Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3248 W

DATED 22 Novr 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Port Office building at Cochin, Correspondence on the subject of the preparation of estimates for repairs to the —, recorded and the S.E. requested to expedite the submission of the estimate for constructing a new residence for the Port Officer at Cochin, already called for.

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22/11/97

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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again ~~G.O.~~ Endt, dated 29th March 1897 ~~189~~ , No. 224 Ec: Marine Deptt
Again G.O., dated 2nd April 1897 ~~189~~ , No. 938 W
Current No. 4093 of 1897, dated 20th April 1897, from the S. Ec. IV Circle
" " 4549 " 1897, " 5th May 1897 ; " —— do ——
" " 8335 " 1897, " 17th Augt 1897 ; " —— do ——

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ORDER.

Recorded.

2. The Suptg. Engineer will expedite the submission of the estimate for constructing a new residence for the Port Officer at Cochin called for in G. O. No: 2367 W of 17th August 1896.

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A.S.H.
17.11.97

Put up with a current and sent to Madras on the 27th Sept 1897

T Pr
B. Cmr

To
The S. Ec. IV Circle
" Marine Deptt.

D 23/11/97

H.E. 1.9.97

(V. O. for [illegible])

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RK

The papers in the linked file are not needed for the current query & be returned to records –

One important paper is however not in the file – viz S.O. No 2367W d/17-8-96 –

Please see if this can be traced.

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25/8/57

Law
2367W d/17-8-96 is placed in Marine CN° 1224 of '96. Put up as ord.
[illegible] 28/8/57

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This explanation is submitted by the S.S. IV Circle, with reference to ~~the~~ your pencil remark on the draft order, and to the slip attached to memo. No. 3320 C dated 26-7-97.

Submitted that it is unnecessary to issue the long draft order previously sent up. The complaint of the Pres. Post office was that there had been delay in the preparation of an estimate for repairs to the Post office at Cochin. The delay arose chiefly through doubts & corresp. as to what measure of repair was necessary. If the building was

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to be retained, rather extensive repairs would be needed; if however a new building was to be constructed on the site of the present one, the expenditure of only a few Rs. was required to patch up the existing building to make it temporarily water-tight. The matter ended in the Post Office undertaking to do the work ~~himself~~ himself.

The P.P.O. must now be fully aware of all that has transpired, & it seems unnecessary to pass a long S.O. recapitulating all the circumstances.

Another matter alluded to in the papers is the delay in submitting the estimate for a new residence for the Post Office. In the latest answer that, dated July 1897, the S.E. says the estimate is awaited from the Ex. Engr.

Submitted that the papers might be recorded with the remarks that the S.E. should expedite the submission of plans & estimates for the new building, called for in S.O. No. 2367 W. of 17.8.96.

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26.8.97

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I am afraid this draft has had to be altered as there does seem to have been some delay [illegible] [illegible] remarks

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Submitted that the Supt. Engr. be asked to explain the delay from 24.11.96 to 8.1.97 before the matter is submitted to Govt. Draft Memo submitted for approval.

R.W.R.
10/7/97

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Note.

A précis of the papers received with the first two currents quoted at the head of the accompanying Draft Proceedings is given in the superseded draft order and the note attached to Memo: No: 3320 C x d/26th July 1897.

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Yes, these made temporarily by delay.
A.G.H

The Presidency Port officer must now be fully aware of all that has transpired and it seems unnecessary to pass a long G.O. recapitulating all the circumstances.

Another matter alluded to in the papers is the delay in submitting the estimate for a new residence, which it is understood has not still left the office of the Executive Engineer.

In the above circumstances, it is proposed to record the papers with the remark that the Suptg. Engineer should expedite the submission of the estimate for a new building

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8355

Order

From The Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

No. 446/W

Dated 17th August 1897

Received 23.8.97

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SUBJECT.

Port Office building at Cochin—

Explains the cause of delay in the preparation of —

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Letter from the Executive Engineer West Coast Division to the Superintending Engineer 4th Circle, No. 584 S.E. dated 10th August 1897.

In reply to your No. $\frac{401}{W.C.}$ dated 29th July 1897. I have the honor to state that the Calicut Sub-Divisional Officer was called upon on the 21st November to submit an estimate for the necessary repairs to the Port office at Cochin.

2. In the following week he was in Camp with the Malabar Volunteers and did not go to Cochin until the 11th December.

3. The estimate was received in the Divisional office on the 19th December and was sent to the Port officer on the 8th January

No. $\frac{446}{W}$ d/17-8-97.

Copy submitted to the

Chief Engineer P.W. Department
with reference to his Memo No.
3320/C dated 26th July 1897.

~~Vide No. 1965 dt 21-7-97. Sent to [illegible] on 10-8-97~~

Supg: Engineer
4th Circle

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No. 3320 C, d 26-7-97

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Memorandum

From para 2 of the letter from the Supdg. Engr., IV Circle, No. 217/W. dated 25th April 97 it would appear that an estimate for the absolutely necessary repairs to the Port Office buildings at Cochin was called for on the 24th Novr. 96, but the estimate was sent to the Port Officer, Cochin, for countersignature only the 8th Jany 97. The Supdg. Engr. is requested to be so good as to explain why it took so long to prepare an estimate amounting to Rs 110.

17/7/97
E.W.

T/B.

Rd.
d 27/7/97

To
The Supdg. Engr., IV Circle

28/7/97

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following.

From the S.E.IV Circle, No. 217 W dated 20th April 1897.

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Communicated to the Marine -- Department with reference to endorsement in that Department No. 224 E dated 29th March 1897.

2. In G.O.No.1710 W dated 9th June 1896, the Superintending Engineer was directed to prepare an -- estimate for repairs and improvements to the Port Office building at Cochin. An estimate of Rs. 1,800 was accordingly submitted to the Superintending Engineer apparently in October 1896, but the Assistant Engineer, West Coast Division having reported that the building was not in a safe condition for occupation during the South West Monsoon, and that it should be replaced by a new building at a very early date, the Presidency Port Officer in his letter No. 1712/182 P.W. dated 29th October 1896 requested the Suptg. Engineer in view of the present condition of the office building to have the necessary repairs put in hand

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hand in anticipation of sanction to an estimate. Thereupon the Suptg. Engineer returned the estimate of Rs. 1,800 and directed the Executive Engineer to carry out absolutely necessary repairs in anticipation of sanction. The Executive Engineer reported in his letter No. 598 F dated 18th November 1896 that if new buildings were to be constructed on the same site, it was not necessary to spend more than a small sum in keeping the roof water tight and in replacing such small portions of wood work as might need renewing, and he forwarded an estimate of Rs. 110 for the purpose to the Port Office at Cochin for countersignature on the 8th January 1897. This estimate was returned by the Port Officer Cochin with the request that it might be reduced to Rs. 50 by providing only for absolutely necessary repairs, and with the intimation that the repairs could if necessary be executed departmentally. The estimate was retransmitted to the Port Officer with the remark that it provided only for absolutely necessary repairs, but it was again returned by that officer for further revision. Before it could be revised and resubmitted the Presidency Port Officer in his letter No. 1741/45 P.W. dated 19th March 1897 intimated that the necessary repairs would be carried out departmentally. In these circumstances it is not considered that any blame can be attached to the officers of the P.W. Department in regard to the delay complained of.

From 18th Nov to 8th Jany in making an estimate for R 110 this is unreasonable delay without explanation

I do not agree. A.G.H

3. The Superintending Engineer has not reported the action taken in the submission of an estimate for new quarters for the Port Officer at Cochin. This report should be submitted without delay.

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The S.E. IV Circle.
m, Marine Department.

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Note

In G. O. No 1710 W dated 9th June 1896, the Suptg Engr IV circle was directed to prepare the necessary estimate for repairs and improvements to the Port Office building at Cochin. The proposal to purchase Mr Winckler's bungalow at Cochin for use as residence of the Port Officer was abandoned and the Suptg Engr was asked to prepare plans and estimates for a new residence. *Vide* G. O. No 2367 W dated 17th August 1896.

2 In his letters Nos $\frac{1741}{104}$ G and $\frac{1712}{103}$ G dated 22nd March 1897 the Presidency Port Officer brought to notice that neither of the above estimates had been received and requested that the Suptg Engr might be called upon for an explanation as to the delay in the submission of the estimate for the first work. These letters were communicated to the Suptg Engr for early remarks *vide* G. O. No 983 W dated 2nd April 1897.

3 The Assistant Engineer West Coast Division having reported that the Port Office building was not

in a safe condition for occupation during the South West monsoon and that it should be replaced by a new building at a very early date, the Port Officer Cochin urged in his letter No $\frac{33}{7}$ dated 24th October 1896 that the work of the new Port Office and Port Officer's quarters might be put in hand at once. The Presidency Port Officer forwarded copy of the Cochin Port Officer's letter to the Suptg. Engr. IV circle and inquired when the estimates for the Port Officer's residence and repairs to the Port Office building might be expected. The Presidency Port Officer also requested that arrangements might be made for repairs to the Port Office building being put in hand in anticipation of sanction to estimate. The Suptg. Engr. called upon the Executive Engineer West Coast Division to expedite the estimates for the quarters and the office and ordered that the repairs to the Port Office building should be put in hand at once in anticipation of sanction and that the necessary estimate be submitted afterwards. No action appears to have been taken with reference to the estimate of Rs 1,800 for improvements to the Port Office prepared before the decision to construct

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a new Office was arrived at. The Assistant Engineer West Coast Division reported that it was unnecessary to spend more than a small sum in keeping the roof watertight and in replacing such small portion of wood work as may need renewing should it be contemplated to remove the buildings at an early date to enable the proposed Port Office and Port Officer's quarters combined, to be erected on its site. He also stated that it was under the idea that Captain Winckler's bungalow at Cochin would be purchased for quarters quarters for the Port Officer that the thorough repairs to the Port Office building at a cost of Rs 1,800 was estimated for and that the negotiations for the purchase of Captain Winckler's house having fallen through the estimate of Rs 1,800 was no longer necessary to be carried out. The Executive Engineer called upon the Sub Divisional Officer to submit an estimate for the absolutely necessary repairs. Copy of the Assistant Engineer's report was forwarded to the Presidency Port Officer for information.

4 The Executive Engineer

West coast Division forwarded to the Port Officer an estimate of Rs 110 for repairs to the office building on the 8th January 1897 for countersignature. The Port Officer returned this estimate to be reduced to Rs 50 by providing for absolutely necessary repairs mentioning at the same time that the repairs if necessary could be done departmentally. The estimate was retransmitted to the Port Officer with the intimation that it provided only for absolutely necessary repairs. It was again returned by the Port Officer for further revision, but before it could be ~~was~~ revised and resubmitted the Presidency Port Officer's letter No. $\frac{1741}{45}$ P.W. d/ 19th March 1897 stating that he proposed to carry out the necessary repairs departmentally was received and the estimate was not consequently resubmitted.

5 The Suptg. Engr. has not explained the cause of delay in the submission of the estimate for the Port Officer's residence at Cochin. This explanation will now be called for.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4549.

Vide 4093/97

Order

From The Supg. Engineer
Fourth Circle.

No. $\frac{245}{W}$

Dated 5th May 1897.
Received 8-5-97
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SUBJECT.

Port office building at Cochin.

Submits copies of certain correspondence in connection with the repairing of —

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Presidency Port Office
Madras 19th March 1897.

No: 1741/45 P.W.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle.
Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that I purpose having carried out departmentally certain temporary repairs to the Port office at Cochin which I find are required urgently to make the building water tight for the approaching monsoon.

I have the honor to be
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(Sd) H.A. Street.
Commander R.I.M.
Presy: Port Office

(True copy)

Supg: Engineer
Fourth Circle.

Executive Engineer's Office
No: 249 S.E. West Coast Division
Calicut 1st May 1897.

From,

C.W. Wood Esq.
Executive Engineer,
West Coast Division

To,

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle.

Sir,

With reference to your No $\frac{202}{W.C.}$ dated 20th Instant, I have the honor to state that an estimate of Rs: 110 for repairs to the Port office at Cochin was sent on the 8th January last for Countersignature of the Port officer who returned it for being reduced to Rs: 50 by providing only for such repairs as were in his opinion absolutely necessary. He also mentioned that the repairs could, if necessary, be done departmentally.

The estimate was retransmitted to him with the intimation that it only provided for absolutely necessary repairs. It was again returned by the Port Officer for further revision but before it was revised and submitted your endorsement No: $\frac{156}{W.C.}$ of 25th March 1897, Communicating Presidency Port officer's No: $\frac{1741}{45}$ P.W., dated 19th March 1897, stating that he proposed to carry out the necessary repairs departmentally was received and the above estimate was consequently not submitted.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Sd) C.W. Wood
Executive Engineer

No: $\frac{245}{W}$ d/5-5-97.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department in Continuation of this Office No: 217 W dated 20th April 1897.

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1 Port-officer's letter (Copy)

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Copy of the Presidency Port officer's letter No: 1741/45 P.W. dated 19th March 1897 quoted in the above letter is herewith submitted for information.

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From The Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

No. 217/W.

Dated 20th April 1897

Received 26.4.97

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SUBJECT.

Port office buildings at Cochin.

Reports on the measures taken towards repairing the ——

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d. L.S. 82

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Port Office
Cochin 24th October 1896

No. 33/7

From M. Woodhouse, Esq.,
Port Officer
Cochin

To, Presidency Port Officer
Madras.

Sir

In Continuation of this office letter No. 25/356 dated 21-7-96 I have the honor to quote the following opinion expressed by the Assistant Engineer, West Coast Division Calicut, regarding the present unsafe Condition of the Port Office building Viz:—

"From a personal inspection of the Port Office building I am of opinion that it is not in a safe Condition for occupation during the ensuing S. W. monsoon and that it should be replaced by a new building at a very early date."

I request therefore that you will be good enough to urge the Superintending Engineer to take the work of the new Port Offi and Port Officer's Quarters in hand at an early date. The plans have been

already
"Approved and Countersigned by me."

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) M. Woodhouse
Port Officer.

(True Copy).

"By order"
Ponnarangam H. Clerk
Supg Engineer's Office.

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No. 1712/182 P.W.

Presidency Port Office
Madras 29th October 1896

From,
The Presidency Port Officer
Madras.

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
IV circle,
Coimbatore.

Sir

I enclose for your information Copy of a letter from the Port Officer Cochin (No. 33/7 dated 24th October 1896) and with reference to the orders of Government quoted in the margin, beg to enquire when the estimates for providing a residence for the Port Officer and for repairs to the Port Office building, at Cochin may be expected.

No. 1710 Wd/9th June 96
" 2367 Wd/17th Aug 1896

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2. In view of the Executive Engineer's remarks with respect to the present Condition of the office building I request, that if possible arrangements may be made, for the necessary repairs being taken in hand in anticipation of Sanction of estimate.

I have the honour &c.
(Signed) H. N. Street.
Commdr. R. I. M.
Presidency Port Officer

No. 655 W.C. d/1-11-96.
(True Copy)

Copy forwarded to the Ex. Engineer West Coa

Coast Devision for information and guidance

The submission of the estimate for Constructing Port Officer's quarters and Port Office Combined at Cochin, Called for in this Office No. 480 W.C. d/ 4th September 1896 should be expedited.

Repairs to the present Port Office at Cochin should be put in hand at once, in anticipation of Sanction to the Estimate if the Executive Engineer thinks it necessary, and the estimate should be submitted for Sanction.

The estimate of Rs 1800 lately prepared for improvements to the Port Office is herewith sent for reference.

Sd/ J. Hannan
Supg: Engineer, 4th Circle.

(True copy) "By order"

Hommanpam Hd Clerk
Supg Engineer's 4th Circle Office

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No. 598E

Calicut Sub Divisional Office
18th November 1896.

From,
W. N. Baker Esq,
Asst. Engineer.

To,
The Executive Engineer,
West Coast Dn, Calicut.

Sir,

In returning herewith your Endorsement No. 2265 d/12th Novr 1896 with its enclosures, I have the honor to state that I consider it quite unnecessary to expend more than a small sum in keeping the roof water-tight, and if necessary replacing such small portions of wood work as may need renewing should it be contemplated to remove the buildings at an early date to enable the proposed Port Office and Port Officer's quarters Combined, to be erected on its site

It was under the idea that Captain Winckler's bungalow at Cochin would be purchased for quarters for the Port Officer, that the thorough repair to the Post Office building at a cost of Rs 1800 was estimated for.

As the negotiations for purchase of Captain Winkler's house have fallen through, this estimate for Rs 1800 is no longer required to be carried out.

I have &c

sdy W. V. Baker

Asstt Engr. 17.11.96

No 722/S.E. dy 24th November 1896.

Copy to the Supg Engr 4th Circle for information with reference to his Endt No 655/W.C. dy 14th November 1896. An Estimate for the obsolutely necessary repairs has been called for

sdy C W. Wood

Ex. Engineer

No 496/M dy 30th Novr 1896.

Copy fowarded to the Presidency Port Officer for information with reference to his letter No 1712/182 P.W. dated 29th Octr 1896

sdy J. Hannan

Supg. Engr. 4th Circle

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Supg. Engrs Office. 4th Circle

20th April 1897.

No 217/W

From,

J. Hannan. Esq

Supg: Engineer. 4th Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer

P.W.D. Madras:

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With reference to G.O. No 938 W dated 2nd April 1897. I have the honor to report that the Presidency Port Officer brought to my notice the bad state of the Port Office building at Cochin and requested me to arrange for carrying out the necessary repairs to the building in his letter No 1712/182 P.W. dated 29th October 1896. On receipt of this letter I ordered the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division to have the repairs to the building put in hand at once in anticipation of Sanction and to submit the necessary estimate for Sanction. See copy of my endorsement No 655/W.C. dy 14th November 1896 on the Presidency Port Officer's letter.

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2 The Executive Engineer in his Endorsement No 722 dated 24th November 1896, reported that he called for an estimate for the absolutely necessary repairs to the Post Office building, under reasons stated by the Sub Division Officer in his letter No 598 E. dated 18th November 1896, Copy of this letter bearing the Executive Engineers Endorsement above quoted was duly Communicated to the Presidency Post Officer in this Office No 496 M dated 30th November 1896, Copy Enclosed for your information.

3 The Executive Engineer has now been Called on to report as to what action was since taken towards repairing the building under reference, and his reply when received will be communicated to you.

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

JHammun

Supg. Engr. 4th Circle