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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th September 1881, No. 2,380 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 172. Endorsement in the Revenue Department, No. 1,678 Miscellaneous, dated 23rd June 1881, on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1881, No. 1,036.

No. 172-A. From Superintendent of Works, Presidency, dated 31st August 1881, No. 1,992.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1881, No. 2,380 W.

THE undermentioned revised estimates are sanctioned:—

	Amount of Estimate.	Register No.	Classification.
	RS.		
(1.) Constructing iron sheds in the Import-yard of the Sea Customs-house at Madras.	15,300	Provincial No. 73 W., of 1881-82.	Civil Buildings—Original Works.
(2.) Repairs to the existing tiled sheds in the same place.	9,580	Do. No. 74 W., of 1881-82.	Civil Buildings—Repairs.
Total ...	24,880		

2. The sum of Rs. 22,999* is available for the above works in the Provincial Budget for 1881-82, Items Nos. 5 and 6.

* Rupees 18,580 for iron sheds in the Import-yards.

a balance of Rs. 4419 is out of
Rupees 5,050 for improvements to the Import and Export sheds, the estimate for which is hereby cancelled.

The balance required, Rs. 1,881, will be allotted later in the year if possible.

3. This sanction has been registered and classified as shown above, and cancels Provincial Nos. 127 W. of 1876-77 and 162 B. of 1877-78.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, with nine enclosures.

" Examiner of Public Works Accounts,
with one original and one duplicate Abstract Estimate.

" Revenue Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 27th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 27th September 1881, No. 2,380 W.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 172-173.

Sea Custom-house, Madras. — Sanctions the revised estimates for constructing iron sheds and for making thorough repairs to the existing tiled sheds in the Import-yard of the —



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 11th June 1881.

No. 1036 Miscellaneous.

READ the following
No. 1105.

From, C. A. Gallow Esquire

To, Asst Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

C. Gibson Esquire

Acting Secretary, Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the early orders of Government may be obtained on the following matter. In Government Order dated 28th August 1876 No. 2278 an Estimate to the amount of Rupees 18,580 — " — was sanctioned for the construction of an additional

Snow shed in the Import yard of the Custom House and provision for the work has been made in the provincial Budget for the current year; the iron work is now being executed at the Public Works Stores.

In September last an Estimate for the thorough repairs of the Import yard at a cost of Rupees 8940-0-0

was prepared by the Department of Public Works and subsequently a separate Estimate amounting to Rupees 2,880-0-0, for carrying out the most urgent part of the work provided for in the Estimate for Rupees 8940-0-0 was drawn up.

Vide this office letter dated 9th December 1880, No 2692, and the letter of the Superintendent of Works, Presidency forwarded therewith. It was

then stated that the proposed heavy outlay on repairs would be obviated if sanctions were

Forwarded
herewith.

accorded for proceeding with the Estimate for Rupees 18,580-0-0 and the Government accordingly in their order dated 25th February 1881 No 504 W. allotted the larger amount and directed that no action be taken on the Estimate for repairs. I now find that there has been a misapprehension on the subject; the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works Workshops informs me that the roofing of the existing sheds is not included in the Estimate for Rupees 18,580 and that the whole amount is required for the erection of a new Snow shed between the existing tiled sheds. I enclose a plan of the Custom House for reference. The existing sheds are marked thereon and the additional shed is to cover the space between them. It appears to me however quite

unnecessary to roof over the whole space; a tramway runs along the side of the North Shed and as this portion cannot be utilized for the storage of goods it may be left open as shown on the plan now sent, the size of the shed will thus be reduced by one third and a considerable saving will be effected thereby. There is also a disadvantage in the present plan in that the iron pillars of the new shed will obstruct the tramway and it will be necessary to divert the line slightly with the result of a rather awkward curve at the entrance of the yard. If the size of the shed be reduced the line of rails will not be interfered with. A tiled passage at present connects the sheds; there is no necessity to remove this and the cost of the Iron Shed will be still further reduced by leaving it as it stands. From

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the saving thus effected the necessary funds for the repair of the existing tiled sheds can probably be provided. The roofs of these sheds are much in need of repair and they appear to have leaked badly during the last rainy season to the detriment of the goods stored in them. I would therefore suggest that no time be lost in calling for a fresh estimate which should provide for the necessary repairs to the existing sheds and a new iron shed covering only two thirds of the space between the tiled sheds.

2. I have ascertained from the Superintendent Department of Public Works Workshops, who inspected the yard with me, that it is not too late to alter the design and propose.

3. There is also another work which has just been commenced & which appears to me unnecessary or

at least to require considerable modification. In Government Order dated of 1st October 1877 N^o 812 W an estimate amounting to Rupees 5050 for making certain improvements in the Import & Export or Sheds was sanctioned. The report ^{*Forwarded herewith} and specification attached to the estimate state that the stone sheds do not afford sufficient protection for the goods either from the inclemency of the weather during the rainy season or security from their being tampered with before or after office hours. Accordingly it was proposed to wall up the arched openings at the side to the height of 7 feet, the circular portion being closed with iron barred gratings. Every third opening is to be provided with double folding doors. The sides of the sheds are to be similarly closed. As

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regards the security of the goods I consider that no such protection is required, as long as the gates are open they are watched by peons and all night a guard of a Duffadar and eight peons is on duty; their alertness being secured by a tell-tale clock; the bulky nature of the goods and the fact that the yard is surrounded on all sides by high buildings is also a safe-guard against the removal of packages, while the closing in of the arches will not prevent tampering with the contents of boxes inside the sheds, but rather screen from observation any persons so engaged. On the other hand the alteration will have the effect of diminishing the light & obstructing the storing and removal of the goods, while all the godowns round the yard will still be left open. I consider however that there is practically no risk and I am not aware of any case of theft from the yard.

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having occurred. As regards protection from the inclemency of the weather the mat screens now used appear to answer the purpose sufficiently well, but if improvements can be devised so much the better; walling up the openings appears to be altogether in excess of requirements as regards damage from rain. Materials have been collected but they can probably be utilized otherwise and as the work has only just been commenced, I have requested that it may be stopped pending further orders. The money might be much better employed in rendering the roofs water-tight.

Sea Customs (offici-
 nary 14 June 1887) } I have no
 (Sd) C. A. Galton
 Ag Collector Sea Customs.

Submitted for the orders of Govt.
 The Board Support the Collectors
 proposals.
 (True Copy Extract)

To the Secretary for Govt. Bd. Ag Secretary
 with 4 original enclosures to be returned.
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REVENUE (1881) DEPARTMENT.

Board of Revenue
Madras.

No. 3122.

From
The Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Deptt.

Dated 11th June 1881.
Recd. 15th

Proceedings dated 11th June 1881
No. 1036.

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the order
of Govt. letter from the Collector
of Sea Customs Madras contain-
ing proposals relative to the
repairs to the Customs House.

Transferred



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Transferred to the Public
Works Department for early order.

Further include

Offg Secy to Govt.

Noted & recommended
23rd June 1881

C.E. No. 1551 d/29 June/81

Referred to the Supt
of Works Presidency for the
early submission of revised
estimates with advertence
to para. 1. of the Collector's
letter, and for report
with reference to para. 3

(By order)

C. J. Curzon Capt. R.E.
ag. Dy. Chief Engr. P.W.D.

No. 1992

MADRAS,

Chepauk, 31 Augt. 1880.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W. Dept.

Sir,

Enclosures. 13

- 1. Encl. No. 1551 of 29 June 1881, with
- 6. Enclosures
- 1. Revised Estimate No. 15,300 for Iron She ds.
- 1. Plan of - do
- 1. Revised Estimate of 10,9580 for re-pair of tiled sheds.
- 1. Specification

* Item No. 5 in Budget of 1881-82.

* Item No. 6 in Budget of 1881-82.

With reference to your endorsement No. 1551 dated 29th June 1881, and its enclosures (herewith returned), I have the honor to reply as follows:-

2. The Collector of Sea Customs, in his letter embodied in Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 1036 dated 11th June 1881 proposes-

I. That the iron sheds for the Customs House be constructed so as to cover only an area equal to about two thirds of that intended to be covered as per sanctioned estimate of Rs. 18,580, and that the saving, thus effected be appropriated towards meeting the cost of repairs to the existing tiled sheds estimated last year at Rs. 8940.

II. That the work of closing up the arched openings in the existing tiled sheds - estimate Rs. 5050, intended to afford the goods stored in them, shelter from the weather

weather during rains, as well as security from being tampered with be not carried out as being unnecessary, and that the money allotted for this work be also laid out on repairs to the tiled sheds.

No 3. I enclose a revised Plan and Estimate supplied by the General Superintendent of P.W. Workshops for constructing the iron sheds as proposed by the Collector. This Estimate amounts to Rs. 15,300 or Rs. 3,280 less than the original sanctioned Estimate of Rs. 18,580. The Estimate of Rs. 8,940 prepared last year for the repair of the tiled sheds has been examined and revised. It has been raised to Rs. 9,580 by provision having now been made in it for ten teak couples for No. 3 godown on the South, as many of the existing palmyra couples have been found to be rotten. Ten teak couples have been provided for, as good palmyra is not procurable in the market. Such of the existing palmyra couples as, after being dismantled from the building, may be found in good order will be utilized on other sheds, and a corresponding saving shown

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in the Estimate on the completion of the work.
4. Pending further orders, work on the Estimate of Rs. 5050 has been stopped. Timber to the value of Rs. 457 was purchased for this work, and a sum of Rs. 94 has been spent in building up ten of the arched openings with brick in chunam. It will cost Rs. 80 to remove this brick work and make good the plaster and asphaltting necessary to be done: so the total outlay on the Estimate of Rs. 5050, may be set down as Rs. 631. The timber purchased will be utilized on works as required.
5. The unexpended balance of Rs. 4,419, from the Estimate of Rs. 5050, mentioned in the preceding para with the sum of Rs. 3,280 set free from the Estimate of Rs. 18,580 (as shown in para 3 above) will provide funds to the extent of Rs. 7699 towards meeting the cost of the repairs required to the tiled sheds as per enclosed Estimate of Rs. 9,580. Funds will have to be found elsewhere for the difference Rs. 1881.
6. I should mention with regard to the Collector's objection to the work provided for in the Estimate of Rs. 5050 that it was approved

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approved of by Mr. Melville, a former collector of Sea Customs, by whom the Estimate has been countersigned. As however the present collector is not in favor of the work, it may on this understanding (however necessary some such work is) for the present be abandoned. Walling up the openings is considered by the Collector to be altogether in excess of requirements for the protection of goods from damage by rain, the expedient of mat screens at present in use, and which, as stated by the Collector appears to answer the purpose sufficiently well may therefore continue to be used.

7. In the meanwhile, the Superintendent Workshops, Madras, has, he informs me, in process of manufacture or actually completed all the iron columns and girders necessary for $\frac{2^{nd}}{3}$ of the sheds as originally estimated to cost Rs 18,580. Upon learning which, I requested him to proceed no further in the manufacture of any iron work for this building pending the receipt of the orders of the Government thereon.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. H. Burton
Superintendent of Workshops

Q. No. 2278 of 28.8.76
 " " 812 W. of 1.10.77
 " " 504 W. of 25.2.81
 C. No. 1581 of 29.6.81
 " " 1987 of 25.8.81

From

The Supt. of Works,
 Presidency.

No. 1992.

Date d. 31st } Aug. 1881.

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Enc: 13.

Iron Sheds for the Custom
 House, Madras.

Report on the construction
 of —

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P. W. Secretariat.

P. W. DEPARTMENT—1881-82.

MEMORANDUM.

Current No. 4976.

Letter Number 1992.

dated the 31st August 1881.

from the Supt. Engineer of Works,
 Presidency.

Note of Remarks.

The Estimates in the Plan of specification for Constructing Iron Sheds & for making thorough repairs to the existing tiled Sheds in the Superb. Yard of the Sea Customs, hence at Madras, have been revised, as proposed, by the Collector.

The Estimate for the Iron Sheds amounts to Rs. 15300, or Rs. 3280, less than the original sanctioned Estimate of Rs. 18580. The Estimate of Rs. 8940 for repairs of the tiled Sheds, has been raised to Rs. 9580 or Rs. 640 in excess.

The Causes of decrease & increase in the Estimates, are explained in the Supg. Engr's letter.

The Work of Closing of the Arched Openings in the existing tiled Sheds, estimated at Rs. 6000, has been stopped, being considered unnecessary.

The Mat Sheds as at present in use, & which as stated by the Collector appears to answer the purpose sufficiently well. The

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The Rates more or less agree with the District Schedule.

The Estimates have been approved of & countersigned by the Acting Collector of Sea Customs.

6th Sept^r 1881.

[Signature]

C. No. 4976

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P. W. Secretariat.

Note by Budget Section.

Work	Remarks and References.
1. Iron sheds in the import yard of the Sea Customs house at Malacca. revised estimate Rs 15,300	
2. Repairs to the import yards of the Sea Customs house	Rs 9,580

Fund Provincial Service / Imperial /
Service Head *Public Buildings* Rs.

Departmental Head { *Original Work*
Repairs
Amount of estimate { *Rs 15,300*
9,580 } Rs 24,880

Expenditure in previous year
Allotment in current year *23,830*
Expenditure do. *23,831*
Balance required to complete *1881*

Total Rs... 24,880

Note of available funds.

Rs 22,630 have been provided in the Provincial Budget for 1881/82. Thus for 546 the additional sum of Rs 1881 required can be provided later in the year -

* Rs 18,550 for iron sheds in the import yard
Rs 5050 for improvements to the import and
23,600 Export sheds, the estimate for which is now proposed to be cancelled.

7/9/81.

[Signature]
Budget Clerk.

Note by Budget Section.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27th Sept 1881

Read the following:—

Indorsement in the Rev: Depts. No. 1678 mis dated 23^d
June 1881 on Pro: B. of Rev: No. 1036 dated 11th June 1881

Letter from Superintendent of Works Presidency. No. 1992
dated 31st August 1881.

The undermentioned re:
vised estimates are sanctioned

(1)	Constructing iron sheds in the import yard of the Sea Customs house at Machas - - - - -	Amount of Estimate - 15,300	Register No. - Pro: No. 73 W of 1881-82 -	Classification Civil Building Or Works
(2)	Repairs to the existing tiled sheds in the same place -	9,580	Do. No. 74 W of 1881-82 -	Civil Building Repairs.
	Total Rs. -	24,880		

* Rs. 18,580 for iron sheds in
the import yards.
a balance of Rs. 4419 out of
Rs. 5050 for improvements to
the import and export sheds,
the estimate for which is
hereby cancelled -

2. The sum of Rs. ~~23,620~~ 22,499
is available for the above
works in the Provincial Bud:
get for 1881-82 items No. 57b.
The balance required Rs. 1881
will be allotted later in the
year if possible. This

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3 This sanction has been
registered and classified as
shown above, and cancels

Provincial No. 127 W of 1876-77
and 162 B of 1877-78.

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To The Supt. of Works Prov.
with 9 Encls:
" Ser. 10 Accts with one Encl
" one dupl. ab. Eto. ✓
" Revenue Depo. ✓

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Govt. of 1881 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O., 27th Sept 1881, No. 2380 W

Nos. 122 123

Lea Custom House Madras
Sanction the revised estimate
for constructing iron sheds & for
making thorough repairs to the
existing tiled sheds in the
harbour yard of the

Entd. in Receipt Book.