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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Cons. 25-8-57

G.O. No.	1653	Press Mis.
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No. 55. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 4th August 1857, No. 2659.

SIR,

In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1331 of the 10th Ultimo, returning the plan and estimate for building a Sea Custom House at Cocanada in the Rajahmundry District; Government with reference to my observation that the plan of the Custom House had been prepared agreeably to the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 459, dated 24th August 1855, remark, that on referring to this order, no such requisition is found in it.

2. I now observe, that para. 12 of the order, regarding the construction of a Master Attendant's office near the mouth of the river, and provision being made for a new Custom House in about the same locality, a change which in connection with others, Captain Biden considered would be highly advantageous to the shipping interests, was particularly referred to the Board of Revenue, and not to this Department, and I regret in forwarding the estimate that I should have taken for granted the correctness of the District Engineer's statement, believing however that the plan as now prepared, is in accordance with what Government, as well as Captain Biden would desire, I beg to re-submit it.

3. The increase of the 3rd estimate of Rupees (12,280) twelve thousand, two hundred and eighty, over the 2nd estimate of Rupees (8,600) eight thousand and six hundred, is, as shewn in the accompanying comparative statement, mainly attributable to the insufficiency of the rates allowed in the latter, two trifling additions only, having been made to the 2nd design, in building Archways to the lower, and putting up balustrades to the upper verandahs as will be seen by a comparison of the plans Nos. 2 and 3.

4. No. 1 is the original plan, the estimate for which amounted to Rupees (5,499) five thousand, four hundred and ninety-nine, and the excess of the present estimate No. 3, is explained by the extensive alterations in the design of the building, upper rooms, besides 2 open godowns for the reception of such heavy stores as cannot be secured within the building itself, having been provided for, portions of the lower verandahs have also been converted into rooms.

5. The lower story is proposed to be devoted to the Native establishment, and the reception of light, and valuable packages, and the upper rooms for the Master Attendant's office, and the convenience of Commanders of vessels, as a place where they may be able to transact their business.

6. From the amount of the original sanction for the Custom House, viz., Rupees (5,499) five thousand, four hundred and ninety-nine, deducting Rupees (477) four hundred and seventy-seven, already expended in the preparation of materials, will leave the sum of Rupees (5,022) five thousand and twenty-two to be cancelled, and again from the amount of the estimate now submitted, viz., Rupees (12,280) twelve thousand, two hundred and eighty, deducting Rupees 477, will leave Rupees (11,803) eleven thousand, eight hundred and three, as the sum requiring sanction, and which I recommend for entry in the Budget of 1858-59.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, No. 1633; dated 25th August 1857.

The plan No. 3 of the proposed Sea Custom House at Cocanada submitted with the above letter, it is observed, provides for accommodating the Master Attendant's office in the upper rooms of the building. This part of the project will be referred to the Marine Department for consideration with advertence to the orders* noted in the margin.

* Extract Minutes Cons., Marine Department, No. 174, dated 31st July 1855, para. 12.
Ext. Mins. Cons., Public Works Dept., No. 808, dated 20th Novr. 1855.

2. On the proposed arrangement receiving the approval of Government, sanction will be granted in this Department to the estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer, in view to its being included in the Budget for 1858-59.

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

Central Office of R.W.
Fort St George 4 August 1857.

No. 2659.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
R.W. Department

"Marine" Sir,

Sea Customs Houses

Enclosures 5-

In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1331, of the 10th Ultimo returning the Plan and Estimate for building a Sea Custom House at Coconadas in the Rajahmundry District, Government with reference to my observation that the Plan of the Custom House had been prepared agreeably to the orders conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 459, dated 24 August 1855, remark, that on referring to this order, no such requisition is found in it.

2. I now observe that Para. 12 of the order regarding the construction of a Master Attendants Office near the mouth of the river, and provision being made for a new Custom House in about the same locality, a change which in connection with others, Captain Biden

Considered

considered would be highly advantageous to the shipping interest, was particularly referred to the Board of Revenue, and not to this Department, and I regret in forwarding the Estimate that I should have taken for granted the correctness of the District Engineer's Statement, believing however that the Plan as now prepared, is in accordance with what Government, as well as Captain Biden would desire. I beg to resubmit it.

3.- The increase of the 3d Estimate of Rupees /12280/ twelve thousand, two hundred and eighty over the 2d Estimate of Rupees /8600/ Eight thousand and six hundred, is, as shewn in the accompanying comparative Statement, mainly attributable to the insufficiency of the rates allowed in the latter, two trifling additions only having been made to the 2d design, in building Archways to the lower, and putting up balustrades to the Upper Verandahs, as will be seen by a comparison of the Plans Nos 2. and 3.-

4.- No 1 is the original Plan, the Estimate for which amounted to Rupees /5799/ Five thousand four hundred and ninety nine, and the excess of the present Estimate No 3, is explained by the extensive alterations in the design of the building, upper rooms, besides 2 open Godowns for the reception of such heavy stores as cannot be secured within the building itself, having been provided for. Portions of the lower Verandahs have also been converted into rooms.-

5.- The lower Story is proposed to be devoted to the Native Establishment, and the reception of light, and valuable packages, and the Upper rooms for the Master Attendants Office, and the convenience of Commanders of Vessels, as a place where they may be able to transact their business.-

6.- From the amount of the original Sanction for the Custom House, viz Rupees /5799/ Five thousand four hundred and ninety nine, deducting Rupees /477/ four hundred and seventy seven already expended in the preparation of materials, will leave the sum of Rupees /5022/ Five thousand and twenty two to be cancelled and again from the amount of the Estimate now submitted, viz

Rupees

Rupees /12.280/ Twelve thousand two
hundred and eighty deducting Rupees 477.
will leave Rupees /11.803/ Eleven thou-
sand eight hundred and three as the
sum requiring Sanction, and which I
recommend for entry in the Budget
for 1858/59.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obed. Servant
The Sutlej Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George
4th August 1837.

List of Enclosures W. Esp. Engr. U.C.
1 Comparative Statement
1 Abstract Estimate
3 Plans.

P.W.D.

No 1633.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 25th August 1857.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engr.

/ Received 4th August 1857. No 2659 /

The Plan &c of the proposed Sea Store House at Coconada submitted with the above letter, is approved, provides for accommodating the Master Attendant's Office on the upper storey of the Building. The part of the Project will be referred to the Marine Department for consideration with reference to the rules noted in the margin.

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* Ch. Engr. Marine Dept. No 1711 dated 31st July 1855, para 12 to 17 inclusive & No 808. 21 Nov. 1855

Public Works Dept. 1857. The Plan &c
Come 25th August 1857

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Dated Fort St. George

Rd 6th August 1857.

No 2659

Enclosures 5 Plans
Letter No 233. 25th August 1857
With reference to Extract
Minutes of Consultation
No 1931 dated 18th August 1857 and
with the request information
the Plan and Estimate &c
Rupees 19,980, or about
Rupees 4,22 per Rupee (Pagoda)
Plans shewing and explaining
and those for building a Sea
Custom House at Coconada
a/ The Estimate Abstract
for Rupees as in the margin

Rupees 19,980

Copy to the Marine
Dept. with a Copy
Extract Minutes
Dated 25th Inst.

1858.

(1) Copy "R 22."

On the proposed
Arrangement respecting
the appointment of Guards
directed will be paid
in the Department to
the Estimate submitted
by the Chief Engr in
regard to the same, included
in the Budget for 1855/57.

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2 Copies to the Chief Engr
Dispatched
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with Copy of the letter
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Secs 25th August.

No 1016.23.

Chief Clerk's Office of Comm.
25th August 57.

Extract from Marine Dept 29th
Augt 57 No 8177 inclosing 22nd ult

Observing that sanction
will be granted to the Esti-
mate submitted by the
Chief Engr for building a
Sea Custom House at
Cocanada in the District
of Rajahmundry on the
proposed arrangements
receiving the approval of
Govt in the Marine
Department.

No 55 & 56.

Copy to Comm Wks 27 Aug 57