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13th September 1865.*

No. 292. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras 23rd August 1865, No. 1,033:—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. of the 21st instant, No. 2,430, I have the honor to observe that from the vouchers already received from Bellary the following is a Statement of the expenditure incurred on the work of raising the channel bund, as compared with the sums allowed in Captain Moberly's revised estimate of Rupees 9,700 for this work:—

	Estimate.		Work done up to 30th April 1865.		In May.		In June.		Total.
	C. feet.	Amount. Rs.	Cubic feet	Amount. Rs.	C. feet.	Amount. Rs.	C. feet.	Amount. Rs.	Amount. Rs.
Stone facing.. .. .	23,486	2,202	21,460	2,134	10,904	638	....	113	2,885
Excavation or earth-work ..	16,860	4,215	6,417	635	....	249	....	266	1,152
Tamping.. .. .	16,860	1,053	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Extending stone facing and making a bund to old tank.	....	1,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Raising two calingulahs ..	....	332	....	72	....	....	....	....	72
Sundries.. .. .	....	898	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
		9,700	....	2,841	....	887	....	881	4,109
			Advances not charged to above heads	226	....	....	....	....	226
				3,067	....	....	....	....	4,335

It will be seen from the above that the sums provided for materials for raising the bund 1½ yards and the calingulahs one yard in the revised estimate have been already exceeded, yet Captain Moberly now proposes, 6½ months after the commencement of the work, to complete the same by raising the bund one yard and the calingulahs half a yard without specifying what savings are to be made by this new arrangement, but there are to be some. I cannot give the exact particulars of the quantities of work executed on this estimate in June last, as in the Progress Report for that month, though dated 8th instant, the sub-heads of this work alone are not exhibited in the proper manner as is required to be done for all estimates above Rupees 2,500, but from the bill for work done up to the 30th April last, and that accounted for by the vouchers for May, it appears that 32,364 cubic feet of revetment had been made; now the revised estimate provides only for 23,486 cubic feet of this item, so that three months ago there had been an excess under this head of above 37 per cent. in the quantities of this material: how the saving then is to be effected by now reducing the height of the calingulah and the bund, which latter involves also a reduction in the quantity of revetment work ought, I respectfully submit, be more clearly explained.

2. The revised estimate was called for in November 1864, and submitted on the 1st April 1865; on the 9th instant, the Superintending Engineer reports that the more he looks into this work the more he is convinced that raising the calingulahs half a yard, &c., will answer all purposes, and it is left to his discretion to carry out the work. Now, one obvious object I had in view in recommending the raising of the

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calingulahs one yard, was to get through the adjacent cutting without further trouble and expense, and unless the bed of this has been lowered since I left, and there is nothing to show that more work has been executed to it, the raising of the calingulahs half a yard only will be useless. Yet after all the looking into this work has had this most important point is never once mentioned by the Superintending Engineer; but I now beg to bring it to notice, as should any further cutting be required, as I fully expect it will from the information received in this Office in the bills and vouchers of the work, I do not wish to be held responsible for this matter, as it will be rather a more serious one than the small cutting near the Reverend Mr. Doyle's house, complained of by Captain Moberly in his letter printed with G. O. of the 26th July 1865, No. 2,154.

No. 293.

ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 2,690.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 16.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 23^d August 1865.

From
Captain J. A. Fischer. R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To
Colonel C. A. Carr, R.E.
Secretary to Government. D.M.

Sw,

With reference to L. O. of the 21st instant
No. 2430, I have the honor to observe that from
the vouchers already received from Bellary
the following is a statement of the expen-
diture incurred on the work of raising the
Channel Bank, as compared with the sum
allowed in Captain Hiskerby's revised estimate
of Rs. 9,700 for this work.

Estimate.	Worth done up to 30 th April 1865.	In May.	In June.	Total.
C. feet. Sub. C. feet. Sub. C. feet. Sub. C. feet. Sub. Amount.				
23,486. 2,202. 21,460. 2,134. 10,904. 638. 113. 2885.				
16860. 4215. 16860. 1053. 6417. 636. 249. 268. 1152.				
new and old bank. } 1000.				
regularly. 332.				
898. 72. 72.				
9700. 2841. 887. 381. 4109.				
Advances not charged to above heads. } 226. 226.				
3067. 4335.				

in this Office in the Bills and vouchers
of ^{the} work, I do not wish to be held responsible
for this matter as it will be rather a more
serious one than the small cutting near
the Rev. Mr. Doyle's house complained
of by Captain Ingham in his letter
printed with G. O. of the 26th July 1865
N^o 2154.-

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Luigi Capponi R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Frank & George
136 1/2 St. 1865

*To The Honorable Chairman of the
Committee of A. S. Decisive
Nov. 14th September.*

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Pet. Gov. for September
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The Controller of P.W.
Accounts.
To
The Secretary to
Government. S.W.

Dated 23rd
Recd 25th August 1865.
No 103

Giving a detailed
account of the expenditure
on the channel bridge
with an intimation
of the inexpediency of
doing otherwise than
he proposes in raising
the Calcutta 18th.
2690 - 13th Sept/65

With an Order

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c. 30th August 1865 Or. 2105