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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd July 1880, No. 1,548 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 5. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Coimbatore, 19th June 1880, No. 127.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Ootacamund, 5th June 1880, No. 281.

In continuation of my letter No. 207, dated 21st May 1880, and in reply to your letter, No. 542/W. C., dated 28th May 1880, I have the honor to report that the excess amount of the revised estimate, viz., Rs. 730 for the flagstaff at Ootacamund, may be briefly condensed under the following heads :—

(1.) Extra cost of spars by the Department Public Works Workshops.	Rs. 115
(2.) Sundry excess in iron and wood-work by the Department Public Works Workshops	161
(3.) Carriage of flagstaff from Madras to Mettupalaiyam and thence up to Ootacamund for which nothing was allowed in the original estimate	402
(4.) Concrete foundation and rubble stone building found necessary on digging out the foundations	51
Total, Excess ...	730

2. The cause of the excess on the above Nos. 1 and 2 items was explained in my letter No. 207, dated 21st May 1880, paragraph 2, as being incurred by the Public Works Workshops, though that institution worked out the estimated rates as economically as possible. The detailed bill received from the Public Works Workshops is herewith sent in original for your information.

3. With regard to item No. 3 I beg to state that the sum of Rs. 312 on account of railway transport was prepaid by the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, and it is entered in the bill which accompanies this letter. This bill having been received by me on 4th April 1880, I was not able to make a report on this point before the close of the last official year. I beg also to enclose the detailed bill for cost of carriage from Mettupalaiyam to Ootacamund, from which it will be observed that extra bullocks and men were employed in bringing the long spars up the ghaut. I have only allowed Rs. 90 instead of Rs. 135, which the supplier claimed. I am unable to say what the carriage of these spars would cost at our ordinary rates for other things by their weight, because the weight of the spars is not accurately known.

4. As regards item No. 4 I beg to add that in the original estimate no concrete foundation with broken blue stone in mortar was deemed necessary. But as the work proceeded the soil on which the flagstaff had to rest was found somewhat looser than had been anticipated; hence the excess on account of deeper foundations. The foundations in the original estimate were included in the brickwork.

5. Under these circumstances I beg to resubmit the revised estimate with comparative statement returned with your letter No. 542/W.C., dated the 28th ultimo, and trust that the above explanation will be found satisfactory and the estimate will be forwarded for the sanction of Government.

6. I beg in conclusion most respectfully to be allowed to demur to your statement that the work was not done according to the original estimate as being contrary to facts. As explained in my former letter the copy of the estimate and plan was forwarded to the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, and every effort was made both by him and me to do the work according to the sanctioned plan and estimate. As before explained the carriage was caused by the necessity of having the work done in Madras owing to the impossibility of getting suitable timber in the local market. When the first estimate was framed it was thought that the required timber could be so procured.

TRUE copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer with a request that Government may be asked to sanction the excess of
 One Revised Estimate. Rs. 730 over the original estimate of
 One Comparative Statement. Rs. 850 sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,031 W.,

dated 2nd August 1879, for erecting a permanent flagstaff for the Council Chamber at Ootacamund.

2. The chief reason of excess is that Rs. 179 only were allowed in the original estimate for the spars which were thought to be available in the local market; they had however to be procured from Madras through the Government Workshop and cost, including carriage, Rs. 696, or Rs. 517 more than the estimate. It is to be regretted that the workshop bill was not received and the excess reported before. Rs. 1,268 were expended last official year; an allotment for Rs. 312 is, therefore, required this year.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
 Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1880, No. 1,548 W.

THE Government accept the explanation and pass the excess amounting to Rs. 730 over the original estimate.

2. The attention of Superintending Engineers and Superintendents of Works will be called to paragraph 1,003 of the Public Works Code, which has been disregarded in this case.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
 To all other Superintending Engineers.
 To Superintendents of Works.
 To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.
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ACCOUNT.
GENERAL.

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 2nd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd July 1880, No. 1,548 W.

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Nos. 58.

Flagstaff for the Council Chamber, Ootacamund.—Rs. 730, the excess over the original estimate for the erection of a—, sanctioned with remarks.

Executive Engineer's Office.
Ootacamund 5th June 1880.

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No. 281.

From,

Mayer J. L. L. Morant & Co.
Executive Engineer
West Coast Division.

To,

The Superintending Engineer,
District, Coimbatore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
No. 207 dated 21st May 80 and in reply to your
letter No. 280 dated 28th May 80, I have the honor
to report that the excess amount of the Revised
Estimate viz. Rs. 730 for the Flagstaff at Ootacamund
may be briefly justified under the following
heads:—

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|---|--------|
| (1) Extra Cost of Spars by the D. P. W.
Workshops. | 115. |
| (2) Sundry excess in iron and wood work
by the D. P. W. Workshops. | 161. |
| (3) Conveyance of Flagstaff from Madras to
Metapally and thence up to Ootacamund
for which nothing was allowed in
the original Estimate. | 1,002. |
| (4) Concrete foundation and rubble stone
building found necessary in digging out
the foundations. | 51. |
| Total Excess Rs. | 730. |

2. The Cause of the Excess on the Above,
No.

Nos 1 and 2 items ~~were~~ explained
in my letter No. 207 dated 21st May 180,
para 2, as being incurred by the P.W.
Workshops though that institution worked
out the estimated rates as economically
as possible. The detailed bill received
from the P.W. Workshops is herewith
sent in original for your information.

3. With regard to item No. 3 I beg to
state that the sum of Rs 312 on account
of Railway Transport was prepaid by the
General Superintendent P.W. Workshops, and
it is entered in the bill which accompanies
this letter. This bill having been received by me
on 14th April 180 I was not able to make a
report on this point before the close of the
last official year. I beg also to enclose
the detailed bill for cost of Carriage from
Metapothum to Ootacamund, from which
it will be observed that extra bullocks
and men were employed in bringing
the long spars up the Ghaut. I have only
allowed Rs 90 instead of Rs 135 which the

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the suppliers claimed. I am unable to say
what the carriage of these spars would
cost at our ordinary rates for other things,
by their weight; because the weight of the
spars is not accurately known.

4. As regards item No. 4 I beg to
add that in the original estimate no concrete
foundation with broken blue stone in mortar
was deemed necessary. But as the work
proceeded the soil on which the telegraph
had to rest was found somewhat looser
than had been anticipated, hence the excess on
account of deeper foundations. The founda-
tions in the original estimate were included
in the brick work.

5. Under these circumstances I beg to
resubmit the Revised Estimate with Compa-
rative Statement referred with your letter
No. 542 dated the 25th ultimo and trust that
the above explanation will be found satisfactory
and the estimate will be forwarded for
the sanction of Government.

6. I beg in conclusion most respectfully
to be allowed to dissent to your statement
that the work was not done according to
the original estimate, as being contrary to
facts.

As explained in my former letter
the Copy of the Estimate and Plan was
forwarded to the General Superintendent
P. W. Workshops and every effort was made
both by him and me to do the work accord-
ing to the sanctioned plan and estimate.
As before explained the Carriage was
caused by the necessity of having the work
done in Madras owing to the impossibility
of getting suitable timber in the Local
market. When the first estimate was
framed it was thought that the
required timber could be so procured.

I have &c.

(sig) J. L. L. Morant Major R.E.
Executive Engineer.

N^o 127

True Copy. Forwarded to the Chief Engineer
with a request that Government may be
asked to sanction the excess of Rs 730.
over the original estimate of Rs 850
sanctioned in G. O. N^o 2031 W dated
2nd August 1879 for erecting a permanent
Flagstaff

Encls: 2
1 Revised Estimate
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Flagstaff for the Council Chamber at
Ootacamund

The Chief reason of excess is that
Rs 179 only were allowed in the original
Estimate for the spars which were thought
to be available in the Local market.
they had however to be procured from
Madras through the Government Work-
shop and Cost including carriage Rs 696.
or Rs 517 more than the estimate.

It is to be regretted that the Workshop
bill was not received and the excess
reported before. Rs 1268 were expended
last official year an allotment for
Rs 312 is therefore required this year.

Coimbatore
19 June 1880

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Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer & C.E.

J.B. No. 2021 W. 2-8-79.
 C.E. - 2019. 4-8-78
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 C.E. - 4921. 30-10-78.
 C.E. - 18. 10-5-79.

P.W.D.

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From No. _____
 The Supy. Engineer,
 Second Divn.

The Cause of the Excess
 on the above items are explain-
 ed in the Executive Engineer's
 letter No 207 dated 21st May
 1880.

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23rd June 1880.

[Signature]

Filed 19th
 Recd. } June 1880.

No. 127.

Encl. 2.

"Flagstaff" at Government
 House not accounted.

Requesting that
 Government will sanc-
 tion the excess of Rs. 730
 over the original estimate
 of Rs. 850 for erecting —
 under the explanation given.

W. B. D. Dtd 27.6.80
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P. W. SECRETARIAT-1879-80.

RESP. WITH.

Current No. 3957.

Letter No. 127.

Dated the 17th June 1880.

from the Supy Engr 2nd Circle.

Note of Remarks.

The Revised Estimate with Comparative Statement for erecting a permanent Flagstaff for the Council Chamber at Ootacamund amounting to Rs 1500, or Rs 700 in excess of the Original Estimate.

The Estimate originally sanctioned for the work was Rs 800, vide G.O. No 2031-W. dated 2nd August 1879.

The Excess amount of the Revised Estimate, viz Rs 700, has been briefly elucidated under the following heads:-

1. Extra Cost of Plans by the P.W. Workshops - Rs 105.
2. Improving Plans in iron & wood by the P.W. Workshops - Rs 100.
3. Carriage of Flagstaff from Madras to the station & thence up to Ootacamund for which nothing was allowed in the Original Estimate - Rs 100.
4. Concrete foundation for the stone building for the flagstaff - Rs 500.

Total Excess Rs 700.

West Coast Division Office
Camp Ootacamund 21st May 1880.
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No. 207.

From,

Major J. L. L. Morant, R.E.
Executive Engineer
West Coast Division.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle, Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying Revised Estimate and Comparative Statement (the latter showing the estimated and actual cost) of erecting a permanent Flagstaff for the Council Chamber at Ootacamund.

2. The original estimate sanctioned in G.O. No 2031-W dated the 2nd August 1879 amounting to Rs 800 was framed from data furnished by the Master Attendant, Madras.

Owing to the impossibility of procuring at Potacamund suitable spars for the lower and top masts, the work was entrusted to the P. W. Workshops at Madras in November last. The General Superintendent P. W. Workshops informed me on the 26th November 1879 that the lower and top masts with yard would cost Rs 250 or a very little over the estimated cost and it was then thought the excess there would be met from savings in other items. But in the Bill now submitted about Rs 300 have been charged for these masts; so also in other items of the Estimate which though worked out economically have exceeded the estimated rates.

3. Hence it will be seen from

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from the Comparative Statement that the excess of Rupees 700 over and above the sanctioned estimate is caused partly by the above explained facts and partly because higher rates viz Rs 312 had to be paid for the Railway transport from Madras to Mottapotheri and also for Carriage from thence to Potacamund and these were not anticipated when the first Estimate was framed.

4. I had previously given to the General Superintendent P. W. Workshops the details of the sanctioned estimate and requested him on the 1st December to furnish me with a Statement giving his own cost of labor and materials in order that I might early submit to you a Revised Estimate; but owing to pressure of other duty he was unable to furnish me with an estimate; and the bill was received on the 4th ultimo.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2^d July 1880

Read the following:

From the Inspector of Works (N^o 127 2/19 June 1880)

The Government accept the explanation and pass the excess amounting to Rs. 730 over the original estimate.

2. The attention of Sup^y. Engineers and Superintendents of Works will be called to para 1003 of the Public Works Code which has been disregarded in this case

Sup^y. Eng^s, 2^d grade with 4 enclosures
Supts. of Works
By Mr. Asst. Secy
18-7-80 26/6/80

[Signature]

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5 Under these circumstances I beg to solicit sanction and provision of funds for the excess amount of Rupees 730 actually incurred over and above the sanctioned estimate in erecting a Flag staff at the Stone House Secretariat, Ootacamund.

P.W.D.
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I have etc

(sig) J. L. L. Morant Major R.E.
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy)

[Signature] Major R.E.
Supt. Engineer 2^d grade

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Govt. of (1680) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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Engl.

G.O. 2nd July 1840 No. 1548W

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Has been for the Council Chamber
the 730, the space
over the original
intermediate for the
creation of a
sustained with
renewals.

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