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15th January 1864.*

No. 302. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E.,  
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to  
Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 2nd January 1864, No. 232:—  
SIR,

1. I have the honor to transmit an original letter\* from the Executive Engineer in charge  
of Cannanore Range, accounting for an increased rate of 50  
• No. 331, dated 29th December 1863. per cent, on the cost of laterite stone for the Military build-  
ings at Cannanore, of which and of his immediate action in the case I have approved.

2. Captain Vertue has been requested to submit at his earliest convenience revised Estimates  
for all works that will be affected by the increase in question.

No. 303.

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1864, No. 149.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Cantonment 29<sup>th</sup> December 1863

To

The Superintending Engineer

7<sup>th</sup> Division

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the decision of a Medical Committee, which has convened on the subject, the Brigade General Commanding has, on sanitary grounds, positively & unconditionally prohibited all further Quarrying of Stone within the limits of the Cantonment.

This will oblige us to bring Stone from a great distance, will of course increase its cost, and possibly diminish the supply required within a given time.

It will also necessitate the revision of all Estimates that have been prepared on the understanding that Stone would be procurable within the Cantonment. Several Estimates have I believe lately been revised in consequence of the rates being found insufficient. Another revision of these will also be necessary.

The present Contractors have agreed to supply the required amount of Stone at Rs 40 per 1000 Stones being an increase of 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Rupees on the present rate of Rs per 26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

This increase I consider by no means excessive, in consideration of the greatly increased distance from which the Stone has to be brought, as also of the fact that the Contractors have to increase the rates paid to the Stone cutters, on account of the greater distance of the Quarries from their habitations.

I have therefore agreed to pay for the Stone at the proposed rate of 40 Rupees per 1000, and trust you will approve of the same.

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The additional cost caused by this increase  
of rate will for each Range of Married Quarters  
be about £8000 for two Ranges as there being  
in hand about sufficient stone for the third Range.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obt. Servant

James Virtue Captain  
Executive Engineer Madras

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No. 331 of 29 Dec 1863  
From the Ex. Engineer  
Commenced (Rank 12) in  
communicating decision of  
Range Comm. & provided  
and all further grants  
being written (Rank 12)  
-ments, regarding the  
increased fund of stone  
caused by the above  
are appended

No. 282

Superintending Engineer's Office

Coonor 2<sup>d</sup> January 1864

From

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

To

Superintending Engineer R.E.

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government O.P.W.

Sir,

No. 331 of  
29<sup>th</sup> Dec 63

I have the honor to transmit an original  
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Cannanore Range, accounting for an increased  
rate of 50 per cent on the cost of Laterite stone  
for the Military Buildings at Cannanore,  
of which and of his immediate action in the  
case I have approved.

Captain Virtue has been requested to  
submit, at his earliest convenience, revised  
Estimates for all works that will be affected  
by the increase in question.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. Servant

G. W. Walker Lieut. Col. R.E.  
Superintending Engineer R.E.

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No. of Govt. of India  
The Superintending Engineer  
J. B. Esq.

The Secretary to Government  
C. P.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1864  
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Forwards an original letter  
from the Executive Engineer  
at Cannanore to account for  
the increased rate of 50 per  
cent on the cost of latented  
stones.

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