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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 89. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 11th July 1857, No. 1954.

SIR,

1. I have the honor under Clause 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 696, dated 18th October 1855, to forward a Supplemental Estimate of Rupees (620) six hundred and twenty for completing the Traveller's Bungalow at Pamadee, on the road between Bellary and Ramandroog.

2. The original Estimate of Rupees 2,001-9-1, for this Bungalow was sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 19, dated 9th January 1855, for entry in the Budget of 1855-56, and the expenditure to the 31st January 1857, was Rupees 2,075-15-4, or Rupees 74-6-3, in excess of the Estimate.

3. Captain Daniell in his letter No. 18, dated 23rd February 1857, reported that fully one third of the work remained to be done, that the walls were only raised about one third of their intended height, and that the materials for completing them, were still to be collected.

4. The reasons assigned in explanation of the estimate being so greatly exceeded are.

1st. That it was necessary to dig the foundation in three different places before they were built in, owing to the unfavorable nature of the soil found.

2nd. That the stone with which the Bungalow was to have been built, was found more expensive than was calculated on, and so difficult to procure, that bricks were eventually substituted for the walls above foundations.

And 3rd. That the chunam also proved to be far dearer than the estimated rate.

5. The information furnished, not being considered sufficient, the District Engineer was requested, in Extract Proceedings No. 11174, dated 23rd March last, to report under whose superintendence the foundations were excavated, and by whose authority bricks were substituted for stones.

6. Captain Daniell in a further report* to the District Engineer states, that his enquiries and examination of the accounts do not enable him to furnish a more particular or detailed report; and as he merely relates what he has been *told* regarding the apparent mismanagement on the part of Major Bisset, it does not appear necessary to follow that officer in his further remarks.

7. Major Bisset is now with his Regiment in Burmah, and as it is unlikely that he could offer any explanation without having access to the records of his late office, it would be of but little avail referring the matter to him.

8. The District Engineer in his letter No. 42, dated 21st May 1857, reports, that since forwarding the Supplemental Estimate for the Bungalow, the Carpenter who contracted for the roofing of the Building had failed, and talks of making good the deficiency from the discretionary funds at his disposal, an arrangement which of course cannot be permitted.

9. The further information received both from the District Engineer, and Captain Daniell, being still unsatisfactory, the former was requested in Extract from Proceedings No. 937, of the 5th Instant, to report how often, and on what dates he had inspected the work himself.

10. From the District Engineer's reply† it appears, that he only examined the site of the Bungalow in October last, the difficulty of selecting the site is referred to, and the treacherous nature of the soil is stated to have been the principal cause of the Estimate being exceeded.

11. In the concluding para. of his letter, the District Engineer states, that the Contractor; have had large advances, and express a perfect readiness to go to prison rather than perform their work. The Contract as will be seen by Captain Daniell's memorandum of the 16th Instant was regularly drawn up on stamp paper, and attested by two witnesses.

12. Whilst it is to be admitted that no very creditable state of affairs in the Department Public Works of the Bellary District has been revealed by the Engineers connected with the

* No. 14, dated 18th May 1857.

† No. 85, dated 19th June.

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Pamadee Bungalow, the disadvantages entailed by the recent frequent changes and removals, (Major Bisset, and Lieutenant Temple) should not be overlooked.

13. The District Engineer has now been requested in the event of his having sufficient evidence in support of the case, to file a suit against the Contractor, named Ramanah, but as in all probability a very long time will elapse before it can be ascertained, whether the money due for the wood work of the Bungalow roof is likely to be recovered, and it being of importance that the building should not be delayed, I trust sanction will be accorded to the Supplemental Estimate now submitted.

P. S. It might have been appropriate to bring to the knowledge of Government, that the present District Engineer of Bellary, besides having his attention directed professionally almost exclusively to the important Projects for the extensive improvement of the District recently canvassed and reported upon at considerable length by the Superintending Engineer Centre Division has laboured under the disadvantage of repeated attacks of fever, and of health generally so infirm, that early removal to Europe on sick Certificate had for some time been considered indispensable by Lieutenant Fisher's Medical attendants.

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

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 1449; dated 28th July 1857.

Under the circumstances explained in the Chief Engineer's letter above recorded, and considering the unfinished state of the work, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the Supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees (620) six hundred and twenty, for completing the Traveller's bungalow at Pamadee in the Bellary District. The total authorized outlay on this building will amount to Rupees 2,621. The Chief Engineer will however instruct the District Engineer, that with reference to the recent orders for the stoppage of Public Works, this work is to be proceeded with only so far as may be necessary to preserve the work already done, from damage.

2. The Government must however remark that the explanation given for the increase over the original estimate is very unsatisfactory. They are of opinion that, with proper foresight and care on the part of the Public Works Officers of the District, the nature of the soil might have been ascertained before excavations had been made for the whole foundation, and that previous enquiry might have enabled them to avoid the loss which is now impending from the failure of the Contractors.

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

Public
Travellers
Bungalow

8 Enclaves

1 Letter from Capt. Daniel to Mr. A. J. 23 July 1857

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Central Office of P.W. 30
Fort St George 11 July 1857
No. 1454.
From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
dated 11 July 1857.
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2. The Original Estimate of Rupees 2,001-9-1 for this Bungalow was sanctioned in Contract Minutes of Consultation No. 19, dated 9 January 1855 for entry in the Budget of 1855/56, and the expenditure to the 31st January 1857, was Rupees 2,075-15-4, or Rupees 74-6-3 in excess of the Estimate.
3. Captain Daniell in his letter No. 18, dated 23 February 1857, reported that fully one third of the work remained to be done, that the walls were only raised about one third of their intended height, and that the materials for completing them, were still to be collected.
4. The reasons assigned in explanation of the Estimate being so greatly exceeded are

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6. Captain Daniell in a further report to the District Engineer states ^{no. 11, dated 18th May 1857.} that his enquiries and examination of the accounts do not enable him to furnish a more particular or detailed report, and as he merely retates what he has been told regarding the apparent mismanagement on the part of Major Bisset, it does not appear necessary to follow that officer in his further remarks.

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7. Major Bisset is now with his Regiment in Burma, and as it is unlikely that he could offer any explanation without having access to the records of his late office, it would be of but little avail referring the matter to him.

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11. In the concluding para of his letter, the District Engineer states, that the Contractors have had large advances, and express a perfect readiness to go to prison rather than perform their work. The Contract, as will be seen by Captain Daniell's Memorandum of the 16th Instant, was regularly drawn up on stamp paper, and attested by two witnesses.

12. Whilst it is to be admitted, that no very creditable state of affairs in the Works of the Bellary District has been revealed by the Engineers connected with the Parnadze Bungalow, the disadvantages entailed by the recent frequent changes and removals (Major Bisset, and Lieutenant Temple) should not be overlooked.

13. The District Engineer has now been requested, in the event of, his having sufficient evidence in support of the case, to file a suit against the Contractor, named Ramanaiah, but as with all probability a very long time will elapse before it can be ascertained, whether the money due for the wood work of the Bungalow roof

is likely to be recovered, and it being of importance that the building should not be delayed, I trust sanction will be accorded to the Supplemental Estimate now submitted.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Central Office of the
Port of George
11th July 1837

Respected Colonel,

Chief Engineer

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Wm. S. S. S. S.

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Wm. S. S. S. S.
Chief Engineer

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Buildings

New Work

Abstract of Estimate

of 1855

District Bellary

Supplementary Estimate of the Public Bungalows under Construction at Pandya

Quantity	Description of Work	Rates		Amount in Rupees	Amount of each part in Rupees
		Rs	P		
1739 1/2 Cft.	Brick in Churnam	12		217	
	Deduct 34000 Bricks at 3 Rs 1000				
					114
	2000 Sers of Churnam at 6 Rs 1000 Sers		12		103
154 3/8 Cft.	Arch work over the Doors and windows Brick in Churnam		3	29	
5000 Supft.	Plastering the whole Bungalow with 2 coats of Churnam	2	12	137	
5000 Sq	white washing with 2 coats of Churnam		4	13	
1350 Sq	Flooring the whole Bungalow with Kelly in Churnam	3	13 6	52	
30	Slabs for steps - Each	1	10	49	
2160 Sq	Roofing with tiles and Churnam borders	6			
	Deducted paid for tiles 129-9-7				98
1140 Cft.	filling in Basement		1	6	
4790 Sq	filling outside of the Basement		1	25	512
	Carried Over				512

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12th May 1857

Mr. John P. Englewood
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

10th May 1857

10th May 1857

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22 July 1857

Received from Mr. Englewood
a bill for the amount of
Rs 500 (and Rs 1000) and
Rs 1000 for the same
Bungalow at Pandya
and Rs 1000 and
Rs 1000 for the same
Bungalow at Pandya

Quantities C Yds	Description of Work	Rates			Amounts each of
		R ^d	10 ^d	P	Rupies
	Brought forward				
	Book House				5
2000	Plastering the walls through out with Coat of Chunar	1	12	"	35
2000	Bluewashing	"	2	10	3
500	Flooring with Selly in Chu- main	3	13	6	19
72	ft. Rough stone in	"	1	"	5
400	Gravelling Outside of the Basement	"	"	1	2
	Driveway				6
825	Plastering the walls through out with 1 coat Chunar	1	12	"	14
825	Bluewashing	"	2	10	2
50	Flooring with Selly in Chunar	3	13	6	2
100	Terrace Roofing	18	"	"	18
	Sundries				3
Total Company's Expenses hundred and twenty					62

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
11th July 1857

Ar. Lister
Chief Engineer P.W.

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From
The Chief Engineer
(D. 11)

To
The Secretary to Govt
(D. 11)

Dated 11th 3
Received 3 11/6/57

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N. 1/54

Abstract Supplemental
Estimate of the Public
Works under construction
at Pandya in the Dis-
trict of Bellary

Amounting to Rs 620

Public Works Department

N. 1411/57
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 28th July 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer
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(Here entered 11th July 1857: 1/54)

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Under the circum-
stances explained in the
Chief Engineer's letter above
recorded, and consider-
ing the unfinished state
of the work, the Right Hon-
ourable the Governor in
Council sanctions the
supplemental estimate,
amounting to Rs 620/-
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Six hundred and twenty,
for completing the Travellers'
Bungalow at Pannachan
in the Bellary District.

The total authorized outlay
on this building will
amount to Rupees 2,621.

The Chief Engineer will
however instruct the
District Engineer, that
with reference to the
recent orders for the stoppage
of Public Works, this
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with only so far as may
be necessary to preserve
the work already done,
from damage.

The Government
must however remark
that the explanation
given

Original Estimate sanctioned
in G. O. No. 1000 of 19th Jan'y
1888 No 19 ——— Rs 2000
Supplemental Estimate
now sanctioned ——— 621
Total 2621

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given for the increase
over the original estimate
is very unsatisfactory.
They are of opinion that,
with proper foresight
and care on the part of
the Public Works Officer
of the District, the nature
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been ascertained before
excavations had been
made for the whole foundation,
and that previous
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them to avoid the loss
which is now impending
from the failure of the
contractors.

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Aug 28th July.

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Richard Collins & Co.

July 28th July 1857.

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