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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th May 1877, No. 1,845.

Read the following paper:—

No. 561. Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 12th May 1877, No. 34.

In paragraph 4 of my letter of 6th January, No. 119, I stated that the old jail at Neddivuttum required re-roofing, and an allotment was sanctioned for the purpose.

2. I have now the honor to submit a plan and estimate drawn up by the District Engineer for re-roofing the building at Neddivuttum, and to enclose a copy of the District Engineer's letter on the subject. The estimate amounts to Rs. 6,500, or Rs. 500 more than the total allotment for repairs in the Budget. I trust, however, that Government will sanction the estimate, as the work is emergent, and cannot be postponed without serious damage to the bark.

3. It may be possible to defer the re-roofing of the old jail at Dodabetta until next year, in which case an allotment in the next Budget will be made. The cooly lines at Neddivuttum, however, require repair, and the work has been commenced, so that I am afraid it will not be possible to keep within the Budget allotment this year, and that an additional sum of about Rs. 1,500 will have to be expended. I trust that Government will sanction this increase.

4. The old jail at Neddivuttum is used as a drying shed, and the late Commissioner, in his letter of 10th December 1875, No. 94, applied for the sanction of Government to an expenditure of from Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 10,000 for the construction of partition walls in the building and of screens over the furnaces. Government, in their Order of 20th December 1875, No. 1,825, sanctioned the immediate construction of partition walls, but deferred issuing orders as to the furnaces, pending further information as to their plan and arrangement. The Commissioner was directed to consult the District Engineer, and to submit detailed plans showing the existing furnaces and the manner in which it is proposed to secure protection against fire.

5. It does not appear from my office records that the District Engineer was consulted, and no plan was received. The partition walls were erected, and I am informed that, under a verbal arrangement between Mr. Cockerell and the late Mr. Melvor, the flues and furnaces at Neddivuttum were protected. At Dodabetta temporary flues and furnaces were newly erected. The latter work cost about Rs. 300, but I am unable to state the expenditure on the Neddivuttum jail during the year 1875-76, or during 1876-77, as the expenditure on repairs and new works was not kept separate, but was lumped together under "Buildings."

6. The Budget allotments and expenditure also are no guide to the cost, for I find that in 1875-76, the year in which the Government sanctioned the construction of partition walls, the Budget allotment for repairs was Rs. 1,500 and the expenditure was Rs. 4,383; also that in 1876-77 the allotment for repairs was Rs. 3,500 (which sum Government, in paragraph 4 of their Order, of 6th January 1876, No. 15, considered sufficient, on the understanding that the partition walls and furnace screens would be completed within 1875-76), while the expenditure amounted to Rs. 6,835. This expenditure of Rs. 6,835 was incurred on repairs (including partitions and furnace screens), and new works, such as cooly lines at Neddivuttum and Dodabetta. I am unable, as I mentioned above, to state the particular sum expended on each work, as no particulars were kept.

Revenue Department, 29th May 1877, No. 1,845.

7. The existing flues and furnaces are, in my opinion and that of Mr. Rowson, dangerous, and I think that hot-water pipes should be substituted. I have asked the District Engineer, in conformity with paragraph 2 of the G.O., of 20th December 1875, to prepare a plan of the existing flues and a plan and rough estimate of the hot-water pipes, and this, when ready, will be submitted to Government, meanwhile the existing flues can be used this year.

8. I have also asked him to prepare a rough estimate for a store in which to keep the dried bark until it is ready for transmission to Madras. Captain Morant's time is now, he states, fully occupied, and I have told him, therefore, that these two estimates can be sent in during the monsoon.

9. The work for which I now submit an estimate is, however, very emergent, and I beg therefore that the sanction of Government to its being undertaken may be communicated to me by telegram, so that it may be put in hand at once. Captain Morant states that he cannot undertake to re-roof the building before the rains, but promises, if sanction is at once accorded, to roof one of the large rooms before monsoon. This will be of little use, as the bark only takes three days to dry, and there will be no place to store it in. Unless, therefore, the work is pushed on with the greatest expedition, so as to be fully completed by the 15th June, we shall not be able to get in our full crop of bark which, at the present high prices, will be a serious loss to Government.

10. I called for the estimate on the 22nd March, and stated the work was very emergent, but Captain Morant was unable to submit it earlier owing to other pressing work.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, B.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Commissioner of the Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 9th May 1877, No. 178.

With reference to paragraph 5 of your letter, No. 179, of the 22nd March 1877, I have the honor to forward a plan and estimate (the latter amounting to Rs. 6,400) for repairing the main roof of the bark-drying shed at Neddivuttum.

2. The corrugated iron of the present roof cannot be used again. It was, I hear, second-hand when originally put up, and has since been covered with thatch, the nails to fasten which have been driven through the corrugated sheets. Large stones have also been laid on the roof to keep it from being blown off; these have bent and injured the sheets. The wood-work of the roof is entirely of jungle wood. All, except the trusses, is either rotten or has sagged. Mr. Rowson informs my Overseer that the hot air must be prevented from escaping from the interior of the building. To effect this, I estimate for planking and coir matting under the corrugated iron.

3. I must apologise for the delay in submitting this estimate; other pressing work has stood in the way.

4. I fear that I cannot undertake to re-roof the whole before the rains, but if sanction be at once accorded, I would try to re-roof one of the large rooms before the rains commence.

No. 876.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 1,845.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council sanctions the estimate received with the foregoing letter, amounting to Rs. 6,500, for renewing the roof of the old jail at Neddivuttum now used as a bark-drying shed. The amount in excess of the Budget entry of Rs. 6,000 (repair of permanent buildings and cooly lines) must be met from savings in the Budget, as must be the expenditure on the cooly lines mentioned in paragraph 3.

2. It appears from the observations in paragraphs 4 and 5 that G.O., dated 20th December 1875, No. 1,825, has been practically unnoticed as well as left unanswered. The actual expenditure in 1876-77 was largely in excess of the Budget allotment, and appears to have been utilised on new as well as repair-works, though no new works were provided for in the Budget of that year.

Revenue Department, 29th May 1877, No. 1,845.

3. The submission of the estimates adverted to in paragraphs 7 and 8 is awaited.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris,
the Board of Revenue,
the Public Works Department, with copy of His Grace the Governor's Note in MS.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Detailed Estimate No. 1 of 1877-78

Nilgiri District.

Work. Cost of removing the roof and re-roofing the

Dark-Drying shed at Neddiveentim.

No.	Measurements	Contents	Particulars.
	L B D		
			<u>Removing the roof of the Main Building</u>
2	70-0 40-0	5600-0	Main Building
		<u>5600-0</u>	Total sq. ft. of removing present roof of Main Building.
			<u>Reinforcing the top of walls.</u>
1	201-0 1-9 1-0	351-9	Main Building, perimeter for road
		<u>351-9</u>	Total Cft. of removing the top of walls of Main Building
1	201-0 1-9 1-0	351-9	Main Building
		<u>351-9</u>	Total Cft. of Bricks in chunam
1	402-0 1-0	402-0	Main Building
		<u>402-0</u>	Total sq. ft. of Plastering
2	70-0 40-0	5600-0	Main Building
		<u>5600-0</u>	Total sq. ft. of roofing with Purlins, planking, Cam Matting and Corrugated Iron sheets
			10 sq. ft. of Leadon gutters 2 feet wide - weight 980 lbs
			140 sq. ft. of continuous Iron ridging

Cost of 1877-78

REVENUE.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NILGIRIS.

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated May, 1904.

Encl.

G.O. No. 197, 1977, No. 1, 845

M. A. Y.

Nos. 601-602.

Old form of Neddiveentim used as a Dark-Drying Shed - Sanctioning estimate for removal of the roof of the shed, amounting to Rs. 6,500.

16 2-01-00-410-8-4 Wall plates to Tie Beams

4 77-30-20-14-8-6 Battens to roof of side rooms -

14-11-6 Total

3-0-6 Wastage

18-0-0 Total Cft of

4 New Teakwood Trusses & complete -

Abstract Estimate No 15 of 1877-78

Nilgiri District

Work back of removing roof and re-roofing the Bark

Drying Shed at Vedduruttam.

Sqft	Particulars.	Rate	Per	amt.	Total
5600	Sqft of removing the present corrugated Iron roof	2	sqft	112	..
352	Cft of Breaking down walls and removing debris	28	100 cft	8	129
352	Cft of Brick in Chumam	40	..	140	129
402	Sqft of Chumam Plastering	10	sqft	40	32
5600	Sqft of roofing with Teakwood Purlins, planking	100	..	5600	..
	Coir Matting & corrugated Iron sheets	4	sqft	72	..
18	Cft of Teakwood wrought and put up	4	..	72	..
980	lbs of lead for gutters	5	lb	306	4
140	Sqft of continuous Iron ridging	8	sqft	70	..
	Carriage of Materials to site			100	..
	Total			6450	8
	Sundries			349	154
	Total			6800	..

Deduct value of old materials that can be utilized for the work - 300 ..

Total Estimate Rupees 6500 ..

The whole roof of the Main Building to be renewed with Teakwood Purlins, planks, Coir matting and corrugated Iron sheets; 4 Trusses to be replaced of Teakwood; the whole of the Trusses to have new wall plates of Teakwood; the top of the walls of main building to be renewed for a depth of 1 ft and rebuilt with Brick in Chumam and plastered.

The corrugated Iron sheets of the old roof of main building to be utilized as much as possible for the roof of the side rooms, with new Teakwood Battens.

[Sig.] J. L. L. Morank
Captain R. E.

Dt. Engr's Office
Ootacamund 9 May 1877.

District Engineer.

[Sig.] A. M. Webster
As Commissioner

P. 29-5-77 1848

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From,

The City Commissioner
Kilgrip

To,

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to Government
Fort St. George

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Yours Most Obedt. Servt.

W. J. Webber
Cty. Commissioner.

7/18/05

№ 178.

From,

The District Engineer
Mylapora

To,

The Acting Commissioner
Nilgiris

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24th 1872
New York
Ct. 2522
The City of Providence
Rhode Island

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Trinidad & Tobago.

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dated 12th
Dec: 1871 } May 1871

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submitting plan
and estimate for erecting
the building at educational time
and requesting cash on for
the same.

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3. I must apologize for the delay in submitting this estimate; other pressing work has stood in the way.

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Yours most obedt. servt.

(Signed) J. L. L. Morant. Captain R. F.

District Engineer

(True Copy)

H. M. T. Wallace

At. Commissioner

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Revenue Dept.
 No 1845 of 29-5-77

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the

Read letter from
 the Commissioner of Veljees
 dated 12 May 1877 No 34
 requesting to sanction plan
 & estimate for re-roofing
 the building at Riddiwittam

The Acting Secy of Govt
 has been informed that
 the building is in a
 very dangerous
 condition owing to the
 which are commonly stopped by
 a small riot in each
 resulting the roof joints
 at the above places
 will be affected in
 consequence of the
 plank roof
 not being removed

1. His Grace the
 Governor in Council
 sanctions the estimate
 received with the fore-
 going letter amounting
 to Rs 6500 for
 removing the roof
 and

Recd 25/2/77

and re-~~storing~~ the
old jail at Reddivattam
now used as a Bark-drying
Shed. The amount in
excess of the Budget
entry of Rs. 6000 (re-
pair of permanent
buildings & costly lines)
must be met from
savings in the Budget,
as must be the
expenditure on the costly
lines mentioned in
paragraph 3.

2. It appears
from the observations

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was

in paragraphs 4 & 5
that G.O. dated 20th
December 1875 No. 1825
has been practically
unnoticed as well
as left unanswered.
Paragraph 6 shows
that no method in
keeping accounts of
expenditure has been
hitherto observed in
the Cutchana Depart-
ment. This must
not be allowed to
continue. The actual
expenditure in 1876-7)
was

~~12/10/80~~

3. The submission of the estimates adverted to in paragraphs 7 & 8 is awaited.

2000

14 4th 1873 Revenue
21 "D. W. B. with copy of his former income tax return
On the 10th of Dec 73 20th copy of D. W. B. 1873
to Government's office to include
(ordered in Council)
29.12.73

Exd. R

J. C.

Structure of
place & structure
for no. 1000
building at
Ind. Station

See 1