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No. 9. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 12th July 1864, No. 584:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Unanswered References as per margin, on the subject of Uttube
and Nursapore road, quoted in G. O. No. 1,223 of 28th April
No. 2,123 of 19th November 1857. last, paragraph 2, I beg to submit the following explanation.
,, 2,130 of 16th „ 1861.

2. The Chief Engineer submitted to Government in 1857 an Estimate for making an
unmetalled road from Nursapore to Uttube, a distance of 16 miles.

3. In Minutes of Consultation No. 2,123 of 19th November 1857, Government objected
to the nature of the road and called for a revised Estimate of a road constructed with some more
durable road metal than earth and sand, and desired the same to be entered in the Budget
of 1859-60.

4. In his letter as per margin, Captain Randall stated that on re-consideration he considered
a canal better than a road, and submitted an Estimate,
To Deputy Chief Engineer, 5th November 1859, No. 307. amounting to Rupees 2,38,200, for making a canal from
Nursapore to Uttube and thence on to the Ellore Canal
near Badumpudi.

5. In his Proceedings of the 10th August 1860, the Chief Engineer ordered the Estimate
to be kept in abeyance till a more favourable opportunity.

6. The second Order of Government quoted by them
No. 2,130 of 16th November 1861. has never been received at the Godavery.

7. Referring to the original Order I beg to observe that, whether a canal is ever to be
constructed or not, a metalled road from Nursapore to Uttube would be a great waste of money;
it could not be made much under 10,000 Rupees a mile, as it is 30 or 40 miles away from stone
and gravel; and, when made, would be little used except for foot travellers or palanquins.

8. The Sub-Collector states that in the whole Sub-Collectorate there are not more than
ten bandies; and, as all its produce is carried by boats to Cocanada, their number would not be
greatly increased by the establishment of 16 miles of good road on a very secondary line of com-
munication.

9. I doubt myself the utility of connecting Nursapore and Uttube even by a third class
District road, on account of the formidable line of drainage to be crossed.

10. Under these circumstances I beg that Government will order the references quoted at
the beginning of this letter to be struck off the Unanswered List.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1864, No. 2,185.

The permission applied for in the last paragraph of this letter is granted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

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in the last Para of ^{the} letter is granted.

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To The Super Engineer
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the subject of *W. J. B. L. D. 1864*
road in the *Godwin* and
request that the reference
may be struck off from
unpublished reference.

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With an order.