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No. 368. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 8th February 1862, No. 2:—

SIR,

1. I have had before me in Council your letter, No. 76, of 8th November last, and its accompaniments, reporting your further proceedings in connexion with the works proposed for the improvement of the navigation of the Upper Godavery.

2. From these papers it appears that in undertaking the construction of "temporary "works," in the shape of Railways round the three great Barriers, it was "not intended in any "way to supersede the permanent works" previously sanctioned, but only to provide immediate facilities for the conveyance of goods between Nagpore and the Coast, without waiting for the completion of works which are not likely to be finished for some years to come. With the help of the Railways alluded to above, it is now expected that the Cotton Crop of the present season may be brought down the Godavery as soon as the freshes render the river navigable.

3. With this explanation, I will not further object to the course you are pursuing. It must be borne in mind, however, that the commercial capabilities of the Godavery cannot be adequately tested until a continuous line of navigation shall have been opened from Berar to the sea, and I trust that the attention of the Officers employed on the work will henceforth be wholly devoted to this important object.

4. You state that it was your intention, on your return to Madras from the Godavery to go carefully, in communication with Captain Haig and Sir A. Cotton, into some suggested modifications of the original plan for the permanent improvement of the river. These modifications, as explained in your Excellency's Minute of the 6th October, having for their object the extension of the period for which during the year the river would be available, the facilitating the up traffic, and the consequent employment of steamers of reduced power, combined with general diminished outlay, appear to me to be deserving of every consideration, and I shall be anxious to know what conclusions have been arrived at on this important subject.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1862, No. 515.

1. Ordered that a copy of this Despatch be forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for communication to the District Engineer, Upper Godavery, for information and guidance.

2. The Proceedings of Government consequent on the personal interview which His Excellency the President in Council lately had with Captain Haig, together with that Officer's report and the Minutes by the President, will be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in reply to this Despatch.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
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India Office
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Referring to the Despatch noticing the Instructions of Sir Charles Wood to the Chief Engineer of Bengal on the Subject of Railways in this Country and the Measures adopted by Government for the Survey and Location of the Railway from Calcutta to the Ganges, and the Commencement of the Line from Burdwan to the Ganges, and requesting to be informed whether the Arrangements which have been made by the Government in this Country are in accordance with the Instructions received from the Secretary of State, and whether any further Measures are required on the part of the Government of India.

Noted for Order
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