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*Public Works*

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
27th July 1864.*

No. 466. Read the following letter from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, to Local Governments and Administrations, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 21st June 1864, Circular No. 39 :—

SIR,

1. A suggestion having been made in this Department that Soldiers might be usefully employed in whitewashing their barracks periodically, and the matter having been referred to the Government of India, in the Military Department, the views of that Department in Resolution No. 260 of the 27th May, are herewith forwarded; and I am directed to request that an experiment may be tried at two or three stations in the ——— of letting out the white-washing and scraping of the walls of barrack buildings by contract to Regiments at the full rates of the regular estimates, and the result reported to this Department.

2. With reference to the scraping of walls before whitewashing, I am directed to state that it is certainly necessary for all dwelling rooms and out-offices, but it is hardly necessary for auxiliary buildings.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,  
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,  
*Under Secretary to the Government of India.*

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, for information.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,  
*Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

*Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council,  
in the Military Department,—No. 260, dated 27th May 1864.*

Read the following documents relative to a proposed reduction in the expenditure of barrack buildings by \* \* \* \* \*

having the periodical whitewashing done by the soldiers themselves :—

Public Works Department Memorandum, No. 2,889 G. G., dated 17th November 1863.

Quarter Master General's letter, No. 307, dated 17th May 1864.

RESOLVED.—That it does not appear to the Government in the Military Department probable that any saving would result from the employment of British Soldiers on daily pay in whitewashing their barrack buildings, but that the experiment might be tried of giving the whitewashing to Regiments on contract, if they will take it, even though it may not appear that a saving can be effected thereby, payment being only made on the work being properly done. \* \* \* \* \*

With regard to the suggestion that, before whitewashing, all walls should be thoroughly scraped, it is believed in the Military Department that such is not the general practice now, and that its introduction would be productive of increased cost, but that the point deserves consideration.

Ordered, that the above be communicated to the Public Works Department for consideration, and, if the plan be approved in that Department, with a view to the necessary steps being taken in communication with the Military Authorities, for offering contracts to such Regiments as may be selected.

No. 467. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1864, No. 2,141.

Communicated to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,  
*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Chapman  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1864*

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SECTY TO GOVT. OF INDIA,  
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Dated Simla, 1st June, 1864.

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Employment of Soldiers for whitewashing  
barracks periodically.

*No. 46. 467*

*With an order*

*22<sup>nd</sup> July 1864 - No 25<sup>th</sup>*