 9,564.

SIR,

- 1 Letter from the District Engineer of Madura, dated 7th June 1861, No. 160.
 1 Do. Collector of do. dated 29th October 1861, No. 833.
 1 Statement.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 30th April 1861, No. 876, I have the honor to submit for orders papers as per margin, relative to the reductions which can be effected in the Establishments at present maintained at Paumben.

2. The Establishments now kept up at this Port are as follow :—

* As sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th October 1861, No. 1,926.

Jail Establishment exclusive of cost

of Convicts*..... Rs. 108 per month.

Executive do. „ 364 do.

Pilot do. „ 131 do.

Light House do. „ 74 do.

Dredge† do. „ 244 do.

† As shown in paragraph 9 of Proceedings of Government, dated 30th April 1861, No. 876.

3. As respects the Jail Establishment the Collector of Madura is of opinion that the Jail may at once be abolished,† as in consequence of coolies being easily obtained on the island or from the neighbouring villages convicts are no longer required for the works.

† Vide paragraph 2 of his letter No. 833, dated 29th October 1861.

4. Mr. Levinge does not give the total cost of the Jail in question, but he points out that it amounts to Rupees 3,000 more than that of a similar establishment on the main land; and that by its abolition and the employment of coolies instead, there would be a yearly saving effected of Rupees 938.

5. The District Engineer of Madura is also of opinion that the employment of convicts at Paumben could with advantage be discontinued, if lighters were used in the channel. In the Proceedings of Government dated 21st June 1861, No. 1,142, the construction of four lighters was sanctioned and therefore if the Inspector General of Jails, to whom the subject has been recently referred agrees to the measure, the Jail under notice can be abolished and the convicts transferred to other Jails; there would then be no longer a necessity for the appointment of an Officer, extra to the permanent establishment, to superintend the operations, inasmuch as they could without inconvenience be supervised by the Officer in charge of the Ramnad Range in the manner explained in the letter from this Office, No. 8,411, of the 16th December 1861, and as Major Gib has been permitted to retire from the service the abolition of his appointment can be at once ordered, the Officer now in charge being a Second Assistant District Engineer on the permanent establishment.

Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd December 1861, No. 1,584, Judicial Department.

6. A further reduction can also be immediately effected in the cost of the Executive Establishment at Paumben if the Overseer now employed there, and who, under the Proceedings of Government dated 19th October 1861, No. 1,926, now belongs to the permanent establishment, be made available for general duty in the District.

7. The total reductions which would thus be effected by the abolition of the Jail, are as follow :—

1 Superintendent of operations ...	Rs. 2,400 per year.
1 Overseer ...	„ 1,020 do.
Jail Establishment ...	„ 1,296 do.
Extra cost of Convicts as explained in paragraph 3 of Collector's letter dated 29th October 1861 ...	„ 3,000 do.

Total Rupees..... 7,716 See also accompanying Statement.

8. Besides these reductions it does not at present appear desirable to order any other.

9. With regard, however, to the Detachment of Sappers and Miners employed at Paumben, I observe that the Collector is of opinion that they will not be required there after this year's work is finished. Authority may, therefore, be given for their removal at the close of the year should the angle of the reef channel have been removed by that time, and the District Engineer then find that their services can be dispensed with.

Vide paragraph 8 of letter dated 2nd December 1861, No. 337, embodied in Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd idem, No. 1,584, Judicial Department.

10. As respects the changes which the Collector recommends to be made in the Marine Establishment, Government have in their Orders of the 23rd December 1861, No. 1,584, referred the subject to the Superintendent of Marine for report; and it does not, therefore, appear necessary for me to do more in connection therewith than to suggest that Mr. Levinge's remarks regarding the rates of Pilotage levied at Paumben be also forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine for his consideration.

11. In conclusion, I beg to state with reference to paragraph 12 of the Collector's letter of the 29th October 1861, No. 833, concerning the necessity of sending a Steam Tug to Paumben, that one sent out from England specially for that Port is now being put together at Cocanada, and that as soon as the vessel is ready she will be made over to the Marine authorities for despatch to her destination.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department.

Declining to adopt Mr. Levinge's suggestion for the abolition of the Jail at Paumben. (Here enter 15th February 1862, No. 240.)

From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 5th February 1862, No. 10,591.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 31st December 1861, and 3rd February 1862, Nos. 2,442, and 111 respectively, I have the honor to submit for information

and orders, letters as per margin from the District Engineer of Madura, requesting instructions as to the manner in which the duties connected with No. 3 Range in that District are to be conducted.

2. Captain Ryves believes it to be intended, that for the present, Captain Hankin the Officer in charge of operations at Paumben, is to remain stationary there, and that the "Execution of a portion of the work on the main land, is to be entrusted to an Upper Subordinate; the control of money advances and the submission of accounts being still the duty of the Range Officer, Captain Hankin." But instead of this arrangement which would only lead to confusion and division of responsibility, and which, moreover, is contrary to the orders of Government above quoted, wherein it is directed, that pending a decision on the matter, relating to the abolition of the Jail, Captain Hankin shall be relieved of the duties of the range in question, I would recommend that No. 3 Range should consist of the Ramnad and Shevagunga roads, with the Salt Pan Works, and be made over to the sole charge of Mr. Conductor Bywater. The fixed Station of this range should, I am of opinion, be Ramnad.

3. The works at Paumben I would leave under the control of Captain Hankin, and to enable him to carry out his duties in connection therewith, as well as those of Assistant Magistrate, I request that sanction may be given for the temporary re-entertainment of the Office establishment employed at Paumben prior to the orders of Government dated 19th October 1861, No. 1,926, being carried into effect, as the whole of the Range Office Establishment will, I conclude, be required by Mr. Bywater.

4. Eventually it may be found desirable to carry out the arrangements proposed by Captain Ryves in paragraph 5 of his letter herewith forwarded, viz., that the charge of No. 3 Range should be held by an Assistant District Engineer, and an Overseer be located at Paumben, but so long as the Jail is maintained at the latter place, and the continued residence there of the Superintendent is in consequence necessary, the arrangement which I have above recommended, will, I am of opinion, be attended with the least inconvenience.

5. As respects Mr. Bywater he was, I believe, as remarked by Captain Ryves, permitted in 1859 to give up the rank of Assistant Supervisor, and to take up that of Overseer at Paumben, on the understanding that he was to be permanently located there, and I purpose therefore taking measures to restore him to his former position, now that it is requisite he should be again entrusted with the ordinary duties of an Upper Subordinate in the Public Works Department, as soon as a permanent vacancy occurs in the grade of Assistant Supervisors.

6. In conclusion, it may be well for me to mention that consequent on the receipt of the Proceedings of Government dated 3rd February 1862, No. 111, Captain Ryves was, in reply to his letter of the 25th January 1862, No. 1,448, distinctly informed that Mr. Overseer Bywater should be at once placed in charge of No. 3 Range and Captain Hankin be relieved of all duties connected therewith.

7. It will now be explained to Captain Ryves, that this order relates only to the Ramnad and Shevagunga roads and Salt Pan Works on the main land, and not to be the works at Paumben, which should remain under Captain Hankin as a separate charge, and not be in any way connected with the Range works.

ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1862, No. 371.

1. In reviewing the Chief Engineer's report on the operations at Paumben for the official year 1859-60, the Government took occasion to advert to the large establishments kept up at that place, as they observed that the receipts at Paumben fell short of the charges, and they accordingly called for the opinion of the Collector and the District Engineer of Madura on the necessity of keeping up such an establishment, and the expediency of continuing to employ convict labor on the works.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer of the Southern Circle forwards the required replies with the first of the foregoing papers. It is observed that the different establishments kept up at Paumben aggregate 11,052 Rupees in cost per annum as detailed below:—

Jail Establishment.

Jailer.....	21
Writer.....	15
2 Head Warders.....	16
8 Warders.....	56

— $108 \times 12 = 1,296$
Executive Establishment..... $364 \times 12 = 4,368$

Pilot Establishment.

Head Pilot.....	100
Writer.....	15
4 Lascars.....	16

— $131 \times 12 = 1,572$
Light House Establishment..... $74 \times 12 = 888$
Dredge do...... $244 \times 12 = 2,928$

Add amount calculated by the Collector to be
the extra cost of maintaining a Jail at
Paumben..... 3,000

Rupees... 14,052

3. Both the Collector and District Engineer are of opinion that convict labor is more expensive than cooly labor, and may be altogether discontinued for the latter, and accordingly recommend the abolition of the Jail at Paumben and the drafting of the prisoners to the mainland, by which arrangement the annual charge of 1,296 Rupees on account of the Jail establishment might be saved, in addition to the 3,000 Rupees said to be the extra expense of maintaining convicts on the island. There is no doubt that much more satisfactory work may be obtained by means of free labor, but the question of the abolition of the Paumben Jail cannot now be entertained, as, in consequence of a representation from the Inspector General of Jails, the Government have in their Judicial Proceedings of the 15th February 1862, No. 240, being the second of the papers recorded above, decided on continuing the Jail, Mr. Rohde having reported that there is no accommodation for the prisoners at Paumben in the southern Jails, and that some relief to the present Jails is absolutely necessary.

4. Under these circumstances, it is not necessary to discuss the measures of reduction proposed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter of the 18th January last. On the contrary, it has become necessary to entertain a proposition for a small temporary increase over the existing expense of the Public Works Establishment of the Madura District. In their Proceedings of the 19th October 1861, No. 1,926, Government sanctioned certain arrangements in that District, consequent on a reduction of the number of Executive Ranges, by which an annual saving of about 7,000 Rupees was effected. The 3rd Range being made to consist of the Shevagunga and Ramnad Zamindaris and the works at Paumben, one of the items of reduction was the abolition of the Office establishment of the Superintendent of operations at Paumben, its duties being undertaken by the Range Office. In his letter of the 15th February 1862, No. 10,591, being the third of the papers recorded above, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, requests instructions as to the manner in which the duties of the 3rd Range are to be conducted, Colonel Birdwood's proposal, in modification of that submitted by Captain Ryves, which he thinks likely to lead to confusion and division of responsibility, is to limit the duties of the 3rd Range to the supervision of the Ramnad and Shevagunga roads and the Salt Pan works, and to entrust them to the sole charge of Mr. Condr. Bywater,

with his fixed station at Ramnad, Captain Hankin being retained in control of the works at Paumben with his magisterial duties. This division of the duties

1 Writer.....	30
1 Gunashta.....	15
1 Store do.....	12
1 Lascar.....	7
	64

of the 3rd Range, necessarily calls for the re-entertainment of the establishment of 64 Rupees noted in the margin, to enable Captain Hankin to carry on his duties, the whole of the Range Office being required by Mr. Bywater.

5. The Governor in Council sanctions this proposal as the most economical that can be adopted under the circumstances, and directs that the establishment be paid for out of the amount provided for the same in the Budget of the Madura District, for the current year. Should the establishment be required after the 30th April next a fresh application should be made. Government also approve Colonel Birdwood's intention to restore Mr. Bywater to his former rank of Assistant Supervisor, on the occurrence of a vacancy in that grade, as also of his having at once placed that Subordinate in charge of the No. 3 Range on the mainland, relieving Captain Hankin of all duties connected therewith.

6. Paragraph 9 of the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter of the 18th January will be communicated to the Military Department. It is stated that the Detachment of Sappers and Miners employed at Paumben may be removed after this year's operations, or on the removal of the angle of the reef Channel; but a report will be made when this actually takes place, and instructions will then be issued through the Military Department for the removal of the Sappers.

7. As suggested by the Deputy Chief Engineer, the remarks of the Collector of Madura on changes which appear desirable in the Marine Establishment of Paumben, and the rates of Pilotage, will be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for consideration and report, through the Marine Department, in continuation of paragraph 2 of Proceedings in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd December 1861, No. 1,584.

8. The Government note the intimation conveyed in paragraph 11 of the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter of the 18th January 1862, regarding the Steam tug which is being put together at Cocanada for service at Paumben.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Stanley Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.
 „ Judicial Department.
 „ Military Department.
 „ Marine Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 109-13th March 1862.

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