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FORT SAINT GEORGE, *the* 8th June 1858.

*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 Sir P. GRANT, K. C. B.

*Commander in Chief* Absent on a Tour of Inspection.

THE HONORABLE WALTER ELLIOT, ESQUIRE.

AND

THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, ESQUIRE.

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*Minutes of last Consultation, approved.*

*The following Diary Papers are ordered to be recorded.*

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| No. 1.<br>From the Supg. Engr. S. C. in charge Central Office of P. W. 1st April 1858. No. 732.<br>Submits for decision a list of sanctioned works in Tinnevelly & stopped under the restrictive orders which will be increased in cost or otherwise prejudiced by further delay. | No. 2.<br>Mins. of Cons: Exempting certain Works stopped in Tinnevelly from the restrictive orders. | 2d June No. 1047 | |
| No. 3.<br>From Lt. Col. F. C. Cotton Engineer. 24th April 1858. No. 940.<br>Stating that he thinks Mr. Barrington's suggestions regarding the Valley of the Aska Manimuttay in Ganjam good and that it will be advisable to take the steps he recommends for the improvement of the District and for reasons stated suggesting that no calculation as to the result of engineering should be based upon the present Revenue statements of Ganjam. | No. 4.<br>Order. Awaiting the report called for in the order of the 14th ultimo, on a further communication from the Chief Engineer dated 22d March 1858. | 2d June No. 1048 | |

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| No 5.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>7th May/58 No 1065.<br>Forwards a letter from the Chief Engineer Hyderabad No 443 of 1st April 1858. further reporting the continued opposition made by the Officer Commanding H. M. Troops to the erection of the Water Houses at the Trimulgherry Barracks and solicits the interposition of government. | Vide entry opposite No 7. | | |
| No 6.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>19th May/58 No 1095.<br>Forwards in continuation of letter of 7th instant a letter from the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad and a Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee on the water Houses at Trimulgherry | Vide entry opposite No 7. | | |
| No 7.<br>From the Govt of India<br>5th May/58 No 1109.<br>Requesting that the Government of Madras will intimate once more, and in unmistakeable terms to Major General Ouseley that the water rooms between the Barracks at Trimulgherry, are to be built on the plan proposed by Colonel Henderson and that he is expected to give every facility to the accomplishment of those orders, without further reference, distinction or delay. | No 8.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Communicating to the Military Dept and the Chief Engr a letter from the Govt of India on the subject of Water Houses at the Trimulgherry Barracks and requesting the Chief Engr to advise immediate instructions for the Water rooms in question being built on the plan proposed by Colonel Henderson as decided by the Supreme Government. | 2d June No 1049. | |

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| No 9.<br>Mins of Cons: Jud. Dept<br>20th May/58 No 1130.<br>Approving of the construction of the new Court Houses at Salem, being commenced at once. | No 10.<br>Order. Authorizing the Chief Engineer to issue necessary instructions to the District Engineer of Salem to proceed with the work. | 2d June No 1050. | |
| No 11.<br>Mins of Cons Ecclesiastical Dept. 18th May/58 No 1120.<br>Communicating a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras, in view to the necessary arrangements being considered for having the Bells at the several Govt Churches at Madras or in the Provinces so swung, as to ensure their being rung instead of being struck with a Hammer | No 12.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engr for report on the subject referred to in para: 1 of the Ecclesiastical Extract. | 2d June No 1051. | |
| No 13.<br>From the 2d Collr of South Arcot.<br>13th April/58 No 844.<br>Forwards a Plan of the Gingee Fort recommends that an Establishment be kept up for their preservation and that such funds as could be made use of in commencing some Public edifice at Madras may be removed under the direction of Government. | No 14.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Communicating to the Chief Engr a report from the Acting Collr of South Arcot regarding the Fort at Gingee and requesting him to depute an officer to report on the buildings within that fort and to submit an Estimate for repairing such of them as are worth preserving. The attention of Col Fraser is also called to the orders of Government calling for reports on the State of ancient Building in the several Districts. | 2d June No 1052. | |

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| 15. Mins of Cons: Military Dept. 3d May/58. No 1112. Calling for a model Plan for Public Quarters for Warrant Medical Officers. | No 16. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will prepare and submit the model plan here referred to. | 3d June No 1053. | |
| No 17. From the Chief Engineer 18th May/58. No 1097. Forwards with observations copy of a letter from the Acting Garrison Engineer No 12 of 4th May 1858, on the subject of the utility of the Tunnel connecting the ditch on the Sea Face of the Fort with the sea. | No 18. Order. Communicated to the Military Deptt with reference to para 2 of Deptt Mins: Cons: in that Deptt 7th Nov/57 No 3940. | 3d D: No 1054 | |
| No 19. Mins of Cons: Military Deptt 27th April/58. No 1128. With reference to this Deptt No 1078 of 5th March last transmits for information Copy of a letter from the Actg Adjutant General of H. M's Forces in India placing the services of Sergt Kelly H M's 84th Regt at the disposal of the Government of Madras as therein required. | No 20. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to this Proceedings dated 6th February 1858 No 7238. | 3d D: No 1055. | |

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| No 21. Mins of Cons: Mil: Deptt 7th Feby/58 to No 1063. Approving the plan submitted, for converting the main Chunkey at Chinna Muthia Chunkey on the Ennore Road, into a Tunnel Station. | No 22. Order. The work sanctioned on emergency. | 3d June No 1056. | |
| No 23. Letter from Indian Govt 3d June/58 to No 1057. Communicating the Orders of the Govt on this Deptt for the Months of January, February and March 1858 | | | Reported No 6. |
| No 24. From the Chief Engineer 15th Feby/58 No 1013. Requesting information respecting any proposition for abandoning Moreambeer Battery as a site for a joint new General Post Office Electric Telegraph Office and Exchange Rooms | No 25. Mins of Cons: Referring to the enquiry made by the Chief Engr as to what steps should be taken for the Govt to relandscape the Battery as a site for a new Post and Telegraph Office and to the correspondence submitted by him requesting that Officers to furnish the report called for in Cons: of 26th April last. | 3d D: No 1058. | |

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| No 26. Minute of Consultation. 3d June/58 No 1059 Communicating the List relating to Mr Tocketart 1st Class Engineer to the Asst Genl Civil Auditor and Chief Engr with instructions for the adjustment of the advance made to him in England. | | | |
| No 27 From the Chief Engineer. 22d May/58 — No 1126. Submits a Supplemental Estimate amounting to Rupees 22,500 for completing the Palaur Bridge. | Vide entry of proceedings No 29. | | |
| No 28 From the Chief Engineer 1st June/58 — No 1181. Submitting copy of a report by Supt Engr in charge of Central Circle on the subject of prosecuting the construction of the Vellore bridge in North Arcot with the Chief Engineer's full concurrence on that Officer's recommendation that authority may be granted for carrying out the work as an emergency. | Vide entry of proceedings No 29. | | |

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| No 29. From the Chief Engineer 1st June/58 — No 1180. Submitting in continuation of this days Despatch No 1145 copy of a Letter from the Acting Assistant Engineer North Arcot, reporting on the state of the funds of the Vellore bridge in North Arcot. | No 30. Minute of Consultation. Under the circumstances represented and pending the sanction of the Court of Directors to the second Supplemental Estimate of Rs 22,500 for the completion of the Palaur Bridge sanction the expenditure of Rs 10,000 to prevent the interruption of the progress of the Works and call upon the Chief Engineer to furnish completed information as to the causes which led to the increased cost over the original Estimate. | 4th June/58 No 1065. | |
| No 31. To the Govt of India — Submitting for sanction a Supplemental Estimate of Rs 22500 for completing the Palaur Bridge. | | 10th Dec/58 No 3106 | |
| No 32. From the Collr of Chingleput 21st April/58 — No 869. Reporting on the letter of the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal relative to the injuries done to the Canals by the Boatmen. | Vide entry of proceedings No 33. | | |

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| No 33.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>7th May/58 — No 1064. | No 34.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Relative to the measures taken under the Collector of Chingleput to prevent the Contractors from injuring the Coast Line of Canal. | 4th June<br>No 1061. | |
| Forwards a letter from Major Sanford calling attention to the offensive expressions used by the Collector of Chingleput in his letter to Govt on the subject of the punishment of Bantins for injuries done to the Canal Bank and requesting that a Mr Shubrick may be directed to point out the ground on which such imputations have been made. | | | |
| No 35.<br>From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.<br>8th May/58 — No 1023.<br>Referring to Letter from Govt of the 18th November 1856 and requesting to be informed, whether the Estimate amounting to Rs 3460, entered in the Budget of 1857/58, for certain improvements proposed to be made to the road round the Island has met with the sanction of the Govt of India, and if so, whether the work is to be entrusted to them Port Engr or to the Civil Architect for execution. | No 36.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Communicating to the Board the operation of the Govt Order for the Estimate of Rs 3460 for the improvement to the Road round the Island. | 4th June<br>No 1063. | |
| No 37.<br>From the Chief Engr Hyderabad<br>5th May/58 — No 1039.<br>Enclosing copy of a letter addressed by him to the Chief Engr Madras, and as he believed, that it was not contemplated that any communications which he might forward for submission to that Govt through the authorized channel, should be withheld, and acting passed on them in the Chief Engrs Office, requesting that he may be instructed in future, to submit his references to the Madras Government &c. | No 38.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Directing that the letter be entered on the Proceedings. | 4th June<br>No 1064. | |

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| No 8.<br>From the Chief Engr Hyderabad<br>6th May, 58 — No 1044.<br>Referring to his letter of the 5th May 1858, and enclosing Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engr Madras, shewing another instance in which a reprehensible attempt which he quite evidently wished to be laid before Govt, as soon as possible has been withheld in the Madras Office. | No 39.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Requesting the Chief Engineer to forward a Copy of the Correspondence to Government with the exception of such observations he may make, all communications which the Chief Engr of Hyderabad may transmit to him. | 4th June<br>No 1065. | |
| No 40.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>8th May/58 — No 1046.<br>Forwarding copies of certain correspondence relative to the blasting of the rock in the Ditch of the Chittoor Fort, and recommending that the work should not be proceeded with. | No 41.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Requesting certain information respecting the Fort Ditch at Chittoor. | 4th June<br>No 1065. | |
| No 42.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>28th April/58 — No 952.<br>Forwards in substitution of the Major Lawfords despatch No 1121 of the 19th Instant a letter from that Officer of the 27th Instant bringing to notice the evils which must follow the retention of all the Gomastahs of the late Revenue Service in the Engr Department with the Chief Engineer's observations thereon. | No 43.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Calling for information from the Chief Engr on certain points connected with the question of employing the Gomastahs late of the late Maramut Dept in the Dept of Pub: Works. | 4th June<br>No 1066. | |

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| No 45.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>10th May 58. No 1113.<br>Forwards with reference to Coll. Mins. Cons. No 845 of the 4th Instt. copy of a letter from the Collector of Canara wherein his opinion of the urgency of completing the three new salt-Golars at Coomptah is shewn and a copy of a letter from the District Engineer explaining a discrepancy entered by the Collectors. | No 845.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Sanctioning on emergency the estimate delivered relating to Rupees 1805 for constructing three Salt Golaurs at Coomptah in the Canara District. | 4th May 58. No 106 | |
| No 46.<br>Mins of Cons: Marine Dept.<br>5th May 58. No 1048.<br>Referring the proposal for prolonging the Head Land South of the Outing Custom House Anchorage, with a request that a Plan and Estimate may be prepared for the extension of the Point referred to, as well as, for laying down Screw Moorings at Tellicherry. | No 846.<br>Order. The Chief Engineer called on to submit the plans and Estimates required. | 4th May 58. No 1048 | |
| No 47.<br>Mins of Cons: Judicial Dept.<br>17th May 58. No 1179.<br>Concurring in the recommendation by the Court of Sudder Adawlut respecting the erection of a new Building for the accommodation of the Courts of the Civil Judge, Principal Sudder Ameen, a Moonsiff, Sudder Ameen and District Moonsiff of Cuddalore, and awaiting the receipt of the revised Estimate and information called for from the District Engineer. | No 847.<br>Order. Communicating the Chief Engineer's sanction to the revised Estimate required. | 4th May 58. No 1179 | |

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| No 50.<br>Mins of Cons: Marine Dept.<br>1st May 58. No 1111.<br>Sanctioning the expenditure of Rupees from the Contingencies of Cannanore to be applied to the following purposes, viz. Repairing of the Pier at Cannanore and Tellicherry, Building Godowns for Salt at Cannanore and Tellicherry, and Repairing the Roads in the Cannanore Division. | No 851.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer. | 4th May 58. No 1111 | |
| No 52.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>7th May 58. No 1167.<br>Forwards a certificate of qualifications in Military Engineering in favor of 2d Lieut. W. Pollock on the Establishment of the Engrs. and recommends that he be appointed a Probationary Assistant Engr. and directed to proceed forthwith to Tanjore. | No 853.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Appointing 2d Lieut. W. Pollock of the Engineers to be a Probationary Assistant Engineer in the Department of Public Works for employment with the District of Tanjore. | 4th May 58. No 1050 | |
| No 54.<br>Mins of Cons: Financial Railway Dept.<br>1st May 58. No 1063.<br>Observing, that looking to the comparative cost of Rail and Water communication, the Court are of opinion, that the Canal communication between Cochin and Beypoor should be improved, and are disposed to decide in favor of the latter, and think that enquiry should be made to perfect the Water communication between the two places, on removal of the Arrack restrictions and of Land Tax on Public Works. | No 855.<br>Mins of Cons.<br>Calling for certain information connected with the improvement of the Water communication between the Port of Cochin & Beypoor | 5th May 58. No 1071 | |

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| N°56.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>8th ult. May 58 - N° 126.<br>Represents inability at present to report on the subject of the orders of Govt contained in Gen. Mil. Cons N°911 of 23d September 56 and recommends the removal from the List of "unanswered references" until the requirements of the D. W. Dept have been experimentally ascertained. | N°57.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Ordering that the instruments imported for the Quarter Master General's and Engr. Department be held in readiness under the Superintendence of the Inspector Genl. of Ordnance and Magazines and their expenses made in the Assmt. | 5th June 58<br>N°1073. | |
| N°58.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>14th ult. May 58 - N° 1052.<br>Forwards Copy of a letter from the Collector of Cuddalore recently requesting the want of a Custom House at Cuddalore and asks for instructions thereon in the orders of Govt on the Estimate of Rupees 12280 for one entered in the Budget as item 18 of List 6 N°2. | N°59.<br>Order. The Construction of the Custom House at Cuddalore authorized. | 5th June 58<br>N°1074. | |
| N°60.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>18th ult. May 58 - N° 1107.<br>Recommends exemption from the restrictive orders that portions of the Estimates for Rupees 39142, in which the Sum is included on Trunk Roads N°11 to the Woodapalam Tamala Panthalam Tank is included. | N°61.<br>Order. Authorized. | 5th June 58<br>N°1075. | |

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| N°62.<br>From the Chief Engr<br>8th ult. March 58 - N° 484.<br>Forwarding List of Orders of Govt remaining unannounced in the Public Offices of P.W. on the 31st December last. | N°63.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Calling orders on the list of unanswered references for the half year ending 31st December last. | 5th June 58<br>N°1076 | |
| N°64.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>21st ult. May 58 - N° 1147.<br>Submits for information an original letter from the District Engr of Trichinopoly, reporting on the progress made in the Construction of the Temporary Barracks at that Station. | N°65.<br>Order. Communicated to the Military Deptt. with reference to their orders of 7th & 12th April last. | 7th Do<br>N°1077. | |
| N°66.<br>From the Chief Engr<br>7th ult. May 58 - N° 1008.<br>Forwards certain correspondence on the alleged robbery of Rs 60 of public money from a Lascar Manuck Chelumuck Lassim being the pay of 2 Sub Overseers employed near Ryacopetta in the Masulipatam District and requests orders as to the mode of making it good to them. | N°67.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Authorizing the disbursement of the Salary of the two Sub Overseers referred to and requesting the Board of Revenue to ascertain from the Collectors if arrangements cannot be made for remitting money to the Subordinates of the Public Works Departments when required by Talook Peons once a month. | 7th Do<br>N°1078. | |

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| No 68.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>21st May/58 - No 1116.<br>Submits for favorable consideration of a letter from the District Engineer Nellore - No 1057 of 17th May requesting that certain works entered in the Budget of 1858/59 may be excepted from the operations of the restrictive orders of the 17th July/57 - No 1372. | No 69.<br>Mins of Covs:<br>Exempting certain Works in Nellore from the operation of the restrictive orders and Calling for information in respect of one or two other Works in the same District. | 7th June<br>No 1079 | |
| No 70.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>29th May/58 - No 1171.<br>Submits an original letter with 2 Enclosures from Capt Jno Francis, and requests to be honored with Orders as to whether that Officer shall or shall not proceed to examine & Report on Mr Baker's new trace of the Anamullies and also whether in the event of approval of its alignment a Sum out of Forest Profits not exceeding Rupees 10,000 may | No 71.<br>Mins of Covs:<br>Informing the (Chief) Engineer that Captain Francis has already been authorized to visit the Anamullay Mountains, and observing that there is no such Fund as "Forest Profit Funds" out of which to sanction 10000 Rupees applied for for the formation of a road in the Anamullay<br>appropriated to the establishment | 7th D:<br>No 1080. | |
| From the Chief Engineer.<br>14th May/58 - No 1054.<br>Explains that the Estimate now accompanied is the Estimate for repairs to the Horse Artillery Hospital at St Thomas' Mount was inadvertently omitted to be Communicated to Government and requests permission to remove the Subject from the List of Answered & Referred. | Mins of Covs:<br>Calling upon the Chief Engr to State under what Circumstances he felt himself justified in ordering the immediate execution of certain alterations to the Horse Artillery Hospital at St Thomas' Mount | 7th D:<br>No 1081 | |

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| Mins of Consultation.<br>7th June/58 - No 1082.<br>Calling the attention of the Chief Engr to the Mins (directing that in all correspondence, when a wish is made to orders to appear in Mr Grant's Reg, the pages of that Book could be invariably quoted) being attended to in his Mins of Consultation | | | |
| No 75.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>27th May/58 - No 1158.<br>Forwards a letter from the acting District Engineer Rhenah Dn and requests that the resignation of J. Mc Leroy Broadly Sub Overseer & Alexis Fgrad may be accepted and V. Narsimmaloo nominated in his stead. | No 76.<br>Order. Sanctioned as proposed. | | 4th June<br>No 1083. |
| No 77.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>11th May/58 - No 1076.<br>Submits Correspondence relative to a Claim for Compensation for Lands taken up for roads in the Cantonment at Vackalaller and recommends the Amount Rupees 284-7-9 may be sanctioned. | No 78<br>Order. Sanctioned. | | 8th D:<br>No 1084. |

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| No 79.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>5th May/58 - No 986.<br>submitting with reference to Secretariat Cons: No 1229. 672 of the 22nd July/56 & 30th March/57 respectively a Memorandum furnished by the Dy Engr of Tanjore of the probable cost of metalling certain roads in the District and for reasons assigned recommends the resumption of the subject from the list of Unanswered references until | No 80.<br>Order. The communication of the Subject here referred to, from the list of Unanswered references authorized.<br>until a more favorable opportunity offers for its further investigation. | 8th Do<br>No 1085 | |
| No 81.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>1st June/58 - No 1182.<br>With reference to His Excellency the Commander in Chief's Minute Communicated in Military Dept to Commandant of Engineers with Secretariat Cons: of 30th April 1858 No 1494 forwarding letter from Dy Engineer & Surveyor Cuddapah requesting permission to complete the opening of the Mountaral & Cuddapah Ghaut with the balance of the Sanctioned Estimate Rs 6392 - | No 82.<br>Minute of Cons:<br>Calling upon the Chief Engr to State whether His Excellency the Commander in Chief's Minute referred to mention is made of the Mountaral Cuddapah Pass or any of the Communications between Cuddapah & the Coast. | 8th Do<br>No 1086. | |
| No 83.<br>From the Hon'ble Company Solicitor - 10th May/58 - No 1060.<br>Referring to his letter of this days date, for detail of his Proceedings, with the view of ascertaining whether the Premises known by the name of the "Cuncum Bagh" could safely be purchased on behalf of the Honorable Company, either for the Sudr Court or for the Improved Civil Engineering College. | No 84.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 8th Do<br>No 1087. | |

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| From the Collr of Canara.<br>22 - May/58 - No 1146.<br>Forwarding Copy of Lt [illegible] letter reporting that he remained at Sadashivgur sending "Sowrah" Bombay for repairs. | Order. To be recorded. | 8th June.<br>No 1088. | |
| No 87.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>25th May/58 - No 1141.<br>Reports of the receipt of the Statement of Surpassed Expenditure up to the 30th April 1858 from the Collr of North Arcot, and it has been forwarded to the Accountant General to be verified with his Books. | No 88.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 8th Do<br>No 1089. | |

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