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1st November 1862.**

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1862, No. 6,774:—

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4. The outlay was almost entirely on communications, as there are no Government works of Irrigation in this District. The roads generally are in good order. The principal road in the District, viz., Trunk road No. 2, from Mangalore to the Sampaje ghât and on to Mercara, and Fraserpett in Coorg is in good repair, and bridged throughout, with the exception of the Netravaty river at Pane Mangalore. The Manjerabad ghât, of which four miles is in this District, is very much in need of improvement, and is at present in a very rough state. It is on a most important line of communication. The Hallandy road circuit is in good order, but it is unbridged throughout.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

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1st November 1862.*

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1862, No. 2,616.

1. Communicated to the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, and to the Chief Engineer.

2. The Government observe that a Supplemental Estimate of Rupees 2,400* was sanctioned in September last for completing the Collector's Kacheri at Mangalore, and that a sum of Rupees 6,550† was granted for certain improvements to the Munzerabad Ghat.

3. The Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, is requested to report on the subject of bridging the Netravaty river at Pane Mangalore and on the Hallandy road circuit being left unbridged throughout.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
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To Honorable T. Pycroft, Chief Secretary to Government.
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A. P. Hodgson, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara.

Ed. J. Wright.

