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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th July 1871.

Read again letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, No. 203, dated 9th May 1871.

Read also the following letters:—

No. 432. From the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th June 1871, No. 261.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 1,415, dated 23rd of May 1871, to report that the price of Madras Commissariat tents is at present as noted below:—

Description.	Madras Commissariat.	Masulipatam Commissariat.	Bangalore Central Jail.	Coimbatore Central Jail.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Tents, Hill, 11 feet square	249 0 0	.....	370 0 0	.....
Do. do. 8 do. do.	218 6 10	.....	.....	.....
Do. Staff Serjeant's	231 4 9½	.....	.....	.....
Do. Subaltern's	394 0 0	.....	555 0 0	420 0 0
Do. European	374 5 10	345 2 2	.....	.....
Do. do. for Ceylon and Mauritius Government...	450 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Do. Native...	135 3 6	116 9 8	125 0 0	.....

2. The Commissary General in furnishing me with these rates adds that he is unable to afford information as to the price paid in the market for tents of any kind.

3. I beg to enclose* a very full explanation, furnished by the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, on the subject of the purchase and condition of the tents lately condemned, from which it would appear that the contractor supplied tents of very inferior quality, but that the Chief Resident Engineer issued them and permitted them to be paid for without any remonstrance on his part, and it might be gathered from the extracts from his letter, dated 10th October 1870, to which the Agent refers without any very decided opinion as to the inferior character of the tents.

* Letter No. 85, dated 6th June 1871, with enclosures.

From the Agent and Manager of the Carnatic Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 6th June 1871, No. 85.

WITH reference to your letter No. 128, dated the 1st June instant, I have the honour to submit the following statement respecting the purchase of the tents first issued to the Engineers of the Carnatic Railway, together with the name of the contractor and such further information as I have been enabled to gather from the records in this office.

2. I understand that the late Chief Resident Engineer desired that the tents should be ordered at the Bangalore Jail, but the late Agents in their letter, No. 117, dated 12th March 1870, submitted to your office two tenders by S. Saravanamootoo, dated the 7th idem, one for Rupees 4,494, another offering to supply one tent 12 feet square, one do. for baggage, one do. beechoba, one do. necessary, and chicks and mats for tents at Rupees 799, or for the whole six sets Rupees 4,794, together with a price list from the Bangalore Jail. The tender above specified being the one which they recommended to be accepted.

3. Your office letter No. 61, dated 14th March 1870, I understand to sanction the acceptance of the tender in question to the extent of four sets of tents, which were accordingly purchased from S. Saravanamootoo, but not under any written agreement. The tents having been prepared were forwarded by the Contractor to the Storekeeper at Arconum, and, although there is evidence of Mr. Holloway having been very much dissatisfied with their quality, he does not appear to have

made any representation of this dissatisfaction to the Agents, and the first intimation which they appear to have received was conveyed in the Chief Resident Engineer's letter No. 246, dated 28th September 1870, which enclosed a representation from Mr. Devonshier Scott about the tents which he designated as very bad, and about which he appears to have written previously to the Chief Resident Engineer, under dates the 11th and 24th idem.

4. On receipt of this complaint the Agents wrote again to the Chief Resident Engineer by their letter No. 622, dated 6th October 1870, in which they state, "this is the first complaint "against them (the tents), and we shall feel obliged by your sending us particulars of the inferiority "of Mr. Scott's tents as compared with the others."

5. To this the Chief Resident Engineer replied in his letter No. 261, dated 10th October 1870. "*Tents.*—Not having been in any of these tents during a heavy fall of rain, I can't give you any "particulars (from my own personal observation) of their inferiority." Notwithstanding the above statement I find from inquiries which I have instituted that a kind of survey, though not a very formal or official one, in which Mr. Holloway did actually take part, was held on the arrival of the tents at Arconum, and I enclose herewith a copy of the statements made by Messrs. James, Irvine, and Jenkinson, who were present with Mr. Holloway on the occasion referred to. I have other reasons for believing that the tents were of inferior quality,* but in the circumstances here related I fear we could not legally obtain redress from the contractor, whilst, so far as the late Agents are concerned, it does not seem to me that they can in any way be held responsible, seeing the state of ignorance in which they were left respecting the matter.

* To the knowledge of the Chief Resident Engineer.

6. In some interviews which I had with the contractor respecting them, he has promised that he would put the tents in repair at his expense; if this is done, as I will try to arrange as soon as the tents are called in, I think perhaps it will be the most satisfactory result that can be arrived at in the circumstances.

P.S.—I believe one reason and probably the main one why the Agents recommended the tents to be purchased from Saravanamootoo, was that the Engineers had already arrived in India and the tents were required immediately in order that they might take the field, and the Jail authorities could not undertake to supply them in less than three months' time, while the contractor tendered to deliver in 45 days.

Mr. Jenkinson says:—"Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Irvine, and myself inspected the "tents at Arconum immediately after their arrival from Madras and before their issue to the "staff. The opinion was that they were inferior, and from recollection my impression is that they "were to have been rejected by Mr. Holloway."

Mr. James writes:—"Your No. 409. I was present at Arconum when the tents first arrived "from Madras, and as they were being pitched I noticed the frail texture of the cloth, and as I "had always been used to Jubbulpore tents in the North of India the great difference was more "apparent.

"There was no organized Committee (so far as I know), and consequently no record kept of "the same, but I think Mr. Holloway, Messrs. Irvine and Jenkinson and self afterwards did look "over them, and all expressed a similar opinion. I think Mr. Scott was not then present.

"On the 20th April I find I wrote a letter respecting the tents, but did not state fully all that "was to be said, as I had verbally spoken to Mr. Holloway on the other subjects previously and "thought it unnecessary again to refer to the same subject."

Mr. Irvine writes:—"Replying to yours (No. 409) of 22nd instant." "I remember in March "or April of last year seeing the tents we are now occupying pitched in Mr. Holloway's com- "pound at Arconum. I did not myself express any opinion about them, not feeling competent "to, having just arrived in the country and not having had any experience of the same; but "I remember the tents were generally condemned by Mr. Holloway as being of a very inferior "quality."

(True Copy.) (Signed) J. T. FISHER,
Agent and Manager.

No. 433. From the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th July 1871, No. 304.

In accordance with the instructions conveyed in G. O., No. 124, dated 19th June 1871, I have the honour to forward two lists of prices, one furnished by the Superintendent of the Bangalore Jail and the other by a private firm in Madras, from which it will be observed that the prices of the under-mentioned tents are—

		Rs.
	Bangalore.	
Ten feet Beechobah single fly	{Five cloths in fly / Four do. Kanats} ...	171
Baggage tent (with four cloths)		100
A Necessary tent		35
	Madras.	
A Beechobah, three cloths (throughout 10 feet square) ...		80
Baggage tent, four cloths		90
A Necessary tent, three cloths (throughout)		35

2. I addressed the Superintendent of the Coimbatore Jail with a view to make a general comparison of his prices of tents with those at Bangalore and Madras; but his list of prices has not yet reached me, and, as regards the three descriptions of tents priced above, it is from Coimbatore that the Agent proposed to procure the tents.

3. The jail-made tents are, I believe, generally recognized as much superior to those made at Madras: and this should be the case as to Beechobahs, judging by the difference of price.

4. The Commissary General was also asked to give information, but his list does not include Beechobahs or baggage tents.

No. 434. Order thereon, 26th July 1871, No. 1,958.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

It appears from the papers above read that tents of an inferior quality were accepted from the Contractor for issue to the staff of the Carnatic Railway after an examination which the result proves must have been of the most cursory character. The responsibility in the matter is stated to rest wholly with Mr. Holloway, the late Chief Resident Engineer, but as that officer has since left the Company's service it seems impracticable to obtain any satisfaction beyond requiring the Contractor to put the tents into thorough repair at his own expense, which he has agreed to do. With a view of securing future economy and guarding the capital account against being unduly burdened, the Government resolve to carry into effect the suggestion contained in paragraph 2 of the Acting Consulting Engineer's letter printed with G. O., No. 1,415, dated 23rd May 1871, and the needful reductions have been made in accordance with the principle therein indicated.

2. The provision for tents in the present estimate appears excessive and has been reduced as follows:—

		Rs.
4	12-feet square Subaltern's tents at Rupees 500	2,000
4	10-feet Beechobas at Rupees 190...	760
4	Baggage tents at ,, 120	480
4	Necessary tents at ,, 35	140
		3,380
	For Chief Engineer.	
1	14-feet square single-pole tent	705
1	Baggage tent	120
1	Necessary tent	35
		860
	Total...	4,240

which is believed to be ample to provide tents of the best manufacture from the Bangalore Jail.

The estimate* will now be forwarded to the Government of India and sanction requested to an outlay of Rupees 1,24,103-3-2 under the heads shown below, the balance of Rs. 2,763† being met from Revenue.

* Printed with G. O., No. 1,415, dated 23rd May 1871.

† Revised estimated cost of the equipment of the entire line ... ... Rs. 7,445
Total of estimates 10,208
Balance disallowed against capital 2,763

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount expended up to 31st March 1871 ...	79,542	12	6
Establishment for nine months, Agent's and Chief Engineer's, at Rupees 3,130	28,170	0	0
Engineering staff for nine months at Rupees 5,331-10-8	47,985	0	0
Labour, etc.	1,700	0	0
Tents	4,240	0	0
Field and drawing instruments	2,018	0	0
Furniture	336	0	0
Contingencies	1,000	0	0
	1,64,991	12	6
Deduct amount sanctioned in letter No. 867 R, dated 18th May 1870	38,125	9	4
Balance ...	1,26,866	3	2

of which Rs. 1,24,103-3-2 is chargeable to Capital and Rs. 2,763 to Revenue.

(Here enter No. 1,959, dated 26th July 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *26th July* 1871.

No. 435.

No. 1,959.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY, No. 48.

From Government of India, No. 266 E—R., dated 2nd September 1870.
To do., No. 940, dated 30th March 1871.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers with an estimate* amounting to Rupees 1,40,965-0-3 for completing the survey of the proposed line on the narrow gauge system from Madras to Cuddalore, and of the line to form a junction with the Great Southern of India Railway, including the cost of establishment and contingent expenses.

* Printed with G. O., No. 1,415, dated 23rd May 1871.

2. It will be observed that by a somewhat different arrangement of the engineering staff and by the entertainment of one additional Engineering Assistant to the staff sanctioned in Mr. Under Secretary Vaux's letter of the 18th May 1870, No. 867 R, the Chief Engineer hopes to be in a position to prosecute operations simultaneously on three distinct routes.

3. Provision to the extent of Rupees 4,695 is made by the Agent on account of tents, but this is considered too high and has been reduced to Rupees 4,240. In explanation of the necessity of the outlay on tents the Chief Engineer states that those purchased on the sanction already accorded were so inferior that four sets have now become almost worn out. He proposes however to utilize them for the subordinate staff, who have not yet been provided with any, as soon as they have been put in proper repair at the expense of the contractor who supplied them.

4. With a view to induce greater economy in future the Acting Consulting Engineer proposes to disallow as a charge to Capital the difference in cost between the tents calculated to be sufficient for the equipment of the entire line and the provision made in the estimates, and, in this arrangement, His Excellency in Council, under the circumstances, concurs. Allowing for this correction, and the adjustments explained in paragraph 3 of Major Prendergast's letter giving cover to the estimate, the amount for which I am to request that sanction may be accorded, will stand at Rupees 1,24,103-3-2 as detailed below:—

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Carnatic Railway Co. (Ld.)
Agent & Manager's Office.
Madras 6 June 1870.

No. 85.

From, J. J. Fisher Esq.
Agent & Manager
Carnatic Railway.

To, Majr H. L. Prendergast R.E.
Ag: Consg: Engr: for Rys.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 128 dated the 1st June instant, I have the honor to submit the following statement respecting the purchase of the tents first issued to the Engineers of the Carnatic Railway together with the name of the Contractor and such further information as I have been enabled to gather from the Records in this Office.

II. I understand that the late Chief Resident Engineer desired that the tents should be ordered at the Bangalore Jail, but the late Agents in their letter No 117 dated 12th March 1870. submitted to your office 2 tenders by A. Saravanamootoo, dated the 7th idem one for Rs 44,914. another offering to supply, one tent 12 ft sq., one do for baggage, one do beechoba, one do necessary, and Chicks and mats for tents @ Rs 799. or for the whole six sets Rs 47,914, together with a price list from the Bangalore Jail. The tender above specified being the one which they recommended to be accepted.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
Jos. T. Fisher
Agent & Manager

* to the knowledge of the Chief Resident Engineer

The Secretaries & Agents,
INDIAN TRAMWAY COMPANY (LIMITED)
MADRAS.

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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Jos. T Fraser
Agent Manager

Messrs Binny and Co
Managing Agents
The Secretaries & Agents
Coimbatore Railway Co. (Limited)
MADRAS

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
Madras
6th June 1871

No 85.

Dr. 2752/71

Forwards explanation
in regard to the Tents
delivered by the late Agents

"Mr Stephenson says Mr Crosthwaite
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"and not having had any experience of the
"same; but I remember the Tents were
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"being of a very inferior material."

True Copy

Jos. T. Fisher
Asst. Commissary

The Secretaries & Agents,
INDIAN TRAMWAY COMPANY,
(LIMITED)
MADRAS

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Railway Department.

No. 241

From Captain G. J. Smetham R.E.
Off. Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to G.O. No. 1415, dated 23d of May 1871 to report that the several of Madras Commissariat tents is at present as marginally noted.

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Description	Nature of Commissariat	Trunkalore Coimbatore Court:	Bangalore Central Jail	Coimbatore Central Jail
Tents Wall of Square	249		370	
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do Staff Sergeants	231 4 9½			
do Cavalry	391		555	428
do Commissariat	371 5 10	345 2 2		
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Your most obedient
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Capt. R.E.
Consulting Engineer
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and

× Letter No 85 of 6 June 51 with enclosure

and, it might be gathered from the enclosed from his letter, dated 10th October 1850, to which the Agent refers without any very decided opinion as to the inferior character of the tents.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Obedient humble Servt

Capt RE

Offg Commr Engrs Mr Cape

Madras
13th June
1851

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List of Tents manufactured in the Bangalore Central Jail.

SINGLE POLE REGULATION TENTS, of four cloths throughout, with four feet verandah, complete with ventilators, carpets, bamboo chicks, purdahs, gunny bags, and ropes.

16 Feet square	... ...	Rs. 680
14 „ „	... ...	„ 564
12 „ „	... ...	„ 468

HILL TENTS, with four folds of cloth, complete as above, with 2 sywans.

14 Feet square	... ...	Rs. 432
12 „ „	... ...	„ 333

SWISS COTTAGE TENTS, double fly with sywans.

13 Feet square	... ...	Rs. 448

BECHOBAH TENTS, double fly, 3 cloths in outer fly, 4 in inner.

10 Feet square	... ...	Rs. 180

Single fly, 5 cloths in fly, and four in kunauts

12 Feet square	... ...	Rs. 171
10 „ „	... ...	„ 153
ROWTIES with four cloths	... ...	„ 100
NECESSARY TENT	„ „ „	„ 35
BATH ROOM,	„ „ „	„ 35

Public Works Department
Railway Branch
No. 2 of 52

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 13th January 1877.
Received 15th January 1877.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying Estimate for the supply of Tents required for the Railway Survey Parties for the year 1877-78.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
[illegible]
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 2 of 52

Submitted to Government for sanction.

Estimate for the supply of Tents required for the Railway Survey Parties for the year 1877-78.

Rs. 4,32

P. M. 3241/71

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Memo

One new Bechoba about 10 feet square with
3 folds of Cloth throughout, Bamboos &
in the 4 Corners. Mallet & Gunny Bags.
Rupees 80—"—

One new Baggage Tent 8 feet at
the Ridge pole of 4 folds of
Cloth throughout, with
Bamboos, Mallet & Gunny
Bag —————— " 50—" "

One new Necessary Tent with
2 folds of cloth in the Walls.
and 3 in the Fly —————— " 25—" "

One do with 3 folds of
Cloth throughout —————— " 35—"

All my Tents will be guaranteed to be
made of new Materials throughout.

C.B.

6. Cl. 3241/71

Cons: Engrs Offices

Railway Depart:

No 304

From. 11

Major W. L. Prendergast R.E.
Off: Cons: Engr: for Railways
Madras.

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Depart
Fort Saint George.

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4.- The Commissary General was also asked to give information, but his list does not include bechobahs or baggage tents.

I have the honour to be

Madras
July
1857

Your most Obedt Servt
Lieut Colonel
Commg Engrs Sor Regn

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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 26th July 1871.

Read the following

From

Ag. Consulting Engineer for Rlys. 176. C. No. 261 of 13th June 71

Do. Do. Do. 176. C. No. 304 of 5th July 71

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From

Ag. Consulting Engineer for Rlys. 176. C. No. 261 of 13th June 71

Do. Do. Do. 176. C. No. 304 of 5th July 71

To the Secretary to Govt. Public Works Department

Dated 5th July 1871

Received 8th July 1871

Rec'd 27-2-1872 No. 324

Forwarding certain letters relative to tents, observing that it is stated therein that tents of an inferior quality were accepted from the Contractor for issue to the staff of the Carnatic Railway after an examination which the result proves must have been of the most cursory character. The responsibility in the matter is stated to rest wholly with Mr. Holloway the Superintendent of Stores at Madras and Mr. Brunel at Beyapoor. Mr. Brunel

No 483

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The provision for tents in the present Estimate

estimate appears excessive and has been reduced as follows:

4: 12 ft: Sq: Sabaltern's Tents @ Rs 500		Rs 2,000
4: 10 ft: Bechobas @ Rs 190		760
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		3,380
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The Estimate will now be forwarded to the Government of India and sanction requested to an outlay of Rs 124[illegible]3.2 under the heads shown below, the balance of Rs 2763 being met from Revenue.

× printed with G. O. No 1415 9/23 May/71.

× Revised Estimated cost of the Equipment of the Entire Line ——— Rs 7445
Total Estimates — 10208
Bal: disallowed against Capital Rs 2763

Amount expended up to 31st March/71- Rs 79,542-12-6
Establishment for 9 months- Agents
and Chief Engineers @ Rs 3130 } 28,170-"-"
Engineering Staff for 9 months @ Rs 5331-10-8 47,985-"-"
Labor, &c 1,700-"-"
Tents Rs
Field and Drawing Instruments 4240-"-"
Furniture 2,018-"-"
Contingencies 336-"-"
1000
~~Rs 2,03,12-6~~
Deduct amount sanctioned in 16,991-12-6
Letter No 867- R. 9th May-70 38125-9-4
Balance, Rs ~~124,668-3-2~~

Which Rs 124,103-3-2 is chargeable to Capital and Rs 273 to Revenue

H.E. No. 1959 of 26th July 1871

The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Sir.

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I am directed to forward the accompanying papers with an estimate* amounting to Rs 140965-"-3 for completing the Survey of the proposed line on the narrow gauge system from Madras to Cuddalore and of the line to form a junction with the G.I.P. Railway, including the cost of establishment and contingent expenses.

It will be observed that by a somewhat different arrangement of the Engineering staff and by the entertainment of one additional Engineer assistant to the staff sanctioned in Rs under Secretary Vaux' letter of the 18th May 1870. No 867 R. the Chief Engineer hopes to be in a position to prosecute operations simultaneously on three distinct routes.

Provision to the extent

The Ag. Consulg. Engr. for Railways

Dept 27/9/71

From Govt of India
No 266. C.R. 22nd Sept/70.
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tent of Rs 4,695 is made by the Agent on account of tents, but this is considered high and has been reduced to Rs 4,240. In explanation of the necessity of the outlay on tents the Chief Engineer states that those purchased on the same kind already accorded were so inferior that four sets have now become almost worn out. He proposes however to utilize them for the subordinate staff, who have not yet been provided with any, as soon as they have been put in proper repair at the expence of the Contractor who supplied them.

With a view to induce greater economy in future

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the Ag. Consulting Engineer proposes to disallow as a charge to Capital the difference in cost between the tents calculated to be sufficient for the Equipment of the entire line, and the provision made in the Estimates, and, in this arrangement, His Excellency in Council, under the circumstances, concurs. Allowing for this correction and the adjustments explained in paragraph 3 of Major Prendergast's letter giving cover to the Estimate, the amount for which I am to request that sanction may be accorded will stand at Rs 1244.103-3-2.

as

as detailed below.

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Amount expended upto 31st March/71.	Rs	79,542-12-6
Agents and Chief Engineers Establishments for 9 months @ Rs 3130		28,170-- "
Engineering Staff for 9 months @ Rs 5331-10-8.		47,985-- "
Labor, &c.		1,700----
Tents		4240----
~~Sundries~~		~~232---~~
Field and Drawing Instruments		2,018---- "
Furniture		336----
Contingencies		1000----
		~~Rs 2063-12-6~~
Deduct amount sanctioned in letter No 587 R. 8/18th May 1/71		104991-12-6
		38,125- 9- 4
Balance	Rs	~~126,866-3-2~~ 124,558-3-2.

of which Rs 124,103-3-2 is chargeable to Capital and Rs 263 to Revenue.

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