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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th May 1865.*

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating Memorandum from the
Government of India forwarding copy of
Despatch from the Secretary of State,
relative to the provision of Recreation
rooms for British Soldiers in India. } (Here enter 12th May 1865, No. 1,807.)

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1865, No. 1,356.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 32.

No. 357, dated 7th February 1865.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineers, with reference to the Order noted
in the margin.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—
From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London,
9th March 1865, No. 67; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor,
General of India in Council.

1. The papers regarding the provision of Recreation-rooms for the British Soldiers in India, forwarded with paragraph 13 of your Despatch, No. 463 of the 21st December 1864, have been under my consideration in Council.

2. A Committee composed of experienced Regimental Officers, appointed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to consider the subject of the provision of Recreation-rooms for the British Soldier in India, have recommended for a British Regiment.

I. A double Fives Court for each Wing on an improved plan, one Court in each Wing to have a back wall to admit of its being used for racket playing.

II. A double Skittle Alley in each Wing, one of each to be of sufficient length to allow of the American bowl game.

III. A Gymnasium according to the English plan, as far as practicable.

IV. A Swimming Bath for each Wing for men, raised above the level of the ground to admit of complete natural drainage.

V. The same for each Wing for the men's families.

VI. Accommodation for Workshops, as agreed to by the Rawul Pindee Committee, dated 14th March 1864.

VII. A Reading-room with Presses for Books, a Recreation-room and a Regimental Refreshment shop, all under the same roof, but the latter at one end separated entirely from the rest of the building by a partition wall and having a separate entrance.

VIII. A Station Theatre.

IX. A Cricket ground, to be railed in and turfed by Government.

X. A Serjeants' mess with Reading and Recreation rooms in a Central position, convenient to the Staff Serjeants Quarters, or in the case of Batteries of Artillery, or other bodies of men, under the same roof as the Staff Serjeants' Quarters.

XI. A Musketry Instruction room.

XII. A woman's day room for each Wing.

3. Your Government have recognized the expediency of providing the above with the exception of the Musketry instruction room, and for the present, the Theatre

4. Musketry instruction can, you believe, be well imparted either in the Gymnasium or Reading room as may be found most convenient, and without questioning the value of a Theatre, both for theatrical performances and for lectures, your Government consider that they can only be provided when provision has been made for the other and more necessary works which the Troops require.

5. I fully approve of your decision upon these points.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 17TH APRIL 1865.
No. 739.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

By order,
(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 1807, 12th May 1865.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Department of Public Works,
for information.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Adjutant General.
„ Public Works Department. *With 20 spare Copies*
„ President Sanitary Commission, ...
„ Barrack Master, Fort Saint George, } for information.

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7th February 1865.

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18th May 1865 }*

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To The Superintending Engineers
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Exd. W. Regel.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
in the Military Dept.

Of 12th }
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Memorandum
Despatch from the
Secy: of State relative
to the provision of
Recreation-rooms
for British Soldiers
in India.

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