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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	984	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	16-7-	1869

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th July 1869.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 111. From E. C. G. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 8th April 1869, No. 40.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the G. O., dated 22nd March 1869, No. 365, I have the honour to state that the buildings* in question being situated on the beach the soil is sandy and precludes the formation of a permanent ditch.

* Small-pox and Leper Hospitals.

2. The "Corukapilly" is unknown in Malabar, and may be brought from some of the eastern districts and introduced here for the formation of hedges, to which it is admirably adopted; but as already stated the soil in the locality above adverted to being sandy, soil from a distance will probably have to be carried there to mix with the sand and make a bed for the plant.

3. The only kind of cheap enclosure to be seen in Malabar is bamboo-fence; no plants of any kind are used as hedges. I beg orders as to whether I may call for an estimate for a bamboo-fence and gates of laterite in chunam for submission to Government.

4. I may here state that the bamboo-fence would require annual replacing, and cannot materially improve the general appearance of the place.

5. The Public Works Department can probably make a reduction in the original estimate, and if the stone-wall and gates can be built for, say, seven or eight thousand, it may be, I think, true economy in the end; or if the Government wish an attempt shall be made to raise a hedge by the side of the fence.

No. 153.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 112.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request that the Acting Collector of Malabar will call for and submit to Government the estimates referred to in paragraph 3 of his letter of the 8th instant, No. 40.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th April 1869.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Actg. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Collector of Malabar.

No. 113. From E. C. G. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 29th June 1869, No. 68.

Adverting to the Under Secretary's Memorandum, I have the honour to forward a revised estimate from Colonel Walker for erecting a wall round the Small-pox

Dated 14th April 1869, No. 153. and Leper Hospitals and Fish-oil Factory, at a cost of Rupees 4485.

2. It will be observed that the first estimate was for an ornamental structure, and the present one is for the plainest possible three feet wall.

3. I shall be happy to carry out the Government wishes either as to wall or hedge. It is not perhaps important that the Fish-oil Factory should have a wall.

4. For the delay that has occurred this office is not to blame. Immediately on receipt of the docket from Government, No. 153 of 14th April, I informed the

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Superintending Engineer that the Government had "declined to sanction so large a sum as 11,000 rupees, and directed me to get a revised estimate," and, asking for such revised estimate, suggested that the height of the wall might be reduced.

5. A month passed without a reply, and a reminder was sent from this office; other letters passed. The Engineer doubted the truth of my "assertion" that my application was "by the direction of Government," and it was not till the Collector had satisfied the Engineer of his truthfulness by sending a copy of the Government docket, No. 153, that the revised estimate was finally received in this office yesterday, with the remark that the estimate would have been supplied at once, and waste of time avoided, had my "requisition been supported by competent authority."

6. It so happened that I had intended the copy of the docket in question to have been sent to Colonel Walker at once, and it was through a mistake in the office that the Engineer was thus for some time without this voucher for my truthfulness, when I told him distinctly that I wrote by the direction of Government, but I am not aware that it was at all imperative to have adopted this course.

7. There was, especially in one of the letters, the usual unpleasant tone characteristic of Colonel Walker's official correspondence, but I do not wish to trouble the Government regarding this.

8. It seems to me, however, that it is necessary the Government should state, for my information and that of the Engineer, whether in future the Engineer is at liberty to decline attending to an application from the Collector for a plan or estimate unless that application is in every instance supported by higher authority, and also not only stated but proved so to be by a voucher in the form of copy or original of the order in question.

9. This seems to be the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, although it is, as I conceive, utterly opposed to the intentions of Government, as shown in numerous orders and rules.

From Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Congrapolliem, 23rd June 1869, No. 44.

I have the honour to supply you with an estimate of Rupees 4485 for building a plain wall round the hospitals at Calicut three feet only in height, as suggested in paragraph 3 of your letter, No. 906 of 22nd April. It will be perfectly plain, only nine inches or a single stone in thickness, with foundations only 1½ feet square in section, such dimensions being the least that can be attempted.

2. I beg to observe that such an estimate would have been supplied you at once, had your requisition been supported by competent authority, now only produced. And so would all unpleasantness hinted at in paragraph 3 of your letter, No. 1362 of 17th June, have been obviated, as well as delay and waste of time. The elaborate surveys and drawings on preparation of which so much of my own time, and that of 2nd Assistant Engineer and one Draughtsman has been spent, will show that the Officers of the Public Works Department have taken much interest in this matter, with the desire of gratifying the wishes of your predecessor, and of embellishing Calicut. Precisely similar attention would have been paid to your wishes had you earlier shown me how I was authorized to act on them.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1869, No. 984.

The Government approve of the revised estimate prepared by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, and submitted by the Acting Collector of Malabar, for

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erecting a wall round the Small-pox and Leper Hospitals and Fish-oil Factory at Calicut, at a cost of Rupees 4485.

2. The necessary orders will be passed in the Public Works Department should funds be available this year for this work.

3. With reference to the question raised in paragraph 8 of Mr. Thomas' letter, the Government are not prepared, at this moment, to lay down any specific rule with reference to the power to be exercised by a Collector in calling for plans and estimates from a Superintending Engineer, and they are satisfied that when a proper feeling exists between the respective authorities, no difficulty will occur on the part of the Superintending Engineer in affording to the Collector such reasonable information and assistance as the public service may require.

4. In the present case, before expressing an opinion as to the part taken by Colonel Walker in the correspondence under consideration, the Government determine to call upon that officer for an explanation, and they desire that Mr. Thomas shall forward copies of all the letters which have passed on the question.

(True Extract).

R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Acting Collector of Malabar.

„ Public Works Department, with the estimate.
„ Inspector General of the Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Question

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE AG. COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 16th.

Recd.

And.

G. O. 16th July 1863, No. 984.

JULY.

Nos. 111—114.

Approving of the revised estimate of Rupee 485 for erecting a wall round the Small-pox and Lepet Hospitals and Fish-oil Factory at Calicut and calling for explanation in regard to the correspondence that took place between the Collector and Superintending Engineer regarding the submission of plans and estimates for this work.

Public Department.

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Copy of the letter referred to in para. 6 of
the Collector's letter of 23 June 1864
under the impression that the Govt. will
desire to have it before them when disposing
of the above letter.

Calicut
3 July 1864

J. S. D. S.
Collector.

Secy. under Secretary

To

The Collector of Malabar.

Public Department.

No 153.

Memorandum

The Under Secy. to Govt. Public
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Acting Collector of Malabar will call
for and submit to Government, the estimate
referred to in para 3 of his letter of
the 8th Instant No 40.

Port St George
14th April 1869 }

/Signed/ H. C. Stokes
Act. Under Secretary

To

The Collector of Malabar.

Public Dept.
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Memorandum dated
14th April 1869

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Letter from Collr of Malabar
8th Apr 1869 No 40
Memo to - do - 14th do - 1869

Read the following letter from the

Collector of Malabar

(Received 29 June 1869 No 68)

Order thereon. No 982 - 16 July/69

The Govt approve of
the revised estimate prepared
by the Superintending En-
gineers of Division and
submitted by the Acting
Collector of Malabar, for
erecting a wall round the
Small Pox & Leprosy Hospital
and Fish oil Factory at
Calicut at a cost of Rs 44,852.
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