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No. 309. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Calicut, 23rd June 1863, No. 69:—

SIR,

1. Adverting to paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 8th April last, No. 834, I have the honor to observe that the subject of the improvement of the water communication on the Beypore River beyond Mambat, was fully reported on by Captain Bean and disposed of in Government Order of 4th March 1862, No. 356.

* Copy enclosed.

2. Unaware of this I sent a rough Memorandum* to Captain Bean with a request that he would favor me with his views on the subject before I addressed Government. He referred me to his report and the Government Order above quoted.

It will be seen that I had independantly arrived at the conclusion that the Canal question should not be taken up at present.

3. I do strongly advise, however, that the road now opening from Mysore, via Karkur to Mambat, should be continued at once, and as a first class work with masonry bridges, &c., to Areakod, a village on the river about fifteen miles below Mambat.

4. As far as Areakod the water communication from Beypore and Calicut is always practicable and generally very good.

From Areakod to Mambat however it constantly fails, and at many places I believe even in December (and *a fortiori* in January and February, when the Coffee crops are usually brought down), it is with difficulty that a boat drawing one foot of water passes.

5. I am in communication with the District Engineer on the subject of the road, and will address you again shortly if necessary regarding it.

No. 310. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,878.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

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Thence:

1. The road now opening will be amply sufficient for all common traffic from the Harbor direction to the coast, and vice versa, for many a day to come.

2. Timber can be and is now floated down during the rains from all the forests a canal would touch, and from very near the foot of the Chat Ibeliac.

3. The course of the river is not very serpentine, so when we consider the windings that the nature of the country would probably require in a canal, little or no distance would be gained. The Country is very undulating, and I fancy on either side of the river the cuttings that would be required to open a canal would be enormous.

4. There can be no doubt that a canal would be a fine

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opener of the very rich country about
Nelambur sea. But without informa-
tion as to its probable capabilities
as to size, draught of water, sea,
direction, and cost it is difficult
to give an opinion as to the practical
remunerative aspect of the work.

5. At present I think we
should perfect the road communi-
cation by substantial bridges & see
as far as Areakkad and postpone
the consideration of the canal
question altogether.

Sgt. G. A. Ballard

Angadipuram
10 June 63

(True Copy)

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Malabar Collector's Office 70
Calicut, 23rd June 1863.

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