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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th October 1864.*

No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Requesting the preparation, for entry in the Budget of
1865-66, of a regular estimate for filling up certain pits in } (Here enter 22nd October 1864, No. 3,765.)
the Cantonment of Trichinopoly.

No. 561. ORDER THEREON 28th October 1864, No. 3,109.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, who will be requested
carefully to scrutinize the estimate prepared by Captain Palmer, and report whether any and
what reductions can be made therein. The rates allowed for filling in the pits, viz., 4 Annas
and 3½ Annas per cubic yard, appear high, and require further explanation.

2. The cost of tools, should any be required for the work, will form a charge against the
current year's allotment for "Stores to be purchased in India."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with two enclosures.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Angustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 3rd September 1864, No. 311
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George. 817;

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit an extract from a letter from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, dated 5th July last, and also to forward an original letter and Estimate in reply to further information called for by the Commander-in-Chief.

2. It cannot be doubted that the filling up of these pits is a matter of importance, but the largeness of the sum required to do it shuts out the hope that Government will be able to accede to the request in its full extent. If 2,000 or 3,000 Rupees could be granted, the worst portions of the neighbourhood might, with the aid of the Convicts and any assistance the Conservancy Fund might afford, be much improved.

3. The Officer Commanding the Division will be requested to see that the pits are no longer used for the excavation of gravel.

EXTRACT from a letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, dated 5th July 1864, No 302.

8. "With regard to the excavations complained of as containing putrid and offensive water, I beg to observe that some of these are very large and deep: they have been dug from time to time to obtain earth and stone for the repair of Roads, some few of the smaller have been filled up by the Conservancy Department with the assistance of Prisoners, but there are still many of the largest remaining; the work of filling these up will be carried out gradually, but will, I fear, with the present means at disposal, be a work of years; this evil has been brought to the notice of Government, who, on the occasion of an Estimate for Rupees 1,160 being sent up with the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation, that the work should be executed by Contract under the authority of the Officer Commanding the Station, as being the most economical mode of carrying out what seems a necessary measure involving a large expenditure such as was never contemplated in framing the Estimate for Conservancy purposes at Trichinopoly: (vide your letter No. 370, dated 31st October 1860,) passed by Order, No. 3969 of 7th November 1860, which gives no special pecuniary grant for the purpose, but leaves it to the Conservancy, with the assistance of Prisoners, to fill up the pits brought to notice."

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, Head Quarters, Trichinopoly, 16th August 1864, No. 347; to the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

No. 147
No. 6953.
Paragraph 3. Asks how many Prisoners can be spared to aid in filling up Pits, within what time the work, under certain conditions, can be performed.

In reply to queries conveyed in your letter of 23rd ultimo, number and subject as per margin, I have the honor to report as follows.

2 Thirty-six Prisoners can be spared to aid in filling up the pits; if confined to this work it will occupy the Conservancy Department, with the aid of these Prisoners, not less than 18 months.

3. An approximate Estimate is forwarded, amounting to Rupees 14,462, the probable cost of filling up these pits by Contract, in conjunction with the number of Prisoners named; the work, if thus undertaken, would occupy from three to four months.

4. It is quite impossible that 36, or even a much larger number of Prisoners, could perform half the work.

Memorandum from the Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 4th October 1864, No. 8985; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, in reference to his Memorandum, dated 12th September 1864.

From the Officer Commanding Southern Division, Head Quarters, Trichinopoly, 30th September 1864, No. 388; to the Deputy Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to return to you, Memorandum dated 12th instant, from the Deputy Military Secretary to Government, to the address of the Quarter Master General, with your docket Memorandum, No. 8377, of the 14th idem.

2. I forward herewith a Plan of the Cantonment of Trichinopoly, comprised within Military limits, and showing the position of the several pits which it is required to fill up, all of which are situated within Military limits.

3. At the same time I forward copy of letter, No. 875, dated 30th instant, from the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, which affords information asked for in the 2nd paragraph of the Deputy Secretary's Memorandum.

From the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, 30th September 1864, No 875; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Southern Division.

In reply to your letter, No. 561, of the 20th instant, I have the honor to observe that it will be practicable for the Native Troops to execute, on Contract, the work of filling in the pits in the Cantonment, provided they are furnished with Tools and Hand Carts, to convey the earth from the places pointed out by the Brigade Major, to the pits, an average distance of about 600 yards; but I consider the returns would not be sufficiently remunerative to induce many men to continue working at it, as their gains would probably be less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ Anna per diem.

2. If Sepoys are to undertake the work, it will be necessary to furnish each party of 100 men with 20 Carts and 100 Mamoties at a cost of about 1,200 Rupees, for which funds will be required, in addition to the amount of the Estimate.

ORDER, No. 376, 22nd October 1864.

The Governor in Council observes that the filling in the pits at Trichinopoly, referred to in the foregoing correspondence, is very desirable on Sanitary grounds; but the Estimate submitted, amounting to 14,462 Rupees, appears excessive. The papers will accordingly be transmitted to the Department Public Works, for consideration in that Department as to the most economical mode of effecting the work in question, and in view to a regular Estimate being prepared for entry in the Budget for 1865-66.

(True Ex ..)

Mumtaz Ali
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Public Works Dept., with Plan and Estimate.

„ President Sanitary Commission, for information

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To the Deputy Engineer C. D. with
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 No. 87

With an Order