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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th August 1863.

No. 151. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Referring a letter from the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, reporting that Mr. Law's offer for constructing the Madras Salt Deputy Collector's Cutcherry should not be entertained for certain reasons. } (Here enter 7th August 1863, No. 2,215.)

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1863, No. 1,508.

The Government approve the revised plan and estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division. The question as to whether the work should be executed on contract or by the officers of Government will be decided in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,215.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th August 1863.

No. 117. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer 4th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 30th July 1863, No. 1,379 :—

SIR,

1 Letter No. 248, dated 25th June 1863.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Specification.
1 Plan, Mr. Law's.
1 Estimate of do.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,872, dated 7th July 1863, I have the honor to report that in my opinion Mr. Law's offer should not be entertained, inasmuch as this Department could construct the Office for the Salt Deputy Collector, on Mr. Law's own plan, for about 5,000 Rupees or about 800 Rupees less than he proposes to build it for. It is always to be borne in mind that the rates of an occasional tenderer must leave a margin of profit for himself, which of course our Departmental data rates do not allow for. There have been, if I am not mistaken, instances of late years in this Presidency, wherein contractors have failed to carry out their engagements, because their calculations were based on the erroneous supposition that our data rates were extravagant and would admit of a handsome profit.

2. That our design, prepared in accordance with the Orders of Government No. 1,476, dated 9th June 1863, and herewith submitted, for the Cutcherry in question, covering only 2,700 square feet, should cost 6,460 Rupees; while Mr. Law's design covering 3,500 square feet was to be built for only Rupees 5,826, showing a saving of Rupees 634, on an additional area of 890 square feet, is due to such items as are subjoined :—

Items.	Public Works design.	Mr. Law's design.
Filling sand under floors. &c.	1½ feet deep.	1 foot deep.
Basement.	2½ feet high.	2 feet high.
Principal walls.	15 feet high.	14 feet high.
Semi-circular relieving arches over flat arches.	Provided.	Not provided.
Flooring with square bricks.	Levelling course allowed under square bricks.	Levelling course not allowed.
Wall plates, pillar plates, angle ties, struts, brest-summers, uprights, purlins, collar pieces, rafters hip rafters, jack rafters, rave board.	All of teak.	Brestsummers, joists, hip rafters and reepers only of teak, collar pieces, rafters and jack rafters of Palmyra.
Doors.....	Of ten doors *all are panelled and venetianed*, while *four glazed (double) doors* are also allowed.	Of six doors all are battened, while two glazed (double) doors are also allowed.
Windows.....	Of fourteen windows *all* are venetianed and fourteen (double) *glazed* windows are also provided.	Of twelve windows all are merely "batten" and not one glazed (double) window is provided.

* Item No. 2 is a Madras custom, in building which I have never seen elsewhere.

3. If our Estimate be thought too expensive, it would be easy to reduce it by lessening the number of glazed doors and widows, adopting battened in lieu of panelled doors and omitting wood oiling &c. On the other hand, if Mr. Law's design is preferred, and we are permitted to adopt it, we can construct it, as I have said, for 5,000 Rupees.

4. In any case I counsel that we shall have nothing to do with out-siders until we can adopt the systematic contract arrangements in force in England.

5. The orders of Government are solicited as to which plan should be adopted. Whichever of the two may be selected, permission is requested for the entry of the work on the Budget of 1864-65.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th August 1863.

No. 118.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1863, No. 2,215.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration, with reference to the Order in that Department dated 3rd and 17th June 1863, Nos. 947 and 1,065.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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No 1508.

The Govt approve of the revised plan and Estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

The question as to whether the work should be executed on contract or by the officers of Govt will be decided in the P.W.D.

From Lt. Colonel
15th August 1863.

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