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Read the following letters —

No 546. From W HUGHES, Esq, Assistant Engineer in charge of District Engineer's Office, Tinnevely, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 12th July 1876, No 62

I REGRET having to submit a revised estimate for repairs to the Camp Jail at Palamcottah As will be seen from

1 Comparative Statement the comparative statement, the excess is
1 Abstract Estimate only in rates The sanctioned estimate

Estimate sanctioned in G O, No 1,444, of 10th June 1876, Rupees 1,600 was prepared when the work was nearly
Revised Estimate, Rupees 1,81. completed, but it appears that when making
up the total expenditure and striking the

rates a sum of about Rupees 200, for which bills had been given to contractors but which had not been paid, was omitted

2 With this explanation, I beg the revised estimate may be sanctioned.

No. 546-A. From W HUGHES, Esq, Acting District Engineer, Tinnevely, to Colonel W FAREWELL, Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Puthucudy, 10th August 1876, No 70.

IN reply to your memorandum, No T-651, of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to point out that it was explained in this

1 Copy of Bill for Rupees 193-9-9. office letter, No 106,* of 26th May, to the
1 Data, &c Inspector-General of Jails that no reli-
*Published with G O, No 1,444, of 10th June ble estimate could be prepared for the

jail repairs until the work was well advanced, and it became possible to say exactly what the work would cost This explanation was accepted by the Government as sufficient

2 The work was nearly complete before the estimate could be made The actual cost up to that time being known for each item, also the probable cost of the work that remained, it was obvious that to make the estimate to represent as accurately as possible the quantities and cost of work, the best course was to add the expenditure up to the time the estimate was made and the future estimated expenditure, and to strike the rates from the amounts thus obtained

3 The last estimate sent you cannot, I think, be considered a revised estimate in the usual sense of the term It is merely the sanctioned estimate with a couple of clerical errors corrected These errors were detected almost immediately after the estimate for Rupees 1,600 was submitted from this office; but sometime elapsed before I could go through the accounts thoroughly and see that the corrections reported necessary were really so, and that there were no others to be made. The charges omitted were—

	RS	A	P
Roof materials, &c, as per bill	193	9	9
Line not paid for	7	0	0
Sundries, straw, &c	2	12	0
Total	203	5	9

I send a copy of the bill for Rupees 193-9-9

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th August 1876. No. 2,235.*

4. The wall-plates and ties are generally estimated as a separate item. In the estimate last sent in they are included under "roofing". The old wall-plates were used as rafters and new ones supplied, viz, 1,340 cubic yards value wrought and put up, Rupees 335. The actual cost of rafters and roof covering was Rupees 3-12-0 per square. As the best data which can be given I send an account of the actual quantities and value of old and new materials used and the labor employed. The rate is somewhat increased by the loss of some materials which were stolen. We could not check the depredations for sometime, as the materials were kept within the jail enclosure where we were not allowed to keep watchmen. The thief when detected was severely punished.

5. I forward also data for three descriptions of roofing. That of the jail is chiefly of the second, partly of the first description. The rate for whitewashing needs no explanation. It is still only half the usual rate, as the convicts supplied nearly all the labor required.

No. 547.

ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1876, No. 2,235

CIVIL WORKS, No 51.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council declines to pass a larger sum for the repairs of the Camp Jail at Palamcottah than that sanctioned in G.O., No. 1,444, of 10th June. The District Engineers' letters and their enclosures contain most contradictory statements of the causes of excess. Two so called estimates are submitted, one of Rupees 1,800 and one of Rupees 1,817. Roofing is shown in them at three different prices, viz, Rupees 3-12-0, Rupees 4-4-0, and Rupees 4-14-0. Timber is reckoned in one of the estimates by the square yard. A bill of Rupees 193-9-9, on which Rupees 164 had actually been paid, is said to have been omitted in making up the first estimate when the work was all but completed. The comparative statement shows differences for whitewashing and sundries, which are quite different from the charges for lime and sundries stated in the second letter to have been omitted. Altogether the impression conveyed to the mind of His Grace the Governor in Council is that the accounts of the work have been very badly kept, and that those of the range require overhauling at the hands of the Examiner Public Works Accounts. The District Engineer will recover all excess expenditure over the sanction of 10th June from the individuals whom he considers responsible for neglect to make themselves acquainted with the real details of outlay incurred when they prepared the estimate then disposed of.

(True Extract)

Colonel,

Offg Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Tinnevely
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts
" Judicial Department

Exd E C Shunker

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No 2235 Public Works Department
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the 24 Aug 76

Read the following —

*From
The Asst. Dist Engineer,
Tinnevely
Do — Do — (H.C. No. 62 of 12th July 1876)
Do — Do — (H.C. No. 10 of 10th Aug 76)*

This Grace the Governor in Council declines to pass a larger sum for the repairs of the Camp Jail at Palamcottah than that sanctioned in G.O. No. 1444 of 10th June. The District Engineers letters and their enclosures contain most contradictory statements of the causes of excess. 2 estimates are submitted, one of Rs. 1800 and one of Rs. 1817. Roofing is shown in them at three different prices, viz, Rs. 3-12-0, Rs. 4-4-0 and Rs. 4-14-0. Timber is reckoned in one of the estimates by the square yard. A Bill of Rs. 193-9-9, on which Rs. 164 had actually been paid, is said to have been omitted in making up the first estimate when the work was

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stated in the 2nd but have
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Although the impression
conveyed to the mind of
this Office the Commission
Opinion is that the accounts
of the work have been
very badly kept and that
those of the Ranger's office
over hauling at the hands
of the Superintendent Public
Works accounts. The District
Engineer will receive all
excess expenditures over the
sanctions of 10th June from
the individuals whom he
considers responsible for
neglect to make themselves
acquainted with the
details of outlay incurred
when they prepared the
estimate then disposed of.

20th July/47

W. A. E. E. E. C. 1876
District Engineer
Surrey
By M. A. E. E. C. 1876
Medical Department
Depd 12/47

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MEMORANDUM.

Letter Number

62

dated the

12 July 1876

from the District Engineer of

Simmsville

The head of the Estimating
at striking rates after a month
has been completed is being
by the letter suggested referring
further explanation and
the best Engineer's person
as to submit data for the
Rising and then items
to show the increase
showing increase in rates
and the necessity of
a second Revised Estimate
Copies of the 1st Estimate
to be sent to the Engineer
should also be furnished
as per the September
attached is so satisfactory
that further simply
the information which
for execution is better
proposed

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Colt. of 1857-58
PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. W. E. Linnardly

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Camp Jail at
Palamcottah, Sumatra

Dr. Passing orders on
the census of Climate
for repairs to the

1865-66
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