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No. 185. Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 24th December 1857, No. 2394.

SIR,

In sanctioning an expenditure of Rupees 15,71,500 for the construction of the European Barracks at Jackatallah, the Government of India pointed* out that the accommodation for Married Soldiers was not in accordance with the plan sanctioned by the Honorable the Court of Directors, and desired that this might be rectified as far as it was practicable. It was also observed that the Solitary Cells, five in number, were much below the usual complement, and that no plan had been submitted showing the arrangement of the various buildings connected with the General scheme.

* Letter dated 10th July 1857, No. 3383.

2. I am now directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter† from the Chief Engineer, together with the papers received with it as noted in the margin,‡ on the subject of these Barracks. It will be seen from the revised plan‖ of the quarters for Married men herewith submitted, that the accommodation provided for each family is one room of the dimensions approved¶ by the Honorable Court, viz. 16 feet ×14 feet with verandahs on both sides, one of which, 16 feet × 10 feet is to be enclosed, as permitted by the Court. The design however contemplates a building with two instead of one story, a change rendered necessary by the peculiar circumstances of the locality. On this point, Captain Campbell the Executive Engineer of the Barracks, observes* that the "nature of the ground in the Jackatallah "basin is far too precipitous to afford room for single stored buildings "of the extent required for the Married families of a European Regiment, without extending "them to a most objectionable distance from Parades, Hospital, School, Church, ration issue "godowns; besides, the upper storied plan ensures one half at any rate being free from all pos-"sible ascent of damp, which can scarcely be quite cut off from the best built ground floor "where you have a scarped bank of 12 feet in rear." "The upper storied plan," he continues "moreover has received the strong recommendation of the Medical faculty, and will materially "reduce the costly elements of water supply and disposal of sewerage." The project as now designed, is estimated* to cost Rupees 2,60,000 for 120 families; but as only Rupees 2,45,300 was included in the general estimate of Rupees 15,71,500 authorized by the Government of India, I am now directed to request that, under the circumstances above explained, sanction may be granted to the additional expenditure of Rupees 14,700. The Chief Engineer having in another letter of subsequent date reported that excavations for the foundations of these quarters had been made, and that the present season was most favorable for building operations, the Government, in the Military Department, permitted the continuance of the work on the revised Plan and Estimate above referred to; a proceeding, which, it is hoped, will receive the approval of the Government of India, inasmuch as that Government have in a recent letter* urged the speedy completion of the Barracks.

† Dated 5th Novr. 1857, No. 4977.
‡ Copies of two letters from the Local Officers, A.
3 Plans B, C and D.
2 Abstract estimates E and F.
‖ Enclosure B.
¶ Despatch to the Government of India, dated 5th November 1856, No. 187.
* Enclosure A.
* Enclosure E.
* Dated 4th September 1857, No. 4262.

3. In respect to the deficiency in the number of Solitary Cells noticed by the Government of India, Captain Campbell explains that it was intended to provide for others in a Military Prison on receipt of orders for the building. The subject of this Prison was under the consideration of the Supreme Government in 1854, as stated in Colonel Birch's letter, dated the 27th of October of that year, No. 681; but the result has not yet been communicated to this Government.

Commanded

4. In his letter of the 5th November, the Chief Engineer also brought to the notice of Government that, by an oversight, no provision had been made in the sanctioned estimate, for privies to the Married Men's Quarters. He therefore submitted a Plan† and Estimate† for these buildings, amounting to Rupees 12,900, which are herewith forwarded; and as the necessity of the work is obvious, I am directed to solicit sanction to this outlay also.

† Enclosures C. and F.

5. Among the papers now transmitted, will be found the Plan‡ called for by the Government of India in shewing the site of the Barracks and of the several buildings connected therewith.

‡ Enclosure D.

6. The sums for which sanction is now solicited, are:

	Rs.
Additional outlay for the Married Men's Quarters.....	14,700
Cost of Privies to do.	12,900
Total.....	27,600

7. I am further desired to intimate to you, for the information of the Government of India, that further supplemental estimates will yet have to be submitted for the requisite number of additional Solitary Cells, as well as for the Mill and Bakery, which latter works the Chief Engineer has reported, would involve a heavy excess over the sanctioned amount, owing to the Commissary General having objected to the purchase of Mr. Schuaries Corn Mill at Ootacamund. Colonel Faber has been requested to expedite the submission of these documents.

8. In conclusion, I am to request that the Plans and Estimates wit hother papers submitted in original with the present letter, as well as with my previous Despatch of the 22nd April last No. 759, may be returned as early as convenient, the same being required for reference by the Officer in charge of the Barracks.

No 2394.

Chief Engineer

Captain H. Yule

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, P.W.D.

Sir,

In sanctioning an expenditure of Rupees 27,600 for the construction of the European Barracks at Jackatalla, the Government of India pointed out that the accommodation for Married Soldiers' wives was not in accordance with the plan sanctioned by the Honorable the Court of Directors, and desired that this might be rectified as far as it was practicable. It was also observed that the Solitary Cells were in number very much below the usual complement, and that no plan had been submitted showing the arrangement of the various Buildings

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× Enclosure E.

× Dated 4 Sept. 1857 No. 4262.

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of the 22nd April last No 359
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Officer in charge of the
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I have &c

Fort St George
24th May 1859

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dy. Sec. to Govt. 23rd Dec.

No 2394.

To
The Officiating Secy to the Govt
of India.

Dated 21st Dec. 57.

Forwarding Copy and abstract from the Chief Engineer with its accompaniments on the subject of the construction of the European Barracks at Sukhalalla and soliciting sanction to the additional outlay of Rupees 11,900 for the Married Men's Quarters, as also to the further expenditure of Rupees 12,900 for Punkhas to those buildings.

No 135.

From the Dy. 28th Jany 58 No: 278 to 30th March 58 P. 21-22