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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 111. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 25th November 1858, No. 5787.

SIR,

1 Copy of letter from the District Engineer of Tinnevelly, No. 459, dated 16th October 1858.
5 Abstract Estimates.
5 Reports do.
4 Plans.

I have the honor to forward the five accompanying Estimates amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (5,940), five thousand nine hundred and forty, for re-constructing different Buildings in the Tinnevelly District, prepared in accordance with the wishes of the Collector and Sub-Collector.

		Rs.
No. 1.	Re-constructing a portion of a Talook Cutcherry at Shermadavy	2,640
No. 2.	Constructing Chouky Cutcherry, Nut-godown, and Mettoo Choultry at Pamboolypatam	2,300
No. 3.	Constructing Sea Custom Cutcherry at Vypaur	530
No. 4.	do. Salt Pan Treasury at Arasady	235
No. 5.	do. do. at Vypaur	235
	Total Rupees	5,940

2. Estimate No. 1, provides for the re-construction of a greater portion of the Talook Cutcherry being at present in a "very dilapidated condition."

3. The walls of the Chouky Cutcherry are of mud and the roof is almost destroyed by white-ants. The Mettoo Choultry must also be re-built.

4. The Estimate for the construction of Sea Custom Cutcherry is much required, the present building situated on low ground under water during the rains, is in a very dilapidated condition, its walls consisting of small pieces of coral embedded in mud, and have sunk under the weight of the old tiled roof. The wood work, doors and windows of the present building will be made available for the new one.

5. The estimates for the work to the Salt Pan Treasuries are also much needed.

6. I have the honor therefore to solicit the sanction of Government for the entry of the estimates amounting to Rupees 5,940 in the Budget for 1859-60.

Letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly; to D. MAYNE, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Sayetallay 16th October 1858, No. 459.

SIR,

The estimates noted in the margin have not been submitted earlier, because I have received orders not to submit estimates for new works unless of a really emergent nature, as however there appears to be a prospect of the restriction on expenditure on Public Works being partially, if not entirely, removed, I propose including the enclosed estimates in Budget Statement No. 2 for 1859-60, and have the honor to request that you will be good enough to countersign and return them at an early date after having the last 2 columns in the estimates duly filled up in your office; as the Budget List is to be despatched by the 26th Instant.

	Rs.
Reconstructing a portion of the Talook Cutcherry at Shermadavy	2 640
Reconstructing Chouky Cutcherry, Nut Godown and Mettoo Choultry at Pamboolypatam	2,300
Do. Sea Custom Cutcherry at Vypaur	530
Do. Salt Pan Treasury at Arasady	235
Do. do. do. at Vypaur	235
Total	5,940

2. The estimate for re-building the Talook Cutcherry at Shermadavy was prepared in accordance with a request of the Sub-Collector.

3. The portions of the building marked pink were additions made to the building in 1855 and 56 and are in good order. The rest of the building is in an extremely dilapidated condition and should be entirely re-built

with a request contained in the letter noted in the Margin. — The walls of the present Church Cutcherry are constructed of Mud and the roof is almost entirely decayed by which reason it would be useless attempting to repair such a Building. I have therefore proposed constructing a Building of permanent Materials for a Church Cutcherry and a Separate Building for a out-Godown as required by the Churchgolars. —

5. The Mellow Choultry must also be entirely rebuilt. —

6. A wall to inclose an area of 100 Yards × 100 Yards would if built of permanent Materials cost (Rupees 1250) and as this would add largely to the Estimate I have deemed it prudent to omit it from the Estimate; The more so as no wall encloses the Choultry compound at present. I shall however be happy to forward an Estimate for a wall if upon review one necessary. —

7. The Estimate for the construction of the Sea Customs Cutcherry has been prepared in accordance with the request contained in your letter No 144 dated 12th July. The Building now used as a Cutcherry is in an extremely dilapidated condition. its walls consist of small pieces of coral stone embedded in mud and have cracked under the weight of the roof which is of palmyra poles and it would cost as much to repair this Building which consists of 3 large rooms as to construct the new one proposed of which the Churchyolars approve.

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8. The present Building is situated on low ground which during the rains is under water and owing to a Tree in the ground between it and the Sea the Churchyolars complain that he is unable to see Vessels and Boats approaching the land and request that the new Cutcherry may be built on a more visible site.

9. The Woodwork of the roof of the present Building is in good order and also the Doors and Windows and these will consequently be made use of in the new Building as well as a portion of the tiles. —

10. The Estimates for the Salt Sea Treasuries of Veerapatnam and Tuticorin have been prepared in accordance with the request contained in the letter noted in the Margin.

11. The rates allowed in the last 3 Estimates for Blacksmiths and for wood work are high as the Materials have to be procured from Tuticorin and Trichy here in consequence included in the rates.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W. F. Bakes Captain
Asst to the Dist Supt Tinnevelly

Dist Supt's Office
Fort Tallay 15th October 1858

A true Copy
(Signed) W. F. Bakes Captain
Asst to the Dist Supt Tinnevelly

A true Copy
H. Pendleton
Offg Capt & Supt Southern Circle.

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Dated 18th
& Rec'd from
Collector.

P.W.O. Rs. - 1858 Dec.r

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Enclosure in a letter from the
Actg Exve Engineer
to The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 25th
Rec.d 29th } November 1858

No 5787

Copy of Letter from
the Actg District Engineer
Tinnevelly to the Acting
Collector Forwarding Estimates for Tiles, & entering into
terms &c. with Messrs Spencer & Co.

P.W. 2865/58.

being at present in a "very" dilapidated condition"

3. The walls of the Chouky Cutcherry are of mud and the roof is almost destroyed by white ants. The Bottoo Choultry must also be rebuilt.

4. The Estimate for the construction of the Customs Cutcherry is much required, the present Building situated on low ground under water during the rains, is in a very dilapidated condition, its walls consisting of small pieces of Coral embedded in mud, and have much under the weight of the old tiled roof. The Wood work and Windows of the present Building will be made available for the new one.

5. The Estimates for the works to the Salt Pans & Treasuries are also much needed.

6. I have the honor to solicit the favorable consideration of Government for the subjoined Estimates, amounting to Pagodas 5,940 for the Budget for 1859/60.—

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
25th November 1858

I have, &c.
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&c.
Your most Obed.t Servt.
Crawford Lieut.t Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Depart.t

Recd 1st Decr 1858 Departmental
Do to Colo Clerk Decr
No 2565

From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Govt
Dated 25th
Recd 27th November 1858
Secy 27th Novr 1858
Colo 15th Dec 24-12-58
No 5787

Enquire for Estimate for Embankment in the Kuddapah District for 1859/60 to be submitted with the Estimates for the Aggregate to be annexed thereto for Consideration of Council

Kuddapah Embankment
Nellore Do
Chingleput Do
Tanjore Do
Trichinopoly Do
Coimbatore Do
Madura Do
Tinnevelly Do
Salem Do
Cuddapah Do