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No. 415, Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 1st February 1877, No. 40 E.I. :—

I SHALL feel obliged if you will be so good as to obtain the orders of Government as to the procedure to be followed in cases in which District Engineers, under the authority vested in them, sanction modifications of estimates originally sanctioned by Government.

2. At present when such revised estimates are sanctioned by District Engineers no communication is made to this office, and the consequence is that in some cases a good deal of confusion is caused by Executive Officers and District Engineers quoting in their accounts and correspondence, as the amounts of sanctioned estimates, sums regarding which this office has no knowledge; whilst in other cases this office, in spite of the revision of the estimate, continues to audit against the amount originally sanctioned.

3. As an instance in point I may refer to a case in which the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, or the District Engineer, with the approval of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, sanctioned a revised estimate of Rupees 10,490 instead of an estimate of Rupees 17,890 originally sanctioned by Government, for improvements to the head sluice of the main canal, Godavery Eastern Delta Division. In this case for ten months this office was not aware of the change, and of course continued to audit against the amount sanctioned by Government.

4. If revision of an estimate is found to be necessary during the execution of a work, or before its commencement, the revised estimate should, I think, be formally sanctioned, registered, and communicated to this office in the monthly return of sanctioned estimates, the original estimate being noted as cancelled. At the same time I think that such formal revision should not be made except on account of radical changes of design or a great rise or fall of rates. Trifling alterations of design can be treated as authorized deviations from the sanction, and trifling increases of rates are provided for in every estimate under 'contingencies.'

No. 416. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1877, No. 533.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

THE question raised by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts will be referred to the Code Committee assembled under G.O., No. 3,356, dated 23rd November 1875, for disposal.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Code Committee.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON,

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

FOR IRRIGATION.

NO. 40. E. I.

FORT ST. GEORGE. 1ST. FEBRUARY. 1877.

SIR,

I SHALL FEEL OBLIGED IF YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO OBTAIN THE ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT AS TO THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASES IN WHICH DISTRICT ENGINEERS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THEM, SANCTION MODIFICATIONS OF ESTIMATES ORIGINALLY SANCTIONED BY GOVERNMENT.

2. AT PRESENT WHEN SUCH REVISED ESTIMATES ARE SANCTIONED BY DISTRICT ENGINEERS NO COMMUNICATION IS MADE TO THIS OFFICE, AND THE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT IN SOME CASES A GOOD DEAL OF CONFUSION IS CAUSED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS QUOTING IN THEIR ACCOUNTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, AS THE AMOUNTS OF SANCTIONED ESTIMATES, SUMS REGARDING WHICH THIS OFFICE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE; WHILST IN OTHER CASES THIS OFFICE IN SPITE OF THE REVISION OF THE ESTIMATE CONTINUES TO AUDIT AGAINST THE AMOUNT ORIGINALLY SANCTIONED.

3. AS AN INSTANCE IN POINT I MAY REFER TO A CASE IN

WHICH THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION, OR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION, SANCTIONED A REVISED ESTIMATE OF RS. 10,490 INSTEAD OF AN ESTIMATE OF RS. 17,890 ORIGINALLY SANCTIONED BY GOVERNMENT, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEAD-SLUICE OF THE MAIN CANAL, GODAVERY EASTERN DELTA DIVISION. IN THIS CASE FOR TEN MONTHS THIS OFFICE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CHANGE, AND OF COURSE CONTINUED TO AUDIT AGAINST THE AMOUNT SANCTIONED BY GOVERNMENT.

4. IF REVISION OF AN ESTIMATE IS FOUND TO BE NECESSARY DURING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK, OR BEFORE ITS COMMENCEMENT, THE REVISED ESTIMATE SHOULD I THINK BE FORMALLY SANCTIONED, REGISTERED, AND COMMUNICATED TO THIS OFFICE IN THE MONTHLY RETURN OF SANCTIONED ESTIMATES THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BEING NOTED AS CANCELLED. AT THE SAME TIME I THINK THAT SUCH FORMAL REVISION SHOULD NOT BE MADE EXCEPT ON ACCOUNT OF RADICAL CHANGES OF DESIGN OR A GREAT RISE OR FALL OF RATES. TRIFLING ALTERATIONS OF DESIGN CAN BE TREATED AS AUTHORISED DEVIATIONS FROM THE SANCTION, AND TRIFLING INCREASES OF RATES ARE PROVIDED FOR IN EVERY ESTIMATE UNDER 'CONTINGENCIES'.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDE. SERV'T;

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FROM THE EXAMINER,
 P.W. ACCOUNTS.
 TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
 FOR IRRIGATION.

NO. 40. E. I.

DATED. 1ST. FEBY. 1877.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 17 Feb 77
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From the Ex. Mr. Ault (H.R. No. 2 of 17 Feb 77)

*The question raised
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*h. A. N. a. ✓
 Ch. E. for King ✓
 Code Committee ✓
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*Ans
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To *The Secy of P. W. Dept.*

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Estimates originally sanctioned by Govt. The question raised by the Managers of P. W. Dept. relative to the procedure to be followed in ^{Cases of modification} modifying —, ordered to be referred to the Code Committee

Govt. Secy