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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th September 1873.*

No. 110. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 13th August 1873, No 2,939:—

I HAVE the honour to forward the completion report on the road from Kotapatam to Cumbum, and to state that, in accordance with the practice of this office, the District Engineer was requested to have the report completed by the insertion of a note in explanation of the cause of the saving of Rs. 15-7-0 on the estimate. The form of completion report was approved by Government in G.O., No. 104, of the 16th March 1871, and it will be seen that the requirement of the last column of the enclosed report headed "*explanations of saving or excess*" led to the above-mentioned reference to the District Engineer.

2. The District Engineer has replied that the saving cannot be explained, and as he suggests that slight differences between estimated and actual cost of work should pass unnoticed, I beg to forward a copy of his letter, No. 47, of the 7th instant, for the consideration and orders of Government. I may add that I am in favour of the District Engineer's proposal; indeed, I am inclined to go a step further and to suggest that this office be authorized to accept unquestioned all completion reports which may bear the countersignature or initials of District Engineers, except in cases in which the entries relative to cost, etc., differ from those entered in the accounts.

From R. SMITH, Esq., District Engineer of Nellore, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp at Jejepett, 7th August 1873, No. 47.

I HAVE the honour to return the completion report of the road from Kotapatam to Cumbum, and to inform you the Range Officer states he cannot explain the cause of the so-called saving of Rupees 15-7-0, as the work executed differs materially from what was originally proposed and sanctioned.

2. I would take this opportunity of stating that it seems desirable to allow some margin, say five per cent., to pass unnoticed, and this, I trust, Government will be pleased to accede to, as the interests of the State can hardly require an explanation regarding a trifling difference, such as the case under reference, in which the saving is only Rupees 15-7-0 on an estimate of Rupees 8,780.

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A.
Completion report on road from the port of Kotapatam to Cumbum; portion from Kotapatam to Ongole. Estimate Rupees 8,780, sanctioned by G. O., No. 1,186, on the 12th April 1869. Commenced on the 3rd May 1869; completed on the 22nd February 1873; last inspected on the 15th March 1873.

Items.	AS ESTIMATED FOR.		AS EXECUTED.		LESS THAN ESTIMATE.		MORE THAN ESTIMATE.		Explanations of Saving or Excess.
	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	
Metalling in 8th mile	733½	Rs. 1,925 0 0	644½	Rs. 1,435 3 3	88½	Rs. 489 12 9	.....	Rs. A. P.	
Do. in 9th	733½	2,108 5 4	616½	1,485 10 1	116½	622 11 3	.....	.....	
Plastering to ninth arched bridge	90	247 8 0	.....	.....	90	247 8 0	.....	.....	
Metalling in 10th mile	733½	2,291 10 8	626½	1,643 8 5	107½	648 2 3	.....	.....	
Do. in 11th	512½	1,665 10 0	431½	1,203 0 2	81½	460 9 10	.....	.....	
For masonry works in 11th mile.	.....	120 0 0	.....	.....	.....	120 0 0	.....	.....	
Sundries and Superintendence	.....	421 14 0	.....	333 10 7	.....	83 3 5	.....	.....	
Brick earth	.....	.....	185	207 0 8	.....	.....	185	207 0 8	
Earth-work	.....	.....	237	9 4 0	.....	.....	237	9 4 0	
Gravelling in 8th mile	.....	.....	373½	715 10 3	.....	.....	373½	715 10 3	
Do. in 9th	.....	.....	375	596 3 9	.....	.....	375	596 3 9	
Do. in 10th	.....	.....	254½	590 10 4	.....	.....	254½	590 10 4	
Do. in 11th	.....	.....	189½	510 1 5	.....	.....	189½	510 1 5	
Clay	.....	.....	29	7 1 7	.....	.....	29	7 1 7	
Levelling road			5½	1 11 7			5½	1 11 7	
Materials at quarry				12 0 0				12 0 0	
Total.		8,780 0 0		8,764 9 0		2,676 15 6		2,661 8 6	

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8th September 1873.

Remarks by Range Officer.

I do hereby certify, after personal inspection and measurement, that the work entered in this report has been executed to the extent noted, in a substantial manner, and of the best materials as provided for in the estimate.

NORTHERN RANGE OFFICE,
1st April 1873.

(Signed) H. LYON,
Northern Range Officer.
(Signed) R. SMITH,
District Engineer, Nellore.

No. 111.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1873, No. 2,222.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

THAT the Controller of Public Works Accounts, whose check of bills submitted by the Executive Officers of the Department is not intended to be more than an arithmetical check, should have treated the bill herewith referred for the orders of Government merely with reference to a saving of Rupees 15½ out of Rupees 8,780, is only surprising as regards his having taken any notice whatever of such an insignificant variation from the total of the estimate sanctioned. But that a District Engineer should have taken a similar view of the real meaning of the words "explanation of saving or excess" that head the last column of bills for works, is most unsatisfactory and discouraging, as showing how little trouble is taken by some at least of those functionaries to realize the nature of the duties inherent to the offices which they fill.

2. Those words apply to the discrepancies between the estimated and executed work under each important item of the bill; and where, as in the present instance, those discrepancies are great, His Excellency the Governor in Council holds it discreditable to a Range Officer to send in his bill with the explanation column absolutely blank, and to the District Engineer to accept the same without remark. In the present instance a few words would probably have sufficed to explain why gravelling was substituted for metalling in certain miles, and by whose authority; and nothing could be easier than to state why certain plastering and masonry work were omitted to be done, or at least who was responsible for such omission. It is in the scrutiny of such particulars that part of the duty of District Engineers consists; and that this may be thoroughly realized by all, His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the papers shall be printed in *extenso* and circulated for general information.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To District Engineers.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

Completion Report on Road from the Port of Kottapalam to Cuddalore

Portion from Kottapalam to Angole - 55

Estimate Rs. 8780

Sanctioned by G.O. No. 1186

On the 12th April 1869

Commenced on the 3rd May 1869, Completed on the 22nd July 1873

Last inspected on the 15th March 1873

Items.	As estimated for		As executed.		Less than estimate.		More than estimate.		Explanations of saving or excess.
	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	
Installing in 8 mile	733 1/3	1925-0	644 1/2	1435-3	88 1/6	489-7	-	-	
Do in 9 mile	733 1/3	2108-5	466 1/2	1485-10	267 1/6	622-11	-	-	
Plastering to 9 arches									
Bridge in 9 mile	90	247-8			90	247-8	-	-	
Installing in 10 mile	733 1/3	2291-10	626 1/2	1643-8	106 1/6	648-23	-	-	
Do in 11 mile	512 1/2	1665-10	431 1/2	1205-0	81 1/6	460-10	-	-	
For masonry work in 10	120-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Land & Superintendence	121-14	-	333-10	-	88-3	-	-	-	
Brick earth	-	-	185	207-8	-	-	185	207-8	
Earth work	-	-	237	9-4	-	-	237	9-4	
Graveling in 8 mile	-	-	373 1/2	715-10	-	-	373 1/2	715-10	
Do in 9 mile	-	-	375	596-3	-	-	375	596-3	
Do in 10 mile	-	-	256 1/2	590-10	-	-	256 1/2	590-10	
Do in 11 mile	-	-	189 1/2	510-1	-	-	189 1/2	510-1	
Clay in 10 mile	-	-	29	7-1	-	-	29	7-1	
Do in 11 mile	-	-	57 1/3	1-11	-	-	57 1/3	1-11	
Swelling Road	-	-	-	17-0	-	-	-	17-0	
Materials at Quarry	-	-	-	11-12-11	-	-	-	11-12-11	
		8780-0		8764-9		266-15		2661-8	
		8764-9						157-0	

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District Engineer's Office
Camp Jejeputt 7th August 1873

N. 47

From
R. Smith Esquire

District Engineer of
Nellore

To
J. Moss Esquire

Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras

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Northam Range Officer

Dated 1st April 73

[Signature]
District Engineer
Nellore

[Signature]

Northam Range

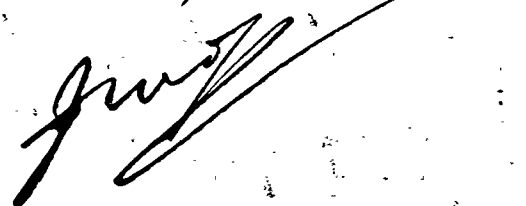
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I have &c

/ Signed / P. Smith

District Engineer of Vellore

/ True copy /



Offg. Controller of S.W. Accounts

Encls: in a letter from
the Off^r Controller of P.W.
Accts to the Secy to
Govt. P.W.D. Fort St George
7/13th Aug 1873 No 2939

P.W. 4515/73
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Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
No 2939 Fort Saint George 13 August 1873

From
The Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts
To
The Secretary to Government
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Original Report
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District Engineer
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

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Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the Aug/73

Read the following
From the Ag: Controller
of P.W. Accounts (H.E. No. 2939 of 13th
August/73)

That the Controller
of Public Works Ac-
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of Bills submitted by
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13/11/73
The Ag: Controller
of P.W. Accounts

of the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Mr. J. S. George

Noted 13/11/73
Recd 11/12/73

No 2939

Forward Com-
pletion Report on the
Road from Nottakottam
to Cumbaram received
from the District Engineer
Nottakottam with certain
remarks and sug-
gestions -
No 2222 of 8/10/73

No 110

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done, or at least
who was responsible
for such omission.
It is in the scrutiny
of such particulars
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of District Engineers
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~~it~~^{this} may be thoroughly
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in Council desired
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general information.
GMW

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Major Kennedy ✓
11 Financial Dept ✓
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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Officer in Charge of
Accounts

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 2

G. O. 8th Sept 1873, No. 2222

Nos. 110 & 111

Completion Report

Forwarding, with remarks,
to all S^r Engrs orders
on correspondence between
the S^r Engr of Nellore &
the Controller relative to
the preparation of Completion
Reports which differ
from Estimates