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SUBJECT.

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Previous Paper.

Co-operation of Colonial Engineers with Consulting Engineers in carrying out Improvement Works.

MINUTES.

- (P.A.
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- Minute from Ag Governor 17 Feby 1924 ①
 Minute to Colonial Engineer 18 Feby 1924 ②
 Minute to Mr. A.A.P. Neave 18 Feby 1924 ③

Subsequent Paper.

Copy of this minute to be sent to Mr. Neave under copy and
enclosed

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From His Excellency the Acting Governor

to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

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3. The absence of mechanical power has been to some extent preferable but it should be possible to make some advance, and to hasten the provision of material.

4. The Colonial Engineer has not hitherto shown any interest in any of Mr. Neave's proposals. It is possible that the Government is responsible in a measure as it does not appear from the info. that the general reports have been sent to him. Where he has been called upon for action he has done what was required, but much more is expected. I do not wish to avoid my own misfortune if I have not formally called upon the C.E. for that much more yet.

5. Will you please now call on me and — a copy

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dated the 17th of February, 1924. (M.P.208/24)

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4. The Colonial Engineer has not hitherto shown any interest in any of Mr. Neave's proposals. It is possible that the Government is responsible in a measure as it does not appear from the minutes papers that the general reports have been sent to him for any action. Where he has been directly called upon for action he has done what was required, but much more is expected. I do not wish to avoid my own misfeasance if I have not formally called upon the Colonial Engineer for that much more yet.

5. Will you please now send a copy of this minute to the Colonial Engineer. I require him to take an active and personal interest in the development of the town in accordance with and on the lines of Mr. Neave's proposals. He is not in any way in the position of acting under Mr. Neave's instructions but he is to go thoroughly into the schemes, to co-operate as energetically as if the proposals were his own and to proceed as the executive head of the department responsible for carrying out the work.

6. If he sees difficulties - how a thing can be done and not why it cannot be done should however be his guiding principle - he will advise accordingly after discussion with Mr. Neave. If he requires extra staff let him ask for it. All I want to know is how effect can best be given to proposals put forward and receiving general approval.

7. There has hitherto been an absolute minimum of direct personal intercourse between the Consulting Engineer and the Colonial Engineer. On the numerous occasions on which I have reflected verbally on this I have received the personal assurance of each that he is at all times ready to meet and discuss matters with the other and there the matter has stopped.
