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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14*th December* 1858.

No. 16. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd November 1858, No. 5657.

SIR,

2 Letters from Acting Civil Architect with 5 enclosures.
1 Proceedings No. 5270.
1 Letter from the Collector of Madras with 1 enclosure.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying Estimates, for works connected with Salt Platforms, in the Madras Collectorate, viz.

	Rs.
An Estimate for constructing a new Road from the North end of No. 3 Platform to the Basin Bridge.....	406
An Estimate for enlarging the Merchants Shed at the Salt Cotaurs.....	445
Rupees.....	851

2. The necessity and urgency of these works, are fully explained in the accompanying correspondence with the Collector. The road is required, it is stated, as the nearest approach to Platform No. 3 from a large part of Town, Royapooram and Tondiarpettah, and, until a siding* from the Rail is obtained, to carry all the Salt destined for the interior by the Rail. The merchant's shed is represented to be inconveniently small, and not sufficient to shelter the persons who frequent the Platform in furtherance of their trading operations.

* Vide Extract Minutes Consultation 21st October 1858, No. 2214.

3. The Estimates have been examined; and the rates being found moderate, I have the honor to recommend their amount, viz. Rupees (851) eight hundred and fifty-one for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

4. It has been brought to notice by the Collector that the works comprised in the estimate, amounting to Rupees 11,380 and forming item No. 110 of the Budget of the current Official year are not now or at any future period, likely to be required, and under the circumstances explained, I have the honor to recommend that Government will be pleased to cancel their sanction to the estimate. This item it is observed is included in the sum of Rupees 88,636 sanctioned by the Government of India in a recent despatch, but as the works are not now required, the same will be omitted in the Budget of the ensuing Official year.

Extract Minutes Consultation 5th December 1858, No. 2264.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 29th September 1858, No. 4093.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant G. V. WINSCOM, Acting Civil Architect; to the Chief Engineer, dated 10th September 1858, No. 494.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for sanction estimates* for the enlargement and repairs to the Merchants† shed at the Madras Salt Depot and for raising the road* leading from the Northern side of No. 3 Salt plat-form to the Basin bridge and an estimate† for improving and enlarging the Cutcherry at the Atteput Salt Pans near Ennore.

* Together with the Abstracts.
† Rupees..... 445
* Rupees..... 406
† Rupees..... 600

2. As it will be desirable and indeed essential that the Earth work of the new road from No. 3 Platform to the Basin bridge should be thrown up before the monsoon in order that it may have the benefit thereof and become perfectly settled and be of sufficient stability to receive the metal early in January, I have the honor to solicit your sanction for its *immediate* commencement.

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter No. 494 dated 10th September 1858, to call the attention of the Acting Civil Architect to para. 5 of the Chief Engineer's Proceeding No. 2530

dated 5th August 1858, and to request that he will submit the information therein called for as early as possible.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Major,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 10th November 1858, No. 5270.

Read again the letters from the Acting Civil Architect,
dated 26th July recorded in Proceedings 5th August 1858.
„ 7th August in Proceedings 17th do. do.
„ 10th September in Proceedings 29th September 1858.

Read also the following letter from 2nd Captain G. V. WINSCOM, Acting Civil Architect Presidency Division; to the Chief Engineer, dated 1st October 1858, No. 515.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 4093 dated 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that the information called for in the 5th para of your Proceedings No. 2530 dated 5th August last was given in my letter No. 419 dated 7th Idem, which I beg now to forward in the shape of a statement.

Statement shewing fresh estimates requiring to be submitted to Government for sanction on emergency at the Salt Cotaurs Madras.

Works.	Rs.	A.	P.
Constructing a new road from the North end of No. 3 platform to the Basin Bridge.	406	0	0
Enlarging &c. the Merchants shed at the salt cotaurs.....	445	0	0
Enlarging and repairing the Cutcherry at Attipet Salt Pans near Ennore.....	600	0	0
Total Rupees.....	1,451	0	0

Civil Architect's Office
Pantheon Road Madras,
1st October 1858,

(Signed) G. V. WINSCOM, 2nd Captain,
Acting Civil Architect P. D.

Statement of works provided for in the Budget for the current year in item No. 110 *at the Salt Cotaurs Madras not now required to be done.*

Works.	Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
Constructing a bridge of 1 arch across the new ditch.....	2,270	...	...	Since the completion of No. 3 Platform at the Salt Cotaurs, the Collector is of opinion that the Dung-hill platform may be relinquished, consequently the bridge and ditch estimated for will not be required.
Closing cross ditches.....	580	...	...	
Widening the ditch round the new platform....	2,380	...	...	
Excavating a ditch round the Dung-Hill platform.....	6,150	...	...	
Total Rupees.....	11,380	...	...	

Civil Architect's Office
Pantheon Road Madras,
1st October 1858.

(Signed) G. V. WINSCOM, Captain,
Acting Civil Architect P. D.

The Acting Civil Architect with his letter dated the 26th July last above referred to submitted a letter to his address from the Collector of Madras recommending the construction of the five undermentioned works required to the Madras Salt Cottaurs on emergency.

No. 1. Roadway on new Platform.
„ 2. Bridge between old and new Platform.
„ 3. The repair of Merchants shed.
„ 4. Peons Watching sheds.
„ 5. Gate shed.

2. Of these works the two last viz Nos. 4 and 5, the former for constructing six sheds for Watching Peons and the latter for building a Gate Guard room at the Salt Cottaurs, an estimate for which was submitted with the Acting Civil Architect's letter dated the 26th June last have been recommended to and sanctioned by Government in the correspondence noted in the margin.

No. 312.

To Government No. 2907, dated 17th August 1858.
From do. „ 1812, „ 6th September 1858.

Of the other first three works, No. 1 for a Roadway on the new Platform was represented in the Acting Civil Architect's letter dated 26th July last above referred to, to be provided for in an estimate then under execution. On enquiry as to the authority under which the work was undertaken and in progress, the Civil Architect represented that it formed an item in the estimate of Rupees 16,900 sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 424, dated the 10th March last for execution on emergency, but that though the Materials have been collected the work could not be proceeded with before January next or until after the rains, the new earth not being as yet sufficiently consolidated to support a Roadway: There therefore appears to be no further orders required on the subject.

In Proceedings to Civil Architect No. 2530, dated 5th August 1858.

The work No. 2 viz, a bridge between the old and new Platform was represented in the Acting Civil Architect's letter of the 26th July last, to be provided for in an estimate entered in the Budget Statement No. 2 item No. 110; but was deferred in consequence of the restrictive orders. On being informed that the emergent nature of the case must be shown before Government can be moved to withdraw the work from the restriction under which it has hitherto been placed, the Acting Civil Architect states in reply in para. 2 of his letter dated 7th August last, that he finds from Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 424 dated 10th March last, the restriction already removed and that he intends putting the work at once in hand.

In Proceedings No. 2530, dated 5th August 1858.

No. 419.

From the statement submitted with the Civil Architect's letter above recorded however it is remarked that, not only the bridge estimated at Rupees 2,270, but all other works also estimated together at Rupees 11,380 and forming item No. 110 of the Budget statement No. 2 are not now required, the Collector being of opinion that since the completion of Platform No. 3, the Dung-hill Platform may be relinquished as also the works estimated therewith in consequence.

Work No. 3 viz, for the repair and enlargement of the Merchants shed at the Salt Cottaurs is the only one of the five referred to by the Collector which now requires the consideration of this office.

With the Acting Civil Architect's letter dated the 10th September last, an estimate for this and two others for the under-mentioned works are submitted. For constructing a road from the salt Platform No. 3 to the Basin bridge estimated at Rupees 406. For repairing and enlarging the Cutcherry at the Atteput Salt Pans near Ennore estimated at Rupees 600.

When the estimates were received it did not appear clear what reference they bore to the works mentioned in the Collector's letter of the 23rd July and above referred to, and the Acting Civil Architect was in consequence requested to submit the information called for in Proceedings No. 2530 under date the 5th August 1858 in a Tabular form.

In Civil Architects letter dated 26th July 1858.

The paper above recorded in the reply to the above mentioned reference and it appears from the statement that the last mentioned three works are recommended in lieu of the item No. 110 in Budget statement No. 2 amounting to Rupees 11,380 for works in connection with the

Dunghill Platform, which with the platform the Collector it is stated is of opinion may be relinquished as already noticed above.

In a case like the present the Collector ought to have given his opinion more fully and laid before the Chief Engineer his reason for the recommendation, in the absence of which the Officiating Chief Engineer does not feel prepared to recommend the cancelment of sanction and the removal of the item from the ensuing Budget. Information should also be submitted whether the Dunghill Platform will not be required at any future period and whether the Item of Rupees 11,380 does not comprise any work in connection with any other Platform, the execution of which may still be deemed advisable.

In the mean time the Officiating Chief Engineer observes that the three estimates submitted by the Acting Civil Architect with his letter noted in the margin are for works required on independent grounds; one of which is for repairs and additions to the Attiput Salt Cutcherry, but he observes that Rupees 350 is already provided for in the Budget for 1858-59 for additions and forms item No. 108 which has been recently sanctioned by the Government of India, and the orders of the Local Government thereupon which has not yet been received will be shortly communicated. The improvement to the building having been thus provided for, the question resolves itself into more repairs which the building may at present stand in need of and which may be carried out under the rules and from the General Fund allowed for the purpose. Had the second estimate for improvements to the merchant's shed been for mere repairs, they would have fallen under the province of the Chief Engineer to sanction, but as it is, it should with the third for constructing a road from the Platform to the Basin bridge be submitted to Government, and this cannot under recent orders now be done unless the Collector can show that they are of such an emergnet character that they cannot be deferred without prejudice to public interests.

10th September 1858.

12. Resolved that transcripts of the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Collector of Madras and the Acting Civil Architect.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 13th November 1858, No. 37.

SIR,

1. I have had the honor to receive to-day Extract from your Proceedings of the 10th Instant No. 5270.

2. The points upon which apparently further explanation from me is called for, are, 1. For what reasons Item No. 110 of the Budget, amounting to 11,380 Rupees, is not now required, and 2, the urgency for the construction of the road to the Basin Bridge, and the enlargement of the Merchants Shed.

3. As regards the first question, I beg to enclose copy of my letter to the Acting Civil Architect, communicating my reasons for supposing that Item No. 110 of the Budget might, under present circumstances, be dispensed with. It does not comprise any work belonging to another Platform.

To Civil Architect 31st August.

4. Storing as we now do in 20 Garce heaps and judging of future from past sales of Salt, we shall not hereafter require the Dunghill Platform. The excise system will supersede that of a Monopoly about April next, and we cannot say to what extent the Salt ryots may be inclined to manufacture, or what increased demand may be created when the Railway is carried further into the interior, but at present, and I think for some months to come, Platforms 2 and 3 will be sufficient for our requirements, and should it be necessary hereafter to store on the Dunghill Platform, the works in connection with it, and forming No. 110 of the Budget, can then be carried out on a fresh sanction.

5. With respect to the second point, I think that the road to the Basin bridge is very much required. It will be, the nearest approach to No. 3 Platform from a large part of Town,

Royapooram, and Tondiarpettah, and until we obtain our siding from the Rail, will carry all the Salt destined for the Interior by the Rail.

6. The Merchants Shed used also by the Salt manufacturers, many of whom will constantly attend the Platform when the excise system is introduced is inconveniently small, and certainly requires enlargement, as a means of shelter to the many who frequent the Platform in furtherance of their trading operations. The estimate for these two works is only Rupees 460 and Rupees 445 respectively.

Letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to the Acting Civil Architect, dated 31st August 1858.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the reeeipt of your letter No. 449 together with certain Estimates and a Plan* which you have forwarded for my approval.

* Returned.

2. The Estimates for raising the road connecting the Cotaurs and the Basin bridge, and for enlarging the Merchants Shed, appear to me good and sufficient.

3. As to the necessity of the other two works, Ditch round Platform No. 1 and bridge over it, I am not so well assured.

4. It was first intended to raise the whole of No. 3 Platform, but the Board having permitted the storing of 20 Garce heaps, instead of 10 as heretofore, it was supposed that we should require only a moiety of No. 3.

5. Colonel Atkinson however suggested that if the whole was raised, we might confine our store to No. 2 and 3 Platforms and discontinue No. 1 and that this arrangement would shorten the distance of the Railway over the Platforms, and would render unnecessary the ditch round No. 1 and bridge over it.

6. For these reasons I consented to the raising of the entire Platform No. 3, but must have done so in a private note to him as I find no mention of the subject in my public letters.

7. As the entire Platform is however under course of being raised, we shall not require No. 1 in future, nor consequently, the works in connection with it which you propose in your letter.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 2661; dated 8th December 1858.

The Governor in Council sanctions for entry in the Budget of 1859-60, in the Government Office the two estimates submitted with the foregoing letter, for works connected with Salt Platforms in the Madras Collectorate, amounting together to Rupees (851) eight hundred and fifty-one.

2. Under the circumstances explained in para. 4, the Governor in Council cancels the estimate of Rupees 11,380, for certain works in connection with the Salt Department of the Madras Collectorate, entered as Item 110 in Statement No. 2 of the Budget of the current Year.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office 22d November 1858.

No 5657

From,

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department.

"Revenue"

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying Estimates, Copies 15, &c. &c. for works connected with Salt Platforms, in the Madras Collectorate, viz:

Letter from the Collr of Madras dated 1st Decr 1858 No 13

1st Enclosure 1852 5

1st Estimate

An Estimate for constructing a new Road from the North end of No 3 Platform to the Basin Bridge ——— 406-0-0

An Estimate for enlarging the Merchants Shed at the Salt Cotaurs ——— 445-0-0

Rupees 851-0-0

2. The necessity and urgency of these works, are fully explained in the accompanying correspondence with the Collector. The Road is required, it is stated, as the nearest approach to Platform No 3 from a large part of Town

Royapooram

Royapooram, and Tondiarpettah, and, pending a siding from the Rail is obtained, to carry all the Coal destined for the interior by the Rail. The merchants Shed is represented to be inconveniently small, and not sufficient to shelter the persons who transact the Business in the Interance of their trading Operations.

* Vide G.M.C. 21st October 1858 No 2214

3. The Estimates have been examined; and the rates being found moderate; I have the honor to recommend their amount, viz: Rupees 1851 Eight hundred and fifty are for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

4. It has been brought to notice by the Collector that the works comprised in the Estimate, amounting to Rupees 11,380 and forming item No 110 of the Budget of the Current Official Year are not now or at any future period likely to be required, and under the circumstances explained, I have the honor to recommend that Government will be pleased to cancel the sanction to the Estimate. This item it is observed is included in the sum of Rupees 88,636 sanctioned

G.M.C. 5th Dec. 1857 No 2204

sanctioned by the Government of India in a recent despatch, but as the works are not now required, the same will be omitted in the Budget of the ensuing Official Year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Lt Col
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Central Office 22nd Nov
Fort St. George
22nd November 1858.

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No. 2661.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 8th December 1858

Read the following

letter from the Officiating

Chief Engineer.

Here enter 22 November 1858 — No 3657

The Governor in

Council sanctions for entry

in the Budget of 1859/60 the

two estimates submitted

with the foregoing letter,

for works connected with

Salt-Platforms in the

Madras Collectorate, amount-

ing together to Rupees (851)

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J. H. B

To Copy to Offg Chief Engr Pub Wks

Cons: 29th Sept 58 No 29830.
— 7th Sept — — 30469.
— 8th Dec 57 — 53454.

Public Works 1858 Dept
Dg. to Cons. 14th December

No 2661

Exptract Mins. of Cons.
D/ 8th Dec 58.

From the Chief Engr Dl 19th
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No 929

Sanctioning for entry
in the Budget of 1859/60
the two Estimates for 184-
858 for works connected with
Lalls Platforms in Madras

No 16817.