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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th May 1864.

No. 376. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Stating that the Travellers' Bungalow at Gudur, Nellore District, must be completed, the expense being scrutinized in the Department Public Works. } (Here enter 4th May 1864, No. 776.)

No. 377. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1864, No. 1,428.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, who will be informed that the expenditure upon the work during the current year will be met from the Reserve under "Communications."

2. The Government have ascertained that the prices at which doors and windows can be obtained or made up at the Presidency are as follow:—

Batten doors, $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7\frac{1}{2}'$	each Rupees	22	8	0
Half pannelled and half venetianed doors, $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7\frac{1}{2}'$...	„ „	26	0	0
Do. do. $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7'$ ...	„ „	24	0	0
Venetianed windows with iron bars, $3' \times 6'$ ...	„ „	28	12	0
Glazed shutters with brass hinges, $3' \times 6'$ ...	„ „	10	12	0

3. From the Comparative Statement submitted with the letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings, it is observed that the undermentioned rates are charged by the Executive Engineer:—

Doors, batten, $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7\frac{1}{2}'$	each Rupees	35	12	0
Doors, pannelled and venetianed, $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7\frac{1}{2}'$... ...	„ „	48	0	0
Do. do. $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 7'$	„ „	45	12	0
Windows (description not given), $3' + 6'$	„ „	36	4	0

4. The difference between the prices entered in the Executive Engineer's Statement and those prevailing at the Presidency, is striking. Colonel Anderson will be good enough to obtain and submit full explanation on the subject for the information of Government, and to report from whom the articles were ordered by the Executive Engineer.

5. Captain Moberly should be informed that he was not authorized in ordering the doors and windows to be made up without, in the first instance, ascertaining the price, and obtaining the sanction of Government to the probable excess over the original Estimate.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

pricked opening in lieu.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th May 1864.

No. 52. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 13th April 1864, No. 87 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a Comparative Statement for the Travellers' Bungalow at Gúdúr on Trunk Road No. 6, for which an Estimate amounting to Rupees 3,780 was sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,686, dated 24th December 1862, but which is now estimated to cost Rupees 4,700.

2. The excess, Rupees 920, is not due to any departure from the sanctioned design, but almost entirely to the increase in the rates for wood work. The charge for doors is indeed so excessively high that I proposed to the Executive Officer, Captain Moberly, to substitute country wood for some of them, and to curtail the number by adapting the Bungalow for the accommodation of a smaller number of occupants than was intended, thinking that this course was preferable to incurring the large additional outlay contemplated. Captain Moberly however reports* that being desirous of pushing on the work after I had called his attention to the slow progress that had been made before he took charge, and had requested him to complete it if possible during the current year, he had ordered the full complement of doors and windows from Madras, and also that there was difficulty in getting either country wood or the labour to work it up on the spot.

* Copy of his letter No. 630 of 29th 1864, herewith forwarded.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend the revised Estimate for sanction. The expenditure up to the end of March amounts to Rupees 2,459, and the balance of the allotment† will suffice for the expenditure to 30th April.

† Rupees 3,700 G. O. No. 2,200, dated 5th August 1863.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

Chepauk,
28th April 1864.

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

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1864, No. 776.

The Bungalow must of course be completed, the expense being scrutinized in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Department Public Works.

with a copy of His Excellency's remarks to which the attention of Col. Orr is requested.
2 Encls: returned.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Worked opening in lieu.

Fe. Engineer's Office.
Kelso.
29th March 1862.

No. 590

From
Captain A. S. Moberly, R.E.
Fe. Engineer 1st Class Std.

To
Lieut Colo H. C. Anderson, R.E.
Lahg Engineer 2nd Division.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No. 362 of the 23rd Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I am unable to make the modifications you require, with the exception of the Gate, as knowing the directions you were for the work to be carried on quickly, I have been pushing it on as rapidly as I could & the Doors & Windows have not only been procured, but have been fixed and in the case of the Godown the walls by this time have been raised to their proper height. The Door in the Central partition wall has been dispensed with, agreeably to your direction, as you will see by looking at the statement that I have only entered 14 Doors instead of 15, the number in the Original Estimate. I have also omitted the Windows allowed for the Godown and two Doors and Windows allowed for the privy as I have put arched opening in lieu.

&c.

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From Captain A. S. Moberly, R.E.
Fe. Engineer 1st Class Std.
Dated 29th March 1862.
Received 2nd April 1862.

No. 590

Subject
Transmitting Memorandum of Estimate, and requesting the Gate may be completed in the manner directed.

C.E. No 11 28-1st April 1862

2. As regards the gate I do not think that there would be much saving in making it of Country wood instead of Teak: the Estimate for this has been prepared in the Workshop and the Amount entered for Teakwood is Rs 17-14-0 if Country wood was used it would cost about Rs 8. and so the Saving would only be Rs 10 and I cannot think that it is worth while saving this small sum, when it is so difficult to get Seasoned Country wood & the article itself would be so very inferior.

3. I shall not have Doors & Windows made up quickly here and to send to Madras & get them up from there.

4. I will direct Overseer Mr. Nash to stop work before he exceeds the Sanctioned Estimate, unless I receive from You Order to the Contrary: I trust however that you will get early Sanction for the extra Sum, part of which is for omissions in the Original Estimate, in order to enable me to complete the work, if possible.

by the end of the Official year. I should not have carried on the work, as soon as I found how much more money was necessary, if I had not known how anxious you were for the early completion of the work.

Yours Very

(Signed) A. L. Mowbray Captain R.E.
Ex. Engineer 1st Class

[True Copy]

J. Anderson Lieut R.E.
Asstg Engineer 2nd Division.

(1)

Remarks of His Excellency the Governor on letter from the Superintending Engineer 2d Division dated 15th April 1864, No 87.-

Captain Mobsby should not have ordered doors and windows until ascertaining the price and notifying the probable excess in the Estimate.-

From whom did he order them? The whole process seems loose and incorrect. Let it be closely enquired into.-

(Signed) W. D.

(2)

Received in a letter from the Secy Engineers 2d Div. No 87 dated 13th April 1864.

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Superintending Engineer

2nd Division 9/4/64

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Half Panelled & Half Vene-tained Doors 3½'×7½' } each 26-0-0

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Venetianed Windows with Iron Bars 3'×6' } " 28-12-0

Glazed Shutters with half Rungs 3'×6' } " 10-12-0

From the Town Surveyor's Statement submitted under the letter, recorded in the foregoing Proc, it is observed that the undermentioned rates are charged by the Engineer

Doors-Batten — 3½'×7½'-each 35-12-0

Doors-Panelled & Venetianed 3½'×7½' } each 48-0-0

— do — do — 3½×7' " 45-12-0

Windows-(description not given) 8'×6'-36-4-0

The difference between the rates entered in the

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Rungs 3'×6'—— } " 10-12—

From the Com:
Quantity Statement
Submitted under the
letter [redacted], recorded in
the foregoing Proc,
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From the Commissariat Statement
Submitted under the
letter [illegible], recorded in
the foregoing Proceedings, it is observed that
the undermentioned
rates are charged by the Dy Engineer

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Under date the 17th May 1864

Read the following

Pro: of Govt in the Revl Departt

Stating that the Travellers' Bungalow at Gudur Nellore Dist. must be completed the expense being scrutinized in the D. P. W.

} R. C. 4th May 1864 No 776.

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