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No. 335. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vizianagram, 19th August 1871, No. 5-A:—

On marching up to this station I examined the new Talook Cutcherry at Yellamunchelly, the work has been under construction since 1868 and up to 1869 when the progress of these works were stopped; the foundations and basement had been got in and the walls built up generally to the full height, but the work has been left unroofed for nearly four monsoon seasons; and I regret to report that several of the arches over the doors and windows have cracked, and the walls generally which are of brick present an unsatisfactory appearance, the sea air having already acted on this material.

2. I consider the walls are too thin for structures of this kind in India, where a considerable margin should be allowed for the inferior quality of the materials to be used, such as brick in this instance, and also for bad or careless workmanship; this would not detract in any way from the appearance of the building or interfere with the architectural effect, whilst the building would be made quite safe. I beg, therefore, to suggest these walls be pulled down and a revised estimate submitted for completing the work.

3. In the event of this measure being approved of and sanctioned, I beg also to suggest stone should be used instead of brick, as this latter perishes very soon in the vicinity of the sea, and good building stone can be obtained within a stone's throw of this site.

No. 336. Order thereon, 20th September 1871, No. 2,400.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18.

It is very discreditable to the Executive and Superintending Engineers concerned that inferior brick-work should have been used in a Government building under the circumstances of stone being readily available and so much more suitable.

2. The Government observe that an estimate, amounting to Rupees 18,500, was sanctioned on 6th April 1869, and that Rupees 4,000 and 4,700 have on two occasions been allotted for expenditure. The Superintending Engineer will submit for the inspection of Government the plan and estimate already sanctioned, and report the exact thickness of the walls as built, the expenditure already incurred, and the amount that will be lost in the event of his present recommendation being approved of; with the view to the fuller consideration of which he will also forward a revised estimate of the cost of re-constructing the Cutcherry on the plan already sanctioned with stone-in-chunam, and with stone-in-mud plastered.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Supt Engineer's Office
Vizianagram 19th Augt 71

From

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.
Madras

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Sir
Your most Obt. Servt
Wm. Stitcher Lieut. R.E.
acting Superintending Engr.
1st Div.

P.W. Despatch

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The Superintending
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New Buildings with
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To Thos. Superintending Engr
Sth. Division

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 20 Septr, No. 2400.

Nos. 335/336

Palaur Cuddapah Nellamacherry Vizagapatam

Dr. Calling upon the Supt Engr to submit for inspection the plan & Estimate already sanctioned & referred to, for the sagel- walls as well as the superstructure already executed &c. Also a revised estimate for reconstructing the Cuddapah mill stone in Chinnaur & mill stone in Nundyal Carbie.

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