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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1862.

No. 504. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 20th September 1862, No. 2,259 :—

Under the circumstances represented, sanction the Supplemental Estimate of Rupees 2,400 for completing the Collector's Kacheri at Mangalore. } (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 20th September 1862, Nos. 372, 373.)

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1862, No. 2,100.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain E. HEMERY, R. E., Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 2nd September 1862, No. 35:—

1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, South Canara, No. 70, dated 5th August 1862.
1 Comparative Statement.
1 Bill for Rupees 2,837-9-9.
1 Bill for Rupees 1,515-11-1.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the accompanying estimate amounting to Rupees 2,400 for work still required to complete the Collector's Kacheri at Mangalore, I have the honor to submit the following remarks for the information of Government.

2. In their Order No. 20 of the 4th January 1860, Government sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rupees 3,300 for rebuilding a portion of the Collector's Kacheri at Mangalore, but the site chosen for the building proved so very defective, that before the work was completed the walls cracked to such an extent as to render it absolutely necessary to rebuild the Kacheri on another site selected by the Collector, and in their Order No. 2,447 of the 31st December 1861, Government sanctioned an additional sum of Rupees 2,200 for this purpose.

3. The District Engineer now forwards a Supplemental Estimate amounting to Rupees 2,400, being the amount still required to complete the building which is thus estimated to cost when finished Rupees 7,900.

4. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker furnishes the following explanation of the causes which have led to the enormous excess of the expenditure above the sanctioned amounts:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Over credit of old work to Supplementary Estimate	482	0	0
Over credited value of old materials	155	12	9
Half the cost of Teak-wood purchased	488	6	6
Valuation of tools purchased for the work	62	6	0
Extra cost of Chunam, 150 Candies at 12 Annas	112	8	0
Excess in rates of work due for the most part to defective superintendence.	1,098	14	9
Total...	2,400	0	0

5. With regard to the first item, the value of the materials used on the first building and credited to the new work was only Rupees 1,566 instead of Rupees 2,638, as originally calculated in forwarding the first Supplemental Estimate for sanction; again the materials of the first building did not fetch the prices reckoned on by Rupees 155-12-9. The Teak-wood purchased for the building cost Rupees 976-13-1, or more than double the expected amount. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker hopes to recover the amount of the fourth item, which is stated to have been rather heedlessly incurred, and the extra cost of the chunam (item No. 5) is owing to the increased price of stone coral from the Ameendevi Islands above shell lime, the difference being at the rate of 12 Annas a Candy; and finally Lieutenant-Colonel Walker attributes the increase of Rupees 1,098-14-9 in work performed to the excessive rates of work due for the most part to defective superintendence, and refers to communications from himself and from his predecessor, Captain F. Moberly, on this subject.

6. The work was superintended by a Mr. F. Rodrigues, appointed temporary Sub-Overseer Second Class 3rd Grade, on the 24th February 1862; in recommending his employment Captain F. Moberly (then District Engineer) stated that Mr. Rodrigues had had no experience in the Department, but that he could not find any body better qualified, and that some one was urgently required to look after works in the town of Mangalore. Mr. Rodrigues proved so inefficient that he was dismissed by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker on the 16th June 1862.

7. When Captain Moberly was transferred to the Madras District in March 1862, Lieutenant Smalley remained in temporary charge of South Canara until he was relieved by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker in the month of May following, and during that period, owing

to the want of Upper Subordinates, he retained charge of two Executive Ranges in addition to the duties of Acting District Engineer, under these circumstances it was not easy for Lieutenant Smalley to exercise minute control over each work in progress, and to this cause Lieutenant-Colonel Walker attributes the increased cost of work performed.

8. As it is very desirable that the Kacheri should be completed as early as possible, I beg to solicit sanction for the sum of Rupees 2,400 for this purpose from the General Funds of the South Canara District.

ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1862, No. 2,259

G. O dated 4th January 1860, No. 20.

1. In January 1860 the Government sanctioned an estimate of Rupees 3,300 for re-building part of the Collector's Kacheri at Mangalore, but the site on which the buildings were being erected was found unsuitable for the purpose, in consequence of the walls having so cracked as to necessitate the construction of the Kacheri on a new place selected by the Collector. To carry out this arrangement the Government sanctioned an additional sum of Rupees 2,200 in their Proceedings, dated 31st December 1861, No. 2,447.

2. With his letter above recorded the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, submits for sanction a Supplemental Estimate amounting to Rupees 2,400 for completing the Kacheri in question, and the explanation of the causes which have rendered this extraordinary increase of expenditure necessary are set forth in paragraphs 4 to 7. The last and the largest item in the estimate, viz., Rupees 1,098, is attributed to excess in rates for work due for the most part to defective superintendence.

3. It is urged that Lieutenant Smalley, who was in temporary charge of South Canara, could not exercise minute control over the work, owing to his having retained charge of two Executive Ranges in addition to his duties as Acting District Engineer, but he cannot be acquitted of neglect inasmuch as it was his duty as head of the Department to have stopped the work, when he found the sanctioned amounts for the same were being largely exceeded, and to have inquired into the causes of the excess.

4. As there is now no alternative, but to sanction the present Supplemental Estimate of Rupees (2,400) two thousand and four hundred, the Governor in Council accords his sanction to the same, the requisite funds being provided from the source pointed out by the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

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