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27th January 1864.

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 8th January 1864, No. 28A.

Communicating letter addressed to the Government of India, requesting sanction for the grant of Rupees 28,640, *for the maintenance of Public Bungalows and Choultries in this Presidency, during the year* 1864-65, *the estimated balance of Rupees* 9410 *being expected to be realized from fees, &c., and stating that, in anticipation of sanction, an entry of Rupees* 9410 *has been made on the credit side of the Local Fund Budget, while Rupees* 28,640 *have been entered on the debit side of the Imperial Budget under the head "E. Works of Internal Improvement and Public Convenience."*

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 8th January 1864, Nos. 54A—56.)

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1864, No. 71.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th January 1864.

No. 29.

No. 56.

From

J. D. SIM, ESQ.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of the Supreme Government in the Financial Department, dated 5th November last, No. 5,431, regarding Staging Bungalows, I am directed to state that the strict application of the Local Fund Rules to those buildings is not at present practicable in this Presidency.

2. Prior to 1857 no charge was made for accommodation in these buildings. In that year the system of levying a moderate fee was introduced, the Bungalows being supplied with crockery, &c., and additional servants being employed in those most frequented by travellers. At present the receipts and charges (as estimated for 1864-65) amount respectively to Rupees 9,400 and Rupees 28,180.

3. The Government are now engaged in revising the Bungalow Establishments of the Presidency. Several Bungalows have already been closed, others have been let to private individuals as Hotels, and the number to be kept up will shortly be reduced as much as possible. At the same time the Establishment of servants and the rates of fees will be re-considered, the former reduced and the latter increased as far as circumstances permit.

4. The Government do not, however, anticipate that these buildings can for some years be made entirely self-supporting, and it would be very inexpedient to close every Bungalow which does not pay its own expenses.

5. There is no line of road in this Presidency so much frequented by travellers as to hold out the slightest hope of a line of Hotels, proving remunerative, and if Staging Bungalows are not kept up, much inconvenience will result to the public, and the resort of European merchants to the markets of the interior, which it is so desirable to encourage, will be greatly impeded. Private individuals cannot travel about with tents, and for several months in the year tents cannot be used; so that if the accommodation which public Bungalows afford is withdrawn the direct intercourse now springing up between the European capitalist and the Native producer will in fact be prevented, and the Ryot be thrown back into the hands of rapacious middle-men and usurious money lenders.

6. The Local Funds of this Presidency are almost exclusively drawn from the Native population and are of comparatively small amount. It would obviously be inequitable to draw on such funds for the maintenance of buildings intended for the use of travellers who contribute but little towards them.

7. Under the same head in the Madras Budget a sum of Rupees 9,860 appears on account of Native Choultries. These buildings were as a general rule erected by charitable Natives and usually possessed landed endowments. The latter have for various reasons been resumed at different times, the Government, in return accepting the obligation of keeping up the buildings, so long as they are required for the accommodation of the Native public. If desired, landed endowments can again be attached to each building, but this arrangement would entail much inconvenience both at the outset in assigning the lands, and afterwards in the management of them or, if they be made over to private individuals, in the due appropriation of the proceeds, without, so far as this Government can perceive, attaining any good or useful object. The present system is at once the simplest and most effective; some years ago efforts were made to induce respectable individuals to undertake these trusts, but without success except in a few instances.

8. Under the circumstances above explained I am directed to request that a grant of Rupees 18,770 may be sanctioned for the maintenance of public Bungalows and Choultries in this Presidency during the official year 1864-65, the estimated balance of Rupees 9,410 being expected to be realized from fees, &c. In anticipation of sanction an entry of Rupees 9,410 has been made on the credit side of the Local Fund Budget, while Rupees 18,770 have been entered on the debit side of the Imperial Budget under the head E. "Works of Internal Improvement and Public Convenience."

9. For the construction of fresh Bungalows where such may be needed provision must for the present continue to be made, as hitherto, in the Public Works Budget.

10. In all other respects the Bungalows will be managed as objects of local concern, and the Supreme Government may rely on every effort being used to relieve the Imperial finances of all expense on their account as soon as circumstances permit.

11. A report of the result of the revision now being carried out will be submitted in due course for the information of the Supreme Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1864.

No. 54A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1863 :—

Read Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 5th December 1863, No. 2,209.
(In Cons. 7th December 1863, No. 7,894.)

1. Circulated to all Collectors for information and guidance.

2. The Board presume that the sale proceeds of disused Bungalows will be credited to the Local Fund account hereafter. They will however request orders from Government as to the mode in which funds are to be provided to meet current expenditure where this may exceed the receipts, as it very generally will do.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1864, No. 28A.

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India, and that copies of the same be furnished to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Department.

(Here enter, No. 29, 8th January 1864.)

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, } with No. 29.
" Department Public Works, }
" Financial Dept. with No.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Comg: letter addressed to the Govt of India requesting sanction for the grant of Rs 18770 for the maintenance of Public Bungalows & Choultries on this Rest: during the year 1864-65, the estimated balance of Rs 9,410 being expected to be realized from fees &c; and stating that, in anticipation of sanction, an entry of Rs 9410 has been made on the Credit side of the Local Fund Budget, while Rs 18770 have been entered on the debit side of the Imperial Budget under the head "C Works of Internal Improvement & Public Conveniences"

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