

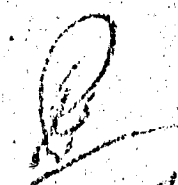
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, in charge of Central Office of Public Works, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 6th June 1861, No. 1,299:—

SIR,

3 Letters from the District Engineer, Nos. 1,258, 1,398 and 36, dated 2nd March, 6th April and 7th May 1861.
1 Specification.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.

* Vide District Engineer's letter, No. 1,398, dated 6th April 1861.

† Vide District Engineer's letter, No. 1,258, dated 2nd March 1861.

1. I have the honor to forward for submission to Government a plan, specification and estimate amounting to Rupees 950, for constructing three additional Store-rooms in the Fort at Paumben, for the use of the Steam Dredge and Tug Stores, in the District of Madura.

2. The present Store-sheds have been constructed* out of various estimates sanctioned for clearing the reef and sand bank channels at Paumben; and the necessity for additional accommodation is set forth in the accompanying letter† from the District Engineer, viz., the insufficiency of the existing sheds to contain the Stores for the Dredge indented for and about to be sent from Madras, some of the Stores at Paumben are kept outside for want of shelter, and are being injured from the effects of the weather.

3. In reply to the question† put to the District Engineer, viz., whether, with the assistance of the Convicts and Sappers and Miners at Paumben, the work could not be executed for a much smaller sum than Rupees 950, the cost of materials alone being charged to Government, that Officer replies|| that "the actual cost to Government will be of course be considerably less than 950 Rupees, Convicts being employed, but as the hire of Convicts has to be charged as a matter of account between the Public Works and Jail Departments, the estimate necessarily includes the cost of labor."

4. Provision is made in the estimate for constructing three new Store-rooms, with walls of stone in clay, plastered with chunam, and for a thatched roof; also for three folding batten doors and six windows with bolts and bars complete. An item of Rupees 150 is also included in the estimate for 100 cubic feet of shelving.

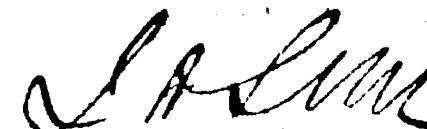
5. The estimate has been examined and corrected in this Office, and the rates given therein are those prevailing in the District of Madura, and are moderate but sufficient to carry out the proposed work. I therefore request Government will be pleased to sanction the estimate for immediate execution, the amount Rupees 950 to be defrayed from the reserve fund in the Budget for the current official year.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1861, No. 1,140.

1. The estimate of Rupees (950) nine hundred and fifty, submitted with this letter, is sanctioned for immediate execution out of the reserve fund of the current official year.

2. The employment of Convict labor must depend on whether the Convicts can be more profitably engaged on this work than on any other, for employment of some kind must be found for them. This should be settled in communication with Captain Hankin, who is in charge of the Convict establishment at Paumben.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.
" Accountant General.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

