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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th March 1871.

No. 236. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 28th February 1871, No. 1,099:—

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, to annex copy of paragraph 4 of Coorg Budget orders for 1871-72, inquiring if the Military buildings at Mercara are still under the charge of a Supervisor under the orders of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, Madras Public Works Department, and, if so, whether the said buildings could not be placed under charge of one of the subordinates of the Coorg Public Works Department, and thus render the Supervisor's services unnecessary, and admit of a small transfer to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings, etc., etc.

2. The information called for being necessary to enable this office to reply to the orders adverted to, Colonel Meade will feel obliged by the Executive Engineer in question being permitted to furnish it at the earliest possible date.

3. This letter is in substitution of this office No. 873 of the 11th instant.

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4. In paragraph 93, page 142, of the Coorg Administration Report for 1869-70, reference is made to an arrangement under which a Supervisor is in charge of the Military buildings at Mercara under orders of the Executive Engineer of the Bangalore Division. Information is requested as to whether this arrangement still continues, and, if so, whether the buildings could not be placed under charge of one of the subordinates of the Coorg Public Works Department, thus rendering the services of the Supervisor at Mercara unnecessary, and admitting of a small transfer to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings. The average annual outlay on the Military buildings should also be ascertained from the Government of Madras and reported to the Government of India.

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1871, No. 707.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 10.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 708, dated 9th March 1871.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *9th March* 1871.

No. 238.

No. 708.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 11.

SIR,—With reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Sankey's letter of the 11th February 1871, No. 873, requesting to be furnished with certain information called for by the Government of India in their orders on the Coorg Public Works Budget Estimate for 1871-72, regarding the Military buildings at Mercara, I am directed to state that a subordinate, holding the position of a Supervisor, was made available for duty at Mercara in consideration of works of some importance being required to be carried out at that station including the re-roofing of the Mercara Palace, but on the completion of those works his services were withdrawn.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers it advisable that the works at Mercara should, as suggested by the Government of India, be placed in charge of a subordinate of the Coorg Public Works Department, a small sum being transferred from the Madras to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings. The expenditure incurred on those buildings since 1865-66 has been as follows:—

	New Works.	Repairs.
	RS.	RS.
1865-66	.....	490
1866-67	11,407	.....
1867-68	10,069	479
1868-69	13,366	516
1869-70	15,476	8,000 (special)
Nine months of 1870-71...	426	157

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

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

COORG BUDGET ORDERS, 1871-72.

The Coorg Public Works Budget-Estimate for 1871-72 has been prepared for the grant of Rs. one lakh assigned in Public Works Department Circular No. 61 of 1870, and has been distributed as follows :—

	Original Works.			Repairs.	Total.
	Major.	Minor.	Total.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Civil Buildings	13,000	3,000	16,000	2,000	18,000
Agricultural	...	1,000	1,000	4,000	5,000
Communications	7,050	1,000	8,050	42,850	50,900
	20,050	5,000	25,050	48,850	73,900
Establishment					25,300
Tools and Plant					800
					1,00.000

2. This distribution of the grant is approved, but with reference to the large sum appropriated for the maintenance of roads, it seems right to enquire whether some arrangement could not made for meeting a portion of the charges on this account by the creation of a District Road Local Fund in Coorg as is done elsewhere. Something of this kind is necessary if it is desired to have funds available for the construction of new roads; the Governor General in Council being unable at the present time to hold out any hopes of an additional grant being assigned from Imperial funds for Ordinary Public Works in Coorg.

3. The grant for Establishment is Rs. 25,300, of which, Rs. 6,000, or Rs. 500 a month, is for travelling allowances. This gives an average allowance of Rs. 55 a month for travelling allowances to each of the Officers and subordinates in Coorg. This sum may be necessary, but it is heavy, and it is requested that the Chief Commissioner will satisfy himself of its reasonableness, and whether it cannot be reduced.

4. In para. 93, page 142 of the Coorg Administration Report for 1869-70, reference is made to an arrangement under which a Supervisor is in charge of the Military buildings at Mercara under orders of the Executive Engineer of the Bangalore Division. Information is requested as to whether this arrangement still continues, and if so, whether the buildings could not be placed under charge of one of the Subordinates of the Coorg Public Works Department, thus rendering the services of the Supervisor at Mercara unnecessary, and admitting of a small transfer to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings. The average annual outlay on the Military buildings should also be ascertained from the Government of Madras and reported to the Government of India.

5. The appropriation for Tools and Plant amounts to Rs. 800. Considering the large outlay already incurred under this head in previous years, it should be possible to curtail the demand, and the attention of the Chief Commissioner is therefore invited to the possibility of this being done.

	Rs.
1865-66	1,614
1866-67	10,051
1867-68	5,227
1868-69	3,574
1869-70	1,331
Grant, 1870-71 ...	1,000

PUBLIC WORKS REVENUE.

6. The estimate is for Rs. 1,000, but the Governor General in Council having regard to the receipts of previous years, considers that there is no apparent reason to expect less in 1871-72 than in 1870-71, *viz.*, Rs. 1,300, and the estimate is therefore altered accordingly.

FORT WILLIAM ;
January 31, 1871.

Colonel, R. E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No 873

Mysore Chief Commissioner's Office
Public Works Department

From,

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore Public Works Department

To

The Secretary to the
Madras Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Chief Commissioner to forward the accompanying Copy of Coorg Budget orders for 1871-72, and solicit that you will be pleased to furnish the information required in para 11 of the orders regarding the Military Buildings at Mercara, for transmission to the Government of India.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
C. B. Lawley Lieut Colonel RE

Bangalore
1st February
1871

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore Public Works Dept

Coorg Chief Commrs Office
Public Works Department.

No 1099

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Works Department

Sir

I have the honor by direction of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg to annex copy of Para 6 of Coorg Budget Orders for 1871-72 enquiring if the Military buildings at Mercara are still under the charge of a Superintendent under the orders of the Exe= =cutive Engineer Bangalore Division Madras Public Works Department and if so whether the said buildings could not be placed under charge of one of the Subordinates of the Coorg Public Works Department and thus render the Super= =visory Services unnecessary and admit of a small transfer to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings &c &c.

2. The information called for being

Public Works 1871 Department
No 995.
Dated 18th February 1871.
Received 18th ditto
Answered

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Sir

Forwarded a copy of Coorg Budget Orders for 1871-72 and request to favour me with information required in para 6 of the Orders regarding the Military Buildings at Mercara —

I have &c
Sd/ A. Sandys
Military Auditor &c
Bangalore —

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necessary to enable this office to reply to the orders adverted to, Colonel Meade will feel obliged by the Executive Engineer in question being permitted to furnish it at the earliest possible date.

3. This letter is in substitution of this office No 873 of the 11th inst.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

C R D Lawley Lieut Coll: R E
Secretary to the Chief Commr
of Coorg Public Works Depart

Bangalore
28th February
1870.

4. In para 9 page 102 of the Coorg Administration Report for 1869. 70. reference is made to an arrangement under which a Supervisor is in charge of the Military buildings at Mercara under orders of the Executive Engineer of the Bangalore Division. Information is requested as to whether this arrangement still continues, and if so, whether the buildings could not be placed under charge of one of the subordinates of the Coorg Public Works Department, thus rendering the services of the Supervisor at Mercara unnecessary, and admitting of a small transfer to the Coorg grant for the repairs of the buildings. The Average Annual outlay on the Military buildings should also be ascertained from the Government of India and reported to the Government of Madras.

Public Works Department

No 707

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 4th January 1871

Read the following

From, The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore &c &c. } No. 5 dated 28th January 1871

Ordered that the

following letter be sent.

To

The Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

Sir

With reference to

Lieut. Col. Pennycuick's letter

of the 11th February 1871 Engrs

requesting to be furnished

with certain information

entitled for the Court

of Directors on their return to England

on the Anaicut Cullikil Bunds

Budget estimate for 1871-72

regarding

Public Works 1871 Department

No 1099

Mr. J. Goldingham Madras

No. 928

The Secretary to the

Government of Madras

Public Works Department

28th February 1871.

Received 1st March

Subject.

Forwards Copy of

para 6 of Coorg Budget

orders regarding the

Military buildings at

Mercara & requests to

furnish the Chief Engr. Bangalore

&c to furnish the

information therein re-

quired at the earliest

possible date.

No 236

No 707 & 708-9 March 71

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Commissioner of Mysore

Dated

Read. Encl. 1

G. O. 9th March 71, No. 707 & 708.

Nos. 236-237 1238

Letter

Transmitting Memo. &
the information called for
regarding the Bridges
at Bercaur.

Siliman Bridges at Bercaur. Papers enclosed
on the letter from the Secretary
to the Govt. of India
forwarding a copy of the orders
of the Govt. of India in the Public
Works Budget Estimate for
1871-72 & requesting certain
information regarding the
Siliman Bridges at Bercaur.

Cp 22nd Feb/71 No. 251