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No. 2123

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 16th June 1858, No. 1145, calling upon me to report the nature and object of the investigations that are being made of the Channels of the Toonga and Budara Rivers in Mysore, under what instructions or orders they have been commenced, and whether any communication on the subject of them was previously made to the Mysore Authorities, I have the honor to state that at the request of Colonel A. T. Cotton the District Engineer of Canara made a hasty reconnoissance of the sources of those rivers, with a view of ascertaining the practicability, or otherwise, of effecting a water communication between them and the Western Coast, and having reported the result under date the 5th August last.

last; the subject was deemed of sufficient importance to require further investigation.

2 The Chief Engineer and Colonel Cotton accordingly entered into personal communication with the late Acting Secretary, Mr. Forbes, and arrangements were made by which Mr. Overseer Dudgeon was placed at Lieutenant Goddard's disposal, for a thorough examination and survey of the Rivers from their sources as far as Kurpuhur, and permission was given to Lieutenant Goddard by a Telegraphic Message from Mr. Forbes, to be absent from his district for a short time while engaged on his research within the Mysore Territories.. dated 25th July 58.

3. Lieutenant Goddard, under date the 13th May, forwarded an elaborate and highly interesting account of his exploration accompanied by well executed drawings. These are now with Colonel A. T. Cotton, and will be disposed of on his opinion being obtained..

4 In the mean time Mr. Dudgeon's health having given way, Lieutenant Goddard's request to be permitted to transfer the duty of examining the Rivers to Mr. Powell was acceded to, and he only waits for the termination of the Monsoons to begin operations.

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5 No communication that I am aware of, has been made by the Government or Chief Engineer to the Mysore authorities on the subject; but it appears that Lieutenant Goddard, very properly considered it desirable to obtain their concurrence and assistance..

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
21 July 1858.

Major
Offg. Chief Engineer

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To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt.

P. W. D.

No 1574

To

Lieut.-General Sir C. M. Cubbon
Commissioner for the Government
of the Territories of His Highness
the Rajah of Mysore

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th April 1858, and in communicating for your information a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, to convey to you the thanks of the Government for the assistance which you have directed to be afforded to Mr. Powell in the prosecution of his enquiries along the course of the Tunga and Bhadra rivers in Mysore.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Fort St. George
10th Augt 1858

* E. III. C. 16th June 1858 No 1145
From Offg Chief Engr 21st July 1858 No 2123.

Copy of the Letter from the Secretary to Government to the Chief Engineer No 1574 dated 10th August 1858.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Col. Pears to the Chief Engineer Camp 10th June 1858.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from Mr. Powell, dated Shimoga 7th instant, in which he states that the surveys, which he has been making on the Tunga and Bhadra rivers, are now completed as far as the Channel of the Tunga and Bhadra in the Shimoga District.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Pears Lieut. Col.
Chief Engr

Public Works Dept.
Comm. 10th August.

No. 1574.

To
The Commissioner of
Mysore.
Dated 10th August '58

Conveying to the Commr. of Mysore the thanks of this Govt. for the assistance he has directed to be afforded to Mr. Powell in the prosecution of his enquiries along the course of the Toongabudra River in Mysore.

No. 96 & 97.