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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th March 1859.

No. 50. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th February 1859, No. 7713.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying Bill for Rupees 3,299-4-9, three thousand, two hundred and ninety-nine, annas four and pice nine, for completing a plain wooden Bridge, in lieu of a lattice Bridge originally proposed to be constructed on 8 Screw Piles at the Saint Thomé Gate. The Bill is in excess of its Etimate by Rupees 736-8-1, or 28¼ per cent. The cause of this excess is stated to be an increase in the market price of timber, chunam, &c., and a comparative Statement is attached to the Bill which shews the excess under each head. It will be observed from this Statement, that the prices allowed in the Estimate for Timber, &c., were those which prevailed in 1852, while the work itself was not executed until 1855, by which time those prices had risen considerably higher. The cause of three years delay is not assigned, but the Superintending Engineer Colonel Atkinson, is no longer living to explain what is now so distant, and I therefore recommend that sanction be given for the Bill.

1 Bill.
1 Comparative Statement.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON No. 553; dated 12th March 1859.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the Bill submitted with the above letter amounting to Rupees (3,299-4-9) three thousand, two hundred and ninety-nine, annas four and pice nine, for completing a wooden Bridge on 8 Screw piles at the Saint Thomé Gate of the Fort.

2. The excess over the Estimate amounting to upwards of 28 per cent. is attributed to the rise of price in Chunam and Timber; but the Chief Engineer ought to have stated plainly whether the alleged rise of price in the materials has taken place.

3. The work in question appears to have been completed in October 1855 and the Bill dated 26th January 1857 is now submitted. The Government hope that such delays in submitting Bills will not occur hereafter.

4. The Chief Engineer will report the number and the amount of works sanctioned for execution under the late Superintending Engineer's Department, which remain unadjusted in the Offices of the Garrison Engineer and Civil Architect.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Pub Works
Fort Saint George
8th February 1859.

No 7713

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying Bill for Rupees 3299-4-9 Three thousand two hundred and ninety nine, four and pice nine, for completing a plain wooden bridge in lieu of a lattice bridge originally proposed to be constructed on 8 screw piles at the Saint Thome Gate. The Bill is in excess of its estimate by Rupees 736-8-1 or 28½ percent. The cause of this excess is stated to be an increase in the market price of timber, Chunam &c. and a comparative statement is attached to the Bill which shews the excess under each head. It will be observed from this Statement that the prices allowed in the Estimate

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Estimate for timber &c. were those which prevailed in 1852 while the work itself was not executed until 1855; by which time those prices had risen considerably higher. The cause of three years delay is not assigned, but the Superintending Engineer Colonel A. Wilson is no longer living to explain what is now so distant, and I therefore recommend that sanction be given for the Bill.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Alex. Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office P.W.
Fort Saint George
8th February 1859

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

The

Comparitive Statement shewing the prices actually paid for Each description of Materials as compared with the rates allowed in the Estimate for completing on the 8 Screw piles at Saint Thomo Gate of Fort Saint George, a plain wooden bridge in lieu of lattice bridge proposed previously

	Price and amount paid and charged for in the Bills				Rate allowed in the Estimate			
No 647 — 5⅛ Cft Teakwood	at 1.8.7 ₱ 3½ ₱	1320	4	3	at 4 Cft 3½ ₱	566	2	6
. 48 Parahs Chunam —	at 11 ₱ 12 ₱ ₱ 3½ ₱ exclusive of Hire	14	11	11	at 20 ₱ ₱ 3½ ₱ inclusive of Cart hire	8	6	5
. Cart hire for do —	at 5 as ₱ 38 ₱	.	8	.				
. 283 ℔ Swedish iron —	at 90 ₱ ₱ Cr	50	15	.	at 55 ₱ ₱ Cr	31	2	1
. 194¾ ℔ Bolt iron —	at 8 ₱ ₱ Cr	19	7	7	at 35 ₱ ₱ Cr	13	10	1
. 371 ℔ Flat iron 2 ins —	at 45 ₱ ₱ Cr	33	6	3	at 35 ₱ do	25	15	6
		1439	5	.		645	4	7
Deduct Estimate rates —		645	4	7				
		794	.	5				
Deduct excess in the Bills —		736	8	1				
Difference or Saving		57	8	4				

(Signed) G. V. Winscom
Asst. Civil Architect

(True Copy)

Colonel.
Chief Engineer

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Rec'd. 4th. 1809 Detto:
Dy. Sec'y. to Govt. Pub. Wks. 306
From
The Chief Engineer
To the Secy. to Govt
Pub. Wks. Dept.

Dated 3d February 1809.
Read 9 " "
Rep. Rs. 553 — 18 Rupees
1/3/13

Subj: Estimate
Plan & Estimate
submitted for the
sanction of Government &
Bill for Rs 3299-4-9.
for completing a wooden
Bridge on 8 Screw piles
at the Saint Thome Gate.

Recd 4th 1810

Pub Works Dept

No 553

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 12th March 1859.

Read the following

letter from the Chief Engineer

Here enter 8 February 1859

No 7718

The Right Honble

the Governor in Council

sanctions the Bills submitted

with the above letter amount-

-ing to Rupees 3299-4-9

Three thousand two hundred

and Ninety nine, Annas

four and pice nine, for

completing a wooden

Bridge on 8 screw piles

at the Saint Thome Gate

of the Fort.

The

Enclosed in a letter

from

the Chief Engineer

to

the Secy. to Govt

dated 8th February 1859

Rupees Eight thousand

Nine hundred and

Ninety nine

Annas four

Pice nine

Rs 8999-4-9

Acting Secretary

to Government

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4. The Chief Engineer will report ~~at once~~ ~~duly~~ the number and the amount of workmanship for execution under the late Superintending Engineer's Department, which remain unadjusted in the offices of the Garrison Engineer and Civil Architect.

~~with full explanation~~
~~in the delay~~

To Capt. the Chief Engr with Bills Nos 1 to 14
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Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons 15th March

No. 253.

Copy Extract Minutes of Cons.
Dd 12th March 59.

From the Chief Engr. Dd 2nd
May 59 Ctr. 1074 inc. 17

Sanctioning the Bill for
Rs 3299-4-9 for completing
a wooden Bridge on 8 screw-
piles at the S.W. Thomas Gate
of the Fort and directing the
Chief Engineer to report the
number and the amount
of works sanctioned for
execution under the late
Supl. Engrs Dept. which
remain unadjusted in the
Offices of the Garrison Engr
and Civil Architect &c.

No 56 & 57.