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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
5th May 1871.*

No 87. Read the following —  
*List of Orders of Government for more than three months' standing for the half-year ending  
 30th September 1870*

| No                                                     | Date                                                                                                               | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rem rks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1,962<br>2,581<br>276<br>722<br>48<br>492              | 18th Aug 1862<br>8th Sept 1863<br>20th Jan 1867<br>11th March „<br>7th Jan 1868<br>12th Feb 1870                   | Calling for plans and estimates for constructing a road from the base of the Travancore Hills near Gudalore in the Cumbum valley, Madura District                                                                                                                                               | An estimate of Rupees 35,200 for a portion of the road on the plains between Periacolum and Cumbum has been sanctioned in G O, No 423, dated 5th February 1870, but for the want of an experienced officer nothing has been done towards preparing plans and estimates for the Peermade ghaut<br><i>Vide</i> letters Nos 924 and 1,644, dated 23rd August and 2nd November 1864, printed in G Os, Nos 2,737 and 3,283, dated 20th September and 16th November 1864 |
| 457<br>1,893<br>2,737<br>3,283                         | 21st Feb 1863<br>15th July „<br>20th Sept 1864<br>16th Nov „                                                       | Requesting to report which of the several Passes in the Madura District may be advantageously improved, and to submit plans and estimates for the same.                                                                                                                                         | The investigation of this scheme will receive attention from the officer in charge of the Tambia-poorney Irrigation Range                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1,463<br>277<br>1,783<br>3,402<br>93<br>1,187<br>2,004 | 18th June 1863<br>25th Jan 1864<br>15th June 1866<br>24th Oct „<br>11th Jan 1867<br>17th April „<br>16th Sept 1863 | Calling for a report on the subject of storing water at Papanassum, Tinnevely District.<br><br>Requesting to report hereafter whether the allowance of Rupees 1,050 for the road from Palancotah to Tuticorin, Tinnevely District, is sufficient to maintain it in an efficient state of repair | Will be reported when the line has been fully open for traffic for a little while. A sum of Rupees 5,050 is provided in the current year's Budget for the whole length of road which was completed, but was damaged by the floods of 1869<br>Consideration of estimate deferred— <i>vide</i> G O, No 1,007, dated 12th June 1865                                                                                                                                   |
| 3,441<br>27<br>1,607<br>1,928<br>3,003                 | 24th Nov 1863<br>6th Jan 1864<br>12th June 1865<br>8th July „<br>27th Sept 1867                                    | Calling for an estimate for the construction of a road between Sattur and Ettiapuram, Tinnevely District<br><br>Calling for a report, plan, and estimate for repairing the building occupied by the Telegraph Office at Paumben                                                                 | Preparation of plan and estimate deferred— <i>vide</i> G O, No 701, dated 2nd March 1868                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2,154                                                  | 7th July 1868                                                                                                      | Requesting to make the necessary arrangements for obtaining proper theoretical data for the calculation of the discharge of the large canals, and to submit the results from time to time for transmission to the Government of India                                                           | Range Officers have no time to devote to this duty. A special establishment is required to collect trustworthy data                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2,214<br>882<br>2,596                                  | 10th „ „<br>18th March 1869<br>7th Aug „                                                                           | Requesting to forward estimates for new Deputy Tahsildar's Cut-chennies with Subsidiary Jails on Mr Chisholm's plan No. 2, Madura District, at Nelacottah, Vedsundoor, Poombarai, and Chunnamanoor.                                                                                             | Will be forwarded                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2,214                                                  | 10th July 1868                                                                                                     | Requesting to forward estimates for new Jails, Madura District, at Theroovadanai for four wards, Shervagunah for two do                                                                                                                                                                         | Do do                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| No                                               | Date.                                                                                     | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Remarks                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2,214<br>882                                     | 10th July 1868<br>18th March 1869                                                         | Requesting to forward estimates for utilizing the old District Jail at Madras                                                                                                                                                                              | Will be forwarded                                                                                                                |
| 3,033                                            | 25th Sept 1868                                                                            | Calling for a revised estimate for the proposed road from Ammaikantam to Dindigul and thence to Tulanooth, Madura District                                                                                                                                 | Estimate is under preparation by the Range Officer                                                                               |
| 3,177                                            | 8th Oct "                                                                                 | Calling for a report on the practical measures which the Collector and the Superintending Engineer would recommend for the more effective conservancy, improvement, and extension of the irrigation works of the Tinnevely District                        | This has not been taken up, first, on account of change in Collectors, and then from the appointment of the Committee at Madras. |
| 3,250                                            | 15th Oct. "                                                                               | Appointing Messrs J D Grant and W Hughes, Assistant Engineers, on probation, and requesting to make a special report to Government as soon as these officers have passed in the Vernaculars, and are otherwise considered qualified for independent duties | Will be reported                                                                                                                 |
| 3,370                                            | 26th Oct "                                                                                | Calling for estimates for building new Cutcheries with the requisite Jail accommodation in the Tinnevely District at Palamcottah, Shernadevy, Kytar, Striviguntum, Covilputty, Viriduputty, and Striviliputtoo                                             | Will be forwarded                                                                                                                |
| 3,370                                            | 26th Oct "                                                                                | Calling for estimates for new wards with the requisite subsidiary buildings, Tinnevely District, at Tinnevely, Kolasagarapalam, Sattur, and Wartrap                                                                                                        | Do do                                                                                                                            |
| 3,370                                            | 26th Oct "                                                                                | Calling for an estimate for alterations and additions to the Cutchery at Ootapedarum, Tinnevely District                                                                                                                                                   | Do do                                                                                                                            |
| 3,692<br>3,913<br>823<br>1,680<br>2,406<br>2,817 | 25th Nov "<br>15th Dec "<br>13th March 1869<br>21st May "<br>22nd July "<br>18th Dec 1868 | Calling for estimates for Telegraph Offices at Palamcottah and Trevandrum                                                                                                                                                                                  | Awaiting information as to the accommodation to be provided                                                                      |
| 117                                              | 15th Jan 1869                                                                             | Referring, for report, a petition from Pakianada Oopadasi and others of the Tinnevely District, praying that the ruined tank which lies on the eastern side of their Church may be repaired                                                                | Will be reported                                                                                                                 |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | Calling for plans and estimates for restoring the ancient lake on the Palney Hills, Madura District, to its former dimensions, and for the surplus being discharged into the Cumbum valley for the benefit of irrigation through an artificial cutting     | There has been no officer available for the preparation of these plans and estimates                                             |

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| No    | Date            | Subject.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Remarks                                                                                            |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 762   | 10th March 1869 | Directing that a trial survey of the Numbiar or Nattar river be at once undertaken in connection with the other streams which form the eastern ghauts to the sea to the south of the Tambrapoorney, Tinnevely District                                                                                  | Assistant Engineer Mr Grant is now engaged on this duty; temporarily attending to emergent repairs |
| 2,979 | 10th Sept "     | Communicating Proceedings in the Judicial Department calling for a plan and estimate for a Court-house for the District Moonsiff at Madura                                                                                                                                                              | Will be forwarded                                                                                  |
| 3,173 | 1st Oct. "      | Calling for surveys, reports, etc., relating to improvements in the several ports and harbours in this Presidency                                                                                                                                                                                       | Under preparation                                                                                  |
| 3,409 | 22nd Oct "      | Calling for a report and estimate for erecting an iron screw pile-jetty at Tuticorin                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Construction of jetty deferred— <i>vide</i> G O, No 5, dated 1st August 1870.                      |
| 151   | 13th Jan 1870   | Calling for a report immediately after the 30th September 1871 showing the names of all officers and subordinates other than Covenanted Civil Engineers who may have failed to pass the prescribed examination in the Vernacular of the district                                                        | Will be reported                                                                                   |
| 318   | 26th Jan. "     | Calling for a revised estimate for the new District Jail at Palamcottah, Tinnevely District                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Will be forwarded                                                                                  |
| 613   | 23rd Feb "      | Calling for revised estimates for the Striviguntum incut project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Under preparation by Lieutenant Shepherd, and will be submitted shortly                            |
| 27    | 5th May "       | Circulating certain questions regarding wet cultivation and calling for information                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Will be furnished                                                                                  |
| 1,510 | 21st June "     | Authorizing the suit brought against the 1st Range Officer, Tinnevely, and others being defended, in the first instance, at the public expense, and deferring the consideration of the question as to whether the costs shall or shall not be borne by the State till after the termination of the suit | Suit impending                                                                                     |
| 1,909 | 11th Aug "      | Calling for a report on the subject of introducing the system of recovering from ryots and landowners their share of expenditure on works of irrigation before works are put in hand.                                                                                                                   | Will be reported on the receipt of a reply from the Collector of Madura                            |
| 1,972 | 18th Aug "      | Calling for a report as to whether any of the officers employed under Superintending Engineers are desirous of joining the Public Works Account Department of the Government of India, and, if so, to submit a statement of the services of each officer                                                | Will be reported shortly                                                                           |

PALAMCOTTAH,  
6th January 1871

(Signed) G M PAYNE, Major,  
Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

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5th May 1871.

No 88. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1871, No 1,243.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

G O, No 1,909, 11th August 1870  
" " 1,972, 18th " "

2. The under-mentioned Orders having been omitted without explanation should be included in future lists unless they are intermediately disposed of —

G. O, No. 845, 13th March 1868, paragraph 3.  
Miscellaneous No. 27, 5th May 1870.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd E. C Shunker.

List of orders of Government for more than three months standing for the half year ending 30 September 1870

Date Subject Remarks

1962 18 August 1862 Calling for Plans and estimates of Rs 352 00  
2581 8 Sept 1863 and estimates for for a portion of the road  
276 29 Jan 1867 constructing a road on the plains between  
722 11 March from the foot of the Maricolum & Bumbum  
48 7 Jan 1868 Spandan Hills. has been sanctioned in  
192 12 Feb 1870 near Gudalora in G O No 123 dated 3  
the Bumbum valley February 1870, but for  
the want of an experienced  
Officer nothing has been  
done towards preparing  
Plans and estimates for  
the Annamalai ghats.

457 21 Feb 1863 Requesting to report Trade letters No 924 &  
1893 15 July of the general 1864, dated 23 August  
2737 20 Sept 1864, passed in the 1st and 2nd November 1864  
3283 16 Dec 1864 District may printed in G O No 2737  
be administered 3283, dated 20 September  
improved, & the 16 November 1864  
and plans and  
estimates for the  
same

1163 18 June 1863 Calling for a report the investigation of this  
277 25 Jan 1864 on the subject of scheme will receive attention  
1783 15 June 1866 storing water at from the Office in charge  
3602 21 Dec 1866 Sapanpurn Division of the Sambapurney (Pri-  
93 11 Jan 1867 District. vation) Range  
1187 17 April

2604 10 September 1863. Requesting to report Will be reported, when the line  
hereafter whether the has been fairly open for traffic for  
allowance of Rs 1050 a little while. A sum of Rs 5050  
for the road from is provided in the current  
Palamcottah to years budget for the whole by the  
Taticorin, & generally of road which was completed  
District, is sufficient but was damaged by the  
to maintain it and floods of 1869  
efficient state of

3441 24<sup>th</sup> November 1863 calling for an consideration of  
27 6<sup>th</sup> January 1864 estimate for the year estimate deferred  
1607 12<sup>th</sup> June 1865 construction of a road betw. G. & C. H. J. Ltd.  
1928 8<sup>th</sup> July " between Saltney Ellisford 12<sup>th</sup> June 1865  
" " " " " " " "

3008 27 September 1867. Calling for a report. Preparation of plan.  
 plain estimate for post. Estimate deferred.  
 passing the board in Dept. of Cr. to go on dated  
 occupied by the Telegraph 22 March 1868  
 Office at Cambridge

2154 7<sup>th</sup> July 1868 Requesting to enquire whether Foreign Affairs have necessary arrangements or time to devote to obtaining proper data for this study. A special critical data for the calculation of the discharge is required of the large canals in detail. To submit the results from time to time for transmission to the Government of India.

2211. 10 July 1868 Requesting to forward 'Hill to forward'.

882 18 March 1869 12 minutes for new 2nd.

2596 7 August Tahildars butler.

2596 7. August 1869  
Tahildars butcher's  
with subsidiary fields,  
in the blue hills plant  
to 2. Madras District,  
at Belacotta  
Vedasunder  
Poombharai  
Chinnamanur

2214. 10. July 1868 Requesting to forward  
estimates for new jails,  
Madurai District, at Theroo  
vadaras, for four wards  
Thevayungah for two D's.

22/11/10 July 1868  
882/18 March 1869

3033 25 September 1868 Balling for a period: Estimate is under  
estimate for the proposed preparation by the  
road from Chinaman's Range Office  
over to Dindigul & thence  
to Puthur, Madurai  
District

3177 8<sup>th</sup> October 1868 calling for a report this has not been taken up  
the practical ideas first on account of change  
of the collector in collectors & then from  
the Superintending the appointment of the  
Engineers would require committee at Madras  
in order for the more  
effective conservancy,  
improvement & extension  
of the Irrigation works  
of the Tanjore District

32,50 is the sum 1864. Appointing Messrs  
L. Grant & W. Higgins  
Assistant Engineers and  
probation & requesting  
to make a special report  
to Government as soon as  
these officers have passed  
in the Venecular and are  
otherwise considered  
qualified for independent  
service

3370 26<sup>th</sup> October 1868 calling for estimates  
for building new Court  
thereon, with the requisite  
park accommodation in  
the Tinnerly District  
at Calamcottah

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| Thermadery     | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |
| Hyatt          | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |
| Stuewig & Co.  | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |
| Govil & Co.    | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |
| Indrapathy     | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |
| Shivillipattin | D <sup>o</sup> | D <sup>o</sup> |

3370 26 October 1868 calling for estimates  
for new roads with  
the requisite sub-  
sidiary buildings for  
Revenue District at Tirunelveli  
Tholungarapalan 200 200  
Sallur 200 200  
Waltha 200 200

3370 26 October 1868 calling for own estimates  
for alterations & additions  
to the building at the  
Sadar & Revenue  
District.

3692 25 November 1868 calling for estimates for  
3913 15 December for Telegraph Office as to the communication  
823 13 March 1869 at Palamkottah and to be forwarded  
1680 21 May for Perambalur  
2406 22 July

2817 18 December 1868 reporting for report  
at Pichai from Sabai  
madar as follows, others  
of the Revenue District  
saying that the ground  
on which the church is on the  
eastern side of the  
church may be repaired

117 15 January 1869 calling for plans &  
estimates for restoring  
the ancient lake at the  
Palmy Hills & Madurai  
District to its former  
dimensions & for the  
being discharged into  
the Kumbharu valley for  
the benefit of irrigation  
through an artificial  
cutting

762 10 March 1869 Directing that a Trial Assistant Engineer  
survey of the Kumbharu - the grant is now in  
the Kumbharu river at the gaged on this duty.  
and undertaken in temporarily attending  
connection with the to emergent repairs  
other streams which  
flow from the eastern  
side to the sea to the  
south of the Kumbharu  
survey Revenue District

2977 10 September 1869 communicating  
proceedings in the  
General Department  
calling for a plan &  
estimate for a house  
for the District  
Commissioner at Madurai.

3173 1 October 1869 calling for surveys  
reports relating  
to improvements  
in the several ports  
and harbours in  
this Presidency under preparation

3409 22 October 1869 calling for a report  
estimate for erecting  
and iron steam pile  
jetty at Tuhcorin  
Construction of jetty  
deferred - vide L.O.  
dated 1<sup>st</sup> August  
1870.

151 13 January 1870 calling for a report  
immediately after the  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1870 showing  
the names of all officers  
& subordinates other  
than Government  
Civil Engineers who  
may have failed to pass  
the prescribed examination  
in the Vernaculars of  
the District.

318 26<sup>th</sup> January 1870. Calling for a revised estimate for the new District Jail at Palamcottah, Tanjore District.

613 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1870. Calling for revised estimates for the Shreevignanam Ancient Project under preparation by L. Smith, Shepherd and will be submitted shortly.

27 5<sup>th</sup> May 1870. Circulating certain questions regarding work, cultivation & calling for information. (Will be furnished)

1510 21<sup>st</sup> June 1870. Authorizing the suit brought against the 1<sup>st</sup> Range Officer Tanjore & others being defended in the first instance at the public expense and deferring the consideration of the question as to whether the costs shall or shall not be borne by the State till after the termination of the suit.

1909 11<sup>th</sup> August 1870. Calling for a report on the subject of introducing the system of recovering from ryots & land owners their share of expenditure on works of irrigation before work is put in hand. (Will be reported on the receipt of a reply from the collector of Madurai.)

1972 18<sup>th</sup> August 1870. Calling for a report as to whether any of the Officers employed under Superintending Engineers are desirous of joining the P.W. Accounts Department of the Government. If so to submit a statement of the services of each officer.

Major  
by Superintending Engineer &c

Not entered  
6<sup>th</sup> January 1871

1884.

Out of order of Rev. Dr.  
for more than three months  
standing for the half year  
ending 30 September 1870.

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> }  
 Remind<sup>g</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> } January 1871  
 Duane & Co.

27  
 The Sunday School  
 8<sup>th</sup> Division  
 25<sup>th</sup> 120  
 The J. B. & Co. Engineers  
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 The J. B. & Co. Engineers  
 27<sup>th</sup> 120

Manuscript of periodicals returned & submitted by the Superintendent, Engineering & Ordnance Division.

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From  
The Supt. Engineer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
To  
The Secretary to Govt.  
P.W.D.

P. W. 120/71-  
Dated May 17/71  
Received } January 1871

Memorandum re  
periodical returns submitted  
by the Superintending Engineer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division.

Public Works Department  
No 124 3.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1871  
Read the following

From  
The Supt. Engineer of the } Hereunto sent dated 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 71  
8<sup>th</sup> Division

Permission is granted  
for the omission of the  
Orders marginally noted from  
the Superintending Engineer's  
lists of Unanswered Orders.  
The undermentioned  
Orders having been omitted  
without explanation should  
be included in future lists  
unless they are immediately  
disposed of.  
G.O. No. 1909-11<sup>th</sup> August 1870.  
" 1772-18<sup>th</sup> " " "  
G.O. No. 845-13<sup>th</sup> March 1868  
" 27-5<sup>th</sup> May 1870.

The Supt. Eng<sup>r</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> Div<sup>n</sup>  
Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1871

Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

R. I

6<sup>th</sup> May 1871 No. 1243

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