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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 36.

READ—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 31st March 1882, No. 347 M.D., and Endorsement by D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 13th April 1882 :—

In regard to the second item referred to in G.O., No. 745 W.* of 21st instant, and to Item 1 of the accompanying Divisional Objectionable Item Statement of Madura Division for January 1882, I have the honor to furnish explanation.

2. Works for the restoration of Tirumal Naick's Palace at Madura, and for providing accommodation for public offices in it, have been in progress for some twelve years or more.

3. The principal items of work have been as follows :—

- I. Restoring the wagon vault and the small dome south of the main dome.
- II. Restoration and improvement of Tirumal Naick's bed chamber, to fit it for use as a Judge's Court.
- III. Restoring other portions of the palace.
- IV. Twenty-one additional works for the accommodation of public offices.
- V. The Napier gate-way.

4. In regard to the first item, viz., restoring the wagon vault and the small dome south of the main dome, it is necessary to explain that that was the first work taken in hand by the Civil Architect with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, Lord Napier, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the restoration of the palace were practicable. The work was carried out about twelve years since I understand, under arrangements made by the Civil Architect, without any assistance from the Public Works Department. This work cost Rs. 27,024, no estimate for it has ever been submitted, and no accounts have been furnished to the Examiner; but the Examiner, for reasons not known, charges this expenditure against the third item shown above, viz., restoring* other portions of the palace; and this makes it appear that this item has been exceeded, which is not the case, as most of the work has still to be done.

* Vide Item 19 in the work voucher now monthly submitted.

An estimate of the work done in restoring the wagon vault and the small dome south of the main dome has now been prepared by Supervisor MacAlister from actual measurements of the work done.

5. The estimate of restoring other portions of Tirumal Naick's palace amounted to Rs. 32,265, the actual expenditure against that item has been Rs. 10,719-13-6; but the Examiner improperly adds to it Rs. 27,024, spent on work done without estimate, and so shows an excess on Item 19 which has not occurred.

6. In the same way the Examiner lumps together all the sanctions, making a total of Rs. 1,62,955, and against this he sets all the expenditure incurred against those items, plus the sum of Rs. 27,024 which was incurred without estimate and for

which no estimate has ever been submitted. The actual expenditure against sanctioned estimates up to January was Rs. 1,20,092, and not Rs. 1,47,116, as incorrectly shown by the Examiner.

7. The works of the clock-tower and Napier gate-way were carried out by the former Overseer, Subroylu Naidu, under the orders of the Civil Architect. I have given strict orders to the Officiating Executive Engineer and the Supervisor now in charge on no account whatever to allow any of the sanctioned estimates to be exceeded. Formerly, those employed on the works considered that an order of the Civil Architect was sufficient for carrying out work, even in excess of sanctioned estimates.

8. Again, the Examiner makes it appear that there has been an excess on the Civil and Session's Court, which is not the case. There have been two sanctions for this work, Item No. 18, Rs. 24,010, and part of Item No. 24, Rs. 6,870, total Rs. 30,880. The Examiner sets the whole expenditure against Item No. 18 and so shows an excess.

9. Revised estimates have been prepared for all those items requiring it, and would have been submitted before this time, but that the Civil Architect has not yet settled how the Judge's Court is to be completed, and so it has not been possible to revise that item exactly.

10. I have however now directed the Officiating Executive Engineer not to delay longer, but submit revised estimates, so far as he can for all items needing it, and I expect he will be able to do this in a few days.

11. I send herewith for your information a copy of the work voucher for February, corrected by me in red ink.

Endorsement, No. 14 S.E. 6.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with the following remarks:—

Observes, with reference to remarks of Superintending Engineer, that the debits to sub-heads were made in accordance with accounts rendered to this office. There is no objection to the re-arrangement proposed by him.

The revised estimate should provide for all the expenditure on the work, including that hitherto incurred without estimate.

No. 37.

ORDER—dated 15th April 1882, No. 941 W., Public Works.

The foregoing endorsement of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, for information and guidance.

2. The submission of the complete revised estimate for the restoration of the Madura palace should be expedited.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, with three enclosures.

" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SIXTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 18th.

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G.O., 15th April 1882, No. 941 W.

APRIL.

Nos. 36-37.

Tamul Naick's Palace, Madras.—Re-
garding the preparation of revised estimates
for the restoration of —.

No 347 M.D.

Sup^r Engineer's office

Trichinopoly 31 March 1882.

Form

Colonel J. Beatty R.E.

Sup^r Engineer Circle.

To.

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B.E.

Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Thro the Honnors of A.W.D.

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III. Restoring other portions of the Palace.

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V. The Kapier Gateway.

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L. Beatty Col R.R.

Sup^r Engineer, Circle

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J. C. Lashorey

Engineer P.W. Dept

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L.P. C. No 2292

From,

The Super Engineer
of Circle.

To, The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
thru: the Examiners of
P.W. Accts.

No 347 M.D.

Recd. M. D. 13/4

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Offers explanation
as to the non submis-
sion of the revised
estimate for the -

No 941 W

13.4.82
Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th April 1882.

Read the following:-

From the Super Super Circle M.D. No 347 M.D. 13.4.82
Encl from the Sar P.W.D. " " 14 S.S. 6 13.4.82

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The foregoing en-
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To The S.S. Circle
with 3 enclos
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Regarding the preparation
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