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No. 56. Read the following letter from Major T. E. TENNANT, Inspector-General of Jails, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1874, No. 107:—

At the request of the District Engineer, Madura, I have the honor to forward

*Enclosures three.*  
One letter from District Engineer, Madura, dated 13th June 1874, No. 1047.  
One Revised Estimate of Rupees 13,678.  
One Comparative Statement.

the accompanying letter, and its enclosures, countersigned, regarding the construction of the Civil Debtors Jail at Madura. I beg that sanction may be granted and funds allotted, as it is very desirable to get the Civil debtors out of the present building as soon as possible.

The old Jail in the Town.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 13th June 1874, No. 1047.

I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying comparative statement and a revised estimate, amounting to

*Enclosures two.*  
1 Revised Estimate of Rupees 13,678.  
1 Comparative Statement.

Rupees 13,678, for constructing the new Civil Debtors Jail at Madura, in lieu of the estimate

Rupees 12,400 sanctioned in G.O., No. 1523, dated the 9th June 1873.

It to premise by saying that, as the original intention was to construct the four wards of a somewhat temporary nature, the plan and estimate provided for a cheap structure.

3. It was ordered, however, in G.O., 20th September 1872, No. 2232, in accordance with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that the walls should be constructed in brick-in-chunam with additional tie-beams.

4. In carrying out the estimate, however, it appeared to me necessary, now that the walls were to be of a more permanent character, that the roof, which, although well adapted for the original design, but which was scarcely suited for the pukka building to be constructed, should be also first class.

5. Under these circumstances, and as the extra outlay required for the purpose was well within the limit (five per cent. on the amount of the estimate) that I am empowered to pass, I accordingly directed that a truss roof of the standard pattern should be provided, with light pot-tiles in lieu of the cumbersome pantiles used for ordinary buildings in this place.

6. This has been the main item for the increased amount of the revised estimate; but besides this additional wood and other work there are a number of small items, all of which have appeared to me at different times to be essentially necessary for the proper completion of the building, and they have accordingly been included in the revised estimate.

7. It is right to mention that the construction of the work was given out on contract in the first instance, and that the Contractor, who commenced the work remarkably well, began to lag when it was about half finished, and to put in such bad work, that I was compelled to take it out of his hands, remove a considerable amount of the work so executed, and complete the work departmentally.

8. I think it also right to mention that of the timber purchased from the Forest Department there occurred so great a loss, in consequence of the logs being found when cut up to be rotten inside, that we were compelled to obtain timber from the market, and go to the expense of purchasing teak, as Vengay was not procurable at that time.

9. The work has on the whole been carried out in a very satisfactory manner up to the extent of the allotment. The four wards and the store-room are fully complete; the latrine and the cook-

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room nearly so. The enclosure wall is also completed, except at the gateway. The work is, however, now at a complete standstill for want of funds. But if the balance\* required be provided, the remaining work can be completed and the wards occupied within a month's time. As the Zillah Surgeon is very anxious to be put in possession of the buildings, I trust that there will be no difficulty in allotting, at an early date, the funds now required to complete the same.

\* Rupees 1,278.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 1237.

The Inspector-General of Jails submits for sanction a revised estimate for Rupees 13,678 for the Civil Debtors Jail at Madura.

2. It appears from the former papers on the subject, and the letter from the District Engineer of Madura, that, in G.O., dated 21st August 1872, No. 1143, August 1872, sanction was accorded for Rupees 4,360 for the erection of four wards for the accommodation of Civil debtors at Madura.

3. On the representation of the Chief Engineer that the dimensions of the building were such as to require the use of brick-in-chunam and additional tie-beams, an additional sum of Rupees 1,040 was sanctioned, making the total charge Rupees 5,400.

4. Subsequently the District Engineer brought to notice that certain auxiliary buildings, estimated to cost Rupees 5,050, were necessary. These were also sanctioned in Order, dated 24th October 1872, No. 1403, thereby raising the cost of the accommodation for the Civil debtors to Rupees 10,450.

5. Again, on the 21st May 1873 the Inspector-General of Jails sent up revised plans and estimates which raised the cost to Rupees 12,500, and now a further revised estimate is submitted for Rupees 13,678.

6. The District Engineer explains in his letter the circumstances which led to the estimate being increased. These are—

a. To alteration in the design of roof and the addition of "a number of small items" to the estimate.

b. To the buildings being given out on contract, and in consequence of bad work, which had to be removed, the work had to be taken out of the Contractor's hands and completed departmentally.

c. To the timber furnished by the Forest Department "being found when cut up to be rotten inside" that Teak timber had to be obtained from the market.

7. The Governor in Council accepts the explanation and sanctions the revised estimate for Rupees 13,678, of which sum it is to be inferred from the concluding paragraph of the District Engineer's letter that Rupees 12,400 have already been expended, and that a balance of Rupees 1,278 are needed to complete the remaining work.

8. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the provision of the required amount, and inquiry will be made in that Department, whether,

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under the terms of the contract, the Contractor was not liable for the bad work which had to be done over again, and to make good any additional cost entailed thereby.

9. Inquiry will likewise be made in the Revenue Department of the inferior quality of wood supplied by the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

*Adl. Secy Major R. C.  
Under Secretary P. V. D.  
for Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Works Department, with the estimate and statement.

.. Revenue Department.

.. Inspector-General of Jails.

.. Accountant-General.

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