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No. 93. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 4th August 1858, No. 2470.

SIR,

In reply to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1125, dated 14th June 1858, I have the honor to explain that the original Estimate for the Gun-shed at the Mount sanctioned on emergency on the 11th August 1857, was Rupees 5,270, the revised estimate sanctioned under date 14th June last was Rupees 12,170, exceeding the former by 6,900 Rupees, and I shall now proceed to explain the causes of excess, but I beg to be allowed respectfully to premise, that in regard to the necessity for submitting it to the Government of India it appears to me that, the local Government has the power itself under rule 1,* to sanction it as falling within the limit of 27,500 Rupees there expressed the limit of 1-10th of the original estimate seems only to be imposed, when that estimate first of all exceeded the competence of the local Government.

1 Copy of letter from the District Engineer Chingleput, No. 216, dated 25th June 1858.

* Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1540, dated 28th August 1856.

2. In regard to the excess of Rupees 6,900 above shown, it arose in the following manner; the original estimate of 5,270 provided for a Gun-shed on the North side of the Main Guard, deepened to receive a gun and limber, and a waggon and limber, also for a Gun-shed on the South side to receive only a Gun and its limber, this plan had received the approval of Brigadier Shirreff, but he appeared to have overlooked the fact that the Gun sheds were not alike, soon after the works were begun, His Lordship the Governor, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, personally inspected the works, and ordered the sheds to be made alike in the larger accommodation; also by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2137, dated 20th November 1857; Harness rooms were ordered to be built, and the District Engineer submitted one Plan and Estimate for the whole; under these circumstances it is clear, that the excess of Rupees 6,900 is due mainly to increased accommodation for Guns and Harness, and not to increase of rates, though no doubt the urgent demand for the completion of the works led to some enhancement of cost.

Letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp, Guindy, 25th June 1858, No. 216.

SIR,

In reply to your Memo. No. 1249 of the 16th Instant, forwarding Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1125, of the 14th June 1858, I have the honor to inform you that, the original estimate of Rupees 5,270 was for a Gun-shed on the north side of the Main Guard, sufficiently deep to receive a gun and limber with waggon and limber; also for a Gun-shed on the south side sufficiently deep to receive only a Gun and its limber, the plan of this was prepared by Colonel Atkinson, and was approved by Brigadier Shirreff.

2. When commencing the work, Brigadier Shirreff informed me that, he had understood that the two Gun-sheds were alike, but on my shewing him the plan with his signature attached in token of approval, he said it had escaped his observation, that the southern Gun-shed was so narrow and he wrote the letter No. 702 of the 24th December 1857, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my letter No. 1842, of the 23rd February last.

3. Just about this time His Lordship the Governor and His Excellency the Commander in Chief inspected the works at the Mount and on this matter being brought to their notice, they directed me to make the two Gun-sheds alike, and to send up a Plan and Estimate, by Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 2137 of the 20th November last, order were also given to build Harness Rooms in rear of the Gun-sheds, which I was also ordered to build, sending up Plans and Estimates, at the same time as for the Gun-sheds and so I sent the whole up as one estimate.

4. On referring to the two Plans, the originals of which are I believe in your possession, you will perceive the great difference in the quantity of work which has caused so great an in-

crease in the estimate, the Harness Rooms as being connected with the Gun-sheds were estimated for along with the Gun-shed.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, No. 1885; dated 13th September 1858.

1. Under the explanation now furnished, the Governor in Council directs that the revised estimate amounting to Rupees 12,170 for a Gun-Shed and Harness Room at St. Thomas' Mount, forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter of the 8th March 1858, No. 7899, be submitted to the Government of India for sanction with reference to No. 1 of the Rules printed at page 371 of the C. O. Book.

2. It is observed that the construction put by the Officiating Chief Engineer in his present letter on the Rule quoted above is erroneous as under that Rule excess above Rupees 2,500 whatever may be the amount of the original estimate cannot be sanctioned by this Government. Vide para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation, 15th May 1857, No. 940.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 95. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant-Colonel R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. D., dated 13th September 1858, No. 1886.

SIR,

1. I have the honor under the orders of the Governor in Council to forward for the early sanction of the Government of India with reference to No. 1 of the Rules communicated with Colonel Baker's letter of 1st August 1856, No. 3605, a revised estimate with Plan for Gun-Sheds and Harness-room at Saint Thomas' Mount in the Chingleput District.

2. The amount of the estimate first sanctioned by this Government on the 11th August 1857 was Rupees 5,270 and that of the present one Rupees 12,170; the excess requiring sanction is Rupees 6,900. In explanation of this increase, I am directed to forward copies of the papers noted in the margin* from which it will be clear that the additional sum was found necessary to provide greater accommodation than that originally intended and the necessity of which was fully admitted by the Right Honorable the Governor and His Excellency the Commander in Chief after personal inspection.

Recorded in Pro. of 15th June 1858, Nos. 70-71.
* E. M. C. Mily. Dept. 4th May 1858 No. 1552.
E. M. C. Public Works Dept., 14th June 1858, No. 1125.
From Chief Engineer 4th August 1858, No. 2470.
Order thereon, 13th September 1858, No. 1885.

№ 216.

From

Lieutenant A. S. Moberly
District Engineer of Chingleput

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. C. W.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo № 1249 of the 16th Instant forwarding Extract Minutes of Consultation № 1125 of the 14th June 1858, I have the honor to inform you that, the original Estimate of Rupees 5,270 was for a Gunshed on the North side of the Main Guard, sufficiently deep to receive a gun and limber with waggon and limber; also for a Gunshed on the South side sufficiently deep to receive only a Gun and its limber, the Plan of this was prepared by Colonel Atkinson, and was approved by Brigadier Sherreff.

2. When commencing the work, Brigadier Sherreff informed me that he had understood that the two Gunsheds were alike, but on my shewing him the Plan with his signature attached in token of approval, he

he said it had escaped his observation, that the Southern Gunshed was so narrow and he wrote the letter No 702 of the 24th December 1857 a copy of which was forwarded to you with my letter No 1643 of the 23rd February last.

3. Just about this time His Lordship the Governor and His Excellency the Commander in Chief inspected the works at the Mount and on this matter being brought to their notice, they directed me to make the two Gunsheds alike, and to send up a Plan and Estimate. in Extract Minutes of Consultation No 213 of the 20th November last, order were also given to build Harness Rooms in rear of the Gunsheds, which I was also ordered to build, sending up plans and Estimates, at the same time as for the Gunsheds and so I sent the whole up as one Estimate.

4. On referring to the two Plans, the Originals of which are I believe in your possession, you will perceive the great difference in the quantity of work which has caused so great an increase in the Estimate. the Harness Rooms as being connected with the Gunsheds were estimated for along with the Gunshed.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. S. Moberly Lt
D.t Engr of Chinglepat.

D.t Engr.s Office
Camp at Guindy
25th June 1858.

(True Copy)

Lt Francis Captain
No 11 Supg Engr Central Circle.

compd W.D.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 4th August 1858.

№ 2470

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

"Military"

Sir,

In reply to Extract Minutes of Consultation № 1125 dated 14th June 1858, I have the honor to explain that the original Estimate for the Gun shed at the Mount sanctioned on emergency on the 11th August 1857, was Rupees 5,270, the revised Estimate sanctioned under date 14th June last was Rupees 12,170, exceeding the former by 6,900 Rupees, and I shall now proceed to explain the causes of excess, but I beg to be allowed respectfully to premise, that in regard to the necessity for submitting it to the Government of India it appears to me that, the local Government has the power itself under rule 1*, to sanction it as falling within the limit of 27,500 Rupees there expressed — the limit of 1/10 of the original Estimate

* Ex: Mins: Cons: № 1540. dated 28th August 1856

Enclosure in a letter
From the Offg Chief Engineer
dated
To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Dated 11th August 1858
Recd

№ 1142/58.

Copy of a Letter from the District Engineer Trichinopoly explaining the circumstances under which the Estimate for constructing a Gun shed on the South side of the Main Guard has been exceeded.

seems only to be imposed, when that Estimate first of all exceeded the competence of the local Government

2. In regard to the excess of Rupees 6,900 above shown, it arose in the following manner, the original Estimate of 5,270 provided for a Gun shed on the North side of the Main Guard, deepened to receive a gun and limber, and a waggon and limber, also for a Gun shed on the South side to receive only a Gun and its limber this plan had received the approval of Brigadier Sherroff, but he appeared to have overlooked the fact that the Gun sheds were not alike. Soon after the works were begun His Lordship the Governor, and His Excellency the Commander in Chief, personally inspected the works, and ordered the sheds to be made alike in the larger accommodation; also by Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2137 dated 20th November 1857; harness rooms were ordered to be built, and the District Engineer submitted one Plan and Estimate for the whole; under these circumstances it is clear, that the excess of Rupees 6,900 is due mainly to increased accommodation for guns and harness, and not to increase of rates, though no doubt the urgent demand for the completion of the Works led to some enhancement of cost.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
1st August 1858.

Major
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Lord

Compt. 10880

XI

P. W. D.

No 1885

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 13th September 1858.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer

(Item entered 14th August 1858 No 2470)

1. Under the explanation now furnished, the Governor in Council directs that the Revised Estimate amounting to Rupees 12,170 for a Gun Shed and Range Room at St. Thomas' Mount forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter of the 8th March 1858 No 1039 be submitted to the Government of India for sanction with reference to No 1 of the Rules printed at page 371 of the C. C. Book

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Copy of Letter from Officiating Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Government Public Works Dept

Dated Fort St George 8th March 1858.

No 1039

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Revised Estimate amounting to Rupees 12,170 for a Gun Shed and Range Room at St. Thomas' Mount.

2. The Estimate for the Gun Shed was originally submitted with my letter No 1130 of the 24th August 1857 and that for the Range Room with my letter No 1130 of the 20th November 1857.

3. The Estimates have been revised in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter No 1885 of the 13th September 1858 and the amount now entered is considered sufficient to complete the works originally contemplated.

4. The Estimate has been prepared according to the Standard Plans and Schedule of Rates.

I have &c

Officiating Chief Engineer

15 Sept 1858

Copy of Letter from Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Government Public Works Dept

Dated Fort St George 14th August 1858

No 1130

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Estimate amounting to Rupees 12,170 for a Gun Shed and Range Room at St. Thomas' Mount.

2. The Estimate for the Gun Shed was originally submitted with my letter No 1130 of the 24th August 1857 and that for the Range Room with my letter No 1130 of the 20th November 1857.

3. The Estimate has been prepared according to the Standard Plans and Schedule of Rates.

I have &c

Chief Engineer

14th Sept 1858

2. It is observed that the construction put by the Officiating Chief Engr in his present letter on the Rule quoted above is erroneous as under that rule steps above Rs. 2,500 whatever may be the amount of the original Estimate cannot be sanctioned by this Govt: Vide para 2 of Govt. letter dated 15th May 1867 No. 940.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

To

Lieut Colonel R. Strachey
Offg Secy to the Govt of India PWD.

(Forwarded 18 Sept 58)
On 1866

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Dept Secy

P.W. Dept.

Commissariat

No 1885

To

Lieutenant-Colonel M. Stuart Wortley

Officiating Secretary

to the Government of

India N.W.P.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Government of India with reference to No 1885 of the Public Works Department, a Report from Colonel Baker's Letter of 14th August 1858 with Abstract and Vouchers of Expenditure on account of Saint-Thomas's Mount Fortification, and to request that the Sanction of the Government of India may be communicated to the Madras Government.

I have &c.

(Signed) M. Stuart Wortley

Lieutenant-Colonel

Secretary to the Government of India

Public Works Dept. 1858

Dr to Cons 14th Septr.

No 1885.

Extract Mins of Cons.

Dy 13th Septr 58.

From the Govt of India

Dy 29th Octr 58 No 2734

in Cons 30 Nov

Direct that the annual Estimate amounting to Rupees 12,170 for a Gun shed & Harness Room at St Thomas's Mount, be submitted for the sanction of the Government of India.

Cons 15th June 58 No 70 & 71
— 11th Sept 57 — 99 & 100
— 24th Nov — 82 & 83.
— 2nd Septr 58 — 29 & 30.
— 20th July 58 — 93 & 94.

No 93 & 94. 95

by this Government on the
11th August 1857 was Rs 5,270
and that of the present one Rs 12,170;
the excess requiring sanction
is Rs. 6,900. In explanation
of this increase I am directed to forward
copies of the papers noted in
the margin from which it will
be clear that the additional sum
was found necessary to provide
greater accommodation than
that originally intended and
the necessity of which was
fully admitted by the Right
Honorable the Governor and
His Excellency the Commander
in Chief after personal
inspection.

Fort St. Geo: 13 Septr 1858.

Recd 22 Sept 16 &
Copy 16 & 17 Sept 70. 71.
Transd 22 Sept 70.

7 Encls Public Dept 4th May 1858. 1052.
Encls Mil Dept 14th June " 1125
From Govt Engr 4th August 1858. 2470
Order thereon.

Public Works 1858 Sept.
Dr to Cons 14 Sept:

No 1886.

To The Offg Secretary to the
Govt of India. P.W.D.
Dated 13th Septr 58.
Recd — Do — 29th Octr 58.
No 2734 in b.

Soliciting the early sanction of the Supreme Government to the revised Estimate amounting to Rs 12170 for Gun shed and Harness room at St Thomas' Mount in the Chingleput District.

No 95.