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Read the following papers:—

No. 23. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Orcharry, 8th February 1873, No. 511.

I have the honour to forward two revised abstract estimates and comparative statements for the construction of Taluq Cutcherry at Poloor and Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Coopum in the North Arcot District.

2. The original estimates were sanctioned in G.O. No. 675 of 6th May 1872, Judicial Department, communicated in G.O. No. 147, 17th May, Department Public Works, and amounted to Rupees 11,500 for Coopum and Rupees 27,000 for Poloor.

3. It appears that the Range Officers' estimates amounted, respectively, to Rupees 12,350 and 31,146, and that they were authorized to commence the collection of materials and to execute a part of the work. Their estimates were reduced in the Superintending Engineer's Office without any references to them, in some cases to utterly impossible rates, for teak-wood.

4. I endeavoured in vain to procure any explanation of the proceedings, and the papers were simply delayed by the estimate department. They did not apparently pay any attention to the necessity of paying enhanced prices for labour and carriage of materials to spots remote from the ordinary line of traffic.

5. I think some of the charges are high, but Range Officers paid them long ago imagining that they were accepted and that they were to expedite the execution of the work regarding which at first orders were summary.

6. On the whole, considering the remoteness of the sites and the nature of the country, I think the charges are fair and request the early sanction of Government to the revised estimates.

7. I have been obliged to retain those for Calistry, Poontoor, and Vennatcherry Cutcherry for further explanation, but will submit them as soon as I receive them back.

Referred to the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings for careful inquiry and full report.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

18th February 1873.

No. 29. From Colonel E. A. FORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Campak, 13th June 1873, No. 670.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 18th February, on a letter from the District Engineer of North Arcot,

Letter from District Engineer, North Arcot.

2 Estimates
2 Comparative Statements

I have the honour to state that the only explanation I have been able to get of the high rates in the estimates for the

two cutcherries is that labour is very expensive in the neighbourhood of Coopum, owing to the unhealthiness of the climate. The present District Engineer states that it will not be possible to work for less than the rates allowed in the estimate now forwarded. At Puloor there is no demand for skilled labour in ordinary times, and workmen have to be brought from a distance and paid high wages in consequence.

2. A great mistake seems to have been made in revising the estimates in the Superintending Engineer's Office and reducing the Range Officers' rates without calling upon them for explanation. These revised estimates were not sent to the Range Officers till May 1872, though the collection of materials was commenced in 1868-69 and the works were not stopped until considerable progress had been made. The rates for brick-work and teak-wood are too high, but nearly all the timber required for the Poloor Catcherry has been bought and paid for, and the brick work is nearly all completed.

3. The abstract estimates and comparative statements which accompany this letter have been examined and found correct in calculation.

ORDER THREEON, 2nd July 1873, No. 1,710.

On the concurrent authority of the
Inspecting Engineer for Buildings, of
the late Superintending Engineer of the

4th Division and of the present District Engineer of North Arcot, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the original estimates of Rupees 12,530 and Rupees 34,146 for the new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Coimbatore and new Taluq Cutcherry at Paloor; which appear to have been reduced in the office of a former Superintending Engineer without proper reference to the Range Officers as to the possibility of working at the rates proposed which are now universally condemned as too low to provide for really good work.

2. It is remarked that Rupees 7,500 is allotted for each work in the Provincial Budget of the current year. The District Engineer will ascertain and report as speedily as possible what further sums could be utilized in the current year if granted at once.

Colonel, R.F.,

Secretary to Commr. Intl.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Railways.

District Engineer, North Arec.

.. Operating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Journal Department.

Ed. F. C. Slaughter.

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Office of the Inspecting Engineer
 U. S. Military Buildings
 Washington 13 Decr 1873.
 No 630
 Major
 Colonel G. A. Boardman
 Inspecting Engineer General
 U. S. Military Buildings
 Colonel G. W. Bickner
 District Engineer S. P. M.
 With reference to your interesting
 Letter 18th February received from
 the District Engineer of Wash. Dist.
 I have the honor to state that the
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 get of the high water in the estimates
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had been made. The ratio for wood
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the Coler Cuttings has been bought
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and paid for and the brick work is
nearly all completed.

3. The abstract estimates and
comparative statements which accom-
pany this letter have been examined
and found correct in calculation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours Respectfully,
Edw. M. M. M. M.
Inspector General
Civil & Military Buildings

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On the concurrent
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Engineer of Fort St.
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the Governor in Council
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estimates of Rs 12,530
and

[illegible]

John Duerksen
Edna Smith

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I have been thinking of you
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
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22 July 1960

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