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No. 87. Read the following letter from W. HAMILTON CRAKE, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint Ceorge, dated 14th March 1857.

SIR,

1. The Chamber of Commerce have lately had submitted to them the Prospectus of a Company formed in England for the navigation of the principle rivers of India, including the Godavery, and with a request that they will ascertain whether the community of Madras would be prepared to support the general scheme, or whether they would prefer a minor one having for its object the navigation of the Godavery alone.

2. Before they take the latter subject into consideration the Chamber are desirous of ascertaining the result of the surveys and exploratory expeditions which have been made under the orders of Government, and the measures that may have been decided upon, or are in contemplation, for overcoming the obstacles to the navigation of the river. I have therefore the honor to request you will be so good as to move the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to favor the Chamber with the required information, and in the event of the papers connected with the subject having been printed, as they understand was intended. His Lordship will further greatly oblige the Chamber of Commerce by furnishing them with a copy of the same.

No. 88. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government; to WILLIAM HAMILTON CRAKE, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, dated 16th April 1857, No. 698.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 14th March 1857, and to forward as therein requested a copy of Lieutenant Haig's report on the Navigation of the Godavery.

1 Printed Report.
1 Book of Plans.

2. I am also desired to intimate for the information of the Chamber of Commerce that although the Governor in Council is in favour of every practicable measure being adopted for opening the Navigation of the Godavery he is unable to give any assurance on the subject until Lieutenant Haig's proposals shall have been more fully considered and the views of the Home Government ascertained.

3. Lieutenant Haig is just now engaged in making a further survey of a part of the river on which the information in his report is somewhat incomplete and it is not improbable that when this duty is finished he may be sent to England to mature his experience before any action is taken.

Chamber of Commerce
Madras 14th March 1857.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

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Wm. Aquilla Brake

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No 698

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Public Works Department
Steamer Office
No 698.

From W. C. Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce

Dated 11th March 1857

Rec'd 25th March 1857

Requesting a copy of Lieutenant Haig's report on the navigation of the Godavery

No 87.

In opening the Navigation of the Godavery he is unable to give any opinion on the subject until the Sluices &c. &c. are further advanced when more fully considered and the views of the Home Government ascertained.

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Fort St. George
16th April 1854

Public Works 1857 Department.
Dated Cork 21st April

No 698.

To the Chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce.

Dy 16th April 57.

Forwarding a copy of
Lieutenant Hings report on
the Navigation of the Galway
and observing that Government
are unable to give any assurance
on the subject of opening the
Navigation as that River until
Lieutenant Hings Proposals
shall have been more fully
considered and the views of the
Home Government ascertained.

No 687+88