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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.

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On the representation of the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts, Government sanctions the immediate execution of the proposed repairs to the Fort of Bellary.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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(Signed) H. FORBES,
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Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Department of Public Works. *with 2 spare copies*

Exd. R. Spears.

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Sanctg the immediate execution of certain repairs to the Fort of Bellamy.

No. 1849.

Fort St. George
29.th July 1857

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