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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th January 1864.

No. 45.

Read the following:—

No. 2,109.
List of Bills received from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, submitted for the sanction of Government, which exceed their Estimates by more than five per cent.

Audit No.	Date of Bills.	Description of work.	Amount of Estimate.	Amount of Bill.	Excess.	Percentage of excess.	To what year's expenditure appertaining.	Date when received.	Remarks.
702	1862. February 24th	Constructing the eastern range of buildings to the Artillery Depot at the Mount for the 2nd quarter ending 31st October 1861.	RS. A. P. 22,200 0 0 6,010	RS. A. P. 6,918 2 8	RS. 6,879	24 1/2	1861-62.	Received 11th Oct. 1862.	This work was sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings Nos. 1,850 and 1,970, dated 1st August 1859 and 7th June 1861, and was commenced in May 1860, under the personal supervision of the District Engineer and carried on uninterruptedly, first by Overseer Lee, second by Assistant Overseer Franklin, and lastly by Sub-Overseer Vencatachella Pillai to its completion in March 1862.
703	1863. June 8th	Do. do. for the 3rd quarter ending 31st January 1862.	Do.	3,069 15 11	6,879		Do.	Returned 28th Feb. 1863.	It will be seen from the Comparative Statement that an excess expenditure of Rupees 6,879 has been incurred over the sanctioned Estimates, the cause of excess is
704	Do.	Do. do. for the 4th quarter ending 30th April 1862.	Do.	1,734 3 6			Do.	Received back 5th Oct. 1863.	
		Total requiring sanction...		11,722 6 1				Returned again 5th Oct. 1863.	
		Total amount of Bills passed by this Office...		23,366 7 10				Received again 14th Dec. 1863.	
		Total expenditure...		35,088 13 11					

attributed by the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the following grounds:—
1st. To the indiscriminate charge to this work alone of nearly all wood purchased for this and other works by Mr. Assistant Overseer Franklin, instead of crediting this work with the value of timber issued and chargeable to other works.
2nd. Rates far in excess of the estimated rates generally.
3rd. To a great excess in sundry charges. The Superintending Engineer also states that the work was examined by him during its progress when he was Deputy Chief Engineer of the Circle and he saw little to find fault with at the time of his inspection, and by the then District Engineers Captains A. S. Moberly and F. J. Moberly and Major then Lieutenant II. N. D. Prendergast, V. C., frequently during its progress and after its completion.
The explanation about the excess consequent on the overcharge of timber is not, however, clear when the Comparative Statement shows no excess in quantity used; but at this distant period it is considered inexpedient to return the Bills, and they are therefore submitted for the sanction of Government.

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Lieut.-Colonel,
Controller and Auditor of P. W. Accounts.

Cherpank,
16th December 1863.

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No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1864, No. 20.

1. In Proceedings No. 1,850, dated 1st August 1859, the Government sanctioned an Estimate amounting to Rupees 22,200 for the construction of a new range of buildings in connection with the Artillery Depot at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. With his letter No. 589, dated 17th May 1861, Colonel Horsley, the late Chief Engineer, submitted a Supplemental Estimate for the work, amounting to Rupees 6,010, and explained that the necessity for the additional grant arose chiefly,

First.—From the omission of the cost of the doors and windows in the original Estimate Rs.

Second.—From the construction of two verandahs, not originally contemplated 2,500

Third.—From the rise in the price of Teak timber 680

Fourth.—From the rise in the price of Teak timber 2,229

* Military Proceedings No. 1,970, dated 7th June 1861.

3. In passing* the Supplemental Estimate, the Government observed that the District Engineer's explanation regarding the omission to provide for the doors and windows in the original Estimate was both unreasonable and unsatisfactory, and that no authority had been granted for the construction of the two verandahs; and, while it admitted that the excess due to the rise in the price of Teak timber was excusable, it remarked that the other charges were solely attributable to want of proper attention on the part of the Executive Engineer in the first instance.

4. Notwithstanding the large supplementary sanction of Rupees 6,010, the Government is surprised to observe from the Bill now submitted, that there has been a further excess of Rupees 6,879, attributed to the following causes:—

First.—The indiscriminate charge to this work alone of nearly all wood purchased for it and other buildings by Mr. Assistant Overseer Franklin.

Second.—The rise in the rates of labor and materials.

Third.—The great excess in sundry charges.

5. The Controller states that the explanation relative to the excess consequent on the over-charge of timber is not clear, as the Comparative Statement submitted with the Bill shows no excess in the quantity used on the work. During its progress, the work is reported to have been inspected by Lieutenant-Colonel Boileau, late Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, and by Captain A. S. Moberly, Captain F. J. Moberly, and Major H. N. D. Prendergast. Lieutenant-Colonel Boileau states that, with the exception of the doors, which might have been better made, the work has been executed in a substantial manner and of such materials and workmanship as were at the time procurable in the market.

6. On more than one occasion it has been pointed out to the Officers of the Public Works Department that when a sanctioned Estimate is expected to be exceeded, application should be made to Government for a further grant accompanied with full explanation of the causes which are likely to produce the anticipated excess. Totally ignoring these orders, the late Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, neglected to notice the probability of a further excess occurring, or if he did notice it, omitted to report it to Government and to solicit sanction for the prospective additional expenditure. The work appears to have been completed on March 1862, and the Bill is submitted for the orders of Government after the lapse of 21 months.

7. As the late District Engineers of Madras have been transferred to other charges, and Assistant Overseer Franklin has been removed to the Nellore District, the Government is unable to fix upon any one the responsibility in connection with the present excess of Rupees 6,879, and as it appears from the Controller's remarks that at this distant period additional information is not likely to be obtained by further references on the subject, the Government have no alternative but to sanction the Bills submitted by that Officer. In doing so, however, the Superintending Engineers will be again informed that under no circumstances are Estimates to be

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exceeded without *special previous sanction*, and that Bills, in adjustment of expenditure, should be submitted immediately after the completion of the works, or the close of the period to which they refer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending Engineers.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, with Bills.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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[Signature]

Attest J. W. Williams, Secy.

Comptroller & Auditor of the State

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Prof. L. A. Orr, D.D.

Secretary of Government

1878

Dated 16th }
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Receipts received
from the Students Entrance
Examination for the
Year of Nineteen
Hundred and
Twenty.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 5. 1874.

N^o 2109.

1861/62 Received
11 Oct/62
Returned
25 Feb/63
do Received
5 Oct/63
Returned
5 Oct/63
do Received
11 Dec/63

Whittier & ^{St. Albans}
Controllers and Auditors of No. Accounts

To. Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Public Works Dept.
Proceedings of the Hon. Secy. of the
Public Works Dept. under date the 5th Jan^y 1864
I read the following letter from the Comd^g of the
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List of Bills received
from the Super^r 1st Dec^r
submitted for the payment
of work which exceeds the
Estimate by more than 5
per cent.

N^o 15 Dec^r 63 N^o 2109

In Proceedings N^o 1850
dated 1st August 1859, the
Government sanctioned
an Estimate amounting
to Rspees 22,200 for the
construction of a new
Range of buildings in
connection with the Ar-
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Thomas Mount.

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N^o 589 dated 17th May
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amounting to (P. 6010,
and explained that
the necessity for the
additional grant was
chiefly -

1st From the omission of the cost of
the doors and window
in the original estimate (P. - 2,500)

2nd From the construction of two
Verandahs, not originally contemplated. (P. - 680)

3rd From the rise in the price of local
timber. (P. - 2,291)

In passing
the Supplemental Es-
timate, the Govt observed
that the District Engineer
explained regarding the
omission to provide for
the doors and windows
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(P. 5)

CV-6879, attributed to the
following causes:

1st The indiscriminate
change to this or that
of nearly all wood purchased
for it and other built up
by the Assistant Quarter
Master.

2nd The rise in the
ratio of labor and
materials.

3rd The great excess
in sundry charges.

The Controller
states that the expla-
nation relative to the
excess consequent on
the change of timber
is not clear, as the
comparative statement
submitted with the Bill
shows no excess in the
quantity used on the work.
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cess, the work reports
to have been inspected
by Dennis Bell, Quartermaster,
Lieut. Col. L. H. Eng-
lish, and Major
L. S. L. Moberly,
Captain F. J. Moberly,
and Major E. S. S.
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to Government for a
further grant accom-
panied with full ex-
planation ~~of~~ of
the causes which are
likely to produce
the anticipated
excess - Totally
ignoring these

orders, the late
Deputy Sheriff neglected to
notice the ^{probability of a} further process
~~which~~ ~~had~~ occurring, or
if he did notice it,
omitted to report the same
to Govt and

to solicit ~~the~~ ^{prosecutive} sanction
of the ^{prosecutive} additional ex.
penditure - The work
appears to have been
completed in March/62
and the Bill is sub-
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of Government after
the lapse of 21 months.

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W. B.

To Mr S. S. S.
To the Committee on the 3rd Bill, Comptroller's Office, 12th Nov. 1864
To the M. S. S. Secy. 6th Jan. 1864

of 1864 Dep't
Pro. of Govt. for Jan'y

No 20
Pro. of the M'g't
D/ 8 January/74.

Bills of the Madras
District exceeding their respective
Estimates by more than 5 per
cent sanctioned.

No 45-46