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N. 247. Read the following letter from J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, Esq., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 31st January 1877, No. 184:—

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of Government to run a temporary line of telegraph along the Coast Canal now in progress, with a connecting branch to Nellore, total distance 110 miles. I have, with the assistance of Mr. Fanshaw, the Assistant Superintendent of Telegraphs at this station, carefully calculated the cost, and it amounts, including wire instruments and everything to 6,000 Rupees, or say 55 Rupees per mile; the working expenses will be 250 Rupees a month at the outside.

I have ascertained from the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Madras Division that the wire No. 12½ weighing 150 lbs. a mile and the necessary instruments are available.

It would take a week perhaps to get the wire from Madras, and I could put up the line in ten days afterwards.

I would not require the expensive agency of the Telegraph Department to work it. I would get Signallers from the Lawrence Asylum boys, or from the Sappers and work it entirely by the agency of the Public Works Department.

The advantages of speedy communication along the line of canal would even, in regard to construction, be considerable, and our telegraph would of course be open to the use of the Collector, the Police, &c., without cost.

It would probably be advantageous to Government also to have means of immediate communication with all the small ports along the coast, which are likely to be busy with imported grain by traders, as well as by Government, for some months to come.

I thought of an alternative plan of branch lines to the coast from the main telegraph line between Nellore and Singaroyacondah. These branches would be—

	Miles.
Ongole to Kottapatam	10
Singaroyacondah to Voolavapalem (Pakala)	3
Tettoo to Ramapatam	3
Oolavapalem to Eskapully	8
Nellore to Mypaud	15

For the Ramapatam and Pakala ports it would perhaps be sufficient to drop Signallers on the main line itself at Tettoo and Singaroyacondah, and there is accommodation at both places for such an establishment; but I am informed that the main line has as much work already as it can carry, and even, if this was not the case, the cost to the canal would be greater by using the main line than by having a purely departmental line of our own.

No. 248.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1877, No. 444.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

THE Government are not prepared
to sanction the line, which is not emer-
gently necessary, and for which there is no
money to spare.

(True Extract.)

W. H. L. S.

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
„ Revenue Department.

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Yes Sir

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Temporary Line of Telegraph along the East
Coast Canal.—Intimating that Government
are not prepared to sanction the erection of

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*Comm. to the
Head of Revenue*