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

No. 3. Read the following letter from Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 17th February 1860, No. 896.

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2. The Honorable the President in Council hopes the Madras Government will be able to comply with the request which may be expected from the Straits Government for the services of an Engineer Officer and Overseers, even though it should be at some inconvenience; for it will be observed that it is evidently necessary that the buildings at Singapoer for European Troops should be constructed both speedily and well, to ensure their answering the intentions of Her Majesty's Government in connection with the China expedition.

3. If, however, it should be impossible to comply with this request, I am to beg that information may be furnished by Telegraph, when endeavours will be made to supply the demand here.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1860, No. 516.

Ordered to be recorded: The Officiating Secretary to the Government of India having been informed in reply by a Telegraph Message of the 2nd instant that the Engineer Officer and Overseers required will be sent after specific instructions are received.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 54.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
London, 8th December 1859.

MY LORD,

ON receipt of your letter in the Military Branch of this Department, No. 11 of the 7th June last, requesting an early reply as to the provision of Barracks for a Regiment of European Infantry at Singapor, I caused a communication on the subject to be made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copies of which and of the reply thereto are herewith transmitted.

2. Concurring with your Government in the importance of having Barrack accommodation for European Troops at Singapor, Her Majesty's Government are of opinion that their construction should not be postponed until the question of placing Singapor under the control of the Colonial Office is finally decided. I would add that, independently of the security of Singapor and the Straits Settlements, the existence of Barrack accommodation may be serviceable at Singapor in connection with Military operations in China, and the sanitary condition of that Expedition.

3. These various considerations induce Her Majesty's Government to authorize the construction of Barrack accommodation at Singapor for a Battalion of Infantry and a Detachment of Artillery, care being taken that no greater outlay be incurred than may be necessary to secure healthy Barrack and Hospital accommodation, and that the cost be kept separate to facilitate adjustment of accounts in case of transfer to the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient and humble Servant,
C. WOOD.

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No. 894.

SECRETARY TO THE

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To

HERMAN MERISALE, Esq., C. B.,
Colonial Office.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
London, 28th October 1859.

SIR,

A LETTER has lately been received from the Government of India requesting an early reply to their previous recommendation that Barracks should be constructed at Singapoer for the Regiment of European Infantry which there is little doubt must hereafter be permanently stationed there.

2. Before passing orders on the subject, Sir Charles Wood is desirous of ascertaining whether, in the event of Singapoer being transferred to the direct control of Her Majesty's Government, the cost of the proposed Barracks would be defrayed by the Imperial Treasury. In that case it might be desirable to entrust the construction of the Barracks to Officers of the Royal Engineers to be despatched from Bengal for the purpose with instructions to keep distinct accounts of their expenditure.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. CLERK.

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Carried over .. \$ 1,16,880

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No. 894.

SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

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To
SIR GEORGE CLERK, K. C. B.,
Under Secy. of State for India.

DOWNING STREET,
18th November 1859.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23th ultimo, stating that the Secretary of State for India is desirous of ascertaining whether, in the event of the transfer of Singapore to the direct control of Her Majesty's Government, the cost of Barracks which it is proposed to construct there for an European Infantry Regiment would be defrayed by the Imperial Treasury.

I am desired by His Grace to observe in answer that, as it has not yet been finally decided that the control of Singapore should be transferred to this Office, and as the particulars therefore of its revenue and expenditure are not within the cognisance of the Department, there are not the means here of giving any very confident opinion; but that if the local revenue be not more than adequate to the ordinary current demands of the Government, it seems probable that, in case the Settlements were placed on the footing of a British Colony, application would require to be made to Parliament for any Military Barracks which were found to be indispensable, and that in that case the War Department would have to prepare plans and submit the vote to the House of Commons.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
F. ELLIOT.

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FROM THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
To THE GOVERNOR OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 17th February 1860.

Military.
Accommodation for Troops.

HON'BLE SIR,

IN continuation of my letter No. 5321, dated 6th August 1859, forwarding to you a copy of H. M.'s Secy. of State's Despatch directing the preparation of quarters for a Regt. of European Infantry and Detachment of European Artillery at Singapoer, I am now directed to convey the orders of the Govt. of India on the subject, with reference to your letters noted in the margin.

No. 122-797, of 4th August 1859.
" 132-871, " 24th "
" 141-901, " 3rd Sept. "
" 149-961, " 17th "

2. The Hon'ble President in Council, after consideration of all the proposed sites for the Infantry Barracks, has decided upon that at Tanglin, and accordingly authorizes the purchase of the necessary ground, including a portion of Mr. Whampoa's estate at a cost not exceeding Rs. 60,000. If there be any difficulty about providing sufficient space at Tanglin for the whole Regiment, you are authorized to locate two Companies, as proposed by yourself, at Clunie. The ground taken up, including the purchased portion, should provide ample room for all requirements, including a proper parade ground. A survey and sketch should be submitted, showing the disposition of the several buildings; and care should be taken to place the buildings so as to secure a free circulation of air, and so that no one shall obstruct the prevailing breeze from another.

3. The Barracks for the Infantry are to be of the kind contemplated in this Office letter No. 5058 of 25th July last. The Hon'ble President in Council is accordingly pleased to sanction Captain Collyer's estimate as follows:—

Twenty Half-company Barracks on plan sent with
Col. Yule's letter; planked floors and sides,

brick and chunam pillars, and attap roof ..	\$ 96,520
Privies for ditto with fittings	" 3,915
Wash Houses	" 3,415
Cook-rooms	" 4,875
Canteen	" 3,392
Solitary cells	" 1,424
Quarter Guard-room with Out-offices	" 2,884
Rear	" 455

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Brought forward ..	\$ 1,16,880
Regimental magazine, brick and mortar ..	" 3,000
" Workshop ..	" 900
Sentry boxes ..	\$ 200
Staff Sergeants' quarters ..	" 1,680
Brick cook-rooms and privies to ditto ..	" 1,193
Hospital, two wards ..	" 8,112
Quarters for Medical Establishment ..	" 4,032
Dispensary and Surgery ..	" 1,440
Cook-rooms, privies, and bath-room to Hospital ..	" 2,983
Guard-room to ditto with Out-offices ..	" 619
Store-room ..	" 525
Dead-room ..	" 144
Fencing Hospital-yard ..	" 500

OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

Two Lieut. Cols'. with Out-offices ..	\$ 7,794
Two Majors' and one Senior Surgeon's ditto ..	" 8,084
Twelve Captains' ..	" 25,642
Twenty-five Subalterns' and Mess ..	" 22,860
Roads, Bridges, leading to Barracks and drainage of ground ..	" 20,000
Practice ground and butts ..	" 1,000

Total .. \$ 2,27,588

or Co.'s Rs. .. 5,00,493

The Family Barracks, Skittle Alley, Fives Court, and School and reading room will be deferred for the present.

4. For the Artillery the Hon'ble the President in Council sanctions the completion, as a one-storied building, of the Barrack already begun in Fort Canning. This may be used as a Hospital. For the Barracks for the two Companies, the site in the centre of the Fort may be adopted, as proposed by Captain Collyer, Barracks being built there on the same plan as authorized for the Infantry.

Sanction is accordingly given to the following expenditure:

Barracks for two Companies of Artillery, on the same scale as for the Infantry, say ..	\$ 25,000
Cook-rooms ..	" 1,630
Privies and Urinaries ..	" 1,030
Canteen ..	" 2,066
Completing Barrack now constructing as a Hospital, say	" 10,000
Officers' quarters ..	" 9,720
With the necessary tanks and for water supply, say ..	" 856

Total .. \$ 50,302

Or Rupees .. 1,10,664

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5. The buildings now ordered should be put in hand at once, and completed as soon as possible. You are requested to report when they are likely to be ready.

6. It has appeared to His Honour in Council that the existing P. W. Establishment of the Straits Government may not be adequate to the construction of these buildings with that celerity which is desirable in order to render them useful in connexion with the China Expedition, as desired by Her Majesty's Government. I am accordingly instructed to say that the Government of India has therefore addressed the Government of Madras, requesting that if possible that Government will comply with any requisition you may make for assistance in the way of P. W. Establishment to the extent of one Engineer Officer and three European subordinates.

7. It is left to you to decide, in consultation with the Chief Engineer, whether the Infantry Barracks should be undertaken as a separate Executive Charge, or should be a part of the charge of the present Singapore Executive Engineer. You will be guided by your decision on this point as to the tenor of your request to the Madras Govt. on the point of the standing of the Engineer Officer to be applied for.

8. The Officer should be requested to bring over such labour and materials as the Chief Engineer may consider it desirable to get from Madras.

9. Enquiry is being made here for a Steam Engine and Sawing Machinery, which will be sent down, if procurable of a suitable kind.

10. If Barrack Furniture cannot be easily supplied at Singapore, you are requested to make timely application for it to be sent from Calcutta, mentioning when a portion of the Barracks is likely to be ready to receive it.

11. The accounts of the expenditure to be incurred for the accommodation for European Troops now ordered are to be kept distinct and separate, as specially enjoined by Her Majesty's Government.

12. Sanction is accorded to the completion of the Gun platforms and drainage works (Rs. 18,620) in Fort Canning; but under the orders from the Secretary of State, No. 20, dated 1st June 1859, no further expenditure on Fortifications must be incurred.

I have the honour to be,

HON'BLE SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT WILLIAM,
The 17th February 1860.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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My dear Bill

Please look at
these papers.

When would
you recommend
for the duty?

Yours truly
Steph

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My dear Pycroft

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Mines.

This came by H. Staker.

I suppose that it should
be at least four years
that he may desire when
he to send a headman
Engineer Officer & if to
who he shall be

27^c I should be the first place
before the Coast of India J.P.
that an Eng. Officer & President will be
well furnished.

I think that will should be a man
Several of his juniors are
in far better circumstances,
and

take the name & recommend for the duty then
then after the name to the Governor for
final approval -

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February 28

My dear Pycroft

I am quite at a loss to
name an Officer for Singapore
without knowing what his
salary is to be. All our Officers
of any standing and some of
very little standing get Rs 600
or 700 a month besides travelling
allowance. Singapore is a very
expensive place, and an Officer
would be a loser if his income
were not increased there by
Rs 200 at least.

We have a Captain Rogers
who is at present unprovided
for and is well qualified for
the Singapore work but
several of his juniors are
in far better circumstances,
and

and he would think it a great hardship to be shut out from promotion.

Upon the whole I am disposed to recommend Leake who is a good Officer but whose health is evidently unequal to District duties. He must not if he goes to Singapore be independent, but under the strict supervision of the Chief Engineer.

I cannot at present name the Overseers but as the Governor, I suppose does not care about their names this is of no importance. It appears sufficient to say that a selection of suitable men will be made I might however to know in their case also

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what pay will be given. Consign telegraphs to General for the pay of the Officer and Overseers?

The standing of the Officer it appears is to be put from Singapore and this being the case is there any particular advantage in selecting the Officer now? However I have already, in compliance with instructions recommended Leake.

Wasted -

Yours very truly
Signed J. H. Bell.

28 February/60

21st

From Madras.
From Chief Secy

To Calcutta
To Secretary & Govt of India

Your letter Number eight hundred and ninety six about the Barracks at Singapore received - please let me know what salaries will be given to the Engineer and Overseers.
Signed / J. Pycroft.
Chief Secretary

2nd March/60

From Calcutta.
From Cap. C. H. Dickens.

To Madras
To J. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secy.

The allowances of the Eng^r and overseers for Singapore must depend on the terms of the Governor's application after receiving that application any doubtful point may be settled by the Madras Govt provided that it be arranged in conformity with the Bengal code which is in force at Singapore

2nd March/60

To Cap. Dickens
Secretary to Govt.
of India.

The Madras Govt will be prepared to provide an Engineer officer and overseers to build the barracks at Singapore but they will not be sent until we receive specific instructions.

2nd March/60. ~~~~~ Signed / J. P.

Copy of Telegram
inferred to and from
the Government of India
about the Barracks
at Singapore.

FROM
THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
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SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. G. Meis Captain
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Wm. H. Burleigh

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From the off^o Secretary
to the Gov^t of India.

Dated 17 Feb 1860
 Recd 28
 - Encl:

Requesting compliance with the request which may be expected from the Straits Govt. for the services of an Engineer Officer and Overseers to superintend the construction of barracks for European troops at Singapore.

Further Pro: 20 April 60
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from Court of India 9 May
1860 Chs 1254.

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Ordered to be recorded, the Officers
 being Secretary to the Society, having been
 informed and reply by a Telegram the President
 of the Society that the Engineer Officer
 and Engineers required will be sent on the
 specified instructions and received.