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*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.  
*Can, 30/11/38*

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| <u>12-13</u><br>Dated <u>21-11-</u> 18 <u>59</u> . |                           |

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
for the month of November 1859.*

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No. 12. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 12th November 1859, No. 7150.

I have the honor, with reference to the order of Government as per margin,\* to submit the accompanying letters from the Collector of Coimbatore, on the subject of the excessive rates of labor at Jackatalla and their injurious effect upon private interests.

2 Original letters from the Collector of Coimbatore, Nos. 267 and 268, dated 31st October 1859 with 1 enclosure.  
\* October 26th 1859, No. 2518.  
Dated October 31st 1859, Nos. 267 and 268.

2. All the letters referred to in the Collector's letter, No. 268, were laid before Government with nine of the 19th of October, No. 6332. Mr. Pirrie's is now also submitted; and I need only observe that the charges in it of inefficient superintendence at Jackatalla, are not supported by any evidence that I am aware of.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1859, No. 2713.

At the request of the Collector of Coimbatore, the Chief Engineer lays before Government, with reference to the order of the 26th October No. 2518, two letters from him respecting the high wages of workmen at the Jackatalla barracks, and the effect on the local labor market. One of Mr. Thomas' letters encloses one to himself from a Mr. Pirrie, a coffee planter, on the same subject.

2. Mr. Thomas will be informed that the Chief Engineer is not aware that the charge of inefficient superintendence over the work people employed on the Public Works at Jackatalla which has been made by Mr. Pirrie, is supported by any evidence.

3. The Government do not understand what Mr. Thomas means by labor being "drawn by effort and energy." They are under the impression that good wages and kind treatment are the prevailing motives to laborers to enter into engagements.

Letter dated 31st October 1859.

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

Sent to the  
Post at 10:00  
12 November 1867

N-7150

Public

From  
The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department

Enclosure  
2 copies of letter  
to the Secretary to Government  
dated 24th Nov 1867  
31st Dec 1867  
1 enclosure  
to the Secretary to Government  
dated 25th Nov 1867  
2nd enclosure  
to the Secretary to Government  
dated 24th Nov 1867

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference  
to the order of Government as per margin, to  
submit the accompanying letter from the  
Collector of Benares on the subject of  
the excessive rates of labor at Luckhilla  
and their injurious effect upon private  
interests.

2. All the letters referred to in  
the Collector's letter N-268 were laid before  
Government with a view of the 15th of October  
N-1322. Mr. Pines is now also submitted  
and I need only observe that the charges  
of inefficient superintendence at  
Luckhilla are not supported by any  
evidence

existence that I am aware of.

Central Office St. L.  
Fort St. George  
12<sup>th</sup> November 1859

I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to be  
Yours faithfully  
J. Bell  
Chief Engineer

J. B. Smith  
Chief Engineer

To  
The Secretary to Government  
St. L.

W. H. H. H.



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into engagements.

Letter of 31<sup>st</sup> October 1859.

DA

W. H. P.

Ch. H. P.

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To The Chief Engineer. P. H. P.

1 " Collector of Coimbatore.

6 " Rev. Board for information.

Copy to...

Subscribed 1859 Aug. 10  
No. of Govt. 30: 2141

No 27/13.

No. of the Commission  
of 2/14 2/15 1859.

Having entered on  
the correspondence from  
the 10th of September 1859  
respecting matters of law  
and for labour at  
Quebec.

No 12 & 13.