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No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 17th March 1868, No. 873.

Calling for plan and estimate for a new staircase in the Accountant General's Office. } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 17th March 1868, Nos. 370 & 371).

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1868, No. 168.
Communicated to the Accountant General.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 370. Read the following letter from the Deputy Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th March 1868, No. 402 :—

1. With reference to the accompanying copy of a letter from the Barrack Master, No. 2,264, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honor, by direction of the Accountant General, to request that you will bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the great want which exists in this building of a proper staircase to the Office of the Deputy Accountant General.

2. At present the approach to this Office is by an almost perpendicular stair, which leads on to the open leads, and obliges a person going to the Deputy Accountant General's Office, to pass for some distance through the open air.

3. This arrangement is at all times very inconvenient, but in boisterous and rainy weather it is more particularly so, as the Clerks, several of whom are old and infirm men, who have constantly to pass to the Deputy Accountant General, are exposed to wet, and the stairs, at all times very dangerous to go down, are, when wet, so slippery, as to cause positive risk to life and limb : a false step at the top leading inevitably to a fall of some twenty feet on to a brickfloor.

4. As regards myself, I find the ascent and descent of this stair, and the passage through the hot sun, very disagreeable, and can truly say that, in the various Offices in which I have done duty, I have never seen anything to compare with this stair for badness of construction and general inconvenience.

5. It will be seen that the Barrack Master estimates the cost of a spiral staircase at 600 Rupees, but while such a staircase would undoubtedly be the most convenient and suitable, there is no reason why one of a different kind, and less cost, should not be put up, so long as the grand requisites of a safe incline, and complete isolation from the external atmosphere, are secured.

6. The materials of the present staircase might, it seems to the Accountant General, be made to some extent useful in the construction of any other which may be fixed upon, and thus the cost of erection would be considerably reduced.

7. Even, however, if this should not be feasible, a new staircase is so urgently required, that the estimated sum of 600 Rupees would, in the opinion of the Accountant General, be well laid out in providing one, and he therefore trusts that should it be found impossible to make a cheaper staircase, a spiral one to cost 600 Rupees may be sanctioned.

From the Barrack Master, Presidency, to the Accountant General, Fort St. George, dated 25th February 1868, No. 2,264.

1. With reference to your letter No. 5,812, dated 30th January 1868, I have the honor to state that the Executive Engineer, Fort St. George, informs me that the approximate estimate for erecting a spiral staircase in your Office amounts to Rupees 600.

2. Under the provision of paragraph 76, Chaper V, of Public Works Code, you should obtain the sanction of Government for the preparation of a detailed Estimate for the above work.

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17th March 1868.

Forwarded to the Public Works Department, in order that a plan and estimate may be called for from the Executive Engineer for the staircase referred to.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th March 1868.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 371. ORDER THEREON, th March 1868, No. 87[illegible].

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division with a request that he will submit a plan and estimate for the new staircase proposed to be erected in the Accountant General's Office in Fort St. George.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
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Exd. S. A. Augustin

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