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FORT SAINT GEORGE, *the* 29th *September* 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.

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.
No. 1. Mins: of Cons: Military Dept. 19th Augt. 57. No. 1660. Referring a letter from the Adjt. Genl. of the Army requesting that should the services of Captain Greenaway not be immediately available for the Command of the Sappers & Miners, the services of an Engineer Officer of standing & experience may be given or that Lieut. Mins: comd. may be returned to the Command of the Corps: with a request for the services of certain other Engineer Officers.	No. 2. Order. Observing that 1st Lieut. C. Scott and 2d Lieut. W. H. Burton of the Engrs. having been appointed to the duty therein mentioned on the 5th Septr. as notified in the Official Gazette of the 8th Idem and the Govt. do not see that any further orders are necessary on the said reference.	23d Septr. No. 1808.	
No. 3. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 16th Septr. 57. No. 1851. Communicates a letter from the District Engr. of Chingleput, reporting the absence without leave of Asst. Supervisor Goliffe and the supposed intention of that individual to quit the Country & solicits orders on the subject of removing Mr. Goliffe's name from the Establishment of the D. P. W. & in pounding the balance of pay due to him.	No. 4. Mins: of Cons: Remarking that the application from the District Engr. of Chingleput for the removal of Asst. Supervisor Goliffe from the Department was made prematurely and requesting the Chief Engineer to obtain from the Collector of South Arcot a return of Mr. Goliffe's embarkation from Pondicherry and directing to retain the Supervisors pay for any time until further orders. 9 Copies to the Chingleput Engr.	23d Do. No. 1809.	

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No 5. Minute of Counsl Public Dept. 14th Septr 57 No 1855. Directing that the necessary instructions be communicated through the Public Department in the Budget of 58 of the Estimate and Grant of £600 for the additions and amendments proposed to be made to the Buildings occupied by the Council of Police on the Esplanade Road.	No 6. Order Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to the Letter from the Secretary to Govt dated 5th Septr 1857 No 1855.	23d Sept. No 1856.	21st Dec. 1857 No 24 P 4
No 7. Minute of Counsl Military Dept. 14th Septr 57 No 1845. Declining to sanction any outlay at present, to the Buildings of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, beyond what may be considered as absolutely necessary for their safety & the Buildings & additions only, as may be required to keep the manufactory in working order.	No 8. Order Requesting the Chief Engr to submit an estimate for the sum he considers necessary for the purpose, & observing that the funds should be made from the Fund of a part for that purpose but are not to be included in the estimate	23d Sept. No 1857.	
No 9. Minute of Counsl Public Dept. 12th Septr 57 No 1863. Awaiting the explanation called for from H. Majesty's Government in the Declaration of the Estimates for the construction of a Civil Dispensary at Negapatam	No 10. Order Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	23d Sept. No 1858.	

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No 11. Ro. of the Chief Engr 31st Augt 57 No 1727 Forwards for orders a List shewing the proposed distribution of the Salaries of the Establishment appertaining to the Civil Architect	No 12. Minute of Counsl Observing that a preferable arrangement to the proposed re-distribution of the Salaries of the Establishment appertaining to the Civil Architect would be to vacate some one office entirely on the understanding that the incumbent removed should be provided for on the first suitable vacancy occurring in the Central Office or in the Offices of either the Civil Architect or Garrison Engineer and requesting the Chief Engineer to report if such an arrangement cannot be effected. 4 Copies to the Chief Engr with the Minute	23d Septr. No 1813.	Reply 21st Decr. 1857 No 24 P 4
No 13. Minute of Counsl 23d Sept: 57 No 1814. Sanctioning the immediate completion of the two model boats ordered for the Southern Canal connecting Madras with the Presidency			
No 14. Minute of Counsl Public Dept. No 15. 8th Septr 57 No 1853. Observing that Govt see no necessity for locating the Master of the Yellah School at Madura in Veroomel Naicks Palace, & directing that orders be issued through the D. P. W. for the elimination from the Estimates of Lodging for the Master, and for the addition thereto of Rs 902-3; and Calling the particular attention of the Chief Engr to Striking out a Wall by which the restoration may be gradually effected of this Noble Pile.	Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer 4 Copies to the Chief Engr with 6 Enclosures	24th Do. No 1815.	

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No 16. Mins: of Cons: 24th Septr 57 No 1816. Observing that the Chief Engr has not as yet submitted the Sketches of the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer called for in the order of 3d August 1857.			
No 17. From the Chief Engr. 19th Septr 57 No 1865. Submitting for the favorable consideration of Govt revised Plans and Estimate amounting to Rs 2,69,400 for the proposed Central Prison at the Red Hills.	No 18. Order. Communicated to the Judicial Department.	24th Septr No 1817.	
No 19. From the Chief Engineer 2d Septr 57 No 1752. With reference to Mad: Cons: No 839 dated 1st May 1857, and forwards the information required respecting the Establishment temporarily entertained for the Care of the Waddadah Passes, Bonnee Passe and Byree Passes Head Sluices in the Ganjam District.	No 20. To the Government of India Recommending that the sanction for the temporary entertainment of the Establishment for the care of the Waddada Passes Bonnee Passe and Byree Passe Head Sluices in the Ganjam District may be permanently granted with a slight excess per annum above the original sanction.	24th Septr No 1818.	

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No 21. From the Chief Engr. 14th Septr 57 No 1880. Forwards a plan and Estimate for a Civil Dispensary proposed to be built by Private subscription at Polachee in Coimbatore & recommends the work for immediate execution as the necessary funds are available.	No 22. Order. Referring to the Public Department with reference to their order of 28th April 1857.	24th Sept: No 1819.	
No 23. From the Chief Engr. 16th Septr 57 No 1847. Forwards for the orders of Government further correspondence that has passed between the Collector and District Engineer of Cuddapah.	No 24. Mins: of Cons: Calling for more precise information as to the points in dispute between the District Engineer and the Collector of Cuddapah.	24th Sept: No 1820.	
No 25. Mins: of Cons: 25th Sept: 57 No 1821. Passing orders on a letter in this Department from the Honorable Court dated 15th July 1857. No 5, relative to the construction of Travellers' Bungalows at Wallaghaut in Malabar, and Derwarah in Masulipatam.			Reply 21st Dec: 1857 No 24

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No. 26. From the Chief Engr. 23d Septr 57 — No 1898. With reference to Capt. Johnstone's recent abolishment as Consulting Engr. Recommends that Contract Numbers 2nd 1858 & 17 of 9 respectively of 10th Augt and 17th Septr 1857 shall be so far partially & temporarily annulled as may enable the Chief Engr. to make the suitable arrangements for the despatch of public business in the Central & Northern Circles which exists as regards the Southern Circle of Lt. W. Mayor Crawford shall continue as heretofore to forward correspondence & to exercise action towards disposals.	No. 27. Minute of Consn. Directing that pending the arrival of Capt. Rundall, the duties which were hitherto performed by Capt. Johnstone, be performed by the Superintending Engr. of the Southern Circle, in addition to his own; and that the duties of the Northern Circle be henceforth performed by the Chief Engineer.	25th Septr No 1822.	
No. 28. From the Chief Engr. 11th Septr 57 — No 1827. Submits for the sanction of Government one emergent Bill for Rupees 2022—1-2 for Repairs executed to the Buildings.	No. 29. Order. Sanctioning the emergent Bill for repairs executed to Buildings and otherwise directing as to the Bill if Chargeable to Civil Funds.	25th Septr No 1823.	
No. 30. From the Govt of India. 6th Septr 57 — No 1813. Observing that the Govt of India will be glad to learn that the Govt of Madras have taken some Steps for expediting the completion of the Jackatalah Barracks.	No. 31. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engr and to the Military Auditor Genl	25th Septr No 1824.	

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No. 32. From the Chief Engr. 21st Septr 57 — No 1868. Submits for the approval and Sanction of Govt Copy of a Sketch Map shewing the proposed sub divisions and fixed Stations of the Coimbatore District.	No. 33. Order. Sanctioned.	25th Septr No 1825.	
No. 34. From the Chief Engr. 14th Septr 57 — No 1838. Submits for information Copy of a letter from the District Engr of South Arcot and approves of the Change of site of the Bridge across the Pongaur on Trunk Road No. 9 as suggested by the District Engineer.	No. 35. Order. Approving the Change of the Site by closing the Creek at that spot across the Pongaur and building the smaller Bridge across the other Arm of the River called the Mudaliaur.	25th Do. No 1826.	
No. 36. To the India House. 25th Septr 57 — No 1827. Transmitting the usual Proceedings of this Government in the Public Works Department for the Months of August 1857.			Reported No. 16.

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No. 37. From the Chief Engineer. 3d Septr 15 pcls 1765. Submits for information Copy of a letter from the District Engr of Malabar reporting on the inland communication from Cannanore to the Boundary of the Malabar District & intimating the measures which have been adopted with reference to the subject, & solicits the serious attention of Govt to Mr. Robinson's letter.	No. 38. Mins: of Cons: Requesting the submission of an Estimate for completing the inland communication between Mangalore and North Malabar.	26th Sept. No. 1	
No. 39. From the Municipal Commr for the Town of Madras. 14th Septr 57 No. 1833. Requesting that a Bill for Rs. 350 may be passed for payment being the annual allowance from 1st May 1857 for the Maintenance of the new Road from Marshall's road to St. Andrews Bridge, & for the conservancy of the Common River Bank along which it runs.	No. 40. Mins: of Cons: Observing, that the payment of the Sum of Rs. 350 to the Municipal Commissioners having been already allowed in the order of 30th May 1857, the Government do not see any necessity for passing the Bill now submitted.	26th Dr. No. 1527	
No. 41. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 21st Augt 57 No. 1668. Forwards letter from Major Lawford explanatory of the grounds on which his Remarks respecting the expenditure of the Local Municipal Road Fund in Coimbatore was made by the Collr & suggests that the subject of the Govt order No. 1528 dated 5th August 1857.	No. 42. Mins: of Cons: Observing, that no provision has been made that all works to be paid for out of the discretionary allowances, shall be executed with the joint approval of the Collector and District Engr.	26th Dr. No. 1532	

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No. 43. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 14th Sept: 57 No. 1822. Submits, for the information of Govt. Copy of a letter from the District Engr South Arcot with the Chief Engrs strong recommendation that the further expenditure proposed by Lieut Frood to certain Works in South Arcot amounting to Rs. 17243-2-7 be sanctioned and instructs the Distt Engr to complete the Singer Bridge before the dispersion of the work people.	No. 44. Mins: of Cons: Sanctioning only the sum of Rupees 3747 for the prosecution of certain works in South Arcot; and observing, that in the case of the Coverapet & Tricagoostee Channels, Govt do not see that stoppage of their prosecution is likely to create any serious injury to the work already performed.	26th Sept: No. 1831	
No. 45. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 10th Sept: 57 No. 1809. Submits, for the information of Govt, Copy of a letter from the District Engr of Tinnevelly & recommends that the expenditure proposed by Lieut Oakes on certain works in that Distt amounting to Rs. 6614-6-3 be sanctioned.	No. 46. Mins: of Cons: Returning to the Chief Engineer for proper examination and resubmission the List of Works, amounting to Rs. 6611-6-3, which the Distt Engr of Tinnevelly, proposes to proceed with.	26th Dr. No. 1832.	
No. 47. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 14th Sept: 57 No. 1831. Forwards Copies of a letter from the District Engr Godavery Division with 2 Original documents from Mr. G. Taylor regarding the delay experienced in the receipt of Cash and of the withholding important documents from him.	No. 48. Mins: of Cons: Considering it unnecessary to take further notice of the charges brought against Captain Rundall by Mr G. Taylor, late Covenanted Civil Engineer.	26th Dr. No. 1833.	

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No 49. From the Chief Engr. 19th Sept: /57. No 1862. Submits for Sanction for immediate execution an Estimate for covering the Ammunitecaray Tannah Pial with a roof in order to afford accommodation to the Patrol Peliar at nights amounting to Rs 58.	No 50. Order. Sanctioning the Estimate out of one Lac fund.	26th Sept: No 1834.	
No 51. From the Chief Engineer 15th Sept: /57. No 1839. Forwards Plan and Estimate amounting to Rs 670, for erecting a Sea Custom House at Beypoor for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.	No 52. Order. Sanctioned.	26th Sept: No 1835	
No 53. From the Govt of India. 28th Augt: /57. No 1842. Passing certain orders on the Subject of the reference made, as to the application of the Travelling allowance Rules, in para 6 of the Notification No 117, of 17th June 1856.	No 54. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Civil Auditor.	26th Sept: No 1836	

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No 55. From the Chief Engineer. 15th Septr /57. No 1835. Submitting for the early orders of Govt a letter from the Principal Commissary of Ordnance stating that unless the Cost of Rope & hire of Country Carts for conveying the articles indented for by the Dt Engr Madura be paid, the articles cannot be despatched, under the circumstances of the Monsoon being very near at hand & the articles urgently required, soliciting the Sanction of Govt to the outlay required viz: Rs 237-8-11.	No 56. Minr: of Consn: Sanctioning the Sum of Rupees 237-8-11, being the Cost of Rope and Cart-hire, for hashing and conveying Custom Goods to the District Engineer of Madura; and prescribing instructions as to the mode of meeting charges of a similar nature.	26th Sept: No 1837.	
No 57. To the Govt of India. 28th Septr /57. No 1838. Submitting a Statement shewing the several works of which the estimated cost exceeded in each case a thousand Rupees ordered by this Govt during the Months of August 1857, for execution on emergency amounting to Rs 13,580.			
No 58. From the Chief Engr. 23d Septr /57. No 1887. Forwards under Clause 2 of Ex: Minr: Consn: No 696 dated 18th Octr 1855 two Estimates prepared by the District Engr of Bellary No 1 of Rs 410 for constructing a Cook room to the Coffee room of the new European Barracks in the Cantonment of Bellary and No 2 of Rs 675 for constructing 9 Urinals to the new Barracks & recommends the same for immediate execution.	No 59. Order. Referred to the Military Department.	28th Sept: No 1839.	

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No 60. From the Chief Engineer 21st Sept. 57. No 1874. Submits for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 two Estimates received from the District Engr Nellore, one for constructing a bridge across the Labour Supplying channel & another for Construction & Repairs Salt Cutcherries amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 850.	No 61. Order. Sanctioned.	28th Sept. No 1840.	
No 62. From the Chief Engineer 23d Sept. 57. No 1890. Forwards for the orders of Govt an Estimate amounting to Rs 10,350 for thoroughly repairing and reforming the tiled Roof of the European Infantry Barracks at Trichinopoly.	No 63. Order. Communicated to the Military Dept with reference to Govt Minute Consn that Dept dated 6th February 1857 No 381	28th D. No 1841.	
No 64. From the Chief Engr 21st Sept. 57. No 1876. Submitting 18 Bills received from the Civil Architect for Sanction for works executed on Emergency amounting to Rupees 1630–12–10.	No 65 Order. Sanctioning on emergency the Repairs executed to different buildings in the Presidency, Poonamallee, Guindy & Saint Thomas's Mount	28th D. No 1842	

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No 66. From the Chief Engr 21st Sept. 57. No 1883. Forwards Plan and Estimate amounting to Rs 320 for constructing a Cook Room for the Sepoy guard at the Collrs Cutcherry at Chutterpore in the Ganjam District & recommends the same for sanction.	No 67. Order. Referred to the Military Department. Consultation.	28th Sept. No 1843.	
No 68. From the Asst Genl. General. 25th May 57. No 1056. Submitting Account Current of Advances made to Mr Overseer C. K. B Huddleston by the Honorable Court of Directors as called for in Minutes of Consultation Dated 7th Instant No 885 & stating that no advance was made to him in this Country.	No 69. Order. Ordering to bring the letter to the notice of the Honorable Court with reference to Para 2 of Public Works letter dated 18th Sept 57.	29th D. No 1824.	To Engr 6 Oct 1857 No 16 P1.
No 70. From the Govt of India. 31st July 57. No 1675. Forwarding the examination tests for Certificates of Civil Engineering lately agreed upon by the Principals of the Civil Engineering Colleges of Roorkee Calcutta, with the corresponding examinations for the admission into the several grades of the P.W. Establishment under the direct control of the Govt of India.	No 71. Order. Referred to the Principal of the Engineering College at Madras for consideration and report	29th D. No 1845.	

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No. 72. From the Chief Engr. 28th Sepr: /57- No 1924. Applying for an advance of Rs. 1,500 on account of his travelling Expenses in his tour on the continent and in America.	No. 73. Order. Sanctioned.	29th Sept: No 1846.	
No. 74. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 18th Augt /57 - No 1649. Forwards for the orders of the Right Honorable the Govr in Council a letter from the Collr of Chingleput reporting his opinion on the 4 plots proposed to be set apart for unloading boats coming down the Canal from Madras.	No. 75. Minute of Council: Regarding the most eligible spot for an entrepôt in bringing Goods on the Madras Canal for Sydapett, Mylapoor, and the Southern parts of Madras with observations & suggestions thereon.	29th Sept: No 1847	To Engd 24th Octr 1857 No 17 P. 25.
No. 76. Mins: of Counl: Judicial Dept. 7th Sepr. /57 No 1792. Communicating a Circular Letter from the Govt of India regarding the value of convict Labor when employed in the execution of Public Works, the Charge for the same, & the mode of dealing with it in accounts; & also ruling, that where Materials prepared by convicts, are supplied to an Officer of the P. W. D. they shall be paid for in Cash, as though they had been purchased from any other source.	No. 77. Mins: of Council: Respecting the Charge for Convict Labor when employed in the execution of Public Works, as fixed by the Govt of India.	29th Sept: No 1848.	

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No. 78. From the Chief Engineer 24th Sepr: /57. No 1900. Forwards for the sanction of Govt an Estimate amounting to Rs. 130 for covering the 9 Ventilators over the casemates of the Rampart in the Fort with strong iron gratings.	No. 79. Order. Referred to the Military Department for consideration.	29th Sept: No 1849.	
No. 80. To the Govt of India 29th Sepr: /57. No 1850. Transmitting copies of Despatches to the Honorable Court of Directors forwarded by the Mail of the Current Month.			
No. 81. Mins: of Couns: Financial Railway Dept. 21st Sepr: /57 No 1886. Under the opinion given by Col. Pears directing That the two roads from Caverypauck to Sholinghur and from Billicondah Goriattum be proceeded with as rapidly as possible, and that orders be passed to this effect in Public Works Department.	No. 82 Order. Sanctioned.	29th Do: No 1857.	

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No 83. From the Chief Engr. 29th Sept: 57 - No 1932. Suggests that in complyance with enclosed application for restoration to his former position, the Govt should require an engagement from Lieut Haig to serve for a period of 5 Years from date of his Return to India before being at liberty to apply to permission to resign the Service of the Honorable East India Company.	No 84. Mins of Cons: Observing that Govt do not doubt that Lieut Haig being permitted to withdraw his resignation, will continue in civil service, at least until the special mission for which he has been selected, is accomplished.	29th Sept: No 1852.	To Engd 4th Nov 1857 No 19 P.L.
No 85. Pro: of the Chief Engineer 19th Sept: 57. No 1860. Submitting for the information of Govt in continuation of the Chief Engrs communications No 3002 & 3166 respectively of the 17th & 26th Ultimo, Copy of a Letter from the Superintending Engr Southern Circle, offering remarks on his Official conduct, with observations thereon.	No 86 Order. To be recorded.	29th Sept: No 1853	
No 87. From the Chief Engineer 21st Sept: 57. No 1873. With reference to para 11 of his letter No 2868 dated 12th Augt 57, forwards copies of Communication from the District Engr of Canara, and Lieut Taylor I. N. and expresses an opinion that it will be unadvisable to carry out the projected improvements to the light house at Mangalore.	No 88. Order. To be recorded.	29th Sept: No 1854.	

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No 89. Pro: of the Chief Engr 21st Sept: 57. No 1878. Communicates for information a letter from the Acting District Engr North Arcot, reporting that the Agaram Bridge on Trunk Road No 1 was opened for Traffic on the 10th Sept: 1857.	No 90. Order. To be recorded.	29th Sept: No 1855.	

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