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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 45. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, dated Chempauk, 3rd March 1860, No. 10,982:—

I have the honor to forward herewith the letters noted in the margin, received from the District Engineer, Upper Godavery, relative to the importance of establishing a line of Telegraph along the Godavery.

From District Engr., 28th Jan. 1860.
Do. 15th Feb. „ No. 7.
Do. 20th „ „ „ 12.

2. Captain Haig adverts to the vast advantages which will undoubtedly result from the establishment of a line of Telegraph along the river when the Godavery becomes “the channel of a great trade.” He dwells on the benefits which it is capable of conferring even at the present time when the trade is in its infancy, and remarks, that as for some years to come the greater part of the goods traffic on the river will be conveyed during the six monsoon months, deeply laden boats might with safety and with increased economy make their voyage during that interval, if their time of starting and rate of progress were properly adjusted to the state of the river. He considers that the proposed line of Telegraph would give to shippers in Nagpore and on the Coast, immediate intelligence of the approach of floods, and reliable information of depths at certain fixed points. Moreover, as the Godavery has been selected as the route for Stores intended to be despatched to stations in the interior, as the establishment of Salt Depôts on the Sibberi and at Chinnûr will lead to a large traffic in that commodity, and as the abolition of river tolls will give an additional impetus to private enterprise, Captain Haig is of opinion that the Telegraph is likely to be brought into immediate use.

3. With reference to the above remarks, the District Engineer was called upon to submit an Estimate in communication with the Telegraph Department, of the probable cost of constructing the line of Telegraph referred to above. This document, I beg herewith to submit. It amounts to Rupees 31,800 and provides for a line of Telegraph from Dowlaishwaram to Dûmûgûdem, a distance of 120 miles. As the preparation of a complete Estimate for the line to Chinnûr will probably occupy some time, and as the portion of the line for which the District Engineer has estimated is most urgently needed, the District Engineer requests that sanction may at once be accorded to this latter portion of the line, and that the work may be entrusted to him under the guidance of the Telegraph Department.

4. The Estimate in question has been approved of by Mr. Blissett,* Deputy Superintendent, Electric Telegraph, Madras Circle, who has been authorized by the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs in India to afford every assistance in the construction of the proposed line, provided the work receives the sanction of the Government of India. Sir William O'Shaughnessy has expressed his willingness to recommend the construction of the line in question, and has promised to aid it in every way in his power.

5. I beg, therefore, to recommend that the Supreme Government may be moved to sanction the accompanying Estimate, if it be in contemplation to carry on the Upper Godavery works, in which case an allotment of funds in addition to the Budget allowance for the ensuing official year should be specially granted, as no provision has been made in the Budget of 1861-2 for the works in question. The establishment of the proposed line of Telegraph would, without a simultaneous prosecution of the said works, be premature, but in the event of the improvement of the river being seriously undertaken, the Telegraph will be found to be essential to the efficient prosecution of those operations.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 697.

The Government recognize the value of a line of Telegraph along the Upper Godavery when the navigation shall be improved and a trade shall be established; but they are of opinion that it would be premature to undertake the construction of such a line at present.

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

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* Letter to Chief Eng^r N^o 1750 dated 27th Feb^y '60

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Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

H. Bell Col.
Chief Engineer.

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