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No. 2,623.

List of Bills received from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, which exceed their estimate by more than 5 per cent.; submitted for the sanction of Government.

Audit Dept. No.	Date of Bill.	Description of Work.	Amount of Estimate.			Amount of Bill.			Excess.			Percentage of Excess.	The year to which the expenditure appertains.	Remarks.
	1860		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.			
115	May 14th	Repairing Weyacoondam bank from its head to the Pootoor Bridge.	11,460	0	0	12,420	13	3	960	13	3	8 3/80	1859-60.	The cause of excess over the sanctioned estimate is the extra work that had to be done in closing the breaches caused by the floods of April 1859 whilst this estimate was in progress. No time could be lost in the closing of the breaches, upon the speedy execution of which work the cultivation depended.
	1859													
1	May 5th	Improving the Cavalry Hospital at Trichinopoly.	4,380	0	0	5,368	3	1	988	3	1	22 1/2	1858-59.	The excess expenditure is owing to the rise which has taken place in the prices of materials and labor since the preparation of the estimate (1857) as well as to the addition of a front verandah to the Hospital made under the recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Division. With reference to this verandah, the District Engineer explains that in reply to a reference from the Officer Commanding, Captain F. J. Moberly then District Engineer, stated that he would carry out the work without reference to higher authority, as the extra cost thereof would not exceed the estimate by such a sum as would be beyond the competence of the Chief Engineer to authorize. The subject was not reported to this Office at the time, and the rise in prices of materials and labor prevented this expectation being realized. Captain Moberly was only warranted in acting upon the recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Division, in a case where the health of the Troops was concerned, and it is presumed that a Hospital improvement may be brought into the category of such works.
		Total.....	15,840	0	0	17,789	0	4	1,949	0	4			

Central Office of Public Works,
Chepauk,
12th July 1861.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of
Central Office of Public Works.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th August 1861.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1861, No. 1,473.

1. The bills are sanctioned.

2. With reference to the second bill, however, the Government consider that the provisions of paragraph 52 at page 588 of Grant's Circular Order Book do not apply to this case; for Captain Moberly appears to have volunteered the execution of the verandah, and not to have been ordered by the Officer Commanding the Division to build it on the score of its being necessary for the health of the troops. However desirable an improvement the addition of the verandah may have been, it certainly was not "emergent" in the proper sense of that term; at all events it would have admitted of the brief delay, which a reference to the Chief Engineer would have caused. Captain Moberly, in the opinion of Government, was not warranted in undertaking on his own responsibility a work not included in the sanctioned estimate, and thus causing an excess of no less than 22½ per cent. The Government also wholly disapprove of Colonel Birdwood's endeavor to justify Captain Moberly's appropriation of an expected saving to an entirely new work, and of his further assumption that he could exceed his estimate if he did not go beyond the margin which the Chief Engineer is authorized to pass. Such laxity should have been rebuked instead of palliated by the Head of the Department.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

In acting upon the recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Division, I am of opinion that where the health of the Troops may be concerned, and it is necessary that a Hospital or Shelter may be brought into the Station of Black Watch

Lieut. Colonel

Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of Adjutant

Office P. W.

Total Rupees	*15,840*	*0*	*1769*	*4*	*4*

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Adjutant Office P. W.
Chepauk
12th July 1861

J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

List of Bills received from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly which exceed their Estimate by more than 5 Per Cent. Submitted for the sanction of Government.

No. 2623.

Month	Description of Work	Amount of Estimate	Amount of Bill	Excess	Per Cent. the Excess bears to the Estimate	Remarks
1860 July	Repairing Vayaramanam tank from 1st April to the 30th June	1460 - -	12,480	13 3	960 13 3	853/8	1539/1360 The cause of Excess over the Estimate is the taking more Earth than was estimated for in the Estimate, by the Overseer of the Division. — 10 Tons Earth were found necessary for the Cleaning of the Channel & Sluices, which was not estimated.
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No. 1593.

From

The Deputy Chief Engr. in Charge of Central Office P.W.

To

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 12th July 1861
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Public Works Dept.

No 1178-73

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Under date the 6th August 1861.

Read the following paper from the Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of Central Office P. W.

List of Bills received from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly which exceed their Estimate by more than 5 Per cent submitted for the sanction of Government.

(Here enter 12th July 1861 No 2623)

1 The Bills are sanctioned.

2 With reference to the second bill however, the Government consider that the provision of para 52 at page 588 of Grant's Circular Order Book cancelled

Audit's Date Dep't. / No. Bill	Description of Work	Amount of Estimate	Amount Passed to Excess	Per centage of the Excess	The Years in which the Expenditure occurred	Remarks
	Brought forward	1,460	13	3	1860	
1859 May 5	Repairing Stable Cavalry Hospital at Fredericksburg	80	1	1	1858/59	The excess expenditure is owing to the price which had taken place in the price of Materials and Labor since the preparation of the Estimate 1857 / as well as to the addition of a front Verandah to the Hospital made under the recommendation of the Officer commanding the Division. Note by Engineer to this Verandah the District Engineer Officer that in reply to a reference from the Officer Commanding Division Lt. Col. Mobery the District Engineer stated that he would carry out the work without reference to higher Authority as the extra cost thereof would not exceed the Estimate by such a sum as would be beyond the limit of the Chief Engineer to authorize. The Quartermaster reported to this effect at the time, and the fact is on Record. Materials and labor have risen 40 per cent since the Estimate was made. Mobery was only warranted
	Carried forward	1,540	14	3	1860	

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~~And~~ The Govt. also ~~also~~ highly disapprove of the Discretion & judgment exercised by Capt. Moberly in ~~the~~ appropriation of an Expected saving & an entirely new work - and of his further assumption that he could exceed his Estimate

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