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No. 617. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer 7th Division, dated Coonoor, 20th April 1864:—

Read the following letter from Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, Neilgherries, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Ootacamund, 18th April 1864, No. 283:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Madras Government No. 254, dated 11th April 1864, the Order thereon No. 1,016 of the 11th idem and your docket, I have the honor to submit an Estimate for replacing with more durable and less inflammable buildings, roofed with iron sheeting, the temporary huts now occupied by the Convicts employed on Lawrence Asylum works.

2. In reply to paragraph 2 of the Government Order No. 1,016, above quoted, it appears to me that Government Order No. 333, dated 8th March 1864, would seem to imply that the "entire" expenses of Convicts should be met from the Jail Department.

3. In regard to your docket directing this opportunity being taken to make the walls as well as the roofs of the sheds to be erected more durable, as also to move the Convicts' huts to another site beyond the Workshops on the Asylum grounds, with the view of the sheds being eventually used as cattle sheds and so forth, which though I acknowledge would be an excellent plan, I think you will agree with me for the following reasons, is now impracticable:—

These were alternative suggestions only, for consideration by Major Farewell.

I. That in addition to the thatched sheds already erected for Convicts a substantial building 100 feet in length, covered with iron roofing, has been built for a cook-room, and another shed 200 × 14 covered with iron roofing is nearly completed, to be used as a work shed in the rain and also a place of shelter for the Convicts to eat their food in; 20 huts for the Police; 10 huts for Warders, Hospital establishment, &c.; iron roofed quarters for two European Constables; a Jailer's house and a large tiled store-room for provisions have been erected in the vicinity;—if the Jail is moved to the site suggested by you, these buildings would also have to be moved, which would greatly enhance the cost of the Jail.

II. Government Order No. 597, dated 18th April 1863, directed that the site to be selected for the Jail should be a mile or so beyond the sites of the Asylums, and this is the only site to which water can be brought.

III. To make timber transportable framing for the huts would cost beyond all comparison more than the present style of huts, and require at least twenty times as long to complete.

4. The specification attached to the Estimate will explain the style of buildings contemplated; the walls are still to be of wattle and daub, these in their very weakness are really our greatest strength, inasmuch as when a Convict attempts to escape through the walls, having to break the wattles, the noise of so doing is immediately heard by the sentries.

5. The Estimate for the five sheds, which includes the Hospital and Police guard sheds, amounts to Rupees 5,370, due allowance having been made for the jungle-wood posts, wattles, &c., existing in present sheds.

6. I would further note that after the completion of the works the iron roofing and Teakwood used will still be of some value, say half of what is now charged, and it might be used for the construction of cattle and other sheds; or indeed the present site of Jail, which adjoins the Asylum grounds and now rented from the Burghers, might be purchased, and the sheds remain intact and be used for any purpose required by the Institution.

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Forwarded with Estimate of Rupees 5,730, the amount of which should come out of the sum allowed for earthworks in the Lawrence Asylum Estimate, if it does not fall in the Jail Department, as suggested in paragraph 2.

With reference to Government Order No. 1,016 of 11th April.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

Chepauk,
23rd April 1864.

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

MEMORANDUM.

1. The Chief Secretary has no remarks to make on the Estimate submitted with the foregoing letter. As the Government attach grave importance to the immediate execution of this work, the Chief Secretary would suggest that the Executive Engineer be ordered by telegraph to execute it at once.

2. The cost must be debited to the Estimate for the Lawrence Asylum works.

Fort Saint George,
23rd April 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 618. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1864, No. 1,197.

The Governor in Council sanctions the Estimate amounting to Rupees 5,730, submitted with the foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, and directs that the cost of the work which should at once be proceeded with, be debited to the Lawrence Asylum buildings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Forwarding for sanction an Estimate
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Estimate of Rs. 5,730 for roofing with iron Sheetings, &c. the temporary huts occupied by the Convicts employed on the Lawrence Asylum Works, Coimbatore District. Sanctioned.

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