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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th May 1857.

No. 89. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated the 20th April 1857, No. 1805.

SIR,

With reference to the 6th Paragraph of the resolution of the Government of Madras No. 186 of the 24th January last, recorded as No. 97 of the Proceedings of that Government for the week ending 27th January, I am directed to remark that the proposal to make a grant of public money for the construction of residences for officers of the Department of Public Works, is opposed to the usual practice in the Bengal Presidency, where such grants have hitherto only been given for the construction of inspection or circuit bungalows for the use of those branches of the Department the duties of which involve a very frequent inspection of works arranged along a definite line of country, such as a great road, a Canal or system of Embankments.

2. The alleged reason, that the provision of bungalows will remove all pretence for Executive officers living out of their divisions appears to require some further explanation, and should the Right Honorable the Governor in Council ultimately find cause for desiring the erection of the proposed buildings, he is requested to be good enough to submit the question with the reasons that have influenced his decision, for the consideration of the Government of India before taking any final steps in regard to it.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 965; dated 19th May 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

89 Read the 1st Sept. & No. 1805

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From

Colonel W. C. Baker,
Secretary to the Govt. of India;

To

J. D. Bourdillon, Esquire,
Secretary to the Government of
Fort Saint George

Dated the 20th April 1807.

Public Works Dept.
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort William;
The 20th April 1857

W. H. Sykes Colonel
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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From the Secry to the
Government of Ceylon

Dated 20th April
Received 4th May } 1857

Requiring with
regard to the proposal of
making a grant of public
money for the construc-
tion of residences for
Officers of the D.P.W.,
the reasons that have
influenced this Govts
decision.

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