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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Secl. 28-7-57

G.O. No. 1449 Press Mis.

Dated 29-7- 1857

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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.

* No. 14, dated 18th May 1857.

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.

† No. 85, dated 19th June.

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 stampt 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

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.

	Rs.
Original estimate sanctioned in Extract Minutes Cons., dated 9th January 1855, No. 19....	2,001
Supplemental estimate now sanctioned.....	620
Total.....	2,621

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.

From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
dated 11th July 1857.
No. 1954.

"Public" Pamadee Bungalow

Sir,

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6 Enclosures
1 Letter from Capt. Daniell No 18 dd 23 Feby 1857
1 Do No 19 dd 18 May 57
1 Do from Do dd 21 May 1857
1 Do No 185-19 June 57
1 Estimate of Captain Daniell dd 16 June 57
1 Copy

are.-

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is likely to be recovered, and as it is 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
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Your most Obed.t Servant

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
11th July 1837

Alexander Colonel
Chief Engineer

A. Lieut. Insp. R.E.

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Chief Engineer

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Buildings. (New Work)

Abstract of Estimate No. of 185 .

No. District Bellary.

Supplementary Estimate of the Public Bungalow under Construction at Parry.

Quantities	Description of Work	Rates	Amount	Amount of each part
		Rs. As. P.	Rupees	Rupees
Cft.				
17393	Cft. Brick in Chunam @ ft.	" 2 .	217	
	Deduct 34000 Bricks at 3 Rs. ₱ 1000 @ ₱ 102		114	
	No. 2000 Seers of Chunam at 6 Rs. ₱ 1000 Seers	12	103	
1548	Cft. Arch work over the Doors and windows Brick in Chunam @ ft.	" 3 .	29	
5000	Sup. ft. Plastering the whole Bungalow with 2 Coats of Chunam @ ft.	2 12 "	137	
5000	Do. whitewashing with 2 coats of Chunam @ ft.	" 4 .	13	
1350	Do. Flooring the whole Bungalow with Tally in Chunam @ ft.	3 13 6	52	
	30 Slabs for Steps Each	1 10 .	49	
2160	Sft. Roofing with tiles and Chunam borders @ ft. Rs. 129-9-7	6	98	
	Deducted paid for tiles @ 32		6	
1140	Cft. Filling in Basement @ ft.	" . 1	25	512
4790	Do. Gravelling outside of the Basement @ ft.	" . 1		512
	Carried Over			

Rupees 2 Annas 8 Pies 37 Rupees 28 Annas

(1) Estimate for the Construction of a Bungalow at Parry.

(2) Plan of the Bungalow.

(3) Specification of the Bungalow.

(4) Letter from the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer (2) Copies dated 22 July 1825.

Rs. As. P.

(1) Estimate 37 2 8

(2) Plan —

(3) Specification —

(4) Letter from the Executive Engineer to the Superintending Engineer (2) Copies dated 22 July 1825.

Rupees 37 2 8

No. 359.

Estimate, Plan and Specification of a Bungalow at Parry.

Ordered, that the Estimate, Plan and Specification of a Bungalow at Parry, amounting to Rupees (600) Six hundred Rupees be sanctioned and that the Executive Engineer be directed to carry the same into execution.

Fort St. George, 28th July 1825.

Consulted, approved and ordered.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary.

(Signed) [illegible]

Chief Secretary to Government.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Board of Revenue.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Board of Trade.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Board of Customs, Salt and Opium.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Military Board.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Marine Board.

Quantities	Description of Works	Rates Rs	As	Ps	Amounts Rupees	Amts of each p Rupees
C Yds.	Brought forward					5.
	Cook House					
2000	Sft. Plastering the walls through Out with 1 Coat of Chunam	1	12	"	35	
2000	Do Bluewashing	"	2	10	3	
500	Do Flooring with Selly in Chunam	3	13	6	19	
72	Cft. Rough Stone in Do	"	1	"	5	
400	Do Gravelling Outside of the Basement	"	"	1	2	
	Privey					6.
825	Sft. Plastering the walls through Out with 1 Coat Chunam	1	12	"	14	
825	Do Bluewashing	"	2	10	2	
50	Do Flooring with Selly in Chunam	3	13	6	2	
100	Do Terrace Roofing	18	"	"	18	
	Sundries					3
	Total Company's Rupees Six Hundred and Twenty					62

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

Asst Engineer
Chief Engineer D. P.

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Enclosure

Civil Engr

From

The Chief Engineer

D.D.W.

To

The Secretary to Govt

D.D.W.

Dated 11th July/57

Received 13 July/57

P.W. 1411/8

No 1954

Abstract Supplemental Estimate of the Public Bungalow under Constitution at Paindy in the District of Bellary

Amounting to Cl. Rs 620

Public Works Department

No 1449

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 28th July 1857

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer

Hero under 11th July/57 : No 1954

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Under the circumstances explained in the Chief Engineers' 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 1620/

Sir

six hundred and twenty,
for completing the Travellers'
Bungalow at Ramandroog
in the Bellary District.
The total authorized outlay
on this building will
amount to Rupees 2621.
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.

Original Estimate sanctioned
in G. Mills. Secy to Govt
1856 No 19 ——— Rs 2,001
Supplemental Estimate
now sanctioned ——— 620
Total 2621

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contractors.

9 Copies to the Chief Engr with 5 Enclos Dispt 29

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons 28th July.

No 1469.

Extract Minute of Cons.
of 28th July 57.

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Rs 620 for completing
the Travellers Bungalow
at Pamadee, on the road
between Bellary &
Ramandroog, in the
Bellary District.

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