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No. 300 Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Communications,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 17th May 1869, No. 264-C. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 749, dated 9th March 1869, submitting for sanction a revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,02,312, for the Tambracherry Ghaut road.

Three lacs two thousand three hundred and twelve Rupees

2. The estimate is not accompanied by a single plan or section of the line, nor of any of the works on it, nor are any specifications or detailed measurements sent It is, therefore, manifestly impossible for the Government of India to deal with the estimate or to pass any specific orders on it; but as two-thirds of the expenditure has already been incurred, the Governor-General in Council authorises the completion of the work at the cost named, less Rupees 22,945, which should be deducted from the item of sundries and superintendence, as all establishments should be charged to that Budget head, and five per cent. for contingencies only should be charged on work remaining to be done.

Twenty-two thousand nine hundred and forty-five Rupees.

3 His Excellency in Council desires me, however, to notice the evident incompleteness of the original estimate for the work which was sanctioned by the Government of Madras, and to remark on the want of caution apparently evinced in permitting an estimate for so difficult a work to be framed by a Sub-Engineer. There is evidence also of an alteration of the dimensions of the road made, apparently without authority, by Major Kennedy, on his own views of its desirableness. When once such a system begins to be tolerated, the utility of framing estimate ceases, and the labour, time, and money expended in their preparation are in a great degree wasted; Major Kennedy may have been right in his views of the propriety of the alteration, but there can be no doubt that he was wrong in carrying it out without first obtaining distinct authority to do so. An Executive Officer obviously has no right to alter in any important respect any design entrusted to him for execution.

4. The estimates and plan are returned.

No. 301. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1869, No. 1,934.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 50.

COMMUNICATED to the Officer in charge of Operations in Wynaad with reference to G. O, No. 748, dated 9th March 1869.

2 It will be observed that the Government of India have reduced the provision made for "Sundries and superintendence" in the revised estimate for the

manifestly impossible for the Government of India

Tambracherry Ghaut from Rupees 27,482 to Rupees 4,537, and have directed that the cost of establishments be charged to that head of service in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officer in charge of Operations in Wynaad.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 264 C.

Government of India.
Public Works Department.
Civil Works.

Communications.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Simla 17 May 1869.

Sir

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Col. R.E.

Off. Secretary to the Govt. of India

Civil Dept.

Pol. Dept.

No. 1936

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Under date the 16th June 1869.

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From the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

(Here enter No 264 C.S. 17th May 1869.)

Communicated to the
Officer in charge of opera-
tions in Khyrad with refer-
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9th March 69.

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that the Govt. of India have
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for Laundries & Superintendence
in the revised estimate
for the Jaintia Hills from
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Cost of establishments be
charged to that head of

The Officer in charge of
Operations in Wynad
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" Asst Genl.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Officer in charge of Operations on Wynaad

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Nos 300-301

Cambracherry Ghaut Estimate

Transmitted for Records papers relating to the revised Estimate for Rs 302, 312 for the Cambracherry Ghaut road, in the Wynaad - and also the Officers observations -

2nd June 1869 RJE