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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th June 1877, No. 76 I.

Irrigation.

Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 44. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Nellore, dated Nellore, 5th June 1877, No. 772.

From H. LYON, Esq., Executive Officer, Southern Division, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 28th May 1877, No. 58.

REFERRING to your endorsement No. 563 of 21st instant, forwarding copies of proceedings in connection with the expenditure incurred on the repairs to the Gudur tank, I have the honor to point out that in the estimate for the repairs of this tank submitted by me the amount allowed for *earthwork* is Rs. 1,005-8-3 plus Rs. 111-11-7 for tamping; and that in the G.O., No. 1,652-A, dated 5th May 1877, the total amount of estimate, viz., Rs. 3,885 has been supposed to be for earthwork, whereas less than one-third of this amount is for that description of work, the rest being for turfing, building new and rebuilding old stone revetment and repairing sluices. Moreover the earth-work actually executed by relief coolies has been measured by Taluq Overseer V. Munesawmy Moodelly, and the quantity he makes of it is 10,145 cubic yards, which at the estimated rate of Annas 1-6 per cubic yard is valued at Rupees 951-1-6; as the expenditure on the earthwork *up to the date* the measurements were taken was nearly Rupees 4,000, it will be seen that the cost per *cubic yard on the whole* is upwards of Annas 6-0, and at the commencement of the work it was I believe not less than what I reported it. A person employed on the work gave me an instance of the number at work in a gang and the quantity they did in one day, and in this case the cost was 1 Rupee per cubic yard; I did not report the matter with a view to discredit or unfairly criticise the work done by the Revenue Department, and had no idea my report would be submitted to Government; but, as the estimate had been prepared by me, and all the remaining work except earthwork was to be done by this department, I thought it was my duty to bring to notice that the amount for earthwork would be so much exceeded.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer in reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 14 I, dated 16th May 1877.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 12TH JUNE 1877, No. 76 I.

The following is an abstract of the estimate:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.	Total.
10,725½ C. yds.	Earthwork. (50 yards average lead.)	Rs. A. P. 0 1 6	C. yd.	Rs. A. P. 1,005 8 3	Rs. A. P.
10,725½ "	Tamping and levelling front slope.	0 0 2	"	111 11 7	
14,978 Sq. yds.	Turfing ...	0 0 4	Sq. yd.	312 0 8	
578 C. yds.	Rebuilding old stone revetment.	0 6 0	C. yd.	216 12 0	
558 "	New stone revetment including building and excavating foundation.	3 0 0	"	1,674 0 0	
	Superintendence and sundries.	...	...	...	3,320 0 6 164 15 6
	Total ...	...	...	...	3,485 0 0
	Repairs to sluice as per separate estimate attached.	...	...	...	450 0 0
	Grand Total Estimate ...	...	...	...	3,935 0 0

It is Mr. Lyon's duty as well as the duty of every officer in a similar position to assist the Government in the present crisis by bringing cases of excessive expenditure to notice. When the cost of keeping a cooly alive in a relief house, plus the value of the work he does at ordinary rates, is less than the scale of pay allowed on so called work, it is manifestly better for Government to keep the cooly in the relief house; this is the case probably in the present instance, and there is no thought of "unfair" criticism in bringing it to notice and nobody says there is.

(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer, Nellore.

No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1877, No. 76 I.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department (Famine), with reference to G.O., No. 1,652-A, dated 5th May 1877, in that department.

(True Extract.)

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Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Revenue Department. ✓
" District Engineer, Nellore.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd E. C. Shunker.

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Dated June 12th.

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Gudur Tank, Nellore District.—Note by
the District Engineer submitting Southern
Range Officer's letter regarding excess
expenditure incurred in repairing the
communicated to the Revenue Department
(Famine).

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24/23 June 77

Communicated to the B. of Rev.
~~Revenue~~ also with report what
work was actually done
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