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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
12th December 1861.

No. 39. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, District Engineer Presidency; to the Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, dated 22nd October 1861, No. 1,290.

I have the honor to forward an Estimate amounting to 8,680 Rupees, for placing in thorough repair the large building and numerous out-offices at the Wallajah Baugh, occupied by Her Highness the Begum.

2. The main building leaked to so great an extent that, Her Highness was reluctantly compelled to vacate it, and the opportunity of her absence from Madras has been taken to prepare the detailed estimate herewith forwarded, not only for making all necessary repairs to the principal building, but to the numerous out-offices occupied by her extensive retinue.

Item No. 1, is for repairing the ground floor of main building estimated to cost Rupees 1,603.

Item No. 2, the upper story of main building estimated to cost 1,222.

Item No. 3, is for repairing the cook-room, privy, and a godown attached to the principal building, estimates 244 Rupees.

Item No. 4, is for repairing a large detached building to the west of the dwelling house formerly occupied by the Begum's mother but at present by some of the superior servants of Her Highness' establishment. This building is in a dangerous state and the entire roof has to be renewed, which, with many other repairs is estimated to cost 1,400 Rupees.

Item No. 5, is for repairing a large Bungalow on the east side, which is occupied as an Office, but I am sorry to observe that, for want of sufficient stable accommodation, that horses are picketed in the verandahs. This building is in a decent state of repair but very dirty. For white-washing and painting it throughout as well as renewing the floor it is estimated to cost 1,067 Rupees.

Item No. 6, is for repairing the cook-room, godown and privy, attached to the Office Bungalow, and is estimated to cost 443 Rupees.

Item No. 7, is for repairing a small stable with only three stalls and two godowns, which are in a dilapidated state, and is estimated to cost Rupees 768.

Item No. 8, is for repairing three coach godowns, which are also in a very dilapidated state. The terrace which is formed of palmyrah rafters having been entirely eaten away by the white ants, are now partly supported by wooden props, is estimated to cost 644 Rupees.

Item No. 9, is for making repairs to the guard room and water pandal estimated to cost 129 Rupees.

Item No. 10, is for repairing the principal gateway, where the doors are almost useless and afford no protection, and is estimated to cost 112 Rupees.

Item No. 11, is for rebuilding a portion of the stables on the west side of the entrance which have fallen down and where some attempt has been made to rebuild them. It has been mentioned above that for want of proper stable accommodation, the horses have been picketed in the verandah of the Office Bungalow, and that there is no doubt that this will cease as soon as a proper stable is provided. At presnt there are only three stalls available, and nothing can be much worse than their condition.

To render this stable efficient it is estimated to cost 1,048 Rupees.

4. I have been carefully over every part of it, and I am of opinion that for the due preservation of the State property, (for the Wallahjah Baugh has been merely lent by the Government to Her Highness) that no time should be lost in carrying out one and all of the repairs in the accompanying estimate.

5. I have already in a previous communication to the Political Agent at Chepauk, stated it as my opinion, that a greater part of the out-offices must have been in a dilapidated state before they were occupied by Her Highness, and that consequently only one-fourth of the expense of repairing it, should be borne by Her Highness.

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No. 7,384.

Enclosures 3.
1 Letter from the District Engineer, Presidency, No. 1,290, dated 22nd October 1861.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.

Submitted to Government for sanction of the Estimate Rupees 8,680 in accordance with their Proceedings No. 419, dated 27th September 1861.

2. The amount proposed to be expended, is large, but the District Engineer has gone carefully over every part of the building and considers that no reduction can be made.

3. The District Engineer proposes that Her Highness the Begum should bear only one-fourth of the expense to be incurred on the building, in lieu of one-third as originally proposed, because the greater part of the out-offices were in a dilapidated state before they were occupied by Her Highness.

4. This question, however, the Chief Engineer observes is reserved by Government to be hereafter determined in the Political Department.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, CHEPAUK,
19th November 1861.

(Singed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut. Col.,
Chief Engineer, D. P. W.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, D. P. W.,
Fort Saint George.

Transferred to the Political Department.

21st November 1861.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1861, No. 556.

The Government sanction the estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer for placing in thorough repair the principal building and out-offices at the Wallajah Baugh, lately occupied by Her Highness Khair-un Nissa Begum, amounting to Rupees 8,680 and direct, with reference to the opinion expressed by the District Engineer in paragraph 4 of his letter forwarding the estimate, that orders be issued through the Public Works Department for the immediate execution of the whole of the repairs.

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No. 3.	Cook-room, Privy and Godown attached to do. ,,	244
,, 7.	Small Stable and two Godowns ,,	763
,, 8.	Three Coach Godowns. ,,	644
,, 9.	Guard-room and Water pandal .. ,,	129
,, 10.	Principal Gateway .. ,,	112

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the cost of repairing the principal building and the out-offices, &c., Nos. 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, aggregate Rupees 4,722, should be charged to Her Highness the Begum, the amount being recovered from her stipend by instalments of 1,000 Rupees per mensem, and that the expense of the other items of the estimate amounting to Rupees 3,958 should be borne by Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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(Dated 19: Nov: 1861 N° 7384)

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Dated 11 December /61

Sanction the Estimate for placing in through repair the Principal Building & out offices at the Wallajah Baugh amounting to Rs 8680 Rs 4722 Should be charged to Her Highness Khair un Nissa Begum, the amount being recovered from her Stipend by instalments of

of Rs 1000 per mensem and Rs 3958 Should be borne by Govt.

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