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

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 16th March 1860, No. 381:—

Referring certain paragraphs of the Minutes by the Honorable the President, relating to his late Official Tour in the South of India, between 5th January and 6th March 1860. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 11th to 20th March 1860, Nos. 53 @ 56.)

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 689.

Paragraph 1. Copies of the Minutes which accompanied these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer. His particular attention will at the same time be drawn to the observations in the paragraphs noted in the margin, and he will be instructed to take the necessary steps to give effect to the suggestions of His Excellency. The Chief Engineer will give his early consideration to all the matters relating to the Public Works Department treated of in these Minutes, and will submit Plans and Estimates as required.

2. The Chief Engineer will, in communication with the local Revenue and Judicial Officers, call for Plans and Estimates for carrying out the suggestion for removing the Taluq Kacheri and Munsiff's Court of Negapatam from their present position to a convenient station in the town; he will also take measures for the repair of the old Dutch Custom House. The Collector has been instructed in a separate Order in the Revenue Department, to report as to the best method of dealing with the present buildings and the large piece of Government land about them.

3. The completion of the Cotton Road in the Tinnevely District in the neighbourhood of Tuticorin, is a subject demanding immediate action, and the attention of the Chief Engineer will be called to the Order of the 22nd October 1859, No. 2,487, calling on him for a Report as to the best method of construction. He will also be desired to submit a Plan and Estimate for a new set of buildings for the Courts at Madura.

4. Colonel Bell's particular attention will also be called to what is said of the state of the Roads in the Madura District, in paragraph 5 of the 3rd Minute. The President has informed the Council that the Roads in Salem and Coimbatore are also in bad condition. The chief cause appears to be want of funds; the money properly applicable even to the repair of Roads, having been withheld under the restriction imposed by the Supreme Government since 1857, on Public Works expenditure. In Coimbatore, however, this is not the only cause, as funds for Road Repair remain unspent. The Government desire that the Chief Engineer will give careful attention to this important matter.

5. It is necessary, in the first place, that repair allowances should be assigned to all Roads of importance, even though they may not have been systematically made; and it is necessary, further, that those repairs should receive a full share of the attention of the local Engineer Officers, to prevent dishonest or injudicious expenditure. It is doubtful whether the Road repairs do now receive the care which they need. The President noticed in his journey various instances of unskilful work, and of the use of unsuitable materials, which could not occur if the immediate executive were duly controlled.

6. The Government entirely approve the appointment of the Committee recommended by the Governor, as a temporary arrangement, for the purpose of carrying into effect the local improvements contemplated at Ootacamund. The practical execution of the engineering arrangements will be vested in the District Engineer Mr. Fraser, and the Chief Engineer will propose a duly qualified person to act under him as the immediate executive.

The Collector of the District will be the President of the Committee, and will take the necessary steps for putting it into action.

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7. The Chief Engineer will also give immediate consideration to the remarks in paragraphs 2-4 of the Minute No. 5, respecting the opening of cart roads in Wainad, and will suggest the mode in which that object may best be carried out.

8. The completion of the backwater Canal from Cannanore to Mangalore is adverted to in paragraph 15 of the same Minute. This work was excluded from the Budget of 1860-1 in consequence of the absence of detailed Plans and Estimates, and the scheme was deferred for the Budget of 1861-2. Colonel Bell's attention will be called to the Order of the 30th January No. 238, and he will be requested to have the necessary details for that work laid before Government at an early date.

9. He will also give his attention to the subjects noticed in the Minute No. 6, especially the Kunur Ghát Road. The probable early opening of the Railway to Coimbatore renders this a work of special and pressing importance. It would be matter of just and grave reproach if when there is Railway communication to within thirty miles of the foot of the ascent, the Pass itself should be in its present condition. A trace for a good carriage road has been nearly completed; and the Government hope to receive from Colonel Bell at an early date his final Report upon it. The Government will place half a lac of Rupees, or even a lac if it can be properly spent, at the disposal of the Chief Engineer for proceeding vigorously with this Pass in the coming year 1860-1. He will, therefore, make the necessary arrangements for the work without delay.

10. The same reasons make it necessary to improve the Road from the foot of the Pass by Metapollim to Coimbatore. The Chief Engineer will take measures for putting this Road into really good repair.

11. It is considered by the Inspector of Prisons to be very desirable that the Salem Jail should be fitted for use as early as possible, by completing the enclosing wall and other necessary works, and 10,000 Rupees is stated to be sufficient for the works absolutely necessary to this end. The Government, therefore, authorize the Collector of Salem to advance 10,000 Rupees to the District Engineer for this purpose, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India to the Supplemental Estimate transmitted to them on the 24th February 1860, No. 403.

12. Copies of the Minutes will be circulated by the Chief Engineer to the Officers of the Public Works Department.

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

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again the following Minutes by the Honorable the President:—

No. 1, dated 18th January 1860, and recorded in Proceedings, 30th idem, No. 139.
" 2, " 28th " " " " 2nd Feby. " 155.
" 3, " 8th February " " " 16th " " 221.
" 4, " 23rd " " " " 1st March " 301.
and Minute by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated 7th February 1860, and recorded in Proceedings, 10th idem, No. 199.

Read also the following Minutes:—

By the Honorable the President in Council, dated 29th February and 6th March 1860, Nos. 5 and 6.
By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, " 5th March 1860.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1860, No. 331.

In the above Minutes, the Honorable the President has recorded certain observations and suggestions, connected with his late official tour in the South of India between the 5th January and the 6th March last.

2. The Minute of the 18th January, relates to the districts of South Arcot and Tanjore. Paragraphs 1 @ 5 will accordingly be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate of the former district, and the rest of the Minute with the Appendices to the Collector and Magistrate of the latter district.

3. Paragraphs 4 and 12, in which the question of the formation of Municipal Associations in the towns of Cuddalore and Negapatam, is touched upon, will be communicated for information to the Board of Revenue. With the same view, paragraphs 4, 11 and 20 relative to Medical arrangements at those towns and at Combaconum will be communicated to the Director General, Medical Department—and paragraph 24, noticing the Educational Establishments at those places, to the Acting Director of Public Instruction, whose attention will be directed to the remarks therein contained, on the subject of exercising Native pupils 'in turning Tamil into English, and English into Tamil, *visà voce* as well as on paper.'

4. The remaining paragraphs of the Minute will be referred, to the several Departments shown below, for such Orders as may be required to be passed in those Departments.—

Military.—	Paragraphs 2, 25, and 26 with appendix C.
Public Works.—	" 3, 6 @ 9, 10, 11, and 16 @ 20.
Revenue.—	" 9, 10, 13, 16 @ 19, 22 and 23 with appendix A.
Judicial.—	" 9, 14 @ 17, 25 and 26.
Marine.—	" 7.
Financial Railway.—	" 6 @ 8.
Ecclesiastical.—	" 11.

5. The next Minute, that of the 28th January, refers chiefly to the Trichinopoly District. A copy of the entire Minute will be furnished to the Collector of that District, and copy of paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 15 to the Collector of Tanjore for information. Paragraph 15 will also be communicated to the Director of Public Instruction, and paragraphs 11 and 12 to the Director General, Medical Department.

6. The portions of this Minute to be referred to other Departments for consideration, are given below:—

Public Works.—	paragraphs 4 @ 7, 10 and 11.
Revenue.—	" 1 @ 8.
Judicial.—	" 14.
Political.—	" 11.
Military.—	" 13 and 14.

A copy of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's Minute, 7th February last, recorded in Proceedings 10th idem No. 199, will at the same time be furnished to the Military Department, together with copy of his Minute of the 5th instant.

7. The Minute of the 8th February, on the Madura District, will be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate. Paragraphs 31 and 32, describing the Talúq School, will be reported on by the Director of Public Instruction. The rest of the Minute will be referred for disposal to the Departments concerned.

Military.— paragraphs 2, and 26 @ 30.
 Public Works.— „ 4, 5, 8 @ 10, 21, and 26 @ 30.
 Revenue.— „ 12 @ 21, and 33.
 Judicial.— „ 2, 6, 7 and 8.
 Political.— „ 11.
 Financial Railway.— „ 22 @ 25.

8. The Minute, dated 23rd February, on the Neilgherry Hills, will be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore for information. The suggestions in 27 for combining with a Public Library a large Reading Room in which Lectures might be given and public meetings held, and a room in which specimen of local antiquities and natural history might be deposited, as also for appropriating the Public Bungalow and site on which it stands as a site for the new building will be referred to the Committee of the Neilgherry Public Library for their report. Copies of paragraphs 16 and 26 will be furnished to the Director General, Medical Department. Parts of this Minute will be referred for consideration in other departments.

Military.— paragraphs 5 @ 19, and 29.
 Public Works.— „ 2 @ 7, and 18 @ 20.
 Revenue.— „ 22 @ 24, and 30.
 Judicial.— „ 20.
 Ecclesiastical.— „ 25.

9. The circumstances of the Wynaad country are commented on in the Minute of the 29th February, which will accordingly be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate of Malabar. Paragraph 14 of the Minute will be communicated to the Ecclesiastical Department. The request made by the deputation from the Wynaad Coffee Planters for the establishment of a daily post to Mysore and Ootacamund will be referred for report to the Post Master General—that for the extension of the Telegraph from Calicut to Manantoddy will be referred to Sir William O'Shaughnessy. Portions of this Minute will be referred to other Departments for orders.

Public Works.— paragraphs 2 @ 4, and 15.
 Revenue.— „ 2 @ 12, and 15.
 Judicial.— „ 12 and 13.

10. The last of the above Minutes relates to Coimbatore and Salem. Paragraphs 1 @ 5 and 13 @ 15, will be communicated to the Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore. Paragraphs

6 to the end, to the Collector and Magistrate of Salem, and last three paragraphs to the Collectors of the other Districts visited by His Excellency in his late tour. Paragraph 7 will be communicated to the Board of Revenue and also to the Collector of Tanjore, in reference to the remark in the foot note attached to that paragraph. The paragraphs noted below will be referred for disposal to the respective Departments.

Public Works.— paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 10.
 Revenue.— „ 11 and 12.
 Judicial.— „ 3, 6, 8 and 9.
 Financial Railway.— „ 2.

(True Extract.)

T. PYCROFT,
 Chief Secretary.

To,
 The Public Works Department.

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do - No. 3 - 8th Feb^y - - - - - para 4, 5, 8 & 10, 21
do - No. 4 - 23rd - - - - - para 20 & 7, 8 & 20
do - No. 5 - 27th - - - - - para 20 & 4 & 15
do - No. 6 - 6 March - para 1, 4, 5, 6 & 10.

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Received in a letter to England
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Proceedings of the
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Minute No. 1, p. 9, l. 49

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 4. Clearance of tanks in Coimbatore
 5. Purchase of the late Cotton farm building at Coimbatore.
 6. New Salem Jail.
 10. Cart road to the Shirang Hills.

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to them on the 24. July/60
N. 403.

11. Copies of the Minutes
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Minute No. 6 para 6.

Order No. 100

The Chief Engineer to
the Officers of the Pub-
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J. H.

10 Copies

Chief Engineer Dist No. 5

11 " Board of Revenue for information

1 " Accts. Genl.

1 " Cdr. of Salem

1 " " Coimbatore

Copy in a Letter to England
 of 24th April/61 No. 42
 Copy in a letter to England
 dated 31st October No. 100 of 1862.

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
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From the Chief Engineer 26th April/60
 C.A. 1030 m. 17th May
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 C.A. 1022 m. 17th July No 1148
 From the Chief Engineer 27th
 June/60 C.A. 1012 m. 19th July
 No 1332

Passing orders on the several
 matters of D. P. W. treated of in the
 Minute by the Honorable the Presi-
 dent relating to his late official
 Tour in South of India.

From Chief 19th July 60. Pro.
 23rd July - 363-364 -
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From the Collector of Malabar
 4th Feb 61/60 C.A. No 1485 m.

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