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No. 151. Read the following letter from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 31st January 1860, No. 12:—

Paragraph 1. Your letter No. 64, of the 5th November last, relative to the Bridge over the river Hindri at Kurnool, for the completion of which it has been found necessary to supplement, with a grant of Rupees 23,072, the previous sanction of Rupees 49,444, has been under my consideration in Council.

2. The proceedings with respect to this Bridge, from first to last, are, as you truly observe, most discreditable to all parties concerned, especially to the late Chief Engineer, Colonel Faber, and to the late District Engineer of Kurnool, Lieutenant Blagrave. The obvious inadequacy of an Estimate, amounting to 30,000 Rupees for the construction of a brick or masonry Bridge (of 19 arches each of 45 feet span), over a river exhibiting the character of a mountain torrent, with a bed more or less sandy, ought not to have escaped the notice of the Chief Engineer when submitting the proposal to your Government. I consider this to be a very unsatisfactory feature in the case.

3. The remissness and mismanagement of the different Officers employed in the construction of the Bridge have drawn from you strong and well merited expressions of displeasure, and I can only regret that the Officers to whom blame has been chiefly attached, were not more severely dealt with.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1860, No. 591.

Ordered that a copy of this despatch be forwarded to the Chief Engineer, for his information and for communication to Captain Blagrave.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Read the following letter
from the Right Honorable the Secre=
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Passing observations on the re=
=miss ness and mismanagement of
the different officers employed on the
construction of the Gindri Bridge at
Kurnool.

(Here enter 31st January 1860 No 12.)

Ordered that a copy of
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Regarding the remissness and mismanagement of the different Officers employed in the construction of the Bridge over the river Kindri at Karnool - Forwarded to Chief Engineer for information and communication to Captain Blagrave.