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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Read the following papers:—

No. 379. From Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 26th November 1873, No. 1,566.

WITH reference to the order of Government of the 22nd November, No. 2,832, I have the honor to inform you that before the receipt of the order I had written to Mr. Chisholm to inquire whether he would be able to accompany me to Trichinopoly, as I had received from the District Engineer the estimate for restoring the Nawab's Palace at that place. I found, from Mr. Chisholm's reply, that he had just returned from Trichinopoly, and that during his stay there he had gone over the building with the District and Executive Engineers, and had explained the plans, etc.

2. As the Government have authorized the District Engineer to undertake the preliminary work of demolition and removal of debris, Mr. Chisholm is of opinion that until this work is done it will not be of much use for us to visit the building.

3. Under these circumstances, I request I may be informed whether my journey to Trichinopoly may not be postponed.

No. 380. From the same Officer, dated Chepauk, 5th June 1874, No. 802.

WITH reference to your Memorandum, No. 465, dated 28th November 1873, I have the honor to inform you that on Letter from District Engineer, Trichinopoly, the 9th February 1874, the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, brought to notice that the rates in Mr. Chisholm's estimate for the Nawab's Palace were similar to, and in some items less than those prevailing in the district, and therefore no revision was needed in that part of the estimate. Major Vertue, however, stated that the rates for brick-work, plastering, and flooring were higher than the district rates, but for reasons assigned in the accompanying letter, he deemed it advisable that the estimate should be left undisturbed.

2. On the 23rd February 1874, letter No. 284, I pointed out to the District Engineer, after having inspected the building, that although it will not be advisable to revise all the rates in the estimate, yet a reduction may be made in a few, such as brick-work, flooring, asphalt. I also pointed out that there would not be any difficulty in carrying out the repairs to the walls and roofs, but that I had some doubt as to the levels of the new floors. I therefore requested him to have levels carefully taken of the floors as they are, and as they are intended to be, and with reference to the ground outside.

3. The revised estimate has not yet been received.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th August 1874.*

No. 381. From G. D. WYBROW, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Perambalore, 17th July 1874, No. 115.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 427, of the 11th July 1874, I have the honor to forward a revised estimate* for the conversion of the late Nawab's Palace into Public Offices.

* Rupees 36,200.

2. Regarding the levels of the new floors relative to the ground level outside, I beg to remark that at the time Colonel Foord inspected the building the demolition had only just commenced, and it then appeared that some difficulty might occur in fixing the levels of the new floors, but no difficulty has fortunately occurred. Mr. Chisholm has twice visited the building since Colonel Foord inspected it, and expressed himself satisfied regarding the levels of the different floors.

3. The rates in the revised estimate have been carefully checked by the actual cost of the work as being carried out and so cannot be further reduced.

4. The revised estimate exceeds that submitted by Mr. Chisholm; this is owing to certain alterations which were found to be necessary, the chief of which are noted below:—

Provision of Sheristadar's room... } As per G. O., No. 1,266, of
Do. of a Treasury ... } 11th May 1874.

Providing 23 doors and 11 windows in excess of those provided in the original estimate. } Apparently omitted by oversight in Mr. Chisholm's estimate.
Do. ornamental plastering, drains, cut-stone steps, etc., not provided for in the original estimate. }

Demolishing and removing debris in excess of the amount entered in the original estimate.

5. Relative of paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 1,266, of 11th May 1874, I beg to state that the extra Overseer alluded to is employed on other duties in the Trichinopoly Range; it being impossible for one Overseer to look after both the Laulgudi old taluq as well as the Conad Taluq. The Cantonment Overseer, Supervisor Jack, has hitherto been looking after the Palace work; at present, however, Conductor Jack is looking after the range as well as the Cantonment, as I have not appointed a Cantonment Overseer in Mr. Jack's place, as I believed that Mr. Jack's charge of the Trichinopoly Range was only a temporary arrangement.

6. In conclusion, I may state that the work is in rapid progress, and is, I trust, being carried out exactly in accordance with Mr. Chisholm's design, and I am in hopes that the whole building will be completed by the end of March 1875 if the necessary funds are provided.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1874, No. 2,293.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

THE revised estimate submitted with this letter, amounting to Rupees 36,200, for converting the old Palace at Trichinopoly into Public Offices is sanctioned.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th August 1874.*

2. It is observed that the estimate recorded with G. O., No. 2,832, dated 22nd November 1873, and which included provision for a Post Office which is expunged from the revised estimate, amounted to Rupees 33,845 only; but it is explained that the original estimates omitted to take into account certain alterations which were subsequently found to be necessary. The principal of these are noted in paragraph 4 of the District Engineer's letter, and are accepted. But when estimates are exceeded to so great an extent as that under notice a comparative statement should invariably be submitted with detailed explanations of the causes of difference. The District Engineer will observe this rule in future. Meanwhile an abstract statement is recorded with this order for information.

3. The Budget provision for the work is Rupees 15,000 with an expenditure of Rupees 6,543 during the past official year. Adverting to paragraph 5 it is observed that the District Engineer is himself to blame for omitting to raise the staff of Overseers to the authorized strength. Conductor Jack's promotion to Supervisor is a permanent arrangement and creates a vacancy of Cantonment Overseer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer Trichinopoly.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Cons. Architect
Revenue Dept.
Sd/-

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Conversion of the late Nawab's Palace into Public Offices at Trichinopoly.

	Original Estimate.	Revised Estimate.	More.	Less.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
District Munsif's Court...	6,797	6,440	.....	357
Taluq Cutcherry	.....	.....	.....	.....
Registrar's Office	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do. of Births and Deaths	10,008	12,080	2,072	.....
Post Office	2,287	.....	.....	2,287
Cloth Market and Police	5,198	5,960	762	.....
Town Magistrate's Court	1,819	2,600	781	.....
General Latrine	3,468	3,195	.....	273
Jail Latrine	772	740	.....	32
Making roads and approaches	3,496	.....	.....	3,496
Drains	.....	.....	.....	.....
Repairing compound wall	.....	3,150	3,150	.....
Lowering ground	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forming roadway	.....	.....	.....	.....
Demolishing	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carting away debris	.....	2,035	2,035	.....
Sundries and Contingencies	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...	33,845	36,200	8,800	6,445
	.....	33,845	.....	.....
Excess...	.....	2,355	.....	.....

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 1566

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTING ENGINEER
FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY BUILDINGS,
Chepauk, 26 November 1873.

From

THE INSPECTING ENGINEER

FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY BUILDINGS,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

SIR,

With reference to the order of Government of the 22nd November, No. 2832, I have the honor to inform you that before the receipt of the order I had written to Mr. Chisholm to enquire whether he would be able to accompany me to Trichinopoly as I had received from the District Engineer the estimate for restoring the Nabol's Palace at that place. I found from Mr. Chisholm's reply that he had just returned from Trichinopoly, and that during his stay there he had gone over the building with the District and Executive Engineers and had explained the plans &c.

2. As the Government have authorized the

the District Engineer to undertake the preliminary work of demolition and removal of debris, Mr. Chisholm is of opinion that until this work is done it will not be of much use for us to visit the building.

3. Under these circumstances I request I may be informed whether my journey to Trichinopoly may not be postponed.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

E A Muel Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings

District Engineer's Office
Tientsin
9 February 1874
No. 451.

From The District Engineer
Tientsin
To The Inspecting Engineer
for Civil & Military Buildings

Sir,
With reference to your letter of
May dated 5th December 1873 I have
the honor to inform you that the rates
for wood work in the Estimate of the
Palace are similar to (and some
items a little less) than those prevailing
in this District; in my opinion no
revision is needed to that part of
the Estimate.

The rates for Brick work, plastering
and flooring are higher than our rates,
but restoring the doubtful portions,
and patching up the old & ruined, is
an item on which a large margin
should

Chas. Marks 1873 No. 1st
Memo No. 465-27
28th Nov. 1873
Dated 26th Nov. 1873
Recd. 28th Nov. 1873
P.O. No. 2845. 18-8-74
I am to be in
-forwarded with the
the estimate and state
within the month to
the Engineer in charge
with the report of
of the Palace
at that place, may
not be forwarded -

From The Inspecting Engineer
for Buildings
To The District Engineer
Tientsin
No. 6432

Mr. Off

not the best of them

Should be left so that I quite agree
with Mr. Chisholm in considering that
the rates allowed by him should not
be altered. I therefore think it advisable
to leave the Estimate undisturbed and
that, to guard over the expenditure, a
Comparative Statement should be
opened of the actual work done and
the amount expended.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedt. Servt.

James Vertue. Major R.

District Engineer

Inspecting Engineer's Office for
Civil & Military Buildings
Chapank 5 June 1944

From

The Inspecting Engineer for
Civil & Military Buildings.

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The Chief Engineer P. P. W.

Life,

Sir, With reference to your Memo No 465, dated 20th November 1873, I have the honor to inform you that on the 9th February 1874, the District Engineer Trichinopoly brought to notice that the rates in Mr. C. Scholmer's estimate for the Nabab's Palace were similar to, and in some items less than those prevailing in the District, and therefore no revision was needed in that part of the estimate - Major Westre however stated that the rates for brick work, plastering and flooring were higher than the District rates, but for reasons assigned in the accom-
-panying

Enclosure 1

Letter from
District Engineer
Trichinopoly
No 457, dated
9th February/74

Thon. H. de Lang.

St. Michaels
Hospital

Chapman Sq.
on Building
at 1000

Charles & his
Daughter
Feb 12 1874

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in 1870 and 1/4
in 1871. 380
state that the road

we were able to keep
the estimate for the
Palace about in check
and it finished without
altering any facts.

Mr 3433/74.

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- hanging letter, he deemed it advisable that the estimate should be left undisturbed.

2. On the 23rd February 1874, letter No 204, I pointed out to the District Engineer, after having inspected the building, that although it will not be advisable to revise all the rates in the estimate, yet a reduction may be made in a few, such as brick work, flooring, asphalt. I also pointed out that there would not be any difficulty in carrying out the repairs to the walls and roofs, but that I had some doubt as to the levels of the new floors. I therefore requested ^{him} to have levels carefully taken of the floors as they are, and as they are intended to be, and with reference to the ground outside.

3. The revised estimate has not yet been received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed. Servt.

E A Mrd Colonel Rb.
Inspecting Engineer for
Civl & Milly Buildings.

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District Engineer's Office
 Philadelphia District
 Camp Philadelphia
 July 1874
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Friend The District Engineer
 Philadelphia
 To The Chief Engineer
 D. P. H.

Sir: With reference to your
 Memo. No 1127 of the 11th July
 1874. I have the honor to forward
 enclosed systematic for the conversion
 of the late Hancock's Palace
 into Public offices.

2 Regarding the levels of the
 main floors relative to the ground
 level outside I beg to remark
 that at the time Colonel Ford
 inspected the building the demo-
 lition had only just commenced
 and it then appeared that some

P. M. 1874 Del.
 No. 3433

The District Engineer
 for Lewis & Clark Monument

To the Chief Engineer
 D. P. H.

No 802

Start 5th
 June 1874
 Des 8th
 Des 11th

Approved certain information
 regarding the water in the
 reservoir for the Public
 Palace at Washington

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difficulty might occur in fixing the levels of the new floors, but no difficulty has fortunately occurred. Mr. Chisholm has twice visited the building since Colonel Ford inspected it and expressed himself satisfied regarding the levels of the different floors.

3 The rates in the revised estimate have been carefully checked by the actual cost of the work as being carried out and so cannot be further reduced.

4. The revised estimate exceeds that submitted by Mr. Chisholm this is owing to certain alterations which were found to be necessary, the chief of which are noted below.

Provision of Sheridan's room
20. of a Treasury
Providing 23 doors & 11 windows in species of those provided in the original estimate.
21. Ornamental Plastering
Ornate cut stone steps not provided for in the original estimate.
Demolishing & removing debris in excess of the amount indicated in the original estimate.
Relative of para 2 of G.O. 1266 of 11 May 1874. I beg to state that the extra masonry alluded to is employed on other duties in the Indian Policy Office, it being impossible for one person to look after both the Sault Ste. Marie as well as the Connaught Sault Ste. Marie Cantonment. As the Supervisor Sack has hitherto been looking after the Palace work at present however the Conductor Sack is looking after

As per G.O. 1266 of 11 May 1874

Apparently omitted by oversight in Mr. Chisholm's estimate

Revised to Rev 4 22 July 74

Offs Dept Engineer

Public Works Department
Pro: of the Madras Government
Read the following
From The Inspr Engr for } (H. E. No 1566 of 26 Oct/70)
Buildings }
do do - (" " " 803 of June/71)
do do - (" " " 415 of July/71)
St Engr Richmond

The revised estimate
submitted with the letter
amounting to Rs 36,200
for converting the old
Palace at Trichinopoly
into Public Offices is
sanctioned.

It is observed that
the estimate recorded
with G. O. No. 2832 dated
32 November 1843, and
which included pro-
vision for a Post Office
which is expunged
from

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from the revised
estimate amounted
to Rs 33,846 only;
but it is explained
that the original esti-
mates ^{omitted} to take into
account certain al-
terations which were
subsequently found
to be necessary. The
principal of these are
noted in para 4 of the
District Engineer's letter
and are accepted. But
when estimates are
exceeded to so great an
extent as that under
notice a comparative
statement should in-
variably be submitted
with

Meanwhile an Ab-
stract Statement is
recorded with this
order, for infor-
mation -

with detailed explana-
tions of the causes of
difference. The District
Engineer will observe
this rule in future.

The Budget pro-
vision for the work
is Rs 15,000 with an
expenditure of Rs 6543
during the past official year.

Adverting to para 5
it is observed that the
District Engineer is
himself to blame for
permitting to raise the
staff of Overseers to the
authorized strength.

Conductor Jack Rice's
promotion to Supervisor

Conversion of the late Spanish Palace into public offices at Mercurio.

	Original estimate	Revised estimate	Excess	Decrease
District Municipality Court	6,494	6,440	"	354
Public Butchery	10,008	12,080	2,072	"
Registrar's Office	2,284	"	"	2,284
do. Notary and Deputies	5,198	5,960	762	"
Post Office	1819	2,600	781	"
Police Station and Police	3,468	3,195	"	273
General Station	442	740	"	298
Police Station	3,496	"	"	3,496
Boarding House and approaches	"	3,150	3,150	"
Repairing compound wall	"	2,035	2,035	"
Lowering ground	"	"	"	"
Forming roadway	"	2,035	2,035	"
Consolidating	"	"	"	"
Carrying away debris	33,845	36,200	2,355	"
Funerals and contingencies	33,845	33,845	0	6445
	Sumo	2,355	8800	

To the D. E. Trachinofsky
 " Controller with Estimate
 " Chief Architect
 " Judicial Dept
 Revenue

1 Copy despatched to him 22/8/74.

is a permanent
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 ates a vacancy of Can-
 tonment Overseer.

[Faint handwritten notes, mostly illegible]

The Estimate sent
 State to Govt

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 30/1/74, 31/1/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Dist. Insp.
Trichinopoly

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 1

G. O. 18 Aug 1874, No. 2293

No. 179-182.

Conversion of the late
Nawab's Palace into
Public Offices at Trich
inopoly -

The revised Estimate
amounting to Rs- 36,200
for the work sanctioned
with remarks —