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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th December 1860.

No. 374. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 17th December 1860, No. 4,553 :—

Request the Commander-in-Chief that the Detachment of Sappers and Miners employed at this Presidency, may be reduced to one Company. (Vide Military Proceedings, 17th December 1860, Nos. 314-315.)

No. 375. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1860, No. 2,655.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer and the Public Department with reference to Proceedings dated 10th December 1860, No. 2,540.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

From the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, Chepauk, 15th November 1860, *No.* 6989; *to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to the orders contained in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2124, dated 11th October last, requesting to be informed whether it is necessary to detain the Sappers longer at Madras, there being so little work now going on to the Fortifications, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that one full Company of the Sappers is still required and will be required for some time to come on the Fortification works on the south or Saint Thomé side, the repair of which is now in progress, the sum remaining for this work in the current years allotment being about 60,000 Rupees; and that in addition 40 or 50 Sappers are required for two or three months by the District Engineer, Presidency, for the demolition of the Black Town walls, ordered to be proceeded with in the Proceedings of Government, No. 1341, dated 11th September 1860, Public Department, with a view to the sale of further allotments.

1 Letter from District Engineer, Presidency, No. 1336, dated 2nd November 1860.
1 do. No. 1358, dated 6th November 1860.

Letters Nos. 1336 and 1358, dated 2nd and 6th November 1860.

From the District Engineer, Presidency, Madras, 2nd November 1860, *No.* 1336; *to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.*

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2124, dated 11th ultimo, and the Chief Engineer's Resolution thereon, No. 6111, dated 22nd idem, I have the honor to state that the Sappers have been employed in demolishing the old Masonry work of those parts of the Fort that have been re-built and forming the new Ramparts and Glacies, at which works they are very expert, they were also employed in making a new road in the Government compound along the River's bank and turfing the same, excavating tanks, turfing the slopes, filling in low ground and levelling, demolishing old Houses and other work.

They will now be required in taking down the Saint Thomé Capouniere and portions of the Bonnette and other works in the Chepauk compound.

It is observed by Government, that there is little work going on at the Fortifications, but I beg to remark that out of 1,23,000 Rupees that has been sanctioned for the current year not one half of that amount has been expended, leaving upwards of 60,000 Rupees to be disbursed during the next six months.

In the year 1861/62, there will be I believe about 1,70,000 Rupees sanctioned for the Fortifications, I beg therefore strongly to recommend that one Company of Sappers and Miners be retained at Madras as their services have been found very valuable and when large bodies of inexperienced coolies are engaged, a few Sappers working in the midst of them, and taking a lead among them is of incalculable benefit and greatly economizes their labour.

The Chepauk compound is also in a most unseemly state and it is my intention to propose that some part of the money that will be realized from the sale of the old Tenements that are being gradually removed shall be appropriated for laying out the ground; on work of this nature also, the labour of the Madras Sappers and Miners cannot be too highly appreciated and will save a considerable amount of Superintendence.

From the District Engineer, Presidency, Madras, 6th November 1860, *No,* 1358; *to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.*

In continuation of my letter, No. 1336, dated 2nd instant, I have the honor to bring to your notice, that another portion of the old Town Wall will have to be shortly demolished, when the aid of about 40 or 50 Sappers will be indispensably necessary, as the Sapper Militia Regiment is disbanded.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1860, No. 2540.

Under the circumstances stated the Government consider that it will be sufficient if one Company of Sappers and Miners be detained in Madras as the further demolition of the Black Town walls and any other works connected with the People's Park might be done by means of contract, a few of the Sapper Company retained being employed for blasting and similar operation. The Chief Engineer is requested to communicate with the Park Committee on the latter subject and submit their opinion with his own. The papers will be transferred to the Military Department for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

ORDER, No. 4553, 17*th December* 1860.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with a request that instructions may be issued for reducing the Detachment of Sappers and Miners employed at the Presidency, to one Company.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works, with 2 enclosures. 10 Spare Copies.
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,, Accountant General
,, Adjutant General, for information.
,, Commandant of Engineers, do.

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

Mr 15th Augt 1860 Nos 192-193
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" 11th Octr " " 181 & 183
" 10th Decr " " 129-130

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No 2655. 24th Decr
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No 97. 1860 Despatch
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