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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1536 Press Mis.

Dated 6 8 1853

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No. 15. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to Lieutenant Colonel R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, dated 4th August 1858, No. 1536.

SIR,

With reference to the orders of the Government of India, dated 28th September 1855, No. 1856, I am directed by the Governor in Council, to forward two Lists* shewing the number, date and subject of the Despatches addressed to and received from the Honorable Court of Directors, in this Department, during the year 1857.

*Nos. 1 and 2.

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List No 1 Showing the Number Date, and Subject of the Despatches addressed to the Honorable Court during the year 1857.

No	Date	Subject
1	5th January 1857	Submitting Copy of Correspondence on the subject of the Road from Berhampore to Russoolcondah in Ganjam.
2	19 Do	Do Requesting that the destination of the Steam Tug of 80 Horse Power for the Kistnah River may be changed to Coringa to the care of the Master Attendant at that Port.
3	22d Do	Do On the subjects of an application for a Scotch Surf Reel for preparing turf or peat of the Tolgherries, and for burning bricks and Lime for Buildings.
4	20th February Do	Requesting to be supplied with 6 Gay Lussac Mountain Barometers for the use of the Public Works Department.
5	5. March Do	Assigning reasons for Government having sanctioned the formation of a first Class road between Bellary and Cooldair.
6	7th Do Do	Submitting for information papers connected with the dismissal of Covenanted Civil Engineer W B Hudleston from the service of the East India Company.
7	1st April Do	Replying to the Honorable Courts Despatch, relative to the appointment of a Superintendent of the East Coast Canal.
8	22d Do Do	Forwarding 10 Copies of Captain Cracklows Map of the Neilgherry Hills.
9	24th Do Do	Forwarding 40 Copies of a letter addressed to

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		to the Government of India, on the Budget of Public Works for 1857/58, together with three statements comprising the Budget.
10	17th July 1857	Forwarding Copy of correspondence, regarding the description of Barometers, required for the Public Works Department.
11	6th August Do.	Replying to the Honorable Courts Despatches Nos. 4 & 5 of 30 of 1857.
12	24th Do. — Do.	Reporting the discontinuance of the transmission of the Broken and Office set Proceedings of the Chief Engineer and also the Office set Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; and requesting instructions for similar discontinuance of the Broken set Proceedings of the Collector Office.
13	2d September Do.	Intimating that no steps can be taken in respect to the system of Audit of Public Works Expenditure until the question has been finally settled by the Government of India as there according to the proposal of the Madras Government of relieving the Engineer Officer from this duty, or according to that suggested by the Honorable Court of entrusting it to the Civil Auditor.
14	3d Do. Do.	Again soliciting the Honorable Courts attention to certain correspondence, shewing that this Government have no present intention of establishing Inland Salt Depots on public account.
15	18 Do. Do.	Replying to the Honorable Courts Despatches Nos. 1 and 2 of 1855 and Nos. 1 & 5 to 14 of 1856 on Miscellaneous subjects.
16	5th October Do.	Forwarding Copy of a letter from the Accountant General shewing the Amount due by Mr. Overseer C. K. B. Huddleston, on account of advances made to him by the Honorable Court;

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		Court, and the sums collected from him on account of the payments which were to be made to his family in England.
17	24 October 1857	Submitting for the correspondence relating to the Adyar and Cochrane's Canal, and to grant Inties to the families of certain Overseers who embarked in "Lady Nugent."
18	3d November Do.	Transmitting sixty Copies of a report by Lieutenant Haig on the navigability of the Godavery and of its affluents together with a review of the same by this Government.
19	4th Do. Do.	Transmitting Correspondence respecting Lieutenant Haig's recall of his resignation of the Honorable Company's Service.
20	21st Do. Do.	Submitting Reports on the state of the Fortifications of Fort St. George, and requesting early consideration to the measures therein proposed and instructions for guidance.
21	28th Do. Do.	Forwarding Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, relative to the professional studies of Captain Rawlins in England, during his sick leave of absence.
22	30th Do. Do.	Requesting that Major Selby may be called upon for any explanation he may have to offer on the subject of the irregular manner in which his accounts connected with the Chest always Drawn were Kept.
23	17 December Do.	Forwarding 10 Copies of a work compiled by Mr. W. Grant, Non-commissioned 1st Assistant to the Chief Engineer entitled "The circular and standing orders of the Department Public Works from the Year 1833 to 8th July 1857."
24	21st Do. Do.	Replying to the Honorable Courts Despatches dated 1st & 15 July and 2d Sept. 1857 Nos. 4-5 & 6 on Miscellaneous Subjects.

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List shewing the numbers, date and subject of the Correspondence received from the Honorable Corporation during the year 1857

Date	Subject.
January 1857	Proposal to employ Messrs George Rennie and Sons in constructing a Steam Tug for service in the Harbour.
March 1857	Explaining the manner in which Shipments of Stores and Machinery forwarded to India, are made.
April 1857	Observations upon the Annual outlay for the construction and repairs of Roads and the establishment of Tolls Intimating that none of the Proceedings of the Central Office P.W. from its Commencement have been received. Relying on the Chief Engineer with regard to keeping his Proceedings on current and unimportant subjects in abstract, the Correspondence on important matters being entered in full. Trusting that the arrears of the

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		the Proceedings of the late Board of Works will be brought up with the proper sanctions.
4	1st July 1857	Complying with the request for the supply of 6 Sing Surveyors Mountain Barometers for the use of the Department of Public Works.
5	15th July 1857	Withdrawing restrictions in respect to the limit of Expenditure of 2000 Rs for buildings for the accommodation of travellers. Trusting that the increase of Rs 605 sanctioned by the Govt of India to the Surveyor Engineers Office, owing to the increase of business, will prove sufficient. Relative to abolishing the existing method of keeping accounts in the Engineer Department and substituting the system of the late Road Department. Intimating that the application for Steam Tugs being furnished with the Dredging Machines will be complied with. Directing that Mr George Saylor Government Civil Engineer may be informed that if he is still desirous of resigning the Government Service

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		Service his resignation is accepted from the 1st September 1857. Complying with the request of Mr Civil Engineer that the portion of his salary payable in England be reduced to 100£ per annum. Relative to the improvement of the road from Purwatipoor to Jeypoor.
6	2nd September/57	Returning two letters from Mr George Saylor, Civil Engineer, and directing that they may be returned to him with intimation that the Honorable Court cannot receive any communication from him as long as he may be in the service of Government except through their medium.
7	16th Sept 1857	Replying to letters from this Government on miscellaneous subjects.
8	16th Sept 1857	Intimating the shipment on the "Sheraina" of two Scotch Surveying Theodolites and desiring that a report may be furnished as soon as sufficient experience has been obtained of their working.
9	21st October 1857	Desiring that Captain Campbell, Executive Engineer, be called on for an explanation of his conduct in sending an order to Mr Jenning's for articles for use in the construction of the Kedgeree Barracks

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		Barracks in contravention of the established rule and requesting to be informed what arrangements have been made for the payments of the supplies so ordered.
Marine 24	18th November/57	Intimating the shipment on board the "Bengal" for delivery at Masulipatam, of one Iron Chain Jog for service on the Kistnah. Forwarding drawings of the same with intimation that the Invoice and Bills of Lading will be forwarded in due course.
Marine 25	18 November/57	Desiring to be informed whether there are any Engineers or Mechanics capable of putting together and working the Steam Dredging Vessels which are about to be shipped for the Madras Presidency.
Secretary's letter	2 December/58.	Transmitting Bill of Lading for Steam Signal Machinery shipped per "Bengal" for Masulipatam, with a copy of tender and conditions upon which the freight has been engaged.

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The year 1857.

Fort Saint George
1st August 1858

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Dy. to Govt. 10th August

No. 1536
To Secy. to the Govt. of
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Dated 5th Augt. 58.

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