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for the month of April 1860.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from Colonel ORFEUR CAVENAGH, Governor of Prince of Wales Island, Singapore and Malacca, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Prince of Wales Island, 5th March 1860, No. 6:—

With reference to instructions recently received from the Supreme Government, I have the honor to request the favor of your moving the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to place at my disposal the services of an Engineer Officer and three European Subordinates of the Public Works Department.

2. As although it is intended that the attention of the above Officer should be entirely devoted to the erection of the new Barracks ordered to be built at Singapore for the accommodation of a Regiment of European Infantry, yet from his want of local knowledge he will have many difficulties at first to contend with, it has been deemed desirable that he should act in subordination to the Executive Engineer, Captain McNair of the Madras Artillery, a smart and intelligent Officer, from whom he will derive much valuable aid and advice; at the same time, as he will be required to keep a separate account of the whole of his disbursements, which are not to be included in the Budget of ordinary local expenditure, it is necessary that he should be an Officer of some experience in the Department.

3. I deem it right to mention, in case of there being no Engineer Officer available, that Captain Mitchell, of the 22nd Regiment Madras Native Infantry, now in the Straits, officiated as Executive Engineer Officer at Penang for upwards of a year, and was reported to me by the Chief Engineer as having given satisfaction.

4. I have called upon the Chief Engineer to prepare, with the least practicable delay, a statement of the amount and description of labor and materials required from Madras, which I hope to be able to transmit by the next Mail.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1860, No. 723.

A copy of this letter, and of the previous correspondence on the same subject with the Government of India, will be sent to the Chief Engineer; with the request that he will propose the names of three Subordinates to go to Singapore. Colonel Bell will state the emoluments proper in his opinion to be assigned to these men; and, as desired in the Telegram from the Government of India of 2nd March, those emoluments should fall in with the Bengal scale. Colonel Bell should ascertain that the men whom he proposes are willing to go.

2. A copy of the letter addressed this day to the Government of Straits Settlements respecting the Engineer Officer to be sent, will be furnished to the Chief Engineer for his information.

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

No. 3. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched:—

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Governor of Prince of Wales Island, Singapore and Malacca, dated 11th April 1860, No. 724.

In reply to your letter of the 5th March, received 30th idem, I am directed to inform you that this Government can place at your disposal an Officer eminently qualified to undertake the building of the Barracks at Singapore. This is 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 Jackatalla on the Nilgiri Hills, and

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now nearly completed. In this important and in some respects difficult charge Captain Farewell has acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Head of the Public Works Department and of this Government.

2. Your letter does not specify the rate of allowance which it is proposed to give to the Executive Officer of the Singapore Barracks; but I am directed to state 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, besides full Regimental pay and allowances. I am desired to add that in the opinion of this Government, his services would be cheaply purchased at that rate.

3. Adverting also to paragraph 2 of your letter, I am to state that, considering Captain Farewell's qualifications and experience, especially for the particular duty in question, this Government consider that to place him under the Executive Officer of the Settlement would be an unsuitable arrangement.

4. In the event of your declining Captain Farewell's services on these terms, this Government will move His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to allow Captain Mitchell, mentioned in the 3rd paragraph of your letter, to be placed at your disposal for the post of Executive Officer of the Barracks.

5. Arrangements will be made as soon as possible to send the Subordinates asked for. The emoluments to be paid to these men will be fixed by this Government, in accordance with a Telegram from the Government of India, dated March 2nd, 1860, of which a copy is annexed.

"The allowances of the Engineer 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 Government, provided that it be arranged in conformity with the Bengal Code, which is in force in Singapore."

*General M.
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Military Dept.

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Wm. Cavenish Home
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