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No. 25. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RUSSELL, Officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George, at Kurnool; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th September 1857, No. 23.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward copy of telegraph message to your address, dated 4th September 1857, viz.:

"The Engineers and Brigadier agreeing with me about the advisability of destroying the fortifications at Moorcondah, I request sanction. It is situated at the junction of the Toombudda and Kistnah."

2. At the junction of the Kistnah and Toombudda rivers about 25 miles below Kurnool; there is a small triangular Fort* of considerable strength. This Fort is constructed on the bank of the river, commanding a ford and could be held by a few determined men, against a large force without guns.

3. The disturbed state of the Nizam's country over-run by considerable bodies of Rohillas, and their late inroad into this territory, rendered it necessary to secure this Fort, 200 men of the 49th Regiment Native Infantry, have consequently occupied it since the 21st July 1857. At a very small outlay, the Fort can be destroyed and rendered useless to others, when the Sepoys can be withdrawn.

(Signed) JNO. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Offg. Agent to the Governor.

*Footnote.

P. S.—I have this moment received your reply to my message, as General Whitlock is likely to be at Moorcondah in a few days with Sappers and Miners, I shall feel obliged, if Government concur in the destruction, that sanction to that effect may be conveyed to me by electric telegraph.

(Signed) JNO. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Offg. Agent to the Governor.

No. 26. ORDER thereon, No. 1176; dated 11th September 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorises the dismantlement of the Fort at Moorcondah.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Sent message by telegraph

Sept 11/9/57

Telegram to Captain Ransom

You are ordered to transmit
by the Fort at Moorcondah. -

8th Sept 1857

Secretaire Department

No. 1176

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 11th September 1857.

Read the following Letter from
the Offg Agent at Aurungabad.
(Recd under 7th Sept/57 vide 25)

Under the circumstances
represented in the foregoing
communication, the Right Hon.
the the Governor in Council
authorizes the Commandant
of the Fort at Aurungabad

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Copy to the Agent at
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