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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 19th May 1859, No. 1797.

Resolving that the payment, by this Government, of the allowance of Rupees 7,000 for the maintenance of the Roads at Secunderabad, shall cease at the end of July next, in view to the transfer of the Roads to the Executive Engineer being effected within the period. (Vide Military Consultation from 18th to 27th May 1859, Nos. 23 @ 25.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1859, No. 1329.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters :—

From the Resident at Hyderabad, 29th April 1859, No. 580; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter* and of its enclosure from the Officiating Chief Engineer of Hyderabad, regarding the maintenance of Roads in the Cantonment of Secunderabad, and beg to be informed whether it is the intention of the Madras Government, to continue the allowance of Rupees (7,000) seven thousand therein alluded to.

2. If so, I see no objection to the Roads in question being continued in the charge of the Quarter Master General's Department, but if the accounts are to be in any way connected with the D. P. W. it would obviously be necessary to place the Executive also under that Department.

From the Officiating Chief Engineer, Hyderabad D. P. W. Bolarum, 28th April 1859, No. 120; to the First Assistant Resident Hyderabad.

I have the honor to forward a true copy of a letter* from Major General Coffin to my address, expressive of his views as to the maintenance of the Roads in the Secunderabad Cantonment, being continued in the hands of the Quarter Master General of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force. This letter was in reply to communications made by me to the Major General, on learning that he considered a conversation with the Resident on the subject, as finally disposing of the matter, the result of that conversation being, that the Resident had no objection to the roads remaining at least for the present, in the hands of the Military authorities. It is true, that on being informed of this proposed continuance of present arrangements, I concurred in the Major General's wishes, but it was solely on the ground of relieving Lieutenant Smith of all extra duties. On a further consideration of the subject however a difficulty presented itself in the matter of the Accounts. If the Madras Government continue to supply 7,000 Rupees, annual allowance for the Cantonment Roads, it will then be a simple matter of adjustment between themselves and the Major General Commanding, in which this Department will not be called on to interfere; but if as is more probable, that annual grant ceases, owing to the transfer of all works at this station, having been made to the Government of India, the supply of funds must then be looked for from this Department, and the members of the same, alone can be the Executives, as control of Works and control of funds must go together.

2. Adverting to the contrast made by the Major General Commanding, between the present state of the Roads in Secunderabad, and those in Bolarum, unfavorable to the latter, I deem it right to state, that the argument does not appear to me to be quite fairly stated. "The roads in the one are in a better state than those in the other" says the Major General "because the Executive of the Bolarum Roads has too much to do elsewhere,"—the fact being, that in the one, funds for maintenance have been steadily and abundantly supplied, while in the other, under certain circumstances, delay has occurred in the final submission and consequent sanction of Estimates, and the Roads have exceedingly deteriorated. Let the Executive Engineer have all the funds and collateral aid now received by the Quarter Master General, and I see no reason why he should not maintain the Roads in the Cantonment in a state just as efficient as they are at present—and as inconvenience must always arise from a departure from rules laid down for guidance by Supreme authority, I beg to recommend that the transfer of the Roads in question be made to this Department from the date [to be yet more precisely ascertained,] upon which the 7,000 Rupees allowance last made by the Government of Madras ceases, in which arrangement, if the Resident concurs, I will cause Estimates to be submitted for the preservation of the Roads, for a year in advance.

3. I shall hope shortly, to forward also the Estimates for Roads opening up free communication with, and among the Trimulgherry Barracks alluded to in the close of General Coffin's 1st Paragraph, and to which Lieutenant Smith's attention has lately been again drawn.

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From the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Secunderabad, April 1859, No. 120; to the Officiating Chief Engineer, Hyderabad D. P. W. Bolarum.

Referring to your letters Nos. 256, and 471, of the 23rd February and 7th instant, I have the honor to state, that I am most desirous [as I personally explained to the Resident] that the transfer of the Roads of this Cantonment to the Executive Engineer should not take place—I have not the slightest objection to that Officer, but I am convinced, from the immense quantity of work he has to perform, that zealous and energetic as he is, he cannot possibly afford time to attend to the effective maintenance of the Roads in addition to all his other duties, and in support of this view, I beg to contrast the state of the Roads of this Cantonment with those at Bolarum, and the state of that portion of the Road from this to Bolarum, which is under the Assistant Quarter Master General, with that part under Lieutenant Smith—I beg also to remark, that not one yard of new Road has [to the great discomfort and inconvenience of all residing there] been yet laid down at Trimulgherry, though a List and Plan of the new Road required were forwarded at his own request to Lieutenant Smith as far back as the 4th January.

2. As I am about to leave this command, it is personally, a matter of no concern to me, under whom the maintenance of the Roads is placed.—What I now urge however, and have urged on the Resident on the subject, is solely for the benefit of this community at large.

3. In July last, the Madras Government as you are aware, sanctioned an allowance of seven thousand Rupees for the maintenance of the Roads, to be expended under the control of the Officer Commanding the Station, and although the past has been a season of unprecedented drought, and in every way most unfavorable to repairs, I may say, the Roads have never been in such condition as they are at present, although from the scarcity of water we are unable to avail ourselves of the extra allowance of five hundred Rupees allowed for watering them; and I most strongly recommend, that the present arrangement be continued, the allowance being provided either by the Resident or the Madras Government, as deemed most advisable.

ORDER, No. 1797, 19th May 1859.

The Governor in Council observes, that in the Proceedings of Government 16th July 1858, granting the allowance for the maintenance of the Roads at Bangalore and Secunderabad, and placing it at the disposal of the Officers Commanding those stations, it was expressly stipulated, that the accounts of this expenditure should be rendered to the Public Works Department; the repairs being entrusted to the Commanding Officers, for the sake of convenience, under then existing circumstances.

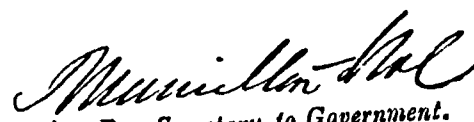
2. By recent Proceedings of Government,* the Roads at Bangalore have been transferred to the Executive Engineer, and are for the future to be retained under the Department of Public Works.

3. The Governor in Council sees no sufficient reason for an opposite course in regard to Secunderabad, especially under the existing Rules affecting that station in regard to Public Works and Buildings, and resolves accordingly, that the payment by this Government, of the allowance of (7,000) seven thousand Rupees shall cease at the end of July next, which will it is hoped, afford sufficient time for the transfer being effected—and the accounts rendered.

4. Resolved also, that the following letter be dispatched to the Resident of Hyderabad.

To the Resident at Hyderabad | Here enter 19th May 1859, No. 1798.

(True Extract.)


Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. With 20 signed Copies.

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Inspector General of Ordnance for information.

Exd J. Davis.

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Commissioner of the Board of
Indian Lands, shall cover all
the cost of July Creek mission
to the transfer of the lands
to the Executive being being
effected within the period
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Wm. and Peter &c

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