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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th June 1864.

No. 199. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department.

MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT.

1. I think it would be quite possible to devise a scheme which might add somewhat to the emoluments of the Native Soldiers and at the same time enable the Government to obviate the delays which originate very often in the difficulty of procuring labor, which is very often the burthen of the complaints made by the Executive Engineers or Range Officers. The plan which I would adopt is briefly as follows.

2. When any work involving a large amount of unskilled labor is to be carried on at or near to any Cantonment, it should be in the power of the Engineer to offer, and in the power of the Officer commanding a Native Regiment or of the Officer in command of the Troops in the Cantonment, a contract or agreement for the execution of the work as a whole, or in detail; that the work involving perhaps the construction of some masonry work with a good deal of excavation may be let to the Officer either for a lump sum or by measurement—on no account, however, should the men be employed on day work.

3. A reference should be made to the Commander-in-Chief for the purpose of ascertaining his views as to the employment of the Soldiers of the Native Army in the execution of Public Works; and should His Excellency approve, instructions might be sent to the Superintending Engineers to reserve as much work in and in immediate neighbourhood of each Cantonment as can be executed by the Native Troops, and to put himself without delay in communication with the Officer in command, with whom should rest the whole responsibility of employing the men at such times and seasons as he may think best, of distributing the money earned among the Soldiers in proportion to the amount of work executed or the number of days employed, &c., &c.

30*th May* 1864. (Signed) W. T. DENISON.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th May 1864.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1864, No. 1,685.

1. Dearth of labor being now so great as to cause serious interference with the progress of Public Works, the proposed scheme of employing the Soldiers of the Native Army upon them cannot fail to be advantageous, and will be most acceptable to the Department of Public Works, if, instead of being paid at a fixed daily rate of working pay, the men undertake work by contract either for a lump estimated sum, or according to a schedule of prices. Possibly, however, the extent of work suited to the mass of the Soldiery within reach of the regular Cantonments of the Army is limited, and there may consequently be difficulty in finding employment on any considerable scale, unless the men in rotation be permitted to move into conveniently located camps.

2. The Superintending Engineers will be requested to prepare, in communication with the local Military authorities, and submit for the information of Government a list of works which may be executed by Soldiers with advantage, distinguishing the works in the immediate vicinity of Cantonments and those in the neighbourhood of which it will be necessary to establish camps, and they will make arrangements for employing upon those works such parties of troops as may be made available.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Minute by His Excellency the President

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Signed H. Denison

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Public Works Depart.-

Secretary to Government.

Captain Craigie
7 Augt 1864

To
The Public Works Department.

Public Works Department

Aug 1865

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 7th August 1865.

Read the following

Report of the Madras Circle Military Board Department

Employing Natives Regulations

Honorable Mr. Rendall in charge

Report of employing a portion of

the Native Army on Public Works.

Read the following Minute by the Hon. the President

In submitting this Report I am anxious to record my strong sense of the zeal and intelligence displayed by the Officers employed in the execution of Public Works

Employment of Native Troops on Public Works.

Report from Military Board

Dated 7th August 1865

Read the following Minute by the Hon. the President

In submitting this Report I am anxious to record my strong sense of the zeal and intelligence displayed by the Officers employed in the execution of Public Works - and the cheerfulness with which the Soldiers have undertaken the additional duties imposed upon them.

Having regard to the nature of the Country in which the Soldiers are employed, and to the character of the Works executed by them, the Expenditure appears to me extremely moderate.

Ordered that the Report be published for general information.

Ordered that a Copy of the Report be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Ordered that a Copy of the Report be forwarded to the Government of India in the Military Department.

Ordered that a Copy of the Report be forwarded to the Commander in Chief.

Ordered that a Copy of the Report be forwarded to the Chief Engineer.

Ordered that a Copy of the Report be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

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The Chief Engr
Superintending Engineer

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