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No. 458. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Wadagherry, 7th March 1864, No. 347:—

SIR,

1. An Estimate of Rupees 19,715 reduced by me from Rupees 34,400, for bridges on the road from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât, was sanctioned by Government Order No. 2,293 of 14th August 1863. Funds to the amount of Rupees 7,240 were appropriated for the work from the sanction of Rupees 37,000 for the Coimbatore Jail, and Rupees 5,000 additional were sanctioned in G. O. No. 542 of 23rd February. In addition to the Rupees 7,475 thus remaining unprovided for I have now the honor to ask for supplemental sanctions as follows, viz.:—

		RS.
1.	Completing the Goodaloor bridge	1,660
2.	Do. the upper Sunganoor do.	1,040
	Total ...	2,700

2. I was obliged, on considering the height of freshes last monsoon, to order an addition to the piers and abutments of these bridges, of 2 feet and 1½ feet respectively; but at the time, Lieutenant Trail trusted to meet the extra cost by savings on other items, and the Estimates were not therefore re-submitted on that ground solely. But the Contractor for the former work is now a fraudulent bankrupt and in Jail (though not at our suit) after having apparently received payment for work performed to the nominal value of Rupees 1,600, but on which a loss of Rupees 528 has ensued owing to subsequent discovery of its bad quality, in spite of all Lieutenant Trail's care and my own warnings. The other Contractor is a respectable man, whom it is desirable to relieve of the consequences of non-fulfilment of an engagement now beyond his means, owing to the failure of his agents who took advantage of his personal ignorance of the work and to the increase of rates. Full value is credited for his materials at the contracting rate, but the Sub-Engineer in temporary charge of the Range reports that it must necessarily be raised.

This supplies the information called for in Government Order No. 552 of 24th February 1864.
(Initialed). G. W. W.

3. I should have returned these Estimates, and called on Mr. Lowry to submit a comparative Statement showing the differences in each item between the original and revised Estimates, and how much was due to extra work and how much to increase of rates, &c., but that I feared thereby to embarrass the execution of the works, which it is desirable to have completed by the 30th April. On which account orders are solicited at an early date.

No. 459. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1864, No. 835.

1. Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Government resolves to sanction the following Supplemental Estimates for works* in the Coimbatore District:—

	RS.
Completing the Goodaloor bridge	1,660
Do. the upper Sunganoor do.	1,040
Total ...	2,700

* Original Estimate sanctioned in G. O. 14th August 1863, No. 2,293.

2. The aggregate estimated cost of the eight bridges on the road from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât is, under this sanction, raised from Rupees 19,715 to Rupees 22,415. Funds to the extent of Rupees 12,240 have been already allotted for these works, leaving a balance of Rupees 10,175 to be still provided. The Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, will be requested with reference to Proceedings No. 749, dated 11th March 1864, to report how much of this

Rupees	22,415
„	12,240
Rupees	10,175

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sum he will be in a position to spend during the current official year. On receipt of the necessary intimation the required amount will be made available from the Reserve; meanwhile to prevent the stoppage of the two bridges for which Supplemental Estimates have been submitted, the Government resolves to grant from that source the sum of Rupees 2,700, being the amount required to complete them.

3. It is observed from paragraph 2 of Colonel Walker's letter that the Contractor for the Goodaloor bridge received payment for work alleged to have been performed to the extent of Rupees 1,600; but that a loss of Rupees 528 has resulted owing to its inferior quality. The case is one which illustrates the necessity of a careful inspection of works during progress and after completion before any payments are made. The requirements of Chapter XIX of the Code headed "Inspection," if strictly enforced will ensure the protection of the interests of Government.

(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.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

No. 347

Supg. Engrs. Office 7th Dn.
Wadagherry 7th March 1864.

From
Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker R. E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Dn.

To
Coll. C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.
Madras

Sir,

1 An Estimate of Rs. 19715 reduced by me from Rs. 34,400, for Bridges on the road from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut was sanctioned by Government Order No. 2293 of 14th Augt 1862 Funds to the Amount of Rs. 7240 were appropriated for the work from the Sanction of Rs. 37000 for the Coimbatore Jail and Rs 5000 additional were sanctioned in G O No 527 of 23rd [illegible] — In addition to the Rs. 7475 thus remaining unprovided for I have now the honor to ask for Supplemental Sanctions as follows Vizt. —

Enclo. 2.

1 Completing the Goodaloor Bridge Rs. 1660 — "
2 Do. the Upper Sunganoor — Do. — " — 1040 — "
Total Rupees — 2700 — "

2. I was obliged on considering the height of freshes last monsoon, to order an addition to the Piers & abutments of these Bridges, of 2 feet & 4 1/2 ft. respectively; but at the time, Lieut. Trail tried to meet the extra cost by savings on other items, & the Estimates were not therefore re-submitted on that ground solely — But the Contractor for the former work is now a fraudulent bankrupt & in jail, (though not a worn suit) after having apparently received payment for work performed to the nominal value of Rupees

Rs. 1600, but on which a loss of Rs. 528 has ensued owing to subsequent discovery of its bad quality, in spite of all Lieut. Spaits care & my own warnings. The other Contractor is a respectable man whom it is desirable to relieve of the Consequences of non-fulfilment of an engagement now beyond his means, owing to the failure of his Agents who took advantage of his personal ignorance of the work, & to the increase of Rates — Full value is credited for his materials at the contracting rate, but the Sub Engineer in temporary Charge of the Range reports that it must necessarily be raised —

*This supplies the information called for in Govt. Order No. 552 of 24 Feb. 1864
GMW

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant
G.M. Walker Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Dn.

No. 458.

P.W. 1864 Dept
7th Division
From No. 1198
The Supdt. Engineer
7th Dn.
To The Secretary to Govt.
D.P.W.
No. 347 Madras
Dated 7th March 1864
Received 11 "
Encls. two Estimates
Vide Supdt. Engr's
Letter 1845/62
Requesting supple-mental sanctions
for completing Goo-
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Sunganoor Bridges
No. 835 — 18th March/64

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No. 835

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th March 1864

Read the following letter.

From the Supdt. Engineer 7th Division
Requesting supplemental sanctions for Completing Goodaloor and Upper Sunganoor Bridges. — (Here Enter 7 March 1864. No. 347)

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Government resolve to sanction the following Supplemental Estimates for works* in the Coimbatore District,

Completing the Goodaloor Bridge — Rs. 1660
Do. the Upper Sunganoor Do. 1040
2700

*Original Estimates sanctd. in G.O. 14 Augt./63 - 2293

The aggregate estimated cost of the 8 Bridges on the road from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât is, under this sanction, raised from Rs. 19715 to Rs. 22,415. Funds to the extent of Rs. 12,240 have been already allotted for these works, leaving a balance of Rs. 10175 to be still provided. The Supg. Engr. 7 Dn. will be requested with

Rs. 22415
12240
10,175

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Reference to Pro: No 749 of 11 March/63 to report how much of this sum he will be in a position to spend during the current official year— On receipt of the necessary intimation the required amount will be made available from the Reserve; meanwhile to prevent the stoppage of the two Bridges for which Supplemental Estimates have been submitted, the Govt. resolve to grant from that source the sum of Rs. 2700, being the amount required to complete them.—

It is observed from Para 2 of Col: Walker's letter that the Contractor for the Goodalore Bridge received payment for work alleged to have been performed to the extent of Rs. 1600; but that a loss of Rs 528 has resulted owing to ~~the~~ its inferior quality. ~~A~~ The Case is one which illustrates the necessity of a careful inspection of works during progress & after completion before any payments are made. The requirements of Chapter XIX of the Code headed "Inspection", if strictly enforced will ensure the protection of the interests of Govt. —

Supg Engr 7 Dn ✓
Cont & Audr of PW accts ✓
Acc Genl ✓

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Despd- 19th March.

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Pro: of Govt per March

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Pro: of the Lt Govt

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2 Estimates returned Ditto

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