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No. 214. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th January 1874, No. 6,703:—

WITH reference to paragraph 9, clause 1 of the chapter of the Code relating to the general duties of District Engineers, I have the honour to inquire whether the limit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in respect to Extraordinary Works may be applied by District Engineers to the total sanctioned amount of a project composed of several estimates, or whether the power to sanction extra expenditure within that limit should be confined to *each* estimated.

2. I ask the above question with reference to Item 9* of the current Budget of the Irrigation Department. One of the estimates† making up the sum of Rupees 4,14,193 entered in the Budget for this project was originally sanctioned for Rupees 13,000 and a revised estimate in excess of that amount by Rupees 3,267 was subsequently sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer. The revised estimate was sanctioned on the distinct understanding that the savings on other items of the same project would cover the excess, and I have no reason to suppose that this expectation will not be fulfilled, but I deem it right to ask the Government whether or no the rule above mentioned has been correctly applied. I may add that the revised estimate in question has been exceeded by Rupees 866, and the work not yet finished apparently.

3. When revised estimates are actually prepared, and there is time to get sanction to them before completion of work, I think it would be a good arrangement to require the submission of such estimates to Government, or to the Chief Engineer, even though the excess over the original estimates may be within the power of District Engineers to sanction.

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1874, No. 627.

ACCOUNT, No. 8.

THE Government are of opinion that it is necessary that the powers of District Engineers to sanction extra expenditure on works under execution from Loan Funds, within $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the estimates, must be restricted to each estimate of a project. The power is given to allow of constructive details, which may not finally have been determinable until the works were carried out, being altered at the discretion of District Engineers. No radical alterations of design or arrangements are covered by paragraph 9 of the chapter of the Code on the duties of District Engineers.

2. With regard to the particular case reported in paragraph 2 of the Controller's letter, the District Engineer will apply for such supplemental sanction to the estimated amount of Rupees 13,000 for the head sluice of Ryves' Canal as may be necessary, explaining to what causes the increased cost is due, and stating from

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what savings on other work, if such be the case, this additional expenditure can be met.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Inspecting Engineers.
„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Office of the Controller of Public Works Accounts
Fort Saint George 18 Jan^y 1874.

N^o 6703

From
The Off^r Controller of Public Works Accounts
To
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to para 9
Clause 1 of the Chapter of the Code relating
to the General duties of District Engineers,
I have the honor to enquire whether the
limit of 2½ per cent in respect to Extraneous
Works may be applied by District Engineers
to the total sanctioned amount of a project
composed of several Estimates, or whether the
power to sanction Extra Expenditure within
that limit should be confined to each Esti-
mate.

2. I ask the above question
Ryres Channel with reference to item 9 of the current Budget
of the Irrigation Department. One of
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the Estimates making up the sum of Rs. 4,14,193 entered in the Bud. get for this project was originally sanctioned for Rs. 13,000 and a revised Estimate in Excess of that amount by Rs. 3267 was subsequently sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer. The Revised Estimate was sanctioned on the distinct understanding that the savings on other items of the same project would cover the Excess and I have no reason to suppose that this expectation will not be fulfilled, but I deem it right to ask the Government whether or no the rule above mentioned, has been correctly applied.. I may add that the Revised Estimate in question has been exceeded by Rs. 66 and the work not yet finished apparently..

3. When Revised Estimates are actually prepared and there is time to get sanction to them before completion of

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work, I think it would be a good arrangement to require the submission of such Estimates to Government or to the Chief Engineer even though the excess over the original Estimates may be within the power of District Engineers to sanction..

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

J. M.
Offy. Controller, P. W. Dept.

E. B. K.

I think the District Engineer should be called on for immediate report - and if I understand the matter right early attention is required to restrict this indiscriminate sanction all round.

I gather that a work was sanctioned by Government, the cost of which was to be Rs. 18000. The Superintending Engineer apparently without sanction

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Mr. C. J. 23
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Engineer whether the limit of 2 1/2 percent in respect to Grants. many works may be approved by District Engineer

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Sanction passed
a Supplemental
Estimate for Rs. 8,267
(upwards of 25 per cent
Excess) making the
whole Rs. 16,267. This
has been decided
though the plan for
passing the Supplemental
Estimate was that
it would prove practically
a mere substitution of
part of the original
Estimate and that
on the whole the
Government Sanction
would not be required.

I beg that this
matter may be fully
reported on. The
suggestion contained

in the last Para
should be transformed
into a G. O.
for Mr.

Memorandum

I think the Hon^{ble} Mr. Robinson's remarks on the draft order regarding the Ryves channel head sluice have been written under a misconception - The Superintending Engineer appears to have taken action upon the powers conferred by the Code in good faith, and the Controller himself considered an interpretation to that effect necessary, if those powers were to be restricted in the manner laid down in the draft order.

The report which Mr Robinson desires is in effect called for in para 2 of the draft, and will of course come before Government. I believe that the explanation of screw cost will be satisfactory, and that this is due to screw gearing having been provided for working the shutters - On the main Ryves Canal below the head sluice there had been a large saving on the

It is suggested
appears to
have been
shown this
call merely
as a suggestion
I am showing
allowed the
board should
it will.

Also, half
of the

estimate at the time of my recent visit

With the restriction laid down in the draft I do not think that District Engineers should be required to ask sanction within the powers given them. As it is, the business to be disposed of is more than can be got through, and no benefit would, it seems to me result from endeavouring to exercise a supervision over details which can be determined only on the spot, and which must generally be carried out in anticipation of sanction if this latter be deemed requisite

by 12/4/74

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Read the following:—

from the Dy. Controller, P.W. Dept. (H.E. No. 6703 of 17 Jan/74)

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(more)

were carried out, being allowed
at the discretion of District
Engineers. No radical alterations
of design or arrangements are
covered by para 9 of the Chapter
of the Code on the duties of
District Engineers.

2. With regard to the
particular case reported in
para 2 of the Controller's
letter, the District Engineer
should apply for such
supplemental sanction to
the estimated amount of
Rs. 13,000 for the Head
slice of Ryne's Canal as
may be necessary, explaining
to what causes the increased
cost is due, and stating
from what savings on other
works, if such be the case, this

Orders are by passed
to the public works
the Controller's letter
accept of the full report
of the full report
& notice in the letter

Thank the D. E. who called
on for immediate report - and
I understood the matter
arise early attention to the
District - his under
criminal sanction
all required
I have had a war
was sanctioning for
the cost of which was
to 13000 - The D. E. & I
apparently without sanction
passes a supplemental sanction
of Rs. 3,267 (which is 25% of Rs. 13,000)
making the whole of 16,267. The
to has been explained - the
plan of passing the Supplemental
estimate was that it was more
practically a mere substitution of
part of the original estimate & that
on the whole the Gov. sanction
was not a supplementary
but the matter may be fully reported

This additional expenditure
can be met.

by 25/1/24

C.M.W.

Atty General
Ch: Secy for Govt
Controller

Desp. 13/3/24

The Supplemental sanction is the
last form to be passed from
to a Govt.

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The Dist. Engineer.

Date

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Passing orders on
the subject of the excess
outlay on the Head Sluice
of Ryves' Canal and the
powers of District Engin^{rs}
to sanction extra ex-
penditure on Works under
execution from Loan
Funds -

From the
District Engineer
to the
District Engineer

For the
District Engineer

For the
District Engineer