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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of March 1860.*

No. 127. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 26th March 1860, No. 11,724:—

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government a letter from the Civil Architect, dated 21st March 1860, No. 267, respecting the want of his Department of an experienced and competent Subordinate to superintend the works now in progress at the Observatory.

2. Captain Hitchens truly remarks that excepting the Supervisor he has no Subordinates but Sub-Overseers, only three of whom are available for general duty, so that he finds it impossible to exercise proper supervision of works requiring such nicety of execution as those referred to. As Major Tennant has expressed his willingness to take charge of the operations if a competent Superintendent be placed exclusively under his orders, and expects they may be completed in six weeks, I would strongly recommend the proposed arrangements, that I would extend the term of employment to three months as desired by Captain Hitchens, and the amount, (300 Rupees) three hundred, may be charged in the Bill of the work.

3. It is obviously necessary to pay well for superior work of this kind and to compensate for paucity of skilled labor by temporary Establishments.

4. I am about to submit immediately the Estimate for the Equatorial Dome called for in the Order of Government of the 22nd October 1859; and as the Civil Architect tells me that he has funds for the work, I trust that it may be sanctioned for immediate execution under the same Superintendent as the works now in progress.

Public Department, No. 1,601.
Public Works Department, No. 2,544,
dated 28th October 1859.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1860, No. 661.

The Government approve and sanction the arrangement recommended in paragraph 2 of this letter for providing efficient superintendence for the works in progress at the Observatory.

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

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Central Office of Mr.
Chapman Vt.
26 March 1860

No 11724.

From

The Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Genl

Public Works Dept.

Sir,

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I have the honor to forward for
introduction to Government a letter from
the Civil Architect dated 21 March
1860 respecting the want of his
Department of ~~the~~ experienced and
competent subordinates to superintend
the works now in progress at the
observatory -

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that excepting the supervisor he has
no subordinates but sub-overseers, only
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duty, so that he finds it impossible
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competent Superintendent he placed
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under the same Superintendent
as the works now in progress.

Signed J. W. Bell
Chas. H.

Public Dept
Chas. H.
P. H. D.
Oct. 25/54
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sanction the arrangement re-
commended in para 2 of this
letter for providing efficient
superintendence for the works
in progress at the observatory
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Recy to Govt

Govt of India
30th March 1860

Chief Secy

Publ Dpts for Govt of India
Architect
Civil Auditor

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Central Office of
S. Hepburn
26 March 1860.

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The Chief Engineer

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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26 March 1860 -

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Chief Engineer

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most Obedt. Servant
H. Bell Colonel
Chief Engineer

To: The Secretary to Government
J. H. D.

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