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Government of Madras.

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17th May 1866.

No. 434. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st May 1866, No. 5 :—

1. I have the honor to forward one original letter together with a comparative statement received from the Assistant Engineer No. 4 Range, explaining the causes of excess over estimate which have occurred in the construction of the new Taluq Cutcherry at Madranticum, in the Madras District, sanctioned by Government for Rupees 11,300, in their Order No. 2,837, dated 30th September 1863.

2. In the first place it must be confessed that the original estimate contained a serious error. In converting the total cubic feet of brick in mud work, in the estimate, into "cubic yards, no less than 370 cubic yards were omitted." The estimate not having been examined in this Office on receipt, owing to a great press of estimates at the time, and the Cutcherry being urgently required, the error was never detected. This accounts for Rupees 814 of the total excess of Rupees 1,910, leaving Rupees 1,096 to be explained.

3. A part of this arose from its having been found necessary to increase the depth of the foundation, in consequence of the soil turning out to be a mixture of ashes and loose earth. The remaining part of the excess is due to enhanced rates, and to slight accidents which the building and materials suffered during execution.

4. The Assistant Engineer had to manufacture his own bricks, as those obtainable within a reasonable distance were of a very inferior description, and could not, moreover, be obtained in sufficient quantities. The price of chunam rose after the date of sanction of the estimate and had, also, to be brought a greater distance than was expected; clay had to be carted from a distance which was not at first contemplated.

5. Under the explanation above given, I recommend that the excess, Rupees 1,910, which is nearly 17 per cent. on the original estimate, be sanctioned, and that funds to that extent be granted out of the Reserve "Civil Buildings" 1866-67.

6. The expenditure on the building up to the end of last official year amounted to Rupees 10,458, and the balance Rupees 842 of the estimate was allotted in G. O. No. 1,868, dated 4th July 1865. The whole of this amount has been paid.

Rupees 10,458	
" 842	
Rupees 11,300	

7. I have inspected the new Cutcherry, and was glad to find that Mr. Leggatt had bestowed great pains upon it, and had turned out a well finished building.

No. 435. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1866, No. 1,580.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 57.

1. The Government sanction the revised estimate of Rupees 13,210 for the new Taluq Cutcherry at Madranticum in the Madras District, but they are constrained to point out that the practice of submitting estimates for sanction, before they have been carefully scrutinized and checked in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, is most objectionable and should be discontinued.

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2. The sanction now accorded will cancel that given, in the Order as per margin, to the original estimate of Rupees 11,300 for the Cutcherry
30th September 1863, No. 1,837.
3. Colonel Boileau will include the sum of Rupees 1,910 applied for in this letter in Statement No. II., called for in Circular Memorandum No. 65 of 24th March 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 17th May 1866
Read the following

*From the Superintending Engineer
of the 4th Division*

(Here enter No. 5 dated 1st May 1866.)

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Cutcherry

30 Sept/67-2897.

Col Baileau will
include the sum of Rs 1910
applied for in this letter
in Statement No II called
for in Cir. Memo No 68
of 24 March/68.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *of Madras.*

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The revised estimate amounting to Rs. 210 for the construction of Salug Cutcherry at Madurantiam Madras Dist sanctioned with certain observations.

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