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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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FORT SAINT GEORGE, *the* 7th July 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 P. GRANT, C. B.

*Commander in Chief.* Absent on duty.

The Honorable WALTER ELLIOT, ESQUIRE,

and

The Honorable SIR H. C. MONTGOMERY, BART. Absent on leave.

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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. From the Chief Engr. 19th June 1857. No. 1250. Reports the ill Conduct of Sub Engineer Robertson, recommends his removal from the Department, and suggests certain promotions. | No. 2. Mins: of Cons: Directing that Conductor T. Robertson, Sub Engineer in the D. P. W. be removed from his appointment, and remanded to his Corps; and approving of the arrangements recommended by the Chief Engineer consequent on his removal. | 7th July No. 1275. | |
| No. 3. From the Chief Engr. 27th May 1857. No. 1081. Forwards with an expression of his opinion, a report on the European Barracks at Jackatalah by Major C. Lawford Superintending Engr. Southern Circle; recommends that certain Privates &c. be retained for the efficient execution of the works and | Vide entry opposite No. 4. and requests that four additional Elephants be sent to drag timber in the Moodoomallay Forest for the Jackatalah Barracks. | | |

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| No 4.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>5th June 57 pc No 1160.<br>Forwards, as requested tracings of the Jackattalah Bakery & Mill. | No 5.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on Major Lawford's report on the Singapore Barracks at Jackatalah in the Coimbatore District. | 1st July<br>pc No 1276 | |
| | No 6.<br>To the Government of India<br>Submitting Copy of a report from Major Lawford on the present condition of the Jackattalah Barracks the progress made in the works &c and forwarding two plans of the Bakery and shed proposed to be erected at that station. | 1st Do<br>pc No 1277 | |
| No 7.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>15th June 57 pc No 1220<br>States in reply to Extract Mins: Cons: No 1117 of the 10th Instant his reasons for suggesting an addition to be made to Rule No 3 in para 4 of the Notification of the 27th January last. | No 8.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on a letter from the Chief Engineer submitting reasons for suggesting an addition to be made to Rule No 3 in para 4 of the Notification of the 27th January last, relative to Officers in charge of particular works being permitted to draw travelling allowances during the whole time of their stay on one spot. | 1st Do<br>pc No 1279 | |

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| No 9.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>1st July 57 pc No 1279.<br>Resolving to avail themselves of Lt Taylor's presence in Madras, to request him to submit a report of his observations on the Ports of Vedalay, Sheghur and Tuticorin, as well as for the planning and execution of works of improvement to the Canara Harbours. | | | To Engd 16th April 1858 No 9. pp 3. |
| No 10.<br>From the Chief Engr<br>19th June 57 pc No 1253.<br>With reference to Cons: Mins: Cons: of the 29th August last No 15 & 2 &c reporting upon the receipt of the Statement of unpassed expenditure & revised accounts Current for May last during the past month, & submitting an original letter from the Collr of North Arcot for information. | No 11.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Observing that the delay in the submission of the Statt of unpassed expenditure for North Arcot is attributed to the non-receipt by the Collr of a Statt called for from the 4th Divisional Engineer, and expressing displeasure at the delay on the part of the Collectors of Ganjam and Nellore in finally rendering the Account Current for May 1856. | 1st July<br>pc No 1280. | |
| No 12.<br>From the Chief Engr<br>18th June 57 pc No 1258.<br>Forwards for sanction an estimate amounting to Rs 3430 for constructing a new road across the esplanade from the Vepery high road to the Elephant gate of Black Town, & for a new pathway from the North Vepery to the Elephant gate of Black Town at a cost of Rupees 940. | No 13.<br>Order. Sanctioning for entry in the Budget of 1858-59. | 1st Do<br>pc No 1281 | |

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| No 14.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>19th June/57. No 1240.<br>Forwards a letter from Lieut. Haig, in reply to Ex: Mins: Cons: No 673, dated 9th April last, comments on the course he has unadvisedly pursued, but under the explanation offered, solicits the indulgence of Govt of his being relieved from all pecuniary responsibility in constructing the Locks at the Central Barrier. | No 15.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on the letter of Lt. Haig replying to the observations of Govt in respect to his having without any authority expended the sums of Rs 6000 in the construction of two submersible Locks in the bed of the Godavery. | 2d July/57. No 1282. | 3 Nov. 1857. No 18. P. |
| No 16.<br>Proc: of the Chief Engr.<br>27th June/57. No 1302.<br>Submits for the consideration and orders of Govt a letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon of Madras recommending the erection of a Church at Jackatalah | No 17.<br>Order. Referred to the Ecclesiastical Depart for consideration. | 2d July/57. No 1283. | |
| No 18.<br>Mins: of Cons: Military Deptt.<br>25th June/57. No 1304.<br>Communicating a dispatch from the Honorable Court dated 13th May/57. No 79, to the Inspector Genl of Ordnance, & to the P.W.D. for early attention, requesting to be furnished immediately with such information as may enable them to decide on the propriety of Compliance with the additional Requisition now submitted of 110 Brick making and 40 Tile making Machines & 20 Portable Steam Engines. | No 19.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on des: dated from the Hon: Court of Directors, dated 13th May/57, relative to the Annual Military Indent, in which are included extensive demands for various articles for the D. P. W. | 2d July/57. No 1284. | |

5th Sheet P.W. Cons, 7th July/57.

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| No 20.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>24th April/57. No 831.<br>With reference to Ex: Mins: Cons: No 1938, dated 22d October 1856, forwards information respecting the quantity and cost of the surplus timber prepared by certain contractors for the Barracks at Bellary. | Vide entry of opposite No 21. | | |
| No 21.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>29th Bellary/57. No 1184.<br>Forwards the explanation called for in Ex: Mins Cons: No 1938, dated 22d October 1856, of the circumstances under which so large a quantity of timber was procured from the Mysore authorities in excess of which was required for the work in progress at the Bellary Barracks. | No 22.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on certain letters from the Chief Engr. regarding the purchase of the surplus timber remaining after the completion of the work at the Bellary Barracks. | 2d July/57. No 1285. | |
| No 23.<br>Mins: of Cons: Sudr Deptt.<br>23d June/57. No 1312.<br>Approving the Plan submitted by the Inspector of Prisons for the new Jail to be attached to the Principal Sudr Ameens Court at Dotacamund, & directing the Distrct Engr to submit the necessary Estimates for this building. | No 24.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of the Order dated 3d March/57. No 223. | 3d Do. No 1286. | |

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| No 25.<br>From Col.t A Cotton.<br>Commandr. of Engineer.<br>16th June/57. No 1259.<br>Informs about the proposed Bellary Canal | No 26.<br>Order. Referred to the Chief Engineer for early report. | 3d July<br>No 1287 | |
| No 27.<br>Mins: of Covs: Judicial Dept.<br>22d June/57. No 1314.<br>Approving of a Covered entrance being placed in front of the Royapettah Police Court instead of a Verandah as originally proposed in the back of it; and directing that orders be issued in the P. W. D. for the execution of the Work. | No 28.<br>Order. Directing the Chief Engr. to issue instructions for at once constructing a Covered entrance in front of the Royapettah Police Court instead of a Verandah as originally proposed, and authorizing the consequent excess, Sic. Rs. 150, to be included in the Bill for the work performed under the original Estimate. | 4th Do.<br>No 1288 | |
| No 29.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>1st July/57. No 1330.<br>Forwards copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners to the Adjutant General of the Army relative to the Warrants conferred on Messrs Ryon & Edmeds; and recommends that as their services are required at the Head Qrs of Sappers and Miners, they be allowed to remain there & also to hold their warrants | No 30.<br>Order. Communicated to the Military Depart. for consideration. | 1st Do.<br>No 1328 | |

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| No 31.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>23d June/57. No 1264.<br>Submits for sanction a bill for Rs. 140 received from the District Engr. Tanjore for a Tent required for the use of his office Estabt. with explanation. | No 32.<br>Order. Sanctioned. | 1st July<br>No 1290 | |
| No 33.<br>From the Chief Engineer<br>17th June/57. No 1236.<br>Forwards a Sketch and Supplemental Estimate amounting to Rs. 13000 Macadamizing the Principal Through fares in the Cantonment of Ootacamund and recommends that the amount be entered in the Budget for 1858/59. | No 34.<br>Mins: of Covs:<br>Requesting the Chief Engr. to furnish a Clear Statement of the exact number of Miles and certain other information for which the former Estimate of 6500 Rs for macadamizing the principal Through fares in the Cantonment of Ootacamund was intended to provide, and of the consequent necessity for further provision by a supplemental Estimate amounting to Rs 13000 and assigning the causes for this increased rate. | 4th Do.<br>No 1291. | |
| No 35.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>25th June/57. No 1277.<br>Submits for the information and orders of Government Copy of a letter from the District Engr. Madura with reference to Ex: Mins Covs No 1069 of the 3d June/57, respecting the preservation of Indian Memorials of ancient times. | No 36.<br>Order. Communicating to the Public Dept. in continuation of Ex: Mins: Covs: dated 12th May/57 | 6 Do.<br>No 1292. | |

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| No 37.<br>Mins: of Cons: Judicial Depth.<br>23d June/57. No 1313.<br>Approving of the proposal of the Inspector of Prisons, to raise the walls and renew the roof of the Jail at Chingleput, and directing that the Estimates submitted by that Officer be returned to him for retransmission through the prescribed Channel in the P. W. Departt. | No 38.<br>Order. Requesting the Chief Engineer to direct the Distt Engr to submit without further delay, the plan of the Jail at Chingleput. | 6th July No 1293 | |
| No 39.<br>From the 2d Colr of Masulipatam.<br>22d June/57. No 1364.<br>Submitting a proposal by which to facilitate the barter of the agricultural products of the Distt in the Markets of the world, & requesting Govt will recognize the importance of this export Trade by allowing to Proclaim that they will offer Prizes amounting to Rs 1000 for best Cargo Boats. | No 40.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Declining to authorize the payment of rewards to encourage boat races and directing the Colr to submit Estimates and Plans for building 2 boats as models on an approved plan to contribute to the introduction of a better description of boats there. | 6th Dy No 1294 | |
| No 41.<br>From the Chief Engr.<br>13th May/57. No 980.<br>Forwards a report by Capt Collyer on the Toombudra Channels and recommends that Rs 18,749 be sanctioned for works necessary for the efficiency of the Channel in addition to the annual grant of Rs 16,000 sanctioned on the 22d December 1855. States also that additional work of a permanent Character will be duly & separately Reported upon for entry in the Annual Budget of 1858-59. | No 42.<br>Mins: of Cons:<br>Passing orders on a letter from Captain Collyer, reporting upon the state of the Channels of the Toombudra river in the District of Bellary. | 6th Dy No 129 | |

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| No 43.<br>Mins: of Cons: Judl Depth.<br>25th June/57. No 1323.<br>Observing that Instructions were issued for the preparation of plans and Estimates for the construction of a Central Prison at Vizagapatam. | No 44.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 6th June/57 No 1082. | 7th July No 1296. | |
| No 45.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>26th June/57. No 1282.<br>Pointing out an inadvertent omission in Para 36 of the Notification No 1 of the Gazette of 23d June 1854, & proposing that a qualifying Clause similar to that found in the Notification of the Govt of India be appended to the Para in question on the republication of the order regarding Candidates for employment as Probationary Asst Engineers. | No 46.<br>Order. Ordering the addition "or must pass the examination laid down for those appointed to Cadetcies in the Hon. Company's service excluding the subject of Fortification" to be made to Para 36 of the notification of the 23d June 1857, and that the Notification thus revised be published in the successive Issues of the Fort St George Gazette. | 7th Dy No 1297. | |
| No 47.<br>Mins: of Cons: Public Depth.<br>26th June/57. No 1338.<br>Does not see the necessity of digging deep holes on the Esplanades to procure clay for the repairs of the Roads inside Fort St George, and submitting his reasons for this opinion. | No 48.<br>Order. Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 29th May/57, No 760. | 7th Dy No 1298. | |

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| No 49.<br>Mins: of Cons: Ecclesiastical Dpttt. 22d June/57. No 1326.<br>Referring for the opinion and report of the Officiating Garrison Engineer the proposition regarding certain works of Construction, improvement and repairs to the Premises of Saint Marys Protestant Charity School. | No 50.<br>Order. Requesting the Chief Engineer to obtain Captain Rawlins opinion on the improvements proposed, and an Estimate for the same. | 7th July No 1299. | |
| No 51.<br>From the Chief Engineer.<br>6th June/57. No 1164.<br>Forwards a letter from the Supt Engr Southern Circle, offering suggestions for the improvement of the Tambercherry Pass & Wynaad Roads; and requests to be informed, before submitting a detailed scheme if Major Lawfords propositions are approved of, and if it is the wish of Govt that the suggestion to raise a body of Coolies on regular Monthly pay should be carried into effect. | No 52.<br>Mins of Cons:<br>Passing orders on a letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle offering suggestions for the improvement of the Tambracherry Pass and Wynaad roads.<br>Major Gl. | 7th July No 1300. | |
| | No 53.<br>To the Commissioner of Mysore. | 7th Dy No 1301. | |
| | Forwarding copy of a report from Major Lawford the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle on the subject of opening up the Wynaad Talook of Malabar; and soliciting attention to para: 8 of that letter. | | |

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| No 54.<br>From Lt A.D. Taylor S.N.<br>6th July/57. No 1371.<br>Requesting that an intelligent Draftsman may be sent to him from the D.P.W. for former five days for assisting him in Completing certain Plans | No 55.<br>Order. Requesting the Chief Engineer to place at the disposal of Lieut Taylor the services of an intelligent Draftsman for a few days for completing the Manuscript Plans. | 7th July No 1302. | |
| No 56.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>25th June/57. No 1278.<br>Forwards for information to Government Copy of the Journal of the Supt Engr Southern Circle from the 1st to the 31st June 1857. | No 57.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 7th D. No 1303. | |
| No 58.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>26th June/57. No 1287.<br>Submits for the information of Govt Copy of his Proceedings directing Mr Shoot Engr of the Saumben Dredge, to take charge of the Dredge on its arrival at Madras from Coconada, and observes that the arrangement sanctioned in Ecc: Mins: Cons: 2d 660 dated 8th April 1857, appointing Mr Dr Tomkinson Asst Engr of the Saumben Dredge becomes inoperative. | No 59.<br>Order To be recorded. | 7th D. No 1304. | |

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| No60.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>26th June/57. No1285.<br>Forwards with reference to Ex: Mins Cons: 778 of 21st April 1857. Copy of a letter from the Dist. Engr. Kistnah Division reporting that he has taken Charge of the Public Buildings at Condapilly in Masulipatam Distt. | No61.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 7th July<br>No1305 | |
| No62.<br>Pro: of the Chief Engineer.<br>30th June/57. No1322.<br>Communicating for information a Report from the late Asstt. E.C. Canal Lieut. Sankey on the subject of connecting the tidal portion of the Coast Canal at Chinnagunjam with the Kistna high level Channel at Inkole with reference to Ex: Min: Cons: No1674 of the 17th Septr. 1856. | No63.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 7th D.<br>No1306 | |
| No64.<br>From the Government of Bombay.<br>2d May/57. No1272.<br>Transmitting Ex: paragraphs 16 to 56 inclusive of a Draft Notification reorganization of the P.W.D. in the Bombay Presidency which as recently been submitted for the approval of the Government of India. | No65.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 7th D.<br>No1307 | |

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| No66.<br>Memo:<br>From the Govt. of Bombay.<br>30th May/57. No1218.<br>Forwarding one Copy of Public Works Budget papers for 1857/58. | No67.<br>Order. To be recorded. | 7th July<br>No1308. | |

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