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31st October 1865.*

No. 772. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 20th October 1865, No. 1,706 :—

Enclosures 4.

1. I have the honor to submit for disposal by the Government the enclosed three Bills for works in Bellary, together with one comparative Statement exhibiting the rates at which work is now executed at that Station, and at the same time, I beg to offer some explanations for their consideration.

(1.) Bill for new verandah to the Barracks on the Ramandroog, amount of estimate Rupees 1,472. Do. do. of Bill, Rupees 1,553-6-0, excess $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; this work was under my supervision.

(2.) Repairing the roof of the married men's quarters, amount of estimate Rupees 984. Do. do. of Bill, Rupees 1,101-13-8, excess 12 per cent., and explained in the certificate; this work was finished one and a half months after I had left.

(3.) Repairing the roof of the new European Hospital, amount of estimate Rupees 900. Do. do. of Bill, Rupees 1,138-15-10, excess $26\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

It is with reference to this last Bill I forward the comparative Statement; the estimate for the work was framed by me, but it was carried out months after I came away, and no complaints are made in the certificate of the insufficiency of my rates, but whilst this very work was under execution the revised estimates for the Artillery Barracks and other buildings were prepared and sent in. Against the several items in one of these, I have entered the per-centages of increase, the quantities remain unaltered as I took them out from the plans; but no explanation having been given

why one work could be executed at the same station for the rates* I had provided, whilst those I had allowed for other buildings had been increased 50 per cent. and

more at the same period, I have considered it my duty to bring the matter to notice, as I have on more than one occasion incurred the marked censure of Government for these estimates.

2. It will be seen from the statement that cornice work has been increased less than 15 per cent. over my rates, whilst pointing with chunam has been advanced to 75 per cent. For the main walls of the building the increase is only 50 per cent., whilst for the compound wall to the same, five feet high, this is 80 per cent over the rates I allowed; these are points, I submit, which should have been explained before my estimates were so summarily set aside.

No. 773. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1865, No. 3,276.

ACCOUNT, No. 93.

1. The Bills are sanctioned.
2. The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division will explain why, if the works to which these Bills relate have been carried out with the moderate excesses which are shown

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to have been due to other causes than rise of prices, it has been thought necessary to increase the rates at which all recent estimates have been prepared, to the extent specified in the Controller's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

Office of the Controller of
 Public Works Accounts.
 Madras 20th October 1865.

No. 1706.

From,

Captain J. F. Fisher, R. E.
 Controller of P. W. Accounts.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E.
 Secretary to Government, G. O. P. W.

Sir,

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- (2) Repairing the Roof of the Married Quarters amount of Estimate Rspees 984.- do. do. of Bill Rspees 1101. 12. 8 - Excess 12 per Cent and explained in the Certificate, this work was finished 1 1/2 months after I had left.
- (3) Repairing the Roof of the new European Hospital amount of Estimate Rs. 900.- do. do. of Bill Rs. 1138. 15. 10 - Excess 26 5/7 per Cent.

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Sir,

Yours most obedient Servant.

Wm. J. Richardson Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts

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To the Secretary of the
Board of Education
New York City

Oct 20th 1865
Dec. 24th 1865

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23 Oct 1914
Franklin D. Roosevelt

21st Oct 1864

