

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No.

13496

DATED

28/4/96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sub Registrar's office at
Vayittiri - 888 men planation
from the A Joyce in Engd
regarding the tax supervision which
led to the estimate for the being
exceeded by Rs 2,426

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

READ the following

A. S. H.

Mr. A. Joye, Executive Engineer, submits the explanation called for in G. O. No. 1075 W dated 7th May 1895, in regard to alleged lax supervision which led to the estimate of Rs 6,360 for the sub-registrar's office at Vayitri being exceeded by Rs 2,426.

2. Mr. Joyce does not appear to be in any way responsible for the inferior quality of the bricks supplied by the contractor Mr. Brown. He passed samples of bricks before he left the West Coast division in April 1893, the bricks were supplied after

after he left the division and were inspected by the subdivisional officer in May of the same year.

While the question of responsibility was under consideration, the subdivisional officer died, and it was decided that Government should accept the loss.

3. With regard to the alleged overpayment to contractors, A.C. Duthu - Sawmy Pillai & Sons, Mr. Joyce states that the materials were measured and the bill prepared by Mr. P. R. Allen, Assistant Engineer, and that the bill was paid after check in the divisional office. There seems no doubt therefore that the materials paid for were supplied, but as their value originally amounted to Rs 1086, and Messrs. Mitchell & Mackenzie who completed the work accepted a

a debit of ^{only} Rs 840 for the articles taken over by them, the stores must have been allowed to ~~deteriorate~~ ^{deteriorate} or some of them must have been lost, and Mr. Joyce is to blame for allowing a large quantity of materials to be supplied and paid for, merely, it would appear, with the object of spending his allotment.

4. The excess over the original estimate was further due to the work being finally made over for completion, without any formal agreement, to Messrs. Mitchell & Mackenzie, who appear to have taken advantage of this circumstance to charge very high rates. Mr. Joyce states that he did not authorise the sub-divisional officer, the late Conductor J. B. Smith, to enter into a contract with Messrs. Mitchell

Mitchell & Meekenzie, but that he ordered him to make arrangements with those gentlemen. Mr Joyce immediately after left the division, and Conductor Smith appears to have believed that the former officer had made the necessary arrangements with the contractors, and the work was thus allowed to proceed without anything further being done in regard to terms. The Government considers that Mr Joyce should have left a note for his successor explaining the circumstances of the work, and suggesting that a formal contract should be entered into without delay with Messrs. Mitchell & Meekenzie, and by omitting to do this, he neglected to safeguard the interests of Government.

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H.B.

Mr Joyce's explanation in connection with revised estimate for Sub Registrar's Office - Vayitri

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From

J. Hannan Esq
Supg Engineer 4th Circle

To The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Madras

Sir,

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With reference to your Memorandum dated 29th ultimo. No. 486.C, I have the honor to retransmit the following documents in connection with the revised estimate for the Sub Registrar's Office at Vayitri, and to request that they may be returned when no longer required.

3. Statements
1. Letter
1. Trial Bill
1. Comparative Statement.

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

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Supg Engineer 4th Circle

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From,
The Supg. Engineer
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- " 807 C. 2-3-95 ✓
- " 58-18-4-94 ✓
- " 1075 W. 7-5-95 ✓
- " 2477 C. 9-8-95 ✓
- " 486 C. 29-1-96 ✓

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