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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19*th April* 1859.

No. 56. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 25th March 1859, No. 1822.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. 497, dated 4th Instant, submitting estimates amounting to Rs. 2,42,600 for the Lines, Hospital, and subsidiary buildings of the Madras Sapper Militia.

2. In reply, I am directed to say that to His Excellency the Governor General in Council the arguments adduced in your letter in favor of the chief measure embraced by these estimates appear to be of general application. Nothing in those arguments appears to bear peculiarly on the case of the Madras Sapper Militia. Indeed in the case of a local and stationary corps of this kind the argument drawn from the recurring cost of hutting money does not seem to apply at all.

3. The question therefore is not one, the decision of which will affect only this particular corps or this particular estimate. It is the housing of the whole Madras Native Army and their families, or of the whole Native Indian Army indeed, at the expense of the State, that is really in question.

4. This may be a proper question for consideration; but it should be looked at as a whole, and with all that it involves. The expense of housing even one corps on the scale now estimated would be most inconvenient at this time. Let it be considered what amount would be required to carry out the measure in its completeness.

5. The Governor General in Council does not mean to deny that advantages might be hoped for, from such an improvement in the dwellings of the Native Soldiers. But the Government of Fort Saint George scarcely seems to realize the fact that it is necessary now to abstain from many improvements promising still greater and more certain advantage.

Staff Serjeants' quarters with out-offices	Rs.	1,900	0	0
Magazine	„	740	0	0
Artificers' shed	„	670	0	0
Hospital accommodation	„	2,600	0	0
Total	Rs.	5,910	0	0

6. The expenditure estimated for the quarters of Staff Serjeants, for Magazine, and for Artificers' Shed, is sanctioned; and also the estimate for Hospital accommodation.

7. The orignal enclosures of your letter are returned as requested.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 899; dated 15th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to the orders noted in the margin. The remarks made in paras. 2 to 5 will receive consideration in that Department; where also it will be decided whether the sanction granted in para. 6 for Staff Serjeants' quarters, Magazine and Artificers' Shed shall be acted upon at once in this Department, or be kept in abeyance.

7th December 1858 No. 4134. Military Department
21st January 1859, No. 267. do.

2. Ordered also to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in view to his issuing orders for the immediate execution of the Hospital work sanctioned in para. 6.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1822.

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 25th March 1859.

Military.
Accommodation for Troops.

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I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

H. Yule
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Have not yet received.
Will be returned when
received.

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P. Works 1859 Despatch
& to Genl Staff Corps April
No 876.

From the Secretary
to the Govt of India

Dated 25th March 59
Received 9th April 59
No 1822.

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Sanctioning Rs
5910 for the construction
of Staff Sergeants Quarters
Magazine, Artificers shed
and Hospital accommo-
dation for the Madras
Sapper Militia

With an order
No 899 = 15th April 59.

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Fort St George
15th April 1859

10 Copies to the Chief Engr Dated 16th
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