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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*30th October* 1865.

No. 722. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Intimating that no alterations should be made, at present, to the Dragoon Barracks at Secunderabad, in consequence of the issue of the new pattern privy tubs. } (Here enter 21st October 1865, No. 3,916.)

No. 723. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1865, No. 3,251.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 39. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Ed. T. O'Connor,

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

### *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 12th September 1865, No. $\frac{511}{8978}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for consideration and orders—no authority from the Madras Government having been conveyed for the introduction of the dry system at Secunderabad, and no sanction other than that of the Inspector General of Ordnance having been obtained for the introduction of the new pattern privy tub by Surgeon Major Jephson, 1st King's Dragoon Guards.

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From the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Head Quarters, Secunderabad, 3rd July 1865, No. 222; to the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

I have the honor to submit the correspondence noted in the margin, and to request your instructions thereon.

*Letter No.* 209, *dated* 21*st June* 1865, *from Brigadier General J. T. Grant, to the British Resident Hyderabad.*
*Letter No.* 392, *dated* 26*th June* 1865, *from the Secretary to the Resident Hyderabad, Department Public Works.*

2. This correspondence originated in an application made to the Executive Engineer for the removal of the old privy seats in the Barracks of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, as these seats are no longer required in consequence of the introduction of the new muster privy tub lately sanctioned by the Madras Government and used by the King's Dragoon Guards while at Bangalore, and recently introduced at this station.

3. It appears that the Executive Engineer, acting under his instructions has already provided the air tight filth and urine tubs, described in conservancy memorandum, No. 227B of 1863, and is anxious that they should be used, but I have already pointed out to the Resident, that these air-tight (iron) vessels are useless until the introduction of the platform carts on which they are to be carried.

4. Instructions seem also to have been issued by the Supreme Government in building the new quarters, to build the privies agreeably to plan laid down in the conservancy memorandum before alluded to.

5. Hoping that I may be favored with instructions.

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From the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Head Quarters, Secunderabad, 21st June 1865, No. 209; to the British Resident, Hyderabad.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Secretary's letter No. 150 of 1864-65, and beg in reply to state, that no instructions have yet been received from the Madras Government, to introduce the system of conservancy described in memorandum, No. 227B of 1863 on conservancy.

2. With regard to the dry earth system nothing definite has yet been settled, the present establishment would have to be somewhat increased to enable it to be carried out, the same remark applies to the system of conservancy alluded to, in former paragraph.

3. The filth tub recently introduced by Surgeon Major Jephson has been approved of and sanctioned by the Madras Government. It is smaller and consequently more portable. It is also cheaper than that formerly in use. Besides these advantages it is provided with a seat with a moveable lid, which by allowing it to be closed keeps the privy much sweeter than it otherwise would be.

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From the Secretary to the Resident Hyderabad, Department Public Works, Bolarum, 26th June 1865, No. 392; to the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, Secunderabad.

I have the honor under instructions from the Resident, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 209, dated the 21st current and in reply to state that the system recommended in paragraph 3 appears to Mr. Yule to be attended not only with unnecessary expense, *viz.*, providing filth-tubs according to Surgeon Major Jephson's plan, but is also opposed to the wishes of the Government of India, under whose orders alone, are all the public buildings at Trimulgherry. This being the case, the Resident thinks that you should take steps to have the new system of dry con-

servancy introduced as soon as possible, for although there may be nothing definitely settled yet in this matter, as far as the Government of Madras is concerned, still that system has been ordered by the Government of India, to be carried out in all Military Cantonments and Jails throughout the Presidency and Provinces under their control, and moreover the system, the Resident thinks, is far too good a one to make any such innovation as is contemplated in the Dragoon Barracks at all desirable.

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Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for early report.

19*th September* 1865.

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From the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 6th October 1865, No. 150 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Dept.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt to your docket, dated 19th September 1865, referring for report memorandum, No. 511, dated 12th September 1865, from the Quarter Master General, on the subject of the dry system of conservancy introduced in Secunderabad.

2. Latrine tubs of the description referred to in the memorandum had been in use with the King's Dragoon Guards when stationed at Bangalore ; and on the removal of the Corps to Secunderabad, a requisition for tubs of a similar kind, from the Officer Commanding, was forwarded by Brigadier General Grant, C. B., Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, to this Department, with extract from a letter from Surgeon Major Jephson, attached to the Corps, recommending the use of the wooden tubs.

> "*The latrine tubs in use in the Barracks, "Secunderabad, are of an expensive kind, "and not so good as the kind of tub with "a cover used at Bangalore, and through-"out all the Barracks in Fort Saint "George, I would recommend that these "kind of tubs should be used in Bar-"racks.*"
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> "*I indented for 12 tubs besides urinal "tubs, each tub to be 18 inches high, 14 "inches diameter at the top, and 19 inches "at the bottom, this size was adopted, so "that the tubs could be very cheaply and "easily procured at all Stations, by mak-"ing them with the staves of old beer "barrels. The staves of a beer-barrel "making two for a latrine tub each tub "was fitted with a moveable top.*"
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> "*These tubs I had tarred inside and out-"side.*"

3. I beg to annex in the margin copy of the extract referred to, and to state, that under the circumstances represented, it did not appear necessary to obtain the special sanction of Government for compliance with the requisition for the tubs in question, the more especially as alterations in the system of Barrack rules were, and are, under the consideration of Government.

4. The enclosures received are herewith returned.

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ORDER, No. 3916, 21st October 1865.

The Governor in Council considers it inexpedient, under present circumstances, that any alterations to the buildings at Secunderabad should be made, consequent on the issue of tubs of the pattern adverted to in the foregoing correspondence ; the introduction of the dry earth sewage being contemplated and only awaiting the final orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General, with 2 enclosures.
,, Inspector General of Ordnance,
,, Public Works Department. Without enclosures
,, President SanitaryCommission,.....} for information.
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Department,}

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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~~Chain tubs for~~
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With orders
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