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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th March 1857.

No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 10th February 1857, No. 191.

Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th January 1857, No. 10.

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From Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, Resident of Travancore and Cochin; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 20th January 1857, No. 121.

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2. I quite agree with you in the importance of extending the Telegraph line from Calicut to the Port of Cochin, as affecting the interest of Travancore and Cochin, equally with that of the many European Firms now established there, and I should hope these Circars will be prepared to contribute in proportion to the extent of line that may pass through their respective territories.

3. I do not correctly know what may be the probable cost per mile.

4. I am not quite so sure of the advantage of extending the line to the South of Cochin, at present, at least not beyond Allepey.

5. The outlay would be very considerable were it to be carried to Quilon, and I doubt if it could be spared at the present moment, and to Quilon only would hardly be enough. If to be extended at all beyond Allepey, it should be carried on to Trevandrum, which would involve an outlay of above half a lac of Rupees, besides the line between Cochin and Allepey, which will not probably cost less than 15,000 Rupees.

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(True Extract and Copies)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 417; dated 4th March 1857.

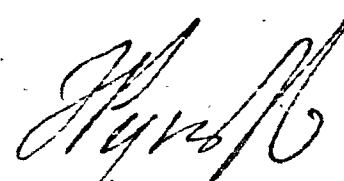
Ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer who will be good enough to state his opinion with reference to the suggestion of the Collector of Malabar to improve the Canal and backwater between Ponany and Cochin into a Steam communication. He will also report what the probable cost of such a work would be.

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

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To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.

„ Acting Collector of Malabar.

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with copy of the letter No. 10, and of its enclosure.

Exd. F. Cartledge

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