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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 68. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 31st March 1857, No. 11403.

SIR,

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 917, dated 10th June 1856, forwarding Extract from a letter dated 23rd May 1856, from the Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam, on the subject of opening up the passes through the Kimedy Country, and pointing out the advantage of a road from Buttyly through the hills to Goomally, Byagudda, and down towards the sea, with branches from Gooma, Gybah, and from Byagudda to the plain, I was requested to report whether a Company, or any smaller party of Sappers and Miners could be made available for opening the roads and passes in Ganjam, as proposed, and to obtain Lieutenant Colonel Cotton's opinion as to the improvements of the kind most proper to be undertaken, and as to the best means to be taken for procuring labor.

2. In Extract from Proceedings No. 4135 dated 17th June 1856, the above order was communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Cotton for his opinion on the points specified; to Captain Orr, Civil Engineer Kistnah Division, to state whether the Company of Sappers and Miners employed under his orders, might not be transferred to the Ganjam District and to the Officer Commanding the Corps of Sappers and Miners, to report, whether a Company could not be spared from Head Quarters.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Cotton's reply* was forwarded to Government with the Extract from Proceedings No. 4509 dated 1st July 1856, and the replies from Captains Orr† and Carpendale,‡ were forwarded with my letter, No. 4691 dated 7th July 1856, in which I recommended, that Captain Carpendale should be directed to form a Company at Head Quarters, of men who had not recently returned from Burmah, and that the Company should be detached to Ganjam after the rains as recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Cotton.

* *Dated 19th June 1856.*

† *No. 23 dated 21th June 1856.*
‡ *No. 394 dated 21th June 1856.*

4. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1341 dated 4th August 1856, effect was ordered to be given to that recommendation, and the same was accordingly communicated to Captain Carpendale in Extract from Proceedings No. 5677, dated 12th August 1856.

5. With my letter No. 11053 dated 19th Instant, I submitted two reports* from Lieutenant Harrington on the progress that had been made on the road leading from Russelcondah to the port of the Coorminghia Ghaut, and detailing the further operations he considered it advisable to undertake, as far as he had yet had time, and opportunity of examining the roads and passes to the Kimedy Country.

**No. 193 and 194 dated 20th February 1857.*

6. In the Extract from a letter* from the Acting Agent in Ganjam, communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 503 of the 19th instant, it is stated, that the Company of Sappers now placed under the District Engineer by order of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 264 dated 5th February 1857, have hutted themselves at Puddapoor, "on the road to between the port of the pass to Goomah, and the town of Kimedy, and "have began to clear the jungle" and that a line has been selected by Captain Campbell, and "Captain Rose, running along the high ground which I thought preferable to a more direct line "across paddy cultivation, as being more easily made, and less expensive."

**No. 40 dated 24th January 1857.*

7. The information contained in the several documents which have been noticed in this letter, is, I have the honor to state, all that it is in my power to give in reply to the enquiry made in para. 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 503, of the 19th Instant, as to whether any, and what operations have been commenced, upon the order contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation Judicial Department, dated 3rd June 1856 No. 593.

8. In conclusion, I beg to observe, that the Resolution of Government in the Revenue Department No. 168, dated 14th February 1857, sanctioning an establishment, at the expense of the Kimedy estate, for the express purpose of opening out roads in that country, together with

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Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 503 of the 9th Instant will now be communicated to the Collector and District Engineer of Ganjam, and to the late District Engineer Major Birdwood, for any suggestions that Officer may have to offer, on the question generally, of opening up the roads, and passes in the Ganjam District, in connexion with those in the Kimedy Country.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, No. 688; dated 16th April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to the order in that Department dated June 3rd 1856 No. 590, and in continuation of the orders in the Public Works Department of 9th and 15th July 1856 Nos. 1131 and 1180.

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

Ganjam Dist.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George 31 March 1857.

P.W. No. 1140.

From The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department.

Sir,

Public Roads

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 917, dated 10 June 1856, forwarding Extract from a letter dated 23d May 1856 from the Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam, on the subject of opening up the passes through the Kimedy Country, and pointing out the advantage of a road from Buttyty thro' the hills to Koomally, Byagudda, and down towards the sea with branches from Goomsur, Cybab, and from Byagudda to the plains, I was requested to report whether a Company or any smaller party of Sappers and Miners could be made available for opening the roads and passes in Ganjam as proposed, and to obtain Lieutenant Colonel Cotton's opinion as to the improvements of the kind most proper to be undertaken, and as to the best means to be taken for procuring labor.

2. In Extract from Proceedings No. 4135 dated 17 June 1856 the above order was communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Cotton for his opinion on the points specified. To Captain Orr, Civil Engineer Krishna Division, to state whether the Company of Sappers and Miners employed under his

roads in that country together with Extract Minutes of Consultation No 503 of the 19th Inst. will now be communicated to the Collector and District Engineer of Ganjam, and to the late District Engineer Major Birdwood for any suggestions that Officer may have to offer, on the question generally of opening up the roads and passes in the Ganjam District, in connexion with those in the Kimedy Country.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obd.t Servant

Central Office
Fort St George
31 March 1837

Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

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Public Works 31st March 1857
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From the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Pub. Department

Dated 31 March 1857
Read 1 April 1857

From the Chief Engineer
dated 31st March 1857
No 657
with 5 Mlls

Forwarded the information called for in Govt. Hon. Cons. No 503 dated 19th ult. as to whether any and what Operations have been commenced upon the Orders of Govt. contained in Govt. Hon. Cons. in the Judicial Dept. dated 5th ult. with regard to resuming the opening of roads and passes for the Company's Elephants between Chittagong & Kennedy Gunj.

No 658 dated 16th April

Mlls on order

No 688

Enclosed to be communicated to the Judicial Department with reference to the order in that Department dated 3rd June 1856 No 590 and in continuation of the orders in the Public Works Department of 9th and 15th July 1856 Nos 1131 and 1150.

For Secy to Govt
16th April 1857

Copies to the Asst Engrs Chittagong