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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th October 1866.*

No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning revised estimate for certain works }
connected with the Cheyoor Salt project in } (Here enter 22nd September 1866, No. 3,051.)
Madras District.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1866, No. 2,664.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Salt.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,051.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd September 1866.*

No. 578. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th September 1866, No. 2,062 :—

1. With reference to Government
Order, No. 2,491, dated 29th August
1864, I have the honor to submit a

survey and a revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 34,260, for the several works proposed to be carried out in connection with the Cheyoor Salt project in the Madras District.

2. The original estimate amounted to Rupees 22,200, and the differences between it and the one now submitted are exhibited in the subjoined comparative Statement:—

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.		REVISED ESTIMATE.	
Works.	Amount.	Works.	Amount.
	RS.		RS.
1. Salt Platform	3,950	1. Salt Platform	3,958
2. Boat Channels... ..	17,000	2. Channels	25,090
3. Peishkar's Cutcherry	1,040	3. Do.	...
4. Watch Tower	210	4. Do.	...
		5. Constructing a road over plat- form	2,231
		6. Do. a bridge of 18 feet apron ..	593
		7. Do. 3 wooden girder bridges ...	2,229
		8. Do. a Treasury room in the Cutcherry	94
Total Rupees ...	22,200	Total Rupees ...	34,260

3. The difference in the item for the salt platform is very trifling, and needs no explanation.

4. The large increase shown in the revised estimate on account of the Boat channels, is due to the length of the latter having been increased by the revision ordered in the Proceedings of Government above referred to, and by providing, at the request of the Deputy Collector in charge of salt, for the canal surrounding the new platform entirely. The cost of planting a hedge on the outer banks of the channel has been included in the revised estimate, as directed by Government.

5. The Peishkar's cutcherry and the watch tower are omitted in the revised estimate, as they were completed at a cost of Rupees 1,312 in the official year 1864-65.

6. The wooden girder bridges were included with reference to the Orders of Government above quoted.

7. The road over the platform, the masonry bridge, and the treasury-room have been estimated for at the desire of Mr. Smith, Deputy Collector.

8. The revised estimate has received the approval of the Board of Revenue and of the Collector of Madras, and the works are considered necessary; but there are no funds allotted to admit of the prosecution of any one of the works in this

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year, and I am unable at present to point out any savings that can be made available for that purpose.

9. Up to the 30th April 1865, Rupees 3,830 on the salt platform, and Rupees 1,700 on the wooden girder bridges were expended, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 23,730 now to be provided in money.

10. In reference to G. O. No. 1,334, dated 27th April 1866, in which explanation is requested as to the circumstances under which the execution of the girder bridges was commenced without Government sanction, I have the honor to report that provision having been made in the Budget of 1864-65 to the extent of Rupees 13,950 on account of the project, and it being desirable that this amount should be laid out, and as though two-thirds of the official year had elapsed, the revised estimate was not ready, the fact was lost sight of that the amount, though entered in the Budget, required the permission of Government before expenditure was incurred, and Mr. Leggatt was authorized to lay out about Rupees 6,000 on several items, making up the Cheyoor Salt project. The works selected by Mr. Leggatt were the platform and the girder bridges.

No. 579. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1866, No. 3,051.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 108.

1. In July 1864, the Officer in charge of the 4th Division submitted estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 22,200, for excavating boat channels, constructing salt platforms, and erecting a Peishcar's cutcherry and a watch tower at Cheyoor in the Madras District; but, as the Board of Revenue considered it desirable that the platforms should be enclosed by the channels, the plans for those works were returned to the Superintending Engineer for revision, and sanction was accorded only to the estimates for the cutcherry and watch tower.

Original Estimate	...	...	Rs. 22,200
Deduct for Peishcar's Cutcherry and Watch Tower	...	...	1,250
Balance	...	...	20,950
Revised Estimate	...	...	34,260
Excess	...	...	13,310

2. The two latter works were constructed in 1864-65, and Colonel Boileau now submits an estimate of Rupees 34,260, which has been approved by the Board of Revenue, for the proposed channels and platforms. The excess* over the original estimate appears to be due, partly to the additional length of channels, and partly to the provision which has been made for the construction of a road with a masonry bridge, and for the erection of a small treasury-room in the Peishcar's Cutcherry.

3. The Government sanction the revised estimate; but, as there is no probability of the requisite funds being available during the current official year for the completion of the works upon which an outlay of Rupees 5,530 is reported to have

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been incurred up to the 30th April 1865, the Superintending Engineer is requested to enter the unexpended balance† in his Budget for 1867-68.

† Rupees 28,730.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with two Enclosures.

- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Accountant General.
- .. Revenue Department.

Er. S. T. Augustin.

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