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No. 161. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 23rd December 1863, No. 1,679 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the
Executive Engineer of Bangalore is authorized to prepare Estimates and Plans for the accommo-
dation of a Light Field Battery at the Race Course at Bangalore, as well as for a Regiment of
Dragoons, which he has been ordered to do by the Commander-in-Chief during His Excellency's
recent visit at Bangalore.

2. There are F. S Ranges of Barracks, each calculated to contain one Troop, but in
consequence of the great reduction in the strength of Cavalry Regiments while serving in India,
it has been determined that five Ranges will answer for Barracks for the men to live in, and the
other Ranges could have been adapted to other purposes, such as Hospital, Canteen, &c., but
Captain Goddard has been directed to reserve these extra Ranges for the use of the Light
Battery recently added to the strength of the Garrison.

3. The Commander-in-Chief has also directed Captain Goddard, in communication with
the principal Medical Officers at Bangalore to prepare a Plan of Hospital, to accommodate not
only the Dragoons, but all the Royal Artillery stationed at Bangalore, which I observe from an
approximate Estimate that has been made will cost about 1,80,000 Rupees.

4. The project, therefore, has been materially altered, and if all His Excellency's instruc-
tions are approved of by Government, I will direct the Executive Engineer to prepare detailed
Plans and Estimates accordingly ; but I wish the Government to observe that the accommo-
dation of the Dragoon Regiment on the Race Course, roughly calculated to cost about six lacs of Rupees,
will now, in consequence of the great rise in prices of all commodities during the last six years,
when the first cost was calculated, as also the extension of the original project as ordered by His
Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, increase the Estimate to nearly ten lacs of Rupees.

5. There are no less than eighty-four buildings of different sizes which will be required, and
I am afraid some time will yet elapse before the entire project will be ready for submission to
Government, but it will give me greater confidence that our labors will not be wasted in
maturing so large a project, if I have the authority of Government that all that has been ordered
by the Commander-in-Chief has their approval.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1864, No. 78.

Referred to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

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Superintg. Eng^rs Office 5th Division
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