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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15*th March* 1859.

No. 23. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 28th February 1859, No. 269.

Communicating letter from the Magistrate of Kurnool, observing that the opening of the Nundi Canama Ghaut has been sanctioned and the work commenced in November last, and stating that the Government notice favorably the conduct of Captain Nelson, Captain Lloyd Philipps, and Lieutenant Grove, as described in the said letter. } (Vide Judicial Consultation, 1st March 1859, Nos. 17-18.)

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 539; dated 11th March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who will hasten the work at the Nundi Canama Pass as much as possible.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 269.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 28th February 1859.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Magistrate of Kurnool; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Codoomoor, 16th February 1859, No. 8.

SIR,

With reference to my letter under date the 7th Instant, I have the honor to forward the following report for the information of Government.

2. 300 Rohillas well armed crossed the Kistna on the 2nd Instant, and after remaining at the Shree Sailem Pagoda for one day, made for the village of Kolakola in Doopaud Talook, which they reached about day-break of the 4th. A party of 5 Kurnool Sowars who had been patrolling during the night in that neighbourhood were in the act of unsaddling their horses, when they were suddenly attacked by these Rohillas. Three of the Sowars were wounded, one mortally, and 3 of their horses were carried off. The Rohillas then plundered and set fire to the village, and afterwards made off to Jungumwarpilly, which they plundered on the 5th. They then retreated to the river to the same spot where they had entered the District, and managed to cross over half their number on rafts, with all their plunder, but before the remainder could follow, they were attacked by Captain Lloyd Philipps with 2 Companies of the 36th Regiment Native Infantry, seven of the Rohillas are reported to have been killed, and eight more drowned; but not having yet seen Captain Philipp's Official report, I am unable to give the numbers with certainty.

3. I am also unable, as yet, to state the loss of property, owing to the flight of the inhabitants of Kolakola, on the first appearance of the Rohillas, into the jungles, from which by the latest reports they have not returned.

4. As it is of the greatest importance that confidence should be restored as speedily as possible, I have requested Lieutenant Colonel Davidson, Commanding 36th Regiment, to keep 1 Company under a European Officer at Atcoor, under whose orders a party of 35 Kurnool Sowars will also be placed, and 57 Mysore Sowars (lately doing duty at Bellary) have been ordered to Markapoorum, the Cusbah Station of Doopaud. I have also requested the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts to allow the Sepoys detached from Gooty to Cumbum, to remain at the latter place, until other arrangements can be made, or orders received from Government on the subject.

5. To prevent a repetition of these atrocious outrages, I beg to recommend for the consideration of Government the following plan:—

I. The permanent position of 2 full Companies at Atcoor, and a detachment of similar strength at Markapooram in the Doopaud Talook.

II. The permanent position of 2 full Companies at Cumbum as heretofore.*

* There are only 100 Invalid Sepoys at that station now.

III. The opening of the Nunty Canama Ghaut so far as to be easily practicable for Cavalry.

6. With regard to the latter proposal, Government are aware that a large sum has been already expended in making a trace through that Ghaut, which still remains incomplete, and I am given to understand that the expenditure of 7,000 or 8,000 Rupees would render the Ghaut easily practicable to Cavalry, and to loaded cattle.

7. Unless some steps of the above nature are at once taken, there is really nothing to prevent the whole country from the Kistna to Nellore, being swept by a gang of Rohillas without a check.

8. A detailed account of loss of life and property will be laid before Government shortly.

9. In conclusion I beg to bring to the favourable notice of Government the valuable and speedy information obtained by Captain Nelson of the movements of the Rohillas, and the excellent use made of that information by Captain Lloyd Philipps, and the men under his Command, and also the zeal and activity displayed by Assistant Magistrate Lieutenant Grove, who commanded the Kurnool Horse in person, and who by his rapid marches into the Doopaud Talook did much to allay the terror of the people.

Order.—Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Military and Public Works Departments.

2. It is observed that the opening of the Nundy Canama Ghaut has been sanctioned and that the work commenced in November last.

3. The Government notice favorably the conduct of Captain Nelson, Captain Lloyd Philipps and Lieutenant Grove, as described in the above letter.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Kurnool.
„ Military Department.
„ Public Works Department.

Ed. F. Cartledge.

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From Chief Engr & Surveyor
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No. 269

Communicating letter from the Harbour Master observing that the opening of the Stoney Canamara Channel has been sanctioned & the work commenced in Novr last & stating that the Govt notice favourably the consent of Capts Nelson, Capt Lloyd & Phillipps and Lieut Crone as described in the said letter

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who will hasten the work at the Channel Canamara Rapid as much as possible.

Fort St George
11th March 1859

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