1. Number of pages 8 (1-16)
2. Date of weaning 14.7.37
3. Reference

M.R.O. 1—82,400—22-11-30

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Con 14.7.37

G.O. No. 1331 Press Mis.

47-68

Dated 10 — 7 — 1857

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Ord 1331/14.7.37 16.7.37

/N

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 47. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 18th June 1857, No. 1309.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 11785, dated 17th April 1857, and with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 929, of the 14th Ultimo, I have the honor to submit* for the information of Government Extracts from a communication No. 284, of the 31st Idem, from the District Engineer Godavery Division, together with a revised Plan, and estimate for building a Sea Custom House at Coconada.

* Under Clause 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 696, dated 18th October 1855.

2. The estimate amounts to Rupees (12,280) twelve thousand two hundred and eighty, comprising the items shewn in the abstract, and the details of the proposed building, are given in the accompanying report, marked A.

3. The necessity for a Custom House at Coconada having already been recognized† by Government, it appears unnecessary to offer any remarks on the Plan and estimate now submitted, further than that I consider the former to be well adapted for the purpose intended, and the latter to be framed on moderate and sufficient data, though somewhat increased.

† Extract Minutes Consultation Nos. 297 and 459, dated 10th July 1854, and 24th August 1855.

4. In expressing my regret at the delay that has already taken place, under the circumstances reported in my letter of the 17th April last No. 11785, I would merely observe, that not considering the work to be strictly of an emergent nature, thought of very great importance, and much to be desired, the estimate may properly be entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1331; dated 10th July 1857.

In Extract Minutes Consultation of the 10th July 1854, No. 297, an estimate of Rupees 5,499 was sanctioned for constructing a Sea Custom House at Cocanada in the Rajahmundry District; but the work though entered in the Budget for 1854-55, does not appear to have been as yet commenced. In para. 1 of the Chief Engineer's letter of the 17th April last, No. 11785, allusion was made to a second estimate for Rupees 7,950 forwarded by the District Engineer of the Godavery Division, and corrected in the Central office to Rupees 8,650 for the same building; but this estimate was not laid before Government. The Chief Engineer further observed in the letter above referred to that the plan of the Custom House had been prepared agreeably to the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 24th August 1855, No. 459; but on referring to this order, no such requisition is found in it. With his present letter Colonel Faber submits a third estimate for Rupees 12,280, or more than double the amount of the first estimate, and recommends the same for sanction, in view to its being included in the Budget for 1858-59.

2. From a remark in para. 9 of the Extract from the District Engineer's letter dated 31st May forwarded by the Chief Engineer, it would appear that the increase over the second estimate is solely attributable to the insufficiency of the rates allowed in it; if this be the case, the particulars of the alterations made should be specified for the information of Government. This will not however account for the large excess over the first estimate, and explantion should therefore be furnished as to the causes which have led to the increase. In the Chief Engineer's letter of 17th April last, already adverted to, it was stated that Rupees 477 had been spent on the sanction granted in 1854, in the preparation of materials; the sum ought therefore to have been deducted from the amount of the present estimate, and the Government request that this be now done. Pending the receipt of information on the points above noticed, the Government defer sanctioning the estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer.

3. When an estimate undergoes revision in the Central office and has its amount altered, a corresponding alteration ought also to be made in the sum entered on the plan, in order that the correct cost of the work may at once be known. This rule has not been observed in the pre-

sent, as well as several other instances, and the Government request the Chief Engineer will cause it to be carefully attended to in his office for the future.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government

Central Office of P.W.

No. 1309. Fort St. George 18 June 1857.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department.

Sir,

"Marine" Sea Customs Houses.-

In continuation of my letter No. 1178S, dated 17 April 1857, and with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 929, of the 14 Ultimo, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, Extracts from a communication No. 284, of the 31st idem, from the District Engineer Godavery Division, together with a revised Plan and Estimate for building a Sea Custom House at Coconada.

*under Clause 2d Ft. Mun. Cons. No. 6916 dated 18 Oct. 1855.

2.- The Estimate amounts to Rupees (12,280) Twelve thousand two hundred and Eighty, comprising the items shewn in the Abstract, and the details of the proposed building, are given in the accompanying Report, marked A.

* Ft. Mun. Cons. Nos. 2974 & 69 dated 10 July 1854 and 21 August 1855.

3.- The necessity for a Custom House at Coconada having already been recognised by Government, it appears unnecessary to offer any remarks on the Plan and Estimate now submitted, further than that I consider the former to be well adapted for the purpose intended, and the latter to be framed on moderate and sufficient data, though somewhat increased.

4.- In expressing my regret at the delay that

that has already taken place, under the circumstances reported in my letter of the 17th April last, 1st inst. I would merely observe, that not considering the work to be strictly of an emergent nature, this of very great importance, and much to be desired, the Estimate may properly be entered in the Budget of 1858/59.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant

Central Office of Rec.
Fort St. George
18th June 1857.

H. Wood Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Wf
A Insp Genl of W.C

List of Enclosures.
1 Copy. Extract from a letter from the Dist.t Engineer Godavery dated 31 May 1857 No 284
1 Report - marked A
1 Abstract Estimate
1 Plan

Extracts from a Letter from Captain
L. A. Rundall District Engineer
Godavery Division to Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer P. W. Works No 284 dated
31st May 1857.-

× × × ×

Para 7. I would also beg to point out the
omission from the Budget of a most important
work, and one the extreme urgency of which
I request you will be good enough to represent
to the Government. I allude to the Custom
House at Cocanada. The history of this ill fated
work is as follows. The original Estimate was
forwarded in 1854, and entered in the Budget
for 1856/57. A few Rupees only were expended
in procuring materials when a question arose
as to the most proper site for the building, and
on the visit of Captain Biden to the District
and his representations of the necessities of
the Port, the Government directed a revised
Plan and Estimate to be forwarded which
should combine the two Offices of Custom
House and Master Attendants Office in
one. The present Master Attendants
Office being inadequate for the purpose,
was recommended to be sold by Auction.
8:- This Plan and Estimate were
forwarded in December 1855, but were
either too late, or for some other reason not
entered in the Budget for last Year.
The Subject has been repeatedly noticed

and

Rec'd 19th June 1857 No 1284

Public Works Dept
Dated Fort St George 15th June 1857
No 1284

From the Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

Dated 15th June 1857.
Rec'd 22nd Do.

Copy forwarded with Compliments
for the information of the Board
Fort St George 16th July 1857

[illegible]
Secy to Govt

Inward under Cover 2
H.Q. Pub. Cons. No. 69 dated
1st October 1857 a copy of
a Letter dated 15th June 1857 a copy of
a Letter from the Chief Engineer
Godavery Division forwarding
a Plan & Estimate for building a
Custom House at Cocanada
in the Vizagapatam District
and recommending the Estimate
for sanction in the Budget of 1858/59.
Fort St George 2280.

Ans 7th

c/ Cocanada 29th

and the Estimate was resubmitted for entry in the Budget of 1857/58. but has again been thrown out. I must however beg to represent the great urgent necessity that exists for its speedy construction. The Collector has Constantly urged it on my notice. The injury and loss to goods now incurred by exposure in the open air for the shed erected is... that the present is totally inadequate for such a purpose is a very serious evil. The Merchants are loudly complaining and as the Port has now assumed a character of so much importance and the trade is becoming of such value, it is absolutely necessary that the building be constructed at once.

2. I beg therefore to resubmit an Estimate for the same. The Plan is already in your Office. the former Estimate has been revised as I find that the rates therein allowed were quite insufficient. and I would therefore beg that the present one may receive sanction out of the reserve sum of Rs 17.500 which I see has been attotted for emergencies of this nature.

amounting to Rs 12.810-...

+ a fresh one is however sent herewith by Humphrys

I have &c
Lt & Engr Office Ldn
Camp at Dowlaisweram
31st May 1857

Lt J. H. Randall Captn
Dist Engr. E. Division

True Extract
Actg Asstt Colonel
Chief Engineer

XC

PWD
11 11

№ 1331

Extract Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th July 1857

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer –

Here enter 18 June/57 № 1309)

In Ext Barn Con
of the 10 July 1857 No 2977
an Estimate of Rs 5499
was sanctioned for Con-
structing a Sea Customs
House at Cocanada in
the Rajahmundry Dist.
but the work though
entered in the Budget
for 1854/55 does not appear
to have been ever
Commenced, — tho' in
para 1 of the Chief Engrs
letter of the 17 April last
No 1150, allusion was made

to

Endorsement

Enclosure in a letter from
the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Pub Department

Dated 18th June 1857
Rec'd 3 June 1857

№ 1309.

PW. 1202/57

Extract from a letter from
Captain H. Rundall Dated
Engineer Orissa Division –
Forwarding an Estimate for
Constructing at the Custom
House at Cocanada –

to a second Estimate for Rs 7950 forwarded by the Dist.t Engineer of the Godavery Division, and corrected in the Central Office to Rs 6650 for the same building, but this Estimate was not laid before Govt.

The Chief Engineer further observed in the letter above referred to that the plan of the Custom house had been prepared agreeably to the orders conveyed in Sec.y Let.r dated 24th August 1855 No. 159; but on referring to the order, no such requisition is found in it. With his present letter Col.l Faber submits a third Estimate for Rs 12280, or more than Double the Amount of the first Estimate, and recommends the same for sanction, in view to its being included in the Budget for 1858/59.

From a remark in para 9 of the Extract from the Dist.t Engr's letter dated 31st May forwarded by the Chief Engr's it would appear that the increase over the second Estimate is solely attributable to the inefficiency of the rates allowed with, if this be the case the particulars of the alterations made should be specified for the information of Govt. This will not however account for the large excess over the first Estimate, and explanation should therefore be furnished as to the causes which have led to the increase. In the Chief Engr's letter of 17 April last already adverted to, it was stated that Rs 477 had been spent on the sanction granted in 1854 in the preparation of materials; the sum ought therefore to have been

been deducted from the
amount of the present
Estimate, and the Ld
request that this be now
done. Pending the
receipt of information
on the points above
noticed, the Ld defers
sanctioning the Estimate
submitted by the Majr Engr

When an Estimate
undergoes revision in the
Central Offices and has
its amount altered, a
corresponding alteration
ought also to be made
in the sum entered on the
Plan, in order that the
Concentrated sheet of the work
~~may~~ should at once be known.
This Rule has not been
observed in the present case
with several other instances,
and the Ld request the
Chief Engr will cause
it to be carefully attended
to in his Office for the
future. —

JB

9 Copies to the Chief Engr
with 3 Enclos Copies

Dy to Comm 19th Sept 57 & 1847.

Public Works 1857 Dy 8th.
Dy to Comm 14th July.

c. Fo 1331.

Extract Minutes of Coun:
Dy 10th July 1857.
Rem Chief Engr 4th Augt 57
Est 1587 in Comm
25th Aug

Deserving, for reasons
stated, to sanction the
Estimate for constructing
a Sea Custom House
at Cocanada in the
Rajahmundry Divn.

No 47 & 48.

c 6 July 57