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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

No. 13. Read the following Extract from Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 8th April 1857, No. 657.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 4th March 1857, No. 262.

Read the following letter from WILLIAM KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd February 1857, No. 26.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that I have received from Captain Campbell and forwarded to the Civil Engineer, the Estimate for the road from Kimeddy to the foot of the Goomah Ghaut, a distance of 9 miles, 2 furlongs, which, exclusive of masonry works, the Estimates for which are not

	Rs.	A.	P.	yet prepared, amounts to Rupees 8,497 as shown
Earth work.....	2,183	13	4	in the margin. Captain Campbell remarks in
Metalling and gravelling.....	4,102	4	0	his letter that the Sappers have already cleared
Clearing Jungle.....	1,103	0	0	a line of 40 yards wide 3ds of the way which
Superintendence.....	738	14	7	would make a reduction of about 732 Rupees.
Sundries.....	369	7	3	I think too that in many places a reduction in
Rupees.....	8,497	7	2	the item of gravelling might be made, as for some

years to come there will not be any very heavy bandy traffic on this road, but on this point I will consult the Engineer.

2. My object in writing direct to Government now is to solicit sanction for the commencement of the earth-work without further delay if the Estimate is approved of by the Engineer, out of the funds of the Zemindaree, leaving the question of gravelling and masonry to come through the regular channels. At Lieutenant Rose's urgent request I advanced him 500 Rupees to enable him to employ coolies in clearing out the jungle, this will of course be accounted for in the usual manner and deducted from the money sanctioned. I trust that, now the Sappers and Miners are under the Engineer, an Officer will be directed to complete the Surveys and Estimates from the foot of the pass to Goomah and thence to Gybah, Captain Campbell having nearly completed one from that point to the Butteley and Kimeddy road, which important line he is now surveying and making an Estimate for. I am sending orders to the Manager to try and let out the land cleared along these lines at easy rates to the neighbouring Sowrahs or villagers, as this will be the surest way of keeping down the jungle; but for fear of accidents, an item will be entered in the amount required for annual repairs of these roads for preventing the encroachment of the jungle.

To be referred to the Public Works Department for early consideration.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 6th March 1857, No. 268.

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.

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

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through the Kimeddy 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 confi-

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dence. 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.

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

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the letters from the Acting Collector and Agent in Ganjam, dated 17th and 23rd February 1857, be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation 19th March 1857, No. 503.

2. The Government think with the Acting Agent that in the opening of the road from Kimedya to the foot of the Goomah Ghaut, and indeed of all the passes in the Kimedya country, the work should for the present be confined to the clearing of jungle and to the levelling and formation of the road-way, leaving the more expensive portions of metalling and gravelling as well as masonry works to be undertaken hereafter as the necessity for them arises. With a Company of Sappers and Miners at the disposal of the Engineer for this express purpose, the opening of such communications should not be very expensive.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, No. 463; dated 23rd April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Agent at Ganjam with reference to his letters of 17th and 23rd February 1857, Nos. 22 and 36.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 463

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Acting Agent at Ganjam with
reference to his letters of 17th & 23rd

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Fort St. George,
23rd April, 1857

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