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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17*th August* 1858.

No. 108. Read the following letter from Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 19th July 1858, No. 3375.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 1236, dated 30th Ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Honorable the President in Council sanctions the estimate amounting to Rupees (20,600) twenty thousand, and six hundred for improvements to the European Barracks at Poonamallee, on the understanding that the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council is of opinion on reconsideration, that the health of the Troops cannot otherwise be secured.

2. I am, however, to remark that the Barrack which is described by the Superintending Engineer as "the very worst of the kind in Southern India and *totally* unfitted for Europeans," appears to be only 16 feet wide, and in the absence of any explanation of the circumstances which have induced the Government of Madras to make the recommendation, it seems open to doubt whether it is good economy to spend a large sum in heightening such Barrack.

3. The plan and estimate received with your letter under acknowledgment, are herewith returned.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, No. 1640; dated 16th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with a request that he will submit without delay such observations as he may desire to offer with reference to the remarks made by the Government of India, meanwhile the sanction granted by that authority will remain in abeyance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 3375

From

Major R. Mutchey
Officiating Chief Engr of Madras

To

The Secretary to Govt
Military Department
Fort St George

Dated the 19th July 1860

In acknowledging the receipt
of your letter No 1236 dated 30th ultimo,
I am directed to report for the information
of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council
that the Estimate amounting to Rupees Seventy thousand
is required for improvements to the
European Barracks at Bangalore, in the
Mysore Province, and that the Right Hon'ble the
Governor in Council is of opinion
that the Estimate
should be submitted by the
Superintending Engineer as the very worst
of the kind in Southern India and Ceylon
"unfitted for Europeans," appears to me only
highest mode, and in the absence of any
explanation

Dft to Com 2d Dep 1838 No 9921 ult

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Dated Com 17th August
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From the Offg Secy
to the Govt of India

Dated 19th July
Received 5th Augt } 1838
From the Offg Chief Engr 20th Augt
No 1928 in Com 7th Sept No 3375
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Sanction the Estimate amounting to Rs 20,000 for improvements & to the Barracks Commissariat & Hospital with reference to the Despatch from the Secret Committee by the Ship Duke of Sussex that the Civil & the very worthless Native & totally unskilled European Artificers there should be employed as long as money is expended & large sums in improving the Barracks

Wellesley
16 August 1838

Dft to Com 2d Dep 1838 No 9921 ult

Dft No. 1640

Received to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer with a request that he will submit without delay such observations as he may desire to offer with reference to the remarks made by the Government of India recommending the sanctioning grant by that authority will remain in abeyance.

Offg Secy to Govt

From Lt Colonel
16th Augt 1838

To Offg Secy to Govt Dept

Dft No. 1640

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Offg Secy to Govt

From Lt Colonel
16th Augt 1838

To Offg Secy to Govt Dept

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