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No. 670. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 14th April 1864, No. 3,013:—

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 13, Chapter IV of the New Code, I have the honor to submit for sanction of Government a bill amounting to Rupees 1,500, for the construction of Police Station House at Annamallay in Coimbatore District. The Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, represents in his Report dated 23rd March 1864, that the work had been badly executed by the Contractor under the orders of Mr. Lawford, and that Mr. Lowry is to be blamed for having paid the Contractor the balance of contract, viz., Rupees 135-10-10, regardless of the badness of the work and delay in its completion.

No. 671. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1864, No. 1,222.

1. The bill is sanctioned; but Mr. Lowry will be informed that the payment made to the Contractor without reference either to the quality of the work executed, or to the delay in its completion, was an unwarrantable proceeding which the Government notice with displeasure. Mr. Lowry will hereafter be held personally responsible for any losses to which the Government may be subjected by similar indifference to the rules of the Department.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to all Superintending Engineers, and their particular attention will be drawn to paragraph 15, Chapter XVI of the Code. The Officers of the Department should be enjoined to be careful in conforming strictly to the instructions therein given, and on no account to pay up balances due to Contractors till satisfied that their work has been performed in proper manner and in strict accordance with the specifications.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A, ORR, Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
To all other Superintending Engineers.

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The Controller and
Auditor of P.W. Accts
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Submitting for the sanction of Government a Bill amounting to Rs 1500 for the construction of Police Station House at Annamally in Coimbatore District.

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