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FORT SAINT GEORGE, *the 10th November* 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 Sir P. GRANT, K. C. B.

*Commander in Chief*

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.*

| Purport of the Papers considered. | Abstract of the Resolution passed and Letters sent. | Date of Resolution or Letter. | Reported to England. |
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| No. 1. Mins: of Cons: Public Dept: 9th Octr: 1857 No 2069. Communicating a Letter from Mr. Wall, Coal & Mineral Viewer, suggesting in one of his Paragraphs, the desireableness of having one or two Agricultural Locomotive Steam Engines in the Govt. Stores. | No. 2. Order. Requesting the Inspector Genl of Ordnance & Magazines to state, whether there is a Steam Engine in the Arsenal, of the description referred to in the 27th Para of Mr. P. W. Wall's Letter. | 4th Novr: No 2056. | |
| No. 3. From the Chief Engr. 22d Octr/57 No 2095. Submitting 2 Bills for the sanction of Govt. amounting to Rs. 225-4 for works executed on emergency in the District of Kurnool during the Official Year 1856/57. | No. 4. Order. Sanctioned. | 4th Do: No 2059. | |

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| No 5.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>4th Novr 57. No 2060.<br>Passing orders on the Honorable Courts Despatch dated 2nd Sept. 1857. No 6, transmitting to the Chief Engr two letters received from Mr Taylor, Civil Engr, and instructing the Chief Engr to return them with the intimation directed by the Honorable Court. | | | Reply 21st Decr 1857 No 24. |
| No 6.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>19th Octr 57. No 2062.<br>Submits for the orders of Govt a Contingent Bill for Rs 36-11-3 received from the District Engr Bellary for printing forms 2nd in the Collectors Press and suggests that instead of Cash payments being made that Credit be given to Collectors in the Books of the Central Office for similar work. | No 7.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Sanctioning the contingent bill amounting to Rs 36-11-3 for printing Forms &c in the Bellary Collectorate Press for the use of the Offices of the District Engineer and his subordinates. | 4th Novr No 2061. | |
| No 8.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr<br>24th Octr 57. No 2113.<br>Submitting a letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle suggesting the adoption of Rules for the direct despatch of business by the Superintending Engrs with the Chief Engrs observations thereon in Seriatim. | No 9.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Directing the Chief Engineer to give full effect to the Order of the 17th Sept: last respecting correspondence between himself and the Supt Engineers in the transaction of public business. | 4th Novr No 2062 | |

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| No 10.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr<br>22 Octr 57. No 2100.<br>Forwards for information and orders of Govt copy of a letter from the Acting Collr of South Arcot and recommends the prosecution of the Goverapoot and Arreagoostee Channels | Vide entry opposite No 11. | | |
| No 11.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>22 Octr 57. No 2101.<br>Submits an original letter from the District Engr of South Arcot, recommending that the works to the Arreagoostee and Goverapoot Channels may be resumed. | No 12.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Declining, for reasons stated, to sanction the prosecution of the Goverapoot and Arreagoostee Channels in South Arcot. | 5th Novr No 2063. | |
| No 13.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr<br>15th Octr 57. No 2051.<br>Submits for orders a letter from the Collr of Madura, requesting permission for the preparation of Irrigation Statements for 3 Months. | No 14.<br>Order. Authorizing the Collector of Madura to employ an additional writer for three months for preparing the Irrigation Registers ordered in Extract Mins: Cons: dated 18th June 1857. | 5th Novr No 2064. | |

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| No 15.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr.<br>15th Octr. 57. No 2054.<br>Recommends for sanction a bill received from the District Engr. Bellary, for Rupees 50, on account of a Tent purchased by Lieutt. Campbell Acting 3rd Class Executive Engr. for his Office establishment. | No 16.<br>Order. Sanctioned. | 5th Novr. No 2065. | |
| No 17.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr.<br>19th Octr. 57. No 2065.<br>Forwards a letter from the Civil Auditor relative to the extra pay of the establishment attached to Cochrane's Canal, and Recommends the grant of the increased allowance from the 3d August last, on the grounds of increased traffic and the long established character of the Superintendent. | No 18.<br>Order. Observing that the increased salary can only be given from the date of the order made by the Govt, and declining to allow it retrospectively from the 3d Augt 57. | 5th Do. No 2066. | |
| No 19.<br>From the Civil Auditor.<br>18th Septr. 57. No 1813.<br>States that there are no other officers in the P. W. D. besides the Civil Architect and Garrison Engr. drawing travelling allowances in addition to their Salaries and reports that retrenchments have been issued against them for the sums already drawn by them. | Vide entry opposite No 20. | | |

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| No 20.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>3d October 57. No 1964.<br>Forwards Statements of works visited, and corresponding distances travelled by the Civil Architect and Garrison Engineer during the months of May, June, and July 57. | No 21.<br>To the Government of India.<br>Stating that the Civil Auditor has reported, that retrenchments have been issued against the Garrison Engr. and Civil Architect, for the sums already drawn by them under the Head of Travelling allowance. | 5th Novr. No 2067. | |
| No 22.<br>From Colt. Colleton Comdg. Engrs. 24th Septr. 57. No 1597.<br>Forwards 2 Plans and a Memo of the Origin, Early History and subsequent alterations of Fort St. George. | No 23.<br>Order. Forwarding the letter and the papers that accompanied it, to the Military Department, with reference to Para: 7 of the order of 4th June 1856. | 5th Do. No 2068. | |
| No 24.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr.<br>24th Octr. 57. No 2189.<br>Forwards in continuation, copies of correspondence between the Acting Colr. & the Dist. Engr. of Tanjore, respecting the transfer of the Executive charge to the Engr. Department and recommends for reasons set forth, that 1st Decr. 1857 may be fixed for the proposed transfer instead of 1st January 1858. | No 25.<br>Order. Declining to pass any orders on this application until Govt are informed that the establishment of the P. W. D. in Tanjore has been organized in the manner ordered in Extract Mins. Cons. dated 30th October 1857. | 5th Do. No 2069. | |

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| No. 26.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>21st October 57. No. 2085.<br>Stating that many Estimates are now forwarded from the Provinces for repairs of Irrigation Works and Military Buildings for the execution of which the sums recently allotted to the different Districts are not sufficient & soliciting orders as to how these applications are to be dealt with. | No. 27.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Requesting the Chief Engineer to specify the amount that will be required under each Head, Military & Irrigation, for the Estimates received from the Provinces for repairs. | 5th Nov. No. 2070. | |
| No. 28.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>4th Sept. 57. No. 1772.<br>Forwarding Copy of letter from the Collr. of Coimbatore submitting agreements called for in Gov: Mins: Cons: No. 990 of the 23d May 1857, states that Major Lawford will shortly offer some suggestions for a general System of public water supply on the Neilgherries. | No. 29.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Directing the Chief Engr. to place himself in communication with Mr. Boyson, in view to the proper documents being drawn up & executed for the extension of the Channel running through Mr. Lascelle's property at Coonoor. | 6th Do. No. 2071. | |
| No. 30.<br>From the Govt. of India.<br>18th Sept. 57. No. 1982.<br>Communicating a Copy of Paras. 6, 7 and 12 of a Despatch from the Honorable Court of Directors, No. 14, dated 6th May 1857, regarding the duties and allowances of certain | Vide entry opposite No. 30 A. | | |
| No. 30 A.<br>Minute by the Hon: the Govr.<br>7th Octr. 57. No.<br>Observing with regard to the term virtual secretaries that the expression is employed by the Chief Engr. in a letter to Govt. & that it is included in an Exn: from that letter in the despatch to the Govt. of India of the 27th Augt. 1854 adding that in some respects the duties of the Supt. Engrs. must be similar to those of secretaries to the Chief Engr. whilst in other respects as Inspecting Officers of Works they are not so; with certain observations & suggestions on the Office of Inspectors. | Certain Officers of the Deptt. of Public Works and of Superintending Engrs. in particular & observing that in para 12 the Honorable Court desires to be informed of the accurate amount of charge to be incurred by the new Establishment in the Madras Presidency. | | |
| | No. 31.<br>Minutes of Cons:<br>Calling upon the Chief Engineer to supply the information required in Para 12 of the Hon: Court's Despatch dated 6th May 57, desiring to be informed of the accurate amount of Charge to be incurred by the new Establishment in the Madras Presidency.<br>9 Copies to the Chief Engr. with Copy of the Letter & Encls. | 6th Do. No. 2072 | |

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| | No. 32.<br>To the Govt. of India.<br>Regarding the duties and allowances of certain Officers of the Deptt. of Public Works, & of Supt. Engrs. in particular. | 6th Nov. No. 2073. | |
| No. 33.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>12th Octr. 57. No. 2056.<br>Forwards a Plan and Estimate of Rs. 13170, for constructing a Traveller's Bungalow at Gursappah, prepared by the District Engr. of Canara in Obedience to Verbal orders received from the Right Honorable the Governor. | No. 34.<br>Order. Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1858/59. | 6th Do. No. 2074. | |
| | No. 35.<br>Minute by the Hon: the Govr.<br>26th Octr. 1857. No. 2182.<br>Expressing it as the President's opinion, that the Estimate for the Bungalow is considerably in excess of the sum deemed sufficient for such buildings by the Hon: Court yet as would prefer the building should be built as an exceptional Case. | | |
| No. 36.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>26th Octr. 57. No. 2116.<br>Submits an estimate amounting to Rupees 900 for constructing a Regulating Dam across the Vellavanoor surplus in the limits of Mundagapat in South Arcot, and recommends its entry in the Budget of 1858-59. | No. 37.<br>Order. Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1858/59. | 6th Do. No. 2075. | |

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| No 38.<br>From the Chief Engr<br>15th Octr /57. No 2055.<br>Submits for sanction the Mint Masters statement of expenditure on Mint Buildings during 1856-57, with observations in the course pursued by that Officer in its submission, & requests authority for the reimbursement of the sum to repay funds taken up from other advances in the Mint Masters hand. | No 39.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Calling the attention of the Mint Master to the Order of the 27th January respecting the drawing funds and accounting for the expenditure by furnishing the Civil Architect with monthly Statements. | 6th Novr<br>No 2076 | |
| No 40.<br>Mins: of Cons: Ecclesiastical<br>Deptt: 23d Octr /57. No 2137.<br>Transferring a letter from the Archdeacon of Madras suggesting that the Church at Ootacamund should afford accommodation for the entire community as is the case in all the Churches at the Residency. | No 41.<br>Order. Referred to the Chief Engineer for report with reference to Extract Mins: Cons: 16th Octr 1857, No 1941. | 6th Do.<br>No 2077 | |
| No 42.<br>Mins: of Cons: Mild: Deptt<br>15th Octr /57. No 2111.<br>Requesting to ascertain from the Chief Engr the real facts as to the dampness of the Jail at Chicacole & the elevation of its site in reference to the neighbouring river and report on the practicability of the scheme proposed by Mr Rohde for improving the Jail building. | No 43.<br>Order. Requesting the Chief Engineer to supply the information called for regarding this Jail. | 7th Do.<br>No 2078 | |

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| No 44.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>15th Octr /57. No 2052.<br>Forwards for information and orders of Govt. Copies of Correspondence between the Acting Collr and District Engr of Tanjore, relative to the dismissal of Soobroyah Moodelly late Monegar at Permal Coil | No 45.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Forwarding the Papers received from the Chief Engineer to the Acting Collr of Tanjore, requesting that Officer to explain the cause of the dismissal of Soobroyah Moodelly, late Monegar at Permal Coil | 7th Novr<br>No 2079. | |
| No 46.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>21st Octr /57. No 2148.<br>Submits, with reference to Extract Mins: Cons: No 1422, dated 24th July 1857, an Estimate amounting to Rupees 9000 for constructing a Church of 200 Sittings at Cuddalore. | No 47.<br>Order. Referring to the Ecclesiastical Deptt with reference to their order of 6th July 1857. | 9th Do.<br>No 2080. | |
| No 48.<br>Mins: of Cons: Military Deptt<br>3d Novr /57. No 2183.<br>Approving for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 an Estimate amounting to Rupees 25,000 for adequate accommodation for the families of Artillery Soldiers at the Mount. | No 49.<br>Order. Communicating to the Chief Engineer with reference to this letter dated 20th October 1857. | 9th Do.<br>No 2081 | |

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| No 50.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>2d Sept/57. No 1919.<br>Forwards Plan and Estimate for Rupees 166.000 for extending the Mopedauy Channel on the East bank of the Kistnah to Masulipatam and for carrying a branch to Wandapollem, and recommends the work for entry in the Budget 1858/59. | No 57. Consultation –<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Observing that for the reasons stated the Govt. are not prepared to sanction the project of extending the Mopedauy Channel to Masulipatam and of carrying a branch to Wandapollem and that on Coll. Faber furnishing the Govt. with a copy of the Collector's remark and his report on the increase of Revenue looked for, the Govt. will pass orders as to whether the estimate is to be entered in the Budget of 1858/59 or not. | 10th Nov.<br>No 2085 | |
| No 52.<br>To the India House.<br>10th Nov/57. No 2083.<br>Transmitting the Brokenset Proceedings of the Govt. in this Dept. for the Months of July August & September 1857. | | | Reported No 19. |
| No 53.<br>From the Govt. of India.<br>25th Sept: /57. No 2134.<br>Forwarding Copy of a letter to the Secretary to the Government of — — Bengal, directing that Chief Engineers generally be allowed the discretion to advance to subordinates of the E. P. W. who can shew sufficient reason for requiring it, an amount not exceeding one Months Salary provided that such advances shall be recoverable by instalments, within six Months. | No 54.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer. | 10th Dr.<br>No 2087 | |

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| No 55.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engr.<br>19th Octr/57. No 2068.<br>Forwards a letter from the District Engr. of Tanjore, reporting on the effect of the groynes and improvements of the Port of Tranquebar. | No 56.<br>Order. Ordering it to be brought to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors with reference to paras 8 & 10 of their despatch in this Deptt. dated 19th Nov. 1856. | 10th Nov.<br>No 2085 | To Engd. 3d Feby 1859 No 1 P. 13 |
| No 57.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>22d Octr/57. No 2094.<br>Explains the object of his application for certain Books to be supplied to the District Engr. of Coimbatore, and expresses a hope that Captain Francis may be allowed to obtain the Books he asks for from the Public Stores. | No 58.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Observing as to why Govt. declined to sanction the Indent submitted by Captain Francis for certain professional Works. | 10th Dr.<br>No 2086 | |
| No 59.<br>From the Govt. of India.<br>25th Sept/57. No 2125.<br>Transmitting certain correspondence conveying the decision of the Government of India, relative to the allowances of Officers of the D. E. W. when withdrawn temporarily from their appointments for Military duty in the Field or on Foreign service, and of Officers of the Respective Subordinate Establishment while officiating in Engineering appointments. | No 60.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer, Civil Auditor & Military Auditor General. | 13th Dr.<br>No 2087 | |

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| No 61.<br>To the India House.<br>19th Novr /57. No 2088.<br>Transmitting the Copy of the annual Index to the Proceedings of the Govt in this Deptt for the year 1855. | | | Reported No 20. |
| No 62.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>30th Octr /57. No 2152.<br>By desire of the Supdg Engr Southern Circle, forwards a Letter from that Officer to the Secretary to Govt P.W.D. and in so doing, offers observations to shew, that Major Lamford's despatch is in itself, a substantiation of the Contract of his own Proceedings No 1,710 of 24th October 1857. | No 63.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 10th Novr No 2089 | |
| No 64.<br>Do. of the Chief Engr.<br>15th Octr /57. No 2048.<br>Communicates for information, a letter from the Dy Engr Chingleput, forwarding a Statement shewing the expenditure on the Adyaur Bridge & annicut, and the sum required to complete them, & informing that he is unable to shew the expenditure on these works separately, as both the accounts have been mixed. | No 65.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 10th Novr No 2090 | |

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| | Public Works 1857 Papers<br>No 44.<br>Consultations<br>10th November 1857 | | |