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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 18th August 1857.

No. 26. Read the following Circular from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 31st July 1857, No. 3716.

SIR,

In transmitting the accompanying Extract from an Order of the House of Commons, communicated to this Department by the Honorable the Court of Directors, calling for certain information regarding roads and navigable Canals in India, I am to request the immediate consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Madras to the subject, with a view to the speedy preparation of the Return required.

2. It is feared that the Records of the Public Works Department will hardly be able to furnish the information thus called for, with satisfactory accuracy, and an approximation to the truth will, in all probability, be all that can be obtained within a definite period. But as it seems likely that the intentions of the House of Commons will be better met by a Return framed with a moderate degree of accuracy, in a short time, than by one which should be more perfect after a long delay, I am directed to request that you will on no account defer the transmission of the Report in question longer than one month after the receipt of this Despatch.

Extract from the Order of the Honorable the House of Commons, dated 3rd March 1857.

Return showing the number of miles of new roads or navigable Canals open for traffic in each of the several Presidencies of India since the year 1848, and the total amount of money expended on their construction; specifying the localities of the above lines of communication and distinguishing the number of miles and the direction of such of the said new roads as are continuously stoned and bridged, and of the first class throughout; and the number of miles and direction of such of the said Canals as are available for Steam Navigation.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 1584; dated 15th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will furnish, within a fortnight after the receipt of this order, the Return called for by the Honorable the House of Commons regarding roads and Canals in this Presidency. The Government hope that the Return will be as complete as the records of the Chief Engineer's office may enable him to make it, and that every care will be taken that the information given is correct.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

CIRCULAR.

No. 3716

From

COLONEL W. E. BAKER,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To

H. Forbes Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the Govt
of Fort Saint George

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
PUBLIC.

Dated the 31st July 1857.

SIR,

IN transmitting the accompanying Extract from an Order of the House of Commons, communicated to this Department by the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, calling for certain information regarding Roads and navigable Canals in India, I am to request the immediate consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council at Madras to the subject, with a view to the speedy preparation of the Return required.

2. It is feared that the Records of the Public Works Department will hardly be able to furnish the information thus called for, with satisfactory accuracy, and an approximation to the truth will, in all probability, be all that can be obtained within a definite period. But as it seems likely that the intentions of the House of Commons will be better met by a Return framed with a moderate degree of accuracy, in a short time, than by one which should be more perfect after a long delay, I am directed to request that you will on no account defer the transmission of the Return in question longer than one month after the receipt of this Despatch.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT WILLIAM,
The 31st July 1857.

Secretary to the Government of India.

EXTRACT from an Order of the Hon'ble the House of Commons, dated 3rd March 1857.

RETURN showing the number of miles of new Roads or navigable Canals opened for traffic in each several Presidency of India since the year 1848, and the total amount of money expended on their construction; specifying the localities of the above lines of communication and distinguishing the number of miles and the direction of such of the said new Rads as are continuously stoned and bridged, and of the first class throughout; and the number of miles and direction of such of the said Canals as are available for Steam Navigation.

John Gray "Calcutta Gazette" Office.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
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No. 1623

From the Secty to the
Govt of India.
Dated 31st July
Recd 11th Augt 1857

No. 1584.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with a request that he will furnish within a fortnight after the receipt of this order, the return called for by the Honorable the House of Commons regarding roads and canals in this Presidency. The Government hope that the return will be a complete one & the records of the Chief Engineer's Office may enable him to make it, and that every care will be taken that the information given is correct.

Fort St George
15th Augt 1857

A Copy to the Chief Engr Dept.

"From military and other persons in order of the House of Commons, Communicated to them by the Honorable Court, Calling for certain information regarding Roads and Navigable Canals in India, and also regarding proceeding in connection therewith, for consideration of the Court whether a return to the said order will be given, with a view to the speedy preparation of the Returns required."

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With an Order
No. 1584. 15th August