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No. 15. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th June 1859, No. 1384.

With reference to Extiact Minutes Consultation under date 5th March 1859 No. 502, conveying the orders of Government for clearing away the Brushood round the Jackatalla Barracks, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that Captain Farewell reports,* that on taking charge of the Jackatalla works, &c., he found that only a small portion of the dense Brushwood complained of, had been very insufficiently cut down by coolies at a cost of Rupees 40.

* No. 25, dated 25th May 1859.

2. On examining the small space cleared and finding it so inefficiently done, Captain Farewell is of opinion that it is an employment not at all suited to Natives, who have a great objection, and in this case absolutely refused at first to undertake it on account of the thick branches and thorns.

3. Under the exigency of the case Captain Farewell applied to the Officer Commanding 3rd Battalion of H. M.'s 60th Rifles for assistance, who placed at his disposal 100 men daily, and from the quantity of work done by this party at the rate of 7 annas 6 pice per head for three days, he has been able to form some idea of the cost of clearing the whole, and states that the work cannot be done under Rupees 3,000.

4. Under these circumstances Captain Farewell has very properly stopped the work, pending further instructions from Government, who no doubt never anticipated the necessity of so large an outlay. Captain Farewell states also that the employment of Europeans is the cheaper and more effectual method of clearing the Jungle.

5. It appears to me that a considerable part of the outlay should be recovered by the sale of the wood, but I have desired Captain Farewell to report more fully and in the meantime I have the honor to solicit the orders of Government on the subject.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1859, No. 1446.

The Governor in Council considers it very important that the clearance around the barracks at Jackatalla should be completed. The Chief Engineer will instruct the Executive Engineer to continue the work by means of the men of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles. The wood cut should be sold; and it seems to Government that it ought, as expected by the Chief Engineer, to repay the greater part of the cost of cutting. Colonel Bell will report eventually the actual cost of the work, and the sum realized by the sale of the wood.

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

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Fort St. George
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J. H. Dell Lieut. Col.
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To
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Dated 7th June No. 1497.
From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government.
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No. 1446 13th June 1859

Reports on the cost of clearing Brushwood growing round the Barracks at Jacktalla, that the work is stopped and that the employment of Europeans is the cheapest and most effectual method of clearing the Jungle - Observes that the sale of the Brushwood should recover a considerable part of the outlay incurred and that Capt. Farewell has been called upon to report more fully, and solicits orders on the subject

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