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No. 35. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., for Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 22nd September 1862, No. 392/U G 166 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a communication* from Captain Haig, representing the great inconvenience and loss which result in the prosecution of the works on the Upper Godavery through the prohibition which appears to be in force precluding him from detaching sections of the Sappers and Miners employed under his orders to localities where their services are especially required.

2. I do not know whether, being a Military subject, it is one of those upon which comments are expected from this Department; but I risk the remark that although it is unquestionably preferable to have a European Officer always with a Detachment, I have known men who have been so detached from Company head quarters under the charge of a good Native Officer, rejoin without any apparent evidence of their discipline being impaired.

3. The discipline of Sappers though no doubt primarily "Military," is not of that strictly "Regulation" standard, which is indispensable in Troops of the Line.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1862, No. 2,363.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration with reference to the Orders in that Department dated 28th September 1861, No. 3,490.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

N^o 392

Northern Circle Office
Chepauk 22^d September 1862

From,

Lieutenant Colonel T. O. E. Ludlow R.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer M.C.

To

Colonel W. A. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosure

* N^o 203 dated
5th September 1862.
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Warwick Office
Chepauk
22nd September/62

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Archibald Lieut. Col. R.E.

For Dy. Chief Engineer N.E.

To
Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.N.D.

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J. H. D.

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Dear Sir

Don't
the military Dept. with letter from Capt. H. S. V. who has been
1/3 " of duty and danger. A. C. ✓
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