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

No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 25th November 1859, No. 1771.

Calling on the Chief Engineer to place Serjeant Riordan at the disposal of the committee of the "Peoples' Park" and to report upon the application for the material from the fort and for the palmyras removed from the esplanades. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 21st to 30th November 1859, Nos. 52 @ 54.)

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1859, No. 2788.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for information and guidance. Colonel Bell will be good enough to submit the report required in paragraph 2 as early as possible.

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, Esq., M. D., Honorary Secretary to the Committee of the People's Park; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th November 1859, No. 13.

I have the honor to forward herewith Proceedings of the last meeting of Committee of the People's Park, and, with reference to them and to the Order of Government, dated the 14th of November 1859, am instructed to inform you that the Committee are taking active measures to carry out such portions of the plan for laying out the Park as have been approved by Government.

2. The Committee desire that it should be brought to the notice of Government that an urgent necessity exists for the services, temporarily, of a qualified person to superintend the tracing and making of the central and main roads in the Park. The elevation of these must be carefully adjusted as they will form the great indications of the level to be adopted throughout the whole extent of the Park.

3. For the foregoing purpose, they believe that Serjeant Riordan, Assistant Overseer D. P. W. would be a very suitable person and they beg that the sanction of Government may be accorded to his being placed under their orders, for a short time, under such arrangements as may be approved by the Chief Engineer.

4. It would be of material assistance in the making of roads if the Government would kindly permit that the debris of the Fort walls or of other masonry might be deposited within the limits of the Park to form the foundation of the roadways, &c., &c.

5. As the railing at present surrounding the Park is in several places deficient, the Committee are anxious to obtain, if possible, some of the palmyras formerly used in railing round the Fort Esplanades. These could be eventually returned to Government after the completion of the boundary of the Park, the best method of accomplishing which is now under consideration.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee held at the School of Arts on Friday the 11th November 1859, at half past 5 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT.

G. S. HOOPER, Esq., <i>President.</i>	Major WORSTER.
Colonel MACDONALD.	Captain HITCHINS.
J. RONDE, Esq.,	HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, Esq., M. D., <i>Secretary.</i>

Read the following letter addressed to Government.

(Here enter letter No. 8, dated 4th November 1859.)

The Secretary intimates that the Honorable the Governor has informed him that all the suggestions therein contained are approved. But the Committee are to delay all operations upon the road along Cochrane's Canal pending further orders.

The Committee proceed to examine the proposed plan of the Park, and determine that the operations to be conducted shall be confined to the parts included within the limits of the Park and that the central road shall be immediately commenced.

RESOLVED that Government be solicited to allow Serjeant Riordan, Assistant Overseer, Department Public Works, to be temporarily employed under the instructions of the Committee, in superintending the making of the central road.

RESOLVED also that this road be traced out and this having been done, that contracts be solicited for the making of it.

They also determine that the *central road* is to be 50 feet wide and the circle round the Band stand 60, both these roads to be raised to the level of the Vepery road leading to Perembore.

RESOLVED that Mr. Brown, be requested to make arrangements for the institution of a nursery and to prepare a list of trees to be reared and of those best suited for planting along the road-way.

Read the following Report.

"Superintendent's Report of operations at the People's Park, from 8th October to 10th November 1859."

1. "Fifty of the Sapper Militia have been employed excavating the large tank. From the 8th Ultimo they have only had 23 working days, having been absent 3 feast days, and, one day out of every week: during the time they have been employed they have worked very well and are making rapid progress with the tank which is being sunk to a depth of 3 feet.

2. "Under instructions from His Excellency the Governor, the Municipal Commissioners have had the Town sweepings laid down in different parts of the Park; at first the rubbish was put in large pits excavated for the purpose, but by this plan the rubbish was of little use to us, and I have had it laid in large heaps to decompose, and be used as manure for the trees, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c."

MADRAS,

11th November 1859.

(Signed) R. BROWN,

Superintendent in charge People's Park.

RESOLVED that 4 cooly Gardeners be entertained at the pay of 5 Rupees each, to be under the orders of the Superintendent.

RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to entertain a Writer and a Peon, and that he furnish monthly a contingent bill for all expenses of this nature and for the Stationery required for his Office.

The Committee then adjourned until Friday the 25th Instant.

(Signed) G. S. HOOPER,

President.

(") HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,

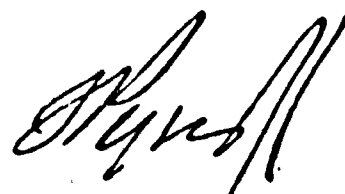
Honorary Secretary, Committee People's Park.

ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1859, No. 1771.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Chief Engineer, with directions to place Serjeant Riordan at the disposal of the Committee of the 'People's Park,' if it can be done without serious inconvenience to the Department of Public Works.

2. Colonel Bell will, also, be desired to report upon the application, in paragraphs 4 and 5, for the materiel from the Fort, and for the Palmyras lately removed from the Esplanades.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Chief Engineer.

„ Committee of the 'People's Park.'

„ Department Public Works. ✓

35/11/59

Exd. F. Cartledge.

