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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th June 1862.

No. 155. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 21st May 1862, No. 806 :—

1 Letter from the District Engineer, Presidency, No. 160, dated 15th May 1862.
1 Do. No. 184, dated 17th May 1862, with one enclosure.
1 Plan.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.

SIR,

1. In pursuance of the Orders of Government No. 939, dated 3rd May 1862, I have the honor to submit revised plans and estimates for works sanctioned at the Salt Kotars, Madras, by which it will be seen that the amount for which sanction has to be granted is Rupees 11,380, instead of Rupees 12,130.

2. I hope, however, Government will be pleased to weigh the arguments adduced by Lieutenant-Colonel Hitchins in favor of the retention of his original plan and design, especially as regards the road-front and entrance. The saving effected by their rejection only amounts to 750 Rupees, which would be reduced by the sum due to the alteration in the dimensions of the guard room : and though I am no advocate for anything approaching to extravagance, I submit that so comparatively small a sum will not be altogether unduly expended in affording shelter for the people who really are, or will be, the customers of Government, and in giving something of an architectural character to a conspicuous and well placed public establishment.

3. In pursuance of the letter from Mr. Smith, the Deputy Collector, and of Colonel Hitchins' representations, I thought it my duty to authorize the latter Officer to proceed at once with the raising of the platform for storing salt, on emergency, in anticipation of the approval of Government.

4. The amount of this Estimate must be allotted from the Reserve Fund.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1862, No. 1,285.

1. With his letter of 4th April 1862, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, submitted a plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 12,130, for various improvements to the Salt Kotars at Madras ; viz., enlarging the platforms, and constructing guard-rooms, palisades, compound wall and gates ; as also drainage works. The Government in their Proceedings of 24th idem, No. 883, approved the project, but considered the plan too pretentious in some respects.

2. In reference to this Order, a revised plan and estimate amounting to Rupees 11,380 are now submitted, being less than those originally prepared by Rupees 750. The Deputy Chief Engineer and District Engineer both recommend that for so small a gain, the accommodation of those who attend at the depôts, and the architectural appearance of the place should not be sacrificed.

3. Part of the saving, it is observed, has been effected by dispensing with the greater part of the verandah to the guard-room, and by lowering the compound wall from 9 to 7½ feet. The Government see no reason for these alterations, as nothing was said in their Order of 24th April referred to above in respect to either the verandah or the compound wall. It is the attempt to give what is called an architectural appearance to a salt platform which was deemed objectionable. The guard-room was considered too large, but this building can hardly be called a guard-room if it is to serve for shelter to the crowds of people who are said to attend.

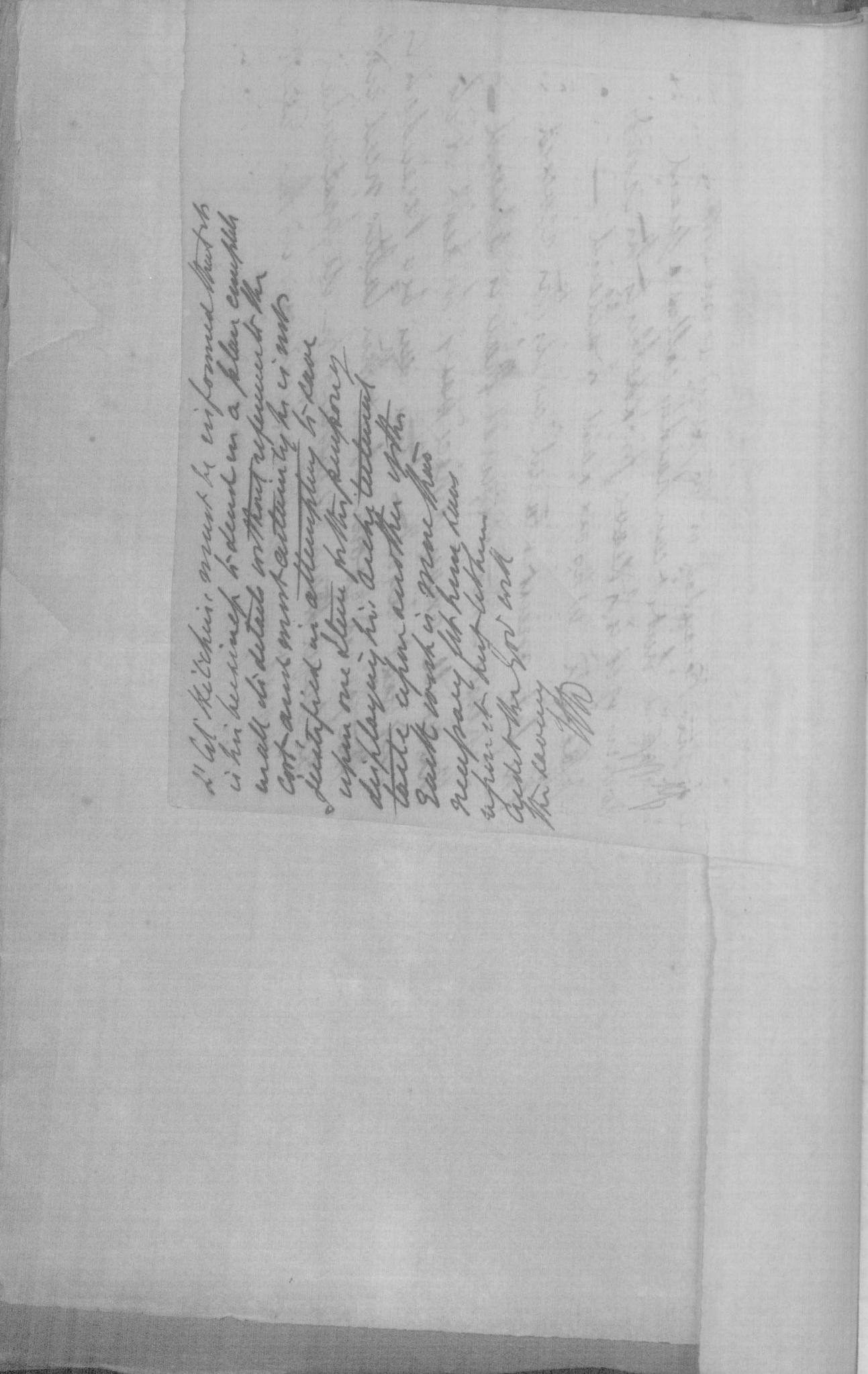
4. The gate must be built as in the revised plan. The compound wall may, if necessary, be kept to the height originally intended. There can be a verandah to the guard-room ; but this latter need not be larger than necessary for its particular object.

5. As to Colonel Hitchins' proposal to effect a saving in the earth-work in order to meet the extra expense of making the entrance to the Kotars as originally designed, that Officer will be informed through the Public Works Department that it is his duty to send in a plan complete in all its details, without reference to the cost ; and that he is not justified in attempting to save upon one item for the purpose of displaying his architectural taste upon another. Such portion of the earth-work as may not be necessary should be omitted from the estimate, and the cost proportionately reduced.

6. With these remarks, the Governor in Council resolves to return the plans and estimates to the Public Works Department for further revision where necessary.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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From

The Asst. Dy. Chief Engr.
C.C.

To The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Dated 21st
Rec. 24th May 1862
Ent. Letter No. 806
No. 1285. 11 June

Forwards revised Plan and Estimate Amounting to Rupees 11,380 for certain improvements to the Salt Cotaurs at Madras and requests sanction for the same from the Reserve Fund of 1862/63.

Referred to the Revenue Department with reference to the Orders in that Department No. 883 dated 24th April 1862.

D. P. Wood Esq. 21 May

Secretary to Govt. P.W.

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Revised estimate for improvements to the Madras Salt Works

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6. With these remarks the Govt. Civil Engineer to return the Plans and Estimates to the P.W. Dept. for further revision where necessary

J.D.S

21 Oct 62

Mr Dyason with Mr Rickey Chief Engr
Revised Estimate

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From Dy Ch: Engr CC
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Engineer C. C. submitting
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