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No. 192. Read the following letter from Colonel J. BEAN, R.E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 26th May 1873, No. 20 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, a revised and supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees 30,000, for building a Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail with out-buildings at Dharapooram in lieu of the estimate amounting to Rupees 25,040, sanctioned in G. O., No. 3,339, dated 22nd October 1868.

1 Revised Abstract Estimate of Rupees 30,000, No. 4 of 1873-74.
1 Comparative Statement.

2. The accompanying comparative statement shows in detail the causes of increase and decrease under each item of the estimate, and accounts for the net excess now requiring sanction of Rupees 4,960.

3. The alterations and additions to the original estimate, which have caused the increased expenditure, may be briefly shown to have been made under the following heads, and at the cost entered opposite each item :—

| | Excess. Rs. | |
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| *Main Building.* | | |
| Teak-wood for principal supports of roof in lieu of jungle-wood ... | 2,080 | |
| Stone coping to verandahs and stone steps ... ... ... ... | 600 | |
| Wood-oiling roof ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 363 | |
| Carson's paint for doors and windows and posts... ... ... ... | 598 | |
| Batten frames for treasury doors and extra bars for prisoners' doors ... | 155 | |
| Record-room windows ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 170 | |
| Sinking two wells ... ... ... ... ... ... .. ... | 240 | |
| Levelling and clearing compound ... ... ... ... ... | 300 | |
| Sundries ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | |
| | | 4,520 |
| *Ryots' Shed.* | | |
| Roofing rafters, reepers, tiles, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | 166 | |
| Roofing timber ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 239 | |
| Plastering and sundries ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 35 | |
| | | 440 |
| Total... | | 4,960 |

4. The jungle-wood was not considered suitable for the main supports of the roof, and teak was substituted on Lieutenant-Colonel Farewell's order. The stone coping and paint work are included in the specification sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,906, dated 16th November 1871. I observe also that the former work was authorized in a memorandum signed by yourself when Superintending Engineer in April 1869. The iron doors were strengthened and batten doors supplied to the treasury room on the late Superintending Engineer's order, and a more costly description of window than was originally intended was fixed in the record-room. Verbal instructions were given to Mr. Wiffen when the Cutcherry was commenced to sink two wells which had been omitted in the original estimate, and it appears that a good deal of work was required to level the compound and clear away the

debris of old brick kilns which had not been provided for. The increase in the cost of the ryots' shed is said by Supervisor Nicholson to be owing to a change of design, which necessitated the use of larger quantities of roofing timber and material.

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No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1873, No. 1,563.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 10.

Of the total increased charge of Rupees 4,960 for the Taluq Cutcherry at Dharapooram Rupees 4,520 is the net excess on the main building, which is chiefly attributed by the District Engineer to the use of teak-wood in lieu of jungle-wood in the main timbers of the roof, which led to an excess of Rupees 2,080, and Rupees 1,560 more are accounted for by items executed in conformity with the specification circulated in November 1871; minor variations from the sanction showing counter-balancing increase and decrease, the former prevailing to an extent within the per-centage which the Superintending Engineer was, and a District Engineer now is, competent to pass.

2. The excess of upwards of 50 per cent. on the sanction for the ryots' shed is very insufficiently explained; and Mr. Supervisor Nicholson has evidently been exceeding his authority with regard to sanctions ~~such as that~~ for the [illegible] animadverted on in G. O., No. 1,432, of 27th May 1873. The increased expenditure on roofing and timber being stated to be in conformity with the plans last approved, will also be passed, but Mr. Nicholson will again be warned that he makes himself personally liable by incurring excess outlay not covered by previous sanction. And the supervising authorities of the 7th Division and Coimbatore District have greatly failed in their duty of causing the early submission of such revised estimates as were clearly seen to have been long since necessitated by the deviations from original plan, sanctioned by themselves, or carried out on the general rulings of Government, during the number of years that works like that under review have been in progress. Remissness in the performance of such duties of supervision cannot fail to encourage slackness amongst subordinates.

(True Extract.)

[signature] Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.
,, Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Judicial Department, and Revenue Department.

No. 147.

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*To*

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, COIMBATORE.

&c., &c., &c.

*Dated* June 14*th*.

*Recd.* June 23rd } 1873 *Encl.*

*G. O.*, 14*th June* 1873, *No.* 1,563.

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*Taluq Cutcherry and Sub-Jail at Dharapooram.*—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Coimbatore, submitting a revised estimate for the Taluq Cutcherry and Sub-Jail.

With Order No 147 — 24th June/73

137 to Board of Rev dated 2/July/73.