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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th February 1864.

No. 122. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 13th February 1864, No. 455.

Declining to sanction the revised Estimate submitted on account of the new Court House at Cuddalore, involving a further increase of Rs. 4000 over the two last estimates, pending full and particular explanation.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 13th February 1864, Nos. 300 & 301.)

No. 123.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1864, No. 214.
Communicated to the Civil and Sessions Judge of Cuddalore.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th February 1864.*

No. 200. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Department Public Works, dated Cuddalore, 6th February 1864,
No. U 21 :—
Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward a supplemental Estimate in the form of a Comparative
Statement for constructing a new Court House at Cuddalore,
amounting to Rupees 44,000, being an increase of Ru-
pees 4,000 upon the amount sanctioned by Government in

their Order of the 21st of October 1862, No. 2,508.

2. The Executive Engineer, Mr. Harrington, intimated to me, three or four months ago,
that it was impossible to execute any part of the masonry work at the rates mentioned in the
sanctioned Estimate, and during the past month, I have inquired into the matter on the spot and
am now satisfied that the revised rates in the supplemental Estimate are only sufficient to
procure good materials.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to recommend that the revised Estimate,
amounting to Rupees 44,000, be sanctioned.

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1864, No. 435.

1. On the 22nd November 1859 Government sanctioned for entry in the Budget of
1860-61, an Estimate of Rupees 31,500 for building a Court
House at Cuddalore. It was not practicable, however, from
want of funds to carry on the work, and for the same reason it was necessary to exclude the work
from the Budget of the two following years.

2. The subject came again before Government in March 1862 in connexion with the
demand of the owner of the building occupied as a Court
House at that Station for an addition of Rupees 25 a month
to the rent, and the Estimate was then directed to be revised
for entry in the Budget of 1863-64.

3. Pursuant to this Order the District Engineer, South Arcot, submitted, through the
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, in September 1862, a revised Estimate of Ru-
pees 40,500 (or Rupees 8,450 in excess of the original sanction) which, on the explanation that
the increase was "owing to the rise in building rates which had taken place since" 1859, Go-
vernment passed without dissent.

4. Now again, however, after an interval of only sixteen months, a fresh revised Estimate
is sent up, amounting to Rupees 44,000, being nearly 25%
per cent. in excess of the first, and 10 per cent. of the second
Estimate, and the sole reason assigned is that it has been
found impossible to execute any part of the masonry work at the rates mentioned in the last
sanctioned Estimate.

5. The Government in Council declines to accept the present Estimate until full and particular
explanations be furnished as to the increase of rates; and in submitting it, the Superintending Engineer
will state whether or the rates now quoted ruled at the time the first revised Estimate was prepared,
or whether they increasing to a rate of 10 per cent. in prices since September 1862.

(True Extract.)

C. A. Orr

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
Public Works Department.

For S. I. Assistant.

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