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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 113. Read the following letter from Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 9th May 1860, No. 2,352 :—

With reference to my letter No. 896, dated the 17th February 1860, and to Telegram No. 316, dated the 3rd March 1860, from your Office, I am directed to enquire whether the requisition of the Governor of the Straits Settlements for the services of an Assistant Engineer and Overseer in connection with the building of Barracks for European Troops at Singapore has been received, and whether the Madras Government has been able to furnish the Officer and Subordinates asked for.

No. 114. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched :—

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 26th May 1860, No. 1,103.

1. With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, No. 2,352, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the requisition from the Government of the Straits Settlements for the services of an Engineer Officer and Subordinates for the building of Barracks for European Troops at Singapore.

From Straits Government, 5th March 1860, No. 6.
Order thereon, 11th April 1860, No. 723.
To Straits Government, 11th April 1860, No. 724.
From Straits Government, 3rd May 1860, No. 12.
From Chief Engineer, 23rd May 1860, No. 847 A.

2. On the 5th March last the Government of the Straits Settlements applied to this Government for the services of an Engineer Officer and three European Subordinates for the work in question, stating that it would be desirable that the Officer should act in subordination to the Executive Engineer, Captain McNair of the Madras Artillery. Colonel Cavenagh added that in case of there being no Engineer Officer available, Captain Mitchell of the 22nd Madras Native Infantry now in the Straits, who had officiated as Executive Engineer Officer at Penang for upwards of a year, was reported by the Chief Engineer to have given satisfaction.

3. In reply this Government named Captain Farewell, an Infantry Officer of several years' experience in the Department of Public Works, and who for the last year has been in charge of the new Barracks in course of building at Wellington (Jackatalla), as eminently qualified to undertake the building of the Barracks at Singapore. It was added that this Government could not offer the appointment to Captain Farewell except as a first-class executive charge, with a Staff salary of 600 Rupees a month and full Regimental pay and allowances, and that, considering Captain Farewell's qualifications and experience, the arrangement of placing him under the Executive Officer would be unsuitable.

4. To this Despatch this Government have just received* a reply in which Colonel Cavenagh states that he would not think himself justified in accepting Captain Farewell's services on the terms stated, without the previous sanction of the Government of India, and intimates also that he has appointed another Officer to assist the Executive Engineer at Singapore.

5. In the same letter Colonel Cavenagh requests that Native servants of certain specified descriptions may be sent from Madras to aid in the Barrack work, and this Government has instructed the Chief Engineer to engage such persons.

6. I am directed to add lastly that the Chief Engineer has just reported that three European Sub-Overseers of the Department of Public Works have accepted the appointment of Assistant Overseer at Singapore, and that they will be sent to that place by the first suitable opportunity.

No. 2352.

From

THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

To

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Fort William, 9th May 1860.

Military.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. D. Williams Esq.
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Mr. Pres. 20 June 60. 3-4-
or 20 April 60. 103.

Public Works 1860 Sept
Proc. of Govt 31st May

N^o 1234

From the off^{ce} Secretary to
the Govt of India -

Dated 9th May 1860
Rec^d 23rd

Enquiring whether the re-
quisition of the Govt of the
Straits Settlements for the
services of an Assistant Engineer
& Surveyor in connection with
the building of Barracks at
Singapore has been received
and complied with by
this Government.

N^o 113.

N^o 1103. 26 May

11 April
Dated 28

Public Works Dept

N^o 1103

Captain C. A. Dickens
Officiating Secretary to the Government of
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Fort St. George 26th May/60

Public Works 1860 Dept
Pro. of Jout 31st May.

6/10.2.

To
The Off^g Secretary to the
Government of India.
26th May 1860.

From Dr. J. A. Lums, M.C. 5/1/05

For forwarding correspondence
concerning the subject of the re-
quisition from the Govt. of
Straits Settlements for the
services of an Engr. Officer
and Subordinates for the
building of Barracks at
Singapore.

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