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No. 195. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras:—

Read the following Circular dated Public Works Department, Fort William, 7th April 1864,
No. 12.

No. 926, dated 28th March 1864.

*Office Memo.—From COLONEL H. W. NORMAN, C. B., Secy. to Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.,
To—Secy. to Govt. of India, Public Works Dept.*

1. The undersigned is directed to return the enclosures of Colonel Strachey's Office Memo, No. 537, dated 3rd ultimo, and to state that no separate reading room or billard room has been authorized for Serjeants of British regiments, and that no authority has been given by the Military Department for such rooms being attached to Serjeants' Messes.

2. It has been observed by Government, in the Military Department, that a good deal of unnecessary trouble has been given to the Public Works Department by the submission of estimates, &c., for works, some of which were wholly unauthorized, and others (as in the instance of the Serjeants' Mess at Trimulgherry, which led to the present remarks) combined authorized works with others which had not been sanctioned.

3. It seems therefore, desirable to determine, in the first place, what descriptions of recreation and employment the Government of India can properly either provide or encourage for the European Soldiers in India, and, in the second place, what buildings will be required for Regiments, Batteries, &c., that the opportunity of so employing themselves may be sufficiently afforded to all. By proper arrangements the same building may perhaps be made to serve two or even more purposes without interfering with either; and a copy of a letter to the Adjutant General is annexed, requesting that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may be moved to give the matter his early and careful consideration, and, after communicating with the Commanders-in-Chief of the Madras and Bombay Armies, to submit distinct recommendations on each of the points noticed above, when, it is hoped, the course to be followed by Government will be easily decided.

No. 928, dated 28th March, 1864.

*From—COLONEL H. W. NORMAN, C. B., Secy. to Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.
To—Adjutant General of the Army.*

1. In transmitting to you copy of my Office Memo. No. 926 of this date, to the Public Works Department, I am directed to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that, with the view of rendering more easy the subsequent determination of the provision which must be made in the Public Works Department for such objects, as well as to check unauthorized requisitions which tend too often to delay the progress of works that are authorized, it seems very expedient to define clearly, and with as little delay as possible, the particular means of recreation and employment which Government will provide for the men, or encourage them to make use of, as apart from those which may best be left entirely to regimental or local exertions.

2. I am therefore to request that you will move His Excellency, after consultation with the Commanders-in-Chief of Madras and Bombay, to favour the Government of India with a statement of *all* those means of employment and recreation which either are, or, in His Excellency's opinion, should be provided or directly aided by the State, showing succinctly in general terms the nature and extent of the encouragement which should be offered, and offering also such reasons as His Excellency may think it necessary to adduce for the adoption of any schemes which have not been approved of or recommended heretofore.

3. The question of the accommodation to be provided for objects for which standard plans have not already been sanctioned should, the Governor General in Council is of opinion, be considered separately, after the schemes to be promoted by Government shall have been

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determined. But, as the amount of accommodation which will be required is a material element in the matter, it would be well to note in the statement which of the various objects could be provided for in the same building or rooms, by a judicious arrangement of the hours during which they should be used for them respectively,—as intimated in para. 3 of the Office Memo.

4. For instance, the dining wards in each company or half-company barrack, which is a large and well ventilated apartment, might possibly be used as the ordinary reading room of the

company, being lighted up at night as recently suggested* or as may be found best; and the female school, or other room, might possibly be used out of

school hours for the women's work rooms suggested in your predecessor's letter No. 327, dated 16th May 1862.

5. These instances are merely noticed as illustrations of what Sir Hugh Rose may find it possible to effect, and I am to solicit His Excellency's early and careful consideration of the subject, which will engage the earnest attention of Government as soon as the statement now asked for is received.

Govts. of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and N. W. Provs.; Govr. Straits Settlements; Chief Commrs. Oudh, British Burmah, and Central Provinces; Commr. of Mysore; Resident at Hyderabad; Agents Govr. Genl., Rajpootana, and Central India.

Copy-forwarded for information to the Local Governments noted in the margin.

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

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

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

No. 196.

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Communicated to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

„ Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Communicated to
the Military Dept -*

*Chapman }
12th May 1864 }*

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Secy to the Govt of
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of this Circular relative to the
descriptions of recreation to
be provided for the Euro-
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With an order