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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 24th February 1857.

Read the following letters.

No. 13. From Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 19th December 1856, No. 5915.

SIR,

Your letter No. 2093 of the 11th Ultimo, submitting a list of works sanctioned on emergency by the Government of Fort St. George during the month of September last, having been laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, I am directed to observe that, of the eleven works enumerated in that list, five appear to have no fair claim to sanction on the plea of real urgency.

2. The works of this questionable character are as follows:—

No. 3. "For metalling the undermentioned principal thoroughfares in the Cantonment of Ootacamund.	Rs.
Road from the Church to the boundary of the Cantonment in the Seegoor direction, 1½ miles	1,750
From the Church to the boundary of the Cantonment in the Coonoor direction, 2¼ miles	2,250
From Charingcross by the market place through the bazar, 2½ miles	2,500
Total...	6,500

sanctioned for immediate execution on the representation of the Chief Engineer, that if the works were entered in the Budget of 1857-58, they could not be commenced with in time to admit of their being completed before the next monsoon."

No. 4. "For metalling a portion of the Trunk road No. 6 between Chicacole and Byree, four thousand Rupees. The road was in a bad condition and its metalling was recommended to be executed before the monsoon for the accommodation of the traffic."

No. 5. "For completing the support walls of the South Beach road, two thousand, six hundred and fifty Rupees. On the 20th March 1856, the Government in the Public Department sanctioned the construction of walls on the sides of the South Beach road, with the view of completing that line of road, and the present work was authorized on emergency, as it was a continuation of that undertaken under the sanction above quoted."

No. 6. "For opening a trace nine feet wide the whole distance of eleven miles from Muntaralamma to Potarazpentah, thirteen thousand, and three hundred Rupees. A good road over the Muntral pass was much required, and the proposed trace was intended to be accomplished during the healthy season of 1857, viz. from March to June, or two months in anticipation of the Budget."

No. 11. "For altering and improving the buildings occupied by the Lithographic Office, five thousand and four hundred Rupees. This estimate was at first ordered to be entered in the Budget of 1857-58, but on the representation of the Chief Engineer, that for want of suitable accommodation, two Lithographic Presses recently arrived from England were lying useless, and a quantity of valuable stores exposed to damage, the Government permitted the immediate execution of the work."

3. The Government of India has not overlooked the fact that all these works were sanctioned before the observations contained in my letter No. 4827 of the 3rd October last, could have been received at Madras; but it nevertheless feels it to be necessary to notice the five works above specified, costing together Rupees thirty thousand, and being at the rate of more than 3½ Lacs a year, not one of which in the judgment of the Governor General in Council comes within the meaning of the term "Emergent Works."

4. Neither has it been lost sight of, that some of these sanctions may possibly have been inserted in this list of "Emergent Works," through inadvertency. The entries Nos. 3 and 4

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may perhaps have been mere repairs or renewals of old metalling, in which case they would be out of place in this list; so also other items intended to have been sanctioned as isolated works for which the special allowance of 1 lac was placed at the disposal of the Madras Government, may erroneously have been set down here.

5. But this cannot apply to all these cases; and the Governor General in Council must consequently request the Government of Madras to set off against the lac fund all those works, which have been specified now or in my letter of the 3rd October last, as not falling within the definition of the term "Emergent," adopted by the Supreme Government. When that fund is exhausted, it must be clearly understood that no further expenditure, not strictly emergent, other than for repairs or petty works under 1,000 Rupees, can be incurred this year unless it has been already sanctioned, or shall be hereafter specially sanctioned by the Government of India.

No. 14. From Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 20th January 1857, No. 385.

SIR,

In continuation of former letters No. 4827, dated 3rd October last and No. 5915 of 19th Ultimo, to your address, regarding works sanctioned as emergent by the Madras Government which appear really to have no such character, I am directed to subjoin the accompanying list of similar works sanctioned in a similar manner extracted from the statement appended to your letter No. 2271 of the 8th December last.

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| 2. For metalling the road from Ootacamund to the head of the Seegoor ghaut in the Coimbatore District. | Rs. 5,750 |
| 3. For repairing and metalling the road from Collongode to Muncurray in the Malabar District. | " 5,730 |
| 4. For constructing a bridge over the Nungalashera Geddah on the Northern Trunk road No. 6, in the Ganjam District. | " 1,030 |
| 5. Enlarging the lock in the Poolairoo at Cunkypaud and constructing a bridge over it in the Masulipatam District. | " 3,250 |
| 7. For making certain alterations and additions to Clive's Battery North Beach in the Madras District. | " 11,770 |
| 8. Supplemental estimate for constructing a compound wall to the Solitary Cells attached to the European Infantry Barracks at Secundrabad, and for glazed windows, weather boards and privy seats. | " 5,030 |
| 9. For constructing twenty-nine Public Privies in various localities throughout the suburbs of Madras in the Madras District. | " 17,410 |
| 10. For altering and improving the Traveller's bungalow at Kulhutti on the Seegoor pass up to Ootacamund in the Coimbatore District. | " 3,300 |

2nd. These works, the Governor General in Council directs me to say, are to be dealt with in the manner pointed out in the 5th paragraph of my letter No. 5915, of the 19th Ultimo, His Lordship in Council feels sure that the Governor in Council at Madras will see how vain all attempts of the Government of India to control the expenditure of the Empire would be, if it should permit unsanctioned expenditure of this sort to go on at a rate which, in one Presidency, amounts to six Lacs of Rupees a year.

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3rd. The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council would likewise point to the circumstance that although your letter now under consideration was dated the 8th December, it contains no allusion to my Despatch of the 3rd October, in which the attention of the Madras Government was requested to this subject.

4th. In respect to the entry No. 9, in the statement, for Public Privies at Madras, I am desired to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Madras will be good enough to explain in more detail the reasons for treating such works as of particular and immediate urgency, and why the Municipality, which it is admitted are hereafter to maintain them, should not also pay for their original erection.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 329; dated 18th February 1857.

1. Ordered that the above letters be communicated to the Public and Military Departments and to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance.

2. Under the views expressed by the Government of India in respect to emergent works, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that the undermentioned works which were sanctioned during the months of December 1856 and January 1857 for immediate execution be entered in the Budget of 1857-58 in the Government office.

District.	Date of Sanction.	Description of work.	Amount sanctioned.
			Rs.
Masulipatam..	23rd Dec. 1856, No. 2408	Improving and strengthening the embankments on the eastern bank of the Kistnah from Yemamalacordooroo to Mopidavy, a distance of 33 miles.....	56,910
North Arcot..	16th do. " " 2318	Constructing a branch road from the Wallajahnugger and Sholingur road near Perincanjee to the Railway station at Bannaveram.....	12,600
Coimbatore...	16th do. " " "	Constructing two tiled sheds for Native travellers at the head of the Seegoor and Kaity ghauts on the Neilgherries, at 850 Rupees each.....	1,700
Salem	16th do. " " "	Constructing a new road to connect the town of Dharampoory with the Railway station at Moorapoor.....	5,500
Bellary.....	20th do. " " 2378	For constructing a bridge of five arches across the Seevapah Vunka.....	4,020
Ganjam.....	22nd do. " " 2389	Supplemental estimate for completing the Aska bridge on the road from Berhampore to Russelcondah	16,600
Do.	22nd do. " " "	Do. do. for completing the bridge at Injilly on the above road.....	8,100
Malabar.....	1st do. " " 2239	For the erection of a Punishment Shed near the European Barrack at Cannanore.....	1,030
Coimbatore...	23rd do. " " 2413	For the construction of a Punishment Shed at Jackatalla.....	3,270
Trichinopoly..	29th Jany. 1857, " 226	Improving and re-constructing the Nundyaur Annicut.....	6,800
Vizagapatam..	6th do. " " 20	Works in connection with the bridge across the Chittavalsa river on the high road from Vizianagrum to Bimlipatam	7,000
Madras.....	13th do. " " 86	Enlarging a drain and constructing another and reforming the Madaveram road.....	2,710
Ganjam.....	21st do. " " 148	Completing the road from Kimeddy to Poondy.	2,430
Chingleput....	24th do. " " 179	Extending the present Burial ground at Saint Thomas' Mount.....	1,710
Total.....			1,30,400

The months of December 1856.

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3. The Officer in charge of the Central office of Public Works is requested to issue immediate instructions for stopping the progress of the above works if they have been already commenced, and he will at the same time require the local Officers to take due precautions to ensure the safety of any portion already executed. The District Engineer of Ganjam will be particularly requested to adopt measures to prevent any accidents occurring by the stoppage of the work to the Aska and Injilly bridges now under construction.

4. The Accountant General will deduct the sum sanctioned in each case from the amount placed at the disposal of the respective District Engineers for expenditure in the current official year.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Public Works Dept.

No 329

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 18th February 1857

Read the following
letters from the Secretary to
the Government of India

(Hereunder 19th December/56 and
20th January/57 Nos 5915 & 585)

1 Ordered that the above
letters be communicated to
the Public and Military De-
partments and to the Chief
Engineer for information &
guidance

2 Under the views expressed
by the Government of India
in respect to emergent works,
the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council directs
that the undermentioned works
which were sanctioned during
the months of December 1856 and

January 1857 for immediate execution be entered in the Budget of 1857/58 in the Government Office.

District	Date of Sanction	Description of Work	Amount
Mysore	23 rd December No. 2418	Improving and strengthening the embankments in the eastern Bank of the Krishna from Gernamalakodooroo to Mopidy, a distance of 33 miles	56,910
North Arcot	16 th Decr. 2, 318	Constructing a branch road from the Wallajahmugger and Cholinger road near Perin Conjee to the Railway Station at Dummavaram	12,600
Coimbatore	D.	Constructing two tiled sheds for native travellers at the head of the Sogoor and Hooley Ghauts on the Vailly tieriest a 850 Paces	1,700
Salem	D.	Constructing a new road to connect the Town of Karampooty with the Railway Station at Moorapoor	5,500
Bellary	20 th December No. 2378	For constructing a bridge of five arches across the Seenuviah Vunna	4,020
Gangam	25 th December No. 2389	Supplemental estimate for completing the Ashta bridges on the road from 5 th Berampoor to Rufoelconda	16,100
D.	D.	D. for completing the bridge at Singilly on the above road	8,100
Malabar	1 st December No. 2239	For the erection of a Punishment shed near the European Barrack at Cannanore	1000
Coimbatore	23 rd December No. 2413	For the construction of a Punishment shed at Gackaballa	3270
Trichinopoly	29 th January No. 226	Improving and reconstructing the Nudiyar Annicut	6,800
Uzavapattam	8 th January No. 20	Acortain connection with the bridge across the Chittavulsa river in the high road from Vegiamagnum to Binnilepattam	7,000
Madras	15 th January 1857 No. 86	Enlarging a drain and constructing a new one and reforming the Medaveram road	2,710
Gangam	21 st January No. 148	Completing the road from Henny to Poring	2,450
		Carried over	128,690

District	Date of Sanction	Description of Work	Amount
		As forward	128,690
Chingleput	21 st January No. 179	Extending the present Burial ground at Saint Thomas Mount	1,710
		Total	130,400

The Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works is requested to forward immediate instructions for stopping the progress of the above works if they have been already commenced, and he will at the same time require the local Officers to take due precautions to ensure the safety of ^{any} positions already executed. The District Engineer of Gangam will be particularly requested to adopt the necessary measures to prevent any accidents occurring by the stoppage of the work to the Ashta and Singilly Bridges now under construction.

4 The Accountant

General will deduct the sum
sanctioned in each case from
the amount placed at the
disposal of the respective
District Engineers for expen-
diture in the current financial
year.

5 Ordered that the following
letter be despatched

To

Lieut-Col. W. E. Barber

Secretary to the Government of India

(Here enter date)

W. E.

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From the Chief Engineer
of the 11th Regt. 1857

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From the Chief Engineer
of the 11th Regt. 1857
To Com. 21 February 1857
Retreat during Com.

No 13615

Spending under the
expressed by the Govt of State,
that certain works which were
executed during the month
of Decr 1856 and January 1857
for military purposes,
be entered in the Budget of
1857-58 with the 5th office.
From the Chief Engineer
of the 11th Regt. 1857

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