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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th September 1865.*

No. 602. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning, with remarks, an estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, for re-roofing the Tahsildar's Cut-cherry at Hospett, in the District of Bellary. } (Here enter 25th September 1865, No. 2,840.)

No. 603. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1865, No. 2,353.
Communicated to the Revenue Board.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,840.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th September 1865.*

No. 605. Read the following letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 9th
September 1865, No. 126 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying estimate amounting to Rupees 2,150, for re-roofing the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Hospett in the Bellary District.

2. The cause of the failure of the roof has been, in my opinion, the use of unseasoned timber and giving too small scantlings; proper care also was not taken by the Maistry who was in charge, that the joists were put up properly, and the wood has sagged. The dimensions given to the woodwork of the roof were, as

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stated by Mr. Supervisor Claridge, according to the rules laid down by Lieutenant-Colonel Foord in his "Notes on Building, &c.," but Mr. Claridge overlooked that Colonel Foord's calculations are based on good seasoned timber being used. In the original estimate, as prepared, I learn in the late Central Office, the scantlings of the different beams, &c., are not entered, and it was left to the Overseer, who then was in charge of the Range, to direct as to the dimensions that should be given.

No. 603. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1865, No. 2,840.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 80.

1. With his letter No. 62, dated 4th

August 1862, the late Lieutenant-Colonel Ouchterlony, the then Acting Deputy Chief

Engineer of the Central Circle, submitted an estimate amounting to Rupees 6,750, prepared in the Central Office, for the construction of a Taluq Cutcherry at Hospett in the Bellary District.

2. The estimate provided for a terraced roof; but the Deputy Chief Engineer recommended the use of roofing slabs, in lieu of terrace bricks, expecting thereby to effect a saving on the estimate of about 6 Rupees per square of surface roofed.

3. In Proceedings No. 1,846, dated 30th August 1862, the Government sanctioned the entire estimate of Rupees 6,750, and observed that it was desirable that the building should have a *terraced* roof.

4. The work was commenced in November 1862, and completed in July 1864, at a total cost of Rupees 7,087, or Rupees 337 in excess of the sanctioned estimate.

5. The Subordinate in immediate executive charge of the work was Veerabudra Moodelly, late Sub-Overseer, and the Executive Agent in charge of the Range was Overseer, now Supervisor, Claridge.

6. Although the building was completed only fourteen months ago, it is reported already to leak considerably; and the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division now submits an estimate amounting to Rupees 2,150 for re-roofing it. Captain Moberly explains that in the original estimate, prepared in the Central Office, the scantlings of the different beams, &c., were not entered, and that it was left to the Overseer then in charge of the Range to use his discretion as to the dimensions which should be given. Captain Moberly attributes the failure of the

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roof, first, to the use of unseasoned timber; secondly, to proper scantling not having been allowed; and thirdly to want of care on the part of the Subordinate, in immediate charge, in putting up the joists.

7. Mr. Claridge, the Executive Agent in charge of the Range, explains that the dimensions given to the wood-work of the roof were according to the rules laid down in "Foord's Notes on buildings, &c." The Superintending Engineer, however, urges that Mr. Claridge overlooked the fact that Colonel Foord's calculations are based on the use of good seasoned timber, which is not to be found in the roof of the Taluq Cutcherry.

8. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers the explanations submitted to be very unsatisfactory. The whole of the circumstances connected with the preparation of the original estimate, and with the execution of the work is by no means creditable to the Officers and Subordinates concerned. His Excellency cannot allow the Executive Agent in charge of the Range to shift upon the Sub-Overseer in immediate charge of the work the responsibility which properly devolves upon himself. It was the duty of Mr. Claridge to have inspected the building during its construction, and to have remedied or brought to notice any defects which he may have discovered, and he will now be warned that similar remissness on his part will subject him to the severe displeasure of Government, and to removal from the charge of a Range.

9. With these remarks, the Governor in Council sanctions the estimate for Rupees 2,150. The work, being of an urgent nature, may be at once proceeded with in anticipation of a specific allotment of funds later in the year. The Superintending Engineer will be careful to see that the materials and workmanship employed are such as will ensure stability and complete freedom from leakage.

(True Extract.)

W. Stewart
Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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