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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 25-5-1857

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No. 59. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 11th May 1857, No. 1518.

Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation Public Works Department.

Transferring correspondence from the Engineer's Department requesting the use of additional Elephants for dragging timber from the Moodoomally forest for the Jackatalla Barracks, } (Here enter 4th May 1857, No. 854.)

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

(By order.)

Fort Saint George, 7th May 1857. }

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

Letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 9th May 1857, No. 164.

SIR,

Having submitted to the Commander-in-Chief the Resolution of Government No. 854 of 4th Instant, referring to His Excellency the request of Major Lawford Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle that 4 Elephants at or near Metapolliam may be available for dragging timber from the Moodoomally forest near Seagoor.

Sir Patrick Grant desires me to explain that the Elephants in question form part of the Equipment of the Wing of H. M's. 74th Regiment at Jackatalla; and have been held in readiness at a Depot not far from the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut for the immediate use of the Europeans, should their services be required in the Maplah country or elsewhere—The use of the Camels, which also form a part of the Equipment, has been already accorded to the Engineer Department on certain conditions among others, that they be not taken to a greater distance from their Depot than 5 or 6 miles—The exact position of the Moodoomally forest is not known, it is said to be near Seagoor which place is itself on the opposite side of the Hills from Metapolliam and Coonoor. The Elephants would therefore be removed some 30 miles *at least* from their Depot. It is true that they are at present doing nothing, and if under the above explanation, Government think their services can be made available as desired, they can be temporarily withdrawn from their present Depot.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to Department Public Works.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, No. 995; dated 25th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, with reference to his Proceedings, dated 17th April 1857, No. 11714. It appears from the letter from tne Quarter Master General of the Army that the Elephants applied for by Captain Campbell to drag timber from the Moodoomally forest, form part of the Equipment of the Wing of H. M. 74th Regiment at Jackatalla, and that they have been held in readiness at a Depot not far from the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut, for the immediate use of the European, should their services be required in the Maplah country or elsewhere. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to ascertain and report,

to what distance the Elephants would be removed from the Depot, and for how many months their services would be required for the conveyance of the timber. On the receipt of this information, the Government will determine whether the application for their services should be renewed.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1548.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 11th May 1857.

Read the following letter,

Extract Mins. Cons. Public Works Department.

Transferring correspondence from the Engineer's Department requesting the use of additional elephants for dragging timber from the Moodoomally forest for the Jackatalla Barracks. Here enter 4th May 1857, No. 854.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

(By order.)

FORT SAINT GEORGE, *7th May* 1857.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut. Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 164.

From
The Quarter Master General of the Army,

To
The Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Sir,

Having submitted to the Commander-in-Chief the Resolution of Government No. 854 of 7th Instant, referring to His Excellency the request of Major Lawford Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle that 4 Elephants at or near Metapolliam may be available for dragging Timber from the Moodoomally Forest near Seagoor.

Sir Patrick Grant desires me to explain that the Elephants in question form part of the Equipment of the Wing of H. M's. 74th Regiment at Jackatalla; and have been held in readiness at a Depot not far from the Foot of the Coonoor Ghat for the immediate use of the Europeans, should their Services be required in the Maplah Country or elsewhere—The use of the Camels, which also form a part of the Equipment, has been already accorded to the Engineer Department on certain conditions among others, that they be not taken to a greater distance from their Depot than 5 or 6 miles—The exact position of the Moodoomally forest is not known, it is said to be near Seagoor which place is itself on the opposite side of the Hills from Metapolliam and Coonoor. The Elephants would therefore be removed some 30 miles *at least* from their Depot. It is true that they are at present doing nothing, and if under the above explanation, Government think their Services can be made available as desired, they can be temporarily withdrawn from their present Depot.

QUR. MASTER GENL'S. OFFICE, FORT SAINT GEORGE, *9th May* 1857.

I have &c.,

(Signed) F. A. REID,
Quarter Master General.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to Department Public Works.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
„ Quarter Master General.

Exd. R. Spears.

Pub Works Department

N.995

Extract from the Minutes of Council taken
Under date the 25th of May 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Minutes of
Council taken in the Military
Department.

(Here enter 11th of May 1857 No 1548)

Ordered to be com
municated to the Chief
Engineer, with reference
to his Proceedings dated
17th April 1857 No 1171b.
It appears from the letter
from the Quarter-Master
General of the Army that
the Elephants applied for by
Captain Campbell to
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Extract from the Minutes
of Council in the Military
Department
Dated 11th May 1857
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(Communicated by a Letter
from the Dep.t Sec.t
to the Army dated 19th
to a Consulting Engineer from
the Engineer Dept. requesting
the use of Public Elephants
for dragging timber
from the Workmen's
Forest for the Sabathu
Cantonments.

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drag in timber from the Inundoonally Forest, form part of the Equipment of this Brig of H. M. 73d Regiment at Jackattalla, and that they have been held in readiness at a Depôt not far from the foot of the Commercial Road, for the immediate use of the Europeans, should their Services be required in the Mahlab Country or elsewhere. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to ascertain and report, to what distance the Elephants would have to be removed from the Depôt, and for how many months their

their services would be required for the conveyance of the timber. On the receipt of this information, the Government will determine whether the application for their services should be renewed. J. R.

J. Copied to the Chief Engr.
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Dº to Cons 26th May.

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Extract Minutes of Cons.
Dº 25th May 57.

Communicating to the Chief Engr., with reference to his proceedings of 17th April 1857, and requesting him to ascertain and report, to or what distance the Elephants applied for by Captain Campbell to drag timber from the Moodoomully forests, would be removed from the Depôt, & for how many months their services would be required.

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