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4TH AUGUST 1886, No. 1923 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 11th September 1885, No. 1013, Revenue.

Read—again G.O., dated 18th October 1884, No. 1147, Revenue.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th June 1885, Mis. No. 5310 :—

Read—the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Collector of Nílgiris, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 18th March 1885, No. 81:—

I have the honor to submit the report called for in Board's Proceedings, dated 31st October 1884, Mis. No. 10241.

2. I enclose copies ot letters addressed to me by the District Judge of Coimbatore and the Inspector-General of Registration in reply to the inquiries I made of them as directed in G.O., dated 18th October 1884, No. 1147.

3. The District Judge has shown in a plan, which I forward herewith, how he proposes to utilize the Breeks' Memorial School building for the Sub-Court. It will be seen that, in addition to the present building, he proposes to build additional accommodation in the vacant ground between the school building, the present Municipal office, and the new Post and Telegraph offices. I do not think I need comment on his proposals, as he is better qualified to judge of the requirements of the Sub-Judge than myself. Comparing, however, the accommodation provided in the Consulting Architect's plan with that proposed by the District Judge, it stands thus :—

	Consulting Architect's plan.	District Judge's plan.
Court-house inclusive of the Bench ...	60′ × 30′	56′ 3″ × 25′
Judge's chamber	24′ × 16′	25′ × 17′ 6″
Sheristadar's room	24′ × 16′	12′ × 18′
Clerks	33′ × 16′	20′ × 18′
Records	20′ 9″ × 8′	10′ × 18′
Vakils' room	24′ × 16′	14′ × 18′
Witness room	...	14′ × 18′
Property room	...	20′ × 18′

4. It will be seen that the District Judge has provided rooms for "property under attachment" and for "witnesses" which were omitted in the previous plan. These rooms undoubtedly are required. It may, however, be thought that the accommodation proposed for the Judge's chamber and the Court is somewhat in excess of the requirements.

5. As regards the accommodation for the Registrar, the Inspector-General has proposed no modification of the plan originally accepted by him. He apparently thinks that the accommodation provided in the sketch, marked as enclosure 4 to Board's Proceedings under reply, cannot be curtailed. He considers that the building at present used by the Municipal office, if available, may, with certain alterations, be

adapted for the Registrar's office. I beg, however, to observe that the Municipal Commissioners have no intention of giving up this building, and therefore it is not available. Failing this, the Inspector-General desires that the accommodation specified in the plan above referred to be provided separately on the "hill."

6. If the District Judge's proposals as to building additional accommodation alongside of the existing Breeks' Memorial School be approved, I would suggest that this addition may be built with an upper story, which can, I believe, be made to meet all the requirements of the Registrar.

7. As to the requirements of my own office and of those of the Deputy Tahsildar of Ootacamund and the District Forest officer, I beg to enclose a memorandum detailing my proposals. It will be seen therefrom that, with one additional room to be added to the centre wing, the existing building will accommodate all the offices mentioned in the memorandum.

8. I have carefully considered the requirements of my office and those of my subordinates, and can say that I have made no more provision than is really necessary. It was proposed in the former plan to give the Deputy Tahsildar the accommodation now proposed together with room No. 13, which I now intend for the District Forest office. My proposals, while requiring only the addition of one room, dispense altogether with the more elaborate proposals for building a separate office for the District Forest officer contained in the Consulting Architect's plan.

The number to be accommodated may be judged by the following particulars of the establishments :—

1. Collector's Office—

Collector	1
Treasury Deputy Collector	1
Collector's Sheristadar	1
Correspondence Clerks	9
Attender and Moochi	2
Local Fund Clerk	1
Local Fund Auditor	1
Treasurer	1
Accountants	7
Attender	1
Total ...	25

Besides 12 peons and a duffadar.

2. District Forest Officer—

District Forest Officer	1
Clerks	3
Peons	3
Total ...	7

3. Assistant Collector ... ...

Assistant Collector	1
Clerk	1
Peon	1
Total ...	3

4. Deputy Tahsildar's Office—

Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate	1
Clerks	4 (in new scheme).
Revenue Inspectors	2 (to be increased to four hereafter).
Peons, &c.	6
Total ...	13

9. I beg to return the three plans and a sketch received with the Board's der reply.

Reference on the above, dated 18th April 1885.

The proposals contained in this letter are—

(*a*) To appropriate the Breeks' Memorial School building and add to it some rooms for the accommodation of the Sub-Judge ;

(*b*) To construct an upper story to the additional rooms for the Registration office ;

(*c*) To add one room and make certain alterations to the Collector's present office.

2. Before submitting these proposals to Government, the Board wish to be informed upon what terms the Breeks' School-house can be acquired—G.O., dated 18th October 1884, No. 1147, paragraph 2.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Read—the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Collector of Nílgiris, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 28th May 1885, No. 136 :—

With reference to the Board's reference, dated 18th April 1885, on General Register No. 1977 of 1885, requesting to be informed upon what terms the Breeks' Memorial School-house can be acquired, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the resolution of the School Committee stating the terms on which they are prepared to make over the buildings in question to Government.

Enclosure.

3. Read letter No. 841, dated 23rd April 1885, from the Collector enclosing G.O., No. 1147, Revenue, dated 18th October 1884, and asking if B. M. S. Committee would make over "the building in which the Breeks' School is now located."

Resolved—The Committee are prepared to hand over the buildings to Government provided suitable buildings are erected by Government on Government land near Charing Cross or in the compound of Bombay Castle which is now occupied for military offices. The Committee request that, in the event of Government deciding to provide other buildings, the plans may be previously submitted to them for their approval. The Committee would suggest that, in the event of Government taking over the buildings, the medallions, &c., be transferred from the smaller building which is now used as the Municipal office.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. TAYLOR,
Offg. Honorary Secretary.

Resolution—dated 8th June 1885, Mis. No. 5310.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 18th October 1884, No. 1147.

2. Should Government be disposed to accept the proposals now made, the Board suggest that an estimate for a new school-house be prepared in the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Read—also the following paper :—

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1885, No. 486-E.

In returning the papers forwarded for his remarks with the Revenue Secretary's office note, dated 14th July 1885, the undersigned has the honor to state that he is decidedly in favor of adopting the second of the alternative measures suggested in paragraph 2 of G.O., Revenue, dated 18th October 1884, namely, the purchase of the Breeks' Memorial buildings, and their adaptation for the accommodation of the Sub-Judge and the Registrar.

The reasons for this recommendation are as follow :—

(1) The site occupied by the buildings in question is the best in Ootacamund for the purpose, and it is on all grounds desirable that the Sub-Judge's Court and the Registrar's office should be near the other principal civil offices.

(2) The site is unsuited in every way for a school, an opinion in which the Director of Public Instruction is understood to concur. It is highly desirable that this opportunity should not be lost to change the situation of the school, and to secure the entire hill for important public offices.

(3) Besides securing these great advantages, the proposal provides for carrying out the immediate object in view in a very economical manner.

The Breeks' Memorial Committee offer to hand over to the Government the buildings belonging to them, subject to two conditions :—

(1) That buildings suitable for the school be erected on another site near Charing Cross; and

(2) That the medallions be transferred from the building now used as a Municipal office.

In the opinion of the undersigned, these conditions can easily be complied with. The Bombay Castle hill is now the property of the Government, and the portion alluded to can be given up without inconvenience of any kind. As a site for a school, it will certainly be much more suitable than the present site.

If the recommendations now made are accepted, the distribution among the various departments of the buildings which will then become available can readily be made.

The Sub-Judge's Court would be accommodated in the larger of the two Breeks' Memorial buildings. The District Judge states this can be done at moderate cost.

The Registrar's office would be accommodated in the smaller building at present rented by the Municipal Council. The Inspector-General of Registration states that this can easily be done. The Collector of the Nílgiris is clearly under a misapprehension as to this building being "*not available.*"

The building at present occupied by the offices of the Collector and the Sub-Judge would be given up exclusively to the first-named official, the accommodation being allotted as proposed by Mr. Burrows in his letter, dated 18th March 1885. The addition of one room is suggested by Mr. Burrows, but that can probably be dispensed with for the present.

These proposals do not provide for improving the exterior of the Collector's present office buildings; but it is submitted that this object, however desirable it is admitted to be, may stand over for the present. When funds can be made available for the purpose, opportunity can be taken to improve the north elevation of the buildings, and at the same time to construct the additional room required by the Collector.

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

Order—dated 11th September 1885, No. 1013, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government in this department concur in the views expressed in Colonel Shaw-Stewart's note of 20th August. The second of the alternative schemes propounded in G.O., No. 1147, dated 18th October 1884, will accordingly be adopted, and the papers will be transferred to the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and estimates for a new Breeks' school and for the issue of all other orders that may be necessary in connexion with the execution of the works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 7th October 1885, No. 2325 W., Public Works.

Communicated, in continuation of G.O., No. 2740 W., dated 5th November 1884, to the Consulting Architect to Government, who will, in communication with the Breeks' School Committee, submit with the least possible delay a plan and estimate for a new school building on the proposed site near Charing Cross, Ootacamund.

2. Orders relative to acquiring the present school buildings, and fitting them for offices, will issue after the plan and estimate for the new school have been received and considered.

(True Extract.)

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

Read—also the following papers :—

G.O., dated 23rd January 1886, No. 521, Revenue :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1885, No. 3398 :—

Read—the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Collector of Nílgiris, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 25th November 1885, No. 301 :—

In forwarding herewith copy of a letter from the Secretary, Breeks' Memorial School, with reference to the proposal sanctioned in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 7th October 1885, No. 2325 W., for acquiring the present Memorial School buildings and constructing other buildings for the school on the land near Charing Cross, I have the honor to report that the land upon which the Committee wish the school to be built is entered in the settlement register as No. E-443, Lowry House, extent ·83 acre, assessment Rs. 3-5-1, and is the property of Dinshaw Muncherjee. It is on the angle formed by the Coonoor road in the Ootacamund side of the bridge, and the Commercial road which leads to the bazaar and market. The ground on the other side of the lake stream just opposite No. E-443 is No. E-442, extent 1·38 acre, Government property, and adjoining that to the west of it there is another piece measuring 58 cents which is vested in the Municipality, and which the Council would probably have no objection to hand over. The whole area will thus be 2·79 acres and would afford ample room for all the requirements of a school.

2. Lowry House was acquired by the present owner by purchase for Rs. 6,750 from the estate of the late Pestonji Nesserwanjee. He has since spent some amount in repairs, and if the purchase of the site and buildings is decided on, the owner would require no doubt considerably more than the price paid by Dinshaw Muncherjee.

3. Should there be any difficulty about obtaining this site owing to the present owner standing out for a long price, a very suitable site might be found in the Govern-

ment ground belonging to Crewe and Ottley Hall, and the adjoining piece purchased from V. Tiruvengadasami Mudali. These three pieces are settlement Nos.—

	ACS.
C-332—Crewe Hall	9·47
C-333—Ottley Hall	2·59
C-334—Government waste	3·35
Total area ...	15·41

4. The Honorary Secretary points out that there is debt of Rs. 6,000 upon the present school buildings, and suggests that this debt should be paid off by Government now and the school fund relieved from further payment of interest.

5. It may be considered whether the debt should not remain on the present buildings when transferred to Government. There might be some difficulty in transferring the debt to the new buildings. If the debt is to be cleared off the amount should be entered in the estimate of the new buildings.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Revd A. C. TAYLOR, ~~Esq.~~, Vice-President and Officiating Honorary Secretary, Breeks' Memorial School, to the Collector of Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 9th November 1885, No. 137.

The Committee of Breeks' School met on 5th November, and I am desired to inform you that we think the best site for the new buildings will be near the tree at Charing Cross and where Hecta's shop, &c., now stands; the land on the other side of the stream towards Shoreham is believed to be already Government property, and the purchase of the land required would not therefore be great. We beg that you will approve of this site, and strongly recommend to Government the views of the Committee, and point out what a favorable opportunity this affords of permanently improving the entrance to the station, and at the same time of giving the school a level piece for play ground and Tennis Courts, &c.

2. As you have no doubt informed the Government that there is a debt of Rs. 6,000 on the buildings incurred by six debentures of Rs. 1,000 and bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, the Committee also beg me to ask you to request Government to pay off this Rs. 6,000 at once and to save the school funds the payment of this heavy item of interest from 1st January 1886.

Resolution—dated 16th December 1885, No. 3398.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Of the sites available, that pointed out by the Collector in his 3rd paragraph appears the most suitable, as the plot of land desired by the Committee is low-lying, is intersected by a stream, and would involve the payment of a considerable sum as compensation.

3. The existence of an incumbrance upon the present school buildings has not apparently been brought to notice before. The Board see no reason why Government should extinguish the debt as proposed by the School Committee. Should Government consent to do so, the School Committee should continue to pay the interest to Government until such time as they may be in a position to make good the amount of the debt to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Acting Secretary.

Order—dated 23rd January 1886, No. 521, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department. Government in this department concur in the views of the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Secretary to Government.

G.O., dated 27th May 1886, No. 3099, Revenue:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1886, No. 1053:—

Read—the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 7th April 1886, No. 105:—

I have the honor to submit copy of a letter, with enclosure, from the Honorary Secretary and Vice-President of the Breeks' Memorial School Committee, desiring that (1) the new buildings for the school may be built on the hill near Charing Cross, and (2) that the existing loan of Rs. 6,000 on the present school buildings may be either defrayed by Government or taken over with the buildings.

2. The Committee does not apparently agree to the erection of the new buildings on any of the sites suggested in my letter printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 3398, dated 16th December 1885, disposed of in G.O., No. 521, dated 23rd January 1886, Revenue Department. The Government Order in the Public Works Department has not yet been received. The hill referred to in the enclosed letter is in charge of the Military Department, and it is left to Government to decide whether a sufficient area can be allotted therefrom for the new school buildings.

3. With regard to the loan of Rs. 6,000, no orders of the Government in the Public Works Department have been communicated.

4. There are two buildings at present in the possession of the trustees of the Breeks' Memorial School. One is used for the school and the other is let to the Municipality for Rs. 50 per month. If Government take over both the buildings, it seems only fair that they should take over the mortgage debt also, the interest upon which is more than covered by the rents now received from the Municipality and which will be paid to Government if they continue to let the building.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Reverend A. C. TAYLOR, (Chaplain of Ooty) and Vice-President, Breeks' Memorial High School, to the Collector of Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 10th April 1886.

In accordance with a resolution of the Breeks' Memorial High School Committee, I have the honor to append another side resolution No. V, at their meeting on 8th April 1885 "for transmission to Government, through the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 2 of Board's *Reference, dated 18th April* 1885—*vide* G.O., No. 1013, Revenue, of 11th September 1885."

Resolution No. IV of 8th April 1886.

Read letter from Executive Engineer, No. 3310, dated 31st March 1886, enclosing plans, &c., and estimate for Rs. 30,696 for a new Breeks' School.

Resolved—The Committee observe that the site selected by the late Consulting Architect is not the one near the Charing Cross tree as proposed to Government in this Committee's letter to the Collector, No. 137, dated 9th November 1885.

2. If the Government consider the site on the hill best, this Committee are ready to accept the plan as proposed.

3. They are prepared to accept this new building in lieu of the two buildings now in their trust, on the understanding that the Government pay off or take over the mortgage of Rs. 6,000 as named in the above quoted letter to the Collector. As Government would then receive Rs. 600 per annum rent from the Municipality and only have to pay Rs. 360 annually as interest, this Committee will lose Rs. 240 per annum in their receipts, but they are willing to accept the loss in consideration of the more suitable building and better accommodation now proposed, and its greater cost thus qualifying their request for "buildings"—*vide* note, dated 20th August 1885, No. 486-E., quoted in G.O., Revenue, No. 1013, of 11th September 1885.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. C. TAYLOR.
Offg. Hon. Secy. and Vice-President,
Breeks' School Committee.

Resolution—dated 10th May 1886, No. 1053.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with whom it rests to decide whether room can be found for the new buildings on the hill near Charing Cross.

2. From the resolution of the Committee, which the Collector encloses, the Board observe that they are prepared to accept the new building, which is estimated to cost Rs. 30,696, in lieu of the two buildings now in their trust, on the understanding that the Government pay off or take over the mortgage of Rs. 6,000 with which the present school buildings are encumbered.

3. In their Proceedings, dated 16th December 1885, No. 3398, the Board saw no reason why Government should extinguish the debt, but there seems no objection to their taking it over, as the rent payable by the Municipality on one of the buildings now in possession of the trustees more than covers the interest on the mortgage debt.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. F. MacCARTIE,
Acting Secretary.

Order—dated 27th May 1886, No. 3099, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 521, dated 23rd January 1886.

2. The question whether the loan of Rs. 6,000 referred to should be paid off by Government will be decided in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 24th July 1886, No. 273 E.N.

In continuation of my letter, No. 268 W., dated 22nd instant, I have the honor to forward herewith the Consulting Architect's estimate for the new Breeks' Memorial School, amounting to Rs. 30,696, together with a revised estimate for the same, amounting to Rs. 38,180, prepared by the Executive Engineer, Nílgiris, and a comparative statement for the two estimates prepared in this office. From the statement it will be seen that the excess of Rs. 7,484 is due principally to omissions and insufficiency of rates provided by the Consulting Architect, as well as to the omission of iron under tiles, which is now considered indispensable in the construction of a satisfactory roof on the hills.

Enclosure.

From Major A. C. SMITH, R.E., Executive Engineer, Nílgiri Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Ootacamund, 20th July 1886, No. 1153.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 948, of 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward herewith the estimate in original together with a revised one for constructing a new Breeks' Memorial School at Ootacamund; the amount of the revised estimate stands at Rs. 38,180 with an excess of Rs. 7,484 over the original estimate of Rs. 30,696; this excess is chiefly due to lower rates provided in the Architect's estimate.

2 I have carefully been over the items and find slight errors and omissions here and there too insignificant to mention; the item of roofing has been altered from simple mission tiles on teak reepers to mission tiles over corrugated iron; this alteration is, I think, very essential for a climate like Ootacamund, for it has been found that a water-tight roof cannot be obtained by use of tiles alone. This alteration will cause an excess of Rs. 1,146, and its necessity was originally pointed out to the Secretary of the Breeks' School Committee in this office, No. 3310, dated 31st March 1886.

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3. If early sanction is obtained, I shall require at least Rs. 20,000 for expenditure during the current year.

Order—dated 4th August 1886, No. 1923 W., Public Works.

With his letter, dated 24th July 1886, the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, submits plans and estimates for constructing new buildings for the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund, on a site on the hill-side facing Charing Cross.

2. The reasons for providing the school with a new building at the Government expense are stated in the Chief Engineer's note of 20th August 1885, printed with Proceedings, dated 11th September 1885, No. 1013, Revenue. The accommodation in the Collector's office being inadequate for the several departments located in it, it is proposed to take over the existing Breeks' School buildings, which are ill-adapted for purposes of the school and in objectionable proximity to the public offices, and to convert them into a Court for the Sub-Judge and an office for the Registrar. The School Committee have agreed to the alienation of the buildings on the following conditions:—

(*a*) That new buildings for the school be provided by the Government;
(*b*) That the medallions on the smaller of the present school buildings be transferred to the new building; and
(*c*) That an incumbrance of Rs. 6,000 on the present buildings be extinguished by the Government.

3. The proposal to construct new buildings for the school has already received the approval of the Government, and the plans and estimates now submitted provide for the transfer of the medallions to the new school-house. The Government now further agree to pay off the debt of Rs. 6,000 when the new buildings have been completed and the existing school buildings are being conveyed to the State.

4. The estimate for the new buildings, as prepared by the Consulting Architect, amounted to Rs. 30,696; but on revision by the Executive Engineer, Nílgiri division, certain omissions and deficiencies in rates were discovered, the rectification of which has raised the amount to Rs. 38,180. The estimate, as thus revised, is sanctioned. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was provided for the work in G.O., No. 1650 W., dated 30th June 1886, and immediate arrangements should be made to commence it. The question of increasing the allotment will be considered later in the year, when the Superintending Engineer will report the additional grant required.

5. When the new buildings are approaching completion, the Superintending Engineer will, in communication with the local civil officers, submit estimates for converting the present school buildings into public offices, as specified above in paragraph 2, and, in communication with the Government Solicitor, he will arrange for the conveyance of the property to Government.

6. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 73 W., of 1886-87, 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 seven enclosures.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate abstract estimate.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial "
" Educational "
" Government Solicitor.

Exd. J. Moses.
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Dated August, 4th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 4th Aug. 1886, No. 1923 W.

AUGUST.

Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund

Orders on the project for taking up the buildings now occupied by the — and converting them into public offices and for constructing new buildings for the school.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 7863

From
The Supdg: Engr: IV Circle

Enclos.—

No. 372 EW
Dated 7th October 1886
Received 9th — " —

SUBJECT.

Breeks Memorial School at Ootacamund — Report of contract for constructing a new — .

DISPOSAL.

No. 3529 Dated 12th October 1886

Accepted.

(Sd) J. O. Hasted, Col. RE
Chief Engr: P.W. Dept.

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The Supdg: Engr: IV Circle
with enclos: returned}

Despd. 12-10-86.

G.O. No. 1923 W. of 4-8-86

No 983.

N.B.—The number and date of this letter should be quoted in any future communications on this subject.

Nilgiri Division Office,
Station, Ootacamund 15th June 1889.

Encl: 2

From
W. B. de Winton, Esqre.
Executive Engineer,
Nilgiri Division,

EXAMINER
No. 1828
17 JUL 1889
P. W. ACCOUNTS

To
The Examiner 2189
P. W. Accounts
Madras.
Thro' Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle

Sir,

Messrs. Groves & Co. letter of 20th September 1888, and my reply thereto, No. 2470, dated 22/9/88.

In reply to your No. 172 S.E./4, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to forward copies of the letters noted in the margin, which will explain why I gave the contractors an extra rate for brickwork on the Breeks' Memorial School.

2. The high issue price of the bricks was increased by the fact that a large number of them turned out so when carted to the work, that I had to reject them, an it would have been very hard on the contractors if they had been made to pay the full price for sound and wh Government bricks which they were prohibited from using on the sub-head "Brickwork in mortar" and ha to use instead on sub-head "Concrete" for which they received a much lower rate.

3. Perhaps the proper method to have dealt with the matter would have been to charge the contrac

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a lower price for the bricks, and debit the deficiency to "Loss on Bricks".

4 I beg that the Superintending Engineer will be good enough to sanction the excess* payment to the contractors, and I regret that I did not apply for his sanction at the time.

* Rs 442-15-3

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

Encl: 1

Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Dn.

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SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 346 18 JUN. 89 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 11 JUL. 89 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE JUL. 89 NILGIRIS

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 1205 31 JUL. 89 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

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No. 287
R.J.

Returned to the Executive Engineer Nilgiris for correction with reference to his letter No 1136 of 26 June 1889.

Col R.E.
Supg Engineer, 4th Circle
Camp Ooty
/7/89

(To be returned)

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From
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
NILGIRI DIVISION,

To The Examiner P.W. Accounts
Thro' THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
4th CIRCLE.

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Dated 16th
Despatched 17 July 1889
Received

SUPG: ENGINEER'S OFFICE No. 1/265 31 JUL. 89 P.W.D. FOURTH CIRCLE

No. 988

Enclosures. 2

Subject.

Explaining why an extra rate for brickwork on the Breeks's Memorial High School was given to Contractors.

Requesting sanction to the excess payment Rs 442.15.3 to the contractors.

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EXAMINER No. 182 17 JUL 1889 P. W. ACCOUNTS

Coonoor,
20th September /88

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To
W. B. de Winton, Esq.
Executive Engineer
Nilgiris.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation yesterday, I wish on behalf of my firm to lay a few facts before you in connection with our recent contracts in Ooty, and to ask you, if you have no objection, to lay them before the Chief Engineer for his consideration.

In taking up the contracts for Breeks School and the Duct for water-supply at a deduction of ~~2~~ 3 per cent from Government estimate rates, we were led to believe that bricks would be supplied at Govt. cost price. On this basis, the cost of the bricks being Rs 21 plus Rs 3 for cartage to site, the cost per 100 cft for bricks (1⅓rd thousand), would be Rs 32/, leaving Rs 18 for labor, chunam, etc. and loss on bricks, which, as you know, is very considerable. But instead of this rate an additional Rs 6/ per 1000 was charged for reduction of capital account for Land and sheds, which makes an additional Rs 8 per square, and leaves only Rs 10 for labor, chunam, etc. The cost of this work in Ooty, if properly done, is certainly not less than Rs 15, without reckoning for any profit.

Further, the quantity of broken bricks was so great that

that there was more than sufficient for all the concrete required, and a considerable quantity was carted away to the Duct and as no allowance was made for the indifferent quality of the bricks, we reckon that the concrete cost us about Rs 15 per square more than we were paid. I am led to make these representations as in going through our books we find that the Breeks' School contract involved an actual loss, while the contract for the Duct gave us but an inadequate return. In the latter we were saved from loss, by the large quantity of country bricks used.

What I think should be granted to us is that we should be charged the rate at which the estimates are calculated, viz Rs 21 per 1000, and that an allowance of 3 per cent should be made for breakage, as was done in the case of Wellington Church, where the bricks were of much better quality. We do not put this forward as an absolute claim on Govt., but we think that in equity our request is a fair and reasonable one, and I shall be glad therefore, if you will submit it to the Chief Engineer for consideration. If admitted it gives us a profit on our work of about 10 per cent which I think is not excessive for supervision and risk.

In the case of the Court house we knew of the rate at which the bricks would be charged, but, as you will remember, I spoke to you on the subject, & hoped that the question would be re-considered. In this work brickwork is a comparatively small item.

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I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
(Sd) Geo. Norris Groves.

(True copy)

Executive Engineer
Nilgiri Division.

Ootacamund
17th June 1887

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FOURTH CIRCLE

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N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

[C. No. 2.]

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No. 237 SE/4

From Major C.H.P.Christie R.E.
THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To

The Superintending Engineer,
4th. Circle.

Madras, 30 July 1889.

Sir,

With reference to your No.125/exr. dated 12th. July 1889 sanctioning an excess payment of Rs.442-15-3, on the item "brick ~~and~~ in mortar foundation" in the "New Breeks Memorial School Ootacamund", caused by the Executive Engineer Nilgiri Division having allowed the contractors Messrs. Groves and Co, a rate of Rs.4-8-0 per 100 c. ft, less 3 per cent on the above item in excess of the sanctioned contract rate, I have the honor to point out that under P.W.D. Code para 1350 the tender of the contractors was or should have been accepted by the Chief Engineer and that consequently that officer's sanction should be obtained to the extra rate allowed the contractors.

2. The papers received with your endorsement under reply are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Major R.E.
Examiner P.W.Accounts Madras.

No 353 / Ew

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. for favor of sanction.

2. The original tender was sanctioned in Chief Engineers No. 3529 C of 12 October 1886.

1/8/89 Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 4th Circle

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P.W.C. No. 7220

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth circle.

Dated 1st Augt 1889

No. 353

Enclo: 3

Excess payment of Rs. 442-15-3 in the item Brick in Mortar foundation in New Breeks' Memorial School Ooty:—

Submitting letter from the Examiner, P.W. Accounts suggesting that the sanction of Government should be obtained to the—.

O.G.S. 29/8. Hm 8/8

Memo No. 3529 C d/ 12.10.86
Pr. Ans. 1923 W d/ 4-8.86

Hm

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No. 2189 dated 10th August 1889

Sanctioned

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Ex. Pro. a.

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P.W.C. No. 7220

Memo No. 3529 C of 12.10.86
Pr. Ans. 1923 W of 4-8.86

From
The Supg. Engineer,
Fourth circle.

Dated 1st Augt 1889

No. 353
W.

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O.S. 3918. H.W. 818..

P.B.

No. 2159 W dated 12th August 1889

Sanctioned

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S.E. IV Circle
Ex. Mr. O.

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