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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th January 1858.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 4th January 1858, No. 1.

Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Communicating copy of a report of a tour of professional inspection of the Northern Littoral Districts of the Madras Presidency made by Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Cotton. } (Here enter 24th November 1857, No. 2167.)

Resolved that a copy of paras. 20 to 22 of the above communication, with the report to which it refers, be furnished to the Agent at Ganjam, with a request that he will give his opinion on Lieut. Col. Cotton's proposals that a Corps of Coolies should be formed in the Purla Kimeddy Estate for employment in the passes during the healthy season and for work in the plains at other times; and that the management of the Public Works should be made over to the District Engineer.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 101; dated 20th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 24th November 1857, No. 2167.

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

No. 1.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th January 1858.

Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 24th November 1857, No. 2167.

Kimedy Estate and its wants.

Para. 20. The chief wants of the Kimedy Zemindary are stated to be roads and works of irrigation; and it is recommended that, as there is a considerable surplus available from the funds of the estate, it could not be better invested than in opening communications through different portions of the country. A line from Kimedy to Buttely is first suggested, and another from the latter place direct to Calingapatam, joining the Chicacole and Kimedy road. Other lines north-west of Kimedy are also considered desirable; but it is recommended that they should not for the present be made first class roads. The Government observe that on the 3rd June* 1856, they directed that the roads proper to be opened in the Kimedy country should be commenced upon after the rains, in anticipation of sanction; that as a case of necessity, on the 14th† February 1857, they sanctioned, at the expense of the Kimedy Estate, an additional establishment amounting to Rupees 286 per mensem for the express purpose of opening out roads in that country; and that, on the 19th March‡ following, in communicating to the Chief Engineer extracts from a letter from the Acting Agent in Ganjam, they stated their opinion that the opening out of the Kimedy country by roads was a most important work, one that had been approved by the Honorable Court of Directors, and one which ought to be commenced at once and be vigorously prosecuted. On the 8th April|| last, the Government concurred 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 that 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 items of metalling and gravelling, as well as masonry works, to be undertaken hereafter as the necessity for them arises. They added that, 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.

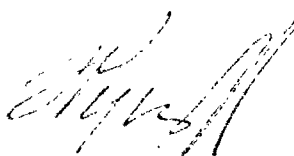
21. In his letter of the 22nd April last, the Chief Engineer stated that Lieutenant Moberly, the District Engineer, would be called upon to submit a sketch map, shewing the various roads and passes from the Ganjam District to the Kimedy country, on which operations should be carried on. With the exception of an estimate for the construction of a second class road from Kimedy to Ambayjary at the foot of the Goomah Pass, submitted by Mr. Knox, and sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 25th May last, No. 996, no general plan for carrying on operations has been sent up to Government; and they now resolve, with reference to his letter above quoted, to call the attention of the Chief Engineer to the subject, and to request that he will in communication with Mr. Knox and the District Engineer report the various works that he would recommend should be undertaken, ascertaining from the Court of Wards what funds are available from the estate, for the prosecution of such works.

22. In para. 33, Lieutenant Colonel Cotton recommends that a Corps of Coolies should be raised on the Kimedy Estate for employment in the passes during the healthy season, and for work in the plains at other times; and in the following para. he strongly urges that the public works of the estate, while it is under Government management, should be placed under the control of the District Engineer, instead of the Revenue Officer who may be in charge of the estate. These paras. will be referred to the Judicial Department for consideration, with the observation that the company of Sappers and Miners at Ganjam, hitherto at the disposal of the Collector and Agent, have recently been placed under the orders of the District Engineer, for opening out roads in the Kimedy country.

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on Lieut. Col. Cotton's proposals that a Corps of Coolies should be formed in the Purla Kimedy estate for employment in the passes during the healthy season and for work in the plains at other times; and that the management of the Public Works should be made over to the District Engineer.

(True Extracts.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam, with a Report.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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