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No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 10th April 1866, No. 1094A.

Sanctioning a revised Estimate of Rupees 7900 for constructing a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station at Vythery, in Malabar District.

(Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 10th April 1866, Nos. 136A and 136B.)

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1866, No. 591.

Communicated to the Magistrate of Malabar and to the Inspector General of Police, in continuation of the Order of Government of the 28th September last, No. 1398.

2. Mr. Ballard is requested to report whether the sanctioned Plan and Estimate for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry provide for a suitable Subsidiary Jail.

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

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
„ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 136A. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coonoor, 27th March 1866, No. 316 :—

1. I have the honor herewith to submit for the sanction of Government a revised estimate* for the construction of the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station House at Vythery, together with copy of explanatory letter from Captain Kennedy, under whom the work is being carried out in a manner far superior to any work hitherto done in South Wynad. As that Officer justly remarks, and as I have stated in my letter No. 298 of 19th March 1866, the works of the current season are the first from which we have been able to draw any reliable data; and I consider that the rates arrived at are not excessive for the localities, while improved communications with continued good superintendence may be expected to lead to their reduction in time.

* Rupees 7,900.
No. 98, 1865-66.

2. I take this opportunity of noting the following savings which may be made on 3 Malabar and Coimbatore and 1 South Canara sanctions, ascertained since my report of the 1st March went in, viz. :—

	RS.
Calicut and Palghaut road, viâ Moondoor	1,000
Road work below Karkoor Ghaut	1,700
Re-construction of Kolye bridge (sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,997 of 14th July, and 2,521 of 30th Aug. 1865.)	1,300
Vangole groynes (sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,801 of 21st September 1865)	900
Minor New Works "Communication," Canara... ...	1,100
Total...	6,000

From the Assistant Engineer, Vythery Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Luckadie, 23rd March 1866, No. 47.

1. In forwarding the revised estimate for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Vythery, I beg to state that the former estimate was entirely an experimental one, framed without any previous experience of the cost of such work in this part of the country, and since it was submitted the rates for labor have increased one-third. Common coolies are getting from 7 to 8 Annas per diem, bricklayers from 25 to 30 Rupees per month, and carpenters from 35 to 50 Rupees.

2. The cost of bringing chunam up the Tambracherry Ghaut is more than the original price at Calicut; gram for bullocks varies from 8 to 10 measures per Rupee; the bricklayers can with difficulty be got to lay 250 bricks per day (nor are better obtainable); and all other workmen are, though so highly paid, equally inefficient, while the great competition for labor renders it impossible to apply a remedy to these evils. I can get no Contractors to come forward to make bricks, such as I should like to use, and, lastly, I have had to contend with most inefficient superintendence, having had to discharge in succession three Acting Overseers (Europeans), who were entertained on the petty establishments, all on excellent testimonials, but who all turned out most untrustworthy. Although I have increased the estimate so largely, my work has been done very much cheaper than similar work undertaken by private parties, and I think you will bear me out in saying that both for quality of material and execution, it stands considerably higher.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th April 1866.

No. 136B. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1866, No. 1,094A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3A.

1. In the Order of the 22nd September 1865, No. 2,804, the Government sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rupees 5,250, which had been prepared by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, and approved of by the Collector of Malabar, for the construction of a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station House at Vythery. The Superintending Engineer now reports that the work is not likely to be completed for less than Rupees 7,900, and explains that the excess of Rupees 2,650 is due to the circumstance of the former estimate having been framed without any experience of the cost of building operations in the Wynad, to an increase in the rates of labor and in the prices of materials in that part of the country; to the great difficulty which has been experienced in obtaining bricks of good quality, and to the inefficiency of the temporary Overseers who, from time to time, have had immediate charge of the work.

2. The Governor in Council sanctions the revised estimate of Rupees 7,900, and, in anticipation of the approval of the Government of India, authorizes a grant of Rupees 3,600 being placed at the Superintending Engineer's disposal from the savings on the Budget allotments for the first, second, and fourth items entered at the foot of the letter above recorded. This amount, added to that (Rupees 3,885) which has been already allotted for the work, gives a total of Rupees 7,485, and the Government will endeavour to provide the balance of the estimate, viz., Rs. 415, by the close of the year, or, if this be impracticable, they will sanction the amount from the Reserve of 1866-67.

3. The other savings, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 2,400, which are noted in the Superintending Engineer's letter will be credited to the Reserve as follows, and appropriated to works for which funds are urgently required:—

Under "Civil Buildings" ... ... Rupees 1,850
Under "Communications" ... ... „ 550

4. Colonel Walker's attention will be called to his omission to quote the numbers and dates of previous correspondence.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Judicial Department.

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