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Taluk Office at Palkonda

Revised estimate of Rs. 32,470 for constructing a first-class —, in the Vizagapatam district, sanctioned with remarks.

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Read—the following papers :—

From W. C. DeMORGAN, Esq., M.I.C.E., Executive Engineer in charge, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 23rd May 1898, No. 170 V.Z.

I have the honour to submit herewith a revised estimate,* together with a comparative statement, for constructing a Taluk office with out-houses at Palkonda, in the Vizagapatam division, and to request that sanction of Government may be obtained to the same.

* For Rs. 32,470.

2. The comparative statement, prepared by the Executive Engineer, and my note thereon accompanying the estimate, sufficiently explain the causes of excess on each item.

3. The original estimate, amounting to Rs. 27,420, was sanctioned in G.O., No. 1572 W., dated 25th June 1894, and the amount of excess that now requires sanction is Rs. 4,940.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

The revised estimate of Rs. 32,470 for constructing a taluk cutcherry at Palkonda, Vizagapatam district, involves an excess of Rs. 4,940 over the original estimate of Rs. 27,420 sanctioned in G.O., No. 1572 W., dated 25th June 1894. The various items of excess are exhibited and accounted for in the comparative statement and report submitted by the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, and are made up as follows :—

	Rs.
(*a*) Increase in rates	1,843
(*b*) Increase due to deviations	5,257
(*c*) Increase due to additional works found necessary	1,480
	8,580
Deduct—Savings due to deviations ...	3,640
Total excess ...	4,940

2. When the original estimate was prepared the Palkonda taluk had only been recently taken over by Government from Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., and correct data regarding rates and localities, where good building materials were available, did not exist. To this cause is mainly due the excess for which sanction is now applied for. The rates, however, provided in the original estimate were, in many cases, absurdly low, and the divisional schedule should now be brought up to date if this has not already been done.

3. Items (*a*) and (*b*) of the excesses above noticed in paragraph 1 are principally due to suitable lime and stone not being procurable locally, as was believed to be the case when the original estimate was prepared and having eventually, owing to the inferior quality of the local building materials, to be carted respectively from 6 miles and 40 miles off.

4. The increase under item (*c*) was unavoidable and was due to the necessity for removing and reconstructing portions of the building which had cracked owing to movement of the soil on which it was built as explained by Mr. Allen in letter No. 1108, dated 17th June 1897. This occurrence, or the probability of it, could not have been foreseen, and the pressure originally allowed on foundations, viz., 1,300 lb. per square foot is, as pointed out by Mr. Allen very moderate, and is less than half of what is usually permissible, 1 to 1½ tons per square foot being generally allowed for ordinary firm earth.

5. With these remarks the revised estimate is recommended for the sanction of Government.

(Signed) W. B. DeWINTON,
Chief Engineer.

17th June 1898.

Order—No. 1725 W., dated 7th July 1898.

The revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 32,470, for constructing a first-class Taluk office at Palkonda, in the Vizagapatam district, is sanctioned in supersession of the original estimate of Rs. 27,420 sanctioned in G.O., No. 1572 W., dated 25th June 1894.

2. The probable outlay incurred on the work to end of 1897–98 amounts to Rs. 22,554. The balance of estimate will be provided after the statements of requirements for incomplete works have been disposed of.

3. The Superintending Engineer's attention is called to the extreme inadequacy of many of the rates provided in the original estimate, and he is requested to see that all schedules of rates in his circle are brought accurately up to date.

4. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 36 W. of 1898–99, and classified as Civil Buildings—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

A. Kumaresam

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with twelve enclosures.
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