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Mahal at Gurramkonda,
Cuddapah Division

estimate for additions and improvements
as —, sanctioned with remarks.

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4. The Superintending Engineer will furnish the Examiner of Public Works Accounts direct with a copy of the general abstract estimate for the amount sanctioned.
5. The sanction accorded in para. 1 of these Proceedings has been registered as Provincial No. 102 W. of 1889-90, and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

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Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, with ~~enclosures~~
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Public Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 25th November 1889, No. 2532.

[G.O., No. 2275 W., Public Works, dated 17th August 1889.]

I have the honor to forward revised estimates for alterations and improvements to the Mahal at Gurramkonda, Cuddapah district, amounting to Rs. 2,768 and 509 respectively.

2. The first estimate provides for restoring the fallen verandah on the road side in exactly the same style as the original and for putting in extra supports to the unfallen verandah on the same side, also for levelling the ground and for renewing the ornamental parapet at top.

These items amount to Rs. 1,816, and this is, strictly speaking, all that can be called *restoration*. The rest of the estimate, Rs. 952, is for general repairs to the building. The second estimate is for building a cook-room and stables for the accommodation of travellers; because, if these ideas are carried out, they will not be allowed the basement of the main building in future for cooking and for stabling.

3. If the estimates are approved, it is considered that the building must be formally handed over to the Public Works Department. It is now in charge of the Local Fund Board and used as a travellers' rest-house. Travellers would be allowed to use the upper storey in future under the same conditions as at present, but the whole of the ground-floor would be occupied by the Public Works Department as a famine tools store, for which it is well adapted. The want of accommodation for famine tools in Cuddapah district is much felt; and by putting this Mahal in order, a cheap way of meeting this want is arrived at, whilst at the same time an interesting piece of native architecture is prevented from going to ruin.

ORDER—dated 11th January 1890, No. 68 W., Public Works.

The estimates, aggregating Rs. 3,277, for additions and improvements to the Mahal at Gurramkonda in the Cuddapah division are sanctioned.

2. The Local Fund Board, Cuddapah, will be requested in the Local and Municipal Department to place the Mahal at the disposal of the Public Works Department. On completion of the improvements, the upper storey of the building will continue to be used as a public bungalow under the management of the District Board, and the ground-floor will be utilised by the Public Works Department for the storage of famine tools.

3. The necessary allotment for the work will be made on receipt of information from the Superintending Engineer as to the amount which can be spent during the current official year.

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AUGUST.

**Mahal at Gurramkonda,
Cuddapah District**

Estimates for improvement of the —,
returned to the Superintending Engineer,
III Circle, for revision.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 29th June 1889, No 914.

As directed in G.O., No. 1152 W., dated 17th April 1888, I have the honor to submit a revised estimate for the improvement of the Mahal at Gurramkonda, in the Cuddapah district, amounting to Rs. 5,936, accompanied by the plan and documents as per margin, as well as a photograph of the Mahal showing the rear face, the front approach facing the hill, the rear the public road.

- 2 Plans.
- 2 General abstracts.
- 1 Detailed estimate
- 1 Report to accompany the revised estimate.
- 1 Specification do. do.
- 1 Data list.
- 5 Sketches.
- 1 Photograph.
- 1 Extract from the Cuddapah Manual.
- 2 Translations.
- 1 Old report.

2. From the photograph it will be seen that half the verandah has fallen down and the other half is in a precarious

state, and therefore it is proposed to rebuild the whole of this verandah according to the original style.

3. If the building is put into good order as contemplated in the present estimate, it is proposed that it should be kept in charge of the Public Works Department (and not the Local Fund Boards as at present), and that the upper storey should be appropriated as a public bungalow and the ground floor as stores for famine tools. There are no outhouses at present and cooking is done on the ground floor. This would be prohibited, and allowance is made in the estimate for building cook-room, godowns and stables in the compound.

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archaeological Survey Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 1st August 1889, No. 293.

I have the honor to state that I have carefully gone over the estimates, plans and papers connected with the proposed restoration of the Mahal at Gurramkonda.

2. As far as can be judged from these, the carrying out of the works—while making the building available for useful purposes—does not seem, except in a few cases, to take away much of the ancient characteristics of the palace.

3. These will be briefly noticed. It seems to be contemplated to remove the fine top cornice and parapet and replace it with a row of inferior modern-looking balusters (*vide* drawing of front elevation). The present parapet shown on the photograph is a much finer architectural feature than that which it would seem is to take its place. As far as can be seen from the photograph, the original parapet seems in a fair state of preservation, and, as nothing can be gained by removing it, it would be much better to retain and simply repair it in parts where it may be damaged. It would save a very considerable item in the expenditure and would obviate the probability of the destruction of one of the principal architectural features of the building.

4. Unless the left verandah is in a hopeless state of decay, it would be better and cheaper to repair it only. The men would thus have a standing example to guide them in building the right verandah. In the photograph it will be observed that a small pedestal or pilaster is placed in the parapet, one over each pier. In the new drawing no attention has been paid to this ancient arrangement, for we see eight detached piers with a corner projection and only six of these pedestals in the parapet over them.

5. There also seems to be no necessity for going to the expense of altering the windows in the central projection.

6. If this principle of simply repairing were more generally carried out throughout, not only would the expense be considerably lessened, but the palace would lose little or none of its archaeological interest, for however careful the workmen may be—when they have always been accustomed to modern work—it will be almost impossible to make them adhere to the old style when the portions that have been pulled down are going to be replaced.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

9th August 1889.

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Asst. Secretary.

ORDER—dated 17th August 1889, No. 2275 W., Public Works.

The estimates will be returned to the Superintending Engineer for revision in accordance with Mr. Rea's suggestions. The Government will, on receipt of the revised estimate, decide whether the proposed expenditure is justifiable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, with 18 enclosures.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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