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19th September 1873.*

No. 301. Read the following letter from Major R. F. OAKES, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 22nd August 1873, No. 545:—

I HAVE the honour to inform you that when I was at Shealli, on the 29th May, I found that the Cutcherry itself was completed, but that the out-buildings were in various stages of progress, and that their completion was likely to be delayed owing to the difficulty in procuring teakwood, while there would have been a very considerable excess in the cost of the work. I therefore sanctioned the substitution of country-wood for teak bressummers, etc., and palmyras for the roof, intending to report the matter to Government at once, but my report has been delayed owing to the non-receipt of comparative statements of the cost of the work executed, and to references relative to them when received.

3 Statements.*
1 Extract from letter No. 233, of 2nd December 1872, from Mr. Supervisor Stephens.
1 No. 174, * of 12th August 1873, from Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Executive Engineer.
* To be returned.

	Original Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	Saving.
Ryots' shed ...	1,280	800	480
Hospital ...	1,060	740	320
Public Latrine...	900	700	200
Jail do. ...	546	485	61
Cook-room ...	500	280	220
Total...	4,286	3,005	1,281

2. The saving in the out-houses will be Rupees 1,281, as per margin.
3. The original estimates did not provide asphalt for the latrines; this has been provided in the revised estimate, or the savings on the latrines instead of being Rupees 200 and 61 would have been Rupees 306½ and 118½, notwithstanding the saving thus effected the estimate of Rupees 23,960 will be exceeded by Rupees 602-7-3.

4. The excess on the main building is only Rupees 390-11-6, which is explained in the comparative statement, of this Rupees 307-11-7 is due to the supply of concrete for a portion of the foundation where false ground was met with, and for providing asphalt for the floor of the sub-jails.

5. The item for pointing is very high, but the work has been very neatly done, and the Range Officer considers the charge moderate.

No. 174 of 12th August.
6. Of the balance of the excess, viz., Rupees 1,492-15-9, Rupees 1,267-8-0 are due to loss and wastage of wood; the deficiencies in bricks, tiles, etc., account for the rest, and are due to the quantities in the kilns having been somewhat over-estimated. The enclosed extract from Mr. Stephens' Report shows that the timber originally purchased by Lieutenant Livesay, R.E., was very inferior, flaws etc., having been carefully concealed by patching so well executed that it was impossible to discover any trace of them, or of the patching it is presumed.

7. The result is very unsatisfactory, for out of 2,768½ cubic feet of timber purchased in the log, 1,565 cubic feet have been used on the work, 30 per cent. or 469½ may be set down to wastage, leaving 734 cubic feet to be accounted for; of these.

110 are serviceable.
200 are unserviceable or waste, and
424 are missing.

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As the wood appears to have been very bad, it is possible that a portion of the 424 cubic feet are really due to wastage.

8. The work was stopped when Lieutenant Livesay was in charge of the Range in 1869, and the range has since been in charge of the following officers and subordinates for the periods mentioned:—

Mr. Supervisor Walton, from March to October 1871.

" " Stephens, from October 1871 to September 1872.

" J. O'Shaughnessy, Executive Engineer, from September 1872.

9. The timber, etc., appears to have been kept in a thatched shed, and when the range was handed from one officer to another each officer appears to have accepted the wood according to the accounts left by Lieutenant Livesay, until Mr. O'Shaughnessy took charge of the range when the work had been resumed and he discovered the loss in the timber and reported relative to it on the 9th December 1872.

10. When a work is stopped for years, and a range is constantly changing hands, losses in materials, etc., must be expected; under the circumstances I have only to request that Rupees 603 in excess of the original estimate of Rupees 23,960 may be sanctioned for the completion of the work.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1873, No. 2,320.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 24.

As expected in the concluding paragraph of the District Engineer's letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not inclined to exact at the hands of present executive agents too strict an account of articles left in store on the sudden suspension of works not resumed for several years after, during which the range has passed through the hands of several officers of varying degrees of competence for the charge. He accordingly accepts the statements now submitted, and he approves of the substitution by Major Oakes of country wood and palmyras for teak wood in the out-offices; from which is expected to result a decrease of the excess over the estimate from Rupees 1,883 to Rupees 602, raising the total of the estimate for the Sheally Taluq Cutcherry from Rupees 23,960 to Rupees 24,560, at which latter sum the sanction will accordingly stand. Should sufficient funds for completion of the work not be available by transfer of savings from other allotments they will be supplied on application later in the year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
" Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 545

District Engineer's office.

Tanjore 22nd August 1873.

From, Major R. F. Oakes, R.E.,
District Engineer, Tanjore.

I, Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.,
Secretary to Govt. & S. D. O.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that when I was at Sheally on the 29th May, I found that the Cutcherry itself was completed, but that the out-buildings were in various stages of progress and that their completion was likely to be delayed owing to the difficulty in procuring teak wood while there would have been a very considerable excess in the cost of the work. I therefore sanctioned the substitution of country wood for teak. I presumed to report the matter to Government at once but my report has been delayed owing to the nonreceipt of

of Comparative Statements of the Cost of the work incurred and to references relative to them when received.

2 — The Savings in the out-houses will be Rs. 1281, as per margin.

	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate	Savings
Windows	1280	800	480
Hospital	1060	740	320
Main building	900	700	200
Gate	540	485	61
Coal room	500	280	220
Total	4280	3005	1281

3 — The original estimates did not provide asphalt for the latrines, this has been provided in the revised estimate or the savings on the latrines instead of being Rs. 200 & it would have been Rs. 306 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Rs. 418 $\frac{3}{4}$ notwithstanding the saving thus effected the estimate of Rs. 23960 will be exceeded by Rs. 602-7-11.

4 — The excess on the main building is only Rs. 390-11-6 which is explained in the Comparative Statement, of this 307-11-7 is due to the supply of concrete for a portion of the foundation where false ground was met with & for providing asphalt for the floor of the sub-fails.

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To 174
12 August

5 — The item for pointing is very high, but the work has been very neatly done and the Range Officer considers the charge moderate. 3/-

6 — Of the balance of the excess viz. Rs. 1492-15-9. Rs. 1267-8-11 are due to loss and wastage of wood, the deficiencies in brick & tiles &c. account for the rest and are due to the quantities in the kilns having been somewhat overestimated. The enclosed extract from Mr. Stephens' Report shows that the timber originally purchased by Smt. Lunsay & Co. was very inferior - flaws &c. having been carefully concealed by patching &c. well concealed that it was impossible to discover any trace of them or of the patching it is presumed.

7 — The result is very unsatisfactory for out of 2768 $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic feet of timber purchased in the log, 1565 cubic feet have been used on the work. 30 per cent or 469 $\frac{1}{2}$ may be set down to wastage leaving 734 cft. to be accounted for. Of these 110 are serviceable, 200 are unserviceable or wasted & 424 are missing.

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Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

H. G. A. Major &c
District Engineer Tanjore

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The District Engineer
Bangalore*

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G. O. 19 Sept 1873, No. 2320

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*Paying orders in the
letter from the District Engineer.
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