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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th July 1875.

Read following papers:—

No. 108. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1875, No. 982.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 3rd April 1875, No. 610:—

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 5th December last, No. 1,505, communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous No. 8,626 of the 10th idem, I have the honor to submit, herewith, for the Board's approval, a plan and detailed estimate of the proposed alterations and improvements to my office prepared by the District Engineer.

2. In preparing this estimate, Mr. Lawford has exceeded his original rough calculation of the cost by Rupees 4,400, the cause of this increase being fully explained in his covering letter to the estimate, a copy of which is herewith enclosed for the Board's information. It is principally owing to iron girders being used and to the inclusion, in the estimate, of a coach-house and stables.

3. The improvements and additions being urgently required, I trust that the estimate may receive the early sanction of Government, and that funds may be provided so as to admit of the work being commenced with as little delay as possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. C. LAWFORD, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Canara, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 21st March 1875, No. 106.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 22,400, for additions to the Huzur Cutcherry.

- 1 Plan.
- 1 Detailed Estimate.
- 1 Abstract do.
- 1 Specification.
- 1 Block-plan.

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2. The amount exceeds my rough estimate by Rupees 4,400, the discrepancy arising from the following causes:—The rough estimate given by me was inadvertently too low. I should have stated Rupees 20,000 as the

probable cost. The remaining Rupees 2,400 is made up principally by items not contemplated and, therefore, not provided at first. The coach-house and stables will cost Rupees 900, and the requirement of iron-barred railing across the full breadth of the building to divide off the treasury necessitates an iron girder to support the heavy superincumbent weight of a partition wall and half of the flooring of four rooms. These items will cost Rupees 1,750, and the balance of Rupees 650 is distributed over various items as concrete under foundations, fanlights in gables, and slight increase in estimated cost of stair-cases and covered foot-way and proportionate increase in contingencies.

3. The concrete under foundations, after consideration, I consider indispensable on account of the nature of soil. The site being on the rampart of the old fort, the soil is "made-soil" and might possibly cause settlement without this precaution. If it is considered necessary to reduce the amount, a saving of Rupees 860 can be effected in the following items:—Substitution of bamboo mats under tiles in lieu of planked ceiling and the omission of fanlights; but, considering the importance of the building, I consider it would be inexpedient to substitute bamboo mats for planks, whilst the omission of the fanlights would reduce the amount in a very trifling degree.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Acting Collector.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Plans.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Specification report.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government with reference to G.O., No. 1,505, dated 5th December 1874.

5. The Board are of opinion that it is not advisable to effect the small saving indicated in paragraph 3 of the District Engineer's letter, and that the full amount of the estimate should be sanctioned.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

REFERRED, with the plan and estimate, for the remarks of the Chief Engineer.
FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
5th May 1875. Chief Secy., for Secy. to Govt., R.D.

No. 109. Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th July 1875, No. 170.

REMARKS BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

PRESUMING that all these extensive additions are required, and that it is decided they are to be carried out at the cost of destroying and reconstructing the present treasury (on which an upper story could not be raised), I have only to say that I see no reason why the proposed iron girder should not be replaced by masonry arches in the new treasury room, and I should prefer the lower main walls of laterite being $2\frac{1}{4}$ feet thick instead of 2 feet.

2. Some of the details of the estimate appear to me to require to be checked, and I would request the Under Secretary to add to these remarks such notes on the rates as may seem to him to be called for.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Col., R.E.,
11th May 1875. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

MEMORANDUM.

It would appear to be desirable to return the estimate, &c., to the District Engineer for revision with reference to the Chief Engineer's remarks hereto appended and to the following observations on the estimate rates:—

1. The rate for archwork should include the cost of centering.
2. The data or details of the rates for the following should be given. They are not shown in the district schedule:—

Planking (wood not stated) wrought and put up.

Roofing with good junglewood rafters $3'' \times 6''$, ceiling planks $\frac{1}{2}''$ over reepers, $2' \times 1'$ nails, machine tiles, &c.

Flooring with machine-made bricks.

Wooden ladders.

Fanlights.

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3. The number of coats of paint charged at Rs. 1-8-0 a-square should be stated.

4. Sundries and superintendence being charged at an unusually high rate, some explanation should be given in reference thereto.

5. The deduction for value of old materials is small considering the size of the building to be demolished.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A DE C. SCOTT, Major, R.E.,
—July 1875. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

RETRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with reference to memoranda by the Chief Engineer and Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, on the estimate in question.

(Signed) A. DE C. SCOTT, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1875, No. 1,037.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the estimate be returned for revision with reference to the remarks of the Chief Engineer and the foregoing memorandum.

2. The Government also desire to know whether some less expensive arrangement cannot be devised, so as to obviate dismantling the present treasury.

3. There is no prospect of funds being available for the work in the present year.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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District Engineer's Office
No. 106.
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From. 21st March 1875.

A. C. Lawford Esq.

Officiating District Engineer

South Canada.

To.

A. C. Webster Esq.

Ag. Collector of South Canada.

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to forward herewith

1. Plan.

2. Estimate.

1. Abstract.

1. Specification.

1. Block Plan.

an estimate amounting to Rs 22400—
for additions to the Huzar Butcherry.

2. The amount exceeds my rough estimate by Rs 4400 the discrepancy arising from the following causes. The rough estimate given by me was inadvertently too low. I should have stated Rs 20000 as the probable cost. The remaining Rs 2400 is made up principally by items not contemplated and therefore not provided at first. The Coach house and stables will cost Rs 900 and the requirement of iron barred railing across

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated July 1875.

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G. O. 10th July 1875, No. 1037.

JULY.
Nos. 108-110.

South Canada Collector's Office.—Ordering the estimate for making alterations, &c., to the to be returned for revision; inquiring whether some less expensive arrangement cannot be devised, so as to obviate dismantling the present treasury; and observing that there is no prospect of funds being available for the work this year.

Mr. Fischer.

R.D. 20 June, 20 June 1875

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 21st April 1875.

Read the following

N^o 610.

From.

A. M. C. Webster Esq.

Acting Collector of South Canara.

To.

A. E. Stokes Esq.

Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sir.

With reference to the Proceedings of
Government, dated the 5th December last
N^o 1505 communicated with the Board's
Miscellaneous N^o 8626 of the 10th June,
I have the honor to submit herewith for
the Board's approval, a Plan and detail
and Estimate of the proposed alterations
and improvements to my office prepared
by the District Engineer.

In preparing this Estimate, Mr.
Lawford has exceeded his original rough
calculation.

Enclosure as per

copy of the Board's Proceeding

was to the Secretary

to Govt P.O. dated 21st

April 1875.

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Copy of District Engineer's

letter.

Mr. Stokes Esq.

Calculation of the cost by Rs 4400 the
Cause of this increase being fully ex-
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3. The improvements and additions
being urgently required, I trust that
the Estimate may receive the Early sanc-
tion of Government and that funds may
be provided so as to admit of the work
being commenced with as little delay as
possible.

I have &c

South Canara }
Collector's Office }
Mangalore }
3-April 1875 }
/ signed / Mr. C. Webster.
As Collector.

Submitted for the sanction of Govern-
ment with reference to G. O. No. 1505 dated
5 December

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December 1874.

The Board are of opinion that it is
not advisable to effect the small
savings indicated in the para of 3 of the
District Engineer's letter and that the
full amount of the Estimate should be
sanctioned.

/ True copy & Extract /

H. H. H.

Acting Secretary.

The Secretary to Government B.P.
with Copy of District Engineer's
letter.

L. H. H.
Secretary.

Chief Engineer's Remarks. 107

Presuming that all these 4 tentative additions are required and that it is decided they are to be carried out at the cost of destroying and reconstructing the present Treasury (on which an expenditure could not be raised) I have only to say that I see no reason why the proposed Iron grates should not be replaced by masonry arches in the new Treasury Room - and I should prefer the lower main walls of late masonry being 2 1/4 feet thick instead of 2 ft.

Some of the details of the Estimate appear to me to require to be checked. And

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Atkinson and others.
 units of - letter from Col.
 my - submitted for the
 sanction of Govt with the
 132 opinion that it is not
 advisable to replace the
 masonry walls in place of
 masonry walls and that
 the full amount should
 be sanctioned.

W. P. P. P.
 10/2/62

5 June 1875

George D. W. Jones Esq.
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I would request the Under
Secretary to add to these
remarks such notes as
the notes as have been
shown to be called for.

C. M. Walker (U.S.) }
Chief Engineer (D.P.W.) }

11.5.75.

H. S. [Signature]
11.5.75.

Public Works Dept.
Ootacamund. July 1875.

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Memorandum.

It would appear to be
desirable to return the estimate, &c.,
to the District Engineer for revision
with reference to the Chief Engineer's
Remarks hereto appended and to the
following observations on the estimate
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1. The rate for archwork should include
the cost of centering.
2. The data or details of the rates for
the following should be given. They are
not shown in the District Schedule.

Planking (wood not stated) for rough
and put up.

Roofing with good jungle wood rafters
3" x 6". Ceiling planks 1/2" over rafters
2" x 1" nails machine tiles, &c.

Flooring with machine made bricks.

Wooden ladders.

Fanlights.

3. The number of coats of paint charged at Rs. 1-8-0 a square should be stated.

4. Sundries and Superintendence being charged at an unusually high rate, some explanation should be given in reference thereto.

5. The deduction for value of old materials is small considering the size of the building to be demolished.

Ans. Sir.

Major R.R.

Under Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

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ordered that the estimate
be returned for revision
with reference to the
Remarks of the Chief Engineer
of the foregoing memorandum

The Jt also desire to
know whether our
expensive annual
be done, so as to
indicate the present
position. There is no prospect
of being available for
the work in the present year.

To the Board of Directors, 23rd July 1875
The Board of Directors

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From

The Chief Secy. to
Government

Dated 5 May 1875.
Recd. 7 June 1875.

E. G. G.
Referring for the signature
marks of the Chief Secy.
Plan and estimate
for alterations and
improvements to the
Collector's Office at
S. Canara.

In the order

Retransferred

Referred to the Revenue Dept.
with reference to Memoranda by the Chief
Engineer and Under Secretary to Govt, M. S. on
the estimate in question.

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5 July 1875

Under Secy to Govt M. S.
Major R. S.
7 July 1875

Amended