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FORT SAINT GEORGE, *the 17th 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.

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.
No. 1. From the Govt. of India. 25th Sep: 57 No 2139. Informing that certain rates of Office rent specified herein, may be drawn by the various Officers of the D. P. W.	No. 2. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	11th Nov. No 2091.	
No. 3. From the Chief Engr. 4th Nov: 57 p. No 2164. Submits for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 an Estimate for certain improvements proposed to be made in St. George's Cathedral amounting to Rs. 13,140.	No. 4. Order. Referred to the Ecclesiastical Dept. for consideration.	12th Do. No 2092.	

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No 5. Prs: of the Chief Engr. 23d October/57. No 2105. Communicates for the information and orders of Govt a Letter from the Acting Garrison Engineer regarding the purchase of the Building erected in the parade ground of 1st Native (Veteran) Bn sanctioned in Extract Mins: Cons: No 2547 dated 30th July 1857 in the Military Dept.t and observes that that order No 2547 has not been communicated in the Central Office.	No 6. Mins: of Cons: Informing the Garrison Engineer that the amount of Rs 1050 sanctioned for the purchase of the building erected in the parade ground of the 1st Native Veteran Battalion for the accomodation of the Apothecary attached to that Battalion may be disbursed out of the funds allotted for his Dept.t for expenditure in 1858/59.	12th Nov.r No 2096.	
No 7. From the Chief Engineer. 23d Oct.r/57. No 2106. Submitting another Letter from Mr. Merrall on the subject of his Travelling allowance and recommending that same in accordance with the practice which obtains in Calcutta respecting Civil Engineers sent out from England.	No 8. Mins: of Cons: Stating that the Govt see no reason for reversing their former decision on Mr. Merrall's application for horse and buggy allowances.	12th D.o No 2094	
No 9. From the Govt of India. 25th Sep.r/57. No 2126. Directing that, for all works to which the Executive Engr himself is unable to give his undivided attention, Assts & Subordinates shall be specially detailed, & that they will be held responsible for the general style of workmanship and for due attention to & execution of, all the petty details of construction.	No 10. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer	12th D.o No 2095	

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No 11. From the Chief Engr. 29th Oct.r/57. No 2132. Submits for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 an Estimate for a rough stone apron below the Ralla Bridge in the Cuddapah District & for an additional groyne in front of the Ralla embankment, amounting to Rupees 1070.	No 12. Order. Sanctioned.	12th Nov.r No 2096.	
No 13. From the Chief Engr. 15th Sep.r/57. No 1841. Submits with observations correspondence relative to the examination of the accounts of the Chetwaye Dam in Malabar which appears to have been conducted with great carefulness by Lieut.t Tennant, & remarks that the results which has been established with as much accuracy as the case would admit, will it is considered fully bear out the opinion already expressed of the serious neglect of duty on the part of Major Selby the late Supt.t of the work.	No 14. Mins: of Cons: Observing that the examination of the accounts of the Chetwaye Dam in Malabar afford evidence of serious neglect on the part of Major Selby and resolving to request the Hon.r Court to call on that Officer who is now in England on Sick Certificate for any explanation he may have to offer on the subject, & requesting the Coll.r of Malabar to forward the report on the result of the examination into the accounts of the Mundoor Road.	13th D.o No 2097	To Engd. 30th Nov.r 1857 No 22 P. 1.
No 15. From the Coll.r of Nellore. 6th Nov.r/57. No 2213. Forwarding Correspondence with the District Engr & requesting that Govt will allow the Revenue Department to furnish all the aid in their power to the Department Public Works to carry out the repairs to the Works of irrigation in this District.	No 16. Order. Approved.	13th D.o No 2098.	

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No. 17. From the Chief Engr. 23d Oct.r/57 No 2104. Reports with reference to Lr. from Govt. No. 429 dated 4th March 1857, in which sanction to certain additions to the Barracks at Vizagapatam was granted, that the Estimate for the work does not provide for the compensation of land on which the new building is to be built and solicits sanction for the same Viz.t Rupees 604-8-0	No. 18. Order. Sanctioning a sum of Rs. 605 as compensation for the value of the ground &c. on which it is proposed to build the Mess room, Cook room, and wash houses for the European Veterans at Vizagapatam.	13th Nov.r No. 2099.	
No. 19. Rep.o of the Chief Engr. 22d Oct.r/57 No. 2096. Communicates a letter from the Coll.r of Madras, stating as his opinion on the proposition of the Supt. Engr. in Charge of Central Circle, that all the works in this Collectorate should be placed under the professional charge of the Civil Architect except those connected with the Registrar's Departt.	No. 20. Order. Approved.	13th Nov.r No. 2100.	
No. 21. From the Chief Engr. 29th Oct.r/57 No. 2142. Forwards 2 Estimates 1 for constructing a Platform Bridge over the Salt Creek near Kurlicholliem amounting to Rs. 4,500, and 1 for constructing a Dam across the Vellatoor Channel with Tunnel below in lieu of a bridge destroyed in the Guntoor District amounting to Rs. 500, for entry in the Budget of 1858-59.	No. 22. Order. Sanctioned.	14th Nov.r No. 2101.	

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No. 23. From the Chief Engineer. 29th Oct.r/57. No 2144. Submits Plan and Estimate for enlarging the Collector's Cutcherry at Coimbatore, amounting to Rupees 1,800, and recommends the estimate for entry in the Budget of 1858-59.	No. 24. Order. Sanctioned.	14th Nov.r No. 2102.
Memo: No. 25. From the Actg. Dy. Secry: to the Govt. Military Deptt. 5th Nov.r/57 No. 2207. Furnishing information for rescinding the Order for the Construction of three stone platforms for the forage of the 1st L. C. at Trichinopoly.	No. 26. Order. To be recorded	14th Nov.r No. 2103.
No. 27. Mem.o of Cons: Military Deptt. 28th Oct.r/57. No. 2130. Cancelling the order, sanctioning the execution of stone platforms for the Cavalry Forage Yard at Trichinopoly	No. 28. Order. Communicating to the Chief Engineer with reference to the order of 21st Sept.r 1857.	14th Nov.r No. 2104.

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No 29. From the Chief Engineer. 5th Novr /57. No 2181. Forwards for the sanction of Govt an Estimate amounting to Co's Rs 3190. for making certain additions to the building near the main guard for holding Laboratory Stores.	No 30. Order. Referring to the Military Dept for consideration.	14th Novr No 2135.	
No 31. From the Chief Engineer. 7th Novr /57. No 2198. Forwards an estimate for repairs to the Perennial Tanks at Palaveram a school, and recommends the entry of the amount in the Budget of 1858/9. Further informs that no special reason can be discovered for anticipating the date on the work should be commenced but that the orders of Govt will be duly communicated to the Distt Engineer for early attention.	No 32. Order. Communication to the Public Dept with reference to their order of 8th Sept 1857.	18th Do No 2136.	
No 33. From the Chief Engr. 29th Octr /57. No 2124. Submits list of unpassed officers of the P.W. as required by the order of Government of 3rd July 1856, and forwards Copy of Despatch of 21st October 1857 from the Secretary Board of Examiners.	No 34. Minute of Consn. Requesting the Chief Engr to inform Government and Public that all the required standard of acquirements will and that Civil Engineers hereafter appointed by them from Royal Military College must first undergo the examination and obtain a certificate of proficiency before they can be allowed the usual allowance. Certain gentlemen who have passed the required examination and obtained the allowance to others, and requesting that the same may be extended to the case of the Revenue Survey Engineers Messrs Smith and Caulfield who have been employed in the Survey Department remarking that the encumbered Civil Engineer appointed to have passed the required examination are entitled to the allowance.	14th Do No 2137.	

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No 35. From Col A. T. Cotton Commandant of Engrs. 3d Novr /57 No 2196 Requesting for reasons stated, that as the Revenue Board have been desired to submit their Proceedings as to their views of the effect of the Public Works in Tanjore, he may also be allowed to have a copy of the Paper furnished to them in case he should think it necessary to put his views in writing for record.	No 36. Minute of Cons. Forwarding to Colt Cotton the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st May 1857 reviewing the results of Sir Arthur Cotton's works for any observations he may wish to offer.	14th Novr No 2108.
No 37. Recpt of the Chief Engineer. 5th Novr /57. No 2197. Forwards Copies of correspondence with Chief Engineers recommendation that sanction may be granted for the insertion in the entering Budget of an Estimate for the construction of Line houses for Overseers Watchers and Artillery of the horse Battery at Secunderabad.	No 38. Order. Referred to the Military Department for consideration.	16th Do No 2109.
No 39. From the Chief Engineer 7th Novr /57. No 2202. Forwards a revised Plan and Estimate amounting to Rs 2,340. for constructing a Police Cutcherry in the Town of Chicacole in the Ganjam District.	No 40. Order. Referred to the Judicial Department with reference to their order dated 4th Septr /57. No 1146.	16th Do No 2110.

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No 41. From the Chief Engineer 29th October /57. No 2129. Points out the insufficiency of the reduced allotment of funds for repair in the Current year, and for reasons set forth, solicits sanction for an increase of Rs 9059 to the amount allowed for 1857/58 for the Tinnevelly District.	No 42. Order. Sanctioned.	16th Nov. No 2111.	
No 43. From the Inspector Genl of Ordnance & Magazines. 10th Nov: /57. No 2223. Intimates that a Number of Steam Engines of the kind referred to by the Mineral Viewer are on board the Sir Robert Seppings — that they are intended for Ordnance Department, but that the wishes of Govt will be met in the transfer of 1 or 2 of the Engines to the Mineral Viewer.	No 44 Order. Requesting the Inspr General of Ordnance to report the arrival of the Engines referred to in this letter.	16th Do. No 2112	4th Dispatch No 81, P. 5
No 45 Mins: of Cons: Military Dept. 3d Nov: /57. No 2226. Sanctioning an outlay of 50 Rupees for the construction of a Field work around the Artillery Barracks at Secunderabad.	No 46. Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.	16th Do. No 2113.	

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Consultation. No 47. Mins: of Cons: Military Dept. 30th October /57. No 2165. Sanctioning for immediate execution an Estimate amounting to Rs 235 for Constructing a well near wash house for the European Regiment at Vizagapatam.	No 48. Order. Intimating that the works sanctioned in the order may be executed out of the ordinary fund.	17th Nov. No 2114.	
No 49. Rep: of the Chief Engineer. 4th October /57. No 2167. Reports with reference to the 3d Para of Consn: Cons: 26th Ult: dated 27th October that no Standard Plan for Cannals has yet been given in by the Chief Engr P. W. D.	No 50. Order. Communicated to the Judicial Dept for information.	17th Do. No 2115.	
No 51. Rep: of the Chief Engineer. 4th Nov: /57. No 2168. Communicates for information a letter received from the District Engineer Chingleput, reporting the destruction of the 5 Arched bridge over the Red Hill Tank surplus Channel on the Northern Trunk Road. No 6.	No 52. Order. To be recorded.	17th Do. No 2116.	

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No 53. Copy of a Letter From the Civil Auditor. 4th Nov: 57 / No 2187. Forwarding a Statement of the expenditure on Salaries, Establishments, Travelling allowances and Contingencies of the D. P. W.	No 54. Order. To be recorded.
No 55. Pro: of the Chief Engr. 7th Nov: 57 / No 2189. Replying in defence of himself, to the Orders of Government dated 10th August & 17th September last regarding the future working of the Central Office; and observing that Paras: 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Contract Mins: Cons: under acknowledgment are disposed of by his Office Memoranda of 30th October 1857 which gave practical effect to order contained in Para 3 of Exc: Mins: Cons: No 1770, dated 17th September last.	No 56. Order. To be recorded.

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