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Dated 27 July 1858.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 80. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 25th March 1858, No. 8454.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter dated 17th March 1858, from the District Engineer Chingleput, reporting that an excess has occurred in the construction of the North Gun sheds and Harness room at Saint Thomas' Mount, above the sanctioned estimates.

1 Copy of letter from the District Engineer Chingleput with 1 enclosure.
1 Comparative Statement.

2. A comparative Statement is subjoined, shewing distinctly the several particulars of the excess, and their causes; the sufficiency of which I am prepared to admit. Those causes may be briefly stated as 1st; an improvement of the Harness room, by omitting centre pillars, 2ndly omission of scaffolding and centering from the original estimate, 3rdly the urgent haste used in completing the works, for which no materials had been prepared, and 4thly the necessity of re-building parts of the pillars raised, before the District Engineer took charge of the work.

3. Under all circumstances, I beg to recommend that Government will sanction the excess amounting to Rupees (3,393) three thousand, three hundred and ninety-three.

Letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Guindy, 17th March 1858, No. 1950.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter and its enclosure from Lieutenant Hankin, explaining the circumstances under which there will be an excess in the estimates for constructing Double row of Gun sheds, Harness room &c., adjoining the North Foot Artillery Barracks at the Mount.

From Lieutenant F. G. HANKIN, Assistant Executive Engineer; to Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput, dated Camp Mount, 15th March 1858, No. 439.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for your information, that there will be a considerable excess of expenditure over the estimated amount, on the double row of Gun sheds, Harness, Canteen, and Store room at the Mount. The reasons for this excess are as follows. Agreeably to the directions of the Superintending Engineer the Plan of the Harness room was altered, larger joists being substituted for pillars and smaller ones. The rates of masonry allowed by the Chief Engineer were insufficient, as we had to obtain our materials in a hurry; bricks could not be burned at the spot, and chunam had to be brought from Madras, neither scaffolding or centering were allowed for in the estimate for the Gun sheds, and this was a large item in the expenditure. Pillars built by Colonel Browne, were by order of the Superintending Engineer removed, and had to be re-built; and the compound wall is extended further than estimated for, I beg to enclose a Statement of the particulars of all these items of excess in the expenditure.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, No. 782; dated 27th April 1858.

With this letter, the Chief Engineer submits two communications from the District and Assistant Executive Engineers of Chingleput, reporting that an excess over the sanctioned amount has occurred in the construction of the double row of Gun sheds, Harness, Canteen and Store room, adjoining the North Foot Artillery Barracks at Saint Thomas' Mount. In the Statement which also accompanied Colonel Faber's letter, it is shewn that the sum expended on the buildings was Rupees 11,580, from which being deducted the estimated amount which is there given as Rupees 8,187, there remain Rupees 3,393 for which that Officer now solicits sanction.

2. It is observed that the sum sanctioned for these buildings is no less than Rupees 13,630 as particularized below :

	Rs.
Constructing a double row of Gun sheds on the site of the old Police Office, sanctioned on emergency in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 11th August 1857, No. 1563.....	6,140
Do a Harness room on the site of do. sanctioned out of the one lac fund in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th January 1858, No. 169.....	3,560
Do a Regimental Store, Canteen store with iron barred verandah, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates' rooms and compound wall in addition to the new Gun sheds on the site of the old Police Office, sanctioned out of do. in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 29th do. do.....	3,930
Total.....	13,630

The Government are at a loss to understand how the estimated amount is set down by the District and Chief Engineer as only Rupees 8,187, and they request therefore that an explanation may be submitted on this point. As the extra expenditure in question appears to have already been incurred, the proper course would be to submit a Bill for sanction, with the explanation now called for.

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

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No. 1950.

From,

Lieutenant A. P. Moberly,
District Engineer of Chingleput

To,

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter and its enclosure from Lieutenant Rankin, explaining the circumstances under which there will be an excess in the Estimates for constructing Double Row of Gun sheds, Harness Room &c., adjoining the North Foot Artillery Barracks at the Mount.

District Engineer's Office
Camp at Guindy,
6th March 1858.

I have &c.
(Signed) A. P. Moberly Lt.
District Engineer of
Chingleput

To,
Colonel C. E. Faber,
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George.

No 239

No. 439

To,

Lieutenant A. P. Moberly,

District Engineer of Chingleput,

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information, that there will be a considerable excess of expenditure over the estimated amount, on the double Row of Gun sheds, harness, canteen, and store Room at the Mount. The reasons for this excess are as follows. agreeably to the directions of the Superintending Engineer the plan of the harness room was altered, larger joists being substituted for pillars and smaller ones. The rates of masonry allowed by the Chief Engineer were insufficient, as we had to obtain our materials in a hurry; bricks could not be burned at the spot, and Chunam had to be brought from Madras. Neither scaffolding or centering were allowed for in the Estimate for the Gun sheds, and this was a large item in the expenditure. Pillars built by Colonel Brown were by order of the Superintending Engineer removed, and had to be rebuilt; and the compound wall is extended further than estimated for. I beg to enclose a Statement

Statement of the particulars of all these items of excess in the expenditure.

Camp Mount.
15th March 1858.

Share £—
Capt. G. Franklin Lieut.
Asst. Ex. Engineer.

/ A true Copy /
A. P. Moberly, Lieut.
District Engineer of
Chingleput.

/ True Copies /

Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

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Thousand three hundred and Ninety three.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servt.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
25th March 1858.

A.W.L. Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Ordnance Department

No. 782

Extract from the Memorandum of Communication
Received from the Master General
Under date the 27th April 1858.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer

Memorandum dated 25th March 1858 [illegible]

[illegible] the Secretary of State for War
[illegible]
Communicating for the Decision of
the Master General and Board of Ordnance
an Estimate of the Expenditure
required for the Completion
of the Gun Shed & Barrack
on the Plateau at the
Naviscrum at the Ar-
-senal of the double Bar
-rack for the Royal Marines
Caution and Store Room
adjoining the North Face
of the Casemated Barrack
Battery, Barracks at
Fermoy, Mount Le Hunt
Portsmouth Dockyard
&c &c

No. 780

15th April 1858

Dr. Comm. 2 February 1858. No. 50 Sl.

D. Office 1858. Department
Comm. 27th April. R.M. 1859.

From
The Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
O.D.

Date 25th March 1858.
Rec. 27th

Returned Comm. 27.4.58

No. 845 A

Enclosures 2

C.E. No. 782. 27th April 1858

Forwards copies of correspondence
received from the Dist. Chief Engr.
reporting that an excess of £3393
over the Sanctioned Estimate
has occurred in the construction
of the North Gun Shed & Barrack
Room at the Mount, and requests
under the explanation afforded
that Sanction may be granted for the
amount.

also accompanied Colonel Tabor's letter, it is shewn that the sum expended on the Buildings so as Rs 11,580, from which being deducted the estimated amount which is there given as Rs 8187 there remains Rs 3393 for which that Officer now solicits sanction.

It is observed that the sum sanctioned for these Buildings is no less than Rs 13630 as particularized below

Constructing a double row of Gun Sheds on the site of the old Police Office sanctioned on emergency in E. M. C. dated 11 August 1857 No 1563 . . . . . Rs 6140.

Do a Barrack room on the site of do sanctioned out of the one lac fund in E. M. C. dated 29 January 1858 No 169 . . . . . " 3560

Do a Regimental Store Canteen Store with Verandah, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Rooms and Compound wall in addition to the new Gun Sheds on the site of the old Police Office, sanctioned out of do in E. M. C. dated 29th do do - " 3930

Total Rs 13630

The Govt are at a loss to understand how the estimated amount is set down by the District and Chief Engineer as only Rs 8187, and they request therefore that an explanation may be submitted on this point. As the extra expenditure in question appears to have already been incurred, the proper course would be to submit a Bill for sanction, with the explanation now called for. -

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A Copy to the Chief Engr Circ No 28

2nd Feby/58 No 50 V51.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Cons. 27th April

No 782.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Of 27th April 1858.

From the Offg Chief Engr Dept
March/58 No 856 inclos.

Observing that Govt are at a loss to understand how the estimated Amt for the construction of the double row of Gun Sheds, Harness, Canteen & Store room, adjoining the North Foot Artillery Barracks at St Thomas Mount is set down by the Distt & Asst Executive Engrs Chunglepet as only Rs 8187, and requesting an explanation from the Chief Engr on this point as the sum sanctioned for these Buildings is no less than Rs 13630

No 80 & 81.

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