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No. 453. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 3rd October 1873, No. 2,829 :—

In reference to G. O., 18th September 1873, No. 2,308, expressing the hesitation of Government to sanction further accommodation for offices within the Madura Palace, I have the honour to observe that, as regards the Taluq Overseer's Office, taking into consideration the circumstance of the Madura Taluq Overseer's keeping his office records and stores in his own house, as pointed out in my letter printed with G. O., 2nd June 1873, No. 1,459, and the advisability of putting an end, as early as practicable, to this objectionable arrangement; considering, moreover, that the construction of this office, if deferred instead of being carried on simultaneously with that of the Range Office, would have been a source of great inconvenience to the Range Officer, and being under the impression that the Government would approve of the step in question, I gave orders to have the Overseer's Office put in hand in anticipation of sanction, and the work is now almost completed, and the Taluq Overseer will occupy the office in the course of the next few days.

2. As regards the estimate of Rupees 1,900 for providing accommodation for the Public Works Stores, nothing has of course been done in the way of work pending the sanction of Government. These stores have been temporarily located in the Palace for several years past, and so long as the Palace was but sparsely occupied no danger could be apprehended as regards their safety. Now, however, that the Palace will be thronged with people not only all day long but frequently until it is quite dark, it is not altogether advisable to risk more than is absolutely necessary the safe custody of valuable public stores. If therefore funds can be provided from other sources for this service it would be well to set the work in hand at once.

3. As regards the works of "security, restoration, or decoration" to be carried out from the balance of the current year's allotment, I am in consultation with Mr. Chisholm, and an estimate for these services will be submitted shortly.

No. 454. Order thereon, 28th October 1873, No. 2,626.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

Under the circumstances reported by the District Engineer of Madura the outlay of Rupees 450 on the Taluq Overseer's Office is sanctioned. But His Excellency the Governor in Council will not permit any further diversion of the funds allotted for securing the building itself, and he remarks that this appropriation should not have been made in anticipation of sanction.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

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