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No. 634. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 13th March 1866, No. 2,811:—

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I.—It is stated that District Roads used to be much better maintained formerly than they have been since the Public Works Department has had charge of them. This was not the case in the Kistna, Godavery, Vizagapatam, and Ganjam Districts, nor even Madura, which was exceptionally favored under the management of Mr. Blackbourne.

II.—Statement, that "*a man could drive a dog-cart from one end of a District to the other.*" This statement requires verification by the name of the fortunate District.

III.—Statement, "in Purlakimedy, Goomsoor, and Jeypore the roads were made under the immediate superintendence of the Revenue authorities."

2. The excellent roads in Purlakimedy and Goomsoor, as well as in the Ganjam District generally, were all made by the Engineer Department; the Engineer Officers, moreover, took a principal part in bringing to the notice of Government the wants of these Districts as regards communications, and in selecting the proper lines with reference to the local traffic. In Jeypore good service is being done by the Officers of the Governor's Agency and by the Police, in opening out kutchra roads and clearing tracks through jungle.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 2811

Superintending Engineer's

Office, T^h D^o, Wallar,

13th March 1866.

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Captain J. G. Pyres R. E.

To

Superintending Engineer, T^h D^o.

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.

Secretary to Gov^t, T. W. D.

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Sir,

Your Most Obedient St.

W.R. (after A.C.)
Superintending Engineer, T. D.

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Dearest

Sturt & George
27th March 1866

My dear Mr. Sturt
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