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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th March 1857.

No. 13. Read the following letter from WILLIAM KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam ;
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chicacole, 17th February
1857, No. 22.

SIR,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 5th Instant, No. 264, by which the Sappers in this District are placed under the orders of the Civil Engineer ; I trust however that instructions will be sent to that Officer to carry out the intentions of Government as expressed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 3rd June 1856, No. 590, and open up the passes and routes through the Kennedy Hills either by means of the Sappers or by a regularly organized Cooly Corps as recommended by Colonel F. Cotton, under the supervision of some steady Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Sappers to act as instructors and give the Coolies confidence. Captain Campbell has been to Gybah and has an Estimate nearly ready for that pass and I am daily expecting that to Goomah, both very necessary works.

2. I need only refer to Mr. Russel's work to prove the policy of opening up these Hills ; had such been done and kept open as he recommended, the late disturbances could never have got to the head they did. Several of the passes are most difficult and the Sowrahs well know that their impunity depends on this, they did not believe the Government could penetrate to Cootasinghy and thus they were emboldened to shelter the Dundaseenah, and if nothing is done now, we can never be certain that similar events may not recur. I feel it my duty therefore to urge Government to express their wishes to the Chief Engineer on this point explicitly, as I know that Major Birdwood advocated the employment of the Sappers in Goomsur.

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Collector and Agent.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 268 ; dated 6th March 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 5th February 1857.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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reference to G. M. L. 5th Feb/57.

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Forb & George,
6th March, 1857

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