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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th December 1879, No. 3,198 W.

General Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 49. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. CRYSTIE, R.E., Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 30th August 1879, No. 901 K.S.

In reply to your No. 2,779, of the 19th instant, I have the honor to report that I am unable to give any information on the first two of the points raised.

2. Regarding materials at site I inquired in the office of the Western Delta Division, but nothing was known on the subject, and I directed Mr. Wybrow to make inquiries.

3. It was after I had completed my investigation in the office of the Kistna Western Delta, that I learnt at the Workshop of the Kistna Eastern Delta that money was still due for the work, a fact not known in the Kistna Western Delta, or at all events not mentioned to me, and which did not appear in any of the correspondence or accounts I had seen. The amount actually due could not be clearly stated, and as I had already come to the conclusion that the entanglement could only be solved by the Examiner and his Accountants, I took no further steps on this point.

4. It did not occur to me to inquire whether any more work was required to the building, as it had been reported completed in 1876.

5. Your letter under reply has been sent to the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Delta Division, for report.

No. 49-A. From the same Officer, dated Dowlaishweram, 17th November 1879, No. 1,313 K.S.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a revised estimate of Rs. 6,456 for the construction of the Répalle sub-jail, submitted by the Executive Engineer, Western Delta, Kistna, to which I have added the following sums:—

One Revised Estimate.
„ copy of Comparative Statement.

	Rs.
Recoveries made from expenditure of 1869 and 1870 made in 1870, 1872 and 1873, but added by Examiner to expenditure on building	2,035
Value of material at site used for other works	131
	2,196 + 6,456
	8,652

and as the amount of the sanctioned estimate was Rs. 5,220 the sum to be now sanctioned is Rs. 3,432.

2. In my No. 792, of the 9th August, I explained that the expenditure on the sub-jail, incurred before the work was stopped by order of Government in April 1870, had all been recovered, but having been credited to Revenue, the Examiner refused to relieve the work when it was recommenced. This item of Rs. 2,065 is, therefore, only a nominal excess, the Government having already been refunded the whole of it in cash.

3. In the letter quoted in last paragraph, I reported that the accounts showed materials at site of the jail to the value of Rs. 232-8-8, but the Executive Engineer now reports that only 543 lbs. of asphalte, value Rs. 23, is forthcoming. Of the difference bricks to the value of Rs. 131 were used in repairing the Kolloor rest-house and Penumoodi calingula, for which no estimates were sanctioned, the labor employed being charged to channel clearances, whilst teak-wood to the value of Rs. 17-8-0 and carpenters' hire amounting to Rs. 61-2-6 had been erroneously retained as materials at site, and have only now been charged to their proper sub-heads. I have considered it expedient, under the circumstances, to leave the Rs. 131 as a charge against the work.

4. The Executive Engineer now reports that the discrepancies I noticed between the divisional accounts and the comparitive statement were due to inter-transfers between sub-heads not booked in the former. The divisional accounts have been corrected and the two now agree.

5. The only debt now due by the work is one of Rs. 847-10-2 to the Bezvada Workshop for wood supplied. Appropriation of this sum is requested.

6. The Executive Engineer has submitted a comparative statement showing the sanction and expenditure by sub-heads, the total excess thus arrived at being Rs. 1,236, the principal items being :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Brick in chunam excess	204	6	3
Do. on edge	193	3	9
Teak-wood	847	10	2

Explanation regarding the cause of the excess on the first two sub-heads are given in the comparative statement, and I have no means of now knowing whether these excuses are satisfactory. Regarding the teak-wood the rate of Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 3 per cubic foot for teak-wood wrought and put up, as estimated in 1873, was certainly insufficient in 1876. The teak-wood at the Workshop actually cost from Rs. 3-2-6 to Rs. 3-8-8, which is probably high for the time, but considerably below what it could now be done for, whilst the amounts paid in the range for putting up the wood-work are absurdly high, and not, in my opinion covered by the statement, put forward at a subsequent date, that the wood as sent for the shops was very rough.

7. Sub-Engineer Mr. D. Carlier is responsible for all excesses in rates, and mainly responsible for the delay in settling the accounts.

Mr. Norris, under whom the Répalle Range passed in 1874, should have reported as above long ago, and he is specially to blame in having, on the 9th March 1878, sent on to the Superintending Engineer's Office a comparative statement the details of which in no way corresponded with the expenditure on the work, as shown by the books in his office.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hasted, Superintending Engineer, was in charge of the Kistna District only until the 28th September 1878, and should have insisted on these accounts being cleared up. He must have known from the repeated Government Orders that there was some difficulty about this.

The Accounts branch of this department is, in my opinion, most seriously to blame in that they addressed the Government thirty-seven times regarding the nominal excess of Rs. 2,065 on this estimate, whereas they should have known that it was only a book excess created by the Examiner's own order.

8. As I particularly requested that the Assistant Examiner might be directed, when he visited the Kistna Western Delta Office to thoroughly overhaul the accounts of this work, the Government may receive further particulars from that office.

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No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1879, No. 3,198 W.

WITH his letters above recorded the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, submits a revised estimate in the shape of a comparative statement, amounting to Rs. 8,652, for the subsidiary Jail at Répalle in the Kistna District.

2. It is observed that the outlay on this work is in excess of the estimate originally sanctioned for it* by Rs. 3,432, and that the excess has been reported as objectionable in the monthly statements of objectionable items submitted to Government by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, since April 1876.

* *Vide* G.O., No. 285, dated 31st March 1874.

3. Of this excess the sum of Rs. 2,036 is explained to be nominal, as it represents the recoveries from the expenditure on the sub-jail incurred before the work was stopped by order of Government in 1870, and which were credited to Revenue instead of to the work. The principal items of real excess are the following :—

	RS.
Brick in chunam	204
Brick on edge	193
Teak-wood	848

The cause of excess in regard to the first two items is stated to be due to the difficulty of procuring bricks of suitable quality in the neighbourhood, and the consequent necessity for obtaining them from a distance of eight miles and upwards, that on the third item to the insufficiency of the rates as originally estimated. The total real excess is Rs. 1,245, or 24 per cent. on the original estimate of Rs. 5,220.

4. Mr. Sub-Engineer D. Carlier is stated to be responsible for all excesses in rates, and mainly responsible for the delay in settling the accounts.

The Superintending Engineer will call upon Mr. Carlier for any explanation he may have to offer in the matter.

5. The irregularity brought to notice in this connection in regard to Mr. Norris, will be taken into account in dealing with his case now under the consideration of Government.

6. It is observed that the excess was made to appear much more serious than was really the case, by the action of the Accounts branch in including the sum of Rs. 2,036, referred to in paragraph 3 of this order, without any remark or explanation to show that this sum was a mere book-entry and in no sense represented real expenditure on the work.

7. With reference to paragraph 8, it is remarked that a special report by the Assistant Examiner Mr. Barrow on the accounts of this work was communicated to the Superintending Engineer with G.O., No. 2,801 W., dated 6th November 1879.

8. With a view of closing the accounts of the work an appropriation of Rs. 848 is made from the Provincial Reserve to meet the sum due on account of materials supplied by the Bezvada Workshop.

9. With these remarks, the revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 8,652, is sanctioned. The sanction has been registered as special No. 48 B., of 1879-80.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, with Comparative Statement.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with estimate.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of 11879t Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 13th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 13th December 1879, No. 3,198 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 49-50.

Sub-jail at Répalle.—Passing orders on the revised estimate for —

No 901 R.S. Superintending Engineer's Office
1st Circle- Dowlaiswaram
2/ 30th August 1879.

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From

The Superintending Engineer
First Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. department
Madras.

Sir

In reply to your Circ No 2779 of the 19th Instant, I have the honor to report that I am unable to give any information on the first two of the points raised.

2. Regarding materials at site I enquired in the office of the Western Delta division but nothing was known on the subject and I directed Mr Wyllerow to make enquiries.

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Western Delta Division for report.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
W Thompson Lieut Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Circle

Comdg Kistna

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From

The Supt.g Engineer
1st Circle

To, The Chief Engineer
Public Works Deptt.

G.O. No 3178 R of 13-12-79

Dated 30th August 1879.
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Value of Materials at Site
of the — Replying on the
subject of —

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No 1312 R1 Superintending Engr.s Office 1st C.
Dowlaishwaram 17th Nov. 1879

From,
The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

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To,
The Chief Engineer.
Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward here-
with a Revised Estimate of Rupees 6456
for the construction of the Repalle Sub-Jail
submitted by the Executive Engineer West-
ern Delta Kistna to which I have added
the following sums -

Recoveries made from expenditure of 69 and 70 made in 70, 72 and 73 but added by Examiner to expenditure on building	2,065	
Value of materials at site used for other works	131	
	2196+6456	
	8,652	

and as the amount of the sanctioned
Estimate

Estimate was Rupees 5,220 the sum
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4. The Executive Engineer now reports that the discrepancies I noticed between the Divisional Accounts and the Comparative Statement were due to inter-transfers between subheads not booked in the former. The Divisional Accounts have been corrected and the two now agree.

5. The only debt now due by the work is one of Rupees 847-10-2 to the Bezwada Workshop for wood supplied. Appropriation of this sum is requested.

6. The Executive Engineer has submitted a Comparative Statement shewing the sanction

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Brick in chunam roeeess —— 204-6-3
Brick on edge —— 193-3-9
Teak wood —— 847-10-2

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I have the honorable
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant

W Bruyeres Lt Col R.E
Superintending Engr. 1st Circle

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From

The Superintending Engr
G.O. No. 3198 dy 13-12-09
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To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works
Department
Madras.

Dated 17 } November 1909.
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Current No. 8356

Letter No. 1312 K.S.

Dated the 17th Novr. 1879

from the Supg. Engrs. 1st Circle.

Note of remarks.

The revised Estt. for constructing a Subsidiary Jail of 4 Wards with out buildings in the compound of the Repalli Taluq Cutcherry at Repalli amounts to Rs: 8652-

There has been no Plan &c submitted, but a Abstract & comparative Statement, which has been checked & found correct.

27-11-79

No 3198 W 3198/10 P. W. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13 Dec 1879 READ the following

From the Supg Engineer 1st Circle — (WE. No 901 K.S. of 30 Aug 1879)

do — (1312 K.S. — 17 Nov 1879)

With his letters above recorded the Supg Engineer, 1st Circle submits a revised Estimate in the shape of a comparative statement amounting to Rupees, 8652 for the subsidiary Jail at Repalli in the Kistna Dist-rict.

2. It is observed that the outlay on this work is in excess of the Estimate originally sanctioned for it* by Rupees 3432, and that the

* vide GO No 285 of 31 March 1876

the excess has been reported as objectionable in the monthly statements of objectionable items submitted to Government by the Examiner P. W. Accounts since April 1876.

3. Of this excess the sum of Rupees 2036 is explained to be nominal as it represents the recoveries from the expenditure on the Sub-jail incurred before the work was stopped by order of Government in 1870 and which were credited to Revenue instead of to the work. The principal items of real excess are the following:—

Brick in chunam	204
Brick on edge	193
Teakwood	848.

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~~making a total of Rupees 1245~~ The cause of excess in regard to the first two items is stated to be due to the difficulty of procuring bricks of suitable quality in the neighbourhood and the consequent necessity for having to obtain them from a distance of 8 miles and upwards, that on the 3rd item to the insufficiency of the rates as originally estimated. The total real excess is Rupees 1245 or 24 per cent on the original Estimate of Rupees 5220.

4. Mr. Sub Engineer D. Cantier is stated to be responsible for all excesses in rates and mainly responsible for the delay in

in settling the accounts.
The Supg Engineer will
call upon Mr. Carlier for
any explanation he may
have to offer in the matter.
5. The irregularity brought
to notice in this connection
in regard to Mr. Norris
will be taken into account
in dealing with his case
now under the consideration
of Government.
6. It is observed that the
excess was made to appear
much more serious than was
really the case, by the
action of the accounts
branch in including the
sum of Rupees 2036 referred
to in para 3 of this order,
without any remark or
explanation

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explanation to shew that
this sum was a mere
book-entry and in no
sense represented real
expenditure on the work.
7. With reference to para
8, it is remarked that a
special report by the
Assistant Examiner
Mr. Barrow on the accounts
of this work was communicated
to the Supg Engineer with
G.O. No. 2801 W dated
5th November 1879.
8. With a view of closing
the accounts of the work
an appropriation of
Rupees 848 is made from
the Provincial Reserve
to meet the sum due on
account of materials
supplied

supplied by the Bezwada Workshop.

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9. With these remarks the revised estimate amounting to Rs 8652 is sanctioned. The sanction has been registered as Special No 45B of 1879-80.

Hon. H. Middleton

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S/E. First Circle with comparative statement
Examiner P.W Accounts with estimate &c.

Despd 23-12-79.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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To

Dated

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Recd. Encl.

G. O., 13 Recr 1879, No. 31984

Nos. 47-50

Subjail at Repalli

Appropriation Rs 8168 for
closing the accounts
of the —

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