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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

9th May 1878, No. 2,102 W.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works

Read the following papers —

No. 98 From Major H R MEAD, R E, District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 17th July 1877, No 86

I REGRET much to have to report that I find there are serious excesses over the revised estimates for the Oolundoorpet Cutcherry and the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Trickalore, and as far as I can judge at present they will amount to Rupees 750 and Rupees 370 respectively.

Lieutenant Wiffen when he handed over charge to Mr. Bird did not bring this to notice either to him or myself, and I cannot understand his not being aware of such serious excesses. I have no doubt but that the comparative statements which were forwarded in No 211 of 14th and 207 of 3rd February 1877 to you and passed by Government in G Os, Nos 724 and 1,353, dated 2nd March and 20th April 1877, were incorrect, and should have shown far greater excesses than they did. I am having the accounts gone into as fast as practicable, and will as soon as I can send in a full report.

2 I find that the rates allowed for the doors and windows for the Police Superintendent's quarters at Trickalore have been largely exceeded, the estimated cost was about Rupees 570, Rupees 862 have been paid, making an excess of about Rupees 290 on this item, the rate for roofing also will be exceeded and therefore extra sanction will be required for this work

No 98-A From the same Officer, dated Parangan, 12th February 1878, No 300

In reply to your memorandum, No. 427, dated 23rd January 1878, inquiring when the result of the examination of the Oolundoorpet Cutcherry accounts may be expected, I have the honor to report that I regret much I have not been able to send in the report as I hoped to do with the final bill for the work as there are still some surplus materials to be disposed of. I trust, however, that I may be able to do this before the end of the month.

2 The revised estimate for Rupees 7,270, sanctioned in G O., No 724, dated 2nd March 1877, was, I regret to have to report, utterly incorrect, the work done has cost Rupees 436 in excess of this revised estimate, and to this has to be added an expenditure of Rupees 420-12-6 that has been incurred in the purchase of 239 palmyrah rafters that were not required for the work; a portion of these rafters have been sold at a loss, but there still remain 79 unsold, the loss on these rafters will probably be Rupees 250, but until they are disposed of the amount cannot be known

3 With regard to excess on the work, Rupees 436, there are great savings and excesses on different items, so much so that I cannot have any reliance on the accounts of the work; the item on which I may say the whole of the excess rests on is that of roofing, the accounts show the excess on this to be Rupees 692, the cost having been Rupees 37 a square against Rupees 29 the rate estimated for.

No 98-B From the same Officer, dated Mannargoody, 10th April 1878, No. 14

I HAVE the honor to forward the final bill for the Oolundoorpett Cutcherry; a copy of it has been sent to Revenue authorities for countersignature and will be forwarded to the Examiner

One completion certificate

2. I request that the orders of Government may be obtained on the great excess, Rupees 625-6-6, there is over the revised estimate for Rupees 7,270, sanctioned in G O, No 724, dated 2nd March 1877.

The revised estimate was forwarded with my letter, No. 211, dated 14th February 1877. The history of the work since that date is that it was under charge of Lieutenant Wiffen as Range Officer and Mr. Bird, Assistant Engineer, as Sub-Division Officer. The progress of the work was wretchedly slow, there were I know great difficulties in doing the work, Oolundoorpett being a very difficult place to collect skilled labor in, and as famine was bad there the difficulties were increased.

3 In June 1877 Lieutenant Wiffen was removed from the district. He handed over charge of the range to Mr. Bird, but, in doing so, did not bring it to the notice of Mr. Bird or myself. This was reported in my letter No. 86, dated 17th July 1877.

Mr. Bird, in charge of the range, made out a comparative statement for the work; but, owing to his having charge of the whole range (a heavy charge), was unable to complete it until the end of August, and then it was not correct. I thought, therefore, it best to wait until the work was completed and to forward the full report with the final bill. I regret much that the work was not completed and handed over until the month of September, and the bill is now only prepared—the last is due to certain materials not required having to be sold. Mr. Bird was unable to sell a portion of them, he was directed then to charge them to stock at fair rates; this was in February as reported in my letter, No 300, of 12th February.

Mr. Bird did not understand how to do this, and it was not until the end of March that I was able to meet him in his office and do it for him.

4. The bill, which is a comparative statement, shows the excesses and savings; they are as follows—

	Saving RS	Excess RS
(a) Roofing	144	691
(b) Flooring, deducting reduction on account of asphaltting	144	192
(c) Loss on sale of materials	113	
(d) Minor items which call for no remark	257	883

Total excess Rupees 626

5 With regard to the two first, roofing and flooring I cannot, but consider that some of the labor has been wrongly charged. There is no reason why there should have been such a saving on the flooring; and the amount of labor charged on the roofing is excessive.

I regret to say that Mr. Bird can give no satisfactory explanation of the great excess on roofing as Sub-officer. He had not access to the Range accounts, and Lieutenant Wiffen did not keep him informed, as I consider he should have done, with

regard to the cost of materials, &c, paid through the head office. (I believe Lieutenant Wiffen knew little or nothing about it himself)

The cost of the roofing, if the accounts are correct, has been Rupees 37-4-6 a square, the revised estimated rate was Rupees 28-12-9. The excess is in cost of rafters, tar, and labor; the cost of the rafters and tar should have been known to Lieutenant Wiffen when he prepared the statement in February 1877, and it should have then been brought to notice, the excess on labor is partly justified by the high rates paid to skilled labor to induce it to go to Oolundoorpett in time of the greatest distress.

I cannot but think, if the account had been properly gone into in February 1877 by Lieutenant Wiffen, a much higher rate for roofing would have been asked for and granted and that afterwards there would have been an excess within local sanction on account of the high cost of labor, &c

6 The third excess of Rupees 192 is a serious one; it is in consequence of palmyrah rafters being purchased for this work by Lieutenant Wiffen which were not required. Mr. Bird in his applications to the Range Officer made mistakes, and in one case at least an indent was repeated; the result was 239 rafters had to be sold at a loss, there being no use for them.

7. I regret much that, although I have endeavored to find out with whom the fault lay, I cannot do so, there is no doubt but that Mr. Bird was very irregular in asking for materials and Lieutenant Wiffen allowing the account to get into confusion. I must point out that these materials were not stolen, they were all found, but had to be sold at a great loss—palmyrahs that had cost Rupees 2 each were sold for Rupee 1.

8 I do not think I can hope to be able to give more information than I have above with regard to these three items, the other excesses and savings are shown in the bill and do not, I think, call for remark.

No 99 ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1878, No 2,102 W.

In May 1874 an estimate of Rupees 6,230 for building a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry with Subsidiary Jail at Oolundoorpett, in the South Arcot District, was sanctioned for execution by Government. In 1877 the District Engineer, having submitted a revised estimate amounting to Rupees 7,270, the Government, in sanctioning the increase, commented upon the causes which had led to it, and censured the Range Officer, Lieutenant Wiffen, for his neglect to press on the work and to check the irregularities then brought to their notice.

2. This order was passed in March last year, and four months afterwards Major Mead reported that there were discovered to be serious excesses over the revised estimate, and that the accounts were being gone into.

3 He now sends in a comparative statement showing that the revised estimate has been exceeded by Rupees 625-6-6, the estimated cost of the roofing having been found to be Rupees 691 too little, Rupees 192 having been lost on the sale of some palmyrah rafters ordered by mistake, and on the other side Rupees 144 having been saved on the item of flooring. The District Engineer considers that in the case of the flooring and roofing, some of the labor has been wrongly charged, as there is no sufficient reason for the saving on the one hand, and the excessive amount of labor, resulting in a large excess, on the other.

4 It was the District Engineer's duty personally to see that the confusion into which the accounts of the cutcherry had drifted during Lieutenant Wiffen's tenure of office was not permitted to continue under that officer's successor, Mr. Bird, who, being young and inexperienced, needed advice and guidance in carrying on work in a place where Major Mead himself admits labor and materials are not easily procurable.

5. The work having been completed in the last official year, it is unnecessary to provide funds on account of the excess expenditure, which is now sanctioned as an increase to the estimate.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E A FOORD, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Govt, P.W.D

(True Copy)

Major, R E.,
Under Secy to Govt, P W D.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts

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Corrected Estimate — The excess of the expenditure on the —, mentioned as an increase to the estimate with remarks.

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Distt Engrs Office South arc
Maddalore 17 July 1911

The District Engineer,
South West

The Chief Engineer
D. D. W.

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your most obedient servant

M. M. M. Major R. E.

District Engineer

Roads & Buildings

From
The District Engineer,
South Arcot

No. 86

Dated 17th
Decr 17th } July 1877
Recd

Enc. None.

Sub Magistrate's Cutcherry at
Colundoorpet, Deputy Collect-
or's Cutcherry and Police Spt.
Superintendent's Bungalows at
Trehaloo - Reporting that there
are serious excesses over the
revised Estimates of the two
former, and that the rates al-
lowed for the doors and windows
for the latter have been largely
exceeded, and that a full re-
port will be soon sent in upon
the matter

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D P W
SOUTH ARCOT No. 222

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Camp

Diangani

Dated

12 February 1878

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

SOUTH ARCOT

Roads & Buildings TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

D. P. W.

Enclosures

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M. M. M. Major P. E.

Dutt Engineer

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FROM DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SOUTH ARCOF

No 300

Dated 12th { February 1878
Despatched 14th {
Received

No. of Enclosures — None

Colondorpelt Catcherry
Reporting the cause of delay
in reporting the result of
the examination of the
accounts of the

To Advy. 2-5-78

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No 14 p.c. Dist Engrs Office South Arcot
Camp Mamangoody 10 April 78

From The District Engineer, ²¹⁰/₈
South Arcot,

To The Chief Engineer
D P W

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Buildings

Enclosed
Completion
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4 The bill which is a Comparative

Statement

Statement shows the excesses and savings.

They are as follows —

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(a) Roofing — — — — — Rs 691
(b) Flooring ^{deducting reduction on account of asphaltum} Rs 144 — — —
(c) Loss in sale of materials — — — — — Rs 192
(d) Minor items which call

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Total excess Rs 626. Rs 257 — — Rs 883

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The cost of the roofing of the accounts are correct has been Rs 37.4.6 a square, the revised estimated rate was Rs 28.12.9. The excess was cost of rafters, tar and labor, — the

C. No 4278/23 Jan'y/78
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 " - 724 - 2 March/77
 " - 1163 - 2 May/74

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From
 The District Engr.
 of South Arcot

No 11

Dated 10th April 1878
 Recd. 5th May 1878
 No 1

Colundowpet Butchery.
 Forwarding Completion Certificate
 of the same and explaining
 the cause of excess over the sanctioned Estimate.

To July 2.5.78

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 Murals

No 21024

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9 May/78

Read the following:—

From

The District Engr. S. Arcot (H.E. 1286 dt 17th July 1877)
 — do — do — (H.E. 300 - 12th Feb'y 1878)
 — do — do — (H.E. 114 - 10th April —)

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James W. H.
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Dist. Eng. - South Arcot,
Per P. W. Meets. V.

Ref-22-5-48

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[MADIAS FORM A II.]

1877-78.
Circulavie RANGE, South Creek DISTRICT.

Budget head of _____

Service and No. in Progress Report 61-1044

Completion Report on Construction & Sub. Investigated Culinary with other

Estimate Rs 7270-0-0 A. C. Colman & Co. Ltd.

Sanctioned by Goverment of B. & No. 724

On the 2nd March 1877

Commenced on the 1st January 1871 Completed on the 1st September 1877.

Last inspected on the 19th March 1878

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| Items. | As estimated for | | As executed | | Less than estimate, | | More than estimate | | Explanations of Saving or Excess. |
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| | Quantity | Amount | Quantity | Amount | Quantity | Amount | Quantity | Amount | |
| Brought forward | 1961.14 | 2365.10 | 271.21 | 880.00 | | | | | |
| Earthwork | 27 21 27 | 27 21 | | | | | | | |
| Some half finished | | | | | | | | | |
| and half constructed | 11 | 285.00 | 11 | 285.00 | | | | | |
| Iron barrel door | 1 | 260.00 | 1 | 260.00 | | | | | |
| Construction with iron | | | | | | | | | |
| gratings | 7 | 70.00 | | | 7 | 70.00 | | | |
| semicircular girder | | | | | | | | | |
| face light | 1 | 10.00 | 1 | 10.00 | | | | | |
| Barrels | 1 | 2.00 | 1 | 2.00 | | | | | |
| Asphalting | 7 1/2 | 119.25 | 7 1/2 | 119.25 | | | | | |
| Excavation & Superintendence | 1928.00 | 517.00 | | | | | | | |
| | 1928.00 | 517.00 | | | | | | | |
| <u>Balance for Bridges</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Stone masonry | 14 | 22.00 | 14 | 22.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation masonry | 14 1/2 | 79.00 | 14 1/2 | 81.00 | | | | | |
| Shoring masonry | | | | | | | | | |
| excavation masonry | 15 1/2 | 55.00 | 12 1/2 | 34.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation with wall masonry | 2 | 5.00 | 2 | 10.00 | | | | | |
| Asphalting floor | 2 | 30.00 | 2 | 15.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation masonry | 3 1/2 | 45.00 | 3 1/2 | 45.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation with masonry | | | | | | | | | |
| Excavation | 2 1/2 | 15.00 | 2 1/2 | 15.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation masonry | 2 1/2 | 15.00 | 2 1/2 | 15.00 | | | | | |
| Excavation foundation | 9 | 10.00 | 9 | 10.00 | | | | | |
| | 285.00 | 22.00 | 249.00 | 148.00 | | | | | |

These figures were changed to the estimate for the building built at Yollacumassore.

Asphalting by Contractor & Engineer in separate estimate No 101 1-1

Remarks by Range Officer.

I do hereby certify, after personal inspection and measurement, that the work entered in this Report has been executed to the extent noted, in a substantial manner, and of the best materials as provided for in the Estimate.

Dated _____ Range Officer.

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As estimated for As executed.

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Latrine for females

Stone in Channam

Each in Channam

Plaster in street wall

White washings

Plaster with wall bricks

Plastering floor

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Roofing with plaster

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