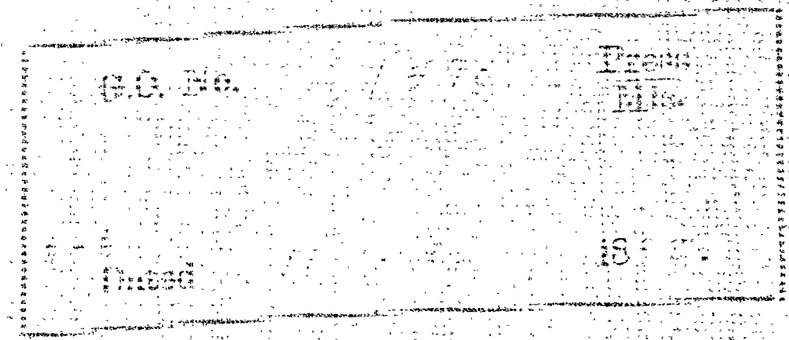
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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 5. Read the following letter from Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Governmentof India; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 12th July 1858, No. 3170.

SIR,

Your letter No. 837, dated the 4th May last, with the Bill amounting to Rupees (25,430-3-0) twenty-five thousand, four hundred and thirty, and three annas, shewing an excess of Rupees (3,409-15-0) three thousand, four hundred and nine, and fifteen annas over the sanctioned estimate for cutting a channel to divert a portion of the course of the Boodoomair river and for constructing an Aqueduct to carry over it the high level channel towards Ellore in the Masulipatam District, having been laid before the Honorable the President in Council, I am directed in reply to acquaint you that His Honor in Council feels a difficulty in passing that portion of this expenditure amounting apparently to Rupees (2,001-0-2) two thousand and one, and two pice which has arisen from an alteration of the original plan. The remainder of the Bill amounting to Rupees (23,429-2-10) twenty-three thousand, four hundred and twenty-nine, two annas and ten pice, is duly passed.

2. I am desired to request that an explanation may be given as to why the alteration of the masonry work when found to be necessary, was not reported in the first instance and why a supplementary estimate was not then submitted. Till a satisfactory explanation of this is given, the Government of India will be precluded from passing the excess above-mentioned.

3. The practice of altering designs after they have been once sanctioned, appears to be of such frequent occurrence in the Madras Presidency, that the President in Council directs me to request the particular attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to the necessity there is for prohibiting it strictly. It is not meant that a design when once approved, should not be changed under any circumstances. But as soon as an Engineer discovers the necessity for an alteration, and of-course alterations will frequently be necessary, the exact facts of the case should at once be specially reported and the proposed modifications submitted for approval of superior authority, with a statement of the probable result of the change as regards expense. The Superintending Engineers might with advantage, be made responsible for reporting to Government every instance of a breach of this rule that comes under their notice.

4. If Subordinate Officers are permitted to modify at their discretion, the sanctioned plans of the works they have to construct, no sort of check can be maintained on extravagant expenditure, and careless designing and estimating will be greatly encouraged. A strict account should be taken of every deviation from a design when once approved, and the Executive Officer should be held personally responsible for all unauthorized and unreported deviations from it.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 1590; dated 11th August 1858.

In this letter the Government of India decline to sanction that portion of the Bill for altering the course of the Boodoomair river which includes the excess arising from an alteration of the original plan. They desire to be informed why the necessity for an alteration of the masonry work was not reported in the first instance, and why a supplementary estimate was not then submitted; and they intimate that until a satisfactory explanation is given, they will be precluded from passing the excess.

2. A copy of these orders will be furnished to the Officiating Chief Engineer for his information and guidance, and he will be informed that until the charge is finally passed by the Supreme Government, this Government cannot relieve the Officer concerned from the responsibility of his irregular proceeding.

3. The attention of the Officiating Chief Engineer and through him that of the Officers of the Public Works Department generally will be drawn to the observations of the Government of India communicated in paras. 3 and 4, in order that they may be warned of the responsibility they will incur by a departure from the principles therein laid down.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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From,

Major R. Strachey
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To,

W. H. Bailey Esquire
Acting Secy. to the Government
of Fort St. George.-
Dated the 12th July 1838.

Public Works Depte
Revenue.

Rs 25,130. 3/-

Rs 3409. 15 -

Sir,

Your letter No 837, dated the 4th May last, with the Bill amounting to Rupees Twenty five thousand, four hundred and thirty three annas 4 shewing an excess of Rupees Three thousand, four hundred and fifteen annas over the sanctioned Estimate for cutting a Channel to divert a portion of the course of the Bodoomeer river and for constructing an Aqueduct to carry over it the high level Channel towards Ellore in the Masulipatam District, having been laid before the Honble the President in Council, I am directed in reply to acquaint you that His Honor in Council feels a difficulty in

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in passing that portion of this expenditure amounting apparently to Rupees Two Thousand and one and two pie, which has arisen from an alteration of the original plan.— The remainder of the Bill amounting to Rupees Twenty three Thousand, four hundred and twenty nine, Two annas and ten pies, is duly vouched.

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2. I am desired to request that an explanation may be given as to why the alteration of the Masonry work therein found to be necessary was not reported in the first instance; and why a supplementary Estimate was not then submitted. Till a satisfactory explanation of this is given, the Government of India will be precluded from passing the excess above mentioned.—

3. The practice of altering designs after they have been once sanctioned, appears to be of such frequent occurrence in the Madras Presidency that the President in Council directs me to request the particular attention of the Right Honble

Honble Governor in Council to the necessity there is for prohibiting it strictly. It is not meant that a design when once approved, should not be changed under any circumstances.— But as soon as an Engineer discovers the necessity for an alteration, and of course alterations will frequently be necessary— the exact facts of the case should at once be specially reported and the proposed modifications submitted for approval of Superior Authority, with a statement of the probable result of the change as regards expense.— The Superintending Engineers might, with advantage, be made responsible for reporting to Government every instance of a breach of this rule that comes under their notice.—

4. If Subordinate Officers are permitted to modify at their discretion, the sanctioned Plans of the Works they have to construct, no sort of check can be maintained on extravagant expenditure, and careless designing and estimating will be greatly encouraged. A strict account

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approved, and the Executive Officer
should be held personally responsible
for all unauthorized and unreported
deviations from it.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant
D Thackery
Offg: Secy: to the Govt of Sweden

Fort William
the 12th July 1853

Rec.d 1590

Extract from the Minutes of Council
Under date the 11th Augt 1858

Read the following
letter from the Officiating
Secretary to the Government
of India.

(Fort William 12th July 1858 No 3170)

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge
Government Gazette Supplement
to transmit that portion of
the Bill for altering the
course of the Boodoonnair
River within Moodeer Hutt
specting crossing from one altern
-ration of the original plan
Kay declare to be informed
why the necessity for our
alteration of the Channel
would not be reported in

Rec.d 4th Augt 58 No 8809

Read Recommended
Dft. 14th Augt
No. 1678

From the Offg Secretary
to the Govt of India

Dated 12th } July 1858
Received 28th }

No 3170

Rec.d 1590 11th August 1858

Granting partial sanction
to a Bill of Rupees 25,430 for
cutting a Channel to divert
the course of the Boodoonnair
River & for constructing Regula
-tors &c. &c. to carry the High
-er Channel to Illoo &c.
&c. and for explanations
with respect to an item
of Rs 2001- of the total
amount of the Bills which
have arisen from an altera
-tion of the original Plan

Copy sent to the Offg
Chief Engr 11th Augt 58

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the first instance and who a supplementary estimate was not then submitted, and they intimate that until a satisfactory explanation is given they will be precluded from passing the excess."

2. A copy of these orders will be furnished to the officiating Chief Engr for his information and guidance, and he will be informed that until the charge is finally passed by the Supreme Government, this Government cannot relieve the officer concerned from the responsibility of his irregular proceeding.

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through him that of the officers of the Public Works department generally will be drawn to the observations of the Government of India Communicated in paras 3 and 4 in order that they may be warned of the responsibility they will incur by a departure from the principles therein laid down.

To Colonel [illegible] Offg Chief Engr & Secy 12th Oct 1870

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Com[n] 4th May 58 N 88 & 90 –

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Dep[t] to Secs 17th Aug[t]

No 1876.

Secret Branch Dep[t] of Secs.

Dep[t] of W[ks] Aug[t] 58.

From the Offg Chief Engr 30th Augt
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Communicating to the Offg Chief Engineer a letter from the Sec[y] of India declining to sanction that portion of the Bill for altering the Course of the Bordowanair River which includes the excess arising from an alteration of the original Plan and requesting that the explanation required by them in regard to the excess may be furnished. The Offg Chief Engr is further requested to communicate to all Officers the observation of the Govt of India pointing out the necessity of strictly prohibiting the practice of altering designs after they have been once sanctioned.

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