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No. 138. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 26th October 1858, No. 4872.

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 three Bills received from the District Engineer Coimbatore, amounting to Rupees (21,307-5-1) twenty-one thousand, three hundred and seven, Annas five and Pice one, and which exceed the amount of their 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. With regard to Bill No. 39, I beg to state for the information of Government that the estimate for the work was submitted to Government and explanation called for in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 29th January 1856, No. 129 regarding the rates of certain items included in it. This explanation was accordingly furnished in para. 5 of the Chief Engineer's letter dated 15th May 1856, No. 3245, and the sanction for this work as well as for other works reported upon in it was solicited, but no formal sanction has been received up to this time.

List of Bills submitted for the sanction of Government.

Audit No.	Date of Bills.	Description of Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Amount of Bill.			Excess.			Per centage of excess.			Remarks.
	1857		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	R	A.	P.	
37&38	Feby. 28	Cutting through Elkhill at Ootacamund as per estimates sanctioned by Government on the 6th October 1853 and 14th September 1855.	17,750	19,223	1	6							The increase is partly due to the long period over which the work has been spread and partly to accidents such as heavy landslips which have widened out the cutting very unnecessarily in places and obliged much additional labour. The excess is attributable to the following cause on the completion of the pier, the gravel of the whole of the road-way of the bridge was cleared with a view to repair one or two of the planks which were known to be broken, after uncovering the surface of the road-way, it was discovered that a far greater number of planks than had been anticipated were broken and cracked, and in nearly all of them the nails had started from their places, so that the planks of the bridge were found to give a most unpleasant and dangerous springing motion whenever any vehicle passed over it and therefore a temporary road was immediately formed through the bed of the river for the passage of vehicles and all the planks raised and laid down a fresh
		Recovered by sale of old materials.	.....	221	11	6							
				19,001	6	0	1251	6	0	7	0	10	
40	March 10	Constructing an additional pier to the Timber Lattice Bridge at Seegoor.	560	763	7	0	203	7	0	36	5	3	
39	March 7th	Repair of the bund at Coonoor and the road thro' the old bazar towards Jackatalla.	1,150	1,542	8	1	392	8	1	34	2	1	The excess is owing to damage done from time to time by freshes, rendering necessary a large amount of extra work, the work took a long time to complete.
		Total Rupees...	.....	21,307	5	1							

Central Office of P. W.,
Fort Saint George,
26th October 1858.

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

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

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, No. 2644; dated 7th December 1858.

* Cutting through Elkhill at Ootacamund.....	19,001-6-0
Constructing an additional Pier to the Timber Lattice Bridge at Seegoor.....	763-7-0
Repair of the Bund at Coonoor.....	1,542-8-1
	21,307-5-1

The Governor in Council sanctions the three Bills* submitted with the above letter for works executed in the District of Coimbatore, during the years 1855-56 and 1856-57, amounting to Rupees (21,307-5-1) twenty one thousand, three hundred and seven, annas five and pie one, and which exceed their Estimates by more than five per cent.

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

Central Office of Pub: Works
Fort- Saint George
26th October 1858

No. 4872

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government.
D. P. W.

Sir,

Agreeably to the Fifth para of the Code Section II. for the D. P. W. I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government three Bills received from the District Engineer Coimbatore, Amounting to Rupees 21,307. 5. 1 Twenty One thousand three hundred and Seven, Annas five and Pice one, and which exceed the Amount of their 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.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Lieutt. Colll.
Officiating Chief Engineer

List of Bills Submitted for the Sanction of Government

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	1857						
37 & 38	Feby 28	Cutting through Elkhill at Pota-camund as per Estimates sanctioned by Government on the 6th October 1853 and 14th Septr 1855	17750 " "	19223 1 6			The increase is partly due to the long period over which the work has been spread, and partly to accidents such as heavy landslips which have widened out the cutting very unnecessarily in places & obliged additional labour.
		Recovered by sale of Old Materials		221 11 6			
				19,001 6 "	1251 6 "	7 " 10	
40	March 10	Constructing an additional Pier to the Timber Lattice Bridge at Seegoor	560 " "	763 7 "	203 7 "	36 5 3	The Excess is attributable to the following causes— On the completion of the pier, the gravel of the whole of the Roadway of the bridge was cleared with a view to repair one or two of the planks which were known to be broken, After uncovering the surface of the Roadway, it was discovered that a far greater number of planks than had been anticipated were broken, and cracked, and in nearly all of them the nails had started from their places, so that the planks of the Bridge were found to give a most unpleasant and dangerous springing motion when-ever any vehicle passed over it, and therefore a temporary road was immediately formed through the bed of the River for the passage of vehicles and all the planks raised and laid down afresh—
39	March 7th	Repair of the bund at Coonoor and the Road through the old Bazar towards Jackatalla	1150 " "	1542 8 1	392 8 1	34 2 1	The excess is owing to damage done from time to time by freshes rendering necessary a large amount of extra work, The work took a long time to complete.—
		Total Rupees		21,307 5 1			

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
26th October 1858

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Officiating Chief Engineer

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P. W. D.

№ 2644 76

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under Date the 7 ~~June~~ Augt 1858.

Read the following Letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer.

Dated 26 October 1858.

The Governor in Council sanctions the three Bills submitted with the Letter for works executed in the District of Coimbatore, during the years 1855/56 and 1857 Amounting to

Cutting through Elkhill and Coimbatore	1901-6-
Constructing an additional Pier to the Timber Lattice Bridge at Segoor	763-9-
Repairs of the Banks at Coimbatore	1542-8-1.
	21307-5-1.

Dated 26th October 1858.

Read the following Letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer

Dated the 26th October 1858.

No 2555

From

The Offg Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govt

Dated 26th October 1858.

Rec'd 28th

No 4532

Subject:- Submitting an Estimate of Revenue to be realized by the auction of Quarries to Rent Bills Amounting to Rupees 21307-5-1 for works executed in the District of Coimbatore during the years 1855/56 and 1857

Sir

I have &c

Offg Chief Engr

P. W. D.

No 1698.

Rec'd 28th Oct 1858

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W. W. B.

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Sanctioning 3 bills
amounting to Rupees 21307-
5-1 for work executed
in the District of Coimbatore.

No 138 & 139

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