

From Commander W. J. POWELL, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 14th February 1896, No. 137/45 G.

With reference to my letter No. 1678/70 G., dated 16th March 1895, I forward herewith, duly countersigned, a revised estimate, amounting to Rupees (10,500) ten thousand and five hundred, for constructing quarters for the Port officer at Pámban and request an early allotment of the excess amount required for completing the building in accordance with the modifications now proposed. Plans and reports received with the estimate are also herewith sent with copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter to me, dated 10th February 1896, No. 140 M.D.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. HUGHES, Esq., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 10th February 1896, No. 140 M.D.

In reference to the endorsement by the Chief Engineer, No. 1416, dated 3rd April 1895, on your letter No. 1678/70 G., dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to forward, for your countersignature and submission to Government for sanction, an estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,500, for a residence and out-houses for the Port officer at Pámban.

2. The additional rooms and minor alterations found necessary in carrying out the work are shown in red on the plan. The rooms are added on the ground floor as the walls are built of coral in clay and would not carry an upper storey. It would have cost too much to pull them down and rebuild them in mortar.

3. The Executive Engineer has furnished data which I have accepted as fairly correct for the increased rates now allowed.

4. A lump sum of Rs. 500 is allowed for fencing the compound and providing gates.

5. The expenditure on the work up to end of November 1895 is Rs. 5,130. The work was suspended, pending revision of the estimate which I recommend for sanction at an early date.

MEMO. No. 88 E.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department.

MADRAS, (Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
25th February 1896. Joint Secy. to Government.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Beams should not be laid over voids. Relieving arches should, in such places, be provided over the doorways or windows.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
7th April 1896. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From W. HUGHES, Esq., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (through the Presidency Port Officer, Madras), dated Trichinopoly, 19th April 1896, No. 398 M.D.

I have the honour to request that the revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 10,500, for a residence and out-houses for the Port officer at Pámban, in Madura division, forwarded to the Presidency Port Officer for his countersignature and submission to Government, with this office letter No. 140 M.D., dated 10th February 1896, may be sanctioned at an early date.

No. 137/58 P.W.

Forwarded.

2. The estimate in question was submitted to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, duly countersigned, with this office letter No. 137/45 G., dated 14th February 1896.

MADRAS, (Signed) H. A. STREET, Comdr., R.I.M.,
22nd April 1896. Presidency Port Officer.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 22nd April 1896, No. 137/134 G.

During a recent visit to Pámban, I noticed that the work in connection with the construction of a house for the Port officer was at a standstill. I learn that this is due to the revised estimate forwarded to you with this office letter No. 137/45 G., dated 14th February 1896, not having yet been sanctioned. As at present there is no proper accommodation for the Port officer, I submit that the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, may be ordered by telegram to proceed with the work and to complete it with as little delay as possible.

No. 225 E.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
24th April 1896. Joint Secy. to Government.

ORDER—No. 1556 W., dated 19th May 1896.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction so large a sum as Rs. 10,500 for a residence for the Port officer at Pámban. The original sanction * for the work amounted to Rs. 6,400.

*G.O. No. 625 W., dated 6th March 1894. The cost of the building should not exceed Rs. 8,000 as an outside limit. A sum of Rs. 1,600 may be expended on providing a verandah 8 feet (instead of 10 feet) wide to the front and sides of the building. No further expenditure can be allowed.

2. An application has been made to the Financial Department for additional Port funds to form a reserve, and on this application being complied with, an allotment of Rs. 2,870, the unexpended balance of the estimate, will be made.

3. Attention is drawn to the Chief Engineer's note recorded above.

4. This sanction has been registered as Local No. 5 W. of 1896-97, and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with thirteen enclosures.

" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Marine Department.

Exd T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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