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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th July 1858.

No. 64. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 31st May 1858.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund 20th May 1858, No. 91.

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Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation 30th April last No. 1494, being the decision of Government on observations made by the Commander in Chief on a recent tour, I am directed by His Excellency to say in obedience to Para. XXV. of the decision, that the Commander in Chief recommends a temporary Gun-shed should be run up at once, as near as conveniently can be to the site on which the Gun-shed will (His Excellency hopes) be erected at Cannanore.

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Letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army, dated Calicut, 6th May 1858.

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Nothing has been heard of the matter since and Major Lawford says he has done all he could about the Calicut and Mullapooram (the Moondoor) road without success.

Several of the roads are in the Budget of 1858-59 but the Budget is to be a mere sham.

Might I entreat you to press the matter again on the attention of His Excellency the Commander in Chief. The impassable state of that country during six months of wet weather and its very inaccessible state at all times, is unquestionably fraught with danger. It is sad to think that the Commissariat Stores, Porter, &c. for Mullapooram, have to be carried at least 12 miles by Coolies over a difficult country with Mopla inhabitants only.

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2 *A plan and estimate*

3. His Excellency's observations regarding roads and bridges as set-forth in the foregoing letter will be considered in the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, No. 1390; dated 17th July 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with a request, that he will obtain and forward without delay a plan and estimate for constructing a temporary Gun-shed at Cannanore as suggested by His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

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*Extract Minutes Consultation 31st May 1858. No. 1021.

3. Orders have been passed in this Department in the Extract Minutes Consultation of this day's date No. 1389 on the subject of the roads and bridges alluded to in para. 3 of the Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department above recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Military Department

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Under date the 31st May 1858

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Calicut
6th May
1858.

Sigd/ K. Robinson.

Sigd/ F. A. Rid. Colonel
Quarter Mr General
A true Copy
Sigd/ A. G. Shaubleam Captain
A.D.C. Asst. Qr. Mr.
General of the Army.

Referred to Department Public Works in order to a plan and estimate being prepared for a temporary Gun shed at Cannanore on the site alluded to in para 25 Minutes of Consultation Nº 11, 7th, 30th April 1858.

Also

Also for a plan and estimate to be prepared for a Gun shed for the Guns of the Mountain train at Mullapooram to be erected in the immediate proximity of the European barracks.

His Excellency's observations regarding Roads and Bridges as set forth in the foregoing letter will be considered in the Department Public Works.

Sigd/ W. H. Wapshare
Secy.
A.D.C. Secy to Govt.

To
The Depart. of Public Works

Cd. Cannanore

2 A plan and estimate

P. W. Dept.

No 1390

Confirmed Plan & Estimate for a temporary Gun Shed at Cannanore.

Madras Mily Dept 31st May 1858.

Lt. Col. Pasley Chief Engr.

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Cannanore 31st May 1858.

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Copy to the Chief Engr
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No 64.

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3. Orders have been issued in this Department in the G. Mem. Mans. of this days date No 1389 on the subject of the roads & bridges alluded to in para 3 of the Extract Mem. Mans. and station in the Military

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No. 1390

Transmit Minute of Comr.
dated 17th July/63.
from the Chief Engr. 2nd Div. 2nd
March/59 C.S. 852 in 63 1st
Div. 2nd Dy 2893.

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to.

No. 64 to 65.

21 Aug/63