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No. 64. Read the following letter from Major J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer 2nd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Doogarazpatam, 22nd June 1863, No. 37:—

SIR,

1. Having observed from an advertisement in "Fort Saint George Gazette," that the Telegraph Department contemplate substituting iron standards for the wooden ones now in use, in the line of road, from Bazoarah to Hyderabad, I would take the opportunity of soliciting Government to issue orders for the guidance of the Telegraph Department, with a view to the standards being erected, so as to leave sufficient space between them and the road, for the formation of an avenue, and to prevent the road being crossed by the Telegraph wire unless in cases of absolute necessity.

2. Captain Moberly, District Engineer Nellore, has lately pointed out to me the want of method observed in the alignment of the Telegraph wire along No. 6 Trunk Road. It frequently crosses the road, and though the falling of the wire at such points may not endanger the lines of passengers, as it would do in the vicinity of a city, where vehicles or horsemen are more likely to proceed at a rapid pace, still the practice is evidently one which ought to be avoided, unless a very good reason can be given to the contrary.

3. Again, many of the Telegraph posts on the road in question are fixed along the edge of the embankments, and the guy wires are occasionally to be seen touching the gravel. In some places, the line of posts coincides with the line of the avenue, and many of the trees have had to be lopped, to keep the wire off them.

4. By the above remarks I would not imply that the Officers of the Telegraph Department are to blame for the inconvenience described, as no objection would appear to have been made to their arrangements, when the line was originally formed.

5. Captain Moberly has suggested, and I quite concur with him, that the line of the Telegraph wire should be confined to one side of the road, and that it should not approach within twenty yards of the road limits. He informs me that when he was employed in the Madras District in 1859, the Government directed that this course should be pursued on No. 8, Trunk Road; and I would beg to recommend that the same rule may be made applicable to the Telegraph lines in this Division, when the arrangements for renewing the existing standards come into operation.

No. 65.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1863, No. 1,753.

Referred to the Public Department.

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

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