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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th September 1864.*

No. 130. Read the following Circular from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, to the Local Governments and Administrations, dated Public Works Department, Simla, 26th July 1864, No. 52 :—

SIR,

I am directed to forward an Extract from the Proceedings of the Sanitary Commission for Bengal, dated 9th May 1864, recommending as a measure calculated to diminish the liability of European Troops to venereal disease, that several separate bath-rooms should be attached to each lavatory, as shown in the new standard plan, with a plentiful supply of water, so as to afford the means of ablution in private, and to request that early measures may be taken for carrying into effect the proposed measures so far as it is possible in existing wash-houses which have not been constructed according to present standard plan.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department for information.

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

Enclosure to Public Works Circular No. 52 of 1864.

No. 77, dated 9th May 1864.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Sanitary Commission for Bengal.

The Commission was engaged in the further consideration of the measures required for the prevention of venereal disease among the European Troops.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Sanitary state of the Army in India, say in their Report, (page 127) that "additional measures of cleanliness, such as have been recommended by Mr. Acton, ought to be provided in all barrack lavatories. They would materially diminish the liability of the Troops to this class of diseases."

The Commission entirely concurs in the propriety of this recommendation, and observes that the means of carrying it into effect will be provided when lavatories are constructed according to the last standard plans that have been prepared. There will then be attached to each lavatory several separate bath-rooms, affording means of ablution in private. The Commission is unanimously of opinion that measures should be taken for providing permanently one or more bath-rooms of this kind in every barrack, with an ample supply of water. The Commission believes that there can nowhere be any difficulty in making temporary arrangements for this purpose until permanent bath-rooms can be provided, and that every thing necessary may be done at a cost little more than nominal.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1864, No. 2,590.

No. 2,145, dated 30th July 1863,

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers and to the Military Department with reference to the Orders marginally noted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers,
Military Department.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

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