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14th July 1874.*

No. 259. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd June 1874, No. 209:—

IN accordance with Public Works G. O., No. 60, of the 13th ultimo, I have the honor to submit two sheets of plans and sections and a detailed estimate relating to the unfinished No. 4 block of the Wellington Barracks.

2. The approximate estimate has been put down at Rupees 1,20,000, but the detailed estimate amounts to Rupees 1,48,870. I am in ignorance of the manner in which the first figure was arrived at. There are no records in my office regarding it. But there is a rough approximate estimate for this building made in 1871, which amounts to Rupees 1,64,880. However, be this as it may, the estimate now submitted has been most carefully prepared in every detail from the existing building, in exact similarity with which the unfinished block is to be completed. The rates are those which my predecessor left me.

3. The estimate provides for the thorough completion of the unfinished barrack with all its out-houses of every kind, and for the laying on of water in pipes as in the other blocks. The specification details the manner in which the several items of work are to be carried out.

4. The plans and estimate have been countersigned by the Commandant.

5. The contingencies are entered at 10 per cent. This was the per-centage allowed by my predecessor in every estimate prepared by him since May 1868. For up to that date a large petty establishment existed in this district; but it was then abolished. I have now at Wellington no one on the establishment except the Cantonment Overseer, who has to attend to numerous other works at Kotergherry and at Coonoor. A carpenter maistry and a bricklayer maistry besides others will have to be employed and paid for out of the estimate. Ten per cent., therefore, is not a high charge for *bona fide contingencies* and for superintendence or petty establishment. This charge was found necessary by my predecessor; was admitted as necessary by you when Superintending Engineer, and its necessity has long been patent to myself; I trust I may be excused if I respectfully state that I cannot undertake to complete the building within the estimate unless this per-centage is allowed me.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1874, No. 1,890.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 11.

WITH the above letter the District Engineer, Neilgherries, submits plans and an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,48,870, for the completion of No. 4 block of the Wellington Barracks in accordance with G. O., No. 60, of the 13th ultimo. The details are the same as those of the blocks already constructed and call for no remark. The estimate includes the cost of all out-houses and the laying on of water.

2. The District Engineer has included in his estimate a charge of 10 per cent. for contingencies in lieu of 5 per cent., as directed by the Public Works Departmental Code, and in support of this proceeding points out that the petty establishment which was formerly maintained in the district has been abolished,

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and that consequently the services of the members are not available for the direction of the labor employed on the works, and the cost of petty superintendence has to be provided in the estimate.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to admit this excess over the usual per-centage in the estimate of the District Engineer. It is the less necessary as the work is of considerable magnitude, and contingencies point to savings as well as excesses. It is presumed that all the details of work required and the prices have been thoroughly ascertained and provided for. The Government will be prepared to consider favorably the proposal which has already been submitted to them by Captain Morant for the provision of a small petty establishment, when the construction of the barrack in question is commenced.

4. The estimate is approved subject to a reduction of 5 per cent. The amount to be provided in future Budgets will be Rupees 1,41,430.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Military Department.

District Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 22 June 1874.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the estimate for the construction of the Barracks at Wellington.
In accordance with P.W.D. No. 12 of the 12th inst. I have the honor to submit a sketch of Plans & Section and a detailed estimate relating to the unfinished N. & S. Blocks of the Wellington Barracks.
The approximate estimate has been put down at Rs. 20,000 but the detailed estimate amounts to Rs. 1,45,870. I am in ignorance of the manner in which the figure was arrived at. There are no records in my office regarding it. But there is a rough approximate estimate for this building made in 1871 which amounts to Rs. 1,45,880. Now as to this estimate now submitted has been most carefully prepared in every detail from the existing building in great similarity with which this unfinished Block is to be completed. The rates are those which my predecessor left me -

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Public Works Department
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 Read the following
 From the District Engineer Neilgherries 17th Sept 209 dated 22
 1898 June 1894/7

With the above letter the
 District Engineer Neilgherries
 submits plans & an estimate
 amounting to Rs 14,000
 for the completion of No.
 4 Block of the Wellington
 Barracks, in accordance
 with Gov. No 60 of the 13th
 The details are the same as
 those of the blocks already
 constructed & call for no
 remarks. The estimate
 includes the cost of all
 Outhouses & the laying on
 of water.

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The District Engineer
 has included in his

17th Sept 209
 No: 4062

The District Engineer
 Neilgherries
 Submitting
 plans & estimate
 for the completion of
 No. 4 Block of the
 Wellington Barracks

22nd June 1894
 Recd 3rd July 1894.

Plans & estimate
 of 19th June 1894
 & a detailed estimate
 relating to the same
 furnished by Mr. W. B. Clark
 of the Barracks at Wellington
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Estimate a charge of two per cent for contingencies in lieu of 5 per cent as directed by the Public Works Departmental Code & in support of this proceeding points out that the petty establishment which was formerly maintained in the District has been abolished & that consequently the services of the members are not available for the direction of the labour employed on the work & the cost of petty superintendence has to be provided in the estimate.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared

to admit this excess over the usual percentage in the estimate of the District Engineer. It is the less necessary as the work is of considerable magnitude & contingencies point to savings & well as ~~excesses~~ ~~in the same manner~~ ~~construction have been~~ ~~carried out in close proximity~~

It is presumed that all the details of work required & the prices have ~~no doubt~~ been thoroughly ascertained & provided for.

~~In addition to this the fact should not be lost sight of that the District Engineer is authorized to increase his estimate by 5 per cent.~~

~~Giving however full con-~~
~~sideration to the argument~~
~~advanced by its supporters~~
~~of the ten percent charge.~~
The Government will be
prepared to consider
favourably the proposal
which has ^{already been} submitted
to them by Captain Nisant
for the provision of a
small ~~provisional~~ establishment,
when the construction of
the barracks in question
is commenced.

The estimate is approved
subject to a reduction
of five percent. The
Amount to be provided
in future ~~budgets~~ budgets
will be RP 141 430.

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To the D. Co. Milgrewier
• Controller with estimate
• Military Dept
S. Caput Dept. to all 20/7/74.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Dist. Supt.
Kilcherries

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 11 July 1874, No. 1890

Nos. 255-260

No. 4 Block of the Wellington
Barracks ^{approving of the} Estimate for
^{completion} the construction of the Block
~~and of approval of~~
subject to a reduction of
five per cent in the
Estimate for contingencies
and intimating that the
proposal for the provision of
a small petty Establishment
will be favorably considered
when the construction of the Barracks