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Read the following:—

No. 592. MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

1. In paragraph 27 of a Minute communicated by me to Government, under date of the 10th of July last, I adverted to a letter from the Chief Secretary to this Government to the Secretary to the Government of India, under date of December* 9th, 1865, soliciting a special grant of two lakhs for Jail buildings, and I stated that the letter in question had not received any reply from the Supreme Government.

* NOTE.—By a clerical error *March* was printed in the Minute instead of *December*.

2. In a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated August 31st, the above statement has been corrected, and Lieutenant-Colonel Dickens has recorded that the above-mentioned letter of the Madras Government was duly replied to, first by a telegram of the 12th of January 1866, and, secondly, by letter No. 130 C., dated the 7th of February of the same year.

3. The statement of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, being perfectly correct, I have to express my regret that I should have committed the inaccuracy referred to, and that I should have imputed to the Government of India an omission which did not occur.

4. In making the erroneous statement in question, without reference to documents, I had, no doubt, in my mind the letter addressed by the Secretary of the Department of Public Works in Madras, to the Secretary for the same Department in the Government of India, No. 406, under date of February 1st, 1866, accompanying the Madras Budget of Public Works for 1866-67, in which, among other matters, Colonel Orr urged, in paragraph 13, the pressing necessity of an extraordinary appropriation for the improvement and development of Jail accommodation, and in which he suggested, with reference to Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter, dated Simla, June 23rd, 1864, that the Supreme Government should add to the general assignment for the Public Works of this Presidency the sum of at least four lakhs of Rupees, to be exclusively expended in the construction of new Jails.

5. To this letter from the Secretary for the Department of Public Works a reply was received, under date of March 27th, 1866, No. 344 A., containing the orders passed on the Madras Public Works Budget Estimate; but while several of the questions submitted by Colonel Orr were fully commented on, it was merely stated, with reference to paragraphs 11, 12, and 13 of Colonel Orr's letter, that they would be answered separately.

6. The promised reply to paragraphs 11, 12, and 13, subsequently reached the Government of Madras, embodied in a letter under date of May 26th, addressed by the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary for the same Department in this Presidency; but while paragraphs 11 and 12 were duly noticed, no specific reference was made to paragraph 13 of Colonel Orr's letter, and the whole question of improved and increased Jail accommodation, so earnestly urged by this Government, was passed over in silence.

7. The silence of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, was alluded to, by the Engineer-in-Chief, in a letter addressed to that Officer by Colonel Orr, under date of the 24th ultimo, as one [illegible] to this incident that I ought to have referred to my Minute, explained [illegible] time.

8. In recording a resolution of my wish [illegible] to enter upon any controversy, or to impute to the Supreme Government any indifference to the wishes expressed by this Government in regard to the question of prison development and reform. I wish, on the contrary, to avail myself of the occasion to express my gratitude for the additional grant of Rupees [illegible] the Supreme Government have recently made with a view to the [illegible] Jail buildings in this Presidency, and the commencement of a Lunatic Asylum. The amount is not a large one, but in consequence of the pressure of [illegible] calls on the Supreme Government for extraordinary disbursements both for [illegible] and Madras have been incessant and irresistible. Under these circumstances, the sum referred to might be ill-afforded, and, in connection with other available funds, it can be made highly instrumental in advancing the work which we have at heart, now more than ever urgent on account of the increase of crime caused by famine and high prices.

9. I request that a copy of this Minute may be imparted to the Supreme Government.

OOTACAMUND,
16th October 1866.

(Signed) NAPIER.

No. 593.

ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1866, No. 3,404.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 111.

Ordered that the foregoing Minute be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3,405, 24th October 1866.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th October 1866.

No. 3,405.

No. 594.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

MILITARY WORKS, No. 112.

Referring to the 3rd paragraph of your letter of the 31st August last, No. 733 A., sanctioning an additional Public Works Budget Grant of Rupees 1,20,000 for 1866-67 to meet the requirements of this Presidency in the matter of Jail and Lunatic accommodation, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Supreme Government the annexed copy of a Minute by His Excellency Lord Napier, regarding the error noticed by you in paragraph 27 of His Lordship's previous Minute of the 10th July last.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Minute by His
Excellency The Governor

1. In Paragraph 27. of a Minute communicated by me to Government under date of the 10th of July last I adverted to a letter from the Chief Secretary to His Government to the Secretary to the Government of India under date of December* 9th 1865. soliciting a Revised grant of ten Lakhs for Jail Buildings and I stated that the letter in question had not received any reply from the Supreme Government.

2. In a letter from the Secretary to the Govt of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Govt of Madras, Public Works Department dated August 31st the above

*. Note
By a clerical error March was printed in the Minute instead of December.

Statement has been erected
and Lt Colonel Sutton
has rendered to the
above mentioned letter of the
Madras Government
was duly replied to
1st by a Telegram of the
12th of January 1866.
and secondly by letter
No. 130. C. dated the
7th of February of the
same year.

3. The Statement of the
Secretary to the Government
of India, Public Works
Department, being
perfectly correct & clear &
expressing my regret that
I should have committed
the inaccuracy referred to and
that I should have conveyed
to the government of India
an omission which
did not occur.

4 In making the erroneous
statement in question, with
reference to documents, I
had, no doubt in my mind

the letter addressed by
the Secretary of the
Department of Public
Works in Madras to the
Secretary to the same
Department in the
Government of India No.
406. under date of
February 1st 1866.
accompanying the
Madras Budget for
Public Works for 1866.67.
in which among other
matters Colonel Orr
urged, in Para. 13,
the keeping secretly of
an extraordinary appropriation
for the improvement
and development of
Jail accommodation
and in which he
suggested, with reference
to Mr Secretary Bayley's
letter dated Simla
June 23d 1864, that the
Supreme government
should add to the
general assignment

for the Public works of this Presidency the sum of at least four lakhs of rupees to be exclusively expended in the construction of new Jails.

5. In this letter the Secretary for the Department of Public Works a reply was received under date of March 27th 1905. No. 344. A. containing the orders passed on the Madras Public Works Budget Estimate but while several of the questions submitted by Colonel ors were fully commented on it was merely stated with reference to Paras. 11. 12. and 13. of Colonel ors letter- that they would be replied answered in separately.

6/ The promised reply

to Paragraphs 11. 12 and 13. subsequently reached the Government of Madras embodied in a letter under date of May 26th addressed by the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department to the Secretary to the same Department in the Presidency but outside Paras. 11 and 12 were duly attended to specific reference was made to Para. 13. of Colonel ors letter and the whole question of improved and increased Jail accommodation so earnestly urged by this Government was fully discussed over in Silence.

7. The silence of the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works department,

was alluded to, by the
desire of the governor,
in the letter addressed
to that officer by Colonel
Ross under date of July
12th 1866. and to
the incident that I sought
to have referred to in my
minute prepared about the
same time.

(8) In recording a
rectification of any mistake
of it is not in the least my
desire to enter upon
any controversy or to impute
to the Supreme government
any indifference to the wishes
expressed by this government
in regard to the question
of prison development and
reform. I wish on the contrary
to avail myself of the
occasion to express my gratitude
for the additional grant
of Rs 120.000 which the Supreme
Government have recently made
with a view to the prosecution
of jail buildings in this Presidency

and the commencement of
a Lunatic asylum. The
amount is not a large one
but in consequence of the
prevailing scarcity the
calls on the Supreme Govern-
-ment for extraordinary
disbursements both for
Bengal and Madras have
been incessant and
irresistible. Under these
circumstances the sum
referred to ought to be
all afforded and in
conjunction with other
available funds it can be
made highly instrumental
in advancing the work which
we have at heart now
more than ever urgent
on account of the increase
of crime caused by famine
and high prices.

9. I request that a copy
of this minute may be
imparted to the
Supreme government.

Colaba 6. Napier
October 16. 1866.

Judicial Department.

No. 3405

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Adverting to the 3rd para. of your letter of the 31st Augt. last, No. 983 A, sanctioning an additional Public Works Budget grant of Rs. 120,000 for 1866-67 to meet the requirements of this Presidency in the matter of Jail and Lunatic accommodation, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Supreme Government the annexed Copy of a Minute by His Excellency Lord Napier, regarding the errors noticed by you in paragraph 27 of His Lordship's previous Minute of the 10th July last.

Fort St George
24th Sept 1866

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