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21st August 1865.*

No. 690. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 12th August 1865, No. 1,154 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter No. 286, dated 22nd of July 1865, from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, in which he requests me to obtain the sanction of Government to his purchasing for the use of his office, certain articles of furniture estimated to cost Rupees 849.

2. Captain Tulloch's letter fully explains how urgently the things are required. As I have myself been several times to the Office, I can state that the Clerks have not the means of properly carrying on their work, and that the records are in a deplorable state.

3. Some of the furniture now in use was purchased in 1851, and the rest before that date. The two office desks provided in the general statement of furniture forwarded with the Chief Engineer's Circular XXIX., of the 26th October 1861, were exchanged for a drawing table. This was approved by Government in G. O. No. 2,484, dated 31st December 1861.

4. I consider the articles indented for, are actually required, and accordingly, request the sanction of Government for their purchase. The only source whence their cost can be met, that I can point out, is the sum of Rupees 30,000 allowed in the Budget of this year (page 25) under the head "Tools and Plant, &c."

From Captain H. TULLOCH, R. E., Executive Engineer, Bangalore, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Bangalore, 22nd July 1865, No. 286.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request you will obtain the sanction of Government to my purchasing for the use of this office the furniture mentioned below :—

	RS.
4 Almirahs at 70 Rupees each	280
2 Accountants' Desks at 35 Rupees each	70
6 Tables for Draughtsmen at 52 Rupees each	312
12 Chairs at 6 Rupees each	72
1 Writing table for Executive Engineer	60
1 Drawing table for do.	40
6 Yards of green baize	15
Total...	849

2. I am put to the greatest inconvenience for want of this furniture, and indeed am not able to get as much work done by my establishment as I could wish.

3. Two of the almirahs are required for records, one for plans, and one for stationery. We have only one small almirah at present, and this is a very old one and full of vermin. It is quite worn out and should be sold, and not again admitted into the office.

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4. There are only two desks now, and there are three Accountants. One of the desks, moreover, is very old and quite out of repair.
5. In the last statement of furniture, sixteen chairs are entered as belonging to this office. Three of these were so utterly broken down that I sold them as useless. Five more are all but useless, and should be sold at the next auction. This leaves me only eight chairs for my office, while I have sixteen men to be provided for besides Lieutenant Pennycuik and myself. If twelve are sanctioned to be purchased, this will leave us two spare ones which are not more than necessary.
6. I have eight Draughtsmen to be furnished with proper tables, and there are only two tables in the office suited for drawing on.
7. There is no table for the Executive Engineer to write on except a rotten old one, which is full of vermin. At present I am using a piece of a camp table.
8. Another table which is very much required is a drawing table for the Executive Engineer. It should be a long table on which the largest plans can be easily laid out.
9. I have not applied for this furniture before because I could not have used it in the Executive Engineer's office. I have only lately succeeded in getting a house which I am renting for the use of the entire establishment employed under me. The old office is really a disgrace to the Department, and I propose shortly to submit a plan and estimate for a new building.
10. I am aware that I am asking for a large grant of furniture, but it is really not a larger quantity than we require. It is not necessary for me to say more on the subject as you have been in the office, and are able to judge how badly provided the establishment is with proper furniture.
11. I do beg you will kindly urge the immediate sanction by Government of the furniture now applied for. The cost will be over and over again saved by the extra work done by the establishment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

No. 691.

ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1865, No. 2,425.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 58.

Under the circumstances explained, the Governor in Council authorizes the Executive Engineer at Bangalore to purchase the articles of office furniture enumerated in paragraph 1 of his letter, their cost, viz., Rs. 849, being charged against the Budget allotment for machinery for the Madras Pier.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Officer in charge of the Store Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin,

No. 1157 Superintg Engrs Office 5 Division
Salem 12th August 1865

From

Lieutenant-Col. C. A. Ford R.E.
Superintg Engineer 5 Division.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government S. P. W.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most obedient servant

E A Trill Licut Coll R.E.

Superintg Engr 5th Division.

Comptroller

Establishment

No. 2425

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To Mr. S. S. S. S.

Contractor P.W. Accounts

Accountant General

Officer in charge of the Store Dept

For Mr. S. S. S. S.

21st Aug 1861

22nd August

22nd August

For 1865 Depa
Pro: of Govt for August
From No 302
The Superintg Engr
5th Division

To The Secretary to
Government S. P. W.

Dated 12th }
Received 14 } August 1865

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With an Order
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