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

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 5th January 1860, No. 8.

Ordering that Rupees 500 be placed at the disposal of the committee for the "People's Park" to meet emergent expenses and approving the proposed demolition of a portion of the Black Town ramparts adjacent to the Park. } (Vide Public Proceedings from 1st to 10th January 1860, No. 12 @ 14.)

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1860, No. 81.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, Esq., M. D., Honorary Secretary Committee People's Park; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th December 1859, No. 26.

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government, the proceedings of the Committee of management of the People's Park, dated 9th December 1859.

2. The sanction of Government is solicited to the arrangement proposed in paragraph 8 of these proceedings, as upon application to the Municipal Commissioners on the subject they resolved, "That the bill for 168-5-6" that is for November 1859, "be passed, but with regard to the advance proposed to be made to the Honorary Secretary to meet emergent expenses, the Board consider the same should first receive the sanction of Government."

The Committee desire to explain, that the proposed arrangement was intended to prevent the delay which now arises, in the adjustment of accounts, for coolies, bandy hire, stationery, &c., which have hitherto been paid by the Secretary from his private purse. And these expenses are likely to be soon much increased and to give rise to confusion if not immediately discharged. The advantage of embracing all expenses under one bill, for each item in which the *receipted voucher* can be produced before the bill is paid, will no doubt be apparent to Government.

3. A copy of the bill for November is forwarded herewith.

4. I am further instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, and the Order thereon, dated 14th December 1859, No. 1862, and to inform you, that the Committee will disburse to Serjeant Riordan, the same staff allowances as he drew, while temporarily employed under the orders of the Civil Architect.

5. The Committee having considered the question as to the best and cheapest means of providing materiel for the making of roads, &c., desire to submit to Government the following letter, from Serjeant Riordan, to my address.

"SIR,"

"With a view to accelerating the progress and elevation of the different parts of the People's Park, I would respectfully suggest, that the remaining portion of the Black Town Ramparts adjacent to the Park be demolished, the materiels of which could be transferred to the Park by a temporary tram-way, and some tip waggons, which I believe the Committee will be able to procure from the Railway Company on loan; these waggons could be employed also on the Park, with great advantage, thereby saving much cart hire and labour, as the Sappers could drive them from place to place."

"A barrel pier bridge, will necessarily have to be thrown across the canal, in order to connect the trams on either side the bridge, could be moved easily at an hour's notice to enable any boat to pass up or down the canal."

"Yours obediently," "D. RIORDAN."

The foregoing suggestion would, if carried out, enable the debris of masonry to be very rapidly moved, but would perhaps interfere too much with the traffic upon the canal.

In lieu of *it* the employment of one or two boats might be had recourse to, materiel might be put into them upon the Black Town side, and they could be drawn across the canal without difficulty.

The foregoing plans are submitted for the decision of Government, with a strong recommendation, that the levelling of the town wall as suggested may be permitted.

6. The line of operations explained in the foregoing paragraph would obviate the necessity of employing bandies to bring masonry debris from the Fort, would be less expensive, and would tend to improve the value of the land, on the town side of the canal, to no inconsiderable extent.

7. I am instructed moreover to bring to your notice for the information of Government that, since the date of the Proceedings accompanying the letter, very considerable progress has been made in the excavation of two of the tanks, and that the main road is now traced, and can be rapidly completed upon the receipt of suitable materiel.

PEOPLE'S PARK.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee held at the School of Arts on Friday the 9th December 1859, at half past 5 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

Colonel Simpson. Captain Hitchins.
,, Macdonald. Dr. Montgomery, *Secretary*,
Mr. Brown and Serjeant Riordan in attendance.

(1.) The Secretary intimates that the intended Meeting fixed for 25th ultimo was not held in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, which had caused an almost entire suspension of all works in the Park.

(2.) *Read* the following letter addressed to Government and as ordered in last Proceedings.

Read, also, the following Order of Government upon the foregoing.

"*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."

(3.) *Read* the following letter addressed to the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(Here enter letter, No. 16, dated 7th December 1859.)

Read, also, the following Extract of Proceedings of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines relative to the foregoing letter.

"*Resolved*, to inform the Honorary Secretary to the Committee, that the Inspector General will be happy to pass his indents for the supply of mamooties and garden implements to such extent as the Arsenal can supply on payment of their value."

(4.) Read the following list prepared by the Superintendent of trees suited for planting as avenue trees.

List of trees suitable for planting avenues.

Botanical names.	English names.
Guatteria longifolia... ...	... Mast tree.
Thespesia populnea... ...	... Portia tree.
Adansonia digitata... ...	... Baobab or Monkey bread tree.
Bombax Malabaricum... ...	... Red cotton tree.
Eriodendron Anfractuosum. ...	... White cotton tree.
Sterculia fœtida...	... Fœtid Sterculia.
,, Alata...	... ,, Winged.
Pterospermum Suberifolium. ...	... Various leaved Pterospermum.
Sapindus Emarginata... ...	... Soapnut tree.
Azadirachta Indica...	... Neem tree.
Pongamia glabra... ...	... Smooth leaved Pongamia.
Dalbergia latifolia...	... Black-wood tree.
,, Sissoo.	... Sissoo tree.
Pterocarpus Marsupium... ...	... Kiuoo tree.
,, Dalbergioides. ...	... Andaman Red-wood tree.

List of trees, &c.—(Continued.)

Botanical names.	English names.
Inga Dulcis...	... Sweet fruited Inga.
Adenanthera pavonina... ...	... Red wood tree.
Parkia biglandulosa.	... Biglandular Parkia.
Cœsalpinia Coriaria... ...	... American Sumack Libidibi.
Poinsiana Elata...	... Smooth Poinsiana.
Poinsiana Regia...	... Royal ,,
Tamarindus Indica...	... Tamarind tree.
Cathartocarpus Fistula... ...	... Purging cassia.
,, Roxburghii. ...	... Roxburgh's Cassia.
Terminalia Catappa...	... Country Almond tree.
Naucleaparvifolia...	... Small leaved Nauclea.
Mimusops Elengi.	... Ape face flower.
Bassia longifolia...	... Wild Sapota tree.
Stryenhos Nux Vomica... ...	... Poison Nut tree.
Spathodea Adenophylla.	
Ehretia levis...	... Smooth Ehretia.
Premna latifolia...	... Broad leaved Premna.
Vitex Trifolia...	... Three leaved Chaste tree.
,, Alata..	... Wing leaved Chaste tree.
Gmelina Asiatica... ...	... Asiatic Gmelina.
Ficus Indica...	... Banian tree.
Religiosa	... Pippal tree.
,, Nitida	... Shining leaved fig tree.
,, Carica	... Common cultivated fig tree.
,, Elastica	... Indian rubber tree.
Casuarina Muricata	... Casuarina tree or Tinian Pine.
Casuarina Equisetifolia... ...	... Horse tail Casuarina.
Bignonia Suberosa	... Indian cork tree.

(5.) *Read* the following Memorandum from the Superintendent.

"As resolved at the last meeting of the People's Park, I have engaged 4 gardeners to be employed from the 1st proximo, or as soon as implements are procured for their use. I have selected the ground marked * * on the plan for a nursery to rear the young trees, &c. There is plenty of good water near the place; if it is approved of, I will have the ground prepared immediately; I also enclose list of tools for the People's Park."

We will require a tool house with a small room for a office.

Resolved with reference to the above, that the proposed nursery be immediately commenced, and that the requisite indents for implements be at once forwarded to the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

(6.) *Read* the following Report from the Superintendent.

Report of operations at the People's Park, 11th to 24th November 1859.

"Owing to the inclemency of the weather the work has made little progress since the date of my last report, with the exception of a few coolies employed covering the rubbish sent by the Municipal Commissioner, the same work has been carried on as already reported."

With reference to the foregoing the Secretary reports, that he had the working parties of the Madras Sapper Militia discontinued since 26th ultimo, as the Park was entirely flooded. The weather having now cleared up, the party will again be employed from Monday next. This arrangement is *approved* by the Committee.

(7.) Serjeant Riordan (for whose services application has been made) having reported himself this day, is directed to assume charge of the works, and to examine and report upon the best method of proceeding in the formation of the central road.

No intimation as to the conditions upon which Serjeant Riordan is placed at the disposal of the Committee has been yet received.

(8.) The Secretary having reported that the present system of forwarding separate bills for payment to the Municipal Commissioners of Madras is unsatisfactory, and renders the keeping of complicated accounts necessary, requests permission to draw an advance of 500 Rupees to meet incidental expences. He proposes also to furnish one bill monthly to the Commissioners for payment, this bill to include all the actual disbursements of the preceding month, and the salary of the Superintendent, &c., &c.

Resolved, that this plan be approved and recommended to the Commissioners. The monthly bill to be submitted to the Committee with the vouchers, and to be verified by the Chairman of the day.

The meeting then adjourned till Friday 23rd instant.

(Signed) HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,
Honorary Secretary.

Forwarded for the information of Government.
By order.
(Signed) HOWARD B. MONTGOMERY, M. D.

ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1860, No. 8.

The Municipal Commissioners will, as requested, place the sum of Rupees (500) five hundred at the disposal of the Committee for the "People's Park" to meet emergent expenses. A detailed account, supported by vouchers, of the expenditure of the last advance will, in future, be furnished with every application for a further advance.

2. The proposal submitted in paragraph 5 is approved, on condition that no more of the wall of Black Town be taken down than will be necessary to furnish materiel for the construction of the roads in the Park.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Committee for the "People's Park."
„ Municipal Commissioners.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No 8.

Ordering that £3,500 be placed at the disposal of the Committee for the Roads & Tanks to meet Emergent expences and throwing the proposed demolition of a portion of the Black Town Ramparts adjacent to the Tanks -

No 81.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information -

Fort St. Geo:
10th January 60

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