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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd June 1857.

No. 22. Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 13th May 1857.

SIR,

In reply to para. 1 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 449, of the 10th March last, I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the rates of toll therein referred to have been levied at the Ferry at Mootacaruncheultry for the last 19 years under the sanction conveyed by the Board of Revenue D. P. W., in their Secretary's letter dated the 22nd October 1838. They seem however to be high: the requisite reductions will be made at the expiration of the present lease of the Ferry on the 30th Proximo under the interference permitted in Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 239 of the 1st June 1855.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 1020; dated 29th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to para 2 of Extracts Minutes of Consultation dated 10th March 1857, No. 449 for information.

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

Ans. to Five Letters

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sysapet 13th May 1857.

From,

C. J. Shubrick Esqre
Collector of Chingleput.

To H. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to Govern.t
Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant.

Collector.

To, H. Forbes Esq.re
Offg Secretary to Government
Fort St.t George.—

Comm 10th March 57 N: 93 94
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From The Collector of
Chief Asst.
To The Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George

Dated 13th May 1857.
Recd 15th
No. 17

Stating that the
rates of Toll levied at
the Ferry at Mootta-
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sanctioned by the late
Board of Revenue D. P. W.
and that the requisite pe-
duction will be made at
the expiration of the present
lease.

With an order
No. 1020. 29th May

No. 1020.

Ordered to be com-
municated to the Chief Engineer
with reference to para 2 of Ex.
Mins of Cons: dated 10 March
1854 No. 469 for information.

Fort St. Geo.
29 May 1857.

To Copies to the
Chief Engr. Disp. to

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No 22 & 23.

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 2 6 57

G.O. No. 10 Dt. Press Mis.

Dated 30 5 1857

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No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 1st April 1857, No. 385.

Read the following letter from the Inspector of Prisons.

Represents that the system of debiting Prisoners' cost to Zillahs from which they are drawn for the advantage of other places is unjust, especially when the cost of maintenance is greatly enhanced by such transfer. Requests that Officers who draw Convicts for labour may provide for them all charges except that of extra guards and that such charges should not be in the Prisons' Department. } (Here enter 10th March 1857, No. 89.)

1. The Inspector of Prisons, in the letter recorded above, objects to the cost of maintaining Convicts at Guindy being debited to the Jails from which they are drawn, on the ground that it is invariably covered by the value of their labor and that this is received at Guindy.

2. He suggests also that all Officers in charge of such gangs, that is, it is presumed, road gangs or parties of Prisoners detached from Jails for employment on Public Works, should be directed to pay all charges except that of extra guards, and to make their own arrangements in respect of them independent of him; he, however, continuing to control the discipline of such outstation Jails and to see generally that the Convicts are properly lodged and cared for.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no objection to the adoption of this proposal, and directs that the necessary orders be issued through the Public Works Department for carrying it out.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 1026; dated 30th May 1857.

1. In the above Extract, Government in the Judicial Department, approved of certain suggestions made by the Inspector of Prisons, regarding the cost of maintaining the convicts at Guindy, who are detached from certain Districts, and employed on Public Works at that place; and directed that the necessary orders be issued through the Public Works Department, for carrying the resolution out.

2. The Government however, on further consideration, find that the system of allowing Officers of the Public Works Department, to pay all charges on account of convicts working under them, and to make their own arrangements in respect of them, independent of the Inspectors of Prisons will not work well; and it does not appear expedient to impose upon those Officers, duties which do not naturally belong to them.

3. In the Minutes Consultation of 8th November 1856, No. 2074, it has been ruled, that convict labour should be charged at one half of the ordinary current rates of each District, and under this rule, it is not likely that the receipts will permanently cover the cost of maintaining and guarding the convicts. The Government therefore, in modification of the order in the Judicial Department above recorded, resolve to direct that the entire cost of feeding and guarding such gangs of convicts be wholly debited to the Judicial Department of the District, in which they may be located, without reference to the Districts from which the convicts may have been transferred; and the Accountant General will be instructed to see that this rule is carried into effect in all Districts to avoid the adjustments in the accounts which must, under the present system, make several useless entries necessary. The sum realized by the employment of convicts in the Public Works Department will be credited to the Judicial Department, as a set off against the charges.

4. Under this order, the convicts now employed at Guindy will at once be transferred to the Session Judge of Chingleput, who will be directed, through the Judicial Department, to make arrangements for their subsistence, in common with other convicts in that District; but it must be understood that the convicts are to be stationed at Guindy as usual, and that they are to work, at the stipulated rates, under the orders of the District Engineer of Chingleput instead

of under the Superintendent of Government roads as heretofore. The District Engineer of Chingleput will also assume charge of the roads in that District beyond the limits of the Supreme Court which have hitherto been superintended by Major Worster; and the Chief Engineer will be good enough to issue instructions accordingly.

5. The Government observe that all the roads within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Madras, are, with one exception, in charge of the Municipal Commissioners under the orders contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st June 1855, No. 710 Public Department. In the same order, and under the authority of the Government of India, an annual allowance of Rupees 9,006-13-1 for the maintenance of these roads, and a monthly allowance of Rupees 170 for establishment and contingencies, were granted. In sanctioning* an annual maintenance allowance of 850 Rupees for the new road from Marshall's road to St. Andrew's bridge, which is the exception above referred to, and for the conservancy of the Cooum river bank along which the road runs, the Government directed that the road should be placed under the superintendence of the Civil Architect instead of the Justices in Sessions, under an impression that some roads in the limits of Madras, were in charge of the Superintendent of Roads whose duties were to be transferred to Colonel Atkinson, but as it now appears that all the roads in Madras with the exception referred to have been long under the orders of the Assessment Department; and as the late Justices in Sessions had, in their Proceedings of 13th June 1856, communicated to Government with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of 25th Idem,* assented to take charge of the Cooum road, if an allowance were made for keeping it in repair, the Government are pleased to direct that the road now under notice shall at once be made over to the Commissioners, and that an annual sum of Rupees 850 be paid to them for the maintenance of the road. Thus the entire contribution of the Government for the roads in charge of the Commissioners will amount in round number to Rupees 11,900. This sum will be paid annually from 1st May 1857, and debited to the Public Works Department under the head of repairs of roads; and all the roads in the limits of Madras shall remain in the Commissioner's charge, the bridges as also the roads within the compounds of the Government buildings, alone remaining under the Civil Architect.

* Extract Minutes Consultation 23rd April 1857, No. 766.

*E. M. C. 27th June 1856, No. 1065.

6. The Government cannot learn from the papers before them how the annual and monthly allowances sanctioned by the Government of India on 7th May 1855, were hitherto disbursed to the Assessment Department, how they were brought to account there, and whether the contribution received from Government by the Assessment Department was included in the Accounts Current published by the late Justices in Sessions, and if so how much of it. This information will be obtained from the Municipal Commissioners through the Public Department, and the Accountant General will be requested to state, to what head the payments of contributions to the Assessment Department on account of roads are debited, and whether they were included in the Public Works charges.

7. Under the arrangements authorized in this order, the office of the Superintendent to Government Roads who has no place in the new Public Works Department, will be abolished; and the establishment employed under him on account of the Road Department, will be dispensed with from the date this order reaches the Superintendent. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council must take this opportunity to place on record his acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by Major Worster in his capacity of Superintendent of Government Roads, and his sense of the great interest and zeal which that Officer has invariably evinced in the discharge of the arduous and important duties which devolved upon him in that capacity.

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

No. 11. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th March 1857, No. 89.

SIR,

In submitting the enclosed memorandum for the consideration of Government, I beg to suggest that it is unfair to debit the Zillahs from which Prisoners are drawn to Guindy with the cost of their maintenance, the cost of maintenance is invariably covered by the value of the labor and this is received at Guindy, but if reference is made to my report on the Guindy Jail, it will be seen that the cost of maintenance is very much higher there, than at the Stations from which these Convicts are drawn, and I see no reason why a Zillah, which is deprived of the services of its Convicts should be debited with a larger sum than it would cost to maintain them.

2. Peons too at Guindy receive batta and this I suppose is also charged.

3. It would very much facilitate matters if Departments which are furnished with Prisoners, bore all charges except that of the extra Guard, none but able-bodied men are furnished to these gangs and they, most certainly, unless very badly managed, return very much more than they cost. I trust therefore that the Government will be pleased to direct Officers in charge of such gangs to pay all charges except that of the extra Guard and to make their own arrangements independent of me; I will of course still control the discipline of such Jails, and take care that the Prisoners are properly lodged and cared for, but with the cost of such Prisoners or the mode in which their services are applied consistently with the maintenance of discipline, I do not see any reason for my interference. The Government will observe that this is a step towards the proposition I originally made, and which met with its approval.

8th May 1855.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

No. 39.

Memorandum of Rations chargeable to the undermentioned Zillahs.

					Rs.
February 1857,	Cuddapah.....	No. 32	1st to 28th		896
,, ,,	Cuddalore.....	,, 6	1st to 28th		168
,, ,,	Chittoor.....	,, 17	1st to 28th		476
,, ,,	Chingleput.....	,, 48	1st to 8th		1313
		,, 47	9th to 17th		
		,, 46	18th to 28th		

Madras, 5th March 1857.

(Signed) W. K. WORSTER, Major,
Superintendent of Government Roads.

To the Inspector of Prisons, Madras.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 385; dated 1st April 1857.

1. The Inspector of Prisons, in the letter recorded above, objects to the cost of maintaining Convicts at Guindy being debited to the Jails from which they are drawn, on the ground that it is invariably covered by the value of their labor and that this is received at Guindy.

2. He suggests also that all Officers in charge of such gangs, that is, it is presumed, road gangs or parties of Prisoners detached from Jails for employment on Public Works, should be directed to pay all charges except that of extra guards, and to make their own arrangements in respect of them independent of him; he, however, continuing to control the discipline of such out-station Jails and to see generally that the Convicts are properly lodged and cared for.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no objection to the adoption of this proposal, and directs that the necessary orders be issued through the Public Works Department for carrying it out.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 33 Read the following

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 385. in Mis

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation ~~under~~ date the 1st April 1857. 385

Read the following letter from the Inspector of Prisons.

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(Here enter 10th March 1857, No. 89.) X

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(A true Extract.)

(Sgd)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector of Prisons.
„ Public Works Department. ✓

Exd. F. Cartledge.

2 Place after

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No 33.

Lim Jails & Gaols generally. That the Convicts are properly lodged & cared for

C. 24 April 28 Cert May

Public Works 1857 Dept
Cons 2d June.

No 790

Extract from the Mins. of Cons. in the Judicial Department.

Dated 1st April/57

Received 4th May

J.C. No 1026. 30 May 385.

Adverting that Govt see no objection to the adoption of the proposal that road gangs or parties of prisoners detached from Jails for employment on P. Works should be directed to pay all charges except that of extra guards & to make their own arrangements in respect of them independent of the Inspector of Prisons, who is to continue to control the discipline of such Gaols.

In 1840 of Cons
Mr Allan Inspr Gaols

which was then attached to the Barrack Department by Lord Elphinstone Secretary to the representation of Col Lean.

The order directing any taking charge placed all roads within 12 miles of the Presidency under the extent then being 74 miles.

In 1854 a transfer was made of all roads within the limits of the Supreme Court to the Civil Engineer Department which reduced the limited extent to 46 miles. This reduction however does not include the distances to be travelled over on the Inspection so they lie around & beyond the limits which have to be passed through.

I have appended an abstract of the charges on account of the Roads from a transmitted I perceived for my own satisfaction, which I trust will give you sufficient information on that head.

Believe me
Yours very
J. Rendall

C. 24 h. Read 28 Dec 1854

No. 1026 Public Works Dept.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

under date the 30th May 1857.

Read the following Extract from Minutes of Consultation Judicial Department.

(Here enter 1st April 1857 p. 385)

In the above Extract, Government in the Judicial Department, approves of certain suggestions made by the Inspector of Prisons regarding the cost of maintaining the convicts at Sundy, who are detached from certain Districts, and employed on Public Works at that place; and directed that the necessary orders be issued thro' the Public Works Department, for carrying the resolutions out.

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3. In the Minutes of Consultation of 8th November 1856 No. 2074 it has been ruled that convict labour should be charged at one half of the ordinary current rates and of each District - under this rule it is not likely that the receipts will permanently cover the cost of maintaining and guarding the Convicts. The Government therefore, in modification of the order in the Judicial Department above recorded resolve to direct that the entire cost of feeding and guarding such gangs of convicts be wholly debited to the Judicial Department of the District in which they may be located without reference to the Districts from

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of the District Engineer of
Chingleput instead of
under the Superintendent
of Government Roads as
heretofore. The
District Engineer of Chingleput
will also assume charge
of the roads in that
beyond the limits of the Supreme Court
District, which have
hitherto been superin-
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Worster, and the Chief
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enough to issue —
instructions accordingly.

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that all the roads within
the limits of the Jurisdic
-tion of the Supreme
Court of Madras are,
with one exception, in charge of the Munici
-pal Commissioners
under the orders contain
-ed in Ct. Mem. of Cons.
dated 1st June 1855 No 710
Pub. Dept. In the same
order, and under the au-
-thority of the Govt. of
India, an annual al-
-lowance of Rs 9006-13-1
for the maintenance
of these roads, and a
monthly allowance
of Rs 170 for establish
and contingencies, were
granted. In sanction

× Ct. Mem: of Cons: 23rd Apl 57 No 766.

an annual maintenance allowance of 850 Rs. for the new road from Marshalls road to St. Andrew's bridge, which is the exception above referred to, and for the con-servancy of the Cooum river bank along which the road runs, the Govt. directed that the road ~~in question~~ should be placed under the Superintendence of the Civil Architect instead of the Justices in Sessions, ~~appointed by~~ under an impression that some roads in the limits of Madras were in charge of the Supt of roads whose duties were to be transferred to Colonel Atkinson, but as it now appears ~~as lastly~~ closely

~~closely into the papers~~ that all the roads in Madras[x] have been long under the orders of the Public Department, and as the late Justices in Sessions had in their Proceedings of 13th June/56, communicated to Govt. with the Chief Engr's Proceedings of 25th [illegible] x ~~from them~~ appended to take charge of the Coo-oum road, if an allow-ance were made for keep-ing it in repair, the Govt. are pleased to di-rect that the roads now under notice in shall at once be made over to the

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[x] C. No. C. 23rd June/56 No. 1065.

Commissioners, and
that an annual sum
of Rupees 850 be paid
to them for the main-
=tenance of the road.
Thus the entire con-
=tribution of the Govt.
for the roads in charge
of the Commissioners will
amount in round num-
=bers to Rupees 11,900.
This sum will be
paid annually ~~to the~~
~~Municipal Commis-~~
~~sioners~~ from 1st May 57,
and debited to the Pub.
Works Deptt. under the
Head of Repairs of Roads,
and all the roads in
the limits of Madras
shall remain in the Com'rs
charge

charge ~~with the exception~~
~~of~~ bridges ~~and~~
~~the causeways thereon,~~
as also the roads with-
=in the compounds of
the Govt. Buildings,
alone remaining under
~~the head will be booked~~
~~as before~~ by the Civil Ar-
=chitect.

6. The Govt can-
=not learn from the
papers before them
how the annual and
monthly allowances
sanctioned by the
Govt of India on 7th
May 1855, were hither-
=to disbursed to the as-
=sessment Departt,
how they were brought
to

to account there and whether the contribution received from Govt. by the Assessment Deptt. was included in the accounts current published by the late Justices in Sessions. (and if so how much of it.) This information will be obtained from the Municipal Commissioners through the Public Deptt, and the Accountant General will be requested to state to what head the payments of contributions to the Assessment Department on

on account of roads are debited and whether they were included in the Pub: Works charges.

7. Under the arrangements authorized in this order the office of the Superintendent of Govt. Roads† will be abolished, and the Establishment employed under him on account of the Road Deptt. will be dispensed with from the date this order reaches the Superintendent. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council

† who has no place in the new Pub Works Dept,

must take this op-
portunity to place
on record his acknow-
ledgment of the va-
luable services ren-
dered by Major
Worster in his capa-
city of Superint.t
of Cont.n Roads, and his sense
for the great interest
and zeal which that
officer has invari-
ably evinced in the
discharge of the ardu-
ous and important
duties which devolved
upon him in that
capacity.

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Cons: 11 November 56 No 47-48
" 6 May " 82-88.
" 15 April " 16-17.

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Extract from the Chief Engr 25th Sept 57 No 1912 in Cons 15 Oct
Stating sum certain Cost of the Gaol Gd Coast Road Department

From the Chief Engineer 3d August 57 No 1789 in Proc. 15th Aug. No 1555

No 3384.

22d May 26

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do. to Cons 2d June.

No 1026.

Extract Mins of Cons.
Dy 30th May 57.

Ext: from Mins of Cons: in the Pub: Depart. Dy 4 July 57
No 1427 Cons: 11th Aug
Transfer of certain Civil & Criminal Charges to the Municipal Commissioners, & Magistrates appointed in the Judicial &c from the Mins: of Cons: in the Judicial Dept. Dy 7th Sept 57 No 1792
in Cons: 29

Passing orders on an Extract from the Mins: of Cons: in the Judicial Dept. regarding the cost of maintaining the Convicts at Guindy who are detached from certain Dists and employed on P. Wks at that place.

From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras 14 Sept 1857
No 1833 in 29
for the reconstruction of the Cove Road from Near Chetty's road to the Triplicane