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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd November 1867.

No. 416. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the revised estimate for re-building }
the damaged portion of the new Store-room at } (Here enter 20th November 1867, No. 3,582.)
the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps.

No. 417. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1867, No. 2,775.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,582.

Exd S: T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th November 1867.*

original estimate, be deducted from the above amount, the balance will come to Rupees, 1,290 which represents the actual loss to Government occasioned by the accident.

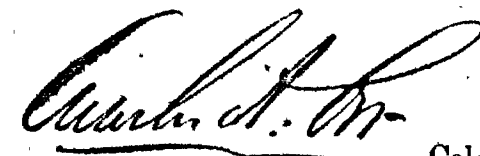
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ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1867, No. 3,582.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 50.

1. The Store-room attached to the Stamp Office at the Presidency having become dilapidated and insecure, sanction was accorded to an estimate of Rupees 3,540 for the construction of a new building, and the papers above read have reference to the failure of this work.
2. It appears that two centre pillars of the old Store-room were made use of to support the roof of the new building. It has now been ascertained that these pillars were built of very inferior materials, and were consequently incapable of bearing the weight put upon them. It was clearly the duty of the Executive Officer, Captain Goddard, to have tested the stability of the pillars and to have satisfied himself of their strength before deciding on their retention as a part of the new structure, and the Government cannot acquit him of very culpable neglect for omitting to take this obvious precaution. Nor can the Government exonerate Colonel Bean from blame. He states that he "had doubts" as to the stability of the pillars, yet, on finding that the work was far advanced, he suffered it apparently to be completed without any renewed personal inspection, exposing in this manner the property of Government and the lives of its Officers to risk, and the Department of Public Works to the reproach which it has actually incurred.
3. The revised estimate for completing the Store-room amounts to Rupees 5,440, or Rupees 1,900 in excess of the original, but making allowance for the deductions noticed in paragraph 5, the loss occasioned by the accident is about Rupees 1,290.
4. The Government sanction the revised estimate, and request the Superintending Engineer to report the manner in which he proposes to provide the additional funds required to complete the work.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with two Enclosures.

- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
20th November 1867.

No. 399. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer,
4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
dated Madras, 7th November 1867, No. 3,787:—

1 Revised Estimate.
1 Comparative Statement.
G. O. No. 3,239, dated 19th October 1867.

1. In continuation of my letter
No. 3,489, dated 21st October 1867,
reporting the fall of the roof of the new
Store-room at the Office of the Superin-

tendent of Stamps, I have the honor to forward a revised estimate, amounting to
Rupees 5,440, for re-building the damaged portion of the building, and for altera-
tions to the strong room, with a comparative Statement showing the items causing
an excess, Captain Goddard, the Executive Engineer of the Range, having supplied
me with the necessary information yesterday. I also beg to give the following
reasons which account for the accident.

2. In building the Store-room, Captain Goddard made use of two old centre
pillars which existed in the original godown, and he raised them an additional
height of four feet nine inches, making fourteen feet nine inches in all, to support
the beams and joists of the roof. These pillars were two feet square, and under
ordinary circumstances would have borne the weight. The pillars were crushed
by the falling of the roof, and seven feet remained standing. One of two circum-
stances must have caused the fall, either the additional portion added on was wet
and the mortar had not set, as there had been rain at the time, or the quality of
the old work was so inferior as to prove incapable of bearing the roof. Captain
Goddard states the masonry was perfectly dry; and on my inspection of the work
after the accident, I found the material of which the old pillars was composed
was of bad quality, so I must attribute its fall to the latter cause.

3. In the Order of Government No. 1,541, dated 22nd May 1867, the work
was ordered to be put in hand at once, and in Order of the 27th September 1867,
Letter dated 19th September 1867, No. 2,990. No. 3,009, an estimate of Rupees 3,540
was sanctioned. My report, embodied
in this order, stated that the Store-room had to be entirely rebuilt, as Captain
Goddard in a letter, of the 30th May, informed me that this room "should be
demolished and replaced by a terraced building," but it was not until I received
the plans and estimates on the 9th September last, that I found the Executive Engi-
neer intended to use the old pillars. I then had doubts as to their stability for the
purposes intended, and I wrote to Captain Goddard as to the progress made, and
found that he had nearly completed the building, when I directed him to proceed
with the work.

4. Pillars, if used again to support the roof of the store, would be perfectly
safe, provided pillar bricks, moulded of the diameter required, were used in its
construction, as in the other works in Fort St. George, but as the space required
in the room will admit of it, I have directed Captain Goddard to build arched
partition walls to support the roofing joists, and to do away with beams.

5. The actual increase on the original estimate now asked for is Rupees
1,900. The value* of the beams will
be recovered hereafter, and if in addi-
tion the cost of the partition walls and one or two small items not entered in the

* Rupees 250.

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Quoting the revised estimate for rebuilding the damaged portion of the new stone house at the office of the Dept. of Agriculture.

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