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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th April 1868.*

No. 712. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on Mr. W. Fraser's explanation regarding the plans of the Madras Water Works Project in his possession. } (Here enter 27th April 1868, No. 1,286.)

No. 713. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1868, No. 1,181.

Irrigation, No. 6.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
*Under Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,286.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 509. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 10th April 1868, No. 196:—

Read the following letter from W. FRASER Esq., C. E., Executive Engineer, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 8th April 1868, No. 4.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 21st March 1868, No. 915, I have the honor to make the following explanation, which will, I trust, be satisfactory to the Government.

2. In the 2nd paragraph of Captain Magnay's letter there is an error. He says, "as the *original plans were not given up*, it was necessary that I should be provided "with copies at least." Now, the original plans *were given up*, as stated in paragraph 5 of my letter to your address, No. 254, and quoted in the order as above; but the whole affair arose thus:—

When I gave over charge to Captain Magnay, I gave him also as many tracings, on cloth, as had then been prepared, and so many of the original plans as made up a complete set, with the exception of the maps of the Red Hill and Cholaveram Lakes, which he did not then require.

The original plans being on paper, and not all mounted on cloth, were considered unhandy in the field, and Captain Magnay wished to get a complete set of tracings on cloth for field use. I told him I could not just then prepare them, as my Draughtsmen were all very busy; and because, as he was aware, my Assistant, Mr. Pimm, had resigned his post under me, (to my great inconvenience,) with the object (in which he succeeded) of being employed as Overseer on the works. Captain Magnay, after some further conversation, in which I suggested that there might be some difficulty in getting the tracings paid for, requested me to employ a Draughtsmen to prepare them, and that he would pay for them. I did so, and sent him the tracings and the bill.

3. In paragraph 3, Captain Magnay states that a further sum of 30 Rupees should be added to meet the cost of tracing the plans of the Red Hill and Cholaveram lakes. To save future explanation I may as well state here what took place about these tracings.

In September last, Captain Magnay wrote to request that I would have the plans of Cholaveram and Red Hill lakes copied for him. I wrote to tell him that the tracing of them on cloth would cost 30 Rupees. He requested that he would be done, and I employed a Draughtsmen to do it on contract for that amount. The tracings have been furnished.

4. Under these circumstances, I most respectfully submit that it was not necessary for *me* to have obtained the sanction of the Government for the preparation of these tracings. After I gave over charge to Captain Magnay I had nothing more to do with the project, and what I did was merely to oblige another Executive officer.

At the same time, if I could have done so, I would have had the tracings prepared free of cost. In both cases, before the work was undertaken, Captain Magnay was informed what the probable cost would be; a complete set of tracings and maps of the original plans are now with the Executive officer.

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Petition of
Passengers on
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Application for
the Pilots of the
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to the Board
in his favour
Wilts Dors.

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