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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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3rd June 1862.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 11th April 1862, No. 12,583:—

SIR,

1. Referring to Order of Government No. 335, 1st March last, communicating sanction to

1 Letter from District Engineer Cuddapah No. 1,031, dated 28th March 1862.
1 Do. No. 942, dated 5th March 1862
1 Do. No. 935, dated 4th March 1862.
1 Do. No. 881, dated 8th February 1862, with three enclosures.
1 Do. No. 777, dated 15th January 1862.
* Letter No. 9,990, 29th January 1862

a supplemental estimate for the completion of the new Zillah School house at Cuddapah, I have the honor to recall to your recollection that, when* submitting that estimate, I reported that I had called on the District Engineer for explanation regarding the delay that had occurred in constructing the building, and I also requested that he would furnish the prescribed comparative statement which had not accompanied the supplemental estimate.

No. 881, 8th February 1862.

2. In reply to the reference, the District Engineer forwarded a comparative statement, accompanied by an Abstract of expenditure, from which it appeared that the revised estimate was Rupees 8,388-10-4 the actual expenditure having been Rupees 4,600, as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Expended on the building.	3,072	10	4
Value of materials on hand... ..	739	6	0
Value of wood burned on 20th July 1861 ..	212	13	0
Balance in hand.	1	2	2
Value of material used on other works.	574	0	6
	4,600	0	0

3. And this statement was accompanied by an Extract of a letter from Overseer Howell, who had charge of the work, stating, that of the material used on other works he had appropriated a certain quantity of palmyras for the District Engineer's Office which was under construction at the same time, but that he had replaced them by a purchase made at his own expense, and had also paid large amounts for the completion of the latter building out of his own pocket in consequence of the estimate being exceeded from the great rise of price in material and which he was ashamed to represent.

4. I did not consider this explanation satisfactory, and called for further particulars; in reply to which I learnt from the District Engineer's letter,† that it was very clear that Mr. Howell had only partially replaced the palmyras which he had used on the District Engineer's Office, and that he had also taken from the stock of bricks for the School house, a quantity for an Overseer's shed at Cuddapah, and smaller quantities for the Poor house attached to the Civil Dispensary, and for the Office of the Superintendent of Police. The case then stood as follows: Deficiency of material belonging to the School house:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Palmyras used in District Engineer's Office.....	280	8	0
Bricks used on Overseer's shed at Cuddapah.....	264	5	2
Bricks used on Poor house.....	20	12	11
Do. Office of Superintendent of Police.....	8	6	5
	574	0	6

5. Having pointed out to the District Engineer how reprehensible Overseer Howell's conduct was, in expending on other works, the material provided and ordered by the District Engineer

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to be kept perfectly distinct for the new School house, I desired that the error might be remedied as far as possible, by debiting the cost of the bricks to the works on which they had been used, relieving the School house of the undue charge. I also noticed
* No. 2,449, dated 31st December 1861. that in the order as per margin,* Government had sanctioned a supplemental estimate for completing the District Engineer's Office and Workshop, and in which they had believed was included the 212 Rupees on account of timber destroyed by fire, for which credit was now asked; and that in regard to the deficiency of palmyras, valued at Rupees 280-8-0, it appeared that Overseer Howell should be held personally responsible for the amount, unless it could be clearly shown, that the Government had, in the building for the District Engineer's Office and Workshop, received the full value of the missing palmyras, in addition to the total sum which had at various times been sanctioned for it, amounting to Rupees 5,350.

6. In answer to the communication, the District Engineer has † replied, that the sum of Rupees 8-6-5 for bricks used in the Office of the Superintendent of Police, can alone be adjusted, as the accounts of the other works have long since been closed.

‡ Office	440
Work Shop	910
Total..	5,350

7. He also states that he firmly believes that the full amount of Rupees 4,410‡ entered in Bills for the District Engineer's Office has been expended on that work, as well as the missing palmyras valued at Rupees 280-8-0, and that in addition Mr. Howell paid money from his private funds in order that that building might be completed without exceeding the sanctioned amount by more than 5 per cent.; and he supports this opinion by various comparisons between the former and the rates prevailing at the time that building was erected.

8. He also remarks that he has lost no opportunity of impressing on Mr. Howell the impropriety of transferring materials from one work to another in the manner he did, but trusts that under the explanation he has given, Government will not hold the Overseer responsible for the materials found deficient at the new School house.

9. Thus much in regard to the irregularities in the accounts. As respects the delay in completing the building, the District Engineer remarks that the first brick of the foundation was not laid until the 24th December 1860, and the work was carried on until the end of June following by Mr. Howell, who had charge at the same time of the Cuddapah Taluq as well as the Cuddapah Range, which necessitated his frequent absence from the School building, and which at such times was under the superintendence of a Bricklayer Maistry. Mr. Howell was absent on sick leave during the months of July and August 1861, and resumed charge of the work immediately on his return, and the District Engineer forwarded the supplemental estimate to this Office on the 23rd of October following (1861), the interval between which and the submission of the same to Government in the end of January 1862 was spent in the necessary examination of the document in this Office, and in references to the Director of Public Instruction and to the District Engineer.

10. It appears to me therefore that the District Engineer has satisfactorily shown that there was no unnecessary delay on his part, and I would observe in reference to paragraph 1 of the Order of Government No. 335 of 1st March 1862, that there appears to have been a misapprehension on the part of Government as to the date on which the amount of first sanction was expended. By the Government Order it would appear that the estimate had been expended on 30th September 1860, but my report was "30th September last," viz., 1861.

11. In respect to Mr. Howell, while I am constrained to remark that this enquiry has brought to light a very lax system of accounts of the works under his charge, I would beg from a consideration of the very heavy charge he had, owing to Sub-Engineer Arnold's absence on sick certificate, of a Range and a Taluq, besides the sole executive charge of the School house, to support the District Engineer's recommendation that Mr. Howell may not be held responsible for the deficient materials.

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12. The amount of additional sanction for the completion would now stand as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Amount of revised estimate...	8,388	10	4	
Value of wood burnt in shed on the 29th July 1861. ...	212	13	0	
Do. of Palmyras used on the District Engineer's Office ..	280	8	0	
Do. of bricks used on other buildings not now recoverable	285	2	1	
				9,167 1 5
<i>Deduct</i>				
Value of work executed to 30th September 1861...	3,072	10	4	
Do. of material in hand...	739	6	0	
Cash in hand, 1st October 1861 ..	1	2	2	
Recoverable from the Office of Superintendent of Police...	8	6	5	
	3,821	8	11	
Balance of unexpended former sanction Rupees 4,570 ..	1,116	10	1	
				4,938 3 0
Balance requiring sanction ..				4,228 14 5

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1862, No. 1,237.

1. The circumstances which led to the increased cost of the new Zillah School house at Cuddapah, were fully noticed by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, in his letter of the 29th January 1862, No. 9,990,* and in paragraph 6, he promised further explanation required by the Director Public Instruction, in respect to the delay in the erection of the building and in the preparation of a supplemental estimate. This explanation is now submitted by Colonel Carpendale in the foregoing letter, with reference both to his former communication, and the censure recorded by Government in their Proceedings in this Department dated 1st March 1862, No. 235, at the unnecessary delay that has taken place in connection with the School house.

2. In their Proceedings in the Public Department, 14th February 1860, No. 209, the Government sanctioned the erection of the Zillah School house at Cuddapah at an estimated cost of 4,810 Rupees, to meet which there was a sum of 1,438 Rupees in private subscriptions, in addition to the public grant from the Educational funds, which the Government on that occasion raised from 3,000 to 3,500 Rupees; total 4,938 Rupees. The Deputy Chief Engineer having in his letter of the 29th January 1862 above quoted, represented that nearly all the money had been spent, but that yet the work was only half done, the Government were induced, in the Public Department,† to sanction the supplemental estimate of 4,576 Rupees for the early completion of the building; so that sanction has been obtained to a total grant of 9,514 Rupees.

3. In paragraph 9 of his present letter, Colonel Carpendale explains that the first brick of the foundation was not laid until the 24th December 1860, from which date until the end of June 1861, the work was carried on by Mr. Overseer Howell. He having been absent on sick leave the two following months, the work appears to have been suspended during that period, but was resumed immediately on his return. By the 30th September 1861, and not 30th September 1860 as supposed by Government, the amount of the original estimate was expended, and the supplemental estimate which became necessary in consequence reached the Central Office in October 1861, and the interval between that date and the end of May 1862, when it was laid before Government, was spent in its examination and in references to the Director of Public Instruction.

4. The Government admit that the foregoing explanation satisfactorily shows that there was no unnecessary delay on the part of the District Engineer, but they are sorry to observe that irregularities have occurred in connection with this work, which might have been prevented by better arrangements. Thus, timber to the value of Rupees 212-13-0 was allowed to be burned, and materials to the value of Rupees 574-0-6 belonging to the School house were taken away

estimate.

2. In reply to the reference, the Dist. Engr. No. 881. 8 Feb 1862. forwarded a comparative statement, accompanied by an abstract of expenditure, from which it appeared that the revised estimate was Rupees 8,388. 10-4, the actual expenditure having been Rupees 4,600. as follows.

	Rs	a	p
Expended on the building	3072	10	4
Value of Materials on hand	739	6	"
Value of wood ^{burned} procured on 20 th July 1861	212	13	"
Balance in hand	1	2	2
Value of Material used on other works	574	a	6
	4600	"	"

3. And this statement was accompanied by an Extract of a letter from Overseer Howell, who had charge of the work, stating that of the Material used on other works, ^{he had} appropriated a certain quantity of Palmyras for the District Engineers Office, which was under construction at the same time, but that he had replaced them by a purchase made at his own expense, and had also paid large amounts for

for the completion of the latter building, out of his own pocket, in consequence of the estimate being exceeded from the great rise of price in Material and which he was ashamed to represent.

4. I did not consider this explanation satisfactory and called for further particulars; in reply to which I learnt from the District Engineer's letter, that it was very clear that Mr. Howell had only partially replaced the Palmyras which he had used on the District Engineer's Office, and that he had also taken from the stock of bricks for the school house, a quantity for an Overseer's shed at Cuddapah, and smaller quantities for the Poor house attached to the Civil Dispensary, and for the Office of the Superintendent of Police. The case then stood as follows: Deficiency of Material belonging to the school house.

Rs a p
Palmyras used in District Engineer's Office 280-8-0
Bricks used on Overseer's shed at Cuddapah 264-5-2

No. 935
4 March 1862.

Bricks used on Poor house ————— 20-12-11
 " Office of Superintendent of Police ——— 8-6-5
 574-4-6

5. Having pointed out to the District Engineer how responsible Overseer Howell's conduct was, in expending on other works, the material provided and ordered by the District Engineer to be kept perfectly distinct for the new school house, I decided that the error might be remedied as far as possible, by debiting the cost of the bricks to the works on which they had been used, relieving the school house of the undue charge. I also noticed that in the order as per Margin, Government ^{N^o 2449.} 31st Decr 1861, had sanctioned a supplemental estimate for completing the District Engineer's Office and workshop, and in which they had believed was included the 212 Rupees on account of timber destroyed by fire, for which credit was now asked; and that in regard to the deficiency of Palmyras, valued at Rupees 280-8, it appeared that Overseer Howell should be held personally responsible for the amount, unless it could be clearly shown

N^o 1831
 28 March 1862

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 Office 44440
 Workshop 910
 Total 53550.

shewn, that the Government had, in the building for the District Engineer's Office and workshop, received the full value of the missing Palmyras, in addition to the total sum which had at various times been sanctioned for it, amounting to Rupees 5350.

6 In answer to the communication, the District Engineer has replied, that the sum of Rupees 8-6-5 for bricks used in the Office of the Superintendent of Police, can alone be adjusted, as the accounts of the other works have long since been closed.

7. He also states that he firmly believes that the full amount of Rupees 4440 entered in bills for the District Engineer's Office has been expended on that work, as well as the missing Palmyras valued at Rupees 280-8, and that in addition Mr. Howell paid money from his private funds in order that that building might be completed, without exceeding the sanctioned amount by more than 5 per Cent; and he supports this opinion

opinion by various comparisons between the former, and the rates prevailing at the time, that building was erected, -

8. He also remarks that he has lost no opportunity of impressing on Mr. Howell the impropriety of transferring materials from one work to another in the manner he did, but trusts that under the explanation he has given, Government will not hold the Overseer responsible for the materials found deficient at the new School House.

9. Thus much in regard to the irregularities in the accounts: As respects the delay in completing the building, the District Engineer remarks that the first brick of the foundation was not laid until the 24th December 1860, and the work was carried on until the end of June following by Mr. Howell, who had charge at the same time of the Cuddapah talook as well as the Cuddapah

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10. It appears to me therefore that the District Engineer has satisfactorily shown that there was no ^{un}necessary delay on his part, and I would observe in reference to para 1 of the order of Government No. 335 of 1st March 1862, that there appears to have been a misapprehension on the part of Government as to the date on which the ^{assent} of first sanction was expended. By the Government order

Deduct:

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Value of work executed to 30th Sept. 1861. 3072-10-4. 9167-1-5

" of Material in hand ————— 739-6-"

Cash in hand 1st October 1861. ————— 1-2-2.

Recoverable from the Office of
Superintendent of Police ————— 8-6-5.

3821-8-11

Balance of unexpended ————— } 1116-10-1

former sanction Rupees 4570. ————— } 4938-3-"

Balance requiring sanction 4228-14-5.

Deputy Chief Eng'rs Office,
Central Circle
Chepauk
11 April 1862.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Jasper A. Bell
Acting Dy Chief Eng. C.C.

To
Lieutenant Colonel. W. A. Hensley
Secretary to Government P. M. D.

Public Works Dept.

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Under date the 2nd June 1862-

Read the following letter
from the Asst. Collector.

Towards correspondence on the
subject of the excess expenditure
on the New School House
at Chudaspah, and under the
circumstances therein represented,
requests sanction for the
sum of Rupees 4,228 - 11 - 5

74.80 11^m April 1862 A.¹²

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This is very unsatisfactory,
and tells against the manage-
ment of the Dep^{ty}. There
appears to have been some
excessive delay in the central
office. A cash prep in his
district office. What was
the district Exp^t if he cannot
check and advise?

~~and~~ which led to the in-
creased cost of the new
Zillah School house at
Buddhapah, were fully
noticed by the Deputy
Chief Engineer, Central
Circle, in his letter of the
29th January 1862, No
9990; and in para 6, he
promised,

* vide Pro: of Govt: 10 Feb/62, no 177

320. 31 Dec / 61 No 145-246
 " 10 Feb / 62 - 149-150.
 " 10 March - 3-4

Wm Wards Esq

John

The Acting Secy. Admiralty.

To the Secretary of State

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19 January 1924

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required by the Director
Public Instruction, in res-
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erection of the building
and in the preparation
of a supplemental estimate.
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Carpendale in the forego-
ing letter, with reference
both to his former commu-
nication, and the consent
recorded by Government
in their Proceedings in
this Dept dated 1st
March 1862, No 235, at
the unnecessary delay
that has taken place
in connection with the
School house.

2 In their Proceedings
in the Public Department,

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21 February 1860, No 209,
the Government sanctioned
the erection of the Zillah
School house at Cuddasah
at an estimated cost of
4810 Rupees, to meet
which there was ^{a sum of} 1,938 Rs
in private subscription,
in addition to the
public grant from the
Educational funds, which
the Government on
that occasion raised
from 3000 to 3500 Rupees,
total 1,938 Rupees. The
Deputy Chief Engineer
having in his letter
of the 29th January 1862
above quoted, re-
ported that nearly
all the money had
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in the Public Department,
to sanction the supplementary
estimate of 4,576 Rs.
for the early completion
of the building; so that
~~the~~ sanction has
been obtained to a total
grant of 9,514 Rupees.

3 In para 9 of his
present letter, Colonel
Carpendale explains
that the first brick of
the foundation was not
laid until the 24th December
1860, from which date
until the end of June 1861
the works were carried
on by Mr Oversee.
Howell,

He
having been absent on
sick leave the two
following

* Pro; Put Sept, 19 Feb, 42, no 44.

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work appears to have
been suspended during
that period, but was
resumed immediately
on his return. By the
30th September 1861, and
not 30th Sept 1860 as
supposed by Govt, the
amount of the original
estimate was expended,
and the supplemental
estimate which became
necessary in consequence
reached the Central
Office in October 1861,
and the interval between
that date and the
end of May 1862, when
it was laid before
Govt, was spent in
its examination and
in references to the

Director

7 months, expended on
examining an estimate
that was to have been
done over a much shorter
time !!!

Director of Public Instruction.

4. The Government admits that the foregoing explanation satisfactorily shows that there was no unnecessary delay on the part of the District Engineer, but they

are sorry to observe that irregularities have occurred in connection with their work, which might have been prevented by better arrangements. Thus, timber to the value of Rupees 212-13-4 was allowed to be burned, and materials to the value of Rupees 574-6-6 belonging to the School house were taken away and used in other buildings.

to be paid
District Engineer
in full

Value of Palm-leaf used
in the District Engineer's Office. 220. 8.-
-do. of bricks used in other
buildings, not recoverable. 285. 2.-1
Rs 505. 10.-1.

buildings; and of this latter amount, only Rs 8. 6. 5 can be adjusted by being charged against the Office of Superintendent of Police, on account of bricks ^{to that value} used in it; ~~the value of that amount~~ the remaining sum of Rupees 565. 10.-1, as noted in the margin, not being capable of similar adjustment, as the accounts of the works on which the materials were used, have long ago been closed.

As both the District Engineer and the Deputy Chief Engineer excuse Mr Howell for the irregularity.

irregularity that has taken
place, on ^{the ground} ~~consequence~~ of
the heavy duty entailed
on him in consequence
of Sub Engineer Arnold's
absence on sick certificate,
by which the charge of
a range and a battery
devolved on him, in
addition to the executive
charge of the School
house, the Govt. will
not hold him responsible
for the above mentioned
sum of Rupees 565-10-1;
but as it will be
unfair to charge
the amount to the
School, inasmuch
as the materials
it represents were
never
used on that
building.

building, the proper course
will be to write off the
sum to Profit and Loss.
As the original and
Supplemental Estimates
have been duly sanc-
tioned, nothing more
is necessary at present.
6 Colonel Campbell's
letter above recorded
will be communicated
to the Public Depart-
ment, together with
these Proceedings.

W. J. P.

13 Copies.

To
The Acting Deputy Chief Engr & Commr & Encls.
Public Dept. ✓
Sept 26th June 02

Expenditure and
Debit in the Gillah
School House at Addis Ababa

20th 1862. Disburse

Govt of Govt for May
No 1237

Govt of the Addis Ababa
School 3rd June 1862.

Sanctioning a certain
sum, not capable of a
justment in the increased
cost of the new Gillah
School house at Addis Ababa,
to be written off to Profit
and Loss.

No 13. 1st.

29th May 1862