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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 24th September to 4th October 1859.

No. 32. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 21st September 1859, No. 5232.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, dated the 13th instant and 31st ultimo, Nos. 2194 and 2092, relative to the continuance of the yearly allowance of Rupees (7,000) seven thousand for the maintenance of the Secunderabad cantonment roads, I have the honor to observe, that it is not clear to me whether it is intended that funds for this work should be provided for out of the sum sanctioned for the Madras Presidency.

2. If the work is to be performed by the Quarter Master General's department and accounts of it be rendered to the Chief Engineer, Hyderabad, as agreed* to by the Resident, it appears to me that the sanctioned amount should be placed by the Chief Engineer, Hyderabad, at the disposal of the Quarter Master General's department. There is no provision in the budget of the current year for the above work, and it will be observed, that with reference to the Hyderabad works in No. 1 budget, the Government of India remark,† in their review of the budget, that these works have been disposed of in their orders on the Hyderabad budget.

* Letter from the Resident Hyderabad, dated 30th August 1859, in Proceeding of Government Military Department, 7th September 1859, No. 3157.

† Letter from the Secretary to Government of India, dated 20th July 1859, No. 5136, paragraph 17 recorded in Proceedings of the 18th August No. 1975.

3. The question of the ultimate charge to this Presidency of the annual allowance of Rupees 7,000, raised in paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 29th August No. 2963, seems to me to be not satisfactorily settled. If it is understood that this sum is chargeable against the Madras Public Works, though not defrayed in the first instance by the Madras Public Works department, it may be ruled that for the same reason all charges on account of public works in the cantonment, should be borne by this Government, but I do not believe this to have been the intention of the Government of India, when authorizing the permanent transfer to them of the Secunderabad cantonment works.

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 21st December 1858, No. 1510 recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation, 21st January 1859, No. 203.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1859, No. 2299.

The orders of the Government of India of the 21st December 1858 No. 1510 divested this Government of all direct control over the military buildings at Secunderabad; and all public works connected with the comfort and convenience of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force must be held to come under those orders. The outlay on buildings is indeed charged to this Government; but it is by adjustment in the accounts, not by the provision of funds; and the same course must be followed in the case of the allowance granted for the maintenance of the cantonment roads. Neither the buildings nor the roads have a place in the budget, and no part of the funds therein contained, can be devoted to either.

2. This order will be communicated to the Military Department with reference to the orders in that department dated 19th August and 7th September 1859 Nos. 2963 and 3157.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
21st September 1859.

No. 5232

From,
The Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

General Recommn.

With reference to Proceedings of Government dated the 12th Instant and 31st Ultimo Nos. 2194 and 2092 relative to the continuance of the yearly allowance of Rupees 17,000/ Seventeen thousand for the maintenance of the Secunderabad Cantonment Roads, I have the honor to observe that it is not clear to me whether it is intended that funds for this work should be provided for out of the sum sanctioned for the Madras Presidency.

2. If the work is to be performed by the Quarter Master Generals Department and accounts of it be rendered to the Chief Engineer Hyderabad, as agreed to by the Resident, it appears to me that the sanctioned amount should be placed by the Chief Engineer Hyderabad at the disposal of the Quarter Master Generals Department. There is no provision in the Budget of the current year for

Letter from the Resident Hyderabad dated 30th Augt. 59 with Pro. of Govt. Military Department 7th Sept. 59 No. 3157.

for the above work, and it will be observed that with reference to the Hyderabad Works in the No: 1 Budget, the Government of India remark in their review of the Budget, that these works have been disposed of in their Orders on the Hyderabad Budget.

Letter from the Secy to Govt of India dated 30th July 1859 No: 3186 para 17 recorded in Proceedings of the 18th August No: 1975.

3 The question of the estimate charge to the Presidency of the annual allowance of Rupees 7000, raised in para 4 of the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department dated 29th August No: 2963, seems to me to be not satisfactorily settled. If it is understood that the sum is chargeable against the Madras Public Works, though not defrayed in the first instance by the Madras P.W.D. it may be ruled that for the same reason all charges on account of Public Works in the Cantonment should be borne by the Government. But do not believe this to have been the intention of the Government of India when authorizing the permanent transfer to them of the Secunderabad Cantonment works.

Letter from the Secy to the Govt of India dated 21st Decr 1858 No: 1310 recorded in E. No: 21st January 1859 No: 208.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt
J. M. Bell Lieut. Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
21st September 1859

To, The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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No. 2299

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 26th Sept. 1859.

Read the following letter
from the Govt.

Submits for the orders of Govt. a question regarding the maintenance allowance of the Cantonment roads at Secunderabad. — } Hereunto 21st Sept. 1859 No. 5232

The orders of the Govt. of India of the 2nd Dec. 1858 No. 1510 directed the Govt. of all direct control over the Military buildings at Secunderabad; and all public works connected with the comfort and convenience of the Hyderabad Subsidiary force must be held to come under those orders —

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From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Govt.
Dated 21st September 1859
Rec'd 24th " "
No. 5232

Submits the question of the charge of the Cantonment allowance of Rs. 2000 per annum for the maintenance of the Cantonment roads at Secunderabad for the orders of Government.

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The outlay on buildings is indeed charged to this Grant, but it is by adjustment in the accounts, notwithstanding the provisions of Sundry Heads. The same course must be followed in the case of the allowance granted for the maintenance of the Cantonment Roads. Neither the buildings nor the roads have a place in the Budget, and no part of the funds therein contained, can be devoted to either.

2.— ~~Instructions~~ With this order, be communicated to the Military Department with reference to the

the orders in that department dated 19th Augt and 4th Septr 1839 Nos 2963 and 3154, —

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Dy 26th Septr 59.

From the Chief Engr &c
April 16 1860 No 794

Regarding maintenance allowance of Cantonment roads at Secundrabad.

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