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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd August 1864.*

No. 437. Read the following letter from Captain B. R. BRANFILL, 2nd Assistant G. T. Survey of India, in charge Madras Meridional Series, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th August 1864, No. 106 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 8th August 1864, I have the honor to state that on my arrival at Madras last May, with a view to connect the Madras Meridional Series (and thereby also all the other Series) of the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India with the Madras Astronomical Observatory, which is considered the origin of Indian Longitudes, I called upon the Government Astronomer, told him my business, examined the premises, and mentioned the method desired by the Superintendent Great Trigonometrical Survey, which I proposed to carry out, viz., by a tower to be built near the Observatory, in the compound if possible, and of sufficient height to overlook the houses and tree-tops around. Mr. Pogson kindly promised me every assistance and, I believe, only objected on the score of the continued nuisance to his residence which the execution of more works would entail.

2. Before applying for final sanction, I asked for executive aid from the Public Works Department, and was obligingly and promptly furnished by that Department with a Plan and Estimate of the proposed tower, which I submitted to the Officiating Superintendent Great Trigonometrical Survey, who has now decided to defer the final connection by means of a tower for the present.

I am unable to state whether the site suggested by the Government Astronomer will suit the requirements of the service, but I can assure the Government that, that functionary will be duly consulted and proper sanction obtained before the work is proceeded with.

No. 438. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1864, No. 2,403.

No. 2,269, dated 8th August 1864.

Communicated to the Government Astronomer, with reference to the Order noted in the margin.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Government Astronomer.

„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Kd. T. O'Connor.

From Capt. R. R. Bransford
2^d West. H. Survey of
India - in charge
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Dated 11th August 1964
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Stating that the
Govt. Astronomer will be
duly consulted, and proper
provision obtained before
constructing the Tower re-
quired for the use of the
Office of the Great Trigonomet-
rical Survey of India.

With an Order.

2403. Communicated to the Government School.

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