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No. 202. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 3rd November 1873, No. 1,404 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the sanction of Government, a revised estimate of Rupees 27,140, accompanied by plans and a comparative statement, for the construction of a new Taluq Cutcherry at Arcot, in the North Arcot District.

1 Revised Abstract Estimate.
1 Comparative Statement.
1 Plan of Taluq Cutcherry.
1 Plan of out-houses.

2. The original estimate sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,149, of the 10th September 1872, amounted to Rupees 24,900. The principal cause of this estimate being exceeded is an alteration in the site of the jail, as shown in the plan. The records of the District and Range Offices do not show by whom the alteration was ordered, but it was made before Colonel Moberly took charge of the 4th Division, and is, I consider, an improvement. The extra cost of the alteration is Rupees 1,058.

3. As in the case of some of the other Cutcherries in the district, the rates for doors and windows, in the original estimate, were altered in the Superintending Engineer's Office without reference to the Range Officer. Owing to this there is now an excess of Rupees 430. The rest is due to errors of calculation and measurement in the first estimate and sundry small omissions, such as the foundations of the retaining walls of the ryots' hospital and cook-sheds, and the iron-work of the trusses.

4. The hospital-shed must be retained as it has already been nearly completed, and, for the same reason, the Coimbatore plan cannot be adopted for the latrines.

5. There is a sum of Rupees 7,500 entered in this year's Budget for this work, and the additional sum now required is Rupees 8,225.

6. The Cutcherry is likely to be almost finished by the end of the official year.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1873, No. 2,990.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 27,140, for the construction of a Taluq Cutcherry at Arcot.

2. He observes that the original estimate for this work which was sanctioned in G. O., Judicial Department, No. 675, dated 6th May 1872, amounted to Rupees 24,900, and the excess of Rupees 2,240 is stated to be due chiefly to an alteration in the site of the jail, and to the rates allowed in the original estimate for doors and windows having been altered in the Superintending Engineer's Office without reference to the Range Officer. It appears that there are no records to show by whom the change of site was ordered, and although it is reported that this change

took place before Colonel F. Moberly's assumption of the charge of the division, it is not apparent how that officer permitted work to be carried on without requiring a modification of the estimate. The other ground on which a revised estimate has become necessary is that which, in addition to omissions, has rendered it necessary to modify the estimates of eight out of ten Cutcherries in North Arcot, which were in progress last year. The subject having been alluded to in other orders will not be further noticed here.

No. 1,710, dated 2nd July 1873.
,, 1,997, ,, 11th Aug. ,,
,, 2,599, ,, 24th Oct. ,,
,, 2,728, ,, 8th Nov. ,,

3. The expenditure on the Arcot Cutcherry prior to 1872-73 was Rupees 6,656, and only Rupees 4,759 were spent in that year out of an allotment of Rupees 9,000. The Budget provision for the current year is Rupees 7,500 which will be supplemented if, as the year advances, some assurance can be given that additional funds can be utilized.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy)

Ellis to Inscr Capt. R.E.
C.E. Under Secy to Govt. Ar

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
,, District Engineer, North Arcot.
,, Judicial Department.
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THE INSPECTING ENGINEER FOR

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Dated December 11th.

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G. O., 11th December 1873, No. 2,990.

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