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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st March 1864.*

No. 556. Read the following letter from Captain T. E. GAHAGAN, R. E., Executive Engineer in charge of 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 14th March 1864, No. 2,192:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to reply to G. O. No. 455 of the 13th ultimo, declining to sanction the revised Estimate of Rupees 44,000 for constructing a new Court House at Cuddalore, submitted with the Superintending Engineer's No. U 21 of the 6th idem.

2. There does not appear to have been any appreciable rise in prices during the last eighteen months.

3. The rates now quoted (in the Estimate abovementioned) are simply those which ought to have appeared in the first revised Estimate of Rupees 40,000, sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,508 of the 21st October 1862. They are, in short, the correct rates for the Town of Cuddalore and its immediate neighbourhood in 1862, while those actually given in that Estimate are the average rates for the whole Taluq, based upon the cost of a number of detached petty works, and almost precisely the same as the rates now current in the greater part of the Taluq.

3. The late District Engineer of South Arcot appears, in the preparation of the first revised Estimate, to have lost sight of the dearness of materials in general, and fuel in particular, at the Zillah Station, and of the well established fact, that a large work costs per cubic yard and square more than a small one.

4. The comparative Statement returned with the Order of Government under reply is herewith re-submitted, accompanied by a comparative Statement of the prices current in the Taluq and the Zillah Station of Cuddalore.

No. 557. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1864, No. 883.

1. In reply to the Order of Government No. 455, dated 13th February 1864, calling upon him for full explanation as to the difference of rates in the first and second revised Estimates for building a Court House at Cuddalore, the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, reports in the foregoing letter that there has not been any appreciable rise in prices since the earlier Estimate was prepared in September 1862, but that the difference noticed by Government is owing to the average rates for the whole Taluq, instead of the higher rates for the Zillah Station, having been erroneously adopted in that Estimate.

2. Government accepts the explanation as establishing the necessity for a fresh revised Estimate, but His Excellency in Council cannot but observe that the over-sight now discovered was not creditable to the Officer who sent up the first Estimate.

3. The revised Estimate of Rupees 44,000 for the Court House at Cuddalore is now sanctioned, in supersession of the one of Rupees 40,000 approved in the Proceedings of Government No. 2,508, dated 21st October 1862.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.

N^o 2192 Superintg. Engrs Office 5th A^o
Salem, 14th March, 1864.

From,

Captain J. L. Gahagan M. E.
Executive Engineer in charge 5th A^o

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr M. E.
Secretary to Government A. P. 11

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been any appreciable rise in prices during
the last eighteen months.

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revised estimate of Rupees 40,000 sanctioned
in G. O. N^o 2508 of the 21st October 1862. They
are, in short, the correct rates for the Town of
Cuddalore and its immediate neighborhood
in 1862, while those actually given in that
estimate are the average rates for the whole
Taluk, based upon the cost of a number of
detached petty works, and almost precisely
the same as the rates now current in the
greater part of the Taluk.

3. The late District Engineer of
South

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Genl. J. S. For Smith
March 11/88

From
The Executive Engineer
in ch. S. S. Division
To the Secretary to Govt.
H. H. M.

Dated 14th March 1888.
Recd. 16th March 1888.

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Referring to G.O.
155 of the 13th ult.,
regarding the rates
of the various Estates
of Rs. 4,000 per acre,
situated in the
Maddur

N. 556

South Arcot appears, in the preparation of the first
revised estimate, to have lost sight of the
dearness of materials ^{in general} and fuel in particu-
lar, at the Zila Station, and of the well
established fact, that a large work
costs per cubic yard and square more
than a small one.

11. The comparative statement
returned with the order of Government in-
der reply is herewith resubmitted, accompani-
ed by a Comparative Statement of the
prices current in the Taluk and the
Zila Station of Maddur.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
J. E. Gahagan, Esq. M. E.
Executive Engineer in ch. S. S. Division

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 31st March 1864
Read the following letter
from the Executive Engineer in ch. 5th Div.

Replying to G.O. No 455 of
the 13th Feb, regarding the rates
of the revised Estimate of Rs.
44,000 for constructing a Court
House at Cuddalore.
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H.E. dated 14th March 1864
No 2192.

In reply to the
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Asst. Engr. Engr. 5th Div.
reports in the fore-
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has not been any
appreciable rise
in prices since the

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Govt. accepts the explanation as establishing the necessity for a fresh revised Estimate. but H.E. will cannot but observe that the oversight now discovered was not creditable to the Officer who sent up the first Estimate.

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The revised Estimate of Rs 44,000 for the Court House at Cuddalore is now sanctioned, in supersession of the one of Rs 40,000 approved in the Pro. of Govt. No. 208 dated 21 Oct 1862.

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To the Engr. & Surveyor Compt. statement.
Incl. 1st
Cont. & Acc. M. Accounts $\frac{115}{5}$
Acc. for 1st April
Recd. 1st April

27/1874 Date
No. of Circ. 5000

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No. of the Circ. 5000
20/10/1874

Revised Estimate
of £14,000 for
making a new cut
from the Buckle
to the well
& enclosed.

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