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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th March 1862.

No. 233. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Yellapoor, 7th February 1862, No. 6:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report the arrival in this District of Messrs. Turner and Hope, deputed by the Bombay Government to carry out certain instructions of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, copy of which is enclosed.

2. These gentlemen will probably reach my camp to-morrow, and I am of course prepared to give them all possible aid, and all the information which it is in my power to afford.

From the Acting Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to Colonel H. B. TURNER, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bombay, 31st January 1862, No. 368.

SIR,

1. As it is of great importance that no time should be lost in setting on foot the measures necessary to develope the advantages which are anticipated to arise from the opening of the Port of Sedasheghur, and the transfer of North Canara to this Presidency, and as His Excellency the Governor in Council is most anxious that every possible exertion should be made to throw open to traffic before the rains, the road over the Ghâts which is to tap the trade of our Southern Districts, and to bring it to this new outlet, I am directed to convey to you the orders of His Excellency in Council, deputing you to Sedasheghur for the purpose of visiting the roads and other works in contemplation, and authorizing you to give the local officers of the Public Works Department such orders for their immediate execution, as may appear to you necessary, without reference to the Honorable Board.

2. This arrangement, I am desired to state, has been adopted with the view of saving the time and avoiding the delay which lengthened correspondence carried on between two places distant at present from each other by nearly a week's post, would necessarily create.

3. His Excellency in Council also deems it of importance that this Government should be in a position to commence, as soon as they receive formal charge of the province, the many arrangements unconnected with the Public Works Department which are necessary for the opening out of the Port under the auspices of an Officer of this Presidency, who His Excellency in Council considers is naturally better able to understand than an Officer of another Presidency could do, the relations which must subsist for its due development between this new Port and Bombay, the chief emporium of the trade of Western India.

4. With this view, His Excellency the Governor in Council has selected Mr. Hope to accompany you, who, from having accompanied His Excellency on his visit to Sedasheghur last season, and from having also accompanied the Honorable Mr. Frere in October last, is fully acquainted with His Excellency's intentions and views regarding the place, as well as those of the Honorable Mr. Frere.

5. In addition to assisting you with his advice and opinion regarding the arrangements for laying out the future town, it will be Mr. Hope's duty to make himself acquainted with all that relates to the Revenue, the Magisterial, and Police arrangements of the province, and the Collector of the District has been separately addressed to afford him, as well as yourself, all the assistance in his power in furtherance of the objects of your joint mission; and His Excellency in Council is confident that not only will the Collector Mr. Fisher, but that all the local officers, will avail themselves with satisfaction of the opportunity which will thus be afforded them, of giving this Government information relative to the administration of the province, which they could not otherwise give, and which will prove of much present and future use.

6. In deputing you, the Governor in Council desires me to suggest to you the advisability of Mr. Hope and yourself going up the Kyga Ghât road from Beitkâl to the Dharwar frontier,

and also up the Unshy Ghát road, on the north side of the river, so as to ascertain what remains to be done of a most pressing nature.

7. I am desired to add that it will also be your joint duty to lay out a plan for the Beitkál station, comprising the connecting it with the Kyga road, and with a road round the whole cove, to connect the wharves and the various sites where merchants purpose to build screws ; also a site for a Travellers' Bungalow, the position of a native town, and sites for bungalows of Europeans, official and non-official, &c.

8. Mr. Hope should ascertain from the Collector and others, the terms on which all land required for the above purposes is to be obtained, the rights of Government and of individuals, the compensation to be paid in certain cases, &c., and to see what can be done at once by the Collector, and what must stand over till this Government receives entire charge. You should also fix the rates of pay for labor on the Ghát roads, and arrange with the Collectors of Dharwar and Canara for increasing the number of men employed on the works. You should also take into consideration what is the greatest amount which can be well laid out on the works before April 30th, and suggest how to provide for any excess which there may be over the sum provided in the Madras Budget, reporting also whether any alteration is required in the sum put in the Budget for North Canara for 1862-63.

9. The Governor in Council also desires that you should determine whether any of the expensive iron piles and other materials sent from Madras will be required, and that you will decide what portion of the Madras subordinate Public Works Department is to be retained, in addition to the Rutnagherry Establishment which has been sent there, and distribute over the whole road the men finally retained.

10. I am further desired to remind you that provision should be made for the immediate construction of the Light House on the Oyster rocks.

11. In conclusion, I am directed to state that, while some of the above points are almost exclusively within your province, others will be materially furthered by Mr. Hope's knowledge of their civil bearings, or of the views of His Excellency the Governor, and he leaves it to the good feeling of you both to accommodate yourselves to the interests of the public service, so as not to clash.

12. You are directed to submit to Government a joint report of your proceedings.

13. His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to allow Mr. Hope and yourself, to draw the usual travelling allowance of Rupees 10 per diem, whilst absent from Bombay.

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1862, No. 567.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 6.

North Canara Collector's office
Ou Circuit Gellapoor, 7th February
1862

From

W. Fisher Esqre
Collector of North Canara

To

J. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,

Wm Fisher
Collector

† The paper referred to in Circular with G. O. No. 408 under date the 12 Feb. 62

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No. 402. 1862

From Collector of North Canara
To The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George.

Dated 7th
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No. 6

Enclosure one.

~~Further Proc. 14th Feby/62~~
~~Nos 305-306.~~
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~~7/1st April/62 (Nos 1012~~

Reports the arrival of Messrs Turner & Hogge from Bombay, deputed by Rev Dept, the Govt of Bombay to carry out certain instructions, copy of which is enclosed.

Rec'd No 7567.

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14th Feby/62. W.H. I.D.L.

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