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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd September 1857.

No. 100. Read the following letter from G. W. BOOTHBY, Esq., Managing Partner of the Aska Concern; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 1st September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date 21st August 1857, ordered to be forwarded to me with reference to my letter of the 11th of July last.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, having given a final decision on the subject of that letter, I have no intention of attempting any further discussion; indeed all I aimed at has been accomplished, in that I have vindicated myself from the charge of having made complaints uncalled for and unfounded.

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No. 101. ORDER THEREON, No. 1806; dated 22nd September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Aska Sugar Works September 1st 1857

From

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Managing Partner of the Aska Concern

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Stampt.

On Public Service

To.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort Saint George.

Madras

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From
J W Bosanky Esqre
Managing Partner of the
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th July last, which has been quite misunderstood by me in writing with the determination that when the Stated period for the completion of the Broad wheels of the Factory Wagons was to commence, rather than do any thing contrary to the spirit of your instructions, I would first submit the matter to you, namely, that the wagons of the Factory should have run the specified distance before the Company's obligation to alter the wheels should commence, but I have since discovered that the Engineers of the Company