Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 10600

DATED 25-3-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

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No. 1060 W., 25TH MARCH 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

From O. C. LEES, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Miscellaneous), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, the 25th February 1896, No. 71 M.

The Accountant-General, Public Works Department, having brought to the notice of the Government of India that at the end of September 1895 irregular expenditure had been incurred from Provincial funds on the marginally-mentioned works to the extent shown against each, I am directed to request that steps may be taken to regularise the outlay in question at an early date.

	RS.
(1) Furniture for Kistna Western Division outstanding since June 1893	7
(2) Fifty close prison cells in Central Jail at Salem	1,174
(3) Taluk Cutcherry, Tiruchengódu ...	6,932

2. I am to take this opportunity of inviting attention to Public Works Department letter No. 488 M., dated the 2nd December 1895, and to point out that, with the exception of item 7 (Pier at Tuticorin), the items to which attention was called in that letter are still unadjusted; some of these items have been outstanding a very long time.

ORDER—No. 1060 W., dated 25th March 1896.

The following remarks show the present position of the irregularities noticed by the Government of India in the accompanying letter. The Superintending Engineers concerned will go carefully into the irregularities, remove them at once where practicable, and explain the causes of the delay which has already been allowed to occur; and, where blame attaches for inattention to previous orders, will name the officers responsible.

Paragraph 1, *Item No.* 1—*Furniture for Kistna Western Division.*—An outlay of Rs. 7 was incurred without a sanctioned estimate in June 1893; the item has regularly appeared in the objectionable items statement ever since, and attention has been drawn to it month after month.

Item No. 2—*Fifty close prison cells in the Central Jail at Salem.*—An outlay of Rs. 1,174 was incurred in excess of sanctioned estimate in January 1895. A supplemental estimate covering the excess has only recently been received and is under the Chief Engineer's disposal.

Item No. 3—*Taluk Cutcherry at Tiruchengódu.*—An expenditure of Rs. 1,444 in excess of estimate was incurred in March 1895, the excess rose to Rs. 6,932 in September 1895 and to Rs. 10,459 in December 1895. A revised estimate covering the total expenditure has now been received and orders of Government will issue shortly.

The objectionable items referred to in paragraph 2 of the Government of India letter are given in the statement printed with G.O. No. 64 W., dated 9th January 1896, and the following remarks apply to them.

Item No. 1—*Manufacture of store at Vadlamudi, Kistna Western Division.*—An expenditure of Rs. 4,352 without estimate was incurred during 1893–94. The Superintending Engineer was requested month after month to arrange for the removal of the objection in the objectionable items statement commencing from January 1894. An estimate of Rs. 4,352 has recently been received and has been sent to the Examiner for report.

Item No 2—*Taluk Cutcherry at Sattenapalle.*—An outlay of Rs. 1,404 in excess of estimate was incurred in May 1891, and the excess gradually increased to Rs. 2,871 during 1892–93, whereupon a completion report was promised, but it has not yet been received although the attention of the Superintending Engineer has been drawn to the matter every month in the objectionable items statement.

Item No. 3—*Collector's Office at Calicut.*—Expenditure in excess of estimate was incurred to the extent of Rs. 12,236 from July 1893 to December 1895. It is observed from the Superintending Engineer's letter recorded with Memo. No. 744 C., dated 10th February 1895, that the work was practically completed about two years ago, and that the delay in closing the accounts is due to the non-acceptance of the final bill by the contractor. The Superintending Engineer states that he has ordered the accounts of the work to be closed forthwith, and the amount due to the contractor to be credited to "Deposits."

Item No. 4—*Residence for the Collector at Chatrapur.*—Expenditure of Rs. 2,573 in excess of estimate was incurred in March 1894 and the Superintending Engineer was asked to submit the completion report. There has been delay in the submission of this report, as the Collector refused to sign the completion certificate owing to some bad work. This was ordered to be rectified at the expense of the State. The submission of the completion report thus depends on the rectification of the bad work which should be attended to at once.

Item No. 5—*Potinghi-Koraput road.*—An outlay of Rs. 11,445 in excess of estimate was incurred in March 1892 and it increased to Rs. 28,051 by the end of December 1895. The work was in charge of the Estate Engineer from December 1892 to June 1895 and a great portion of the excess was incurred by him. The Estate Engineer explains that he carried out works not provided for in the estimate under the orders of the Agent Mr. Willock, and this explanation has been forwarded to the Judicial Department for Mr. Willock's remarks (*vide* Memo. No. 3807 C., dated 3rd December 1895). A reminder to this memorandum was sent to the Judicial Department on the 7th February 1896. There is no possibility of the completion report for the work being submitted by the Superintending Engineer until Mr. Willock's remarks are received and final orders thereon are passed.

Items Nos. 6 *and* 7.—The objection to these two items has since been finally removed.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
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" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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To

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Dues: 2.3.56

O.C. Lees.

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.

No. 1915-6w 41-8-95 ✓
" 4043c " 16-12-95 ✓
" 64w " 9-1-96 ✓
" 508c " 29-1-96 ✓
" 744c " 10-2-96 ✓
" 766w " 3-3-96 ✓ put up with C No 233
" 767w " 3-3-96 ✓ put up with C No 232
" 797w " 6-3-96 ✓ put with C No 2470
" 3807c " 3-12-95.

S.S.S.