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4th February 1874.*

No. 82. Read the following endorsement of the Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Chepauk, 7th January 1874, No. 17 :—

From Captain H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, dated Tanjore, 16th December 1873, No. 929.

I HAVE the honour to report an excess of Rupees 680-10-8 on the estimate for Rupees 12,520 for constructing a Telegraph Office at Negapatam. This work was completed when I joined the district, and I thought it best to wait until I received the bill from the Range Officer before reporting on it, as until then I could not report in detail regarding it. I regret to add that it was not until December that I was able to get Mr. Hall, the Range Officer, to forward me the bill, and then it had to be returned for information.

2. The bill now forwarded shows the excesses and savings; the items that call for remark are as follow :—First, brickwork estimated at $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas, cost As. $2-8\frac{1}{2}$, the excess being Rupees 496-8-8. The reason of this excess is that, owing to a change of site, some of the materials had to be recarted, and chiefly to the fact of country bricks being used, as no other bricks were available. Excavation of foundations, Rupees 44-6-5; this is accounted for by rain.

Sundries and contingencies, Rupees 100-6-0, caused by the pay of extra establishment necessary in consequence of no Overseer being available for the work.

Planting hedge, not required, owing to, it is believed, the change of site.

Wall plates, etc., Rupees 110. This was not allowed for in the original estimate. Mr. Hall reports that by order of Major Hasted wall plates and six extra joists were put into the work, being a total of $28\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet of teakwood, the cost of which was Rupees 110. Mr. Hall is unable to show any written order for this, but says that there was a memorandum ordering this written on a plan which cannot be found. I think there is no doubt but that Major Hasted gave the order, but did so not anticipating any excess over the estimate.

3. The reason of the great excess of the cost of the work over the estimate is, I may say, entirely owing to the increased cost of the brickwork, and this is due to small bricks having been used. This should have been reported long ago, and I cannot find in the office any report of it; the charge is, I think, a legitimate one, and I request therefore you will ask Government to pass it. I regret that this has not been brought to the notice of Government before; the reason is that Mr. Hall appears to consider that he may, without question, exceed an estimate by 5 per cent., and this he has done without reporting the matter in many cases. I have also had great difficulty in getting him to submit the bills for completed works, and this has been the case with regard to this work.

FORWARDED to Government, through the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

1 Completion Report.

2. The change of site was approved in G. O., No. 366, dated 6th February 1872; and the revised estimate of Rupees 12,520, sanctioned in G. O., No. 971, dated 13th April 1872.

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3. Major Hasted states that he has no distinct recollection of ordering the wood-work referred to, but believes Mr. Hall's statement to be quite correct, and adds that the District Engineer of Tanjore has related the circumstances of the case accurately.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Inspecting Engr. for Civil and Military Buildings.

No. 6,502.

THE excess (Rupees 680-10-8) herein reported agrees with that shown in the books of this office, and has been admitted conditionally pending sanction and allotment of funds.

MADRAS,
8th January 1874.

(Signed) T. MOSS,
Offg. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1874, No. 274.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

It is observed that the excess of Rupees 680 on the Telegraph Office at Negapatam is about 5½ per cent. over the sanctioned estimate and is principally due to increase in the rates for brick-work, to additional wood-work not originally provided for, and to the cost of superintendence.

2. Under the explanations afforded, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the excess to cover which an allotment of funds will be made later in the year.

3. The delay however in reporting the matter to Government is not satisfactory; for which Mr. Hall, the Range Officer, is held accountable.

4. He has already incurred the displeasure of Government and suffered in promotion in consequence; and is admonished to be more careful henceforth to act in conformity with the rules of the department. Special half-yearly reports of his behaviour, commencing from 1st January 1874, will be resumed.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
,, Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No 929- District Engineer's Office
Tanjore 16th December 1873.
From
Captain H. R. Mead, R.E.
District Engineer of Tanjore
To
Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for Civil &
Military Buildings, Madras
Sir,
I have the honor to report an excess of Rs 680-10-8 on the estimate for Rs 12520 for constructing a Telegraph Office at Negapatam, this work was completed when I joined the District and I thought it best to wait until I received the bill from the Range Officer before reporting on it as until then I could not report in detail regarding it. I regret to add that it was not until December that I was able to get Mr. Hall, the Range Officer, to forward me the bill and then it had to be returned for information.

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Signed / H. R. Mead, Capt. R.E.
District Engineer

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Civil & Mil. Buildings
K 7 Jan'y, 1874.

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

To,

The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.
through the Controller of P. Works
Accounts.

No 6502

The Excess (Rs 680/10/8) herein reported agrees with that shown in the books of this Office and has been admitted conditionally pending sanction and allotment of funds

Madras
& James R. H.

James
Off. Secy to the Secy

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Under date the January 1874
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From the Inspry Engrs for Building / H. C. No 929 7/7 January 1874

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Jezapatnam - 11/1/74

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To The District Commr.
Tanjore.

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G. O.,

4th Feb. 1874.

Nos. 82 & 83

Telegraph Office at Nagapattinam. Paying orders
for the subject of the
excess expenditure on
the Telegraph Office.