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No. 320. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 3rd December 1862, No. 102:—

SIR,

1. I did not write earlier on Government Order dated 7th November 1862, No. 2,689, as I wished to visit Palghat before doing so. I looked at sites A and C (vide plan, paragraph 3 of Colonel Ouchterlony's letter, dated 16th October 1862, in Proceedings of Government above quoted) and their vicinity.

2. Colonel Ouchterlony pronounces decidedly on site A in an engineering point of view. Regarding the professional question I am neither qualified nor called on to give an opinion and shall therefore leave it out of consideration altogether. The convenience of the public, and the expense of the rival routes (independently of the expense of the bridge itself), are what I have to look to.

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6. As regards relative expense I have not had any regular estimates made; but I should think that the compensation that would have to be given to the Brahmins, and the cost of constructing new bits of road and putting the generally wretched road that exists into order by route A would equal if it would not considerably exceed the cost of constructing and putting into thorough repair the line by C.

The increased expense of the bridge at C however might quite turn the scale.

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No. 321. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1862, No. 3,018.

Referred to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for report with reference to Proceedings of Government No. 2,689, dated 7th November 1862.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Calicut 3rd December 1862.

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Collector of Malabar

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