

E. J. Hall DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 85. Read the following letter from E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 9th March 1860, No. 125:—

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 393, together with the four original enclosures, I have the honor to state that although I am of opinion that as a general rule, minute adjustments of charges between different Departments of Government are objectionable as causing much trouble and leading to no useful result, yet that no sufficient reason has in this case been shown for debiting the Civil Department with the cost of Establishments employed in the construction of buildings purely military.

The reason assigned by the Chief Engineer (paragraph 6) viz., that some of the Officers are not Supernumerary to the Public Works Establishment, seems inconclusive.

I do not, however, attach any very great importance to the question as one of principle, what is important to the Government is this, that it should be distinctly shown what charges are included in the Estimates for works when submitted to them, and that in no case Establishments should be estimated for, in special Estimates for work which have already been included in the general Estimate of the Public Works Department, without its being clearly understood that the general Establishment is to be reduced to a corresponding extent.

The Civil Auditor is required to see that the authorized Establishment sanctioned for the Public Works Department is in no respect exceeded or deviated from, but has no cognizance of charges included in Estimates for work.

In the present case there has been no little confusion, I would beg with reference to paragraph 8 of Colonel Bell's letter recorded in the Orders under acknowledgment, to draw the attention of Government to paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 of the Chief Engineer's letter to their address, dated 29th December, No. 8,748, recorded in Consultation, 28th January last, No. 221, and to

the accompanying copy* of a communication received from that Officer, to a reference made by my predecessor, and to remark that the Chief Engineer appears in this letter to recognize the propriety of the call by my predecessor for a refund of the amount disbursed for Establishment, although in the letter under report such refund is considered unnecessary.

It appears to me that the Estimate for these works requires revision in respect to the charges included for Establishment, and that it would be well for the revised Estimate to be made in communication with this Department.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1860, No. 767.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter 7th February, No. 10,025.

2. The Government concur in the opinions expressed in this letter. Special provision having been made in the Jackatalla Estimates for Establishments, all expenditure under that head ought to be charged to the works, and in order that this may now be done, the retrenchment referred to in paragraph 3 must be upheld.

3. Colonel Bell will be requested to consider the suggestion in the last paragraph for the revision of the Estimates; and, if he find it necessary to adopt that course, will make the revision in communication with the Civil Auditor as proposed by him and submit the revised Estimates for sanction.

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

No 10740 3
From The Chief Engineer

To The Civil Auditor

Sir

I have the honor with
reference to your letter dated the 7th
Instant No 67, to inform you
that Captain Morgan's personal
Establishment from June to October
1858 should be retrenched as that
officer, has informed this office,
that he ceased to draw any allow-
-ance on that account from the month
of June.

2 With reference to para 2 of
your letter I have to inform you that
Captain Morgan's salary should be
retrenched from the 1st October last,
as in my Proceedings of the 30th
September the Special Executive
Engineer at Sachatalla was
requested to charge Captain Morgan's
Department.

N^o 125From, E. F. Harrison, Esq^rTo, J. D. Bourdillon, Esq^rCivil Auditor.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government dated 23rd Ultimo N^o 393, together with the 4 Original enclosures, I have the honor to state that although I am of opinion that as a general rule, minute adjustments of charges between different departments of Government are objectionable as causing much trouble and leading to no useful result, yet that no sufficient reason has in this case been shown for debiting the ^{Civil} department with the cost of establishments employed in the construction of buildings purely military.

The reason assigned by the Chief Engineer (para 6) viz^t that some of the Officers are not supernumerary to the Public Works Establishment seems inconclusive.

I do not however attach any very great importance to the question as one of principle, what is important to the Government is this, that it should be distinctly shown what charges are included in the estimates for works when submitted to them, and that in no case establishments should be estimated for, in special estimates for works which have already been included in the general estimate of the Public Works Department, without it being clearly understood that the general establishment is to be reduced to a corresponding extent.

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Departmental allowance to the Baracks
and not to draw the same from the
Public Treasury

Central office of PW
Department
28th February 1860
I have &c.
Signed J. H. Bell Col^l
Chief Engineer

/True Copy/
E. F. Harrison
Civil Auditor

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The Civil Auditor is required to see that the authorized establishment sanctioned for the Public Works department is in no respect exceeded or deviated from, but has no cognizance of charges included in estimates for work.

In the present case there has been no little confusion I would beg with reference to para 8 of Colonel Bell's letter recorded in the Orders under acknowledgment to draw the attention of Government to para 2-8-49 of the Chief Engineer's letter to their address dated 29th December N^o 8748 recorded in Consular Station 28th January last N^o 221, and to the accompanying copy of a communication received from that Officer to a reference made by my predecessor, and to remark that the Chief Engineer appears in this letter to recognize the propriety of the call by my predecessor for a refund of the amount disbursed for establishment, although in the letter under report such refund is considered unnecessary.

* No 10740
dated 28th Feb/60.

It appears to me that the estimate for these works requires revision in respect to the charges included for establishment, and that it would be well for the revised estimate to be made in communication with this department.

Fort Saint George,
Civil Audit Office,
9th March 1860.

C. J. H.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

Edw. A. Mather.

Civil Auditor.

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To, Mr Secretary of State
 dated 3rd March 1860
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With reference to forwarding
of Govt. of 20th February No 293
submitted, this subject on the arrange-
ment proposed by the
Chief Engineer with reference
to the salary & allowances of
the officers employed on the
Machhablak works with
other observations on the

Adelheid
No 967-16-24 June

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Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter of February 19/0025.

The Government's concern with the

Opinions expressed in this letter. Special provisions trading been made in the Lockportville authorized for circulation, all expenditures under that head ought to be charged to the worthy, and in order that this may now be done, the endorsement referred to in para 3 must be attached.

Robert Bellini, the singer

To consider the large extent in the land
 known for the revision of the estimate,
 and if the said estimate is to be sold, that
 it will be made the revision in communication
 with the said Committee as proposed by him
 and will be made the estimate for a revision.

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