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FORT SAINT GEORGE, the 19th March 1858.

Public Works Department.
Friday.

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.

THE HONORABLE WALTER ELLIOT, ESQUIRE. *Commander in Chief absent on a Tour of Inspection*

AND

THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, ESQUIRE.

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.
No. 1. Pro. of the Chief Engineer, 4th Decr. 57. No. 2413. Submitting with the Chief Engineer's approval a report from the immaterial of Engineers, suggesting that Government be requested to order the services of the proper authorities of statements of the prices of all the great staple articles of consumption and report at different places as such documents will prove of essential service to both the Govt. and the Mercantile community and throwing great light on the question of the resources of India and their development.	No. 2. Mins of Cons. Respecting the obtaining of the Prices Tables of the several staple articles prevailing in the different Towns of the Presidencies of Bengal, Bombay, the North Western Provinces, &c. To the Government of India. Respecting the obtaining of the Prices Tables of the several staple articles prevailing in the different Towns of the Presidencies of Bengal, Bombay, North Western Provinces, &c.	13th March No. 454. 13th Decr. No. 458.	

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N^o 15. From the Chief Engr. 19th Feb 58. N^o 362. Submits certain cases of prowdence from the District Engineer Bellary, and recom- mends that under the circum- stances a soldier that Assistant Quartermaster Stanger be removed from the Department for insubordination and dis- respectful behaviour.	N^o 16. Order. Sanctioned ac- cordingly.	13th March N^o 462.		N^o 21. Min^{is} of Cons: Military Dept. 27th February 58. N^o 127. Sanctioning for immediate execution the Estimate for constructing a room with verandah for depositing the stock at the Gun powder Manu- factory according to R^l 385.	N^o 22. Min^{is} of Cons: Intimating to the Chief Engineer that the work sanctioned, may be executed out of the one lac fund.	15th March N^o 465.	
N^o 17. From the Chief Engr. 22nd Feb 58. N^o 385. Submits for sanction an Estimate amounting to Rs 100 for making a survey and taking the levels for the Gubbadah Channels in the District of Vizayapatnam.	N^o 18. Order. Sanctioned.	15th Feb N^o 463.		N^o 23. From the D^o Consulting Engr for Railways in Charge. 27th February 58. N^o 428. Observations on a letter from the Agent & Manager of the M. C. S. D. 1699/287 instant forwarding copy of one from the Chief Engineer giving his views about the building of the Kundulhoor Bridge to assist of a double line of Rail and a Road way for ordinary Traffic.	N^o 24. Order. Communicating to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 8th January last, and observing, that a want of room for two bridges, does not appear to exist, the proposed site of the Railway bridge, being upward of 100 yards distant from the present Ferry.		
N^o 19. From the Col^l of Cuddapah. 8th February 58. N^o 304. Replying to the Extract Minutes of Council dated 21st January 1858. N^o 113 and offer- ing explanations with regard to the statements made by Lieutenant Henry against the Collector respecting the money supply &c and the Chitwanil Stalok for the Cairns.	N^o 20. Min^{is} of Cons: Government not disposed to make further, the charges alleged against the Collector's servants in the matter of supplies, and calling upon Lieutenant Henry to withdraw the charge of wilful falsification, twice imput- ed to Government servants in the present letter.	15th Feb N^o 464.		N^o 25. From the Govt of India. 14th Jan'y 58. N^o 184. Sanctioning for renewal of the Boilers and Engines only of the Steamer "Pittenger" and that the cost be intimated to the Govt of India, also calling for the submis- sion of an early and special report on the breach of the Mussoor	Vide entry opposite N^o 27 branch of the Godavary River on the 14th inst lost, and the means taken to repair it.	To Engr? 5th Augt 1858 Ch. 21 P. 5.	

No. 26.
From the Chief Engineer.
30th Jan'y 1858. No. 221.
Forwarded with observations for the information of Government a Memorandum by Col. the questions springing from the Cotton Commission and of that disaster, and of Engineers under date states that the narrative of the 19th January 1858 as first received from the the breach in the shed. District Engineer will also be a poor branch of the Gov. department with the least probability of being submitted, and terrible delay.

To Eng.
5th Aug.
1858
No. 21
P. 5.

No. 27.
From the Chief Eng.
11th February 1858. No. 305.

Submits with his own observations and Engineer belonging to the a further report on the "Beltinger" Steamer, and hence recent break in the deck that this cost may be reported to them, which will satisfy General Fisher. That the want of the Godavery improvement communicated in January and on the 18th of his Letter of the 30th Jan. operations for its completion, by a new Steamer having been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 25,000 is enormous. sure by the District Engineer of Rajahmundry, dated the 2nd July 1858.

No. 28.
Memoirs of Gov.
15th March 1858. No. 467. 82. 80.

To the Govt of India.
15th Dec. 1858. No. 468. 82. 80.
Enclosing Copies of Reports on the subject of the accident that occurred at the Godavery, Rajahmundry, together with the survey and sections which accompanied them.

No. 30.
From the Chief Eng.
5th March 1858. No. 470.
Submits for sanction for immediate execution an Estimate amounting to Rupees 4,700 for enlarging the Stamping Room at the Mint.

No. 31.
Order. Referred to the Public Department.
15th March 1858. No. 469.

No. 32.
From the Govt of India.
24th February 1858. No. 480.

Submits that the Chief Engineer with resumption of the work reference to his letter on the road across the Peningardec back water on the Northern Trunk Road, cannot be commenced under the present reduced state of the Finances.

No. 33.
Order. Communicating to
15th Dec. 1857. No. 470.

No. 34.
From the Chief Eng.
26th February 1858. No. 481.

Forwarded for sanction on emergency, an estimate amounting to Rs. 2,170 for constructing a Tunnel of 9 Vents of 3 yards span on Trunk Road No. 6, and cutting a channel to the Palah Colvah in Kellore.

No. 35.
Memoirs of Gov.
15th Dec. 1858. No. 471.

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N ^o . 42 Minis of Govt. Military Dept. 9 th March /85. No. 571 Referring a letter from the D ^r . M ^t . Gent. of the Engineer Order that Plans and Estimates may be prepared for Madras cities quarters at Secunderabad and also at Raamples where Govt consider they will be greatly required.	N ^o . 43 Chief Engineer in view to the Plans & Estimates being obtained.	16 th March /85	
N ^o . 44 From the Chief Engineer 9 th March /85. No. 571 Forward for early sanction and estimate amounting to Rs. 170 for constructing granite sweeps on Circular Curbs for a 68 Pounder carriage at the Mount.	N ^o . 45 Order Referred to the Military Department.	16 th Decr /84	
N ^o . 46 From the Chief Engineer 26 th July /85. No. 414 Forwards a statement of Traffic prepared from those received from the Dist ^t . Engineers of Chingle Dept ^t dated 27 th March 1884 put under North Sheet during the 1 st half year ending 31 st October 1884 in the Town of Poonamallee Rajah's choultry Pal. Chetty Vellore, Pulliam, and Thottalam Santhoor and Panembady.	N ^o . 47 Order Communicated to the Financial Railway Dept ^t with reference to Extract Minis. Cons. in that Dist ^t .	16 th Decr /84	
N ^o . 38 Minis of Govt. Exclusive to Dep ^t . 19 th Feb /85. No. 407 Explaining to the Local B ^y . that the correspondence respecting the new Church at Buckatallah, originating in representations made at the instance of the Chaplain at that station, and observing, for reasons stated, that the arrangement of the present pews, should be as far as possible, be altered as proposed by Captain Thomas, and in all rooms at an cost of Rs. 100, put up at once at the expense of the Chaplain communicated.	N ^o . 39 Order Communicated to the Chief Engineer who will furnish the information required in para. 4 of Extract Minis. Cons. of the 19 th February /85. He will also issue instructions for carrying out at the Mount at Buckatallah, used at present for Police Service, but a contract for the cost of the work should be immediately prepared & forwarded, in view to its being forming the sanctioned foundation of the proposed.	16 th Decr /84	
N ^o . 40 Minis of Govt. Military Dept. 3 rd March /85. No. 491 Placing the services of Charles Bailey, of the Upper & Lower, at the disposal of Government in the Dept ^t Pub. Works G.O. No. 1 of this date.	N ^o . 41 Order Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter of the 19 th .	16 th Decr /84	

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N^o 48 From the Chief Engineer 22nd Jan'y 1854 Forwarded Corres. the receipt of a reply from the Govt. and request for an early decision of Govt. regarding the prosecution of certain works in Secunderabad.	N^o 49 Minis. of Govt. Observing that pending the receipt of a reply from the Govt. of India, this Govt. must still authorize no change in the existing order of things regarding the prosecution of the buildings connected with the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847
N^o 50 From the Government of India 21st Nov. 1854 Forwarding two forms of Antemural Bonds, to be executed by Civil Engineers based Subordinates accepting employment under Govt. in the Pub. Works Department.	N^o 51 Minis. of Govt. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847
N^o 52 From the Chief Engineer 9th March 1854 Forwarded Plans & Estimate of Rs. 110 for repairing and enlarging the Durian ground at Secunderabad. Stated by the Collector to be necessary as room for only two new graves remained in the present enclosure.	N^o 53 Minis. of Govt. Referred to the Ecclesiastical Dept.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847

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N^o 54 Minis. of Govt. Military Dept. 21st March 1854 Requesting authority for the removal from the Grand Arsenal of 200 Barrels of Rammed Hydraulic Cement which has been found useless, as storage is greatly needed for more costly and valuable stores.	N^o 55 Minis. of Govt. Communicated to the Chief Engineer for the disposal of the Cement referred to.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847
N^o 56 Pro. of the Chief Engineer 3rd Feb'y 1854 Submits Corres. for improving the irrigation & drainage connected with the Tulnager Batagum, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 26,788, and observing that the additional sum required of Rs. 5788 for completing the project, the Govt. are authorized to sanction the same.	N^o 57 Minis. of Govt. Exempting from the operation of the restrictive Orders, the project for improving the irrigation & drainage connected with the Tulnager Batagum, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 26,788, and observing that the additional sum required of Rs. 5788 for completing the project, the Govt. are authorized to sanction the same.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847
N^o 58 From the Chief Engineer 9th March 1854 Forwarded Plans & Estimate of Rs. 110 for repairing and enlarging the Durian ground at Secunderabad. Stated by the Collector to be necessary as room for only two new graves remained in the present enclosure.	N^o 59 Minis. of Govt. Referred to the Ecclesiastical Dept.	17th Dec 1847	17th Dec 1847

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N ^o 59 From the Chief Engineer Order 4 th March 1858 N ^o 435 Submits for sanction a Bill for Rupees 848. 10-6 for work executed to the Distillings in the Horse Artillery Lines at Saint Thomas Mount during the year 1856/57.	N ^o 60	18 th March N ^o 434 20 th July 1858 P. 17 P. 1.	
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N ^o 61 Proc. of the Chief Engineer Order 16 th Feb 1858 N ^o 424 Submits, with opinion copy of a letter from the Chief Collector of Malabar sug- gesting that steps may be taken to obtain relief from the restriction of Lab. Works in favour of wood work and other roads in that District.	N ^o 62 Observing that the several roads mentioned, should be proceeded with on Military ground but before passing Orders to that effect, requesting to be furnished with the particulars of the sanction under which the work was, (in each case) begun, the amount already expended, and the balance in hand.	18 th March N ^o 435	
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N ^o 63 Memo. of Genl. Military Dept. 18 th March 1858 N ^o 436 Communicating a letter from the Deputy Quarter Master Genl. of the Army reporting that the only two Hyderabad works which General G. P. to execute the Field Work round for has received the same, the Artillery Barracks, and then to an of Genl. to construct round the old European Barr. are the Field Works round frontier Barracks. the Artillery Barracks and another round the old European Infantry Barracks at Secunderabad.	N ^o 64 Observing that in the Military Department it appears that Government has authorized the officer commanding the works which General G. P. to execute the Field Work round for has received the same, the Artillery Barracks, and then to an of Genl. to construct round the old European Barr. are the Field Works round frontier Barracks. the Artillery Barracks and another round the old European Infantry Barracks at Secunderabad.	18 th March N ^o 436	
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N ^o 65 From the Chief Engineer Order 11 th July 1858 N ^o 295 Forwards of letters from the District Engineer of Canara and the District Conservator of Forests to point out the great ex- tents of timber in the Districts at the Singawane Chait road to the Black wood and tank timber trade.	N ^o 66 Declining to pass orders on the reference mentioned until Govt are informed of the particulars of the sanction under which the said Chait road was undertaken, the expenditure already incurred on the work, and the balance in hand.	18 th March N ^o 437	
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N ^o 67 From the Chief Engineer Order 5 th March 1858 N ^o 438 Forwards letter from the Collector of Canara enclosing one from the District Engineer urging the necessity of putting a stop to solid wheelbarrow Dandies on the Devanahalli and other Ghats in that District.	N ^o 68 Declining to pass further orders on the said matter, until the result of the arrangements sanctioned on the 10 th February last are reported.	18 th March N ^o 438	
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N ^o 69 From the Chief Engineer Order 20 th Feb 1858 N ^o 439 Recommending the grant to Sub Engineer Shringar Chief of the Centre Co. Range of the Willow District the additional allowance of Rupees 100, as per order of 1 st October 1857, agree- ably to Extract Minutes, Cancellation N ^o 2087, dated 10 th November last.	N ^o 70 Authorized.	19 th March N ^o 439	
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N^o 71 From the Chief Engineer Order 1st March 1858. No. 431 Submits for sanction of Government to 2^d part of final Bills received from the civil architect amounting together to Rupees 137-12-11. for works executed on emergency for erecting no large character of the designations of the different Departments viz the Garrison and for cleaning the mural shrinks. Inasmuch the Fort is also permitting the same for the purpose of preventing them from being corroded.	N^o 72 Sanctioned.	19th March 1858.	No. 490
N^o 73 From the Chief Engineer Order. 25th Feb'y 1858. No. 400 Submits explanation in reply to Para. 2 of Extract 58 of which he states to have been which was sent 23rd of Feb. submitted to the Military Dept. December last regarding this the Inspector General of Machinery indicated for order and, respecting certain etc. D.P.M. as yet being omitted from the common numbered reference List.	N^o 74 Requesting the Chief Engineer to furnish copy of this Proceedings dated 21st Feb. 1858.	19th Dec 1857.	No. 491
N^o 75 From the Chief Engineer Order. 25th Feb'y 1858. No. 418 Reports that a dunn report, if it has been ascertained of No. 2005 the property of Govt. was stolen from the place, as represented by House of Sub Overseer of the Cuddapah District and recommends that the same may be permitted to be struck off to profit loss in the Books of the Chief Engineer	N^o 76 Requesting the Magistrate of Cuddapah to report, if it has been ascertained that the alleged robbery really took place, as represented by the Sub Overseer of the Cuddapah District and recommends that the same may be permitted to be struck off to profit loss in the Books of the Chief Engineer	19th Dec 1857.	No. 492

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N^o 83 From the Chief Engineer Order. 12th March 1858. No. 538 Submits an Estimate amounting to Rupees 3358-4 for additional works required to the Fort of Commerson and solicitation.	N^o 84 Communicated to the Military Department.	19th March 1858.	No. 496
N^o 85 From the Chief Engineer Order. 10th March 1858. No. 501 Submits copy of a report on the Protestant Burial grounds at Trichinopoly.	N^o 86 Communicated to the Ecclesiastical Dept.	17th Dec 1857.	No. 497
N^o 87 From the Chief Engineer Order. 5th March 1858. No. 487 Submits for sanction an Estimate amounting to Rs 265 for supplying new Panikahs to the Quarters of certain Officers attached to G.M. 4th Regt. in the Fort.	N^o 88 Referred to the Military Department.	17th Dec 1857.	No. 498

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1877 From the Chief Engineer 22nd Feb'y / 58. 1886 Submits the cor- respondence called for relative to the dis- missal of Sub Engineer Steenstrup & Vaick.	1878 Chemo. of Cons. Observing, that before Government can confirm the Chief Engineer's Proceedings in the dismissal of Sub Engineer Steenstrup & Vaick, they must know what evidence held wholly insufficient in his case, was held to be so complete, in the case of the Sub Engineer Mattland.	19th March, 1886	
1879 From the Chief Engineer 1st March / 58. 1886 Submits for the decision of Government a General Estimate pre- pared for the proposed Cantonment at Khasi, agrees to the standard Plans, as applied to the rates of the locality.	1880 Order. Referred to the Military Department.	19th Dec. 1886	
1881 From the Chief Engineer 7th March / 58. 1886 Submits order of Genl. for Capt. R. M. General H. S. S. to sign Duplicate Notice Reports on Trial of Sub Buildings agreeably to para 48 of Regulations for Buildings and repairs in presence of E. H. G. S. 1st 1889 dated 21st January / 58.	1882 Order. Referred to the Military Department.	19th Dec. 1886	

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1889 From the Chief Engineer 1st March / 58. 1886 Solicits the permission of Government to have the assistance of a Civilian Engineer for the purpose of examining the papers submitted in settling the accounts of unpaid balances to 30th April 1886 and in the investigation of certain charges against Mr. Bush.	1890 Requesting the permission to give the assistance to the Chief Engineer for the purpose of examining the papers submitted in settling the accounts of unpaid balances to 30th April 1886 and in the investigation of certain charges against Mr. Bush.	19th Dec. 1886	
1891 From the Chief Engineer 1st March / 58. 1886 Offering explanations with regard to the in- sufficiency of the Estimate prepared by him for the Baddapah and Kellon road.	1892 To be recorded	19th Dec. 1886	
1893 From the Chief Engineer 1st March / 58. 1886 Forwarded copy of letter from the Dist. Engineer of Chinghaput reporting that Ramu Rao has accepted the appointment of Head Cannon in his Office at the same time.	1894 To be recorded	19th Dec. 1886	

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