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1st December 1866.*

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th November 1866, No. 3,198:—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 3,636, dated 15th November 1866, I have the honor to observe that the instructions conveyed in the Order in the Educational Department, No. 324, dated 5th November 1866, are directly at variance with the terms of the Public Works Code, and if they are to be acted upon, I beg to be informed if paragraphs 84, 85, and 93, Chapter V., are to be cancelled.

Para. 84. When a Collector is of opinion that any new building, or any enlargement, or extensive alteration or improvement of an extensive building is necessary, he shall obtain from the District Engineer a *rough or proximate estimate of the cost.*

Para. 85. If the proximate estimate be above 500 Rupees, he will submit it to Government, through the Board of Revenue. Should the proposition be approved by Government, a detailed estimate, Forms Nos. 11 and 12, shall be prepared by the District Engineer, together with a plan when a standard is not followed; and shall be forwarded with the countersignature of the Collector to the Chief Engineer, who, after obtaining the approval of the Board of Revenue, when necessary, will submit them for sanction.

Para. 93. The same rules shall apply to Educational Buildings, &c.

2. Mr. Powell asks that the several Superintending Engineers may be instructed to furnish *plans and estimates* for Educational works, when asked to do so. If such a privilege be accorded to the Educational Department, it will, I fear, be granted to the Revenue Department, the Postal Department, the Military Department, and all the other Heads of Departments in the State.

3. It is quite unnecessary for me to point out to you, that this arrangement would place Superintending Engineers in a very false position, for instead of, as is now the case, our having to furnish Heads of Departments with mere approximate estimates, unaccompanied by plans, we should have to supply detailed plans and estimates at the beck and call of every department! The present wise rules (as per Code) afford the Government an opportunity of weighing carefully all the circumstances connected with any road or building or irrigation works, and they are not likely to call upon their Superintending Engineers to expend their labor upon them, unless the said works seem to them in every way required, and likely to receive sanction in a reasonable time.

4. I will give an instance how the time and labor of my department were recently thrown away, through my inadvertently attending to a call from a Collector for a road survey and estimate, instead of merely telling him, as I ought to have done, that the road was so many miles long, and that the approximate estimate at so much a mile would probably be so much.

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Para. 5. "I would also wish to bring to your notice a road which Captain Moberly proposed, connecting the two Taluq Cusbahs of Ponneri and Trivellore, and which was abandoned at the time for want of funds. *This road will be of great advantage to the District, and should no longer be delayed.*"

Letter No. 110, dated 1st June 1866.

Para. 1. In returning the plans and estimates which accompanied Colonel Boileau's letter No. 3,416, of the 3rd January last, I have the honor to state that I would not recommend a road from Punjetty to Trivellore at all, as I do not anticipate its being useful.

Para. 3. In lieu of a road as above, from Punjetty to Trivellore, I would strongly recommend one from Oottookotah to Trunk Road No. 6, to join it somewhere near Cholaveram, the exact line being determined by your department, and beg that *you will have it estimated* and included in the next Budget for execution from the Imperial Fund.

"myself the honor to return, therefore, the estimate your letter contained unsigned."

7. I earnestly beseech the Government to allow the Code Rules to stand as they are, and to make the Educational Department no exception to the rule which directs that approximate estimates only without plans are to be furnished on the requisition of Heads of Departments.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1866, No. 3,826.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

The Orders issued in the Educational Department under date the 5th November 1866, No. 324, and communicated in G. O. Public Works Department of the 15th idem, No. 3,636, were not intended to supersede the provisions contained in paragraphs 84, 85, and 93 of the Public Works Code, but only to authorize the Director of Public Instruction to obtain such assistance as he might stand in need of from the Department of Public Works without a special reference to Government. It is believed that the occasions will be few on which the Head of the Educational Department will require to apply to the Superintending Engineers for plans and estimates, and it will be optional with the latter Officers either to provide rough plans and proximate estimates or to furnish them in a complete and detailed form at their discretion, and under the circumstances of each case. Ordinarily any assistance that the Educational Department may require, in the preparation of plans and estimates, will

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be obtained on application to the Range Officers by the local Educational Officers acting under the authority of the Director of Public Instruction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Director of Public Instruction.
„ Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 3198

Superintending Engineer's
Office S^r Division
Madras 19 November 1866.

From

Colonel A. J. M. Boileau R.E.
Superintending Engineer S^r Div.

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

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant.

W. H. Mearns Colonel &
Supg. Engineer & Division.

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Public Works Department

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Under date the 1st ^{Decr} Nov^r 1866.

Read the following

From
The Superintending Engineer
of the 4th Division (H.C. No 3198/19th Nov 1866)

The Order issued
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of the 15th Idem No 3636
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93 of the Public Works Code,
but only to authorize the
Director of Public In-
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he might stand in
need

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To Mr. J. B. S. S. S. S.
The Superintending Engineer
of the 4th Division
14 Nov

To
The Secretary to Govt
(H.C.)

Dated 19th Nov 1866
No 3198

Reference to G.O. No
3636 dated 15th Nov 1866
on the subject of the
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No 3826 - 1st Dec 1866.

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To
The S. Eng. of the 4th Div.
All other Supts. Engrs.
The Director of Public Instruction
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Sept 3rd December

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Of the Decr 1865

Certain instructions
issued to the Supg. Engrs re.
relative to the furnishing
of plans and estimates
for Educational Work
to officers of the Educational
Department.

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