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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

No. 25. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th May 1859, No. 1061.

Para. 1. The Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to pass orders on the letter in this Department from the Home Government, dated 16th February 1859, No. 3.

2 @ 4. Review the reports on the Traffic and Toll Collections of Cochrane's Canal for 1855-56 and 1856-57, and notice certain points on which further information is wanting.

Cochrane's Canal from the time it came into the possession of Government to the close of the past official year; the Annual receipts during the same period, and the extent to which the Canal has proved remunerative.

6. Observe that the subjects treated of in Lieutenant-Colonel Cotton's Report of a tour of professional inspection of the Northern Litoral Districts do not require immediate notice.

7-8. Notice the expenditure incurred on the Godavery and Kistnah Annicuts and on the works subsidiary to them; observe that what is now to be desired, is a conclusive solution of the question whether the returns correspond with the expectations of the promoters of these works.

9 @ 15. Notice the reports on the operations of the Public Works Department for 1855-56 and 57, and remark on the following subjects, viz. the storage of water on the high lands of Coimbatore; the restoration of the ruined Annicut over the Cauvery at Neringeepet; the road between Aska and Berhampore; and the Register for works of Irrigation.

16 @ 18. Notice the Proceedings connected with the Dam at Chetwye and its ultimate abandonment.

20. Will comply with the Indent for Tools for the Workshop at Bezoarah.

22 to 25. Review the papers on the subject of the effects of the Cauvery, Coleroon, Kistnah and Godavery Annicuts on the Revenue and general prosperity of the Districts under their influence.

26. Notice Colonel A. Cotton's Memo. on the means of developing the resources of several of the Southern Districts.

works of Irrigation as the most certain means of extricating India from her financial difficulties and of enabling her to yield a large surplus Revenue, and that they only require to be convinced that Irrigation projects recommended by this Government are based on sound and well considered principles to join readily in promoting them." If Lieut.-Colonel Bell will take care to have all plans connected with Irrigation works well matured, before bringing them forward. The remarks relating to the schemes proposed in the Memo. accompanying Colonel Cotton's letter of the 5th March 1858 will be communicated to that Officer.

27. Relating to the deficiency in the Accounts of Major Selby late in charge of the Chetwye Dam.

2. The Chief Engineer will be requested with reference to the remarks in paras. 3 and 4 to have a Statement carefully prepared for transmission to the Home Government shewing under distinct heads the entire cost of

3. The attention of the Chief Engineer will be requested to the observations communicated by the Home Government in these paragraphs, particularly in respect of the great water scheme of Coimbatore, the project of the Annicut across the Cauvery at Neringeepet; the condition of the Road between Aska and Berhampore Road, and the means suggested of maintaining it in proper order by a moderate Toll on the Carts annually passing between the Sugar Factory and the Coast. Lieutenant-Colonel Bell will give his consideration to the last mentioned proposal, and submit his views for giving effect to it.

4. The Chief Engineer will learn from this para. that the Home Government have consented to supply the Tools for the Bezoarah Workshop indented for in his letter of the 2nd June 1858 No. 758.

5. The review taken by the Home Government of the effects of those important Annicuts on the Revenue and prosperity of the country will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Chief Engineer for their information.

6. The Government would commend to the earnest attention of the Chief Engineer the important observation made in this paragraph "that Her Majesty's Government look to the Government of India as the most certain means of extricating India from her financial difficulties and of enabling her to yield a large surplus Revenue, and that they only require to be convinced that Irrigation projects recommended by this Government are based on sound and well considered principles to join readily in promoting them." If Lieut.-Colonel Bell will take care to have all plans connected with Irrigation works well matured, before bringing them forward. The remarks relating to the schemes proposed in the Memo. accompanying Colonel Cotton's letter of the 5th March 1858 will be communicated to that Officer.

7. No remark.

29 and 30. On the subject of the bad quality of the Roman Cement sent out for the repair of Fort Saint George, and the unserviceable condition of certain Brick Machines.

The Chief Engineer will explain how long after arrival, the Cement was brought into use, and if any delay has occurred, the cause of such delay. The present instance shews the necessity of caution in the application for Materials not required for immediate use.

9. In respect of the Brick Machines it appears that the fault if any rests more in the system of landing heavy Stores, than to any inattention on the part of the Manufacturers in packing them. The Inspector General of Ordnance will be requested to consider and report on the best means of guarding against damage in the future landing of Public Stores of which it is to be remarked other instances have occurred recently. The Chief Engineer will take means for the repair of the damage done to the Brick Machines at the Bezoarah or Dowlaiswarum Workshop or elsewhere, as may be most convenient.

31. Observe that the expense of extending the Road from the Sea near the Chepauk Palace to the high street in Triplicane and of the works necessary to arrest the encroachments of the Sea on the North Beach between the Custom House and Clive's Battery, should properly devolve on the Municipal fund.

32 @ 35. Notice the reckless manner in which money was wasted on the Timber platform constructed on the Beach for the landing of goods.

36 and 37. Approve of certain works authorized in the Ecclesiastical and Judicial Departments; and suggest, the convenience of reporting in the Public Works Department all matters relating to that Department.

11. Resolved that a copy of the Despatch from the Home Government and of the above orders be furnished to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance, and for communication of such parts as may seem to him necessary, to the Officers concerned.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

8. The observations regarding quality of the Cement and the condition of the Brick Machines will be communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Inspector General of Ordnance. As regards the former the Chief Engineer will explain how long after arrival, the Cement was brought into use, and if any delay has occurred, the cause of such delay. The present instance shews the necessity of caution in the application for Materials not required for immediate use.

10. These paras. being in reply to letters from the Public and other Departments will be communicated to those Departments.

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5 The review taken by the Home Government of the effects of these important Annamits on the revenue and prosperity of the country will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Chief Engineer for their information.

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The Government would commend to the earnest attention of the Chief Engineer the important observation made in this paragraph that Her Majesty's Government look to works of Irrigation as the most certain means of extricating India from her financial difficulties and of enabling her to yield a large surplus revenue, and that they only require to be convinced that irrigation projects recommended by the Government are based on sound and well considered principles to join readily in promoting them. ^{to} ~~Col. Dyer~~ will take care to have all plans connected with Irrigation works well matured, before bringing them forward. The remarks relating to the schemes proposed in the

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From the Chief Secy 2/4 Aug
At 21st in Cons 26 Aug
At 2150

Passing orders on a
Despatch from the Home
Government on certain works
in this Presidency.

No 25.

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