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No. 26. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Railway,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Railway,) dated Simla, 11th November 1871, No. 2,294-R:—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,535, of the 5th October 1871, submitting for sanction plans and estimates for the construction, in connection with the Neilgherry branch of the Madras Railway, of additions to the Pothanoor Junction station, and of a new station at Coimbatore.

2. The arrangements proposed at Pothanoor are simple in character, and I am desired by the Government of India to sanction the estimated outlay as per margin. But I am to observe that the means by which passengers coming from the country to Pothanoor will obtain access to the station are not shown in the plan. If there are no local reasons to the contrary, the fuel stage or engine shed would apparently be a better site than the platform for the watering arrangements for engines at the branch line terminus.

	Rs.
Doubling main line between station and Noyel bridge	25,767
Addition of a back-verandah and platform...	8,810
Extra sidings in station yard, watering arrangements and signals ...	18,138
Total...	52,715

3. As regards the new Coimbatore station, I am to ask for the submission of an outline map showing Pothanoor station, Coimbatore city, and the Coimbatore Railway station as proposed, three miles from the Noyel bridge, with all the main roads. The principal trade of Coimbatore will, it must be supposed, be towards the main line, and not towards Metapolliem, and the requirements of Coimbatore in this direction must, it is presumed, in great measure have been met when Pothanoor station was built. The Government of India are unable to decide what should be the extent of goods accommodation at the new station without further information. So far as the plan can be accepted as a guide, the position of the proposed goods shed in low broken ground and over a watercourse seems to be unsuitable.

4. The booking office block and a Station Master's house must be given, but as a Station Master's room is provided in the passenger station, either that may be omitted or an additional room may be given, and the residence outside left unbuilt for the present. The latrine should be apart from the booking office, but that alteration will not effect economy.

	Rs.
Station house, platform, and detached latrine, and Station Master's quarters	21,000
Formation of yard	2,600
Ballast	1,400
Half mile permanent-way to include carriage	16,000
Fencing and gates	420
Signals	440
Total...	41,860

5. Until the points noticed are explained, I am directed by the Government of India to convey sanction to the proposals for Coimbatore to the extent noted in the margin.

6. These sanctions have been entered in the Register of this Office as No. 27, M. R. of 1871-72.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 1st December 1871.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1871, No. 3,044.

RAILWAY, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O., No. 2,534, dated 5th October 1871.

2. The amounts sanctioned by the Government of India in connection with station arrangements on the Neilgherry branch are those shown below :—

	RS.
Works at the Pothanoor Junction Station	52,715
Works for the Coimbatore Station	41,860

3. Major Prendergast will draw the attention of the Agent and Manager to the suggestions made, and submit the information called for by the Government of India as early as practicable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 2294-R

Government of India
Public Works Department
Railway.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department,
(Railway)

Simla, 11th November 1871.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2535 of the 5th October 1871, submitting for sanction plans and estimates for the construction, in connection with the Neilgherry Branch of the Madras Railway, of additions to the Poothanoor Junction Station, and of a new station at Coimbatore.

2. The arrangements proposed at Poothanoor are simple in character and

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I am desired by the Government of India to sanction the estimated outlay, as per margin — But I am to observe that the means by which passengers coming from the country to Pothanoor will obtain access to the station are not shown in the plan. If there are no local reasons to the contrary, the fuel stage or Engine shed would apparently be a better site than the platform for the watering arrangements for Engines at the branch line terminus.

	Rs.
* Doubling main line between Station and Nagel Bridge	25,767
Addition of a bank veranda and platform	5,510
Extra sidings in station yard, watering arrangements & Signals	18,138
Total	52,715

3. As regards the new Coimbatore station, I am to ask for the submission of an outline map showing Pothanoor station, Coimbatore city, and the Coimbatore Railway Station as proposed 3 miles from the Nagel bridge, with all the main roads. The principal trade of Coimbatore will, it must be supposed, be towards the Main line and not towards Metapolliem, and the requirements of Coimbatore in this direction must, it is presumed, in great measure, have been met when Pothanoor Station was built. The Government of India are unable to decide what should be the extent of goods accommodation at the new station without further information. So far as the plan can be accepted as a guide, the position of the proposed goods shed in low broken ground, and over a water-course, seems to be unsuitable.

4. The booking office block and a station Masters house must be given, but as a Station Masters room is provided in the Passenger station either that may be omitted or an additional room may be given, and the Residence outside left unbuilt for the present. The cabins should be apart from the booking office but that alteration will not

not effect economy.

5. Until the points noticed are explained & are directed by the Government of India to convey sanction to the proposals for Coimbatore to the extent noted in the margin.

	Rs.
Station house, platform and detached latrines, & Station Master's quarters	21,000
Formation of yard	2,500
Ballast	1,400
Half mile permanent way to include carriage	16,000
Fencing and Gates	420
Signals	1,440
Total	41,860

6. These sanctions have been entered in the Register of this Office as No 27 M.R. of 1871-72.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
E. C. Perkins. Major, R.E.
Deputy Secretary.

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Public Works Department
Govt of India
No 5511-3

From
The Government of India

Dated 11th November 1871
Received 20th — Ditto } 1871

No 2294-R.

Copies of orders on the plans and estimates for the connection with the Nellgherry Branch of the Madras Railway, additions to the Pottanoor Junction station, and a new station at Coimbatore

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The Govt of India } No 2294 R. of 11th Nov 1871

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to G. O. No 2,584. dated 5th October 1871.

The amounts sanctioned by the Government of India in connection with Station arrangements on the Nellgherry branch are those shown below.

Works at the Pottanoor Junction Station	Rs 52,715
Works for the Coimbatore Station	" 41,860

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Neilgherry Branch. Letter from the Govt of India passing orders on plans & estimates for the construction, &c in connection with the Neilgherry Branch of the Madras Ry. & additions to the Pattanur & Pinnatur stations & of a new station at Coimbatore, &c. & the charges for Govt.