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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th July 1869.

No. 446. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning estimate of Rupees 1,650 for constructing an improved surplus escape and making a new cut on the Cullgode Channel from the Huggry in the Raidroog Talook of the Bellary District. (Here enter 12th July 1869, No. 2,263.)

No. 447. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1869, No. 2,107.

Irrigation, No. 12. COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,263.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Ecs. 440-457.

Cullgode Channel in Bellary District.

Order sanctioning estimate for constructing an improved surplus escape to it, communicated to Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th July 1869.

No. 266. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Kurnool, 21st June 1869, No. 906:—

1 Plan of Survey.
2 ,, Sections of channel cutting.
1 ,, do.
1 ,, Cross do.
1 ,, Surplus Dam.
1 Report.
1 Abstract Estimate.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 165, of 24th March last, I have the honour to return the papers regarding the surplus dam for the Cullgode river channel, with the information you require shown therein. You will observe that the crest of the surplus dam is 2·45 above extraordinary flood level.

No. 267. Order thereon, 12th July 1869, No. 2,263.

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

The Government sanction as a "Minor New Work," the estimate of Rupees 1,650, for constructing an improved surplus escape, and making a new cut on the Cullgode channel from the Huggry, in the Raidroog Talook of the Bellary District.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Acting Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Account-at-General.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No 2107

Comm. to the Revenue Board

12 July 1869

Revenue Dept.
No: 2356.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER;

3rd Division

&c, &c, &c.

Dated July 12th.

Read 15th

Ans.

G. O., 12th July 1869, No. 2,233.

JULY.

Nos. 266-267

Cullgode Channel.—Estimate of Rupees 1,650, for constructing an improved surplus escape and making a new cut on the Cullgode channel from the Huggry in the Raidroog Talook of the Bellary District, sanctioned as a "Minor New Work."

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th July 1869.

No 450. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Authorising the execution of the alterations and additions proposed to be made to the Jails at Coonoor and Wellington being given on contract to two natives. } (Here enter 8th July 1869, No. 1,111.)

No. 451. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1869, No. 2,109.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1,111.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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G. O., 19*th July* 1869, *No.* 2,109.

JULY.

Nos. 450-451.

Jails at Coonoor and Wellington.—Order authorizing the execution of the alterations & additions being given on contract, communicated.

Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 8th July 1869.

No. 39. Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 29th June 1869, No. 32.

I have the honour to reply to Government Order of 6th April 1869, No. 554, referring certain plans of works to be executed at Coonoor and Wellington in connexion with the subsidiary jail there, and desiring me to submit proposals for getting the work done.

2. I put the necessary notice in the *District Gazette*, and called for estimates and tenders. By enclosures A and B the Government will observe the amounts in the tenders sent me, compared with the estimates of the Public Works Department. Mr. Sidden (a Civil Engineer, formerly in the employment of the Travancore Government) was the first to tender. I enclose his estimate in Packet No. I. Mr. Sidden has so drawn up his estimates that it is impossible to attempt any detailed comparison between them and those of the Public Works Department, and he has no time to re-cast them in another form. The total amount* of his estimate shows a diminution of twenty-one per cent. upon the estimates of the Public Works Department.

	Dept. Public Works. Rs.	Mr. Sidden. Rs. A. P.
* Coonoor Works	4,870	3,683 8 0
Wellington do.	4,070	3,326 3 0
	8,940	7,009 11 0

3. Regarding Mr. Sidden's estimate for the latrines, the Government will remark that the amount† is 50 Rupees in excess of the estimate of the Public Works Department. In a letter dated 3rd May 1869, received a few days after he had sent in his tender, he remarks upon the Public Works Department plan of latrine, and says it "occupies an area nearly three 'times larger than the Municipal latrine, besides more headway, which, of course, 'augments the cost." He adds that a smaller structure might answer, of which he gives a plan, and which he estimates that he could build for Rupees 130.

	Dept Public Works. Rs. A. P.	Mr. Sidden. Rs. A. P.
Latrine	532 9 0	582 5 0

4. The next tender was from N. M. Rungasawmy Maistry. I enclose his papers in Packet No. II. I gave him a blank form of the Neilgherry Range estimate for the works, with the columns headed "Quantity" and "Particulars" filled in, and left him to enter his own figures under the "Rate" and "Amount" columns. The total amount‡ of his estimates shows a diminution of about forty-seven per cent. on those of the Department Public Works. He has in some instances used a different unit of measurement from the Public Works Department; but it is easy, nevertheless, to draw a comparison. For example, in brick or chunam work he gives his rate at Rupees 0-3-6 per cubic foot, which is Rupees 21-14-0 per square foot, for which the Public Works Department rate is 30 Runees, and so on with other items.

	Dept. Public Works. Rs.	Rungasawmy Maistry. Rs. A. P.
Coonoor ...	4,870	2,638 9 4
Wellington ...	4,070	2,134 13 6
	8,940	4,773 6 10

5. The last tender was made by Anniah Maistry, who was also furnished with blank forms. I enclose his estimate in Packet No. III. The total amount of his estimate shows a diminution of twenty-five per cent. upon those of the Public Works Department. The Government will observe that Anniah Maistry has added Rupees 402-4-0 to his Wellington estimate and Rupees 448-2-2 to his Coonoor estimate under the head of "difference" between common and "table bricks" should table bricks be required.

	Dept. Public Works.	Anniah Maistry.
	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Coonoor.....	4,870	3,746 1 4
Wellington.....	4,070	2,965 9 11
	8,940	6,711 11 3

6. From all I can learn, both N. M. Rungasawmy and Anniah Maistry are respectable men.

7. The fear, however, I have with all contractors here, where there is little or no competition, is that, unless they are closely looked after by some competent person, the temptation to scamp their work will be unresistible. If, therefore, the Government decide upon making a trial of contract work in this instance, I would recommend that the Coonoor works be given to Anniah Maistry for Rupees 3297-15-2 should table bricks be not considered necessary, and the Wellington works to N. M. Rungasawmy Maistry for Rupees 2134-13-6.

8. The trial will be in some measure experimental; but if we find we can get honest work out of contractors, it may prove of assistance to the Range Officers, by relieving them of a certain number of petty works, and enabling them to give more of their time to works of greater importance. I am satisfied, however, that this cannot be done without co-operation to a certain extent on the part of Range Officers, who, as far as this district is concerned, will, I feel sure, gladly aid. I would accordingly suggest that a Bond to the effect of the enclosed (C) should be signed by every contractor whose tenders the Government may accept. Both Anniah Maistry and Rungasawmy Maistry are prepared to sign such a Bond.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1869, No. 1111.

On consideration of the foregoing letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to approve and sanction the Commissioner's recommendation that the execution of the alterations and additions proposed to be made to the subsidiary jails at Coonoor and Wellington be given on contract to Anniah Maistry and N. M. Rungasawmy Maistry respectively.

2. The contract for the Coonoor works will be for Rupees 3297-15-0, and for the Wellington works Rupees 2134-13-0. These sums, it is observed, are below the estimates* submitted by the Superintending Engineer by Rupees 1572-1-0 and Rupees 1935-3-0 respectively.

* Rupees 4870 and Rupees 4070.

3. The Commissioner will adopt such form of Bond as he may consider most binding on the contractors, and which will secure the Government against any loss in the event of the contractors failing to fulfil their contracts.

4. It is observed that the form of Bond submitted by the Commissioner is not in accordance with the forms adopted in the Public Works Department, of which copies can be obtained by Mr. Breeks from the Executive Engineer in charge of the Neilgherries.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
8th July 1869.

5. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Public Works Department with a view to instructions being issued in that department for the funds required being placed at the disposal of the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills to enable him to arrange with the contractors for the early completion of the jail buildings.

(True Extract).

By ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Govt

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, with enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

No 2109
Comm^r to the
Revenue Board.

19 July 1869

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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&c. &c.

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