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No. 5. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 28th March 1860, No. 11,804:—

Colonel Lawford having yesterday suggested that it would be of great advantage that he should proceed to Negapatam by the "Governor Higginson" for the purpose of inspecting the Port, which, as the Government is aware, is much deteriorated since the breach of the sandy Isthmus reported in my letter of the 26th instant, No. 11,730; and there being no time for a reference to Government, I authorized him to proceed agreeably to his proposition, and directed him to return in the same vessel. He accordingly embarked in the afternoon.

2. I have now the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to approve of the proceeding above reported, and to allow a free passage each way to Colonel Lawford, from whose inspection of the Negapatam Port I anticipate much information which will be of use in determining the question of the requisite improvements.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1860, No. 677.

The Government approve the proceeding reported in this letter, and grant Colonel Lawford a free passage to and from Negapatam in the steamer "Governor Higginson."

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

Central Office Ad. 3
No 11804
Chepauk
From. 28th March 1860.

To The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government Ad.
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