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*Proceedings of the Meeting, Public Works Department,
29th August 1864.*

No. 608. Read the following Memorandum from the Officiating Chief Engineer of Mysore, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 20th July 1864, No. 760 :—

The undersigned begs to forward one copy of the Annual Progress Report of the Public Works Department in Mysore for the year 1863-64.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Major, R. E.,
Officiating Chief Engineer in Mysore.

Extracts from the Annual Progress Report of the Department for Public Works in Coorg, for the year 1863-64.

Paragraph 66. From this it will be observed, that the progress of work improved 50 per cent. in 1862-63 over 1861-62, and nearly cent. per cent. in the past year. This is no doubt greatly attributable to the steady advance which has been made in getting work executed under contract, a system which may now be considered to have attained so definite a footing as to warrant the conclusion, that in a year or two every single work in the Province may, if necessary, be carried out by this agency.

67. No less than 418 works (exclusive of work done under the Revenue authorities) with an outlay of Rupees 6,92,623 were thus executed during the past year, leaving only Rupees 2,10,120 worth for departmental agency.

68. In the Mulnaad portions of the Ashtagram, and generally throughout Nugur, contracts necessarily take with difficulty, but everywhere else men readily come forward, and competition is beginning to produce its natural results. A very high class of contractors have lately tendered their services, and there appears no (every ?) reason to apprehend, that the most difficult engineering operations may shortly be carried out safely under this agency.

No. 609. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1864, No. 2,489.

Resolved to circulate paragraphs 63, 67 and 68 of the foregoing Report to the Superintending Engineers, for information, and for communication to the Range Officers. When they see that so much has been done, in the neighbouring territory of Mysore, towards getting Public Works executed generally by contract, the Government cannot allow themselves to doubt that a similar successful result must follow in this Presidency also, if only the proper efforts are made, in the right direction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

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 Mysore Public Works Dept
 Central Office
 Current Branch
 The Chief Engineer
 in Mysore
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 Pub Works Dept
 Madras

20th Aug 1864
 Enclosures No 1
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 Public Works Dept.
 in Mysore for the
 1863/64.

22/89-29th Aug 1864
 W. S. S. Major R.
 Chief Engr in Mysore
 L. S.

24th 2489
 Attached is enclosed hereunder Nos. 66, 67, & 68.
 The foregoing report to the Chief Engineer, for
 submission, & for communication to the Board
 of Mysore.
 When they see that so much has
 been done in the adjoining territory of Mysore,
 in the public works executed generally
 in the year, the first Enclosure shows the number of
 works, the second shows the amount of money expended
 in the preceding year, & the third shows the progress
 made in the year.

29th Aug 1864

