

8253, 8889.
Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 30542

DATED 27th October 1896

28/10/96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Preparation of bills: Approving the proposal of the Consulting architect ^{that he may} be authorized to prepare bills at estimated rates the total thus arrived at being reduced by the percentage below estimated rates, for which the tender has been accepted.

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Approving the proposal of the Consulting Architect that he may be authorized to prepare bills at estimated rates, the total thus arrived at being reduced by the percentage below estimated rates, for which the tender has been accepted:

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Acting Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 11th September 1896, No. 3082.

In G.O., No. 2649 W., dated 23rd September 1892, Government have approved of Examiner's suggestion that each rate in the agreement (accepted tender) should be corrected to what it would be after the deduction agreed upon, and that the rates used in bills should be the rates thus corrected and not the rates originally entered in the agreement, i.e., estimated rates. This system was recommended by the Examiner, in consequence, as stated of the risk of omission to make the deduction from the total of a bill.

2. I am unable to follow the Examiner's argument. In this division tenders are at present accepted at a certain percentage below estimated rates. The rates used in bills will be those provided in the estimate, the necessary deduction on account of tendered percentage being made to arrive at the net amount payable. Every bill therefore shows the percentage below estimated rates for which the tender was accepted, and assuring that no bill will be paid until after reference to accepted tender, &c., there cannot be any omission to make the deduction from the total of the bill as stated by the Examiner.

3. At present, the procedure suggested by the Examiner is being observed, but it has thrown very heavy and unnecessary work on this as well as on the Sub-Divisional offices. When the percentage tender of a particular contractor is accepted, he has again to submit another tender correcting each rate to what it would be after the deduction agreed upon. The calculations have to be checked both in the Sub-Divisional and Divisional offices, and this operation in most cases results in fractions, which it is very inconvenient to calculate.

4 Under the above circumstances, I have the honour to request that I may be authorized to employ estimated rates in bills, the total thus arrived at being reduced by the accepted tendered percentage rate.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 2nd October 1896, No. 2937 D./A.

The proposal made by the Consulting Architect to Government is the ordinary and proper procedure and it may be adopted.

ORDER—No. 3054 W., dated 27th October 1896.

The proposal in paragraph 4 of the Consulting Architect's letter is approved.
(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect to Government,
„ Superintending Engineers,
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts,

Exd. J. P. Oliver.

Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 8899

Order

No. 3054 W. of 27th October 1896

The proposal in

para 4 of the Cons. Arch.
Examiner's letter is approved

From The Examiner
P. W. Accounts
Madras

No. 2937 D/A

Dated 2nd September 1896

Received 5.10.96

Enclosures 1

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Stating that proposals made by the Consulting Architect to employ estimated rates in bills of Contractors may be adopted.

Cons.
C.A. 5200. ✓
Supd. Engrs.
S. P. W. Accounts.

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Memo	3413 C	P. W.	23-9-96 ✓
S.O.	3454 W	-	17-12-92 ✓
-	2649 W	-	23-9-92 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Public Works (1896) Department.

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CURRENT No. 8253

Order
No. 3413 C of 23 Sept 1896

To

For favour of
reminders.

[Signature]
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From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. 3082

Dated 11 September 1896

Received 14.9.96

Enclosures

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No. 2937 of 2.10.96
To W.

The proposal made by the Consulting Architect to Government is the ordinary and proper procedure and it may be adopted.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to authorize the Consulting Architect to employ estimated rates in bill of contractors under the circumstances explained.

[Signature]
C.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepanki, Madras.
11th September 1896.

From

Abel C. C. Ransom R.E.

Ag Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

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suggestion that each rate in the agree-
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I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Charles Spiller
1/9/96

Ag Consulting architect to Govt.

Cms 8899

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The C.A.'s letter
has already been sent
for remarks to E
who reports that
the C.A.'s proposals
are very good
be adopted.

Please see marked

sheet.

Cms

20/10/96

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