No. 11. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 28th July 1858, No. 2290.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that the restrictive orders may be removed from Budget No. 380 Cuddapah District. Road from Mudnapully to Seeglabyle, amount required for expenditure in 1858-59 Rupees (6,734) six thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, and that the road may be allowed to be made without delay, under the following circumstances, and for the reasons set forth below.

1 Copy of letter.
1 Sketch Map.

2. It appears from the report* of the District Engineer forwarded herewith, that this portion of road 10 miles only in length is required to complete a main line of communication 60 miles of which falls within the Mysore territories is being pushed forward with all speed and will shortly be completed, and that the Mysore authorities in making this push, had confidently anticipated a like progress on the Government side of the frontier.

No. 270, dated 16th July 1858.

3. It is quite clear that a road if left incomplete can afford but little benefit to either Province Mysore or Cuddappah, whilst the large amount of bullock traffic said to exist on the line, shows the desirableness of the Communication. Cuddapah has so few cart roads, that the Government I feel sure, would not lose this opportunity if it were open to them, to forward the commercial interests of the country, indeed their approval and desire is shown in that the road has obtained a place in the Budget; but it is as a Military road that I would at the present juncture urge its importance, and I beg to append a Sketch Map showing how by it the Cuddapah country is opened up, and placed under the control as it were of the great Central Station of Bangalore and I would strongly recommend the Government to sanction it for immediate execution.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Goorumcondah, 16th July 1858, No. 270.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your especial notice the great inconvenience and delay which must result from the non-completion of the short piece of road leading from the town of Muddenpilly to the Mysore Frontier near Seeglabyle. I beg to refer you to my letter No. 1290 of the 10th March last, in which I urged its speedy completion; and also to para. 20 of my Annual Report for the past year, where I pointed out, how much the delay was to be regretted.

2. I have lately had several conversations on the subject, both with Major Haines, the Superintendant of the Bangalore Division, and with the Mysore Engineer Authorities, Captain Wilkieson, and Captain Puckle; I learned from them that the Mysore part of the line, leading from our boundary at Seeglabyle, to where it joins the Madras road at Ooscottah, has been for some time in progress, and that it may soon be expected to be completed. Major Haines expressed great surprise when I told him that no progress whatever had been made with the Cuddapah portion of the line, and that there was no immediate prospect of its commencement. He said that the Mysore Commissioner had been quite under the impression that, the two portions of the line were being carried on simultaneously; and that it was on this account, that they had been pushing it on as rapidly as possible on their side of the Frontier.

3. He urgently requested me to represent the subject in this light to the Madras Government and to point out that the road, if arrested at Seeglabyle, would be of but little use to any one: that as a merely local line it never could benefit Mysore much; but that, when carried through to Muddenpilly it would be of very great importance, both as a thoroughfare for the produce of the country, and as a Military communication.

4. I need scarcely point out what a subject for regret it will be, if, when the road is completed from Ooscottah to Seeglabyle, its advantages should all be neutralized by the failure on our part to carry it on for a few miles as far as Muddenpully. That it will be invaluable to this

District, especially in our present dearth of communications, there can be no doubt. Even now the bullock traffic on the line is very large, indeed wonderfully so, when the wretched nature of the track is considered: and I am certain that the formation of a Cart road would immensely increase it.

5. The Mysore portion of the line is 60 miles in length: Cuddapah portion is under 10 miles, and is estimated to cost only Rupees 7,000. The outlay is most trifling, when compared with the advantages which it will bring both to the District, and to Government.

6. I earnestly request that you will recommend the exemption of this work from the restrictive orders, to enable us to commence it immediately, so that the two portions of the road may be simultaneously completed.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1593; dated 11th August 1858.

* No. 380 of Budget Statement No. 2 for 1858-59.

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Governor in Council grants authority for proceeding with the road* from Mudnapully to Seeglybyle on the Mysore Frontier in the Cuddapah District, without delay.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N.: 270 of 1858-59

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From,

Lieut.t J. W. M. Shaw Stewart,
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

To,

Major E. Crawford
Offg. Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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Cuddapah
Dist.t Engr.s Office
Camp Goorumcondah
16th July 1858.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. M. M. S. Steward, Lieut.
District Engr. of Cuddapah

(A true Copy)

Francis - Captain
Aj. Supg. Engrs. C. Circle.

Camp? Wells

Central Office of C.W.
Fort Saint George
28th July 1858.

No. 2290

From Major E. Lawford
Officiating Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government F.W.D.

Have the honor to request that the Institutive
orders may be honored from Budget No. 380.
Cuddapah District. Road from Cuddapah
to Gooty (Cart Road) via Rayavaram Aren
hundred and thirty four, and that the Road
may be allowed to be made without delay under
the following circumstances, and for the reasons
set forths below.

2. It appears from the Report of the District Engineer forwarded herewith that this portion of Road 10 miles only in length is required to complete a main line of communication 60 miles of which is metalled and bridged, the remainder being fit for wheel traffic at all seasons of the year.

Enclosure in a letter
from The Offg. Chief Engineer
To The Secy. to Government
F.W.D.

Dated 28th July 1858.
Recd

No. 2290
MM 1682/58

Copy of a letter from the Dist. Engr. Cuddapah, bringing to notice the inconvenience caused by the non-completion of the road from Muddenpilly to Veeraballe.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort St George, 28 July 1862.

Sanford Major
Dy Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government &c &c &c

North Arcot Department
Public Works Roads
No 1682

From
The Offg Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Dated 28th July 1858
Recd 29th

No 2290.

Enclosures 2-1 map

From the Chief Engr 2d/1st Dec/59 C/No 3154 in Ref

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Dy Engr Cuddapah & Cabinet to the non completion of the road from Cuddenpally to Seegalapy & recommending for reasons set forth, that the work may be exempted from the operation of the restrictive orders.

Written Order
No 1693. 11th August 1858

No 11 & 12.

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No 1593

Under the circumstances stated brought to notice, the Governor in Council grants authority for proceeding with the road from Cuddapah fully to Seegalapilly on the Mysore Frontier in the Cuddapah District, without delay.

Ref No 380 of Budget Statement No 2 for 1858/59.

Fort St George
11th Aug 1858

To Cotton to the Offg Chief Engr Dated 12th