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FORT SAINT GEORGE, the 24th March - - - - - 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.

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 Cons. 18th March 1857. No. 494. Paying orders on the Honorable Court's Despatch dated 13th December 1856, No. 43.			Reply 18th Sept 1857 No. 15
No. 2. From the Lt. Supr. Engr. R. in Charge Central Office. P. 11. 28th Feb 1857. No. 408. With reference to para. 11 of Lieut. Col. Baker's letter No. 3173 dated 11th July 1856, com- municated in Ex. Minis. Cons. No. 1405 dated 12th Augt 1856, forwards a report from Lt. Harrington Executive Engr. in charge of the Ganjam District, on the River Mahanuddy Embankments.	No. 3. C. Minis of Cons. Expressing surprise and regret, that the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle, should dissent the Executive Engineer in charge of the Ganjam District, in the expression of his opinion that the information as to the relative levels of the banks of the Mahanuddy required by the Government of India, was not necessary.	18th March No. 495 17th July 1858 No. 15 P. 10.	

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No. 14. Pro: of the Chief Engr. D. P. W. 30th Jan'y/57. No. 202. Forwards Copies of Correspondence relative to the trial of Assistant Overseer Hanson, and recommends his being remanded to the Corps of Sappers and Miners.	No. 5. Mins: of Cons: Observing that no final orders can be given on the subject of remanding Asst. Overseer Hanson to his Corps, until the Government are informed of the precise charges laid against the Overseer, and directing that in future no question be submitted by the Chief Engineer to Army Head Quarters, without the permission of Government.	18th March. No. 496.	
No. 15. From the Govt. of India. 6th February/57. No. 466. Observing with regret, that the accounts of many branches of the D. P. W. for the past year, have not been submitted either with satisfactory punctuality, or with sufficient completeness, & requesting earnest attention to the necessity for adopting all possible measures, for expediting the preparation of the P. Works accounts, in the Madras Presidency.	No. 7. Order. Communicated to the Accountant Genl and to the Chief Engineer for general distribution to Collectors and Officers of the D. P. W.	18th Dec. No. 497.	
No. 16. Pro: of the Chief Engr. D. P. W. 14th Feb. /57. No. 323. Submits copy of a letter from the District Engr. Rurnool, informing that Captain Nelson has commenced operations on the Muntral Cunnama Ghaut, and requests that sanction may be granted thro' the proper channel, for the services of a Dresser to be placed at Capt. Nelson's disposal.	No. 9. Order. Communicated to the Military Dept., in view to the arrangements determined on by the Commander in Chief, for placing at the disposal of Capt. Nelson the services of a Dresser, being carried out.	18th Dec. No. 498.	

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No. 10. Mins: of Cons: Milt. Dept. 26th Feb. /57. No. 461. Observing that Asst. Apothecary Clarke, being attached to the Dist. Engrs. Dept. in the Godavery Divn & therefore holding a non-military appointment, is precluded under the 13th Para of G. O. No. 278 of /55 from the grant of Compensation claimed by him, on acct. of the loss of property which he has sustained by fire.	No. 11. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	18th March. No. 499.	
No. 12. Mins: of Cons: Ind. Dept. 19th February/57. No. 363. Sanctioning an Estimate for 6 Tannah station houses to be erected in the Chingleput District, amounting to Rs. 1980 for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.	No. 13. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	18th Dec. No. 500.	
No. 14. Pro: of the Chief Engr. D. P. W. 5th March /57. No. 441. Communicates a letter from the District Engr. of Chingleput forwarding an origl. letter from Sub Overseer J. Duncan and recommends that the resignation by Mr. Duncan of his situation as Sub Overseer in the D. P. W. be accepted.	No. 15. Order. Permitting Mr. J. Duncan to resign his appointment of Sub Overseer in the D. P. W.	18th Dec. No. 501.	

2nd Part P.W. Cons 24th March 1857.

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No 16. From the Chief Engr D.P.W. in Charge Central Office P.W. 3 rd March 1857. No 424.	No 17. Minis. of Cons. Directing that full information be obtained from Lieut Sornkey as to the grounds on which he had affirmed that the Canal from Shediameerum to Doogoorawpattum required thorough revision to avert dissatisfaction & disappointment.	19 th March No 502 24 th Oct. 1857 No 17 P. 12	
No 18. Minis. of Cons. Ind. Dept. 17 th February 1857. No 355.	No 19. Minis. of Cons. Enquiring whether any, and what operations have been commenced upon the order in the Judicial. Depart. dated 3 rd June 1856, directing that the roads proper to be opened in the Kumbly Country, should be commenced upon after the rains, in anticipation of sanction, and as a case of necessity.	19 th Dec. No 503 1857 No 18 P. 5	
No 20. Pro. of the Chief Engr D.P.W. 18 th February 1857. No 339.	No 21. Minis. of Cons. Sanctioning the disbursement of gratuities amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 58, to the relatives of the three Coolies who were accidentally killed while digging gravel in a pit at Ounbun, in the District of Cuddapah; and with regard to the application for a gratuity to the woman cooly, severely injured by the same accident, observing that as the rules provide only for cases in which death actually ensues from injuries sustained, Government are precluded from complying with the recommendation on her behalf.	19 th Dec. No 504	
No 22. Communicates in continuation of Co. Proceedings of the Chief Engr No 5280 dated 28 th July 1856, a letter from the District Engr. of Cuddapah, & submits copy of Proceedings in the Form prescribed by Govt. of India taken by the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of Cuddapah to investigate the Claims to Gratuity on the part of the relatives of the 3 deceased Coolies; also recommends for favorable consideration, the case of the Woman Cooly, Lingee, who has been injured so severely as to be no longer able to work for her daily sustenance.			

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No 22. From the Chief Engr D.P.W. 2 nd March 1857. No 431.	No 23. Sanctioned - Submitting 3 Bills amounting together to Rs. 156-2-9, for the sanction of Govt.	19 th March No 505	
No 24. Pro. of the Chief Engr D.P.W. 2 nd March 1857. No 416.	No 25. Order. Declined. Forwarding with reference to Engr. Minis. of Cons. No. 257 dated 4 th February, copy of a letter from the District Engr. Madurap dated 11 th February 1857, with its enclosure, recommending the disbursement of Military Pay to ordnance artificers Cooper & Franklin, now employed as Assist. Overseers in the D.P.W.	20 th Dec. No 506	
No 26. Pro. of the Chief Engr D.P.W. 13 th March 1857. No 572.	No 27. Order Forwarded to the Collector of Cuddapah, for such remarks as he may have, it in his power to offer. Communicating a letter from the District Engr. Cuddapah, reporting having taken Charge of the Executive of the Province throughout, and soliciting the attention of Govt. to the very dilatory proceedings of the Revenue Authorities, & more especially to the absence of all zealous Cooperation on the part of Mr. Murray, Coll. of the District.	20 th Dec. No 507	

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No. 40. From the Chief Eng. D. P. W. Minis. of Cons. 20th March 1857. No. 41. Requesting the Chief Eng. to submit a sketch map, showing the main lines of road with reference to the Order of Govt. No. 243 of 2^d February, pointing out the places where he proposes to station boats on the Kistnah Channels. No. 514.

Submits copy of a letter from the District Eng. in Charge Kistnah Division, in which it is now proposed to establish of Govt. No. 243 of 2^d February, pointing out the places where he proposes to station boats on the Kistnah Channels. No. 514.

No. 42. From H. B. Huddleston Esq. 26th February 1857. No. 43. Minis. of Cons. 20th March 1857. No. 515. Submitting for the consideration of Govt. two Petitions and a Letter received from the Writer and others in his Office, regarding retrenchments in the case of the two Petitions, and loss of appointment in that of the third.

Observing that Government cannot sanction any change in the fixed Public Works Establishment. The claims of the Writer and Government will be considered by the District Engineer when opposition occurs, and the Chief Engineer will see if he cannot provide for Mr. Hughes.

No. 44. From the Chief Eng. D. P. W. Minis. of Cons. 5th March 1857. No. 45. With reference to Govt. Minis. Cont. No. 55 dated 14th Jan^y 1857, forwards a sketch of the ground in the immediate vicinity of the slaughter house at Perambare, showing of consultations in the Department with Plan and sections of the same, connected with the late Cylinder Charcoal Manufactory, & states that he sees no objection to the same being made over to the Municipal authorities.

Communicating to the Public Department a letter from the Chief Engineer, regarding the government buildings in the vicinity of the slaughter house of Perambare with reference to Contract Minutaries dated 12th January 1857, No. 55.

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No. 46. From the Govt. of Bombay 27th February 1857. No. 47. Requesting the Chief Engineer to furnish the information required. No. 517.

Requesting information in regard to the which it is proposed to appropriate the sums sanctioned for Office Establishment at page 2 of the Government of 27th January 1857 published in the Supplement to the Fort St. George's Gazette of the following day.

No. 48. Minis. of Cons. 3rd March 1857. No. 49. Communicated to the Chief Eng. 21st Dec. 1857. No. 518.

Communicating a letter from the Adj. Genl. of the Army, stating that His Excellency has no objection to Assistant Overseer J. M. Donoghue of the Sappers and Miners being employed in the Office of the Chief Engineer at Hyderabad for one year as proposed.

No. 50. From Capt. F. Nelson of Siddapoor & Poddacherri, Executive Officer Monteral Ghant. 23rd February 1857. No. 51. Declined. 21st Dec. 1857. No. 519.

Praying that while engaged as Executive Officer on the Monteral Ghant he may receive the same allowances that he would draw, if it were not his misfortune to be invalided.

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No 52.
 1. Minis. of Cons. M^{rs}. Dept^o.
 6th March/57 No 516.
 6 Approving of the
 requisite repairs to the
 Percussion Cap Man^y,
 being effected in the manner
 proposed by the Military
 Board.

No 53.
 Order. Communicated
 to the Chief Engineer.
 21st March
 No 520.

No 54.
 2. Pro. of the Chief Eng^r. D. P. W.
 27th Jan^y. /57 No 178.
 Forwards copy of
 a letter from the Sup^t. Eng^r. of South Arcot to the District Engineer
 Southern Circle with the
 Chief Eng^r's opinion, that
 the executive duties of
 South Arcot, should be
 made over to the D. P. W.
 from the 1st May next.

No 55.
 Minis. of Cons.
 21st Dec.
 No 521.
 Sanctioning the transfer
 of the executive duties of the District
 Engineer of South Arcot to the District Engineer
 from 1st May next and requesting
 the Chief Engineer to submit a
 detailed list of the proposed executive
 divisions of that District.

No 56.
 2. Pro. of the Chief Eng^r. D. P. W.
 14th March/57 No 439.
 Submits copy of a letter
 from the D^t. Eng^r. of Coim-
 batore and solicits that
 authority may be given
 for the Civil Auditor
 to pass the pay Bills of
 Captⁿ Francis D^t. Eng^r.
 & of Asst^t. Overseer
 Wright until the final
 revision & republication
 of the List of Officers &
 Subordinates for the D. P. W.
 takes place, & requests to
 rectify the omissions of
 Captⁿ Francis & Overseer
 Wright's name in the List.

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No 57.
 From the Chief Eng^r. D. P. W.
 7th March/57 No 471.
 Applies as a tem-
 porary remedy, for an Ex-
 Minis. Cons: authorizing
 Lieutenants Driver & Magnay,
 late 2nd Asst^t. Civil Eng^r,
 to receive the salary and
 allowances of Asst^t. En-
 Eng^r from the 1st Jan-
 1857.

No 58.
 21st March.
 No 522.
 Authorizing the Civil
 Auditor to pass the salary bills of
 Captain Francis, the District Engineer
 of Coimbatore, and observing that if
 a permanent overseer Wright's pay should
 be disbursed, it will be equal to
 the sanctioned amount and he
 will be borne on the establish-
 ment as a supernumerary, applying
 the same remark in regard to
 Lieutenants Driver and Magnay
 for whose salaries, there is at present
 no sanction.

No 59.
 From the Medical D^o.
 24th February/57 No 392.
 Forwarding Asst^t.
 Surgeon J. Miller's ex-
 planation, relative to
 the charges preferred
 against him, with Board
 opinion.

No 60.
 Minis. of Cons.
 21st Dec.
 No 523.
 Directing the transfer of
 J. Miller from Begowdah to another
 station, and observing that his
 removal will be made for his
 comfort and convenience, and for
 the advantage of the public service,
 and not from any displeasure at his
 conduct in the part of Government
 in regard to certain charges preferred
 against him, by the Civil Engineer
 of the District Division.

No 61.
 Minute by the P^r. & Hon^{ble}
 the President.
 17th March/57 No 539.
 Transferring a letter
 from Mr. Huddleston to Gov^t,
 with the recommendation
 of the President, that, tem-
 porary employment be given
 him, provided that it can
 be afforded, without in
 any way compromising Gov^t.
 with respect to the Cove-
 nant with Mr. Huddleston,
 which is now entirely at
 an end.

No 62.
 Minis. of Cons.
 21st Dec.
 No 524.
 Forwarding to the Chief
 Engineer a letter from Mr. Huddleston
 to Government, with the intimation
 that although they consider that
 that gentleman's covenant with
 the East India Company is entirely
 at an end, they will not, in considera-
 tion of his necessities, object to his
 temporary employment in any subordinate
 capacity, or which Colonel Foster
 may consider him to be fit.

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No 74. Mins. of Cons. Pub. Dept. 17th March 57. No 536. Reminding those Heads of Offices and Departments who have to furnish annual administration Reports, that their Reports for the year ending 30th April 1857, must be sent into Govt. by the 15th June next, at latest.	No 75. Order. Communicated to the Chief Eng.	24th March No 531.	
No 76. Mins. of Cons. Ind. Dept. 24th February 57. No 457. Directing the Recd. orders for the construction of a Prison at Ootacamund to remain in abeyance, in consequence of a Despatch received from the Honorable Court for the erection of a Jail there, for the reception of European Convicts from the several Presidencies; in the mean while, the District Eng. in communication with the Inspector, will arrange for remedying the more prominent defects of the present Jail.	No 77. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	24th Feb. No 532.	
No 79. Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W. 13th March 57. No 513. Forwarding for information, Extract of proceedings, requesting that Major Lawford, Sup. & Eng. Southern Circle, will continue his progress southward, to afford Lieut. Scott & Oakes the benefit of his instructions in maturing their schemes, for entering upon the charge of the Districts of Madura & Tinnevely from the 1st May next, or from such date as Major Lawford may be prepared to advise their transfer.	No 79. Order. Approving of these instructions to Major Lawford, but observing, that the 1st of May is the latest date Govt. will approve, as to the transfer of the Executive.	24th Feb. No 533.	

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No 80. From the Govt of India. 6th March 57. No 542. Intimating that Capt. S. Michael, of the 39th Regt. Madras Native Infantry, is appointed an Executive Eng. of the 2^d Class, & posted as Assist. to the Chief Eng. at Hyderabad.	No 81. Order. Communicated to the Military Dept.	24th March. No 534.	
No 82. Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W. 11th March 57. No 478. Forwarding for information of Govt. with reference to Exec. Mins. of Cons. No 329 dated 16th Feb. 57. Copy of a letter from the R. S. Eng. Trichinopoly pointing out the risk attending the prevention of the commencement of the works connected with the Namtheyaur annicut till the 1st May next, & recommending that Lieut. Ryves be authorized to proceed with the execution of the work.	No 83. Order. Declined, until in the receipt of a reply from the Govt. of India, on the subject of emergent sanction.	24th Feb. No 535.	
No 84. Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W. 27th February 57. No 400. Communicating for the information and orders of Govt. a letter from the Dist. Eng. of Cuddapah regarding the destruction of several mud walls built to protect Avenue Trees on the road from Cuddapah to Nellore.	No 85. Mins. of Cons. Calling upon the Collector of Cuddapah to explain why he did not answer Lieutenant Hemmer's letter dated in November regarding the destruction of the defences to the Avenue trees on the road from Cuddapah to Nellore before he had been addressed there on the subject, and trusting that future cases of cattle trespass will be adequately dealt with under Section 82 of Act III of 1854.	24th Feb. No 536.	

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<i>1286.</i> <i>Univ. of Cons: Military Dept.</i> <i>26th February 1857. No 405.</i> <i>Ordering that applica-</i> <i>cation be made to the Govt.</i> <i>of India, for special autho-</i> <i>rity for the erection of the</i> <i>required Buildings at the</i> <i>Gun Carriage Manufactory</i> <i>for the valuable Machi-</i> <i>nery already arrived, &</i> <i>immediately expected,</i> <i>from England.</i>	<i>1287.</i> <i>Univ. of Cons:</i> <i>Enquiring whether the Gun</i> <i>Carriage Manufactory is sufficiently</i> <i>spacious, to admit of the additional</i> <i>buildings required for the reception</i> <i>of the Machinery expected from</i> <i>England, and whether the large</i> <i>quantity of smoke which will</i> <i>be daily emitted from the chimnies,</i> <i>may not prove a nuisance to the</i> <i>neighbourhood.</i>	<i>24th March</i> <i>1857.</i>	
<i>1288.</i> <i>Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W.</i> <i>7th March 1857. No 470.</i> <i>Submits with re-</i> <i>ference to Gov. & Mins. Cons:</i> <i>No 1932 dated 21st October</i> <i>last, Copy of a letter from</i> <i>M^r. Covenanted Civil Eng^r.</i> <i>Fraser, reporting the extent</i> <i>of progress made by him</i> <i>in completing the Survey</i> <i>of the site of Reservoir. No.</i> <i>at Pallavoor, in the Bhowani,</i> <i>in the Coimbatore District.</i>	<i>1289.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i>	<i>24th D^y</i> <i>No 538</i> <i>17th July</i> <i>1858</i> <i>No 15</i> <i>P. 1.</i>	
<i>1290.</i> <i>Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W.</i> <i>11th March 1857. No 496.</i> <i>Forwarding for in-</i> <i>formation, with reference</i> <i>to the Endorsement of the</i> <i>Dep^t. Secy to Govt. under</i> <i>date 30th Jan^y 1857, refer-</i> <i>ing a Tamil Petition, Copy</i> <i>of a letter from the D^t.</i> <i>Eng^r South Arcot, re-</i> <i>porting that measures</i> <i>have been adopted for</i> <i>remedying the evil</i> <i>complained of by the</i> <i>Petitioners.</i>	<i>1291.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i>	<i>24th D^y</i> <i>No 539.</i>	

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<i>1292.</i> <i>Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W.</i> <i>21st February 1857. No 371.</i> <i>Forwarding for infor-</i> <i>mation of Govt, Copy of a</i> <i>letter from the Fort Ad^t.</i> <i>Cannanore, reporting the</i> <i>death of Corporal W.</i> <i>Drysdale of the Sappers</i> <i>and Miners, Assist^t. Overseer</i> <i>in the D. P. W., on the 7th</i> <i>Instant.</i>	<i>1293.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i>	<i>24th March</i> <i>No 540.</i>	
<i>1294.</i> <i>Pro. of the Chief Eng. D. P. W.</i> <i>16th March 1857.</i> <i>Forwarding for</i> <i>information, Copy of a letter</i> <i>from the Commandant</i> <i>& Joint Magistrate at</i> <i>Ootacamund, bearing</i> <i>testimony to the valu-</i> <i>able services rendered by</i> <i>Lieut^t. Shaw Stewart,</i> <i>late Assist^t. Civil Eng^r in</i> <i>Charge of works at that</i> <i>Station.</i>	<i>1295.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i>	<i>24th D^y</i> <i>No 541.</i>	
<i>1296.</i> <i>From the Chief Eng. D. P. W.</i> <i>11th March 1857. No 487.</i> <i>Annexing a Report</i> <i>on the Statement of unpaid</i> <i>expenditure & Account</i> <i>Current for mas last, up</i> <i>to the 28th Ultimo, & for-</i> <i>warding for the infor-</i> <i>mation of Govt, an</i> <i>Original letter from</i> <i>the Col^l. of Salem,</i> <i>Accounting for the delay</i> <i>in the preparation and</i> <i>submission of his State-</i> <i>ment together with Copy</i> <i>replied to the above,</i> <i>from this D^y.</i>	<i>1297.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i>	<i>24th D^y</i> <i>No 542.</i>	

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