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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1857.

No. 71. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th October 1857, No. 4285.

SIR,

- 1 Letter from the District Engineer Nellore, No. 1501, dated 6th August 1857.
- 1 Copies of correspondence.
- 1 Letter from the District Engineer No. 1818, dated 15th September.
- 1 Copy of letter from Captain Ritherdon, to the District Engineer No. 640, dated 12th September 1857.
- 1 Abstract Estimate.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, correspondence received from the District Engineer of Nellore, bringing to notice the fact of Captain Ritherdon, Executive Engineer in that District, having "by mistake," constructed one, and commenced another, Police Tannah, when he was only ordered to repair the old ones.

2. The buildings in question appear to have been approved by the Collector, and sanction was applied for by the District Engineer on the 6th August last, but the plan was considered objectionable.

3. It is therefore much to be regretted, that in executing the repairs ordered by Lieutenant Mullins, Captain Ritherdon should have so erroneously exceeded his instructions, as to erect new buildings.

4. Under existing circumstances however, I beg to solicit sanction to the amount of Rupees (220) two hundred and twenty, for the finished Tannah, to enable the Executive Engineer to enter it in his accounts; and I would avail myself of this opportunity of recommending that the remainder of the estimate for constructing Tannahs at Nellore, Rupees (190) one hundred and ninety, may be entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Potereddypollem, 6th August 1857, No. 1501.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for sanction estimates amounting altogether to Rupees 310 for the re-construction of an old Police Tannah, at Futtahkhanpettah (one of the villages of the town of Nellore) on a new site, and for the erection of a new Tannah at Stonehousepett a suburb of Nellore.

2. These estimates were prepared at the request of the Collector, and the sites now chosen by that Officer, who considers that the least possible delay should take place in their construction.

3. In my letter to the Collector I have remarked upon the defective design of all the Police Tannahs in Nellore, and I think it of consequence that all new ones should be built on some improved plan, which would provide for the safe custody of prisoners, and also admit of both offensive and defensive operations being carried on by the Peons in charge of the Tannah, should there be no improved standard plan in your Office, I would beg to recommend that an expenditure of Rupees 25 be allowed for the erection of a temporary building at each place, and that I may be permitted to prepare a plan of a building, more adapted than the present one for the purposes of a guard room.

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Camp Sooloorpett 20th July 1857, No. 1386.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 161, dated 4th Instant, I have the honor to forward for your opinion and countersignature estimates for the erection of the two new Tannahs required for the town of Nellore.

2. I am of opinion that the plan at present adopted for these Tannahs is a very inefficient one for a Guard room for Peons, who ought in the case of a disturbance, a not impossible or even improbable occurrence in times of scarcity, particularly at Stonehousepett, to be able to command

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several thoroughfares, and thus keep a mob in check until the assistance of the Military has been secured. It is needless to add that no sane man would stay a moment longer than he could help in a Tannah on the present plan* which involves the necessity of shutting the door and remaining incapable of doing any thing until the roof having been removed, the Gallant defenders are ignominiously ejected.

3. I am not prepared to advocate any superior plan of my own, but perhaps, the subject once brought to notice some plan already approved of may be obtained from the Chief Engineer.

Letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, dated 23th July 1857, No. 193.

SIR,

I have the honor to return with my countersignature Captain Ritherdon's estimate for the construction of two Tannahs at Futtakhanpettah and Stonehousepettah in Nellore. The Tannahs are much needed as I before stated and no time should be lost in their construction. It is also very desirable that they should be constructed on an improved plan as suggested by you.

Estimate for the Month of June 1857, made by Captain A. W. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer Nellore, Range of the Nellore District.

*Nellore District.
Nellore Talook.
Police Tannah*

Futtakhanpettah Tannah has got into such a ruined condition that it is not worth repairing, as that would cost nearly as much as building a new one. Its situation is moreover not so good as it might be, and this opportunity will be taken advantage of to remove it to the junction of the road leading into this pettah with the Trunk road. The accompanying estimate is for a Tannah of the same size and description which appears to be the standard plan for this Town.

Estimate for 1857.

1593	Cubic feet Brick in Chunam at 1½ Annas per Cubicfoot	119	5	6
9½	Squares of Plastering with 2 Coats of chunam at Rupees 2½ per square	23	12	0
2½	Squares of Roofing with Pan and flat tiles Rafter and Reepers &c. at Rupees 17½	39	6	0
25	Cubic yards of Earth work excavating foundation at 9 pice	1	2	9
	Sundry charges	6	5	9
		220	0	0
	Deducted old Materials.....	30	0	0
	Total Estimate Rupees.....	190	0	0

*Nellore District.
Nellore Talook.
Police Tannah at Stonehousepett.*

The want of a Tannah at Stonehousepett is much felt as many persons of respectability and wealth have of late years built residences there, the bazar also is extensive and requires protection. The position of the building will be on the Nabobpett road, and near the principal street of Stonehousepett.

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Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Nellore, 14th September 1857, No. 1818.

SIR,

In forwarding for your information and instructions the enclosed copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer Nellore range, reporting that, by a mistake, he has built one new Police Tannah and commenced another for which no sanction has as yet been given, I have the honor to inform you that the Tannahs in question are those referred to in my letter, No. 1501, dated 6th August 1857, the estimates for which were returned with Extract from your Proceedings No. 3000, dated 17th August.

2. As Captain Ritherdon has always shown himself to be a careful and zealous Executive Officer, and as he appears, by an oversight, to have imagined that the new Tannahs were included in the sanction for the repairs to the old ones conveyed in the Acting Collectors letter No. 178, dated 18th July, and as one Tannah has been completed and the other, though now suspended, commenced, and nearly all the materials collected, I beg to recommend that sanction for these two Tannahs on the old plan may be granted, and that the revised plan, which I have proposed, should be submitted for any future buildings of this description that may be required.

3. The original estimates above alluded to, are herewith enclosed in case you should approve of my recommendation.

Letter from Captain A. RITHERDON, Executive Engineer, Nellore District; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore, dated 12th September 1857, No. 640.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for your information, that when issuing orders for the repair of two Tannahs in Nellore. I directed the new Tannahs lately estimated for by myself to be erected under the conviction that they also had received sanction. One of the buildings is finished and materials have been collected for the other, but before disposing of the bricks &c., I should be obliged by your informing me if there is any prospect of their being required for the purpose for which they have been purchased.

II. As the mistake has occurred, I shall feel obliged by your reporting the circumstance and ascertaining if the Chief Engineer with sanction the expenditure of Rupees 220 for the finished building without which the charge cannot appear in my account.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, No. 2012; dated 27th October 1857.

Under the circumstances represented by the Chief Engineer, the Government accord sanction to Rupees (220) two hundred and twenty, being the cost of a Police Tannah constructed anew, through mistake, at Stonehousepettah of Nellore, by Captain Ritherdon, Executive Engineer in that District. The mistake in question appears to have been an extraordinary one.

2. In accordance with the recommendation of Colonel Faber, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the remainder of the estimate for the erection of Tannahs in Nellore, amounting to Rupees (190) one hundred and ninety, be entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

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3. The Chief Engineer will be requested to state whether he has fixed on any improved plan for Tannahs providing for offensive and defensive operations being carried on by Peons stationed in them, during any outbreak.

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

Nellor
Collector's Office
18th July 1857

N^o 178
From
J. W. Taylor Esq
Ap. Collector of Nellor
Lieut. J. Millins
District Engineer, Nellor
Sir

I have the honor to return, with
my countersignature the Estimate of Captain
Ritherton for the repair of Tannahs at
Nellor received with your letter of the
14th instant, and to state that the works
may be carried out in the manner therein pointed
out

I have the honor to be Yours
Signed J. W. Taylor
Ap. Collector
(True Copy)

Wm. Mullins Esq
District Engineer, Nellor

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For orders.
 Public Works Department No 1996.
 From the Chief Engineer 11 October 1857 -

This appears a rather more
 preferable mode - but some
 time must now be accorded -

I had like to know - if the
 Eng^r has fixed on any plan
 for lanterns - of a superior
 nature - having regard to
 their of expense & expense

Y^{rs} L^y

Endorse in a letter from the
 (District Engineer to the
 100881 order 26th Sept 57

Regarding the reference to the
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Public Works Dept

No. 2012
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 27th October 1857.

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letter from the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 7th October 1857 No. 2012

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both ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ regard to
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~~at times~~ ^{during} of any out-
break.

RJ

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No. 29th October.

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27th October 1857.

By Chief Eng: W. H. H. H. H.
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of a command in the tower, de-
scribed in the Budget of 1855
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Engt. to state, whether he has
flood on any improved plan
for launch, providing for
offensive & defensive operations
being carried on by steam
stationed in the river during
attacks.

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