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Public Works Department.

FRIDAY.

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 W. A. MOREHEAD, ESQUIRE,

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.	Referred to
<i>No. 1.</i> From the Chief Engineer. 22 nd December 1857. No. 2504. Submits for the sanction of Govt. an Estimate amounting to Rs. 1,200 for constructing 20 wooden platforms on the fortifications of Fort Saint George.	<i>No. 2.</i> Order. Referred to the Military Deptt. Copies to the Military Deptt. with orig. Estt.	<i>No. 1.</i>	
<i>No. 3.</i> From the Director of Public Instruction. 19 th Nov. 57. No. 2356. Submitting a letter from the Principal of the Civil Engineering College with a scheme of establishment and a Prospectus of the proposed course of instruction. Recommending them with certain modifications for the favorable consideration & orders of Govt.	<i>No. 4.</i> Mins. of Cons. Respecting the Establishment for the proposed Civil Engineering College.	<i>No. 2.</i>	

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	N ^o 5. To the Government of India. 5 th Jan Observing that this Government N ^o 3. have no objection to offer to the Establishment proposed for the Madras Engineering College, as modified by the authorities, and as it falls short of the scale originally submitted to the Govt. of India, and generally approved by them, recommending that the Establishment may be sanc- tioned, at a total eventual cost of Rs 3670 per mensem.	
N ^o 6. From the Govt. of India. 4 th Decr/57. N ^o 2511. Reminding the Govt. of Madras, that, the expenditure proposed to the Madras Penitentiary, Rs 77920 has now amounted to four- fifths of what the Govt. of India is competent to sanction, and requesting the abandonment or post- ponement of all work, not absolutely necessary to the use of the Building, to which extent only, the Govt. of India can accord sanction to the project.	Vide entry of opposite N ^o 7.	
N ^o 7. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 2 ^d January 58. N ^o 1. Communicating for information and orders a letter from the Civil Architect, requesting orders relative to the prosecution or other- wise of the Filanking Towers, &c at the Penitentiary.	N ^o 8. Minis: of Cons. Calling upon the Chief Engineer to report at once, what works he considers absolutely necessary to render the Penitentiary fit for use, and what will be the cost of such works.	5 th Decr/57. N ^o 4.

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N ^o 9. From the Chief Engineer. 16 th Decr/57. N ^o 2474. Submitting with refer- ence to para 78 of P.R. 28 th Jan 54. last a list of all overseers of the 2 ^d Class prepared agree- ably to the classification therein authorized & soliciting the permission of Govt. to enter- tain as vacancies occur, the very few Marammut servants remaining to be provided for in the Department Pub Works.	N ^o 10. Order. Wishing to be furnished with a list of the Marammut servants in each District unprovided for in the new Department.		6 th Jan N ^o 5.	
N ^o 11. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 17 th Decr/57. N ^o 2473. Submits Copy of a re- quisition from the Post- Master General for the favorable consideration of Govt. requesting that the Rivers, &c on Trunk road N ^o 6, from Poonee to Chitterpore be made passable for Dawk- Runners.	N ^o 12. Order. Directing the Chief Engineer to submit Estimate of the cost of the said work.		6 th Decr/57. N ^o 6.	
N ^o 13. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 9 th Decr/57. N ^o 2429. Forwards a letter from the District Eng ^r of Salem, and recom- mends that he be allowed to expend Rupees 50 in filling up the most dangerous holes on the Salem and Trichinopoly road between Mulloor and Vallyapatty.	N ^o 14. Order. d.		6 th Decr/57. N ^o 7.	

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<p>N^o 15. <i>Pro. of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>4th Decr/57. N^o 2417.</i> <i>Forwards a letter from the Coll^r of Tinnevely, and recommends the grant of Rupees 94.52 in compensation for land taken up for the construction of the Trunk Cotton road.</i></p>	<p>N^o 16. <i>Order.</i> <i>Sanctioned.</i></p>	<p><i>6th Jan'y.</i> <i>N^o 8.</i></p>
<p>N^o 17. <i>From the Govt. of India.</i> <i>30th Novr/57. N^o 2452.</i> <i>Advising to the decision already passed in declining to permit the Civil Engineer and the Garrison Engineer at Madras, to draw travelling allowances of 5 Rupees per diem..</i></p>	<p>N^o 18. <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicating to the Chief Engineer and certain others, with reference to the order of 3rd August 1857.</i></p>	<p><i>6th Dec.</i> <i>N^o 9.</i></p>
<p>N^o 19. <i>Pro. of the Chief Eng^r.</i> <i>9th Decr/57. N^o 2427.</i> <i>Forwards correspondence and recommends that an additional sum of Rupees for repairs to works of irrigation 20,000 may be sanctioned for repairs in the Salem District.</i></p>	<p>N^o 20. <i>Order.</i> <i>Observing that in the order of the 7th Decr. 1857, the Chief Engineer was authorized to sanction estimates within the Budget limit.</i></p>	<p><i>6th Dec.</i> <i>N^o 10.</i></p>

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<p>N^o 21. <i>From the Coll^r of Malabar.</i> <i>28th Novr/57. N^o 2407.</i> <i>Submits correspondence with Chief Eng^r on the subject of the adjustment of the accounts of the Mundoor road, & requests that he may be relieved from the necessity of scrutinizing these accounts.</i></p>	<p>N^o 22. <i>Minis of Cons.</i> <i>Observing to Mr Robinson that he was requested to submit the report of his effct. on the Mundoor road accounts, which is not now required.</i></p>	<p><i>6th Jan'y.</i> <i>N^o 11.</i></p>	
<p>N^o 23. <i>Pro. of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2528.</i> <i>Communicates for information a letter from the Superintending Engineer in charge of Central Circle, reporting the result of his inspection of the works at Saint Thos Mount, and recommends the early confirmation of the order issued by the Superintending Engineer in the 1st Decr to the District Engineer of Thrangaput.</i></p>	<p>N^o 24. <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicated to the Military Department.</i></p>	<p><i>7th Dec.</i> <i>N^o 12.</i></p>	
<p>N^o 25. <i>Pro. of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>12th Decr/57. N^o 2450.</i> <i>Forwards for the information of Government, copy of a letter from Secretary Board of Examiners reporting that Mr. H. B. Smith has passed a successful Examination in Telugu and recommends that the usual Notification may be published in the Fort St George Gazette.</i></p>	<p>N^o 26. <i>Order.</i> <i>Ordering its publication in the official Gazette.</i></p>	<p><i>7th Dec.</i> <i>N^o 13.</i></p>	

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<p><i>N^o 27.</i> <i>From the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>16th Nov. 1857. No 2263.</i> Communes a letter from the District Eng^r Bellary, and solicits sanction to the establishment of Lascars for each of the Surveyors ordered in. Extract Minutes Cons. N^o 1079 of 14th September 1857, to be placed at the disposal of Colonel Cotton for employment in Bellary, Tumkur & Chidambaram Districts at an aggregate charge of 136 Rupees per mensem.</p>	<p><i>N^o 28.</i> <i>Minis of Cons.</i> Observing that the Chief Engineer has been already empowered to sanction such temporary establishments of Lascars, as are solicited for employment on Survey duty under Col^l Cotton in Bellary, Tumkur and Chidambaram.</p>	<p><i>7th Jan. 1858.</i></p>	
<p><i>N^o 29.</i> <i>From the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>12th Nov. 1857. No 2237.</i> Forwarding an original letter with its enclosure from the Acting Col^l of Bangalore and requesting the sanction of Govt for the admission of the Charge therein specified into the Col^l Accounts and offering certain suggestions as to the manner in which sums realized by the rent of Grass Lands may be best accounted for.</p>	<p><i>N^o 30.</i> <i>Minis of Cons.</i> Sanctioning the item of Rs 32. 11-4 for making a road in the Chidambaram Compound, retrenched in the accounts of Bangalore for July 1854.</p>	<p><i>7th Jan. 1858.</i></p>	
<p><i>N^o 31.</i> <i>From the Chief Eng^r.</i> <i>17th Decr. 1857. No 2481.</i> Forwarding for information a Report on the Muntral Canals by Lieutenant Shaw Stewart.</p>	<p><i>N^o 32.</i> <i>Minis of Cons.</i> Observing, for reasons stated, that it would be inadvisable now to continue the trace on the Pundy Canals that.</p>	<p><i>7th Jan. 1858.</i></p>	

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<p><i>N^o 33.</i> <i>From the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>8th Decr. 1857. No 2421.</i> Forwards correspondence and solicits instructions respecting the case of robbery of public money from Mr. Ricketts, Eng^r Division, Trincomopoly District.</p>	<p><i>N^o 34.</i> <i>Minis of Cons.</i> Observing that Govt. cannot absolve Mr. Ricketts, Eng^r at Trincomopoly, without further explanation, as to the attempt at theft of public money.</p>	<p><i>7th Jan. 1858.</i></p>	
<p><i>N^o 35.</i> <i>Minis of Cons.</i> <i>7th January 1858. No 18.</i> Requesting the Chief Eng^r to submit the statements so often called for, of the prices of materials and labor in the different Districts.</p>			
<p><i>N^o 36.</i> <i>To the India House.</i> <i>7th January 1858. No 19.</i> Forwarding 60 Copies of Vol. VII of the Selections from the Records of the Madras Govt, being the Report on District Roads for the year 1855/56.</p>			<p><i>Reported Ch. 1.</i></p>

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<p><i>N^o 37.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Eng^r.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2516.</i></p> <p>Forwards for information a letter and a List received from the District Engineer Chingleput showing the amount of work done by his Department in the Month of October & November 1857 in explanation of the delay in the completion of the same.</p> <p><i>N^o 38.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2533.</i></p> <p>Submits copy of a letter from the District Engineer with its enclosure an original letter from Mr. Moncrieff, requesting the services of Mr. Campbell of the Sappers and Miners be secured for the Fort at Combarwaram and the Chief Engineer strongly recommends that the application may be complied with.</p> <p><i>N^o 39.</i> <i>From the Gov^t of India.</i> <i>15th Decr/57. N^o 2539.</i></p> <p>Forwarding certain papers relating to a plan proposed for exempting Fort William and its dependancies from the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Police and the Municipal Commissioners and Requesting to be furnished with a plan and information as regards Fort St. George and its dependancies.</p>	<p><i>Consultation -</i> <i>N^o 38.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicated to the Military Department.</i></p> <p><i>N^o 40.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Sanctioned.</i></p> <p><i>N^o 41.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicated to the Commandant of Engineers and the Municipal Commissioners, for early report.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Jan^y.</i> <i>N^o 20.</i></p> <p><i>8th Decr.</i> <i>N^o 21.</i></p> <p><i>8th Decr.</i> <i>N^o 22.</i></p>

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<p><i>N^o 42.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2526.</i></p> <p>Stating that the present temporary Barrack at Sackia, which can by proper repair be rendered fit for the performance of Divine worship until the completion, the construction of which is recommended.</p> <p><i>N^o 45.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2520.</i></p> <p>Submits a report by the Civil Architect on the state of the Church and Burial Ground at St. Thomas and recommends that the minor repairs and works of renovation estimated for by Mr. Colvill. It is also recommended for immediate execution.</p> <p><i>N^o 47.</i> <i>Order of Cons. Military Dept.</i> <i>14th Decr/57. N^o 2570.</i></p> <p>Authorizing the promotion of Corporals Bastians and Clarke, of the Madras Sappers and Miners, to the rank of Sergeant, and to be borne as Supernumeraries, and directing the report of their gallant conduct with the Madras Field Force, to be communicated to the D. P. H. and order to the Sergeants being employed as soon as convenient, in any suitable appointments.</p>	<p><i>N^o 44.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Referred to the Ecclesiastical Department.</i></p> <p><i>N^o 46.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicating to the Ecclesiastical Department with reference to their order of the 25th November 1857.</i></p> <p><i>N^o 47.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Communicated to the Chief Engineer.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Jan^y.</i> <i>N^o 23.</i></p> <p><i>8th Decr.</i> <i>N^o 24.</i></p> <p><i>8th Decr.</i> <i>N^o 25.</i></p>	

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<p><i>N^o 49.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>1st Decr/57. N^o 2393.</i> <i>Submits correspondence from the District & Executive Eng^r lately in charge of the Hindustani Division, with reference to a Resolution addressed to the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council by B. Veri-ah & others complaining of their unjust dismissal, explaining the grounds on which it had been found impracticable to find situations for them, & that endeavours would be made to provide situations for them on the conservancy establishment of the Delta works.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 50.</i> <i>Mins: of Cons:</i> <i>Regarding the injustice done to Marahmut servants, by not making provision for them when two Classes of Officers are vacant, on the ground that they are not qualified for one, when qualified for the other Class of Officer.</i></p>	<p><i>8th January N^o 26.</i></p>
<p><i>N^o 51.</i> <i>From the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>9th Decr/57. N^o 2436.</i> <i>Submitting for sanction a Bill received from the Garrison Eng^r for erecting a Godown at the Wallajah Berrn of the Fort for the security of tools and valuable stores &c in use with the Foundry and workshop attached to the Arsenal, amounting to Rs. 601-10-00.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 52.</i> <i>Mins of Cons:</i> <i>Sanctioning the Bill for erecting a Godown at the Wallajah Berrn of the Fort for the security of Tools &c amounting to Rs. 601-10-00.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Decr N^o 27.</i></p>
<p><i>N^o 53.</i> <i>Pro: of the Chief Eng^r.</i> <i>16th Decr/57. N^o 2480.</i> <i>Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, requesting permission to refer the matter of the Ferry contract to the arbitration of a Panchayet; and repeating the Board's recommendation in favor of the adoption of such a course.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 54.</i> <i>Mins of Cons:</i> <i>Directing that the losses alleged to have been sustained by a Ferry contractor in Malabar consequent on the Railway Company employed their own boats for the transport of their workmen and stores to be adjudicated by the decisions of a Panchayet.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Decr N^o 28.</i></p>

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<p><i>N^o 55.</i> <i>Mins of Consultation.</i> <i>8th January/58. N^o 29.</i> <i>Passing orders on the Honorable Court's Despatch in the Marine Department dated 18th November 1857. N^o 25 respecting making arrangements for shipping to this Presidency of the steam & Dredging vessels.</i></p>			<p><i>To Engr^d 10th Feby 1858 N^o 2</i></p>
<p><i>N^o 56.</i> <i>From the Chief Engineer.</i> <i>24th Decr/57. N^o 2536.</i> <i>Forwards Plan and Estimates of Rs. 10820 for the conversion of the old Eng^r Hospital at Bellary into military Mess quarters, and recommending its sanction, and the substitution of its amount in the Budget List N^o 2 for the original entry of Rs. 7950.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 57.</i> <i>Order.</i> <i>Referred to the Military Department with an observation that the original entry of Rs. 7950 was removed from the Budget List N^o 2, as that document was called before the estimate was received.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Jan. N^o 30.</i></p>	
<p><i>58.</i> <i>From the Govt of India.</i> <i>20th Nov/57. N^o 2443.</i> <i>Forwarding a despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 2nd Sept^r 1857 N^o 34 approving of the promotion of the Civil Eng^r and Overseers sent out from England to a higher rank than that to which they are entitled under their Covenant when superior qualifications justify such a course.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 59.</i> <i>Order. To be recorded.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Decr N^o 31.</i></p>	

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<p>N^o 60. Minis. of Cons. Public Dept^t 22^d Decr/57. N^o 11.</p> <p>Desiring that Heads of Offices, Civil and Military will forward to the Coll^t of Sea Customs, Madras, any packages properly packed for transmission to the Honorable Court by Vessels via the Cape, that that Officer may send in the Bill of lading to the Department whence the packages were received.</p>	<p>N^o 61. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th January N^o 32.</p>	
<p>N^o 62. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 14th Decr/57. N^o 2156.</p> <p>Submits copy of a letter from the District Eng^r Godavery Division, reporting that the breach of the Mundoor Anicut was partially closed on the 27th ultimo to allow of water being sent down the Canals.</p>	<p>N^o 63. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th Decr N^o 33</p>	<p>To C 5th A 1 C.</p>
<p>N^o 64. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 17th Decr/57. N^o 2475.</p> <p>Communicating for information in continuation of former Reports two letters from the District Eng^r Nellore submitting further lists of Tanks breached during the late heavy rains in the Southern and Northern Ranges of the Nellore District.</p>	<p>N^o 65. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th Decr N^o 34.</p>	

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<p>N^o 66. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 5th Decr/57. N^o 2177.</p> <p>Explains his reasons for having submitted only para 8 of the letter from the District Eng^r of Trichingopoly and forwards the entire copy of the letter with reference to Ex: Minis Cons: N^o 1908 dated 22^d October 1857.</p>	<p>N^o 67. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th Jan. N^o 35.</p>	
<p>N^o 68. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 14th Decr/57. N^o 2411.</p> <p>Submits Plan of the Station at Mallichappuram in Malabar District.</p>	<p>N^o 69. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th Decr N^o 36.</p>	
<p>N^o 70. Pro: of the Chief Engineer. 3rd Decr/57. N^o 2416.</p> <p>Forwards Copy of a letter from the Dist Eng^r of Coimbatore, reporting that the Massanoor Ghaut will be in proper order and bridged in all its principal streams by the end of May 1857.</p>	<p>N^o 71. Order. To be recorded.</p>	<p>8th Decr N^o 37.</p>	

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<p><i>N^o 72.</i></p> <p><i>Minis: of Cons. Public Dept. Order. To be recorded.</i></p> <p><i>17th Decr/57. N^o 2501.</i></p> <p><i>Authorizing the payment to Mr. Lloyd of Rs. 407-12 for the reimbursement to him of the sum laid out upon the lands required for the erection of a ward detached from the Civil Dispensary at Cochin for patients suffering from small pox, & requesting the Coll^r to report what amount may be expected to be raised from the community at that station who, it is said, are willing to subscribe towards the erection of a temporary ward for the sick.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 73.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Jan'y 1858.</i></p>	
<p><i>N^o 74.</i></p> <p><i>Pro: of the Chief Engineer. Order. To be recorded.</i></p> <p><i>5th Novr/57. N^o 2176.</i></p> <p><i>Forwards Copy of a letter from the District Engr^l of Malabar reporting the fall of the bridge across the Neeragampully river on Trunk Road N^o 5 between Poulghat and Walliar.</i></p>	<p><i>N^o 75.</i></p>	<p><i>8th Decr 1859.</i></p>	
<p><i>Exd</i></p> <p><i>D. Moottosawmy</i></p>			

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