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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 Kimedy 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 yet prepared, amounts to Rupees 8,497 as shown in the margin. Captain Campbell remarks in his letter that the Sappers have already cleared a line of 40 yards wide $\frac{3}{5}$ds of the way which would make a reduction of about 732 Rupees. I think too that in many places a reduction in 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.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Earth work	2,183	13	4
Metalling and gravelling	4,102	4	0
Clearing jungle	1,103	0	0
Superintendence	738	14	7
Sundries	369	7	3
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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 Kimedy 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.

No. 6. 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.

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 Kimedy Hills either by means of the Sappers or by a regularly organized cooly

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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.

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.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 657; dated 8th April 1857.

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 Kimedy to the foot of the Goomah Ghaut, and indeed of all the passes in the Kimedy 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.

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 262.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th March 1857.

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.

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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 Kemidy 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 yet prepared, amounts to Rupees 8,497 as shown in the margin. Captain Campbell remarks in his letter that the Sappers have already cleared a line of 40 yards wide $\frac{2}{3}$ds of the way which would make a reduction of about 732 Rupees. I think too that in many places a reduction in 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.

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

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

(A true Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 157 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 4th April 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation in the Judicial
Department.

Dated 4th March 1857
Received 10th

No 657 & Inclosure Page 262

Referring a Letter
for early consideration
from the Advocate General
Ganjam, soliciting sanction
for the Commencement
of the earth-work for
the road from Kendy
to the foot of the Gomah
Ghaut, a distance of 9
Miles 2 Furlongs which,
exclusive of Masonry work
the Estimates for which
are not yet prepared,
amounts to Rs 8,497-7-2.

Ordered that the
Letter from the Acting Collector
and Agent to the Governor dated
11th and 23rd February 1857 be
forwarded to the Chief Engineer
with reference to Colonel Prime
of Consultation 19th March 1857
No 503.

To the Government Attorney
with the Acting Agent's Letter
of the 11th of February
from Kendy to the foot of
the Gomah Ghaut, and Plan
inclosed

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4th May 1857 No 18
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dt to Cons 21st Apl
No 468

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Copy with Q.G. L-t-G
of 4th May 1857 No 18
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Extract from the Mins of Couns.
in the Ludh Defaulters of 11th May/57
No 1003 in 167

No 5 at 7.

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Extract Mins of Couns.
Dy 8th April 1857

From Mr Chrs of Rec. Dr
of 22nd Apl/57 Ct 817
re Com. 5th May

Observing that in the opening of the road from Kinedy to the foot of the Goomuk Ghaut and of all the passes in the Kinedy Country the works should for the present be confined to the clearing of jungle, and to the levelling & formation of the roadway, leaving the more responsive portions of metalling & gravelling as well as, masonry works, to be undertaken hereafter, as the necessity for them arises.

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