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From
The Superintendent,
Fourth Circle.

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Public Offices at Ponam:—
Explaining the cause
of difference between
the estimate for construc-
tion of — and that
shown in the covering
letter.

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23RD MAY 1884, No. 1298 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 24th April 1884, No. 544, Revenue.

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1884, No. 3071, on letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 1st April 1884, No. 1599.

Resolution—dated 9th April 1884, No. 3071.

The plan and estimate for the proposed public buildings at Ponáni are forwarded for the approval of Government.

2. The general design of the edifice resembles very much that for the courts at Calicut, lately prepared by the Consulting Architect, and in it accommodation is provided for the Deputy Collector, Tahsildar, District Munsif, Sub-Registrar, Police and Postal departments. The plan has been carefully prepared and is approved by the Collector and the other officers whose establishments are to be located in the new offices. The accommodation provided seems ample, and the rooms are well arranged.

3. In the covering letter of the Superintending Engineer, No. 86, dated 25th March 1884, it is stated that the total cost of the buildings will be 62,730, but, according to the figures in the estimate itself, the amount will be Rs. 63,960. This discrepancy should be explained.

4. The Board observe that no provision has been made for the cost of latrines, cook-rooms, ryots' sheds, wells, &c., which will add very materially to the total cost of the offices.

5. The Board recommend that the plan and estimate now submitted may be sanctioned and funds provided at an early date, in view to the buildings being commenced as soon as possible.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1884, No. 3104, on letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 14th February 1884, No. 708, (copy attached,) and reference thereon, dated 28th February 1884.

Read—also letter from the same Officer, dated 3rd April 1884, No. 1643 (copy attached with the Deputy Collector's letter).

Resolution—dated 9th April 1884, No. 3104.

Submitted for the early orders of Government.

2. If the new building at Ponáni, for which plans and estimates have been submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 9th April 1884, Mis. No. 3071, could be finished and made available for use in two years or thereabouts, it will be cheaper to rent the warehouse for Rs. 30 a month, leaving it to the owner to execute the necessary repairs. If not the Board would recommend that the warehouse referred to by the Collector be rented at Rs. 15 per mensem, and the necessary repairs not exceeding Rs. 630 carried out at the cost of Government.

Order—dated 24th April 1884, No. 544, Revenue.

The plan submitted with the first of the Board's Proceedings read above has, so far as regards the accommodation provided for the Taluk and Deputy Collector's cutcherries, the approval of Government in the Revenue Department. The omission pointed out by the Board in paragraph 4 should be supplied.

2. It does not seem likely that the new buildings, for which no provision is made in the Public Works Department Provincial budget for 1884-85, will be completed and made available for use within two years; but as the site plan shows that it is the site of the District Munsif's Court and Sub-jail that is to be utilised, and that the new erections do not involve the dismantling of the present taluk cutcherry, the Collector will consider whether the latter, put in repair to the extent necessary for intermediate use, may not be occupied whilst the new erections are being carried on. If, however, this is impracticable, and the Collector finds it necessary to vacate any part of the old building, he is authorised to carry out the arrangements proposed by him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The estimate for public offices at Ponáni now submitted was called for in the G.O., No. 2212 W., dated 28th August 1882. orders quoted in the margin. It provides for the accommodation of—

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| 1. The Deputy Collector. | 4. Sub-Registrar. |
| 2. District Munsif. | 5. Police station and Sub-jail. |
| 3. Tahsildar. | 6. Post Office. |

No provision has, however, been made for latrines, cook-house, ryots' shed, and well. It will be necessary to submit a supplemental estimate for these requirements.

The cross section shows the broad concrete foundations of front and rear verandah walls and of the main longitudinal walls in close proximity, though at different levels; and in view of those and of the numerous cross walls, it would appear advisable to excavate and put in a layer of concrete at once over the whole area, especially in such a climate as that of the west coast.

The roofing is to consist of mission tiles on jungle-wood rafters. Teak rafters, although more expensive as regards first outlay, are likely to be more economical and satisfactory in the end. All the other wood-work will be of teak. It is therefore recommended that the rafters should be of teak also.

The amount of the estimate, Rs. 62,730, as quoted in the report, is doubtless a clerical error. This should be explained by the Superintending Engineer.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 23rd May 1884, No. 1298 W., Public Works.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 63,960, for the construction of public offices at Ponáni in the Malabar District, is sanctioned for execution on funds becoming available.

2. The remarks of the Chief Engineer on the estimate should receive the Superintending Engineer's attention.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 46 W. of 1884-85 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with six enclosures.
 „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Judicial „
 „ Public „

Exd. C. Howarth.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd May 1884, No. 1298 W.

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Public Offices at Ponani

Estimate of Rs. 63,960 for the construction
of — in the Malabar District, sanctioned
with remarks.

N^o 271
Encl.

Supg. Engineers Office, 4th Circle
Coimbatore, 7th June 1884.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P.W. D.

Sir,

Adverting to your note on the
Estimate for Public Offices at Ponani
printed in G. O. N^o 1298 W. of 23rd ultimo,
regarding the difference between the amount
of Estimate and that shown in this Office
Covering letter submitting it, I have the
honor to state that the difference was due
to an oversight under the following circum-
stances:-

The Estimate as originally framed
amounted to Rs 62,730 but sufficient
provision had not been made in it
for trusses and for a dais. When corrected
the Estimate amounted to Rs 63,960 but
by oversight the original amount
was shown in my letter.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

P. Beatty - Coll R.E.

Supg. Engr. 4 circles -

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