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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*23rd May* 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 202. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1874, No. 485 (Miscellaneous).

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 12th December 1873, No. 487 :—

I have the honour to request that the Accountant-General may be asked to place, at the disposal of the District Engineer of South Arcot, Rupees 60, from General Fund Balance of the Vridachellum Circle for the current year, for the purpose of making alterations and additions to the bungalows at Anumanthacuppam on the sixty-fifth mile of the road from Cuddalore to Salem frontier *via* Vridachellum.

2. A copy of the resolution of the Local Fund Board on the subject is enclosed.

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The President will state when, and under what authority, the large and small bungalows at Anumanthacuppam were built, and what use is made of them now.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Secretary.*

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No. 203. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1874, No. 632.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Merkanum, 14th February 1874, No. 15 :—

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and paid for, without sanction, out of the allotments for the roads by the sides of which they stand, with, I think, one exception. Indeed Mr. Norfor virtually admits this, though he says there are no records in his office to prove the fact.

3. The one exception to which I allude is the Overseer's bungalow at Trinomalay which was purchased, with proper sanction I believe, though it has been recently considerably enlarged without any such sanction that I am aware of, and on this point I have called for explanation from the District Engineer.

4. The buildings being in existence, it is advisable that they should be maintained in efficient repair, as they are decidedly useful in affording accommodation to Range Officers or others who may have out-marched their tents, or may not be able to pitch them owing to wet weather, as well as for storing tools. I, therefore, beg to recommend that the sum asked for to repair the Anumanthucuppam bungalows be granted.

5. As all these buildings apparently have no existence apart from the roads on which they stand, they are as such now under the Local Fund Boards, who will use their best endeavours to prevent any expenditure on them without proper sanction.

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2. The buildings are used for securing Public Works Stores, etc., and for the purposes mentioned in my letter, No. 121, of the 6th August 1873.

3. As regards the other Public Works sheds or bungalows on roads, I have to state that they were built from the Local or Imperial Funds, as the case may be, when the respective roads were formed, and serve the same purposes as those mentioned above.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1874, No. 879.

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(True Extract.)

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.
Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

*Dated May, 23rd.*

*Read.*

*G.O., 23rd May 1874, No. 879.*

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**Nos. 202—204.**

*Tool-sheds and Bungalows.*—Before passing orders on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue for the transfer to Local Fund Boards of all such sheds made or maintained from the allowances from roads without special sanction, certain information called for from the Public Works Department.

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To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with Board's Proceedings, dated 24th January 1874.
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,, the District Engineer, South Arcot.
,, the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Presidents of all other Local Fund Boards.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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# Board of Revenue
## MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 19TH MARCH 1874, No. 632.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 6th March 1874, No. 1080.

Received 10th March 1874.

MARCH. No. 632.

*Bungalows or tool sheds*—at Anumanthuppam in South Arcot District.—Allotment of Rupees 60, sanctioned from General Fund of Vridachelam Circle, for repair of — and Accountant-General requested to place amount at disposal of Public Works Department Government requested to allow transfer of all such tool sheds to Local Fund Boards. All Presidents of Local Fund Boards to see that practice of making and maintaining little bungalows out of allowances for roads, without sanction, is not allowed in their districts.

W. F. [illegible]

Read the Letter from the Chief Engineer dated 6th March 1874 No. 1080 submitting a Statement of the Bungalows or Tool sheds constructed at the cost of Rupees 60 each, sanctioned from General Fund of Vridachelam Circle, for repair of — and Accountant-General requested to place amount at disposal of Public Works Department Government requested to allow transfer of all such tool sheds to Local Fund Boards. All Presidents of Local Fund Boards to see that practice of making and maintaining little bungalows out of allowances for roads, without sanction, is not allowed in their districts.

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer be informed that this matter requires much more complete looking into than this Order provides and a return of the exact number of these Structures in Each District must be obtained before any General Order or Sanction of the kind proposed is issued. For I have little doubt that a Considerable burden is proposed to be laid on the Local Funds by the transfer of these inferior Engineer bungalows for maintenance & Repairs.

The fact is that a most irregular practice has

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obtained more or
less generally in the
Department some years
ago of building regular
small bungalows or
~~cottages~~ for the use
of the Engineer officers of
the Districts – who probably
drew travelling Allowance
or lentage for otherwise
providing accommodation.
These were constructed
and maintained without
the sanction of Government
by diverting funds
provided for works of
their construction
and they are maintained
out of maintenance &
allowances. They were
designated tool-sheds
– probably a few tools
were kept there when
unoccupied – and their
cost we no doubt passed
without challenge in the
Controllers

I suppose. I do not think we can
approve of transfers
such expenses, about
which persons shd apply
the P. W. Dept. or
Local Fund Boards

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Controllers Department
under this name.

Consult the P.W.D
& prepare statement & letter
showing the number of such
Sheds in each Dist.
the orig. cost of each. what
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Order

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G. O. May. 23, 1874, No. 879.

Nos. 202. 204.

Tool Sheds & bungalows. Before passing orders on the recommendation of the Board of Rev. for the transfer to Local Fund Bds of all such Sheds made or maintained from the allowances from roads without Special Sanction, certain information called for from the P. W. Dept.