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18th February 1871.*

No. 399. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer in charge of Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 4th February 1871, No. 49 —

I HAVE the honour to request that, pending provision of funds by the Revenue Department, as directed in Government Order, No. 167, dated 30th May 1870, I may be permitted to authorize the payment from the general funds at my disposal of Rupees 1,235-9-8 to the General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops. The accompanying correspondence* will explain the present state of the matter, and, as the official year is drawing to a close, the adjustment of the account is being pressed by the General Superintendent.

From the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Luckadie, 13th August 1870, No 545

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the cost actually incurred on the two pontoon-rafts for the Manantoddy and Koodrapandy rivers amounts to Rupees 4,186-7-8, to which Rupees 100 must be added as additional probable cost for carriage to site, and putting into working order the one for the Koodrapandy river

2 As this amount is so very much in excess of the estimate, I think it as well to forward a detailed statement of the expenditure, by which it will be seen that the excess is due entirely to cost of carriage ; and in justice to myself and Range Officer, I must explain that the excess is due neither to want of foresight nor of accuracy of either one or the other

3 The estimate for the rafts was based on one obtained from the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, and the cost of carriage on information obtained from the Steam Packet Company's Agent at Madras, but our calculations were upset by the delay at Madras in completing the pontoons and despatching them—a delay which, in place of allowing them to be sent round by sea as had been intended when the estimate was made out, obliged their being forwarded by rail, as, before they were ready for despatch, it was so near the monsoon season that the risk of being unable to land them at Cannanore was not thought advisable by the despatching officer, the further consequence of the delay, besides the heavy cost of carriage by rail, was their arrival at Calicut at a time when the rains having commenced the roads had become heavy, and transport consequently very difficult, great delay occurred between Calicut and Luckadie, and this again resulted in their transport to Manantoddy having to be accomplished in the very height of the monsoon ; so that in spite of the assistance of an elephant and a very large number of coolies, it was scarcely possible to get the pontoon intended for the Manantoddy river to site, in fact so great was the difficulty that I have abstained from taking the other boats to their site till the roads are in harder condition.

4 Now as regards the delay, I must mention that when I gave the order I foresaw what difficulty there would be if the rafts were not despatched from Madras in good time, so I most expressly stipulated that they must be ready in time to reach the sites where required by the second week in April last

5 As there is a third pontoon-raft proposed, that for the Panamarom river, which has not yet been commenced, I take the opportunity of saying that I strongly recommend something much more in accordance with my original proposal, which was a raft constructed on the ordinary Military pontoon system, namely, metal cylinders. If these were of copper, I could get them made up at Calicut, and they would possess the following advantages they would be far less difficult in carriage, if required, they could be mended by Native workmen on the spot, whereas these iron boats could not, except by artizans whom I should have much difficulty, if any possibility, of finding ; and, lastly, when no longer required, or worn out, the old materials would always be saleable. The

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present system of raft was adopted from a design furnished from the Public Works Workshop at Madras, in obedience to paragraph 1 of G O, No 2,757, dated 28th August 1868, but of which I cannot say the design ever met my approval I have no doubt that they will answer all purposes thoroughly well, although with the disadvantage of difficulty of getting repaired if damaged, that when worn out the materials will be valueless, and the enormous cost of carriage that has been incurred

6 I shall be obliged by your submitting these remarks to the Revenue Board in explanation of the most unlooked for excess in cost beyond estimate.

No. 400 ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1871, No. 493.

ACCOUNT, No. 37.

As the proposal made in this letter for adjusting the demands of the Public Works Workshops on account of certain iron pontoon-rafts supplied for use at the Wynaad ferries, is opposed to the rules of the department, these papers will be communicated to the Board of Revenue, through the Revenue Department, with a view to the provision of the requisite funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department
,, General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops.
To Major R B Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. S T. Augustin.

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Special Executive Engineer's
Office Wynaad Luchadie
15 August 1870

To
The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that the cost actually incurred on the 2 Pontoon Rafts for the Mannantoddy and Hoodrapandy Rivers amounts to Rs 4,186. 7. 8. to which Rupees 100 must be added as additional probable cost for carriage to site, and getting into working order, the one for the Hoodrapandy River

2. As this amount is so very much in excess of the estimate, I think it was well to forward a detailed statement of the expenditure by which it will be seen that the excess is due entirely to cost of carriage, and in justice to myself, and Range Officers, I must explain that the excess is due neither to want of foresight, nor of accuracy of either, one or the other.

3. The estimate for the Rafts was based on one obtained from the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores, and the cost of carriage on information obtained from the Steam Packet Company's Agent.

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at Illadras, but ~~one~~ calculations were upset by the delay at Illadras in completing the Pontons, and despatching them; a delay which, in place of allowing them to be sent round by sea as had been intended when the estimate was made out, obliged their being forwarded by Rail, as before they were ready for despatch it was so near the monsoon season that the risk of being unable to land them, at Kannanore was not thought advisable by the despatching Officer; the further consequence of the delay, besides the heavy cost of carriage by Rail, was their arrival at Calicut at a time when the rains having commenced, the roads had become heavy, and transport consequently very difficult; great delay occurred between Calicut and Luchadie, and this again resulted in their transport to Mannantody having to be accomplished in the very height of the monsoon; so that in spite of the assistance of an Elephant, and a very large number of coolies, it was scarcely possible to get the Ponton intended for the Mannantody River to site; in fact so great was the difficulty that I have abstained from taking the other boats to their site till the roads are in harder condition.

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Now as regards the delay, I must mention that when I gave the order, I foresaw what difficulty there would be if the Rafts were not despatched from Illadras in good time; so I must expressly stipulated that they must be ready in time to reach the sites where required by the 2nd Week in April last. As there is a third Ponton Raft proposed that for the Panamaram River which has not yet been commenced, I take the opportunity of saying that I strongly recommend something much more in accordance with my original proposal, which was a Raft constructed on the ordinary military Ponton system viz: metal Cylinders. If these were of copper, I could get them made up at Calicut, and they would possess the following advantages, they would be far less difficult in carriage; if required, they could be mended by native workmen on the spot, whereas these iron boats could not, except by Artizans whom I should have much difficulty of any possibility of finding; and lastly, when no longer required, or worn out, the old materials would always be saleable. The present system of Raft was adopted from a design furnished from

from the Public Works Workshop at
Madras, in obedience to para 1 of
G.O. No. 2757 dated 25th August 1868, but
of which I cannot say the design ever
met my approval; I have no doubt that
they will answer all purposes thoroughly
well, although with the disadvantage
of difficulty of getting repaired if
damaged; that when worn out, the
materials will be valueless; and the
enormous cost of carriage that has been
incurred.

I shall be obliged by your
submitting these remarks to the Revenue
Board in explanation of the most un-
looked for excess in cost beyond estimate.

I have &c.

Signed R. B. Kennedy Major

Spl. Lt. Engineer Mysore

(True Copy)

R. B. Kennedy, Major

Spl. Lt. Engineer Mysore.

In a letter from
the Special Executive
Engineer Wynaad
No. 129 dated 4 February
1871.

The Secretary to Govt
W. P. W. Madras.

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Copy of a letter to the
Collector of Malabar
No. 545 dated 13 August
1870.

Special Executive Engineer's Office
Wynaad, 4 February 1871

No. 129.

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From

The Special Executive Engineer
in charge of Wynaad

To,

The Secretary to Government
P. P. Works

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request
that pending provision of funds by
the Revenue Department as directed
in Government Order No. 167 dated 30th
May 1870, I may be permitted to au-
thorize the payment from the General
Funds at my disposal, of Rs. 1235.
00 8 to the General Superintendent
of Public Works Workshops. The

accompanying correspondence will
explain the present state of the matter,
and as the official year is drawing
to a close the adjustment of the ac-
count is being prepared by the Ge-
neral Superintendent.

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to be,

Sir - P. H. J.
your most Obedt. Servant,

Wm. B. Keene Major
Capt. of the Engineers to Genl.

Respectfully,
Wm. B. Keene
Major

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to be,
your most Obedt. Servant,
Wm. B. Keene Major
Capt. of the Engineers to Genl.
Respectfully,
Wm. B. Keene
Major

1871 Sept
From No. 569
The Special Ex. Engineer
Wynaad
To The Secretary to Govern-
ment D.P.W.
Madras

Dated 14th February 1871
Recd 7th February 1871
No. 493
Enclosure 1 ✓

Requests permission
to authorize payment of
Rs 1235. 9. 8 to the General
Supt^r Public Works Workshop
from the General funds
at his disposal pending
provision of funds from the
Revenue Dept^r to Pontons
No. 493-18th Feb^r 71

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Public Works Department
No. 493-71
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 18th February 1871
Read the following

From The Special Ex. Engineer
Wynaad } P.H.E. No. 49 of 14th February 1871

As the proposal
made in this letter for
adjusting the demands
of the Public Works
Workshops on account of
certain iron pontoon
rafts supplied for use
at the Wynaad ferries,
is opposed to the rules
of the Department, these
papers will be commu-
nicated to the Board
of Revenue through
the Revenue Department,
with

with a view to the pro-
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To
The Rev. Departt
Genl. Supt. P. W. Workshops
Mayor Remondy
Councillor
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28 August 1893
31 May 71 - 167

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Govt of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Date

Recd

By

G. O. 18 Feb 71, No. 493.

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Nos. 399 & 400. -

Iron Boaton Rafts. Papers on
the subject of the adjustment
of the expenditure incurred
on account of certain Iron
Boaton Rafts supplied
from the P.W. Workshops for
use at the Wynand Service;
Comd of the Bd of Revenue,
through the Rev. Dept., with
instructions.