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No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1874, No. 1,341 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 16th April 1874, No. 198:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 4th August 1871, No. 1,303, I have the honour to state, that the work connected with the restoration of the Thousand Pillar Mundapam was in the year 1872 given on contract to one Balakistna Doss of Renegunta, it being provided that the work should be inspected while in progress in view to the necessary instructions being given to the contractor from time to time for his guidance.

For this purpose, the Chittoor Range Officer was requested to inspect the Mundapam on the first occasion, and that officer submitted a report accordingly on the 15th February 1872, and pointed out that the original estimate of Rupees 15,400 had been very incorrectly prepared, and did not provide for the thorough restoration of the building. The defects pointed out and the suggestions made by him being of much importance, he was desired to frame and forward a revised estimate.

He accordingly submitted it with his letter* No. 70, dated 1st May 1873, and explained that the amount of the estimate proposed by him was enormously larger than the original estimate, owing to the high rates to be charged in consideration of the unhealthy climate of the Hill, and of the requisite labour and materials having to be taken up the Hill from Lower Tripetty. These circumstances were not taken into consideration by the Overseer who framed the original estimate, and who was a youth fresh from the Engineering College in Madras, and without practical experience of any kind.

* *Vide* endorsement of the District Engineer, dated 7th May 1873, No. 446.

As the amount of this revised estimate came to Rupees 45,000, the wishes of the Mahant had to be ascertained as to whether he would consent to pay the additional funds required for the work. After some correspondence, he paid Rupees 17,500 besides the Rupees 8,707-3-4 available for the Mundapam Works out of Rupees 10,000 originally contributed by him, and he has promised to pay the remainder as soon as the money in hand has been expended.

Under these circumstances the work has, with the approval of the Local Fund Board of the Chittoor Circle, been provided for in the Budget of 1874-75, and Rupees 17,360 have been allotted for the same under Part I. New Works, "Sanitary and Miscellaneous," for expenditure during the current official year.

The revised estimate is herewith forwarded,† and I beg to request that the Board will be pleased to submit it for the early sanction of Government. The work has been partly executed on the former estimates by the contractor above named, and a fresh contract bond has to be taken from him before he can be ordered to proceed further with the work.

† With Plan.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th June 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

THE revised estimate for improving and altering the Thousand Pillar Mundapam at Upper Tripetty at a cost of Rupees 45,000 will be submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The original estimate sanctioned in G. O., Revenue Department, 4th August 1871, No. 1,333, showed that the work would be done for Rupees 15,400.

3. The circumstances under which a new estimate so far exceeding the old one has had to be prepared are detailed by the President.

4. The work is done by the Local Fund Board, but the money is contributed by the Mahant. He seems to have assented to the new estimate.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1874, No. 1017.

The Governor in Council sanctions the estimate, amounting to Rupees 45,000, for improving and altering the Thousand Pillar Mundapam at Tripetty.

2. It is observed that the funds for the purpose are provided by the Mahant of Tripetty.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with plan and estimate.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Public Works Department.

xd. W. H. French.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 17th.

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Withdrawn.

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To, The Board of Revenue. & co.

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