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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th August 1857.

No. 57. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 16th July 1857, No. 2065.

SIR,

1. The original estimate for constructing Verandahs to the European Barracks at Bellary, sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2813, dated 24th October 1854, amounted to Rupees (44,270) forty-four thousand two hundred and seventy.

2. A revised estimate of Rupees (60,450) sixty thousand, four hundred and fifty, was subsequently sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1673, dated 17th September 1856, and the excess of Rupees (16,180) sixteen thousand, one hundred and eighty was authorized in Lieutenant Colonel Baker's letter No. 91, dated 5th January 1857, as communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 191, of the 26th Idem.

3. Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 628, dated 4th April 1857, objected to the orders I had given to the District Engineer of Bellary to continue the erection of the Verandah's in question, as the estimate was likely to be exceeded by about 12½ per cent.

4. The orders thus given. I have the honor to observe were prompted by what I considered the emergency of the case, it being unadvisable that any unnecessary delay in completing the work should be allowed. At the same time being fully aware that I had no power to authorize the execution of work so greatly in excess of the estimate, my Proceedings to the District Engineer were immediately forwarded for the information of Government.

5. Government in their order of the 4th April last, called for the Supplemental estimate, desired me to examine and revise the estimate, and submit it with a full explanation as to the cause of the excess, and the circumstances which led to deviations from the original estimate, and also to express my opinion on the subject, and report the names of the Officers, who I may think deserving of blame, either for imperfection in the original estimate, or for unauthorized, and unnecessary deviations from it.

6. This order of Government was communicated to the District Engineer with Extract from Proceedings No. 11835, dated 18th April 1857, (attention being again called to it in a Memorandum dated 30th May) and of that Officers reply No. 54, of the 4th Ultimo, and of its accompaniment from Mr. Supervisor Porter, I now beg to submit copies for the information of Government.

7. The District Engineer states, that sickness was the cause of delay in furnishing the reply and that on the 3rd June he inspected the Barracks in company with Mr. Porter, to whose report he refers for the required explanation.

8. Mr. Porter states.

1st. That the original estimate was prepared in 1848, under the orders of Captain Smythe then Civil Engineer 3rd Division, and that the excess in the expenditure has not been caused by deviations from that estimate, but from many absolutely necessary items of work not having been included in it.

and 2nd. That the work originally provided for, had been executed at some-what cheaper rates than allowed in the estimate.

9. Mr. Porter then gives the several items omitted from the estimate, but instead of enumerating them, I have considered it more convenient to exhibit them in the accompanying comparative Statement A. the total expenditure on account of them amounting to Rupees 10,023-13-7.

10. The names of the several Officers who have Superintended the building with the extent of work executed under their orders is next given by Mr. Porter, as follows.

1st. Major D. Hodson 3rd Madras European Regiment, from 20th December 1854, to 31st January 1855.

Collecting materials, and building temporary office and work yard near the Barracks.

2nd. Major Jackson Fort Adjutant, from 1st February to 12th April 1855.

Excavating foundations and partially building up Verandah pillars.

3rd. Captain Barrow 14th Regiment Native Infantry from 12th April 1855, to 26th December 1856.

Verandahs to Guard and School room and two ranges of Barracks finished.

Do. to 3rd and 4th Ranges, together with orderly room range, nearly finished and wood work fixed to 6th and 7th ranges.

4th. Captain Babington Assistant Civil Engineer, from 27th December 1856, to 6th February 1857.

Verandahs to 3rd and 4th ranges with orderly room range finished.

5th. Mr. Supervisor Porter from 7th February 1857, up to present date.

Verandahs to 5th range commenced and nearly finished.

Do. to 6th and 7th ranges terraced, and wood work fixed, to 8th and 9th ranges.

11. Mr. Porter states, that no special orders in writing, were given by any of the Officers named, for executing the additional work, but that being found to be absolutely necessary it was allowed to be proceeded with.

12. The Officer to whom blame is due for allowing the additional work to be carried on without bringing the same to notice, is Captain Barrow, no blame is attributable to Captain Babington, as he was only employed on the work for 1 month and 10 days in finishing the Verandahs to the 3rd and 4th ranges. The principal blame is undoubtedly due to Captain Smythe for having prepared a defective estimate.

13. With this explanation, and the comparative Statement shewing the items of excess, I beg to submit a revised estimate amounting to Rupees (68,000) sixty-eight thousand as follows.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	Constructing Verandah to 9 Ranges of Barracks	50,334	8	2
2	Do. School room range	4,510	6	8
3	Constructing orderly room range	2,727	14	6
4	Canteen do.	2,868	7	7
5	Guard room do.	2,990	7	8
9	Superintendence and Sundries	3,688	3	5
	Total Rupees	68,000	0	0
	Sanctioned Estimate Rupees	60,450	0	0
	Excess Rupees	7,550	0	0

For which sanction is required.

No. 58.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1513; dated 8th August 1857.

On the 6th October 1854, the Government of India sanctioned the erection of exterior Verandahs to the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary at an estimated cost of Rupee 44,270; and on the 5th January 1857, they confirmed the sanction granted by this Government for the expenditure of a further sum of Rupees 16,180 to cover the deficiencies in the first estimate.

2. In his Proceedings of the 16th March last No. 1022, the Chief Engineer reported that the aggregate amount of the estimates thus sanctioned by the Government of India, viz. Rupees 60,450, was likely to be exceeded by about 12½ per cent. Colonel Faber at the same time ordered the prosecution of the work, proposing to submit to Government the necessary explanation in regard to the increase together with the bills. This Proceeding was disapproved of by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 4th April No. 628, and the Chief Engineer was requested to submit a supplemental estimate with full explanation as to the causes of the excess, and the circumstances which had led to deviations from the original estimate. He was also requested to give his own opinion on the subject, and report the names of the Officers who he might consider were deserving of blame, either for the imperfections in the original estimate, or for unauthorized and unnecessary deviations from it.

3. In reply, the Chief Engineer submits, with the letter above recorded, a revised estimate for the work, together with a letter from the District Engineer with one from Supervisor Porter, affording information on the points noticed by Government. Mr. Porter states that the excess of expenditure has been caused by the omission of many very necessary items of work from the estimate, and not by deviations from it. It further appears that the work originally provided for had been executed at less than the estimated cost. The Chief Engineer also submits a Comparative Statement, shewing on one side the items which comprized the second estimate of Rupees 60,450, and on the other those which were either omitted from that estimate, or were inadequately provided for in it. Colonel Faber moreover mentions the names of Captains Smythe and Barrow as the Officers deserving of blame; the former for having prepared a defective estimate, and the latter for having allowed the additional work to be carried on without bringing the same to notice.

4. The first and second estimates for the Verandahs in question, it is observed, were submitted by the late Military Board, and it is much to be regretted that the works now shewn to be necessary were overlooked by the Officer who prepared the second estimate. That now submitted by the Chief Engineer amounts to Rupees 68,000, from which being deducted the sum already authorized, viz. Rupees 60,450, there remains Rupees 7,550, for which the sanction of the Government of India will be obtained, with reference to the rules communicated in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 23th August 1856, No. 1540.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 59. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 8th August 1857, No. 1544.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit a revised estimate for the erection of exterior Verandahs to the European Infantry Barracks at Bellary. An abstract of the correspondence that has already taken place on the subject of this work is given below.

2. Colonel Birch's letter of the 6th October 1854, communicated sanction to the above work, then estimated to cost Rupees 44,270; and your letter of the 5th January 1857, confirmed the sanction granted by this Government for the expenditure of a further sum of Rupees 16,180, to cover the deficiencies in the first estimate.

3. On the 16th March last, the Chief Engineer reported that the aggregate amount of the estimates thus sanctioned by the Government of India, viz., Rupees 60,450 was likely to be exceeded by about 12½ per cent. Colonel Faber at the same time ordered the prosecution of the work, proposing to submit to Government the necessary explanation in regard to the increase together with the bills. This Proceeding was disapproved of by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 4th April No. 628, and the Chief Engineer was requested to submit a supplemental estimate with full explanation as to the causes of the excess, and the circumstances which had led to deviations from the original estimate. He was also requested to give his own opinion on the subject, and report the names of the Officers who he might consider were deserving of blame; either for the imperfections in the original estimate, or for unauthorized and unnecessary deviations from it.

4. The Chief Engineer, after reference to the local Officers, now states that the excess of expenditure has been caused by the omission of many very necessary items of work from the estimate, and not by deviations from it. It further appears that the work originally provided for had been executed at less than the estimated cost. That Officer has also submitted a comparative Statement, (copy of which accompanies) shewing on one side the items which comprized the second estimate of Rupees 60,450, and on the other those which were either omitted from that

estimate, or were inadequately provided for in it. Colonel Faber moreover mentions the names of Captains Smythe and Barrow as the Officers deserving of blame; the former for having prepared a defective estimate, and the latter for having allowed the additional work to be carried on without bringing the same to notice.

5. The first and second estimates for the work in question, as shewn in Mr. Pycroft's letter of the 30th October 1856, No. 2006, were submitted by the late Military Board, and it is much to be regretted that the works now shewn to be necessary were overlooked by the Officer who prepared the second estimate. That now submitted amounts to Rupees 68,000 from which being deducted the sum already authorized viz., Rupees 60,450, there remains Rupees 7,550 for which sanction is required.

6. As it is essential that the Verandahs should be completed at an early date, and as the sum now applied for to accomplish that object is beyond the competence of this Government to authorize under No. II of the rules communicated with your letter of the 1st August 1856, No. 3605, I am directed to solicit the sanction of the Government of India to the outlay.

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Central Office of Rec.
Fort St George 16th July 1857.

No. 2065.

From ... The Chief Engineers

To ... The Secretary to Government

Military Barracks.

Public Department.

Sir

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2.. A revised Estimate of Rupees (60450) Sixty thousand four hundred and fifty, was subsequently sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1673, dated 17 September 1856 and the excess of Rupees (16180) Sixteen thousand one hundred and eighty was authorized in Lieutenant Colonel Baker's letter No. 91, dated 5 January 1857 as communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 191, of the 26 idem..

3.. ~~Concurrent~~ in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 628, dated 4 April 1857. I repeated to the orders I had given to the District Engineer of Bellary to continue the erection of the Verandahs in question, as the Estimate was likely to be exceeded by about 13½ per Cent..

5 Enclosures

1 Copy of a letter from Engr Bellary dated 4 Inst. with Estimate &c &c

1 Estimate

1 Corrected Estimate

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4.- The orders thus given, I have the honor to observe were promulgated by which I considered the emergency of the case, it being inadvisable that any unnecessary delay in completing the work should be allowed, at the same time being fully aware that I had no power to authorize the expenditure of work so greatly in excess of the Estimate, my Proceedings & the (1) District Engineer were immediately forwarded for the information of Government.-

5.- Government, in their order of the 1st April last, called for the Last Estimate, desired me to examine and review the Estimate, and submit with a full explanation as to the causes of the excess, and the circumstances which led to deviations from the Original Estimate, and also to express my opinion on the subject, and report the names, of the Officers who may think deserving of blame, either for imperfections in the original Estimate, or for unauthorized, and unnecessary deviations from it.-

6.- This Order of Government, was communicated to the (2) District Engineer with Extract from Proceedings No 1835 dated 18th April 1837. (allowance having again called to it in a Memorandum dated 30th May) and of that Office No 54, of the 1st ultimo, and of this

accompaniment from Mr. Superintendent Porter. I now beg to submit copies for the information of Government.-

9.- The (1) District Engineer states, that sickness was the cause of delay in furnishing the reply, and that on the 3rd June he inspected the Banda Rs in company with Mr. Porter, to whose report he refers for the required explanation.-

8.- Mr. Porter states.

1st That the original Estimate was prepared in 1838, under the orders of Captain Smythe, then Civil Engineer 3rd (1) Division, and that the excess in the expenditure has not been caused by deviations from that Estimate, but from many absolutely necessary items of work not having been included in it.-

and 2d. That the work originally provided for, had been executed at somewhat cheaper rates than allowed in the Estimates.-

9.- Mr. Porter then gives the several items omitted from the Estimate, but instead of enumerating them, I have considered it more convenient to exhibit them in the accompanying Comparative Statement A. the total expenditure on account of them amounting to Rupees 10023-13-7.-

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10.- The names of the several Officers who have superintended the building with the extent of work executed, under their orders is next given by Mr Porter, as follows.

1st Major A. Hodson 3d Madras European Regiment. from 28th December 1834. to 31st January 1835.-
Collecting materials, and building temporary Office and Work Yard, near the Barracks.-

2d Major Jackson Asst Adjutant. from 1st February to 13th April 1835.-
Excavating foundations and partially building up Verandahs as follows.-

3d Captain Barrow 11th Regt Nat: Infy. from 13th April 1835. to 26th do: for Verandahs to Guard and School room and two ranges of Barracks finished.-
Do. to 3d and 4th Ranges, together with orderly room range, nearly finished and Wood work fixed to 1st and 2d ranges.-

4th Captain Babington Asst Civil Engineer, from 27th December 1836. to 6th February 1837.-
Verandahs to 3d and 4th ranges with orderly room range finished.-

5th Mr Superviser Porter from 7th February 1837. up to present date.
Verandahs to

Verandahs to 5th Range commenced and nearly finished.-
Do - to 6th and 7th ranges terraced. and wood work fixed to 5th and 6th ranges.-

11.- Mr Porter states, that no special orders in writing, were given by any of the Officers named, for executing the additional work, but that being found to be absolutely necessary, it was allowed to be proceeded with.-

12.- The Officer to whom blame is due for allowing the additional work to be carried on, without bringing the same to notice, is Captain Barrow: no blame is attributable to Captain Babington, as he was only employed on the work for 1 Month and 16 days in finishing the Verandahs to the 3d & 4th ranges. The principal blame is undoubtedly due to Captain Smyth for having prepared a defective Estimate.-

13.- With this explanation, and the Comparative Statement showing the items of excess. I beg to submit a revised Estimate amounting to Rupees (68000) Sixty eight thousand as follows

1 Constructing Verandah to 9 Ranges of Barracks Rs	50334-8-2
2 - Do. School room range - -	4570-6-8

Continuing

3.- Constructing Orderly room range Rs 2727-11-6
4.- Canteen —— do —— 3835-7-7
5.- Guard room —— do —— 2900-7-5
6.- Superintendence and Sundries 3685-3-5

Total Rupees 65700--

Sanctioned Estimate Rs 62450---

Excess Rupees 3250---

for which Sanction is required.

Please the Power to draw

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants

Central Office of Fortifications
Fort William
16th July 1837

Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer

Lt Col Engrs

Lt Col Engrs N.C.

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(Distrt Engineers Office)
Bellary
Bellary 4th June 1838.

No 54.

From

Lieutenant J. Fisher
Distrt Engineer

To

The Chief Engineer
Madras

Sir.

With reference to Government
No Central Office dated 28th May 1838 I
beg to say, as there appears sufficient
No Barracks at this Station to accommodate
a regiment, No 1 Cantonment of Goomtee, and
No 1 of Secunderabad, I am directed by
Lieutenant Colonel Scott to request that
the Barracks now under construction here
and now nearly finished, may be appropriated
to the accommodation of Her Majesty's
53rd Regiment, the principal item of expense
was caused by the necessity of the roofing
being increased, and this Calculation was ad-
mitted previously to part, I do not think
they are of sufficient Magnitude for the kind
of work. -

3rd. I have the honor to enclose
duplicate accounts of Public Works
under my charge in this Original Estimate,
and have used the specified, and am considerable
time have never yet known the original Estimate
and the Expenditure to agree, this arises from
unforeseen circumstances, for this Station
=fore, they should be considered in a light
I have &c.
(Sd) J. Fisher Lt
Distt Engr & Superintg Bellary. Lt

Cons 7th Feb 1839 No 67-68.
" 27th Aug. — 105-108.
" 4th Nov. — 21-23
" 25th Sept. — 3-4.
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Com.
The Chief Engineer
&
The Secretary to Government
Pub. Department

Dated 16th
No. 517 } Sept 1837.

Engr No 2065
Pub. No 1503. 8th August
With reference to Com.
Com. Cons. No 628 dated 4th Septr
1837. Forwards a revised Estimate
for Constructing Verandahs
to the European Barracks
at Bellary and solicits
Sanction for the additional
sum of Rupees 7550 requisite
for completing them.

Right Estimate to the
Court of Directors
8 Augt 1839
No 1543.

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Enclosure in a Letter from
the Chief Magistrate
to the Secretary of Legation
Dated 16 Dec 1837

Received 30 Jan 1837

No 2065

Copy of Letter from the
Chief Magistrate of Bellary with
the Enclosure. Stating
the Grounds of the Estimate
for the Rent of Banglows &c
for the Hon. Company's
Resident at Adoni

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Comparative costs for the construction of Outer Verandah to the New European Barracks at Bellary.

Quantity	Description of Work	Price	Rate	Amount	Total
	Original Estimate for Verandah.				
6605	C.s ft. Rough Stone in Chunam	" 1 "	₹ C.ft	417 13 "	
5300	Sup.l ft. Plastering	2 1 "	₹ Sqre.	109 5 "	
	Cornice	" " "	"	" " "	
10000	Supl ft. Terracing the verandah with Ruggerwood Bressummers rafters 14×3×5. Brick on edge Jelly 3 course of flat tiles and Plastering &c complete	34 " "	₹ Sqre.	3400 " "	
6600	D.o Pairing with Sqre. Stones	7 8 "	D.o	645 " "	
	Chunam Gutters	" " "	"	" " "	
	Water Spouts &c	" " "	"	" " "	
	Wood oil 3 coats	" " "		250 " "	
	Excavating foundation & filling Basement			125 3 "	
	For 1 Range			4947 5 "	
	D.o 9 D.o			44525 13 "	
	School Room			3902 6 6	
	Orderly Room			2329 9 "	
	Guard Room			2461 11 6	
	Canteen			3276 11 "	
	Sundries & Superintendence			3953 13 "	
	Total Company's Rupees Sixty thousand four hundred & fifty			60450 " "	

Quantity	Description of Work	Price	Rate	Amount	Total
	Revised Estimate for Verandah.				
6793	C.s ft. of Stone in Chunam including the raising of the Verandah Pillars 9½ feet instead of 9 feet allowed in the Original Estimate	" 1 "	₹ C.ft	424 9 "	
5490	Sup.l ft. Plastering 2 coats of Chunam	2 1 "	₹ Sqre.	113 3 0	
760	R.t ft. of Cornice work	" 2 6	₹ R.t ft.	118 12 "	
9542	Sup.l ft. Terracing the Verandah with Ruggerwood Bressummers rafters 14 X 3½ X 6 instead of 14 X 3 X 5 allowed in the original Estimate with Brick on edge Jelly & course flat tiles & Plastering &c	39 " "	₹ Sqre.	3721 6 1	
8664	D.o Pairing with Sqre Stones	7 8 "	D.o	649 12 10	
52	Chunam Gutters	2 " "	&	104 " "	
	Water spouts repairing Basements &c			86 " "	
	Wood oil 3 coats			250 " "	
	Excavating foundation & filling Basement			125 " "	
	For 1 Range			5592 11 7	
	D.o 9 D.o			30334 8 3	
	School Room Range including the raising of the Verandah Pillars 2 feet & supplying the rafters 14 X 3½ X 6 instead of 14 X 3 X 5 &c			4510 6 0	
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	Guard Room do. do.			2900 7 8	
	Canteen do. do.			3038 7 7	
	Sundries			2630 12 7	
	Superintendence			1037 6 7	3668 3 4
	Total Company's Rupees Sixty eight thousand			68000 " "	

Central Office 9th Jan.y 1859
16th July 1859

Alfd Slater Colonel
Comg Engineer D.F.Fr.

P W D

№ 1543.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th Augt 1857

Read the following
letter from the Chief
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On the 6 October
1854 the Govt of India
sanctioned the erection of
exterior Verandahs to the
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in the first Estimate.

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From the Chief Engineer to
the Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 16th July 1857.
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for the Consideration of
Under Secy & Sec.
Chief Engr & Secy Bombay
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P.W. 11 Aug/57.

In his Proceedings of the 16th March last, the Chief Engr. reported that the appropriation to amount of the Estimates then submitted by the Govt. of India, No 3 Pt. Calcutta, was likely to be exceeded by about 12½ per Cent. Col. Colvin, at the same time submitted the proceedings of the work, proposing to submit to Govt. the necessary explanations in regard to the increase, together with the bills. This proceeding was disapproved of by Govt. in C. M. C. of the 4th April, No 628, and the Chief Engr. was requested to submit a supplemental Estimate with full explanations as to the causes of the excess, and the circumstances which led to deviations from the original Estimate.

From the Chief Engineer to Government.

Mr Colvin was also requested to give his own opinion on the subject, and report the names of the Officers who he might consider were deserving of blame, either for the imperfections in the Original Estimate, or for unauthorized and unnecessary deviations from it.

Briefly, the Chief Engineer submits, with the letter above recorded a Revised Estimate for the work, together with a letter from the Dist. Engr. with one from Superintendent Porter, affording information in the points noticed by Govt. Mr Porter states that the excess of expenditure has been caused by the omission of many very necessary items of work from the Estimate, and not by deviations

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The first and second Estimates for the Verandahs in question, it is observed, were submitted by the late Military Board, and it is much to be regretted that the works now shewn to be necessary were overlooked by the Officer who prepared the second Estimate. That now submitted by the Chief Engineer amounts to Rs 68,000, from which being deducted the sum already authorized viz Rs 60450, there remains Rs 7550, for which the sanction of the Govt of India will be obtained, with reference to the rules communicated in Mil. L. of the 28 August 1856 No 540.

Ordered accordingly that the following letter be despatched

To Col. W. E. Baker
Secy to the Govt of India
(Here enter 8 Aug 1857 - No 1574 -

2 Copies to the Chief Engr
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Public Works Dept
Dto Rec'd 11th ditto

No 1543.

To
Colonel Tennant
Dept. a Secretary

Sir

Referring to your letter
No 1544 of this date, I am
directed to forward for the
information of the Govt of India
a Plan & Estimate for the
erection of Verandahs to the
European Infantry Barracks at
Bellary amounting to Rupees
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Vo 1544. P.W.D.

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Secretary to the Government of India

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-pared the second Estimate.
That now submitted, amount-
-to Rs, 68,000 from which being
deducted the sum already
authorized Viz Rs, 60,4.50, there
remains Rs, 7,550 for which
sanction is required.

6 As it is essential
that the Verandahs should be
completed at an early date,
and as the sum now applied
for to accomplish that object
is beyond the competence of
this Government to authorize
under Rule III of the Rules com-
-municated with Your letter
of the 1st August 1856 No. 3605, I
am directed to solicit the
sanction of the Government
of India to the outlay.

Fort St. George
8th Augt 1857

Public Works 1857 Depart.
Dt to Govt 11th August.

No 1544.
To the Secretary to the Govt of
India.

Dy 8th August 1857.

Submitting a revised Esti-
mate for the erection of exterior
Verandahs to the European In-
fantry Barracks at Bellary and
soliciting the sanction of the
Govt of India to the outlay.

No 59.

31st July Rs 1,16,