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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th July 1865.*

No. 637. Read the following Circular from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 22nd June 1865, No. 58:—

The undersigned is directed to forward, for general information, the following letter* from the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department, addressed to the Quarter Master General, communicating the decision of Government against the provision by the State of barrack accommodation for the Native Troops of the Bengal Army.

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 662, dated 17th April 1865.
From Colonel H. W. NORMAN, C. B., Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Quarter Master General.

1. I am directed to acknowledge your letter marginally noted, conveying the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as to the provision of quarters at the public expense for Native Troops.

No. 2,237, dated 22nd June 1864.
" 2,693, " do. July "

2. In reply, I am to acquaint you, for His Excellency's information, that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has given the matter his careful consideration. Without entering into the merits of His Excellency's plan, the Governor General in Council is, he directs me to say, at once debarred from according his sanction to it, from a knowledge of the enormous outlay and heavy annual expenditure which the provision of State barracks would assuredly entail. This decision is the more imperative now from the present and growing necessity for the exercise of strict economy in all matters of military expenditure.

3. The Governor General in Council has therefore decided to leave the system of hutting, which now exists in the Bengal Army, untouched.

4. But while the Governor General in Council will not alter the existing system, yet should His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief represent that further assistance is necessary to enable the Sepoy to build his lines in particular localities, the Government of India is quite prepared, on a clear case being made out, to take the matter into consideration. But, I am to observe, it is not to be lost sight of that the assistance of the Government is given in aid of the Sepoy, and is not intended altogether to relieve him from the duty of providing his own shelter, which has always been one of the conditions of his service.

5. The only circumstances under which the Government will take on itself the whole expense of providing quarters for Native Troops, are for those who are quartered within fortified posts, and at places where details are temporarily detached and often relieved.

6. All such cases should be referred to the Government, in order that each may be dealt with on its own merits.

No. 639. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1865, No. 2,147.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 45.

Communicated to the Military Department, and to the Superintending Engineers:

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

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To the Military Department.
" Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Communicated to the
Military Department and to the Super-
intending Engineers.

Fort St George }
26th July 1865 }

To the Military Department
By Superintending Engineers

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Military Works.

CIRCULAR No. 58.

To

FROM
SECY. TO GOVT. OF INDIA,
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Dated SIMLA, 22nd June, 1865.

Received.

19 July

Communicating decision of Government in the
Military Department that Barrack accommodation
for Native Troops in the Bengal Presidency is not
to be provided by the State.

No 639. 638.

With an order

C. 22nd July 1865 - 02. 22nd

No. 2117 - 26th July 1865