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No. 15. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 25th September 1857, No. 4744.

SIR,

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*Deputy Secretary, Madras, No 2889, dated 23rd October 1855.
Reply No. 2692, dated 23d November 1855.
Consultation 23d November 1855, Nos. 184-185.

Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, No. 27, dated the 4th February 1857.

Letter dated 30th June 1856, No. 6.

10. The undermentioned sums (previously authorized for the purpose, have been sanctioned for the construction of Barracks for a Regiment of European Infantry at Secunderabad, viz.

	Rs.	As.	P.
Revised estimate of ten ranges of Barracks	4,77,922	13	10
Eight ranges of Quarters for married men..	2,48,976	0	0
Regimental Hospital..	1,11,320	5	0
Various Out-offices and Buildings...	3,20,857	14	9
Ten Privies on the enlarged and improved Plan.....	29,260	0	0

Para. 6. The construction of these Barracks now we trust completed and occupied, has been long since sanctioned in our correspondence with the Government of Madras. They have been erected at a very unusual and heavy cost.

7. No particulars have been given us of the Quarters for married men. We are desirous of receiving those particulars including a plan of the Quarters.

8. We are glad to observe that during the construction of the works, advantage was taken of Photography, to furnish information of their progress. The remarks of the Chief Engineer of Public Works at Madras on this subject as quoted in the margin,* have our approval. Instruction in Photography is now given to the Cadets at our Military College.

* "Executed as these Drawings are by an Amateur not fully "master of his apparatus, they yet afford an amount of "authentic information that is highly interesting and tend "to shew of how great a value Photography may be ex- "pected in skilful and experienced hands to become, in "diminution of the tedious and highly paid labors of the "professional Draughtsman. It is digression perhaps to "observe how probable it is that 'ere long Photographic "apparatus will form part of the equipment of all Officers "of the Department of Public Works, and their acquaint- "ance with its manipulation a portion of their duty."
Colonel Faber's Report, 15th October 1855.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 2182; dated 26th November 1857.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter and of the Extract from the Honorable Court's Despatch which accompanied it, be communicated to the Military Department and to the Chief Engineer.

2. The Government observe that the plan of the married men's quarters, in connection with the Secunderabad Barracks, estimated to cost Rupees 2,48,976 and now required by the Honorable Court, was with several others, forwarded to the Government of India with the letter from the Military Department, dated 3rd November, 1855, No. 2980, and it does not appear that the documents have since been returned to that Department. Colonel Faber is

therefore requested to obtain from the Chief Engineer of Hydrabad, and forward, as early as practicable, a copy of the plan in question, together with a full report of the circumstances which have led to the adoption of so expensive a style of building.

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* Letter dated 27th March 1857, No. 560.

Sanctioned by the Government of India in letter dated 10th January, communicated with order dated 15th February 1856, No. 229. P. W. D.

	Rs.	
Revised estimate for ten ranges of Barracks	4,77,523	
Eight ranges of quarters for married men	2,48,976	
Regimental Hospital	1,11,320	
Various Out-offices and Buildings	3,20,858	
		11,59,077

Sanctioned by this Government on emergency in Extract Minutes Consultation Military Department, 31st March 1856, No. 755, and confirmed by Government of India in letter dated 16th May, communicated with order 13th June 1856, No. 937, P. W. D.

Ten Privies on the enlarged and improved plan.....Rs. 29,260—		
Rs. 6,846 already sanctioned on the same account...		22,114
Further improvements recommended in the Budget of 1857-58		1,92,079
Total Rupees.....		13,73,570

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No 4744

From

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Secretary to the Govt of India,

To

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Acting Secretary to the Government
Fort Saint George.

Dated the 25th September 1857

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I have the honor to be,
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Your most Obedient Servant
Col. Baker
Secretary to the Govt of India

Fort William,
the 25th September
1857

E & H Dept

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P. W. D.

No 2182.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th November 1857.

Read the following
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(Here enter 25th September 1857.
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× Letter d/ 27 March 1857 No 560.

Sanctd by the Govt of India in letter dated 10 Jany, communicated with Order dated 5 Feby 1856 No 229. MD

Revised Estimate for ten ranges of Barracks	477923	
Eight ranges of quarters for Married men	248976	
Regimental Hospital	111320	
Various Out offices & Buildings	320858	1159077
Sanctd by this Govt on emergency in Mil. Dept. 31st March 1856 No 765, and confirmed by Govt of India in letter dated 16 May communicated with order 13 June 1856 No 937 MD.		
For Privies on the enlarged and improved plan Rs 29260 — Rs 6846 already sanctd on the same account		22414
Further improvements recommended in the Budget of 1857/58		192079
Total Rupees		1373570

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Public Works 1857 Deptt.
Do to Govt 1st Decr.

No. 2182.

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Dt. 26th Novr. 57.

From Ch: Engr 3d March 58
C. No. 530 inc: 20 apl

Communicating to the Military Department copy of Extract from the Honorable Court's Despatch regarding the quarters provided for Mounted Men at Secunderabad and requesting the Chief Engineer to forward copy of Plans for the same with full report of the circumstances which have led to the adoption of so expensive a style of building.

No 1546.

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