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Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 812 *Mar*

DATED 23rd November 1896.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 14th November 1896, No. 1678/372 G.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1305 W., dated 23rd April 1896 (G.O., No. 338, Marine, of 15th May 1896), I have the honour to state that, for want of a suitable site to build on, and for other good reasons, the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, has submitted a proposal that instead of building a new bungalow for the Port officer at Gopalpur to reside in, a house at Gopalpur belonging to Mr F. J. V.

Minchin, which has been offered for Rs. 6,500, be bought for the purpose. I enclose copies of the correspondence * received by me on the subject, and recommend the proposal for favourable consideration.

2. The survey plan and valuation statement referred to in the correspondence above quoted are herewith sent.

ENCLOSURES.

From W. C. DEMORGAN, Esq., Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated Berhampur, 21st October 1896, No. 3570.

With reference to your No. 442 G.N. of 17th July 1896 and preceding correspondence, I have the honour to forward a survey and valuation of the house now occupied by the Port officer at Gopalpur.

2. This house has been for some years occupied as a residence by the Port officer at Gopalpur. It is the property of F. J. V. Minchin, Esq., of Aska and he advises me that he is prepared to dispose of it as it stands for Rs. 6,500. This does not include the cow-house, which is a catcha building, and which he is prepared to remove. This is no value.

3. The house was built, as far as I can recollect, in 1889-90, and I frequently saw it while under construction. It is a thoroughly sound building in a good compound with commodious stables and godowns and a good water-supply. The main compound is fenced with salwood post and rails 5 feet high, and the public road runs on either side. The godowns and stables are allukka buildings; and I am not over-estimating if I say that it would cost the department Rs. 10,000 to construct a similar building, not including value of land, fencing, well and improvements.

4. The value of land has been taken as that obtained from the Revenue Department for more than 2½ acres, as it includes the portion from A . . B in the small survey.

5. The house is about ¾ mile from the Port office. In your office letter under reference, mention is made of another house. I have not had this house valued for several reasons: firstly, because I have received no communication from the owner on the subject and do not know what price would be asked; secondly, because the house even at Rs. 3,000 is not nearly such a good bargain as Mr. Minchin's at Rs. 6,500; thirdly, because it is twice as far from the port; and fourthly, because the out-houses are poor and there is not a good supply of water.

6. As regards the construction of a new residence for the Port officer, I must point out that there is no good site available and that anything *pukka* that can be built by this department for Rs. 6,200, including stables, godowns, compensation for land, fencing, &c., will be a very poor residence for the Port officer, more particularly if he be a married man.

7. I say nothing of the time it will take to build the residence and to make it comfortable as an habitation.

8. In my opinion Mr. Minchin's offer is good and fair one, and one by which Government will be a gainer. I need only add that were it not for the fact that Mr. Minchin is desirous of disposing of his Indian property, he would not offer at this price.

No. 764 G.N.

Copy forwarded with enclosures to the Presidency Port Officer, with reference to G.O., No. 1305 W., dated 23rd April 1896, and with an expression of concurrence in the proposal made by the Executive Engineer.

It is requested that sanction of Government may be obtained for the purchase of the building, should this suggestion meet with the approval of the Presidency Port Officer.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Supg. Engineer, I Circle,
29th October 1896.

ORDER—No. 812, Marine, dated 23rd November 1896.

Having in view the recent orders of the Government of India in regard to restricting expenditure, the proposal to purchase the house in question cannot, at present, be entertained. It may be renewed early next year when, it is hoped, funds may be made available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.

„ Public Works Department, with two enclosures.

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Marine (1896) Department.

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Enclosures 2 and 1 Plan.

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The S.P.O. 20/11/96
Public Works Dept
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SUBJECT.

Forwards with recommendation
proposal of the Superintending
Engineer, Ist Circle, for providing
quarters to the Port Officer,
Gopalpur.

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BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Memo	5542	Revenue	7-11-96
S.O.	744	Marine	30-10-96
Memo	4642	"	17-9-96
S.O.	338	"	15-5-96
"	93	"	15-2-96

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Ganjam Division Office, Bhubaneswar.
1896.

No. 3570

From W. De. Morgan Esquire,
Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To The Superintending Engineer,
District Circle.

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(Sd). W. D. E. Morgan.

Executive Engineer

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/s/ J. B. Lammie

Superintending Engineer

First Circle.

(True Copy)

Madras.

14 November 1896 }

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Commander R. J. W.

Presy: Post officer

No. 1678 G
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Heading.

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,

Madras, 14th November 1896.

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Commander H. A. Street, R.N.M.,

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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* Executive Engineer, Ganjam's
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H. A. Street

Commander, R. I. M.,
Residency Port Officer.