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No. 468. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 7th August 1873, No. 906:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, a plan and estimate of Rupees 600, accompanied by a specification, for improving the accommodation of the District Munsif's Court at Chittoor, North Arcot District.

1 Plan.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.
1 Copy of letter from the District Engineer, North Arcot, No. 1,172, dated 9th July 1873.

2. On the 21st June last, the District Engineer, in submitting the above estimate, reported that as the District Judge was anxious that the work should be carried out during the recess, it had been put in hand, and was then almost completed.

3. In reply, I called the District Engineer's attention to paragraphs 84 to 95, Chapter V. of the Public Works Code, and pointed out to him that detailed estimates exceeding Rupees 500, for works required by other Departments, can only be prepared under the orders of Government.

4. I have also pointed out to that officer that the work did not appear to be of such an emergent nature as to have warranted its being undertaken in anticipation of the sanction of estimate, and in the absence of an assignment of funds; and called his attention to the orders of Government noted in the margin, prohibiting the commencement of work, other than emergent, except on sanctioned estimates.

Nos. 2,059, 3,442, 903, 978, and 2,132, dated, respectively, 24th June and 26th October 1869, 31st March 1870, 3rd April and 19th August 1871.

5. As regards the emergency of the work, the District Engineer explains in the accompanying copy of his letter, No. 1,172, dated 9th July 1873, the District Judge specially requested that the work might be carried out during the vacation, as otherwise it could not well be executed for another year. Also that great inconvenience was caused by the insufficient accommodation of the building.

6. In a subsequent letter* Captain Pennycuick requests that the sum (Rupees 600) required to meet the cost of the improvements to the District Munsif's

* No. 1,259, 14th July 1873.

Court may be transferred from the current year's allotment of Rupees 7,500 for the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Vencatagherrycottah. I beg therefore that you will obtain the early sanction of Government to the estimate from the source indicated by the District Engineer.

7. In conclusion, I solicit the orders of Government on paragraph 9 of Captain Pennycuick's letter No. 1,172, dated 9th July, suggesting that paragraphs 84 to 95, Chapter V. of the Public Works Code, may be modified to some extent to save "useless correspondence and delay."

From Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Camp at Kongaroyanundul, 9th July 1873, No. 1,172.

I HAVE the honour to forward the abstract estimate for improvements to the Munsif's Court at Chittoor, called for in your letter, No. 687, of 24th ultimo.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th August 1873.

2. The abstract had to be obtained from the Chittoor Range Office, as no copy of the estimate was kept in this office, hence the delay.

3. With regard to the emergency of the work, I beg to observe that the District Judge specially requested that it might be carried out during the recess, as otherwise it could not without inconvenience be done for another year. He also stated that great inconvenience was caused by the insufficient accommodation of the building, and I consider that these conditions sufficiently meet the technical meaning of "emergent" to justify me in carrying out the work in anticipation of sanction.

4. As already explained the estimate would have been submitted long ago, but for the fact of there being no one to countersign it.

5. The cost can be met from the allotment for "Minor New Works," "Provincial," Civil Buildings.

6. With regard to your objection to my forwarding this estimate without the previous sanction of Government, I have the honour to observe that the provisions of the Code quoted by you have never been rigidly adhered to; indeed to the best of my belief I have never heard of this objection being taken before, although I must in the course of my service have submitted some hundreds of estimates for alterations to existing works.

7. The rule is I think intended to save officers from the trouble of preparing detailed estimates unless they are likely to be carried out; but in many cases, especially in the case of alterations to buildings, it is little more trouble to prepare a detailed estimate at once than to prepare an approximate one, and it is hardly worth while to make two references to Government on the same subject.

8. At any rate, seeing that Local Officers are not likely to prepare unnecessary estimates for their own amusement, I think they might reasonably be allowed, as they have usually been hitherto, some discretion as to whether they will submit an approximate estimate first, or send in the detailed one at once.

9. If, however, you consider that the fact of the rule existing renders it necessary to rigidly enforce it, I would suggest that Government should be asked to modify it to some extent, as there can be no doubt that a strict adherence to it, as it now stands, will often lead to a good deal of useless correspondence and delay.

No. 469. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1873, No. 2,148.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

THE Inspecting Engineer's procedure is approved, as opposed to that of the District Engineer as well as to the tenor of his remarks. It is well that the alterations effected in the building have been well considered, and are decided improvements, and that the District Engineer has been able to provide the funds. Otherwise he would have rendered himself personally responsible for the expenditure incurred, which, and the transfer proposed by him, are sanctioned.

2. Such emergency as existed in this case was apparently attributable to delay in the Judicial Department in making the requirements known, and constituted no sufficient grounds for the District Engineer's action. It is precisely to guard against such irregularities on the part of Officers of all Departments that the orders of Government objected to by Captain Pennycuik have been framed and must be maintained. (See G. O. No. 916, of 24th March 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
,, District Engineer, North Arcot.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Office of the Inspecting Engineer
for Civil & Military Buildings
Chennai 7 August 1873.

From,

Colonel E. A. Ford R.E.

Inspecting Engineer for Civil &
Military Buildings

To, Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures 4

I have the honor to submit, for the
1 Plan
1 Estimate
1 Specification
1 Copy of letter
from the District
Engineer North
Arcot No. 1172,
dated 9th July 73.
Sanction of Government, a Plan and
Estimate of Rs. 600, accompanied by a
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tion of the District Munsiff's Court
at Chittoor, North Arcot District.

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5. As regards the emergency of the work, the District Engineer explains in the accompanying copy of his letter No. 1172, dated 9th July 1873, the District Judge especially requested that the work might be carried out during the vacation, as otherwise it could not well be executed for another year. Also that great inconvenience was caused by the insufficient accommodation of the building.

N^o 1259-14th
July 1873.

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903.978 & 2132 dated
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31st March 1870,
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I have the honor to be,

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Your Most Obedient Servant
E A Ford Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings

Abstract of 1873/74
District North Arcot
Taluk Chulaman. 4 M

The necessity of the work. The present accommodation for the inmates of the Mooncoff Court being very insufficient, only 15 square for eight inmates as well as for the current records of the Court, the District Judge requested that additional accommodation might be provided, and the estimate has been prepared in accordance with his views.

Abstract

Quantity	Description of Charges	Rate	Amount	Total
3 1/4	Cy of Brick in Chunar	4	125	1
1	" Do. Flat arch	5	5	1
11 1/2	" Do. of removing wall	4	24	1
22	Square of Plastering in Chunar	2 1/2	49 1/2	1
36	Sq ft of Balcon door with hooks, hinges, bolts, locks &c complete including wood	15	528	1
9 1/2	Sq ft of Balcon windows with iron bars, hinges, bolts &c complete with wood &c	2	106	1
6 1/2	Sq ft of Teak wood wrought and put up for turning and fixing the door into current record	3 1/2	22 1/2	1
	Sundries &c		27 1/2	1
	Total Estimate & Reserve			600

Edmund Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Mil Buildings

North Arcot
No 20 Chulaman Range
5th July 1873

3/ True Copy

Signed J. Parthasarathy Sanyal
In charge of Chulaman
District Engineer North Arcot

P. O. 1873 10th April
From 4390.
J. Parthasarathy Sanyal
District Engineer North Arcot
No 20 Chulaman Range
5th July 1873

No 468

The Value of the Building Rupees 2500

Date and Cost of last repair. — Not known

Specification for the improvement of the Moonriffs Court at Chittos

The improvement of the building should consist as follows
The East and west walls at the back of Moonsiff's Seat should
be removed for a length of 13 ft and 2 Teak wood Pillars and with
a Bracsummer should be inserted in each of them to support
the roof.

The Portions of the east and west verandahs contiguous with the above portions, should be enclosed ^{with walls} so as to form the whole space into one Hall. ^{but the building should likewise be}

The South verandah of the building should likewise be enclosed wholly to form into a room for the Custody of the current record of the Court.

In the proposed Hall two doors & 4 windows, and in the room 4 windows to be inserted in the walls to admit the necessary light and ventilation into them.

The thickness of the walls should be 18 inches and built with bricks in Chumam ^{rows} to the slope of the roof.

The doors should be 4'6" x 7'0" including frame & battened
and made of teak wood and the windows which should be
3 1/2' x 4 1/2' are likewise to be battened and to be barred with iron
and made of teak wood also.

The portions of the walls above the windows should be supported with teak wood lintels of 18" wide & deep placed over each of them.

The Posts Should 8' feet long and 1 ft. x 6" diameter at bottom and top respectively to give a mean diameter of 9" in the middle.

^{middle}
The Bressummer over the Pillars should be of 15" wide
9" deep of 1" thick. The top should be painted with

9 dup The whole of the woodwork should be painted with wood oil with an admixture of little red ochre

The walls should be plastered with two coats in Ch. and the floor to be done likewise

Wm. H. Thompson, Sup^{ts}
In Charge of R. 2 or Chittos Range
N. H.

19/6/73. }
Chittos }

N^o 1172.

North Arcot, Dist^t Engin^g Office
Camp Hongaroyamundul
9th July 1873.

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The District Engineer
North Arcot

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The Inspecting Engineer
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I have you.

Signed / John C. Conywick Capt. U.S.
District Engineer, North Carolina.

True Copy

Edwrd Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Inspecting Engineer
for Buildings

Dated

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Encl. 4

G. O. 27th Aug 86 No. 2148

No. 4688469

St. Marci's Court house

at Chittoor, North Arcot

St. - Requesting orders on

letter from the Super

Eng for Buildings

submitting, with Remarks,

re: for improving the

Court house.