

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1865 *W*

DATED 12 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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(Signed) R. A. GAMBLE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Ed. Shaik Karim.

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