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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th June 1863.*

No. 673. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Authorizing the omission, from the List of unanswered references, of the Order No. 359, of 1861, calling for an estimate of the outlay required for the experiment of re-establishing a Sanitarium at or near Grant's Range on the Galliparratum, &c., in the Vizagapatam District. } (Here enter 22nd June 1863, No. 2,025.)

No. 674. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1863, No. 1,716.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 1st Division for information and guidance.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following List from the Chief Engineer :—

List of unanswered Orders.

(Here enter 30th April 1863, No. 6,765.)

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1863, No. 1,485.

1. The above list containing the Orders of Government of more than three months standing unanswered by the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineers, refers to the half year ending 30th September 1862.

Northern Circle.

20th April 1861, No. 799.

3rd October 1862, No. 2,370.

To give detailed information regarding the exploration of the Upper Godavery.

5th June 1862, No. 1,265.

To submit a report of the effects of the flood drainage upon the works denominated "Road Dams" between Nellore and Goodoor.

22nd July 1862, No. 1,753.

To furnish the Government with sufficient information regarding the works on the Godavery for the improvement of the navigation of that river.

Southern Circle.

5th March 1858, No. 390.

23rd October 1862, No. 2,529.

To submit Plans and Estimates for a Central Prison at Cannanore.

12th March 1862, No. 416.

To submit charts of the beds of the rivers Cauvery and Coleroon for some miles both above and below the Anicuts by which they are crossed.

Northern Circle.

23rd February 1856, No. 265.

Calls for certain information with regard to four roads in Rajahmundry.

17th September 1856, No. 1,674.

Calls for a revised Estimate for effecting the junction of the East Coast Canal with the Southern High Level Channel at Inkole.

19th November 1857, No. 2,128.

16th " 1861, " 2,130.

Calls for a revised Estimate for a metalled road from Nursapoor to Uttalein Rajahmundry.

11th May 1859, No. 1,130.

Calls for an Estimate for fitting up the Steamer "Trevelyan" purchased for the use of the Godavery District.

5th April 1859, No. 804.

Requests that Estimates may be submitted for the completion of certain roads in Vizagapatam.

26th October 1859, No. 2,524.

4th November " " 2,594.

Calls for Plans and Estimates for the proposed new Workshops at Dowlaiswaram.

13th December 1859, No. 2,891.

Requests to submit an Estimate of the value of the building and ground tendered for sale by Mr. Watson for a Commissariat Godown at Cocanada.

2. The Orders noted in the margin have been omitted from the list without any explanation. The Superintending Engineers concerned are requested to include the 2nd, 4th, and 5th in their future lists, and to omit the 1st and 3rd in consequence of the transfer of the Upper Godavery works to the Central Provinces.

3. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, requests permission to omit these Orders from future lists, but the Government cannot consent to do this on the brief remarks entered opposite to them in the return under review. If an Order is required to be struck off the list, the circumstances rendering such a measure necessary should be laid before Government in a separate letter. This course will now be followed by the Superintending Engineers concerned.

2nd March 1860, No. 458.

To report whether a Canal independent of the Coast Canal could be carried out from the Pennair towards Madras.

19th March 1861, No. 639.

3rd October 1862, ,, 2,370.

To submit a Plan and Estimate for a Taluq Cutcherry at Atmakur in the Nellore District.

3rd September 1862, No. 2,098.

20th October ,, ,, 1,995.

Desires that the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, will send in Plans, &c., illustrative of the proposed scheme for throwing a bund across the Pulica Lake.

22nd February 1861, No. 359.

Calling for an Estimate of the outlay required for the experiment of re-establishing a Sanitarium at or near Grant's Range on the Gallipurvatum, &c.

17th June 1861, No. 1,116.

3rd October 1862, No. 2,370.

Calls for a report of the expeditions of the "May Flower" up to the Devulmurry barrier.

21st June 1861, No. 1,135.

Requests to submit an Estimate of the entire scheme in furtherance of the Upper Godavery navigation project.

9th November 1861, No. 2,146.

Requests to obtain a further supply of the mineral No. 2, in order that its gas yielding capabilities may be further tested.

11th January 1862, No. 3.

Requests to submit a Progress Report of the operations on the Upper Godavery.

24th February 1862, No. 292.

3rd May ,, ,, 938.

Requests to be furnished with a quarterly Statement showing the Officers and Subordinates employed in the Upper Godavery and the mode of their employment.

30th May 1860, No. 1,124.

Paragraph 4. Calls for a report on the means of keeping open the Godavery navigation.

12th December 1860, No. 2,379.

30th April 1861, ,, 870.

To submit explanation respecting the accounts of the sale of Salt at the Godavery showing the loss by wastage, if any.

26th October 1859, No. 2,524.

4th November ,, ,, 2,594.

To submit Estimates for completing roads and water communication between Cocanada and Coringa.

11th September 1861, No. 1,690.

Requests to expedite the submission of the report regarding the establishment necessary to supervise the distribution of the water in the Godavery and Kistna.

24th January 1862, No. 60.

Requests to obtain and submit from the District Engineer of Nellore a full report on

4. The application for permission to omit this Order from future lists will be referred to the Military Department, by which Department the call was originally made.

5. Permission is granted to omit these Orders from future lists in consequence of the transfer of the Upper Godavery works to the Central Province.

6. If by the remarks "obsolete" and "they are now out of date" entered opposite to these Orders, it is intended that they should be removed from future lists, the course pointed out in paragraph 3 of these Proceedings should be followed by the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

each of the roads referred to by the Collector together with full explanation of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 4 with regard to the maintenance of a portion of Trunk Road No. 6.

To submit Plans and Estimates of roads from Nellore to Kistnapatam and Eskapilly.

3rd June 1862, No. 1,247.

To report specially the results of the new channel in connection with the Gubbada projects in the District of Vizagapatam.

16th July 1862, No. 1,696.

To report upon the rates of tolls on passengers and cargo boats plying on the Canals in the Godavery District after consulting both with the District Engineer and Collector.

8th April 1862, No. 715.

To submit an Estimate for two paddle boats in the Godavery District.

15th April 1862, No. 772.

To submit an application for funds after the close of the current official year for metal-ling the road from Nundial towards Cuddapah.

13th March 1861, No. 508.

To furnish for submission to the Home Government Photographic views of the works in the Godavery and Kistna.

Central Circle.

19th November 1859, No. 1,575.

Requests that the District Engineer be called upon to prepare a skeleton map of the Canara District according to the new distribution proposed by Mr. Pelly and to submit the same for the information of Government.

7th January 1861, No. 29.

Requests to report on the result of the arrangements sanctioned in regard to the renting of the wood wharf at Chintadrepett.

25th April 1861, No. 845.

Calls for report on the state of the Guindy Jailor's House.

28th February 1862, No. 328.

3rd October ,, ,, 2,370.

Requests to submit an Estimate of the probable cost of completely eradicating the Prickly pear at Palaveram.

13th March 1862, No. 432.

Asks to know the period which will elapse before the additional land required for the Anicut across the Jiggley Nullah in Bellary will be taken up.

Southern Circle.

8th May 1858, No. 607.

15th April 1857, ,, 682.

26th May 1858, ,, 997.

5th Nov. 1861, ,, 2,048.

3rd Oct. 1862, ,, 2,370.

Requests re-consideration of the Meerinjipett Anicut Project.

21st October 1856, No. 1,932.

3rd Do. 1862, ,, 2,370.

Directs that Mr. Fraser's survey of one of the two sites for Reservoirs for the storage of water in Coimbatore and an Estimate for a Dam and subsidiary works be submitted.

7. These Orders having been replied to, permission is granted to omit them from future lists.

8. It is upwards of two years since this Order was issued. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, in his letter of 31st October 1862, No. 445, hoped to have the views ready by the following month. The particular attention of the Superintending Engineers of the 1st and 2nd Divisions is now called to the subject.

9. The Superintending Engineers concerned are requested to expedite the submission of their replies to the Orders marginally noted.

2nd December 1859, No. 2,812.

Requests to submit the opinion of the Collector on the proposal to abandon the Toopoor station and to construct one at Adamancotta in lieu.

22nd January 1862, No. 42.

Requests that a report on the state of the Arasadi salt road in Tinnevely authorized to be covered with coral stone may be furnished after the experience of a year's traffic.

18th August 1862, No. 1,962.

Calls for Plans and Estimates for constructing a road from the foot of the Travancore Hills near Goodalore in the Cumbum Valley, Madura District.

11th June 1861, No. 1,080.

Calls for Plan and Estimate for the repair of the Pommel Tank.

18th December 1861, No. 2,323.

Requests the Chief Engineer to have the requisite Surveys and Plans, &c., prepared for the restoration of the Pommel Tank near Palaveram.

Periodical Returns.

List of Architectural Remains.

Charts of the beds of the rivers Godavery and Kistna, Cauvery and Coleroon.

13th March 1857, No. 255.

Desires that, when the boundaries of the several Zemindaries shall have been laid down, the omission which still exists in the tabular Statement of area of each Collectorate may be supplied.

23rd December 1858, No. 2,777.

Calling for a report on the Records of the Cantonment Plans kept in the Central and Executive Engineers' Offices.

18th June 1860, No. 1,287.

Communicating for remarks or suggestions paragraph 6 of an Order of Government in the Military Department regarding the ventilation required to Hospitals.

30th July 1861, No. 1,509.

Requests to be furnished with information on the subject of Officers holding purely Civil appointments receiving a fixed consolidated salary not varying with their Military rank.

4th October 1861, No. 1,825.

17th June 1862, No. 1,376.

Awaits the further reports promised by the Chief Engineer as to the manner in which Mr. Kennedy's services may be more profitably utilized.

17th April 1862, No. 798.

To report whether it would be advisable to build temporary sheds instead of granting Office rent to the Officers of Department Public Works.

10. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division is requested to state what progress has been made in the preparation of the Plans and Estimates called for in the Orders of Government noted in the margin.

11. The list from the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Northern Circle has been received, and the Superintending Engineers concerned are requested to submit their lists without further delay.

12. The Deputy Chief Engineer of the Northern Circle has submitted sketches showing the beds of the Kistna, and the Superintending Engineers of the 1st and 6th Divisions are requested to submit charts of the other three rivers at an early date.

13. In the Orders marginally cited the late Chief Engineer was requested to submit certain reports and information. In consequence of the abolition of the appointment of the Chief Engineer, the Secretary to Government in this Department has undertaken to furnish replies to those marked A. Those marked B will be taken up by the Superintending Engineers concerned.

5th June 1862, No. 1,264.

To report to Government the result of the Committee's Proceedings respecting the timber to be purchased for the use of the Department Public Works.

19th June 1862, No. 1,335.

Paragraph 2. Requests the Chief Engineer to submit a Statement of the outlay in each District on account of "Extra Establishment" during the year 1861, prepared under the following heads:—

(1.) Those not directly employed as workmen.

(2.) Those actually employed as such and whose salaries are charged under the head "Extra Establishment."

Paragraph 3. Requests also to report in what manner he proposes hereafter to meet the salaries of those (not actually workmen) who have hitherto been employed on works and paid from sanctioned Estimate.

B. 4th July 1862, No. 1,564.

Requesting the Chief Engineer to report whether there is still any necessity for sending the 12 Horse Power Pumping Engine called for by the Secretary of State.—4th Division.

11th August 1862, No. 1,906.

To submit a report at the close of one season on the result of the shutter to one of the head sluices in the Babberlunka of the Godavery Anicut.—1st Division.

26th August 1862, No. 2,936.

To submit Plans and Estimates for flushing the drains of the European Barracks at Cannanore and Bellary.—3rd and 7th Divisions.

17th September 1862, No. 2,227.

9th February " " 323.

Paragraph 5. To report the number of Steam Dredges that are actually required in the District of Godavery, &c.—1st Division.

Paragraph 7. To state also what number of boats are required for the Godavery works.—1st Division.

30th September 1862, No. 2,340.

Awaiting the report of the result on the experiment made by the Horizontal Wind Engine at Chepauk Compound.—1st Division.

Chief Engineer.

27th March 1857, No. 563.

1st May " " 839.

11th August " " 1,559.

9th July 1862, " " 1,601.

8th Sept. " " 2,149.

Calls for lists of Neranicum Establishment.

3rd September 1862, No. 2,103.

18th Do. " " 2,237.

To submit the opinion of all District Engineers on the subject of the cashing of cheques by Tahsildars and the security which the system affords against fraud.

14. These Orders should have been included in the list as they were not replied to within the period for which the list is submitted.

Northern Circle.

25th June 1860, No. 1,331.

To report on the effect of the groynes in protecting the lands endangered by the encroachments of the Pennair at Nellore, &c.

8th January 1859, No. 68.

2nd October 1860, " 2,046.

To report on the surface friction of boats in the Godavery.

Central Circle.

17th October 1861, No. 1,912.

Requests to report whether the Lantern for the Pulicat Light-house has been fixed and the light exhibited as yet.

15. Opposite to many of the Orders inserted in the List the Government observe the entry of the same general remark, "vide letter to Government." This is very indefinite. The Government request that the Superintending Engineers will in future Lists, state distinctly whether the Order has been replied to.

16. There has been a delay of nearly four months in the submission of this list. The Superintending Engineers are requested to arrange for the punctual submission of future returns.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Secretary to Government.*

*To The Superintending Engineers of Divisions
Military Department.*

