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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th April 1857.

No. 56. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th March 1857, No. 11067.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect Presidency Division to Colonel C. E, FABER, Chief Engineer dated 6th March 1857, No. 167.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract of your Proceedings No. 10694 of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to state, that the delay in submitting the estimate for the additions that have been recently excuted to the North side of the stables in the Government Park at Guindy, is not quite so great as it would appear to be. Inasmuch, as the finished plan, which was submitted by this Department on the 24th April for his Lordship's inspection, was returned approved with a demi Official to that effect of the 26th idem from the Private Secretary. But this plan also contained additions on the West side, and a new Harness Room of 44 feet square in the N. W. Angle, for the whole of which, a rough estimate was submitted along with the plan, subsequently I was directed to restrict the work to the Mens quarters and the horse stables of the Body guard only, on the North side as the expense of the entire plan was considered to be too heavy for the one year.

2. The work as it has now been executed, and was not commenced till May, and having, as I have said, given a rough estimate (for both the whole or part improvements) I did not imagine there was any particular hurry to send in the regular and more detaild one, till such time as the work was finished and could be judged of by his Lordship. So as to leave the estimate open to the last to admit of any further extension if thought proper. As an estimate once sanctioned it is desicable of course to avoid any material deviations from it which usually give rice to explanations which may or may not satisfy. On the other hand, the estimate now before the Government is a bona fide record of the work that has been done as nearly as may be, and is therefore, complete in itself.

3. I may conclude with saying the work was completed altogether on the 24th December and what with the Christmas and Pongall holy days, it took till the 20th January to close the account and the estimate was then sent in.

Resolved with reference to a Memorandum dated 27th Ultimo from the Acting Secretary to Government D. P. W., to forward the accompanying copy of letter No. 167, dated 6th instant from the Civil Architect, offering an explanation respecting the cause of delay in submitting the estimate for the improvements lately made to the stables in Government Park at Guindy. The explanation is unsatisfactory, and the Civil Architect must be fully aware that the detaining an estimate, as in the present instance, until the completion of a work, is not only inadmissible, but a very irregular proceeding.

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

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 623; dated 3rd April 1857.

The Chief Engineer has justly taken exception to the explanation given by the Civil Architect for delay in submitting the estimate for the improvements lately made to the stables in the Government Park at Guindy. The Civil Architect must be aware that any estimate sent up after the completion of work is not really an estimate but a Bill, and he was by no means justified in proceeding with the work before submitting an estimate and obtaining the sanction of Government.

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

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