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No. 416. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 25th September 1872, No. 2,327:—

ADVERTING to G. O. of the 14th August 1872, No. 1,936, I have the honour to forward, in original, Major Beatty's report (to be returned) on the Yellamunchelly Cutcherry, from which it will be observed I had correctly represented the loss to Government by the change I had recommended.

1 Original report, No. 79, dated 3rd September 1872.

2. As Mr. Thornhill was at Yellamunchelly early in February last, and inspected this structure with the Collector and Principal Assistant, it is to be regretted the Revenue Board were unable to submit the matter for the consideration and orders of Government before the 14th August 1872.

3. I made the changes proposed after considerable deliberation, knowing well the loss the Government had to incur in the first instance, and consulted two professional officers on the matter; and had Mr. Thornhill inspected the schoolhouse at the same station, built about six years' ago, he would most likely have agreed with me that, when good building stone was available, brick and chunam work should not be adopted, particularly in a building designed for a special object and purpose near the sea.

From Major J. BEATTY, R. E., Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Waltair, 3rd September 1872, No. 79.

YOUR docket No. 1,983 of 27th ultimo, accompanied by G. O. No 1,936 of 14th idem, regarding the Yellamunchelly Taluq Cutcherry reached me on the 30th. I at once placed myself in communication with Mr. Supervisor Laskey on the subject, and have now the honour to report the result.

2. The original estimate of the Cutcherry, amounting to Rupees 18,780, was sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,119, dated 6th April 1869. Work was commenced on 15th December 1868, and stopped in August 1869. The total expenditure up to the stoppage of work was Rupees 8,853. Of this, Rupees 3,040 only was for the brick walls and brick archwork over doors and windows; the remainder, Rupees 5,823, was for the rubble masonry of foundations and basement for doors and windows, and materials in hand when the work was stopped.

3. The work was not recommenced until April 1872. Meantime, the Superintending Engineer having occasion to visit Yellamunchelly in February and August 1871, inspected the brick walls of the Cutcherry and decided that they should be pulled down and more substantial walls substituted.

4. I left the district in June 1869 and did not re-visit Yellamunchelly until September 1871, so that the question of the state of the walls and their sufficiency to stand a roof arose and was settled in my absence.

5. The statements of the Revenue Department that the Cutcherry had "been slowly building for a period of over six years;" that "9,000 Rupees had been spent on work fit only to be pulled down;" and that, while my duties took me within sight of the building, the works "had to wait for years until the Superintending Engineer could find time to look at them," are incorrect. The Cutcherry has been in progress not more than one year altogether up to the present date, *i. e.*, seven months of 1869 and five months of 1872; the total value of work that it was

considered necessary to pull down and re-build was Rupees 3,040; and, lastly, while the work was stopped by order of Government and funds could not be found for completing it, the Superintending Engineer in the ordinary course of duty visited it and decided what was to be done.

6. A revised estimate for the entire building was sanctioned in G. O. No. 453 of 17th February 1872; work was commenced in April, and *before I passed the place in June 1872 the brick walls had been demolished*, and the rubble masonry ones had made some progress.

I am therefore unable to inspect the walls in question, with a view to forming an opinion as to "the possibility of completing the work as designed by removal of cracked arches, etc.," *because those walls no longer exist.*

7. I beg to bring specially to notice that the revised estimate was for the whole building, and not merely for pulling down part of what had been already constructed and completing it on a new plan. Consequently, the difference between the original and revised estimates, Rupees 3,370, represents exactly the loss to Government by the alteration of plan. This consists of the value of the old walls, Rupees 3,040, and the cost of demolition Rupees 330.

		Rs.
Original Estimate	... ...	18,780
Revised Estimate	... —	22,150
Difference...		3,370

According to the revised estimate, the new walls of rubble masonry, 21 inches thick, will cost the same as the old ones, which were of brickwork 15 inches thick.

No. 417. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1872, No. 2,500.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 22.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to receive the information that, of the outlay of Rupees 8,863 incurred on the new Taluq Cutcherry at Yellamunchelly, Rupees 3,010 represented the net loss on defective brickwork; which amount with Rupees 330 for demolition is included in the sum of Rupees 22,150 for building a Cutcherry in stone and chunam, sanctioned in G. O. No. 453 of 17th February 1872.

2. Had this information been clearly given in the Superintending Engineer's letter submitting the revised estimate, the Local Revenue Officers would not have been led into the inaccuracies contained in their report.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Col. E. C. Shanker.

DOWLAISHWARUM, 25th September 1872

No. 2327

From

Lieut. Col. J. Fischer R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.
MADRAS

SIR,

Adverting to G.O. of the 14th August 1872 No. 1936, I have the honor to forward an original Major Beatty's report on the Yellamunchelly Cutcherry from which it will be observed, I had correctly represented the loss to Government by the change that I recommended.

2 As Mr. Thornhill was at Yellamunchelly early in February last and inspected this structure with the Collector and Principal Assistant, it is to be regretted the Revenue Board were unable to submit the matter for the consideration and orders of Government before the 14th August 1872.

3 I made the changes proposed, after considerable deliberation, knowing well the loss the Government had to incur in the

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Submitted on 8th Oct. on Collector's letter of 29th Sept. referring report of 17th Sept.

the first instance and consulted the Professional Officers on the subject and the Executive Engineer the Public Works Division who visited the School House at the same Station, built about 6 years ago, the consulted Architect have agreed with me that when good building stone was available, brick and Chunam work should not be adopted for public buildings designed for Educational purposes near the sea.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

Lieut. Col. Executive Engineer
Ag Chief Engineer & Secy

Talook Cutcherry at Yellamanchelly Rs. 3040 represented the net loss on defective brickwork, which amount with Rs. 330 for demolition is included in the sum of Rs. 22,150 for building a Cutcherry in

No 2510.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23 October 1872
Read the following

From the Supdt Engr 1st Dist (Afore entered No 2327 25th Octr 1872)

To His Excellency the
Governor in Council

I am glad to receive the
information that of
the ordinary charges
incurred on the new
Road to Cuddalore
Tellamanchilly &c
3040 rupees and
not less on deposits
Chickaroor, which amount
with Rs 330 for demo-
lition is included in
the sum of Rs 22,150
for building a Culvert

Dept of Public Works
From The Superintending Engr
First Div
No 2327
Dated 25th September 1872
Received 2nd October

To
The Secretary to Govt
Department Public Works

NO. 2327
ENCLO.

Subject.

Forwards in original
Major Beatty's Report
on the Ellamanchilly
Cuddalore with Estimate
& explanation on the
subject.

No 2500-23rd Octr/72.

No 416
Rated to Coll & Collector

in Stone and Chunam.
sanctioned in G G
No 438 of 17th Feby
1872.

Had this information
been clearly given in
the Superintending Engrs
letter submitting the Re
vised Estimate, the cri
ticisms of the Local
Revenue Officers [and
Revenue Board would
probably have been much
less condemnatory
of the proceedings of
the Public Works Officers
with reference to the work.
But it is to be regretted
that the Collector and

Since duly re-
ceived
" would have not
have led into
the inaccuracies
contained in
this letter."

Collector should have
made Statements as
to the length of time
that the Culchery had
been under construction,
and the amount of loss
that its reconstruction
with other material
would involve, calculated
to mislead the Revenue
Board and Govern-
=ment; and the inaccu-
=racy of which they
might at any time
have ascertained from
Major Beatty or Mr.
Lasker. Such random
Statements are to be
deprecated as con
=ducive to ill feeling
between

between the Officers
of the two Departments,
and productive of
mischievous references —

G.W.

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For Blue Ship 1st Div. South Sides
4 " 2d Div.
8 " Rear Div.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To The Superintending Engr
1st Circuit

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 23 "Revenue" No. 2500.

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chelly, Vizagapatam Dt.

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