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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 47 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. In continuation of our letters in this Department, dated 18th November 1859, No. 67, and 4th April 1860, No. 14, regarding a strip of land belonging to the State of Hyderabad on the north bank of the Godavery, which we wish to have transferred from the Hyderabad State to British India, we beg to lay before you copy of a further letter we have just addressed to the Government of India, together with the papers which gave rise to it, being principally a Report from Captain Haig, the District Engineer of the Upper Godavery, furnishing statistical information respecting the circumstances of the tract in question.

2. Captain Haig reports on the extent of country, the manner in which it is divided into Tálucs or separate estates, the lawless state under which the people lie, the merciless exactions to which they are exposed owing to the rapacity of their own masters, the border raids that are perpetually committed, the miserable state to which the people are consequently reduced, and the small extent of revenue derived by the Nizám, being only about 20,000 Rupees for a tract of country containing 1,755 square miles with a population of 70,000; while river imposts and land transit duties are levied by the Zamíndárs on the timber and salt passing through their territories to or from our possessions.

3. In forwarding this paper to the Government of India, we have noticed the facts stated by Captain Haig, as affording new reasons for earnestly desiring the cession of the tract of country in question, which is evidently beyond the reach of the Nizám's authority. We have also pointed out with reference to the imposts levied by the Rakapilli and Baddrachellam Zamíndárs, as brought to notice in paragraphs 11 and 12 of Captain Haig's Report on commodities passing through this tract from one part of British territory to another, that by recognized international law, a State has no right to levy a tax on goods passing through it by land any more than by water, except such small imposts as may really and properly be necessary for protection.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd July 1860.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
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Dated 3rd July,

No. 47 of 1860.

Forwarding copy of a further letter addressed to the
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Ans'd 20th Sept 1860/53

Public Works Dept

No. 47 of 1860

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Reply 20th Sept 1860/55