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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No. 473	Press Mis.
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Dated 14-3-	18 57

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No. 37. Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th February 1857, No. 1046.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying bill for Rupees (13,850-14-6) thirteen thousand, eight hundred and fifty, annas fourteen, and pice six, received from the Civil Architect, for expenses incurred in raising the roof, and making certain other alterations to the Parcherry Barracks in the Fort, occupied by the married men of the Regiment.

An estimate of Rupees 9,531-12-10, received the sanction of the Military Board for this work in March 1855, but during its progress further improvements, were found necessary, and for which a supplemental estimate for Rupees 3,710, was submitted to Government for sanction; the Government in passing orders thereon directed* that the expenditure should be included in the bill, and the cause of the excess explained in a note at the foot of the bill.

* In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 549, 28th February 1856.

Rs.	A.	P.	
9,531	12	10	.....Original.
3,710	0	0	.....Supplemental.
13,241	12	10	
13,850	14	6	.....Bill.
609	1	8	.....Excess.

The bill now submitted exceeds the original sanction, and the supplemental estimate by Rupees 609-1-8 the cause of the excess being attributable as stated at the foot of the bill, to an increase in the price of Timber, Chunam &c. in the market.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, No. 473; dated 14th March 1857.

The Government observe that the Military Board sanctioned, in March 1855, an estimate of Rupees 9,531 for raising the roof, and making certain other alterations to the Parcherry Barracks in Fort St. George occupied by married men, and that on a supplemental estimate having been submitted for Rupees 3,710 for further improvements which were found necessary during the progress of the work, orders were passed in the Military Department that the expenditure should be included in the bill, the cause of excess being explained in a foot note. The bill now submitted exceeds both the original and supplemental estimates by Rupees 669-1-8, thus shewing an increase of 45 per cent. on the original estimate, and 16 per cent. on the Supplemental estimate, the increase being attributed to a rise in the price of Timber and Chunam &c. That both estimates, should have been so much exceeded cannot be considered satisfactory, but the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will not withhold his sanction to the bill now submitted for the sum of Rupees (13,850-14-6) thirteen thousand, eight hundred and fifty, annas fourteen and pice six; he however desires that the Civil Architect be directed to be careful in framing his estimates, so as to avoid increase of expenditure above them.

2. The Government take this opportunity to point out that the several bills submitted by the Chief Engineer for sanction do not shew the year to which they belong. The Chief Engineer must be aware that the present system of accounts, requires that the expenditure, prior, and subsequent to, 30th April 1856, should be separately accounted for by bills, because from the commencement of the Current Official year, all the accounts in the Public Works Department have been kept distinct from the old transactions, should this course not be carefully followed, the Accountant General, under whose audit the expenditure of the Current Official year must come,* will have no means of ascertaining how much of the expenditure has been properly accounted for by the submission of bills. If the bill from the Civil Architect which is the more immediate subject of this order contains charges incurred before as well as after the 30th April 1856, two separate bills should have been submitted, shewing in their heading the official year in which the expenditure was incurred. The attention of the Chief Engineer is particularly directed to this matter.

* Vide E. M. C. dated 19th Decr. 1856, No. 2365.

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

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Public Works Dept

No. 473

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 14th March 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Acting
Superintending Engineer
Northern Circle in charge
of Central Office of Pub
Works.

Received 21st February 1857
No. 1041 61

To Government
observe that the Militia
Board sanctioned, in
March 1855, an Estimate
of Rupees 9,581 for repairing
the roofs and making
certain

certain other alterations to the Barrackpore Barracks in H. Force ~~Fort~~ occupied by married men, and that on an Supplemental Estimate having been submitted for Rupees 3/10. for further improvements which were found necessary during the progress of the work, orders were passed in the Military Department that the expenditure should be included in the Bill, the excess of excess being explained in a foot note. The Bill now submitted exceeds both the original and Supplemental Estimates by Rupees 869-1-8 thus

three shewing an increase of 4.5 per cent on the original Estimate, and 16 per cent on the Supplemental Estimate, the increase being attributed to a rise in the price of Timber and Chunam &c. That both Estimates should have been so much exceeded cannot be considered satisfactory, but the Right Honble the Governor in Council will not withhold his sanction to the bill now submitted for the sum of Rupees 113850-14-6/ thirteen thousand eight hundred and fifty and fourteen annas and

and price six, he however desires that the Civil Architect be directed to be careful in framing his Estimates, so as to avoid increase of expenditure above them.

2. The Govt take this opportunity to point out that the several Bills submitted by the Chief Engineer for sanction do not shew the year to which they belong. The Chief Engineer must be aware that the present system of accounts requires that the expenditure, prior, and subsequent to, 30th April 1856 should be separately accounted

accounted for by Bills, because from the commencement of the current Official year, all the accounts in the Public Works Department have been kept distinct from the old transactions, should this course not be carefully followed, the Accountant General, under whose audit the expenditure of the current Official year must come, will have no means of ascertaining how much of the expenditure has been properly accounted for by the submission of Bills.

Tele. & Mess. Cons. 4/19 Dec/56 N°2365.

If the Bills from the Civil Architect which is the more immediate subject of this order contain charges incurred before or well on or after the 30th April 1850, two separate Bills should have been submitted, shewing in their heading the Official year in which the expenditure was incurred. The attention of the Chief Engineer is particularly directed to this matter.—

JD

Copies to the Chief Engr with Civil Bill—Civil Sec. for Accts Cond.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
D.to Cons: 17th March.

No 473.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dd 14th March 57.
From the Brd Cons 28th March 57
Ch. 656 in Cons 21st April

Passing orders regarding a bill for raising the Roof and Making other alterations to the Barrack in the Fort occupied by the Married Men of the Regiment.

No 37 & 38.

C.S. Mun. & P.W.