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No. 92. Read the following letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 15th December 1864, No. 161 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward, for your information, an original letter\* from the Overseer in charge of the works at Bellary, reporting that the estimates for the E Battery Reading-room, and Library, and for the channel from the ruined tank near the 22nd boundary stone to the Native Infantry Goontah have been exceeded, and giving explanation as to the causes.

\* To be returned.

2. I have called upon the Overseer to submit statements in a comparative form, and will report further as soon as I receive them. I have not considered it advisable to issue orders to stop the works, pending the instructions of Government, as the former could only be stopped by dismissing the work people, who, on being thrown out of employ, would go away, and thus cause great inconvenience and entail extra expense afterwards, and the latter work is being carried out by the Sappers.

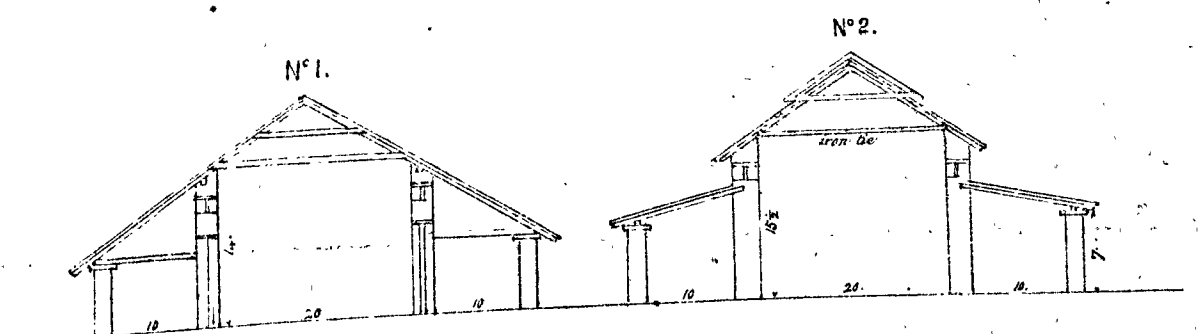
3. I have not been able to discover on whose authority the changes mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 were made, but have called for explanation.

From Serjeant J. MULLINS, Taluq Overseer, Department Public Works, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Bellary, 7th December 1864, No. 98.

SIR,

1. In forwarding supplemental estimates for the E Battery Reading-room, and Library, &c., and the channel from the ruined tank near the 22nd boundary stone to the Native Infantry Goontah, I beg to inform you that the cause of the increase in the former is principally owing to the difference of the now existing rates, and the rates that were at the time in which the estimate was framed.

2. About the time we commenced this building all coolies, bricklayers, &c., struck for higher wages, and would not work till Captain Fischer, R.E., then Executive Engineer here, raised their daily hire, which told very heavily on the estimates. The man for instance who got four Annas per day received six Annas, and bandies receiving eight Annas received twelve Annas per day. There were several other things besides labor which were increased, such as chunam, stones, &c., also I beg to state that the plan of the roof was altered, for in the original plan the slope was continuous from the ridge to the outer edge of the verandah roof, as is shewn in Section No. 1; also the walls were only 14 feet high, as may be seen in the same section and in



the altered section (No. 2), which shews a different muster of roof altogether with ventilators on the top of roof, &c., as well as an additional height of 18 inches, which were never provided for in the estimate. These alterations do certainly make a great improvement in the building, also it gives more ventilation and light, which are two things very necessary in such a building as Reading-rooms, Library, &c.

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3. I beg to state that these were made by Captain Fischer, who at once saw that the building was not provided with ventilators, especially ridge ventilators, and beg you will be so good as to sanction this additional sum to enable me to complete the building.

4. I also beg to inform you that, when the plan and estimate for the channel to the Goontah were submitted, we only allowed for a cubic yard of excavation one Anna, which was then only one-fourth the price allowed for other works; this reduction in the rates was made on account of a Company of Sappers which was ordered by Government to execute the work, they being very good workmen and would do the excavation under the estimated rate, had not the 30th Regiment Native Infantry been employed on the same work; the latter although their daily working batta was four Pie more than the former they did not do near one half the quantity of work, therefore in the first instance the estimated rate for excavation was not enough; I also beg to bring to your notice that we met with a large quantity of granite rock, which yourself have seen when at this station, this is a very heavy item which was never charged for in the estimate.

5. The original estimate for this work was Rs. 6000 and 6 Annas, but the estimate submitted on the 1st of March 1864 was Rs. 1500 and 6 Annas, which was a reduction of Rs. 4500 and 0 Annas, which was a reduction of 75 per cent.

5. The original estimate for this work was Rupees 8,000, 1,500 of this was spent in clearing out the Goontah, which left only Rupees 6,500 to go on with the channel, &c. Up to the last month the expenditure was Rupees 14,766-8-4, which shews a great increase. The revised estimate herewith sent for your sanction amounts to Rupees 15,306, subtracting what has been already spent up to last month from this leaves a balance of Rupees 540, this is scarcely sufficient for clearing away stones, &c, from the bottom of the channel, and beg you will allow me to go on with a head sluice which is yet to be built, Rupees 500, in addition.

No. 93.

ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1863, No. 45.

1. The Government will await the receipt of the comparative statements referred to, as well as the Superintending Engineer's report on the causes of excess. The statements and reports should be expedited.

2. Captain Fischer will be requested to report the authority under which the deviations from the estimate, noticed in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the letter from Overseer Mullins, were carried out.

3. Captain Moberly should have quoted the date of the Orders of Government sanctioning the estimates for the works in question. The attention of Superintending Engineers will be drawn to the necessity of their invariably furnishing this information when making similar references to sanctioned works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.  
 „ all other Superintending Engineers.  
 „ the Military Department.  
 „ the Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
 To Captain J. F. Fischer, R. E.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The Govt will await the receipt of the Comparative Statements referred to as well as the Superintending Engineer's report on the causes of exccp. The submission of these documents should be expedited.

Capt. Fisher will be requested to report the authority under which <sup>the</sup> deviations from the estimate noticed in Paras 2 & 3 of the letter from P. C. M. Mullins were carried out.

Copy. Mobley should have quoted the date of the orders of Government sanctioning the estimates for the works in question - The attention of Superintending Engineers will be drawn to the necessity of their invariably furnishing this information when making similar references to sanctioned works.

The Supplies 3<sup>d</sup> day's questioned work.  
All other supplies of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> letters  
July all purchased  
Capt. of M. A. S. Fisher R. E.  
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to 1864 Dept  
Capt. of Fort Mifflin  
From J. P. 3419

The Supdy. Engineer  
To J. P. 3419

The Secretary to Govt  
J. W. D.

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No. 161

Dated 15  
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Enclosures one.

45-9th January 1865

Reporting that the  
estimates for the E. Battery  
Reading Room & Library  
for a channel from a ruined  
tank to the N. S. Good Lake  
have been enclosed and  
the cause of encir.  
With an order

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