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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 115. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 3rd November 1858, No. 5038.

SIR,

Agreeably to the fifth para of the code, section II, for the Department Public Works, I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government, two part Bills, received from the District Engineer Coimbatore, amounting to Rupees (3,275-2-0) three thousand two hundred and seventy-five, and annas two, and which exceed the amount of its estimate by more than five per cent, explanation as to the causes of excess is given in the Column of Remarks, which I consider to be satisfactory.

2 Bills.
1 Explanatory memo.

List of Bills submitted for the Sanction of Government.

Audit Number.	Date of Bills.	Description of work.	Amount of Estimate.	Amount of Bill.	Excess.	Per centage of Excess.	Remarks.
182	1857 May 17th	Constructing a Porch to the Church of Ootacamund, altering and improving the Church compound, and approaches, as per estimate, sanctioned by Government, on the 25th July 1857....	2,600	1,924 7 3			Vide District Engineer's explanatory Memorandum attached to Bill.
	September 20th	Final Bill for do.....	.....	1,350 10 9			
		First part Bill passed by the Chief Engineer.....	.....	1,500			
		Total Rupees.....	.....	4,775 2	2,175 2 0	83 10 10	
		Deduct Bill passed by Chief Engineer.....	.....	1,500			
		Amount now requiring sanction.....	.....	3,275 2			

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George 3rd November 1858.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Lieut. Colonel,
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Explanatory Memo.

With regard to the Bill for the Church Porch I must observe that an additional church yard pillar had to be built as part of the new approach, but on examining the existing pillars they were found to be so much out of the perpendicular as to make it dangerous to attempt to hang the new Gates upon them, I therefore directed Lieutenant Stewart to pull them down and he found the foundations to be of very insufficient depth and to have been put in with worthless brick laid in clay only. It was therefore well that they were taken down. The Superintending Engineer on the occasion of his visit to the Hills received a report of these circumstances, the re-building of these elaborate pillars has been a very heavy expense.

Lieutenant Stewart in his letter states that more was done than intended on the roads within the Church yard, but though more may have been done than he estimated for, yet I see nothing more than I contemplated at the time I ordered the estimate to be prepared except in regard to the examination into the bank at the North end of the Church (the Church stands North and South) which was made by Lieutenant Stewart to allow the Bishops carriage to approach the Vestry and to turn afterwards, but the expense of this addition must be very small.

6th October 1857,

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, Captain,
District Engineer.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, No. 2634; dated 6th December 1858.

The excess expenditure for constructing a Porch and improving and altering the Church compound at Ootacamund, reported in the above letter, is more than 83 per cent. The District Engineer attributes the increase to additional works found necessary. Before sanctioning the Bill, the Governor in Council desires to be informed, under what circumstances Captain Francis allowed the large additional expenditure before obtaining previous sanction.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George.
3rd November 1858.

No. 5938.

From
The Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Department of Public Works.

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Enclosures
Bills
Correspondence
Plans

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Lieut. Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

List of Bills submitted for the Sanction of Government.

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182	1857. May 17	Constructing a Porch to the Church of Colacamund, altering and Improving the Church Compound, and approaches, as per Estimate, sanctioned by Government, on the 25th July 1856	2,600 - -	1724. 7 3			
	Sept. 20	Final Bill for Do.		1350 10 9			
		First part Bill passed by the Chief Engineer		1500 - -			Vide Divisional Engineers Explanatory Memorandum attached to Bill.
		Total Rupees		4775 2 -	2175 2 -	83 - 10 - 10	
		Deduct Bills passed by Chief Engineer		1500 " "			
		amount now requiring Sanction		3275 2 "			

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
5th November 1858

Lieut.t Colonel.
Officiating Chief Engineer

P.W. 1858 Department
To Cons: 7th Decr
No: 2604.

From
The Offg Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 2d
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1 Enclosure
Submits for the
sanction of Government
2 Bills, amounting to Rupees
3275-2-0 for works executed
in the District of Coimbatore
during the Official years
1856/57 and 1857/58.

With the Order
No: 2634. 6th Decr 1858.

W. No: 2634.

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W. H. B

Fort St. George
6th Decr 58
10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr
Dated 7th

Vide Cons: 29 July 1858 No: 5163

No: 5 & 116.

24 Nov: & 4 Dec: