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18th July 1865.*

No. 472. Read the following Circular from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military,) to all Local Governments and Administrations, dated Simla, 22nd June 1865, No. 57 :—

1. The Commission appointed in England to enquire into the sanitary state of the Indian Army, having recommended that "all future barracks be erected on "raised basements with the air circulating under the floors," I am directed to request that, in view to enable the Government of India to give the matter due consideration, Executive Engineers may be instructed to open out two or three floors in each range of barrack buildings at every station, both before, after, and in the middle of the rainy season, and to report whether the floors are liable to be affected by damp during the rainy season. Care should be taken in the examination to discern whether any damp that may be apparent is due entirely to the weather and the soil, or in part to washing the floors; the height of the floor above the level of the ground should be stated in each case.

2. Specific reports should at the same time be obtained from the Military and Medical authorities, as to whether the floors are found by them to become damp at any of the stations in any of the existing barracks, during the rainy season.

3. The reports in question, when complete from all stations, should be submitted to this office, with the remarks of the Government of Madras upon the general question of the advisability or otherwise of raising barrack buildings on vaulted basements, due consideration being given to the expense that the measure would involve.

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

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

No. 473. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1865, No. 2,063.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 31.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Divisions, who will be requested to issue orders for two or three floors in each Range of Barrack buildings at the Military Stations within their respective charges being opened out and examined as directed, taking care to discern whether any damp that may be apparent is due to weather and soil, or to washing the floors, and they will report the result, noting the height of the floor in each case above the level of the ground.

2. Paragraph 2 will be referred to the Military Department, with a view to the Military and Medical authorities being called upon to submit the required reports, as to whether the floors of existing Barracks at any of the stations are found by them to become damp during the rainy season.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

„ Superintending Engineers, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Divisions.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

CIRCULAR No. 57 of 1865.

To

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Military.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT;
Simla, the 22nd June 1865.

SIR,

THE Commission appointed in England to enquire into the sanitary state of the Indian Army, having recommended that "all future barracks be erected on raised basements with the air circulating under the floors," I am directed to request that, in view to enable the Government of India to give the matter due consideration, Executive Engineers may be instructed to open out two or three floors in each range of barrack buildings at every station, both before, after, and in the middle of the rainy season, and to report whether the floors are liable to be affected by damp during the rainy season. Care should be taken in the examination to discern whether any damp that may be apparent is due entirely to the weather and the soil, or in part to washing of floors, the height of the floor above the level of the ground should be stated in each case.

2. Specific reports should at the same time be obtained from the Military and Medical Authorities, as to whether the floors are found by them to become damp at any of the stations in any of the existing barracks, during the rainy season.

3. The reports in question, when complete from all stations, should be submitted to this office, with the remarks of the *Gentl of Madras* upon the general question of the advisability or otherwise of raising barrack buildings on vaulted basements, due consideration being given to the expense that the measure would involve.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, *Lieut.-Col., R. A.*
Secretary to the Government of India.

J. M. Williams. *Captain, R. E.*
Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
P. W. D.

Public Works Dept
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
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From the Secretary to Govt of India

With reference to a suggestion of the Sanitary Commission in England, requests to be furnished with reports from Executive Engineers and Civil & Medical authorities, together with the views of Local Govts on the general question of the advisability or otherwise of raising barracks buildings or vaulted basements.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Divisions who will be requested to issue orders for two or three floors in each range of barracks buildings at the Military Stations within their respective charges being opened, out and examined as directed, taking care to discern whether any damp that may be

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CIRCULAR No. 57.

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ALL LOCAL GOVTS. AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

FROM
SECTY. TO GOVT. OF INDIA
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Dated 23rd June 1865.
Received 14 July

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To the Military Dep^y
Capt. Liggins
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Communications to
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