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

No. 59. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department, dated 4th January 1858, No. 1.

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Director of Public Instruction, dated Salem, 18th November 1857, No. 227.

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In consequence of the conversation we have had with Mr. Arbuthnot, the Director of Public Instruction, and with yourself, we beg leave to address you officially, to state our views regarding the education of the Badaga children, and through your kind mediation to apply to Government for the sanction of the grant-in-aid principle in reference to the Schools already established as well as to those which may yet be established among the Badagas.

Before we state the reasons which lead us to apply to the Government for these Schools, we cannot refrain from expressing our sincere joy at the noble efforts made by Government for the good of the Natives of this country by promoting the education of the young. We therefore hailed the establishment of the Schools now organized on these Hills with unmingled pleasure.

Our reasons for petitioning Government to apply the grant-in-aid principle to these Schools are the following:

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As the expenditure granted by Government for these Schools has hitherto been forty Rupees a month, we are prepared to increase this sum in correspondence with the wants of the Schools by a similar grant of the Basle Society, and thereby hope to increase the number of Schools considerably.

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No. 60. ORDER THEREON, No. 130 ; dated 26th January 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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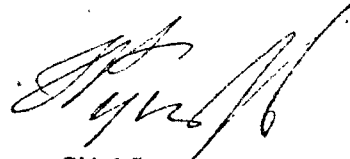
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Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

„ Accountant General.

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