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No. 37. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 21st September 1857, No. 3849.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant F. J. MOBERLY, Engineers, Superintendent of the East Coast Canal; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore, 5th September 1857, No. 166.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract from your Proceedings No. 3356, of the 1st September, with enclosed Minutes of Consultation.

On receiving orders for taking charge of the execution of the work of the Dispensary, I pointed out to Mr. Smollett, that no provision had been made in the estimate for purchase and preparation of a site or for outhouses. He replied that the purchase was already effected, and that he could raise 1,500 to 2,000 Rupees more if it were required.

I placed Assistant Overseer Carter in charge of the building, and when he had learnt the prices for which contractors would furnish materials, I went carefully over the estimate, and satisfied myself, that the rates were generally high, I proposed a further reduction in cost by the use of country wood instead of teak, and of rubble masonry instead of wells, the doors &c., which were prepared, and the foundations which were built when I left Vizagapatam on the 3rd January were considerably below the estimated prices.

Passing through Vizagapatam on my way to Ganjam, Lieutenant Syme called my attention to the omission in Major Birdwood's estimate of any amount for foundation, which I was only satisfied of after examination of the estimate, in which I felt confident I had seen the item of "wells." I am at a loss to know how I overlooked its absence.

I do not know how much money had been expended when I left Vizagapatam, but besides the walls of the outhouses, only the foundations were completed, doors prepared, and a few feet of the brick work merely to shew the method of bonding that I wished for there was no lack of funds, and I had every reason to think that I should not be obliged to ask for any further subscription, the Revetment wall was not built by me, nor did I ever see it.

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1 Copy of a letter from Lieut. Moberly dated 5th September 1857, No. 166.

1. Resolved in continuation of Extract from Proceedings No. 3356, of the 1st Instant, to forward for the information of Government copy of the letter noted in the margin from Lieutenant F. Moberly.

2. It appears from Major Birdwood's statement, as before observed, that the building of the Civil Dispensary at Vizagapatam was not commenced till after he gave over charge of the District, and though that Officer revised the estimate originally prepared by Captain Rundall, the omission of any provision for foundations was not detected by him.

3. From Lieutenant F. Moberly's statement, it appears, that he pointed out to Mr. Smollett, the circumstance of no provision having been made for preparing the site of the building, when that Gentleman assured him, that he could raise Rupees 1,500 to 2,000 more if necessary, but Lieutenant Moberly, equally with Major Birdwood overlooked the omission of the foundations.

4. That so many large items of expenditure should have been omitted in the preparation of the estimate as pointed out by Lieutenant Vertue, must be considered very discreditable to the Officers concerned, and that no further mistakes may be made, Lieutenant Vertue has been called upon to forward to the Central Office a Plan and detailed estimate of the building.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 6th October 1857.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 1875; dated 3rd October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Department in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation in this Department dated 7th Ultimo No. 1686.

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

No 166

From
Lieutenant J. J. Moberly, Engineer
Superintendent of the E. C. Canal

To
The Chief Engineer
in the D. P. W.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract from your Proceedings No 3356 of the 1st September with enclosed Minutes of Consultation.

On receiving Orders for taking charge of the execution of the work of the Dispensary I pointed out to Mr Smollett that no provision had been made in the Estimate for purchase and preparation of a site or for out houses. He replied that the purchase was already effected and that he felt sure that he could raise 1500 to 2000 Rupees more if it were required.

I placed Assistant Overseer Carter in charge of the building, and when he had learnt the prices for which Contractors would furnish materials, I went carefully over the Estimate, and satisfied myself that the rates were generally high. I proposed a further reduction in cost by the use of country wood instead of Teak, and of rubble masonry instead of walls. The doors &c which were prepared, and the foundations which were built

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3rd January, were considerably below the
estimated prices.

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my way to Kangany, Lieutenant Agnew
called my attention to the omission in
Major Bardwood's Estimate of Lime
amount for foundation, which I was
satisfied of after examination of the diffe-
rence, in which I felt confident I had
seen the item of under Canal Locks to
know how I overlooked the absence.

I do not know how many thousands
had been expended when I left Tegagalam-
but besides the walls of the Guard house,
the foundations were completed, down pre-
pared, and a few feet of the lines were
merely to shew the method of bonding that
finished for. There was no line of bund
and I had every reason to think that I
should not be obliged to use it for any
further subscriptions. The Merchants wall
was not built by me, nor did I ever consult

P.C. Canal
Supts Office Kandelaye
5th Septr 1857.

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Enclosure in an Extract
from the Proceedings of the Chief
Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Pub. Department

Dated 21st
Recd 30th September 1837.

No 3814

Copy of Letter from the
Superintg Civil Engr. Re-
porting on the Estimate
for the Civil Establishment
at Vizagapatam.

assured him that he could raise Rupees
1500 to 2000 more if necessary, but Lieut Col
Marley, equally with Major Sandwith,
were both of opinion of the Impracticability
of any large sums of Specie
being concealed in the Country
by Europeans, and that no
Money could be raised
except Cash & Bills on
Bombay, Lieutenant Taylor then
was called upon & examined &
stated as above, & the
Court was cleared.

Mr Taylor (Paymaster
(Public Engineer)

Lt Col
Bengal Engrs

Sir

The Secretary to Government
&c &c &c Fort St George

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