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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th June 1862.

No. 190. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, in charge of the Audit and Account Departments, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 21st May 1862, No. 824:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of Government dated 17th December 1861, No. 2,319, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore affording fuller explanation of the excess in the cost of certain repairs executed to the Principal Sudder Amín's Record room at Nellore.

1 Letter from District Engineer, Nellore, dated 6th May 1862, No. 914, with two Bills and one comparative Statement.

2. It will be observed that since the date of the first submission of the Bills, a recovery of Rupees 163-8 has been effected, which has reduced the excess to Rupees 186-12-0 or from 36 to 19 per cent.

3. The first of the excess charges as exhibited in the accompanying comparative statement is in the item of masonry, and amounts to Rupees 82-3-9, for which the following work is said to have been performed:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Filling space between joists and cornice work.....	18	9	0
Repairs to Nazir's room—*Vide* explanation in List of Bills dated 30th October 1861, No. 6,590.....	20	0	0
Scaffolding.....	16	0	0
Total...	54	9	0

The remainder of the excess in the item of masonry is stated to be due to a rise in rates since the estimate was framed, and to this cause also the excess of Rupees 10-11-7 on Teakwood fittings is due.

4. Under the head of country wood for Record stands, two items of excess are shown, the one amounting to Rupees 51-0-11 and the other Rupees 233-2. The increased charge in the former item is due to an additional 32⅛ cubic feet of wood having been used, and to the rate paid having been Rupees 1-7-8¼ per cubic foot, whilst the estimated rate was Rupees 1-4-0 per cubic foot. Of the 32⅛ cubic feet 17 became necessary in consequence of the increased thickness allowed to the framing of the stands; but the remainder, viz., 15⅛ cubic feet, is considered by the District Engineer to be an overcharge. In the second item, under the head of the countrywood, only one-fifth of the quantity of planking required, viz., 1,088 square feet, was provided for in the estimate, as it was believd that the remainder would be available from the old fittings, which however during the progress of the work were found unfit for the purpose. Nevertheless the new planking provided from the Workshop was found considerably in excess of actual requirement, and the value thereof, viz., 218 cubic feet, inclusive of the 15⅛ cubic feet overcharged as above explained, was recovered from the Workshop and credited to the work. The recovery from the Workshop amounted to Rupees 123-8-0 and that by the sale of old materials to Rupees 40, making an aggregate of Rupees 163-8-0, which, as reported above, has reduced the per centage of excess from 36 to 19.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1862, No. 1,311.

1. Under the explanation now afforded, the Government sanction the Bill (Audit No. 117) submitted by the Chief Engineer with List No. 6,590, dated 30th October 1861.

2. The amount laid out on "extra work" is given by the District Engineer as Rupees 54-9-0. For this expenditure without the previous sanction of higher authority, as well as for the omission to detect the overcharge in the item of Timber referred to in paragraph 4 of Captain Mullins' letter, the Range Officer is much to blame, and should be reprimanded.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

3 P.

Central Office P.W.D.
Madras
21 May 1862

No. 824

From
Lieut. Colonel F. H. Rundall
Chief Engineer & Secretary Audit and Account Dept.

Public

To
Lieut. Colonel F. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures 4
Letter from Executive Engineer Cuddapah dated 5th May 1862 No. 914.

I have reference to Para 1 of the Proceedings of Government dated 17th December 1861, No. 2319, & have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore explaining under explanation of the excess in the cost of certain repairs executed to the Principal Subdolar Ameen's Record Room at Nellore.

2 It will be observed that since the date of the first submission of the Bills, a recovery of Rupees 163. 8. . has been effected which has reduced the excess to Rupees 186. 12 or from 36 to 19%.

3 The first of the excess charges as exhibited in the accompanying Comparative Statement is in the item of Masonry, and amounts

Amounts to Rupees 82. 3. 9 for which the following work is said to have been spent.

Formed.

Filling space between Joists and Cornice work. Rs. 18. 9.
Repairs to Straziè Room. Vide explanation in
List of Bills dated 30th October 1861 No. 6599 — " — 20. "
Scaffolding — " — 16. "

— " — 54. 9

The remainder of the excess in the item of Masonry, is stated to be due to a rise in rates since the Estimate was framed, and to this cause also the excess of Rupees 10. 11. 7 on Teak. & wood fittings is due.

4 Under the head of Country wood for Record Stands, two items of excess are shewn, the one amounting to Rupees 57. " 11 and the other to Rupees 233. 2. The increased charge in the former item is due to an additional 32½ Cubic Feet of wood having been used, and to the rate paid having been Rupees 1. 7. 8¼ per Cubic Foot whilst the Estimated rate was Rupees 1. 2 per Cubic Foot. Of the 32½ Cubic Feet 17 became necessary in consequence of the increased thickness allowed to the framing of the stands, but the remainder viz. 15½ Cubic Feet is considered by the Architect Engineer to be an overcharge. In the second item under the head of Country

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Country wood, only one fifth of the quantity of planking required viz. 1,088 S. Feet, was provided for in the Estimate, as it was believed that the remainder would be available from the old Pattern, which however during the progress of the work were found unfit for the purpose. Nevertheless the new planking provided from the Workshop was found considerably in excess of actual requirements and the value thereof, viz. 218 Cubic Feet including 15½ Cubic Feet overcharged as above explained, was recovered from the Workshop and credited to the work. Recoveries from the Workshops Amounted to Rupees 123. 8. and that by the sale of old materials to Rupees 40. making an aggregate of Rupees 163. 8, which, as reported above, has reduced the percentage of excess from 36 to 19.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

F. W. Rundall Lieut. Col.
In Ch. of the Audit & Account Dept.

To Lieut. Colonel H. L. Hornby
Secretary to Government N.W.P.

Received
27th May 1862

17th Dec.r/61 Nos 216 - 217.

the item of timber referred to in para 4 of Captain Mullins' letter, the Engr Officer is much to blame. and should be reprimanded.

Lt Col.

16th June 1862

The Officer in charge of the Accounts

Accountant Genl

13 Aug. with 6 encls. rec.d 14th

Accountant Genl

No. 190 - 191

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Item

Print. 40 Cy. 3 Ft. Journals
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& accounts Dept.

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Memorandum:
Explanation required why
Government in Secretariat
Letter 17th December 1861
No. 2319; requesting that
Principal Under Consigned
Record Room at Poona.

No. 1311 - 19 June -
H. H. Arnold

Same office for reference

No. 1311

Under the explanation now afforded, the Government sanction the Bill (Abstract No 117) submitted by the Chief Engineer with Letter No 1590 dated 30th October 1861.

The amount laid out on "extra works" is given by the District Engineer as Rupees 54-9-11. of the expenditure is without the previous sanction of higher authority as well as for the omission to detect the over charges in the