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No. 25. Read the following letter from Colonel A. COTTON, Commandant of Engineers; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Dowlaishweram, 16th June1857.

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4th. Perhaps the Government could arrange to place 6 Surveyors at the disposal of Captain Collyer for the special duty. If this could be done now that the season is favourable. I think that I could forward to the Government something like a complete report of the project.

5th. I could if the Right Honorable the Governor approved of it, visit Bellary and see the most important points of the line before reporting, whether the whole line had been levelled or not, but it would of course be desirable for me to obtain as much detailed information as possible.

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No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 1287; dated 3rd July 1857.

Referred to the Chief Engineer for early report.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Dowladeram
16 June 1857.

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To H. Forbes Esqr.
Secretary to Government
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Dowlaweram
16th June 1854.

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