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No. 47. Read the following letter from FRANCIS N. MALTBY, Esq., Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th December 1860, No. 83.

I have the honor to request that you will inform me, whether the Government of Madras will be pleased to lend to the States of Travancore and Cochin the services of three or four Surveyors competent to execute surveys and traces of ghats and roads. Both of these States are prepared to carry on several important works with vigor if only scientific traces of the lines can be made. They are prepared to pay the salaries of the parties so employed, but they are unable to offer such permanent prospects to Engineers as would tempt them into their service, and indeed there is great difficulty in finding competent Engineers in this country not already in the British service.

2. Two works of mutual advantage to the British Government as well as to these States can be pressed on actively, if only the traces are given. One of these is a road connecting the Allepey and Cochin back-water with Dindigul and Madura by a pass over the mountains. The other is a continuation of the road under construction from Palachy to the Anamallay forests, so as to bring it down to the Cochin back-water. Other important works are also required, while the small Engineering establishment which these States are able to maintain are already fully occupied.

3. Should the Government of Madras be pleased to allow three or four Surveyors to be employed for one or two years under the Civil Engineer of these States, without prejudice to their rank in the Madras service, but at the expense of these States (as in the case of Military Officers employed in the Brigade) a great improvement will be rapidly effected.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1860, No. 737.

Referred to the Public Works Department for early report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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