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No. 78. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th July 1858, No. 1801.

SIR,

In submitting for the information of Government copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad, No. 886, dated 29th June 1858, I have the honor to state as my own unreserved opinion, that the residence of an Executive Engineer in the Cantonment of Secunderabad is indispensably necessary for the due conduct of the repairs of public buildings, and that such Officer is as much entitled to the permanent occupation of his quarters, as any other belonging to the Force.

2. It is no duty of mine to enter into the discussion as to Lieutenant Smith's personal position, but it clearly devolves on the Chief Engineer of Madras to solicit the interference of Government to secure such arrangements as shall prevent the deterioration of the public buildings.

3. At no other Military station that I am aware of has permanent occupancy been refused to the Executive Engineer, and I beg respectfully to represent to Government the urgent necessity of their authorization of Lieutenant Smith's residence in Secunderabad, so long as he may officiate in that capacity.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. HENDERSON, C. B., Chief Engineer of Hyderabad; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, dated Bolarum, 29th June 1858, General No. 886, Departmental No. 505.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Madras Government, that on the 24th Instant, I received a letter from General Coffin, Cammanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, informing me that one of the old European Infantry Barracks was in a dangerous state owing to the effect of two days very heavy rain, and requesting me to issue the necessary instructions for its preservation.

2. I immediately sent orders to Lieutenant Smith, the Officiating Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division, to proceed to the spot and adopt such measures as he thought fit but as Lieutenant Smith is residing at Bolarum, before he could reach the Barracks a portion of the roof had fallen in and he could do nothing beyond warning the Soldiers not to approach or make use of the building.

3. Lieutenant Smith reported to me the next day after having again visited the Barracks, that all the buildings are in a bad state and more or less in want of repair, in consequence of which I inspected them myself this morning, and I find that his statement is correct.

Nos. 1, 2. 5 and 9 Barracks.
Barrack Guard.
Prison Room.
Conjee House.
Orderly Room.
Serjeant Major's Quarters.

4. On my return to Bolarum, I found another letter from General Coffin calling on me to cause repairs to be executed to the buildings as per margin, as the roofs are in a leaky state. In compliance with his requisitions, I have directed the Officiating Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division, to commence the work on emergency and to prepare an estimate of the probable expense which will be forwarded to you for submission to the Madras Government as soon as possible.

5. It is most unfortunate that owing to the existing state of affairs, Lieutenant Smith's appointment by the Government of India to the post of Officiating Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division, has been set aside by Major General Coffin as far as the works in the Cantonment are concerned, and that he has not been permitted to make the usual annual examination, and execute the annual repairs to the Military buildings in Secunderabad, as in all probability the damages would have been discovered in the course of such an examination, in time to have prevented what might have been a most serious accident and attended with loss of life.

* No. 407 dated 26th March 1858.
No. 489 dated 15th April 1858.

6. I would beg most respectfully to bring again to the notice of Government with reference to my letters* as per margin, how very advisable it is that Lieutenant Smith as long as he continues to hold the appointment of Officiating Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division, should be permitted to reside and hold his Office in Secunderabad. Similar emergencies may occur at any time, but at present the Executive Engineer has no Office or yard in which to keep stores, timber, scaffolding, &c. ready for immediate use, whilst rather than incur the risk of being called upon to vacate his house at any moment, he has been obliged hitherto to reside at Bolarum five miles from Secunderabad.

7. In the present instance if Lieutenant Smith had been on the spot instead of at Bolarum when the danger was first reported, he would in all probability by means of timely propping or other temporary measures, have been able to prevent the roof from falling in.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 1397; dated 19th July 1858.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Secrt. No 886
Depart. No 505

Chief Engineers Office
Bolarum 29th June 1858.

From
The Chief Engineer
of Hyderabad.

To
The Chief Engineer D.P.W
Fort St. George.

Sir

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I have &c.

Sd/ Robt. Henderson Lt Col.
Ch Engineer Hyderabad

True Copy/

Sd/ Major
Offg. Chief Engineer.-

Enclosure in a letter
from the Offg. Ch. Engineer
to the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 8th July 1858
Received 9th July 1858

M.P.W.D. No. 1801.

Copy of a letter
from the Ch. Engineer Hyderabad
dated Secunderabad the 29th June 1858
recommending the erection of
Quarters for Lieut. Smith Offg.
Executive Engineer Cantonment
Secunderabad &c.

Central Office of P. Works.
Fort St. George 8th July 1858.

No. 1801.

From The Officiating Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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Military
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from Chief Engr
Hyderabad No. 886
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Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
8th July 1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
H Lamford Major
Offg Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

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P. Works 858 Department
Ltr. fr. Secy. Chief Engr.
dated 1524

From The Secy. Chief Engr.

To The Secretary Govt.

Dated 8th
Rec'd 9th } July 1858.

Subject. No. 1807

Forwards copy of a letter from the Chief Engr. Hyderabad and states that the residence of an Executive Engineer in the Cantonment of Secunderabad is indispensably necessary for the due conduct of the repairs of public buildings.

No. 1397. 10th July 1858.
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No. 1397

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Rob. Wm. George
19th July 58

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