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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	82	Press
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th January 1865.

No. 178. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Govern-
ment, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 20th December 1864, No. 1,701 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 3,465 of 3rd December 1864, I have the honor to forward
a plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 3,457,
for the construction of a drain from the Hos-
pital old Dragoon Barracks to Main Sewer.

1 Plan.
1 Abstract estimate.
1 Specification report.

2. The original estimate amounted to Rupees 4,190, but the work has been carried out for
Rupees 3,457, and the cause of delay in not sending in the estimate was that the whole of the
work was under ground, and no plan appears to have been in the Superintending Engineer's
Office. The explanation, as far as I could discover, why this work was carried out, was given to
Government in my letter No. 1,449 of 21st November 1864, and I since discovered that the
Superintending Engineer's order for the work appears to have been on official Memorandum
from your Office, No. 46 of 10th May 1864.

3. I must bring to the notice of Government that this estimate is for Rupees 3,457, of
which Rupees 3,000 is compensation which has been paid to Major Taylor, Paymaster of Banga-
lore, for running the drain through his compound, the drain being covered in again and no incon-
venience can arise from it that I can see, except perhaps the crop of grass will be scanty over the
course of the drain. I was so struck with this very large amount for compensation that I was
led while in Bangalore to make enquiry into the subject.

4. It appears that the sum of Rupees 3,000 for compensation had been arrived at by the
Proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Military authorities, and I found a Memorandum in
Captain Wood's Office, noting that the original had been forwarded from the Division Quarter
Master General's to that Office for information and to be returned; no copy having been kept, I
requested Captain Wood to procure a copy of it, but the Quarter Master General of the Division
reports that the Proceedings have been lost. I then called on Lieutenant Pennycuik for an
explanation as to how he could have possibly paid this amount to Major Taylor, without the
sanction of Government to the Proceedings of the Committee. He informs me that he con-
sidered that the sanction accorded by the late Captain Gahagan to carry out the work, reported
by me in No. 1,419 of 21st November 1864, paragraph 2, authorized him to pay the sum of
Rupees 3,000 to Major Taylor, as it was entered in the estimate, and he knew that that was the
amount recommended by the Committee.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1865, No. 82.

1. The work referred to in this letter having been completed, a bill for the expenditure
incurred should be submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The Memorandum* quoted in the latter clause of paragraph 2 gave the Superintending
Engineers intimation that the Budget for the

* No. 46, dated 10th May 1864.

current year had received the sanction of the
Government of India, but it conveyed no
authority for the prosecution of works, the estimates for which had not been duly sanctioned.

† No. 381, dated 6th February 1864.

Paragraph 103 of the Budget review† distinctly
prohibited the commencement of such works,
and Superintending Engineers were specially
directed in G. O. No. 1,400, dated 13th May last, to expedite the submission of estimates for all
un sanctioned items.

3. In the face of positive orders, such as those above quoted, the Government are exceed-
ingly displeased to find that the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, should without special
instructions have permitted the commencement and completion of a work before the plan and
estimate had received the approval of the sanctioning authority. The Officer responsible for
this infraction of the rules is the late Captain Gahagan.

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11th January 1865.*

4. The Government cannot but consider the unauthorized payment of Rupees 3,000 to Captain Taylor on account of damage done to his land as a most improper proceeding, and they are by no means disposed to allow the matter to pass. The Executive Officer was not warranted in disbursing so large a sum without full particulars of the charge. These it appears are not forthcoming owing to the loss of the Proceedings of the Committee which assessed the damage caused to Captain Taylor's property by the construction of the drain, and orders will therefore be issued in the Military Department for the assembly of a properly constituted Board to report upon the actual amount of damage done; the compensation which they consider should be awarded to Captain Taylor, and the data upon which their opinion is founded. The Government will then be in a position to decide on this portion of the cost of the improvement.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th D
„ Controller of Public Works Acco
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Specification to accompany Plan
and Estimate for Constructing a covered
drain from the Hospital Compound
Main Sewer.*

Amount of Estimate Rs. 3457-11-11

*Trench for the drain is to be
excavated to the depth shown in the
Section W-1*

*The drain will have a
foundation of Lime core 3 inches
thick watered and well rammed
over which a layer of granite Slabs
is laid bedded in Chumam.*

*The side walls of the drain
are to be of stone in Chumam*

*The drain is to be covered over
with granite Slabs set in Chumam
and the remaining portions of the
trench to be filled with earth*

*For every particular see
Plan and Estimate.*

*Exe. Engineer's office
Bangalore
December 1864*

*Approved Captain R.E.
Exe. Engineer Bangalore*

be done in

Abstract Estimate No. of 1864/65

Containment of C. P. Junction

Work Constructing, Paired, drain from the Hospital
Camp to Main Sewer

Description of Work		Date	Amount	Total
13800	Excavation	1	Rs. 72	
2300	Stone Paving and curbing	8	Rs. 184	
862 1/2	Stone work in Churn	2	Rs. 108	
575	1/2 ft. of Lime core foundation and filling in	2	Rs. 72	

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Sundries — 21

Valuation of the framed — 3000

Total Expenses — 3457

Res. Eng^r office
Bangalore
December 1864

Approved Captain C. E.

Executive Engineer Bangalore

Northwestern District

Superint^d Eng^r 5th Divⁿ

Rs.

of 1864-65

From the Executive Engineer
Bangalore

To the Deputy Engineer
in charge

Dated 15th Decr 1864

Recd

17/12/64

Specification for

Constructing a drain

from the Hospital

to the main sewer

Amount Rs. 3457

From the Executive Engineer

No 1864-65

From the Executive Engineer
Bangalore
to the duty Engineer
Sec Sec

Dated 15th December 1864

Re: ~~3077~~ 30443/43

Abstract Estimate for
Constructing a covered
dorm house for the people
confining to house disease
Amount Rs 2000 3457-00

From 11th January 1865

From 11th January 1865

No 82

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Under date 11th January 1865.

Read the following

from the Supt Engineer S. D. W.

Forwards plan and estimate amounting to Rs 3457 for constructing a drain from the Hospital at Dragoon Barracks to the main sewer and remarks upon a payment of Rs 3000 to Major Taylor as compensation for running the drain through his compound.

Approved 20 December 1864
Sd/- 1701

1. The work referred to in this letter having been completed, a bill for the expenditure incurred should be submitted for the sanction of Gmt.

No 46 of 10 Aug 1864

2. The measure quoted in the letter clause of Para 2 gave the Supt Engineer's intimation that the Budget for the current year had received the sanction of Gmt of India, but it conveyed no authority for the prosecution of works the estimates for which had not been duly sanctioned.

I don't think that this is any way a sufficient statement of the opinion of the Govt upon this transaction - I cannot but consider the unauthorized payment of Rs 3000 to Capt Taylor as an account of a man who is a most improper proceeding, and I am by no means disposed to allow it to pass as a mere oversight - in the first place no Sanctioning Board properly constituted could be deemed to

1864, Dated
Pr. of Govt. Secy. to Govt.
From Supt Engineer
The Supt Engineer
3rd Division

The Secretary to
Government D. P. W.

Dated 20th December 1864
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Forwards plan and estimate amounting to Rs 3457 for constructing a drain from the Hospital at Dragoon Barracks to the main sewer & remarks upon a payment of Rs 3000 to Major Taylor as compensation for running the drain through his compound.

No 178

23rd Decr 1864

Sanctioning Board

Sanctioning Board

Para 108 of the Budget
revised distinctly
prohibited the commence-

+ No 387 of 178, '64

ment of such works
and Supp. means
were specially reported
in G.O. No 1400 of 13th
May last, & expected

the submission of
estimates for all
unauthorized items -

3. In the face of
positive orders, such

as those above quoted
and G.O. No 1400 of 13th
May last, the

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and the completion

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submitting the

plan and estimate
for the approval of

the sanctioning au-

thority. The Officer responsible
for this infraction of the rules
is the late Capt. G. G. G. G.

4. The Govt. cannot but
consider the unauthorized

work upon the actual
amount of damage done
to Capt. Taylor's compound

such based not only on
report of opinion but
the data upon which it

was founded. The Govt.
will then be in a position to
decide as to this portion

of the charge. -
with reference to the con-

duct of the Officer who
chose to commence a work

of no special urgency
without authority, I am

by no means disposed to
pass it over with a mere

expression of surprise
on the part of the Govt.

I think a very severe reprimand
should be given, &
a warning that such

conduct is repeated
the services of the Officer

will be dis-
continued.

W. P. P.

To S. E. S. D. S.
20 Controller
20 Mil Dept

Payment of Rs. 3000 to Capt. Taylor on
account of damage done to his
land as a most improper
proceeding, and they are by no means
disposed to allow the matter to
pass. The Executive Officer was not
warranted in disbursing so large
a sum without full particulars of
the charge. These it appears are not
forthcoming owing to the loss of
the Proceedings of the Committee
which assessed the damage to be
caused to Capt. Taylor's property by the
construction of the drain. Orders were
therefore issued in the Mil. Dept.

for the assembly of a
properly constituted Board
to report upon the actual
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done; the compensation
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be awarded to Capt. Taylor
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on this portion of
the cost of the im-
provement.

if he will
not coming - he
may be the same or
in the same place
- done - or Capt. H. H. H.
who has left the

The case has a very interesting
appearance since it seems that
the same person who was
responsible for the loss of the
proceedings of the Committee
is now the same person who
is responsible for the loss of the
proceedings of the Committee.

W. P. P.

20/1/1866 Depto
No: of Govt for Jan 4

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No: of the M. Govt
Df 11 Jan 4/66

Letter from the
Supy. Engr. & D. Sub.
submitting a plan & estimate
amounting to Rs.
3457 for the construction
of a drain from the
Hospital old Deagoon
Barraacks to Main
Sewer Bangalore &
offering certain remarks
regarding the amount
of compensation paid
to Major Taylor for
running the drain through
his compound. With
orders thereon.

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