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No. 41. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th January 1860, No. 104.

Ordered that the following despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to paragraph 4 of the order 12th April 1859 No. 864, and to the Military Department.

To His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

India Office,

London, 17th November 1859.

No. 35.

I have had before me in Council your letter No. 45 of the 8th September last relative to the barracks for 1,000 men under construction at Jackatalla which though commenced in 1852 are not expected to be completed until the middle of next year at the earliest, and the estimate for which amounting originally to more than £160,000 or at the rate of £160 per man, are expected to be exceeded by one tenth.

2. Both the costliness and the slow progress of these barracks are attributed mainly to the high price of labor on the hills and to the difficulty of manufacturing bricks there, and of procuring supplies of timber, and no hope is held out that these causes will not continue to operate. Labor in particular is stated to be scarcer and dearer than ever owing to the increased demand for it in the low country for railway operations and on the part of Agents from the Mauritius and Ceylon.

3. In these circumstances a valuable resource might apparently be found in the men of the European Battalion already quartered in the finished portions of the barracks who would be at least as well fitted for most kinds of unskilled labor as ordinary coolies and who would probably require little inducement in the form of working "pay" to aid to the best of their ability, in the construction of buildings designed for their own accommodation.

(Signed) C. WOOD.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

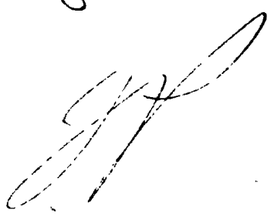
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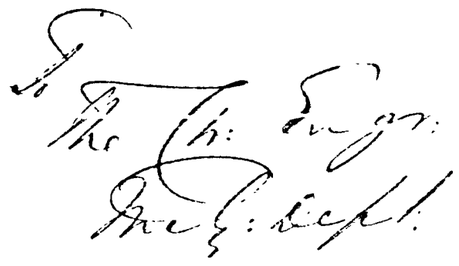
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Under date the 13th July 1860.

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the following despatch
from the Rt. Hon:
the S. of S. for India
be communicated to
the Ch: Engineer with
reference to para 4
of the Order 12th April
1859. No 824, and to
the Military dept.
No 35 of 1859 d 17th Nov.
Suggesting the
employment on the
Chief Engr Ord Dept
by Capn
Ketaalla Barracks

If the men of the Engrs. Battn granted in the finished portions of the buildings.—



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Dated 13th January 1860

From the Chief Engr N.D/27th

Feby/60 No. 535 in the 20th March

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Home Despatch

relative to the Barracks

for 1000 men under con-

struction at Paekatalla,

Communicated to Chief

Engineer -

No 41.