MRO 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages ——

(2) Date of repair ——

(3) Initials of the Referencer ——

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 64 Press Mis.

122-23

Dated 6 1 1870.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th January 1870.

No 122. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coonoor, 1st January 1870, No 159 —

With reference to G O, No 4,015, of 29th December 1869, ordering the stoppage of all Imperial new works, I have the honour to request that the sanction of Government may be accorded to the prosecution of the new Coonoor Ghaut works until their completion in the present season. These works have suffered and continued to suffer considerably from the long continuance of wet weather this season, and their cessation would most probably ensure the complete stoppage of traffic by both the old and new ghauts

2 A limited outlay must also be incurred in payments of the Jail and Police Establishments and small party of Sappers connected with the water-supply and reclamation schemes at Ootacamund A few hundred rupees will complete the bridle-path of the Koondah road, all widening and other works being stopped at once.

3. In Coimbatore District it is desirable that the Byloor Police Station should not be stopped, it is in a most out-of-the-way locality through which a district road is in course of being traced, and the superintendence required for the latter is equally available for the former. The alterations to the Collegal Talook Cutcherry, referred to in G O., No. 3,533, of 5th November, should presumedly be completed

4 In Canara the small allotment for commencing the re-construction of the Sooliah Bridge will have to be fully utilized, and I believe that the state of progress of the Sanoor Bridge will preclude its sudden stoppage lest inevitable damage should ensue In fact the possibility of stopping bridge-work must always depend upon the state of progress attained; but the Government may rely upon every possible saving being effected.

P S.—The Moonsiff's Court at Brahmawar is a work that has been so long delayed that I request positive orders whether it is to be stopped or not.

No. 123. Order thereon, 6th January 1870, No 64.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 10.

The Government regret that in the present state of the Public Works funds they are unable to exempt any works specially from the operation of the order conveyed in Proceedings, No 4,015, of the 24th ultimo, but, recognizing the force of Colonel Walker's remarks that "the possibility of stopping bridge-work must always depend upon the state of progress attained," His Excellency the Governor in Council will not object to the two bridges

named by Colonel Walker being proceeded with till the work has reached the stage referred to, when His Excellency relies on Colonel Walker putting a stop to all expenditure with the utmost promptitude.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant-General

Exd E C Shunker

No. 159. Supdg Engrs Office 7th Division
Coonoor 1st January 1870.

From,
Colonel P. W. Walker. R.E.
Superintending Engineer, 7th Div.

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr. R.E.
Secretary to Government. P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 4015 of 29th December 1869 ordering the stoppage of all Imperial Public works I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be accorded to the prosecution of the Kotagiri Coonoor & Ghaut works until their completion in the present season. These works have suffered and continued to suffer considerably from the long continuance of wet weather this season and their cessation would most probably ensure the complete stoppage of traffic by both the Old and New Ghauts.

2. A limited outlay must also be incurred in payments of the Jail and Police Establishments and a small party of Sappers connected with the water supply and reclamations at Schemes at Ootacamund. A few hundred Rupees will complete the bridle-path of the Coonoor Road; all widening and other works being stopped at once.

3. In Coimbatore District it is desirable that the Bylore Police station should not be stopped, it is in a most out of the way locality through which a

District Road is in course of being traced and the Superintendence required for the latter is equally available for the former - The alterations to the Collegal Talook Cutcherry referred to in G.O. No. 3533 of 5th November should presumedly be completed -

4. In Canara the small allotment for commencing the Reconstruction of the Soolial Bridge will have to be fully utilized and I believe that the state of progress of the Sanoor Bridge will preclude its sudden stoppage least inevitable damage should ensue - In fact the possibility of stopping Bridge work must always depend upon the state of progress attained - But the Government may rely upon every possible saving being effected -

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obt Servant -
Arnold Colonl. R.E.
Supg Engineer, 9th Div

P.S. The Moonsiff's Court at Brahmavar is a work that has been so long delayed, that I request positive orders whether it is to be stopped or not -

Pro. of Govt. for January

From

The Superintending Engr

1st Division

To The Secretary to Govt.

of Mad.

No 159

Dated 1st January 1870

Received 4. " "

Requests sanction of Govt to the prosecution of certain new Works ordered to be stopped in G.O. No 1015 of 29th December 1869.

No 122

Read

No 64 - 6th January 1870

Public Works Department

No 64

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Dated the 6th January 1870

Read the following

from The Supt Engineer 1st Div. C. No 159 of 1st January 1870

The Government

regret that in the pre-

vious letter on the subject

Works should have been

unable to forward with

their opinion of the offer

conveyed in Proceedings

No 4613 of the 24th

Ultimo, which, recognising

the force of Colonel

Walkers remarks that

"the possibility of stopping

"bridge work must

always dependent upon
the state of Progress
attained. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
will not object to the
two bridges proposed by
Coll Walker subject
to Council
proceeding with the
works as reported to
which His Excellency
relies on Coll Walkers
fulfilling all obligations
& undertakings with the
utmost expedition

Cue 4

Cobt. of 1870 Items.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Superintending Engr
" Division

Dated

Recd.

C. O, 6th January 1870. No 64

Nos. 122-123

New books Passing orders on the letter from the Secretary of the Govt. Dec requesting authority for proceeding with certain new books in the Div.

1870