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No. 192. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Lieutenant Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 18th January 1862, No. 9,556:—

SIR,

1. In statement of repairs sanctioned by the local authorities in the month of October 1859, an item of Rupees 300 was entered for completing the Well at Gallagoodeem in the Chenttallapoody Táluq of the Godavery District; the original estimate of Rupees 426 for this work was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer on the 29th March 1859; it provided for a Well of 9 feet diameter and 45 feet deep, but after excavating to that depth no spring had been touched.

1 Letter from District Engineer Godavery, dated 15th February 1860, No. 470.
1 Do. to the District Engineer, dated 29th March 1860, No. 1,1889.
1 Do. from District Engineer, dated 27th June 1860, No. 293, with two enclosures.
1 Do. do. do., 29th November 1860, No. 19, with three enclosures.
1 Do. to the District Engineer, dated 11th January 1861, No. 8,771.
1 Do. from do., dated 13th May 1861, No. 75, with one enclosure.
1 Do. to do., dated 13th July 1861, No. 2,678.
1 Do. from do., dated 31st July 1861, No. 499.

2. As water, however, had been obtained in other Wells in the neighbouring villages somewhat below that depth, another estimate was prepared for a further excavation.

Rupees 300.

3. That estimate was sanctioned by the local authorities, but was objected to by the then Chief Engineer* on the grounds that it was a class of work beyond the power of the local authorities to undertake, and the District Engineer was called upon for a plan and estimate and an explanation as to whether the villagers should not be required to execute it themselves. The plan and estimate were accordingly prepared and forwarded, but the Executive Officer, Mr. Hawkins, proceeded with the work apparently under an idea, that as the estimate had been once sanctioned and commenced upon in the previous year as a "minor new work," he was at liberty to complete the same as in other cases, in the succeeding year, in anticipation of the Chief Engineer's sanction.

* Colonel Bell.

4. Colonel Rundall explains that the work was originally proposed and urgently called for by the Collector of Masulipatam, as the village in question was totally without water during the dry months of the year, and the cattle were fast perishing from drought, and that as it was at the time considered to be a "minor new work" within the power of the local authorities to commence, pending the Chief Engineer's sanction, it was accordingly proceeded with.

5. As the Well has been represented to be really a work of urgent necessity, and as it has been finished much* below the amount of the revised estimate, owing to a spring being touched a little above the depth originally estimated for, I recommend that the amount of the present bill, viz., Rupees 155-13-10, may be passed.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Estimate	426	0	0
Supplemental do	300	0	0
	726	0	0
Expenditure	539	0	9
Saving	187	15	3

6. A sum of Rupees 345-9-11 was expended on the Well in 1858-59 on the original estimate of Rupees 426, and subsequently Rupees 37-9 and 155-13-10 were expended in 1859-60 and 1860-61 respectively, on the supplemental Estimate of Rupees 300. The bills for the two former sums were received and passed in this Office, and the bill for the last amount now requires the sanction of Government.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 97.

1. The bill for Rupees 155-13-10 submitted with this letter is sanctioned.

2. The Government observe that it was irregular on the part of Mr. Hawkins in proceeding with the work prior to the sanction of the Supplemental Estimate called for by the late Chief Engineer, and that in so doing he incurred a responsibility which will in future be enforced. It is a question however whether the work from first to last ought not to have been done by the villagers at their own expense.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

Central Office of P.W.
Chepauk
18th January 1862.

No. 9556

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From

Lieut. Colonel J. Ouchterlony
Actg. Deputy Chief Engineer No. Ckt.

To

Lieut. Colonel T. H. Hendley
Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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1 Letter from Dist. Engr. Godavery dated 15th February 60 No. 140
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1 do. to the Dist. Engr. dated 11th Jan. 61 No. 8771.
1 do. from do. dated 13th April 61 No. 275 with 1 Enclosure
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5 As the well has been represented to be really a work of urgent necessity and as it has been finished much below the amount of the revised Estimate, owing to a spring being touched a little above the depth originally estimated for, I recommend that the amount of the present Bill, viz Rupees 155-13-10, may be passed.

6. A sum of Rupees 325-9-11 was expended on the well in 1858/59 on the original Estimate of Rupees 426. and subsequently Rupees 37-9-4 and 155-13-10 were expended in 1859/60 and 1860/61 respectively on the Supplemental Estimate

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt

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18th January 1862

J. Buchanan Lieut. Colo.
A.G.D. & Chief Engr & Surveyor

To
Lieut. Colonel F.A. Horsley
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To Lieut. Colo. H. Horsley
Chief Engineer and
Secy to Government &c &c.

Dated 18th January 1862
Rec'd 29th January 1862

No. 9506

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Forwarding a Bill
for sanction Amounting
to Rupees 155-13-10 for
completing the Rolls at
Callagoo Deem in the
Lieut. Callagoo Judiciary
District.

No. 97 - 31st January -

With an order

No. 192 & 193.

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Think that this is a work which the
villagers ought to have done for their own Relief

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Lt. Gov. 1st George
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