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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
14th April 1866.

Read the following letters —

No. 267. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Coonoor, 27th March 1866, No. 314.

1. I have the honor to note as follows, for the information of Government, on certain points to which my attention is drawn in G. O. No. 883 of 19th March 1866.

Enclosure 1

2. *Paragraph 6* — The entry of Rupees 3,153 in Statement No. I should have been counterbalanced by an entry of Rupees 12,800 in Statement No. III, making a net excess of Rupees 9,647 over the allotment of the year; but a saving of Rupees 914 in the total cost of the work (Rupees 48,706) over the revised estimate of Rupees 49,620, for which sanction has now to be obtained, the increase of Rupees 4,800 being caused by the higher rate for timber credited to the Forest Department

3. *Paragraph 8*. — The mistake about Marthally huts appears to have arisen from the first mention of them in connection with a Police Station, made in my letter printed with G. O. No. 237 of 25th January 1865. It was afterwards found that Rupees 730 would be required to build a Station house alone, and that sum was sanctioned in G. O. No. 40 of 5th January 1866. Latterly, in reply to a general reference made for the information of the Police authorities, the Range Officer informed me that huts would cost Rupees 75 each. And he appears to have proceeded with the construction of the five required at that place, in which course it is desirable that he should not be impeded for want of money, as the locality is one where it is most difficult to get any work done. Apparently Rupees 250 will be required to complete them in May; but Mr. Hamnett is most slovenly in the preparation of all Statements and Returns, which I have occasion to call for, and I really find it almost impossible to ascertain precisely what he is about. Having no power to punish any one over the rank of Overseer, I have no resource but to report him to Government, with the hope that he will take warning and strive at greater accuracy in his office work.

4. *Paragraph 12*. — I have in vain endeavoured to elicit any satisfactory explanation of the great excess herein alluded to, and can do no more than copy,

Letter No 53, of 19th December 1865.

for the information of Government, all the information that Mr. George has vouchsafed me, as follows, viz. —

“ I have the honor to report that the cause of excess of expenditure over sanctioned estimate for Collector's Catcherry is due entirely to the unexpected cost of bricks and brick-work. The estimate was framed on the supposition that bricks would cost from Rupees 9 to Rupees 10 per 1,000, but your order obliging me to charge the cost of Noyal brickfield at once to works, increased the rate to nearly Rupees 16 per 1,000, viz, Rupees 14 per 1,000 at the brickfield, and then the cost of carting. As I reported in the case of the Pothanoor Bungalow, had you permitted me to carry out the suggestion I made to you, viz, to charge all expenditure to the brickfield until I had reduced the average rate, I should have completed this work for the amount allowed in

insuring against the loss

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5. *Paragraph 14.*—A clerical error must have occurred in the statement, resulting in the entry of the word "Station House" instead of "Huts."

6. *Paragraph 15.*—Reported on in letter No. 298 of 19th March 1866.

7. *Paragraph 16.*—The same letter gave cover to the revised estimate for this work, with reference to which I have to remind you of the special circumstances that led to Government Orders No. 2,858 of 4th October 1864, and No. 1,282 of 11th May 1865, instructing me to rebuild the Manantoddy Post Office as quickly as possible. Demands of increased accommodation made by the Postal authorities, the exact nature and extent of which it took a long time to elicit, prevented further action beyond the collection of materials previous to the working season of the current year. But long ere my letter printed with G. O. No. 3,731 of 8th December 1865 was written, considerable expenditure had been incurred, and, as I supposed, on the sufficient ground of the allotment for the Wellington Post Office referred to in the papers just noted. Again, when that resource was cut off I fell back partly on the savings on the Vythery Post office, and partly on such resources as I hoped would be at the disposal of Government, on which alone I am now dependent.

No. 268. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Yettenuhuty, 27th March 1866, No. 243.

1. I have the honor to inform you that I have this day received a report from the Supervisor in charge of Nundial Range, Kurnool District, in which he states that he will be unable to expend the whole allotment of Rupees 11,289 entered in this year's Budget for the road from Nundial to Chagalmurly: the amount that cannot be expended is Rupees 4,000.

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2. The delay in the carrying on of this work was chiefly caused during the time that Sergeant Supervisor Plummer was in charge of the Range: it is now being carried on rapidly, and I had hoped that the whole sum would have been expended, but Mr. Howell says that some men whom he had hoped to get as contractors have declined to undertake the work.

No. 269. From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd April 1866, No. 170.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 31 of the 12th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that, as the Deputy Collector, Kurnool, reports that, after consulting with the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, he finds that no more bills for land compensation will require to be submitted within the current official year, the following sums, out of the Budget allotment for land compensation, are available for transfer to Public Works:—

		Rupees	9,700
Districts . .	{ Kurnool	"	500
	{ Cuddapah	"	400
	{ Nellore	"	
Total...			10,600

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1866, No. 1,157.

ACCOUNT, No. 35.

1. The first of the letters above recorded is the reply of the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division to

the Order of Government No. 883, dated 19th March 1866.

2. The Police huts at Martholy in the Coimbatore District, referred to in paragraph 3, should not have been commenced without the sanction of Government. The Inspector General of Police will be requested to provide the sum of Rupees 125, which is required for the work during the current year by transfer from existing allotments.

3. Under the explanations which are afforded in paragraphs 2, 4, 6, and 7, authority is granted for the transfer to the undermentioned works in the Coimbatore and Malabar Districts of the savings which are reported in the second and third of the letters above recorded:—

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District.	Work.	Amount not required.	District.	Work.	Amount granted.
From		Rs.	To		Rs.
Cuddapah ...	Road from Nundial to Chagalmay, Item No. 97 of Budget	4,000	Combatore ...	Court House at Ootacamund, Item No. 52 of the Budget	7,972
Part VI. of Bud- get.	Compensation for land to be taken for the works of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company— Kurnool ... Rupees 2,700 Cuddapah ... " 500 Nellore ... " 400	3,972	Do. ...	Upper room to the Collector's Cutcherry at Com- batore Estimate sanctioned in G. O. Nos 170 and 2,865, dated 18th January 1864, and 27th September 1865	1,002
Do. ...	Do.	7,972	Do. ...	Post Office at Manantoddy. Estimate Rupees 4,420, sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,076, dated 9th April 1866	4,420
Do. ...	Do.	1,002	Malabar ...	Bridge over Dhohy nullah Estimate Rupees 3,706, sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,076, dated 9th April 1866	1,206
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4. The transfers now ordered from the grants in Part VI. of the Budget will be reported for the approval of the Government of India.

5. The further sum of Rupees 1,675, which is required to adjust the current years's outlay on the Ootacamund Court House, will be provided, if possible, by the 30th instant.

6. Mr. George's proceedings, as detailed in paragraph 4 of Colonel Walker's letter, are most discreditable; but as that Officer is now on leave, the Government are unable at present to take such notice of his conduct as it seems to deserve. On Mr. George's return to duty, the Superintending Engineer will furnish him with a copy of these orders for such explanations as he may have to offer.

7. With respect to Supervisor Hamnett, whose carelessness and inattention to duty are noticed in paragraph 3, Colonel Walker will be informed that he is at liberty, if he considers Mr. Hamnett unfit for his present charge, to recommend his reduction to the rank of Taluq Overseer.

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 3rd and 7th Divisions.
" Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 243.

From.

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Supg: Engr Office,
Camp - Metchinitsky,
Kopetk Darya,
Belang District,
27th March 1866.

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

To,
The Secretary to Government.
P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that I have this day received a report from the Engineer
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I have, Sir,

A. H. B. Major R.E.
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From Captain Mullins R.E.
Consulting Engineer for I & C Dept.
To the Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Districts	{	Kurnool	Refugees	9700	—
		Guddabale		500	—
		Hellore		<u>400</u>	—
			Total	<u>10,600</u>	—

I leave the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient servant
John Buchanan Captain
Consulting Engineer 246 West 42nd St. N.Y.C.

Comparative Statement showing the Estimated and Actual Cost of the Upper Room to the Collectors' Quarters at Coimbatore (with reference to the Supd Engr's letter No 50 dated 21st Dec 1885)

Particulars	Estimated Cost			Actual Cost			Comparison	
	Quantity	Amount		Quantity	Amount		Increase	Decrease
Plastering Roof — Sq ^{rs}	12	18	..	12	18	..	..	..
Plastering Down walls — Sq ^{rs}	28	14	..	28	14	..	..	..
Plastering in Mortar — "	106 ¹¹ / ₂	746	6 6	106	1475	..	728	9 6
Plaster Arch work — Cft	328 ² / ₂	92	6 6	328 ² / ₂	92	6 6	..	..
Plaster with double plastered — Sq ^{rs}	11 ²⁵ / ₂	180	..	11	172	3 4	..	7 12 8
Single wood wrought and put up — Cft	277 ² / ₂	538	11 4	293	533	6 6	..	5 4 10
Plaster work in Chumam — Cft	74 ⁶ / ₂	18	9	74 ⁶ / ₂	18	9	..	..
Plaster 9 inches — Sq ^{rs}	460	67	8	460	67	8	..	..
Plaster 12 inches — Sq ^{rs}	20	2	8	20	2	8	..	25 13
Plaster 12 inches — Sq ^{rs}	5	..	6	5	..	6	..	..
Plaster with 2 coats of Chumam — Sq ^{rs}	165 ² / ₂	160	.. 4	35 ¹ / ₂	121	6	..	38 10 4
Plaster windows Complete — Sq ^{rs}	6	40	..	6	40	..	..	..
Plaster door Complete — Sq ^{rs}	1	20	..	1	20	..	..	..
Sundries —		41	9 7		22	9 4	..	19 3
Total Rs.		2000	..		2632	.. 5	728	9 6
Difference Rs.							632	.. 6

Comptroller
23 December 85

John G. G. G.
Executive Secy

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For the year 1885-86
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Your most obedt. Servant
Edw. Walker Lieut. Col. R.E.
Supt. Engineer 7th Division

Public Works Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th April 1866.
Read the following

From the Deputy Engineer J. D. (Here enter No 243 dated 27th March 1866)
To — do — do — 3rd April (Here enter No 243 dated 27th March 1866)
To the Chief Engineer J. D. (Here enter No 170 dated 3rd April 1866)

The first of the letters above recorded is the reply of the Superintending Engineer of the District to the Order of the Government of 10th March 1866.

The Public Works Department, in the Local Board District, referred to in para 3, should not have been commenced without the sanction of Government. The Inspector General of Police will be requested to provide the sum of Rs 125 which is required for the work during the current year by transfer of existing allotments.

Under

212 1157

212 1157 - 1144, 2nd April 1866

Copy to the Secy to Govt of 27th March 1866

Encl: 1.

Order of 27th March 1866

212 1157 2nd April 1866
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The Deputy Secy to Govt
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Under the explanations
which are afforded in paras
2-4-6 and 7, authority is
granted for the transfer to the
undermentioned works in the
Coimbatore and Malabar districts
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ed in the second and third of
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District	Work	Amount not required Rs
From Coimbatore	Road from Kundal to Chagalmar, &c. Part II of Compensation for land to be taken for the works of the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company - Thiruv. Rs. 9700 Coimbatore Rs. 500 Mallur Rs. 100	1000 3972 7972
Do	Do	1002
Do	Do	4420
Do	Do	1206

District	Work	Amount granted Rs
Coimbatore	Court House at Ootacamund &c. No. 52 of the Budget	7972
Do	Upper room to the Collector's Quarters at Coimbatore Est. made in G.O. No. 170 + 2565 of 18 Jan. 1862 & 27 Sept. 1865	1002
Malabar	Post Office at Manantoddy &c. Rs. 4420 deducted in G.O. No. 1076 dated 9 April 1866	4420
Do	Bridge over Thody Nullah &c. Rs. 1206 made in G.O. No. 1076 dated 9 April 1866	1206

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See GO No 3412, d/
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13 To Supt. Engrs 30/11/65
1 "Consulting Engr. M. St. Laurent Compf
1 "Supt. Genl. of Police
1 "Accountant General
1 "Controller of Pub. W. Accounts
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16/12/65

P. W. 186 C. Department.
Proc of Govt for April
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *gillman*

Dated *14th April 1887*

*From a despatch on
certain correspondence relative
to the redistribution of funds
in the 4th district. Sanctions
and the Sup^y Insp^y is
informed that he is at liberty
to recommend Supervisor
Gannett to the rank of
overseer -*

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