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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13*th July* 1858.

No. 113. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 3rd July 1858, No. 1658.

SIR,

Adverting to para 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 8th June 1858, No. 1086, calling upon me to state where, in His Excellency the Commander in Chief's Minute of the 11th March 1858, on the defences of the stations he had then lately visited, reference is made to the Munteral Cunnama Ghaut, I have the honor to inform you, that the Chief Engineer was quite aware that no mention of that pass had been made by Sir Patrick Grant; but Colonel Faber considered that the spirit of His Excellency's remarks pointed so clearly to the necessity of keeping open all line of communications with our military posts as to justify him in quoting the minute in support of his recommendation of the District Engineer's earnest application for permission to complete, to the extent of the estimate, the rendering passable of a line of road which on any emergency would prove of the greatest value for the advance of troops from the coast, and for the transport of supplies.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, No. 1356; dated 13th July 1858.

As it appears that Colonel Faber's urgent recommendation for the completion of the work on the Munteral Cunnama Pass was not founded on any special mention of this Route in the Commander-in-Chief's Minute, as might have been inferred from his letter of 1st June 1858, No. 742, the Governor in Council must simply refer him to their orders of 7th January 1858, No. 16 and 3rd May 1858, No. 830.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P. Works
Fort St. George 5th July 1858

No. 1658

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Adverting to Para 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 8th June 1858, No. 1086, calling upon me to state where, in His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's Minute of the 11th March 1858, on the defences of the stations he had then lately visited, reference is made to the Mambakam Cunnama [illegible], I have the honor to inform you, that the Chief Engineer was quite aware that no mention of that topic had been made by Sir Patrick Grant, but Colonel Faber considered that the spirit of His Excellency's remarks pointed so clearly to the necessity of keeping open all lines of communication with our Military Posts, as to justify him in quoting the minute in support of his recommendation of the District Engineer's earnest application for permission to complete, to the extent of the Estimate,

Estimate, the rendering passable of a line of road which on any emergency would prove of the greatest value for the advance of troops from the coast, and for the transport of supplies..

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your Most Obedient Servant
C Crawford Major
Offg Chief Engineer

Central Office P.W.
Fort Saint George
3 July 1858.

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To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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From
The Offg. Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 3
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No. 1358

States with reference to para 4 of C. Mil. C. of 8th June/58 No. 1086 that the Chief Engineer was aware that no mention had been made of the Montreal Cannanora Chaunt by the Commander-in-Chief in his Minute of 11th March 1858 and explains that Col. Faber considered he was acting in the spirit of His Excellency's remarks in quoting them in support of his recommendation of the Asst. Engineer's application for lease & render of the Chaunt payable with the unexpended balance of the Estimate.

No. 1356 With an order 13th July 1858

No. 1356

As it appears that Colonel Faber's urgent recommendation for the completion of the work on the Montreal Cannanora Bays was not founded on any special mention of this Route in the Commander-in-Chief's Minute, as might have been inferred from his letter of 1 June 1858 ab. 142 the Governor-in-Council must simply refer him to their orders of 19 Jany 1858 ab. 16 and 3 May 1858 ab. 830

Fort St. George
13th July 1858

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