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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st July 1857.

No. 7. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 5th June 1857, No. 2865.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 2431 of the 30th December 1856, giving cover to a copy of a despatch to the Honorable Court of Directors No. 21, dated 9th December, regarding the opening of two passes from the Northern part of the East Coast leading towards the Nagpore Territory, I am directed to state, that the subject having been referred for the consideration of the Commissioner of Nagpore, copy of his reply with enclosures is forwarded herewith, and any further information when received, will be communicated to the Madras Government.

Letter from GEORGE PLOWDEN, Esq., Commissioner of Nagpore; to Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Bhanduck, the 25th April 1857, No. 10.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 711 dated the 10th of February, requesting me to report on the effect, as regards Nagpore, of opening up either of two passes leading from the East Coast to the Jeypore country, namely Madagole in the South and Parvattipore in the North of the Vizagapatam District and also on the facilities which exists making roads from them into the interior of this Province.

2. In reply I beg to represent that, on the 31st of October 1855, soon after assuming charge of the Province, I called upon the several Deputy Commissioners to submit schemes of roads for their respective Districts, as soon as practicable, supported by the necessary statistical information.

3. In July 1856, the reports of the Deputy Commissioners were transferred to the Chief Engineer, to guide and assist him in framing a scheme of roads for the entire Province. The Chief Engineer has long been engaged in preparing a very complete report upon this important subject, illustrated by an elaborate map, but his efforts have been retarded by the same hinderance as have, in a measure, impeded progress in all the other offices of the Province, namely, the impossibility of inducing qualified persons from other parts to take service here, and constant sickness among the members of the office establishments.

4. The annexed extract paragraphs 6 to 9 from the report of the Deputy Commissioner of the Raepore District No. 207, dated the 6th of December 1855, bears closely upon the subject of your letter, and contains as much information upon it as it is possible at present, without a protracted local enquiry through a very wild, difficult and extensive tract of country, to furnish; and I should have forwarded it immediately on receipt of your letter, but that I was desirous of obtaining some additional information, if possible. In this however I have been unsuccessful, as the annexed copy of a correspondence with the Deputy Commissioner will show.

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Nos. 2 and 3.

Extract from a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Raepore; to the Commissioner of Nagpore Province, No. 207, dated 6th December 1855.

Para. 6. Salt and Tobacco are brought into the District from the South East by three different routes all uniting at Raepore. The 1st by Rajeo (Chutteesgurh) Bendry Nowagurh (Sumblepore) Muddenpore (Jeypore) Paronttipore and Palcondah (Vizagapatam) and Gopalpore or Munsoorcottah (Ganjam) passes over a course of about 400 miles of which no more than 50

are in this District. The 2nd by Chorbuttee (Chutteesgurh) Tahnoot (Kariar) Dadpore (Kharoude) Buttee (Bustar) and Kimedy (Vizagapatam) reaches the coast near the salt pans of Nowpara passing over a distance of about 350 miles of which 54 miles are in this District and 160 in the attached dependencies of Kharoude and Bustar. The 3rd by Dhumterry (Chutteesgurh) Kakeir, Keirwahee (Bustar) Alimoonda (Jeypore) and Paronttipore Palcondah (Vizagapatam) is of nearly equal length with the first 40 miles being within the District and 130 within the dependencies of Kakeir and Bustar attached.

7. By these three routes the grain and Cotton of the District are also exported to the coast, and I annex a statement compiled from the Sayer accounts of 1263 Fusly showing the comparative traffic upon each.

	1st Route.				2nd Route.				3rd Route.			
	No. of Bullock loads.	Sayer Collections.			No. of Bullock loads.	Sayer Collections.			No. of Bullock loads.	Sayer Collections.		
Imports.		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Salt	1623	2,840	4	...	12828	22,905	15	...	3791	3,939	9	...
Tobacco	34	70	...	...	460	856	11	...	80	150	...	...
Total	1657	2,910	4	...	13288	23,762	10	...	3871	4,089	9	...
Exports.												
Grain	1300	330	...	...	8307	2,056	12	...	2700	680	...	...
Cotton	67½	70	...	...	850	855	11	6	110	145	...	...
Total	1367½	400	...	...	9157	2,912	7	6	2810	825	...	...
Grand Total	3024½	3,310	4	...	22445	26,675	1	6	6711	4,914	9	...

by this the more frequented state of the 2nd is at once apparent, but, as I am of opinion that a road in this direction, namely South East from Raepore through the very extensive dependencies attached to this District lying on that side, is of the last importance not only in relation to traffic but also to open up those wild and inaccessible tracts, it is of consequence in the first place to determine which of the above lines possesses the greatest advantages or whether any other may be proposed to supersede them.

8. In length, the first and last routes are equal or nearly so, both enter the Northern Circars by the same route, and unite at the Parvattipore ghat, which is I am given to understand in course of construction in connection with the road operations on the side of the northern Circars vince and possesses no advantages appearing to demand further consideration, but the 3rd leads through Dhumterry one of the Tahsildaree stations of this District and nearer a line which would more effectively open up the large and important dependency of Bustar; the 2nd said to be more difficult is yet more frequented, and is the shortest of the three routes.

9. I would therefore recommend the selection of a line which should not greatly exceed the shortest of these routes and which by proceeding in a direction more south would pass through the Tahsildaree station of Dhumterry, the Kakeir Zemindarry, the Chief town Jugdulpore in Bustar, and unite with the road in course of formation from the coast at Parvattipore. The adoption of this line while it would fully serve all commercial purposes, would tend effectually to secure both socially and politically a much required intercourse with a part of the province whose people are comparatively far behind the rest in civilization and which, though deserving of much attention has as yet from its distance extent and inaccessibility, received but

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little notice and is considerably removed from efficient supervision, I am most anxious that this line should meet with your early consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. ELLIOT,
Deputy Commissioner.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. PLOWDEN,
Commissioner.

Letter from GEORGE PLOWDEN, Esquire, Commissioner of Nagpore; to Lieutenant C. ELLIOT, Deputy Commissioner Raepore, dated 20th March 1857, No. 30.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 62, dated the 28th Instant with its enclosure, and with reference thereto to request that you will send me a sketch map showing the three routes mentioned by you, and that you will state any thing that you may know of the route from the coast into the Jeypore country, and from thence into the Nagpore Territory, by the Madagole pass in the South of the Vizagapatam District, also the facilities which exist for making roads, in those portions of the routes which lie in this province.

Letter from Lieutenant C. ELLIOT, Deputy Commissioner Raepore; to GEORGE PLOWDEN, Esq., Commissioner Nagpore, dated Raepore, the 30th April 1857, No. 82.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 30 (Ms.) dated the 20th Ultimo, and to inform you, that I am unable to furnish you with the information required regarding the Madagole pass, as I can meet with no one here who is acquainted even with its name, nor after all enquiries can I learn any thing of the route leading to it, I am led to believe that it is in the Jeypore dependency.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1364; dated 15th July 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter and of its enclosures be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 2nd December 1856, No. 2242. In this order the Government expressed themselves in favor of the improvement of the road from Parvattipore to Jeypore, both for purposes of trade and the preservation of the peace of the country; and they desired to be furnished with an estimate of the cost of improving that route, so as to make it a good Cart road, a requisition which has not yet been complied with. The correspondence now forwarded to the Chief Engineer furnishes information as to the routes by which trade is carried on between the Coast and the Nagpore territory, and the amount of traffic on each route. Of the three routes given, the first and third are by Jeypore and Parvattipore, and the second by Bustar and Kimedy. The traffic consists of imports of Salt and Tobacco into Nagpore, and of exports of Grain and Cotton to the Coast, but by far the greater portion of the traffic is in Salt, and that is conveyed by the second, or the route by Kimedy. It seems to the Government that, although the information is not so complete as could be wished, or very clear as to the extent to which the routes pass through the different Native States before they reach the Company's territory, there is sufficient in these papers to shew the necessi-

ty for improving all the avenues of traffic. With this view the Government request the Chief Engineer will give his consideration to the subject generally, and report the measures which he would suggest should be carried out, so far as the country under the range of this Presidency is concerned, leaving their extension beyond those limits to be undertaken hereafter in communication with the Commissioner of Nagpore, when more information respecting the country is obtained.

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

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No. 2865

From

Colonel W. E. Baker,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

H. Forbes, Esquire,
Acting Secretary to Government
of Fort Saint George.

Dated the 5th June 1857

Public Works Dept.
Public

No. 2865.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2431 of the 30th December 1856, giving cover to a copy of a Despatch to the Honorable Court of Directors No. 21 dated 9th December, regarding the opening of two passes from the Northern part of the east coast leading towards the Nagpoor territory, I am directed to state, that the subject having been referred for the consideration of the Commissioner of Nagpore, copy of his reply with enclosures is forwarded herewith, and any further information when received, will be communicated to the Madras Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Fort William,
The 5th June 1857.

W. E. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl H.D.L

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No 10.

Nagpore Commrs Office
Camp Khandwah
95 Miles from Nagpore
En route from Chanda
the 25th April 1854

From

George Plowden Esqre
Commissioner of Nagpore

To

Colonel H. E. Baker
Secretary to the Government of India
Public Works Department
Fort William

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Copy in a G. L. to C. of 31st October 1856 No 24

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Copy in a L to C of 11th November 1858 No 1

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No 7.

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Public Works 1857 Dept
Dto Cons 21st July
No 1271

From the Secy to the Government of India
Dated 5th } June
Received 25th }

1 Encls: No 2865

S No 1364. 15th July

Forwarding a Copy of the reply of the Commrs of Nagpore with enclosures regarding the opening of two Passes from the Northern part of the East Coast leading towards Nagpore territory, and intimating that any further information when received, will be communicated to this Govt

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and also on the facilities which exists making roads from them into the interior of this Province.

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3. In July 1856 the reports of the Deputy Commissioners were transferred to the Chief Engineer, to guide and assist him in framing a scheme of roads for the entire Province.- The Chief Engineer has long been engaged in preparing a very complete report upon this important subject, illustrated by an elaborate map, but his efforts have been retarded by the same hinderance as have, in a measure, impeded progress in all the other offices of

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Nagpore Comr's
Office Camp
Bhanduck
95 miles from Nagpore
Via raitle from Chanda
The 26th April 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
G. Plowden
Commissioner

From
G. Plowden
Commissioner of Nagpore

To
Coll. W. E. Baker
Secretary to the Govt of India
Public Works Department
Fort William

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Extract from a letter from the Deputy Commissioner
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	1st Route	2nd Route	3d Route
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	Rs A P.	Rs A P.	Rs A P.
Imports			
Salt	1023 2840 4	12828 22710 13	3791 3677
Tobacco	34 70	460 856 11	80 150
Total	1057 2910 4	13288 23566 10	3871 4019 9
Exports			
Grain	300 330	8307 2038 12	2700 680
Cotton	67½ 700	850 853 11	140 145
Total	367½ 400	9157 2912 7	2840 826
Grand Total	3024½	3310 4	22445 26575 1	6711 4914 9

By this the more frequented route of the 2nd is at once apparent, but as I am of opinion that

that a road in this direction, namely South east from Raipore through the very extensive dependencies attached to this district lying on that side, is of the last importance not only in relation to traffic but also to open up those wild and inaccessible tracts, it is of consequence in the first place to determine which of the above lines possesses the greatest advantages or whether any other may be proposed to supersede them.

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(True Extract)
(Signed) C. Elliot
Deputy Commr

(True Copy)
(Signed) G. Plowden
Commissioner

Rec'd C.R.D

Miscellaneous

No. 30

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George Plowden Esquire
Commissioner of Ragpore.

To
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I have &c
(Signed) G. Plowden
Commissioner

Ragpore Commr's Office
Camp Raepore
the 20th March 1857.

(True Copy)
(Signed) G. Plowden
Commissioner

Rec'd C.R.D

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Public Works Department

No. 1364

Extract from the Minutes of Council dated
the 15th July 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Secretary to the
Government of India

(Home order 5th June 1857 No. 2815)

Ordered that a
Copy of the above letter and
of its enclosures be forwarded
to the Chief Engineer with
reference to Extract Minutes
Council Bombay 2d December
1856 No. 23612. In this order
the Government expressed
themselves in favor of the
improvement of the Road
from Panwell Pass to Jeypoor
&c &c

No. 82 of 1857.

From

Lieutenant C. Elliot.
Deputy Commissioner
Raepore.

To

Geo. Plowden. Esquire
Commissioner
Nagpore.

Dated Raepore the 30th April 1857.

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I have &c
(sd) C. Elliot
Deputy Commissioner

Suttees gurh
Deputy Comm's Office
the 3. April 1857.

(True Copies)
(sd) Wm Waller Colonel
Asst to the Govt of India

(True Copy)
(sd) G. Plowden
Commissioner,

P.W. 27/1/57

Copy sent to C. E. 6-5-57
Copy rec'd from C. E. 11-5-57

both for purposes of trade
and the preservation of
the peace of the Country
and they desired to
be furnished with an
Estimate of the Cost of
improving that Road,
so as to make it a good
Cart road, a requisition
which has not yet been
complied with. Mr Cox
corresponding now forwarded
to the Chief Engineer
furnishes information
as to the Routes by which
trade is carried on between
the Coast and the Bhotan
Territory, and the Amount
of traffic on each Route.
Of the three Routes given,
the first and third are
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and the second by Bustar
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Mr Cox

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr
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letter & Encls Dispr 16.

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D/ 15th July/57.

From the Off.g Chief Sec.y
D/ 8th July/58 C. N.o 1525.
in C. Cons: 24 Aug

Passing Orders on a letter
from the Secretary to the Govt.
of India regarding the opening
of two passes from the North:
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leading towards the Singa=
=pore Territory.

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