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Public (Works) DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5 —— 10 —— 1857.

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No. 49. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 14th September 1857, No. 3684.

SIR,

With reference to the orders quoted in the margin* I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, and eventual entry in the Budget of 1858-59, an estimate amounting to Rupees (1,470) one thousand four hundred and seventy, for excavating halting places for Cattle on the Seegoor and Coonoor Ghauts.

* Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1143, dated 13th June 1857.

2. Of these halting places 4 are provided on both Ghauts, and on the Seegoor line they will be large enough to accommodate 20 Carts drawn up in line and sufficient for pack bullocks on the Coonoor Ghaut.

3. They will serve greatly to improve the means of communication on these Ghauts, and I trust that the Government will approve of the estimate being entered in the Budget accordingly, as the rates appear to be moderate and sufficient.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, dated 2nd September 1857, No. 179.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 3147, dated 25th August 1857, I have the honor to state that I have called upon the Collector in reference to the halting places on the ghauts (Coonoor and Seegoor) and it is clearly understood that they are open and chiefly excavated spots the only shelter afforded is from driving wind and rain. I have thought it best to enter both amounts in one estimate* which I have revised and consider sufficient for the occasion. One ghaut being 9 miles and the other 8½ miles long 4 halting places will suffice and these should be large enough to accommodate 20 Carts each drawn up in line in the Seegoor ghaut, and the pack bullocks on the Coonoor ghaut.

* Rupees 1,470.

The latter spaces are therefore larger and the excavations increased; on the Seegoor ghaut two open spots may be found and cleared, but there are none such on the Coonoor ghaut.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 1881; dated 5th October 1857.

In the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 13th June 1857, No. 1143, Government, in reference to an emergent estimate for excavating five halting places on the Coonoor Ghaut, observed that no such estimate had been called for by them in para. 4 of their order of 5th February 1857, then referred to by the Chief Engineer, and they observed that there was nothing in the papers then before Government to shew that the Magistrate had been consulted, or that the irregularities which had been noticed would be effectually prevented by the excavation of the halting places recommended. Without allusion to this point, Colonel Faber now submits an estimate for excavating four halting places, both on the Coonoor and Seegoor Ghauts, and the only assurance offered to Government that the Magistrate had been consulted, consists in a remark by the District Engineer that he had called upon the Collector, and that it was clearly understood that the halts are to be open and chiefly excavated spots, affording shelter from driving wind and rain. This is very indefinite, but it may be assumed that the formation of the halting places will prevent cattle being picketed in the road in future. And the Government accordingly sanction the estimate of Rupees 1,470 submitted by the Chief Engineer for entry in the Budget of 1858-59.

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

Central Office of Pr.
Fort St. Tengo
14 September 1857.

No. 3684

From

The Chief Engineer,

To

The Secretary to Government, Pr.D.
3584

Sir,

Public

× E. M. C.
No. 1143 of 13th
June 57.

With reference to the orders quoted in the margin, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, and eventual entry in the Budget of 1858. 59, an Estimate amounting to Rupees 11470 / one thousand four hundred and seventy / for excavating halting places for Cattle on the Segoor and Coonoor Ghauts.

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2. Of these halting places 4 are provided on both Ghauts, and on the Segoor line they will be large enough to accommodate 20 Carts drawn up in line and sufficient for pack bullocks on the Coonoor Ghaut.

3. They will serve greatly to

to improve the means of communication on these Islands, and I trust that the Government will approve of the estimate being entered in the Budget accordingly, as the rates appear to be moderate and sufficient.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servt.

Fort St. George,
14th Sept. 69.

A. McArthur Col.
Chief Engr.

S. S. S. C.

To
The Secretary to
Government Pr. D.

Comp. III

Public: [roads] [New Work]

Abstract of Estimate № of 185 .5

Road №

District. Coimbatore

Work. Excavating Halting places on the Coonoor & Seegoor Ghauts for the Convenience of Travellors & Cattle.

Quantities	Description of Work	Rate Rs	as	P.	Amount Rupees	Amount for each part Rupees
C. Yds.						
6000	Excavation to 4 halting places on the Coonoor Ghaut ——— Cyd.	"	2	"	750	
	20 Places for Coolies to rest their Bundles on / Shemathangers / Each	10	"	"	200	950
4000	Excavation to 4 halting places on the Seegoor Ghaut ——— Cyd.	"	2	"	500	500
	Sundries ———	"	"	"	20	20
	Total Company's Rupees					1470

Central Office of I.P.W.
Fort Saint George,
14 September, 1857.

Colonel
Chief Engineer & I.P.W.

Public Works Department
Dy. № 1845 of 1857
Received 18th Sept. 1857
Recorded 18th Sept. 1857

2 Cond.s 1 Peon
Rs. 188 o o Each

Verranee Rama
Accountant entitled to
Buffalo Allowance as
Peon & Cond.r
Per examining Cattle
Pleaders Pass
Per Cash Rs.

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Quantities	Description of Work	Rate			Amount	Amount for each part
Bills		Rs	As	P	Rupees	Rupees

Public Works Dept.

No. 1881

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th September 1857

Read the following letter from the
Chief Engineer.

Here enter 14th Septr/57 No 3684

Dated 14 Septr/57
Recd 18 Septr/57
No 3684

Abstract Estimate for Excavating
Halting places on the Coonoor and
Sugoor Ghauts for the Convenience of
Travellers and Cattle in the District
of Coimbatore.
Amounting to Company's Rs 1870

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Enclosure
To a Letter

From
The Chief Engineer
Dated

To
The Secretary to Govt
Dated

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In the Extract
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dated 13th June 1857 No
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Estimate for excavating
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the Coonoor Ghauts observed
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Estimate had been
called

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~~picketed~~ in the road in future.* It is stated that one Khank is 9 miles, and the other 8½ miles long; and the Government do not think that for this short distance so many as four kattis or each Khank are required. At all events two on each Khank will be sufficient at a commencement, they can be increased in number hereafter if necessary. The District Engineer will accordingly be requested to revise his Estimate.

J. Copied to the Chief Engr. C.P.B.

* and the Government accordingly sanction the estimate of Rs. 1170 submitted by the Chief Engineer for ~~this purpose~~ for entry in the Budget of 1858/59.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dd to Cons: 6th Octr "

No. 1881

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 5th Octr/57.

From the Dy. Ch.
Engr of 20 Octr/57
Cer 3506-

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No 49 & 50.