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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

THE HONORABLE WALTER ELLIOT, Esquire.

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. Minis. of Eng. Public Dept. 9th Oct. 15th 2069. Communicating a Letter from Mr. Wall, Coal & Mineral Viewer, suggesting in one of his Paragraphs the desirableness of having one or two Agricultural Locomotive Steam Engines in the Govt. Stores.	No. 2. Order. Requesting the Inspector Genl. of Ordnance & Magazines to state, whether there is a Steam Engine in the Arsenal, of the description referred to in the 27th Para of Mr. P. W. Wall's Letter.	4th Nov. 2068.	
No. 3. From the Chief Eng. 22nd Oct. 15th 2095. Submitting 2 Bills for the sanction of Govt. amounting to Rs. 225-10-0 for works executed on emergency in the District of Kurnool during the Official Year 1856/57.	No. 4. Order. Sanctioned.	4th Dec. 2039.	

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No. 5. Mins. of Cons. 4th Novr 1857. No 2060. Passing orders on the Honorable Courts Despatch dated 2nd Sept. 1857, No 6, transmitting to the Chief Eng^r two letters received from Mr. Taylor, Civil Eng^r, and instructing the Chief Eng^r to return them with the intimation directed by the Honorable Court.			Reply 21st Decr 1857 p. 24.
No. 6. From the Chief Engineer. 19th Octr. 1857. No 2062. Submits for the orders of Govt a Contingent Bill for Rs 36-11-3 received from the District Eng^r Bellary, for printing forms 400 in the Collector's press, and suggests that instead of Cash payments being made that credit be given to Collectors in the Books of the Central Office for similar work.	No. 7. Mins. of Cons. Sanctioning the Contingent bill amounting to Rs 36-11-3 for printing Forms &c in the Bellary Collector's Press for the use of the Offices of the District Engineer and his subordinates.	4th Novr No 2061.	
No. 8. Pro: of the Chief Eng^r. 24th Octr. 1857. No 2113. Submitting a letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle suggesting the adoption of rules for the direct despatch of business by the Superintending Eng^r with the Chief Eng^r observations thereon in seriatim.	No. 9. Mins. of Cons. Directing the Chief Engineer to give full effect to the order of the 17th Sep: last, respecting correspondence between himself and the Supt Engineers in the transaction of public business.	4th Novr No 2062.	

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No. 10. Pro: of the Chief Eng^r. 22nd Octr. 1857. No 2100. Forwards for information and orders of Govt copy of a letter from the Acting Coll^r of South Arcot and recommends the prosecution of the Goveraput and Aragoostee Channels	Vide entry opposite No. 11.		
No. 11. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 22nd Octr. 1857. No 2101. Submits an original letter from the District Eng^r of South Arcot, recommending that the works to the Aragoostee and Goveraput Channels may be resumed.	No. 12. Mins of Cons. Declining, for reasons stated, to sanction the prosecution of the Goveraput and Aragoostee Channels in South Arcot.	5th Novr No 2063.	
No. 13. Pro: of the Chief Eng^r. 15th Octr. 1857. No 2051. Submits for orders a letter from the Coll^r of Madura, requesting permission for the preparation of Irrigation statements for 3 Months.	No. 14. Order. authorizing the Collector of Madura to employ an additional writer for three months for preparing the Irrigation Registers ordered in Petrait Mins. Cons. dated 18th June 1857.	5th Novr No 2064.	

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<i>No. 15.</i> Pro. of the Chief Engr. 15 th Octr/57. No 2054. Recommends for sanction a bill received from the District Engr. Bellary, for Rupees 59, on account of a Tent purchased by Lieut. Campbell. Acting 3 rd Class Executive Engr. for his Office establishment.	<i>No. 16.</i> Order. Sanctioned.	5 th Novr No 2065.	
<i>No. 17.</i> Pro. of the Chief Engr. 19 th Octr/57. No 2065. Forwards a letter from the Civil Auditor relative to the extra pay of the establishment attached to Cochrane's Canal, and recommends the grant of the increased allowance from the 3 rd August last, on the grounds of increased traffic and the long established character of the Superintendent.	<i>No. 18.</i> Order. Observing that the increased salary can only be given from the date of the order made by the Govt., and declining to allow it retrospectively from the 3 rd August/57.	5 th Dec No 2066.	
<i>No. 19.</i> From the Civil Auditor. 10 th Sept. 57. No 1813. States that there are no other officers in the P. W. D. besides the Civil Architect and Garrison Engr. drawing travelling allowances in addition to their salaries, and reports that retrenchments have been issued against them for the sums already drawn by them.	Vide entry opposite No. 20.		

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<i>No. 20.</i> From the Chief Engineer. 3 rd October/57. No 1984. Forwards statements of works visited, and corresponding distances travelled by the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer during the months of May, June, and July/57.	<i>No. 21.</i> To the Government of India. Stating that the Civil Auditor has reported, that retrenchments have been issued against the Garrison Engr. and Civil Architect, for the sums already drawn by them under the Head of Travelling allowance.	5 th Novr No 2067.	
<i>No. 22.</i> From Col. G. Colton Comd. of Engrs. 24 th Sept. 57. No 1897. Forwards 2 Plans and a Memo of the Origin, Early History and subsequent alterations of Fort St. George.	<i>No. 23.</i> Order. Forwarding the letter and the papers that accompanied it, to the Military Department, with reference to Parag. of the order of 14 th June 1856.	5 th Dec No 2068.	
<i>No. 24.</i> Pro. of the Chief Engr. 24 th Octr/57. No 2109. Forwards in continuation, copies of correspondence between the Acting Col. & the Dist. Engr. of Tanjore, respecting the transfer of the Executive charge to the Engr. Department and recommends for reasons set forth, that 1 st Decr 1857, may be fixed for the proposed transfer, instead of 1 st January 1858.	<i>No. 25.</i> Order. Declining to pass any orders on this application, until Govt. are informed that the establishment of the P. W. D. in Tanjore has been organized in the manner ordered in District Engr. Comr. dated 30 th October 1857.	5 th Dec No 2069.	

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N^o 26. From the Chief Engineer. 21st October /57. N^o 2085. Stating that many Estimates are now forwarded from the Provinces for repairs of Irrigation Works and Military Buildings for the execution of which the sums recently allotted to the different Districts are not sufficient & soliciting orders as to how these applications are to be dealt with.	N^o 27. Mins: of Cons. Requesting the Chief Engineer to specify the amount that will be required under each Head, Military & Irrigation, for the Estimates received from the Provinces for repairs.	5th Nov. N^o 2070.	
N^o 28. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 14th Sept. /57. N^o 1772. Forwards copy of letter from the Coll^l of Coimbatore submitting agreements called for in Gov: Mins. Cons: N^o 990 of the 23rd May 1857, states that Major Lawford will shortly offer some suggestions for a general system of public water supply on the Neilgherries.	N^o 29. Mins: of Cons. Directing the Chief Eng^r to place himself in communication with Mr. Boyson, in view to the proper documents being drawn up & executed for the extension of the channel running through Mr. Lascelles' property at Coonoor.	6th Dec. N^o 2071.	
N^o 30. From the Gov^t of India. 18th Sept. /57. N^o 1982. Communicating a copy of paras, 6, 7 and 12 of a Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors, N^o 14, dated 6th May 1857, regarding the duties and allowances of certain	Vide entry opposite N^o 30 &. Certain Officers of the Dept^t of Public Works and of Superintending Eng^rs in particular, observing that in para 12 the Honorable Court desire to be informed of the accurate amount of charge to be incurred by the new Establishment in the Madras Presidency.		
N^o 30 &. Minute by the P^t Hon: the Gov^r. 7th Dec. /57. N^o 1772. Observing with regard to the term vicarial secretaries that the expression is employed by the Chief Eng^r in a letter to Gov^t that it is included in an Est^t from that letter in the despatch to the Gov^t of India of the 27th Aug^r 1854 adding that in some respects the duties of the Super^r Eng^r must be similar to those of secretaries to the Chief Eng^r whilst in other respects as inspecting officers of works, they are not so, with certain observations & suggestions on the Office of Inspectors.	N^o 31. Minutes of Cons. Calling upon the Chief Engineer to supply the information required in Para 12 of the Hon: Court's Despatches dated 6th May /57, desiring to be informed of the accurate amount of Charge to be incurred by the new Establishment in the Madras Presidency.	6th Dec. N^o 2072.	
9 Copies to the Chief Eng^r with copy of the letter & Encls.			

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	N^o 32. To the Gov^t of India. Regarding the duties and allowances of certain Officers of the Dept^t of Public Works, & of Super^r Eng^rs in particular.	6th Nov. N^o 2073.	
N^o 33. From the Chief Engineer. 12th Dec. /57. N^o 2056. Forwards a Plan and Estimate of Rs. 13,170, for constructing a Traveller's Bungalow at Garsappah, prepared by the District Eng^r of Canara in obedience to Verbal orders received from the Right Honorable the Governor.	N^o 34. Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.	6th Dec. N^o 2074.	
N^o 35. Minute by the P^t Hon: the Gov^r. 26th Oct. /57. N^o 2182. Expressing it as the President's opinion, that tho' the Estimate for the Bungalow is considerable in excess of the sum deemed sufficient for such buildings by the Hon: Court, yet as would propose the building should be built, as an exceptional case.			
N^o 36. From the Chief Engineer. 26th Oct. /57. N^o 2116. Submits an estimate amounting to Rupees 900, for constructing a Regulating Dam across the Velavanur surplus in the limits of Mundagaput in South Arcot, and recommends its entry in the Budget of 1858-59.	N^o 37. Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.	6th Dec. N^o 2075.	

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N^o 38. From the Chief Eng^r. 15th Oct^r 57. N^o 2055. Submits for sanction the Mint Master's statement of expenditure on Mint Buildings during 1856-57, with observations in the course pursued by that Officer in its submission, & requests authority for the reimbursement of the sum to repay fund taken up from other advances in the Mint Master's hand.	N^o 30. Mins of Cons. Calling the attention of the Mint Master to the Order of the 27th January respecting the drawing funds and accounting for the expenditure by furnishing the Civil Architect with monthly statements.	6th Nov^r. N^o 2076.	
N^o 40. Mins of Cons. Ecclesiastical Dept^t. 23rd Oct^r 57. N^o 2137. Transferring a letter from the Archdeacon of Madras suggesting that the Church at Ootacamund should afford accommodation for the entire community as is the case in all the Churches at the Presidency.	N^o 41. Order. Referred to the Chief Engineer for report with reference to Extract Mins. Cons. 16th Oct^r 1857.	6th Dec^r. N^o 2077.	
N^o 42. Mins of Cons. Ind. Dept^t. 15th Oct^r 57. N^o 2111. Requesting to ascertain from the Chief Eng^r the real facts as to the dampness of the jail at Chikar, & the elevation of its site in reference to the neighbouring river and report on the practicability of the scheme proposed by Mr. Rohde for improving the jail building.	N^o 43. Order. Requesting the Chief Engineer to supply the information called for regarding this Jail.	7th Dec^r. N^o 2078.	

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N^o 44. From the Chief Engineer. 15th Oct^r 57. N^o 2052. Forwards for information and orders of Govt. Copies of Correspondence between the Acting Coll^r and District Eng^r of Tanjore, relative to the dismissal of Soodroyah Moodelly late Monegar at Pernal Couit.	N^o 45. Mins. of Cons. Forwarding the Papers received from the Chief Engineer to the Acting Coll^r of Tanjore, requesting that Officer to explain the cause of the dismissal of Soodroyah Moodelly, late Monegar at Pernal Couit.	7th Nov^r. N^o 2079.	
N^o 46. From the Chief Engineer. 9th Oct^r 57. N^o 2148. Submits, with reference to Extract Mins. Cons. N^o 1422, dated 24 July 1857, an estimate amounting to Rs. 9000, for constructing a Church of 200 Sittings at Indur.	N^o 47. Order. Referring to the Ecclesiastical Dept^t with reference to their order of 6th July 1857.	9th Dec^r. N^o 2080.	
N^o 48. Mins of Cons. Military Dept^t. 3rd Nov^r 57. N^o 2163. Approving for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 an estimate amounting to Rs. 25,000 for adequate accommodation for the families of Artillery Soldiers at the Mount.	N^o 49. Order. Communicating to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 20th October 1857.	9th Dec^r. N^o 2081.	

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No 50. From the Chief Engineer. 23rd Sept/57. No 1919. Forwards plan and Estimate for Rs 1,66,000 for extending the Mofussil Channel on the East bank of the Kistnah to Masulipatam and for carrying a branch to Wandapollim and recommending the work for entry in the Budget 1858/59. No 52. To the India House. 10th Novr/57. No 2083. Transmitting the Broken Set Proceedings of the Govt. in this Deptt. for the months of July August & September 1857.	No 51. Consultation - Mins. of Cons. Observing that for the reasons stated the Govt. are not prepared to sanction the project of extending the Mofussil Channel to Masulipatam and of carrying a branch to Wandapollim and that on Col. Faber furnishing the Govt. with a copy of the Collector's remarks and his report on the increase of Revenue looked for, the Govt. will pass orders as to whether the estimate is to be entered in the Budget of 1858/59 or not.	10th Novr. No 2082.	
No 53. From the Govt. of India. 25th Sept/57. No 2134. Forwarding copy of a letter to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, directing that Chief Engineers generally be allowed the discretion to advance to subordinates of the D. & M. who can show sufficient reason for requiring it, an amount not exceeding one month's salary provided that such advances shall be recoverable by instalments, within six months.	No 54. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	10th Dec. No 2083.	

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No 55. From the Chief Eng. 19th Octr/57. No 2068. Forwards a letter from the District Eng. of Tanjore, reporting on the effect of the groyne and improvements of the Port of Tranquebar.	No 56. Order. Ordering it to be brought to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors with reference to paras 8 & 10 of their despatches in this Deptt. dated 19th Novr 1856.	10th Novr. No 2085.	Toleng? 3rd Feby 1859 No 1 P. 13
No 57. From the Chief Eng. 22nd Octr/57. No 2094. Explains the object of his application for certain Books to be supplied to the District Eng. of Coimbatore and expresses a hope that Captain Francis may be allowed to obtain the Books he asks for from the Public Stores.	No 58. Mins. of Cons. Observing as to why Govt. declined to sanction the Indent submitted by Captain Francis for certain professional Works.	10th Dec. No 2086.	
No 59. From the Govt. of India. 25th Sept/57. No 2125. Transmitting certain correspondence conveying the decision of the Government of India, relative to the allowances of officers of the D. & M. when withdrawn temporarily from their appointments for Military duty in the Field or on Foreign Service, and of officers of the Upper Subordinate Establishment while officiating in Engineering appointments.	No 60. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer, Civil Auditor & Military Auditor General.	10th Dec. No 2087.	

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<i>N^o 61.</i> <i>To the India House.</i> <i>18th Decr/57. N^o 2088.</i> <i>Transmitting the</i> <i>Copy of the annual Index</i> <i>to the Proceedings of the</i> <i>Govt. in this Dept. for the</i> <i>ye ar 1855.</i>			
<i>N^o 62.</i> <i>From the Chief Engr.</i> <i>30th Decr/57. N^o 2152.</i> <i>By desire of the Supt. Engr.</i> <i>Southern Circle, forwards a letter</i> <i>from that Officer to the Secretary to</i> <i>Govt. D. S. H. and in so doing, offers</i> <i>observations to show, that</i> <i>Major Lawford's despatch</i> <i>is in itself, a substantiation</i> <i>of the Extract of his own</i> <i>Proceedings N^o 16,710 of 24th</i> <i>October 1857.</i>			
<i>N^o 63.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i> <i>10th Jan.</i> <i>N^o 2089.</i>			
<i>N^o 64.</i> <i>From the Chief Engr.</i> <i>15th Decr/57. N^o 2048.</i> <i>Communicates for</i> <i>information, a letter from the</i> <i>Supt. Engr. Whinglehuty, forward-</i> <i>ing a statement showing the</i> <i>expenditure on the Adyang</i> <i>Bridge & amicut, and the</i> <i>sum required to complete</i> <i>them, & informing that he is</i> <i>unable to show the expen-</i> <i>diture on these works separately,</i> <i>as both the accounts have</i> <i>been mixed.</i>			
<i>N^o 65.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i> <i>10th Jan.</i> <i>N^o 2090.</i>			
<i>Exc^d</i> <i>D. Neelcosamy</i>			

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