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Revenue Department
minutes of Consultation

8th June 1858

Back No. 22.

Order No. 749 & 3rd June 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th June 1858.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 22. From W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Collector of
dated 3rd June 1858, No. 749.

SIR,

1. It having come to the knowledge of Government that the provisions of Act I. of 1858 legalising compulsory labor in certain cases, has been greatly misunderstood, and that parties have been subjected to unnecessary hardship in the impressment of carts and coolies for works which should be executed by paid labor in the ordinary manner, you are requested to use your utmost vigilance in preventing such illegal proceedings, and in taking cognizance of all reasonable complaints on the subject.

2. The Government desire it to be made publicly known that the Act only legalises compulsory labor in cases of *emergency*, and by the term emergency is meant not a mere difficulty, but actual necessity of an extraordinary nature, where person or property may be endangered without recourse to compulsory action. The Act is in fact limited to critical circumstances.

3. One clause of the Act (the last) refers to the liability of persons bound by *local custom* to assist in works of irrigation and drainage; but there is no authority even in this case to *compel* labor. The party refusing is liable to a fine, but the Government will not approve of any such fines except levied after due enquiry made by the European authority of the District; and the *local custom* must be clearly shewn.

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To all Collectors

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who shall be found
mis-using the act

Fort St Geo. }
3rd June 1858. } H

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To all Collectors
& Agents in Karnool Dist: &
except Colls of Ondras

3 Copies of Act of 1858
100 Copies of the
Chief Engr.
for information
for circulation to the Engrs.

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To the Collector

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