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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 25th May 1858.

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4th March 1858.

Letter from Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 1st April 1858, No. 138.

SIR,

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Communicated to Department Public Works.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. *With 3 spare Copies.*

Exd. J. Davis.

N: 945-

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 19th May 1858

Present the following Extract
Min: of Cons. Military De-
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(Henceforth 12 April 58 N: 1266)

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12th March 1858, N: 446.

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N^o 46- Public Works Dept

To Capt. H. Gule,
Off^r Sec^y, Govt of India,

Sir,

I have the honor, by de-
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22nd December last. N^o 6147, Com-
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* From Chief Engineer, 17th March 1858, No. 199.

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 Major R. STRACHEY, OM, Acting Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W.,
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No 46
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Govt of India
2/17th May/58.

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