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No. 359. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Military Works), to the Secretary to Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 18th January 1866, No. 5:—

The following remarks by the Army Sanitary Commission in England regarding the selection of sites for barracks at Hill Stations are circulated to the Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance:—

“The best barrack sites are unquestionably those which occupy the summit level of the ground, and such should always be selected when possible. In proportion, as sites are selected at a lower level, with higher ground rising close behind them, will sites, even on the hills, be found to be less and less healthy. Sites on terraces, constructed on slopes, should be avoided unless under the pressure of necessity. But where such sites must be occupied, care should be taken that the drainage of the higher ground should be completely cut-off from the site, and that no part of the barrack room be nearer the slope than 20 or 30 feet. The ends of the rooms should face the slope, but never the sides.”

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1866, No. 553.

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Communicated to the Military Department, and to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
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