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No. 261. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 14th November 1862, No. 95:—

SIR,

1. I was directed to report on the long standing request of the Wynad planters for the extension of Telegraphic communication to that Talook.

2. A Telegraph line could be constructed from Calicut to Manantoddy, with a station at Lakadi or Veitri for the convenience of South Wynad, at a moderate expense, as material for posts, &c., would be procurable in the immediate vicinity all the way.

I have not been able to get a satisfactory estimate of the cost per mile here. It can doubtless easily be procured at Madras if required.

3. I do not however suppose that the returns would at all cover the expenses of maintenance; and in this opinion I believe the planters concur.

4. I know that opening a station at Tellicherry, on the line from Calicut to Cannanore, is considered by some as more feasible financially and of almost equal importance to opening the line to Manantoddy.

5. This would be of convenience to many; but I cannot look upon it as of equal importance with the other proposition; and I do not believe that the station would pay its expenses.

6. Finally, all the stations would be very convenient and useful; but none of them I fear would pay their maintenance at present. It must remain for Government to determine whether the expense of constructing a line, or of keeping open stations at a loss, is to be incurred or not.

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1863, No. 133.

The Government observe that the extension of Telegraphic communication is important in a political as well as commercial aspect.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No 133.

The Govt of Madras desire that the re-establishment of Telegraphic communication is important in a political as well as commercial aspect.

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From

The Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Government
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Fort St. George

Dated 11th November 1862.

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