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No. 637. Read the following letter from H. B. SMITH, Esq., Executive Engineer, Wynād Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Manantoddy, 16th April 1864, No. 226 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to your remarks on the back of the Statement of Bills lately sent to you, I have the honor to inform you that I have tried my best with the assistance of my Establishment, to have the bills for the expenditure of last year prepared, but I regret to say that I find it quite impossible after doing my best for a long time and also causing my current Office work to fall into arrears.

2. Vouchers for a considerable sum of about Rupees 15,000 are missing, and even those that I could find in the Office I am rather of opinion that you would consider them to be inadmissible. Most of the vouchers do not correspond with the accounts. I therefore think it better to lay the matter before you for settlement.

Copy of the Superintending Engineer's Memorandum, No. 639, dated 20th April, in reply to Mr. Smith's letter No. 226 of 19th April 1864.

Mr. Smith's course, under the circumstances related in his letter No. 226 of 16th April, was quite clear. As soon as satisfied that he could not submit bills properly vouched for; he should have submitted them with such vouchers as were forthcoming, reporting distinctly what items remained altogether or partly unvouched for. Any thing would have been better than the undecided course adopted which rendered the matter of adjustment more difficult, and brings blame on Mr. Smith himself, without clearing Major Syme.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

To the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, with reference to the Superintending Engineer's letter No. 110 of 19th August 1863.

No. 638. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1864, No. 1,230.

1. The Government approve of the proceedings of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
2. Colonel Walker will be requested to report whether Major Syme's presence is necessary for the adjustment of the accounts of the Wynād Range lately in his charge.

(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.

[Handwritten signature]

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From

The mounted Engineer
of the Signal Corps

The Engineer in Charge

7th Division (2nd)

Dated 16th Nov. 1797/66

3rd 19th April 1861

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Regarding the inapplicability of the Bill for the expenditure of cash year for year for ranches is the intent of about 1861

