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3. The Brinjaries, who frequent this Kotar, can now cross the Ellore Canal at Perikid by the bridge.

4. Station roads : there are none, nor are they wanted. The canal is not ever used ; chiefly because Manginapudi and Nizampatam are more convenient for the larger purchasers other than Brinjaries, who wish to move their purchase by water, but also because the terminal basin is now so far from the nearest platform.

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6. To the Manginapudi Kotar there is not a single road : there are cart tracks through the sand, but nothing better than that ; the outlay for a road could not be less than 10,000 Rupees a mile, and at that rate it is not worth making : besides which the cost for maintenance would be very high. I am sending the Board the old plan, etc., for the extension of the Masulipatam and Bezwada Canal to this place, in hopes of getting that sanctioned instead of a road : it will be far more economical, and it would do much to equalize the demand between this place and Nizampatam. The station roads are good.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1874, No. 1326.

Copy furnished to the Public Works Department.

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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
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Exd. G. A. Turton.

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