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FORT SAINT GEORGE, the 25th August 1857

Public Works Department,

TUESDAY

At Meeting of the Council of Fort Saint George,

Present.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD HARRIS,

Governor and President.

HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL P. GRANT, C. B.

Commander in Chief. *Absent on duty.*

The Honorable WALTER ELLIOT, Esquire.

and

The Honorable SIR H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART. *Absent on leave.*

Minutes of last Consultation, approved.

The following Diary Papers are ordered to be recorded.

Purport of the Papers considered.	Abstract of the Resolution passed and Letters sent.	Date of Resolution or Letter.	Reported to England.
<p><i>Report. No. 1.</i> <i>From the Chief Engr.</i> <i>6th Decr. 56. No. 2810.</i> <i>V. L.</i> <i>Forwards with his recommendation for entry in the Budget of 1857/58 estimated for two Bridges one over the Katammur maroo at a cost of Rs 9862, and another over the Pullavole naugoo at a cost of Rs 8120 both being situated upon the road from Nellore via Doranal to Cuddapah in the District of Nellore.</i></p>	<p><i>Vide entry opposite No. 2.</i></p>		
<p><i>Report. No. 2.</i> <i>From the Chief Engr.</i> <i>6th Decr. 56. No. 2878.</i> <i>Fr. Fr. Fr. Fr. Fr.</i> <i>Forwards with his recommendation for sanction and entry in the Budget of 1857/58 an Estimate for completing the road from Nellore to the Doranal pass in Cuddapah amounting to Rs 81,802 in the District of Nellore.</i></p>	<p><i>No. 3.</i> <i>Univ. of Cons.</i> <i>Returning to the Chief Engr. certain documents, in view to one Estimate being prepared & submitted for the works from the Nellore road to Kadanelly and at the foot of the Doranal Pass, being part of the line from Nellore to Cuddapah.</i></p>	<p><i>19th Aug. 57.</i> <i>No. 1606.</i></p>	

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<p>N^o 14. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 14th Augt 157. N^o 1629. Communicates for information with reference to Co: Mins. Cons. N^o 1482 dated 24th Ultimo a letter from the Civil Architect Residency Division; subjoining a Memo. of expenditure already taken place & what remains to be incurred on the Royal Artillery Police Court. & recommends that as only Rs. 1350 remain unexpended the Civil Architect be authorized to complete the work as early as practicable.</p>	<p>N^o 15. Order. Communicated to the Judicial Dept. with reference to Co: Mins. of Cons. in that Dept. dated 22 July 1857, N^o 867.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	
<p>N^o 16. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 6th Augt 157. N^o 1585. Submits for sanction two emergent Bills.</p>	<p>N^o 17. Order. Sanctioning the Bills amounting to Rupees 110-11-8. for repairs executed on emergency to works of Irrigation in the District of Masulcha. = tam during the year 1856/57. 9. Office to the Chief Engr. with 13 encls.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	
<p>N^o 18. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 13th Augt 157. N^o 1576. Forwards Copy of a Co: from the Proceedings of the Board of Examiners with reference to clause IV of the Notification in G. O. G. dated 23rd June last, and requests that in Districts, where no Officer of the P. W. D. is found qualified to conduct the examination of Subordinates in the vernacular, the Chief Engr. may have authority to refer Candidates for examination to the Civil authorities.</p>	<p>N^o 19. Order. Authorized. 9. Office to the Chief Engr.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	

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<p>N^o 20. From the Chief Engr. 30th July 157. N^o 1531. Submits letters and a contingent Bill received from the subject Major Lawford, for travelling allowances to the writer & persons who accompanied him on his late tour of inspection, & requests sanction for the aggregate of the Bill being Rs. 253-4-8, for the amount being borrowed laid out by Major Lawford out of his own funds, as the order of Govt. did not reach him before the end of the month or the beginning of the following month.</p>	<p>N^o 21. Mins. of Cons. Sanctioning as a special case, the bill submitted in behalf of Major Lawford, for travelling allowances paid to the writer & persons who accompanied him on his recent tour of inspection, and for carriage charges for conveying Official desks & papers amounting to Rs. 253-4-9.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	
<p>N^o 22. From the Chief Engr. 10th Augt 157. N^o 1595. Solicits the consideration of Govt. towards the immediate prosecution to the completion of the unfinished Bridge across the Palaur near Tellora, on the ground of such a work being indispensable to the security of our communications and the Military movements that may be required.</p>	<p>N^o 23. Mins. of Consultation. Authorizing the Chief Engr. to issue the necessary instructions to the Dist. Engr. to proceed with the construction of the Bridge across the Palaur near Tellora, suspended under the recent orders of the Govt. of India, as an important Military work.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	
<p>N^o 24. From the Chief Engineer. 3 Augt. 1857. N^o 1562. Reports on an Estimate of Rupees 4450 for constructing a Police Catcherry in the town of Chicacole in the Ganjam District, and recommends the same for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.</p>	<p>N^o 25. Order. Referred to the Judicial Dept. for consideration.</p>	17 th Aug 1857.	

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<p>N^o 16. From the Chief Eng^r. D. Aug^r 15th 1859. N^o 1559. Forwards an Estimate of Rs. 1310 proposed by the District Eng^r Godavery Division for improvements to the Staff Sergeants Quarters at Samulcottah in the Rajahmundry District for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.</p>	<p>N^o 17. Order. Referred to the Military Dept^o for consideration.</p>	<p>10th Aug^r 1859. 12/4/8.</p>	
<p>N^o 18. Pro. of the Chief Engineer. D. Aug^r 15th 1859. N^o 1549. Submitting for the favorable consideration of Gov^t Copy of a letter from the Dist^o Eng^r Nellore requesting permission to complete the erection of the Eng^r Office of that district, & recommending that the same may be granted to such extent as will ensure the protection of the Records & instruments from exposure to the weather.</p>	<p>N^o 19. Order. Authorized.</p>	<p>13th Aug^r 1859. 12/13/5.</p>	
<p>N^o 20. Mins. of Cons. Military Dept^o. 17th Aug^r 1859. N^o 1641. Sanctioning on emergency, the Estimate amounting Rs. 2170 for repairs and improvements to the Gunpowder manufactory, & suggesting that Asphalt^e would prove preferable to chunam for the beds of the drying plat forms, and that one plat form might be so constructed and reported on, after due inspection.</p>	<p>N^o 21. Order. Communicated to the Chief Eng^r with reference to his letter dated 6th Instant N^o 2728.</p>	<p>14th Aug^r 1859. 12/16/5.</p>	

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<p>N^o 22. Pro. of the Chief Engineer. 28th April 1857. N^o 1870. Forwards with reference to Extract Mins. Cons. 23rd March 1857, letter from the Coll^r of Coimbatore explaining the reasons for the entry of 2 Chuttrums stated to be private property in his communication to the Chief Eng^r of the 29th December 1856, & suggest that if any further information be required application be made through the Board of Revenue.</p>	<p>N^o 23. Mins. of Cons. Applying to the Gov^t of India for the Establishment required for the 12 Chuttrums in Coimbatore, at a cost of 7 Rs each per mensem.</p>	<p>21st Aug^r 1856. 12/16/6.</p>	
<p>N^o 24. From G. H. Borthby Esq^r. 11th July 1857. N^o 1457. Observing that there is nothing in the order of 18th June 1857 and enclosures invalidating either the justness of the complaints he originally made to the Coll^r of Ganjam or his refutation of Major Birdwood's subsequent statements on the subject and offering some few explanatory remarks.</p>	<p>N^o 26. Mins. of Cons. On the reply made by Mr Borthby to the letter of Major Birdwood & those of the Eng^r Officers of the Ganjam Dist^o regarding the state of the etekka Road, and the moaches to the English Brid^g respecting the end of the Mahan.</p>	<p>21st Aug^r 1857. 12/16/7.</p>	
		<p>21st Aug^r 1858. 17 July 1858. N^o 15. P. 10.</p>	SA

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<p>N^o 27. From the Chief Engineer. 14th Aug^r 1857. N^o 1632. Submits for sanction for execution, an Estimate amounting to Rs. 490, for erecting a new Tannah station house in lieu of present old one to the Benotah Police Tannah on the Mount Road.</p>	<p>N^o 28. Order. Referred to the Judicial Department.</p>	<p>24th Aug^r 1857. N^o 1619.</p>	
<p>N^o 29. To the Government of Bombay. 21st Aug^r 1857. N^o 1620. Informing that three Govt. had availed themselves of the services of Lieut. Taylor of the 4th Bombay to survey the Harbour at Cochin, during the time that his proceedings on the Western Coast were arrested by the South West Monsoon and that they had associated Mr. May with him.</p>	<p>Letter to the Survey, as his assistance would tend much to hasten Lieut. Taylor's operations and communicating the fact to the Govt of Bombay.</p>		
<p>N^o 30. From the Chief Engineer. 22nd July 1857. N^o 1482. Submitting for the information and orders of Govt. letter from R. Esq^r. Executive late in charge Coast Canal with copy.</p>	<p>N^o 31. Mins. of Cons. Observing that there is no objection to the operations of the P. W. D. in connection with the Canal, being included in future, in the Govt. Report called for in Para. 11, 12, and 13, of the 1st edition of the Code, and considering desirable that the progress of the work on the Canal, the amount of disbursements and net result, should be submitted in an annual Report.</p>	<p>22nd Dec^r 1858. N^o 1621. 7th April 1858. P. 8. P. 1.</p>	

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<p>N^o 32. From the Chief Eng^r. 14th Aug^r 1857. N^o 1638. With reference to Mins. Cons. 138 dated 25th March 1857, forwards a valuation Estimate amounting to Rs. 2450 of the Church at Chicacole with plans and an Estimate of Rs. 280 for hutting & building into thorough fair.</p>	<p>N^o 33. Order. Communicated to the Ecclesiastical Dept.</p>	<p>22nd Aug^r 1857. N^o 1622.</p>	
<p>Report. N^o 34. From the Chief Engineer. P. Aug^r 1857. N^o 1554. P. Forwards for sanction and entry in the Budget of 1858/59 an Estimate amounting to Rs. 1900 for making certain alterations and improvements to the Church at Coonor in the District of Coimbatore.</p>	<p>N^o 35. Order. Referring for consideration in the Ecclesiastical Dept. with reference to the order in that Dept. dated 12th February 1857.</p>	<p>22nd Dec^r 1858. N^o 1623.</p>	
<p>N^o 36. From the Chief Eng^r. 12th Aug^r 1857. N^o 1609. Submits a letter from the Superintending Eng^r. S. B. and requests to be favored with the instructions of Government as to Major Lawford's future employment.</p>	<p>N^o 37. Mins. of Cons. Issuing instructions as to how Major Lawford, Superintending Eng^r. Southern Circle, should proceed on his tour in January next.</p>	<p>22nd Dec^r 1858. N^o 1624.</p>	

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<p>No 38. From the Chief Engineer. 12th Aug. 57. No 1615.</p> <p>Recommending that advances be made to sub Overseers for the purchase of tents on the same terms on which advances are made to Overseers and Assistant Overseers.</p>	<p>No 39. Mins. of Cons: Observing that the native sub Overseers will not require tents, as they can live in the villages during their travels, and accordingly, authorizing advances only to such Europeans and East Indians, as are desirous of providing themselves with tents for their accommodation, the same to be recovered from their pay in 12 months instalments.</p>	<p>22nd Aug. 57. No 1625.</p>	
<p>No 40. Mins. of Cons: Military Dept. 30th July 57. No 1626.</p> <p>Ordering the Plans for the new Dragoon Barracks in Bangalore submitted by the Quarter Master General of the Army, in his Letter No 280, with correspondence attached, to be forwarded to the Govt. of India, with certain observations by this Government.</p>	<p>No 41. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1626.</p>	
<p>No 42. Pro. of the Chief Engineer. 12th Aug. 57. No 1616.</p> <p>Solicits permission to proceed with the flooring of the Coonoor Dispensary.</p>	<p>No 43. Order. Approving of the work and directing its execution out of the Estimate of Rupees 2370 for improvements to the Dispensary sanctioned in the order of 25th January, 1856, and to include the additional expenses that may be incurred in the Bill when that document is forwarded for sanction, and also deferring the improvement of the Building for the present.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1627.</p>	

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<p>No 44. From the Govt. of India. 17th July 57. No 1567.</p> <p>Forwarding for information an Extract, Paragraphs 2nd to 31st, from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 14th April last, noticing the Madras Budget of Public Works for 1856/57.</p>	<p>No 45. Mins. of Cons: Ordering that a Copy of a letter from the Govt. of India and of the Extract from the Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors, sanctioning certain projects entered in Statement No 1, of the Budget for 56/57, be communicated to the Chief Engineer.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1628.</p>	
<p>No 46. From Mr J. Fickewick. 11th Aug. 57. No 1597.</p> <p>Submitting for the consideration & orders of Govt. a proposal to dispose of his organizing apparatus at a fair valuation together with abolition of the Builder used in dyans process for seasoning timber.</p>	<p>No 47. Mins. of Cons: Directing the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer to avail themselves of Mr Fickewick's machinery for organizing the Govt. timber and carefully to watch the results in order that a report may in due time be made for the information of Govt.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1629.</p>	
<p>No 47. Pro. of the Chief Eng. 12th Aug. 57. No 1617.</p> <p>Refer to his inability to lay before Govt. a direct calculation exhibiting the exact value imported to timber by the Organizing process.</p>	<p>No 48. Mins. of Cons: Requesting the opinion of the Provincial Commander in Chief, as to whether the communication between Mysore and Cannanore is of so much importance in a military point of view, as urgently to require the immediate completion of the Irrity Bridge.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1630.</p>	
<p>No 49. From the Chief Engineer. 1st Aug. 57. No 1540.</p> <p>Forwards Copy of a letter from the Sup. Eng. for Circle, expressing his opinion that the original site of the Irrity Bridge may be adopted provided that the bays are made 70 feet in span, concurs with Major Langford's views and recommends the adoption of the Canadian Modified Lattice Bridge, Expresses his opinion that this work should form an exception to the General prohibition order, and that the removal of the overseer Harrold's removal be deferred for the purpose of erecting the Bridge under the supervision of Mr. Commisary Bailly lately posted to Malabar.</p>	<p>No 50. Mins. of Cons: Requesting the opinion of the Provincial Commander in Chief, as to whether the communication between Mysore and Cannanore is of so much importance in a military point of view, as urgently to require the immediate completion of the Irrity Bridge.</p>	<p>24th Aug. 57. No 1630.</p>	<p>3rd Feb. 1859 No 1 P. 4.</p>

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1851. From the Chief Engineer. 27 th July/57. No. 1509.	1852 To the India House. Transmitting the Proceeds of the Central Office of the Public Works Dept. for the month of June 1857.	25 th Augt. 18/63. Reported 12/14	
Forwards for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors the proceedings of the D.P.W. in two Volumes for May last accompanied by an Index.			
1853. From the Chief Engr. 15 th Augt/57. No. 1634.	1854 Order. Communicated to the Judicial Dept. with reference to Art. 1111. of Cons. dated 14 th Ultimo Report to the Acting Distt. Engr. of Gan. No. 750.	25 th D. 10/63	
With reference to para. 5 of Co. Mins. Cons. No. 1353 dated 14 th Ultimo Report to the Acting Distt. Engr. of Gan. No. 750. - jam will be directed to place the Overseer & Briam with 3 sub Overseers of the 2 ^d Class at the disposal of Captain Campbell for employment in the Nimerdhemindary.			
1855. From the Chief Engineer. 4 th Augt/57. No. 1587.	1856. Mins. of Cons. Observing that sanction will be granted to the Estimate submitted by the Chief Engr. for building a sea Custom House at Cocanada in the District of Rajahmundry, on the proposed arrangement receiving the approval of Govt. in the Marine Department.	25 th D. 10/63	
With reference to Co. Mins. Cons. No. 1331 d. 10 th July 1857, resubmits with the required information the Plan and Estimate of Paper Rs 12280, or deducting Rs 477 of Rs 11803, for building a sea Custom House at Cocanada in the Rajahmundry District for Entry in the Budget of 1858			

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From the Govt. of India. 20 th Augt/57. No. 1617.	1858. Order. Communicated to the Public Department for information.	25 th Augt. 10/634.
Stating that the modification of the line of Telegraph suggested by the District Engr. Rajahmundry Division may be carried out, and laying down the course to be pursued for the present as to the passage of the larger River.		
1859. From the Chief Engineer. 6 th Augt/57. No. 1575.	1860. Order. Sanctioned.	25 th D. 10/635.
Forwards a revised plan and Estimate for a powder Magazine at Mallicapooram amounting to Rs 2244 states that the present Estimate exceeds the sanctioned one by Rs 74 & requests that the additional Rs 74 be sanctioned.		
1861. Mins. of Cons. Military Dept. 17 th Augt/57. No. 1617.	1862. Order. Requesting the Chief Engr. to instruct the District Engineer of Chingaput, to place one of the Officers at the disposal of the Chief Commanding Officer for the purpose of preparing the requisite Plans and Estimates of the Works sanctioned by Govt. for the protection of the Station under this Command.	25 th D. 10/636.

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