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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th June 1861.*

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1861,
No. 2,682:—

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 27th March 1861, No. 60.
(In Cons. 3rd April 1861, No. 1,985.)

1. Submitted for the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, with a copy of the Collector's letter, dated 27th September 1860, and the Board's Proceedings thereon.
In Cons. 1st October 1860, No. 4,936.

2. In the foregoing letter, the Collector proposes to increase the pay of the Peons and Sweepers at the Bungalows at Payucaray, Naduvattam, Avilanchi, and Sispara, owing to the dearth of food and the difficulty of obtaining persons on the present salaries and to employ a Peon and Sweeper for the newly constructed Bungalow at Seegoor.

3. The increase thus recommended will be met partly by the reduction of the Establishments allowed to the Bungalows at Kulhutti and Coonoor, and amount finally to Rupees 25 per mensem. The receipts from occupation fees at the Bungalows in question are expected to be about Rupees 365 per annum, and it is believed that after defraying contingent charges, a portion of the above amount will be available to meet the above increase.

4. Under these circumstances, the Board recommend that the propositions submitted by the Collector be sanctioned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1861, No. 1,287.

1. The Government cannot consent to grant two Peons for any of the Neilgherry Bungalows. They are of opinion, that one Peon and one Sweeper will be quite sufficient for each Bungalow.

2. They observe that it is proposed to reduce the number of Peons at the Coonoor Bungalow from three to one; but it is not necessary to have even one Peon at this station. The Bungalow has the full establishment of Cook, Maty and Sweeper, and not more than one hundred and fifty travellers resort to it during the course of the year. The dispensing with of the Peon at Coonoor, and the grant of one for each of the other Bungalows, will admit of a saving of ten Rupees, instead of an increase of twenty-five Rupees a month as proposed by the Collector. This will afford means for giving an extra Rupee each to the Peons at the first four places, viz., Payucaray, Naduvattam, Avilanchi, and Sispara, where they may be fairly allowed the additional remuneration, and will still leave a net saving of three Rupees out of the present cost of the establishment maintained for the care of the Neilgherry Bungalows.

3. The Collector will be instructed to revise his tabular Statement accordingly; allowing 7 Rupees monthly each, for all the Peons, except those at the four stations above named, who will get 8 Rupees and 4 Rupees for each Sweeper.

4. The Government will not object to divide the Peon's allowance between two pensioned Sepoys, if such an arrangement is practicable on the hills.

5. A considerable portion of the fees realised from travellers should be available towards the charge for establishments.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

IN CONS. 3RD APRIL 1861, No. 1,985.
From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated Ootacamund, 27th March 1861, No. 60.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th October last, No. 4,568, I have the honor to submit a proposition in the tabular form for such establishment as is absolutely necessary for the travellers' bungalows on the Nilgiris.

2. For the bungalows at Coonoor, Kulhatty and Segoor, only one peon on 7 Rupees and one sweeper on 4, for each are proposed to be allowed, as directed by the Board; but for Pycarray, Nadoovuttom, Avelanche and Sisparah, this scale is insufficient. These are lonely places surrounded with thick jungles, with no native habitations or villages near at hand, and none will remain there singly—two have always hitherto been allowed. They are also feverish and if one peon alone is allowed, he may be often sick and absent. Under these circumstances, I think there should be two peons at each of the *above* places, in order that one may be a relief to the other, and both may perform out-door work by turns. With this view I have provided for two.

3. The Board will see that the existing establishment amounts to Rupees 80, or 24 Rupees in excess of the sum shown in the statement forwarded with my communication of the 27th September 1860, No. 172. This is owing to four peons and two sweepers employed at Kulhatty and Coonoor, and paid by the Military Department, being included in the present statement, which was not done before, as I had no information about them.

4. The proposed scale amounts to Rupees 105 or 25 Rupees over the present establishment, or 24 Rupees less than the increase shown in paragraph 6 of my letter quoted above, and I request that the early sanction of Government may be obtained for the proposed establishment.

5. A list showing the number of travellers who have halted at each of the bungalows, is transmitted as directed, in which is also shown the probable amount of fees which may be expected annually. It is only at Coonoor and Kulhatty that any large amount can be collected, the other places being feverish, and not so much frequented by general travellers, though very requisite for the coffee planters and others.

6. The columns intended to show the charges during the preceding three years in the tabular statement, are left blank, inasmuch as the pay of the establishment of five bungalows was paid by the Military Department and of one by the Collector of Malabar. I have tried in vain to let out the bungalows to any *respectable* and *trustworthy* parties.

ENC. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Proposition for the establishment required for the travellers' bungalows on the Nilgiri Hills.

ENC. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List showing the number of travellers who halted in the public bungalows on the Nilgiris and the expected amount of fees per annum.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th October 1860.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 27th September 1860, No. 172:—

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of Mr. Pelly's letter to Government, dated 27th July 1860, I have the honor to submit a proposition for the increase of pay of the peons and sweepers employed in the Travellers' Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills.

2. For the same reasons as those already reported to, and admitted by, both the Board and Government in the case of the peons of the Neilgherry Taluq Establishment, viz., dearth of food, the trying climate to natives, necessity of additional warm clothing, it is absolutely necessary that the pay of the Bungalow Establishment should be raised to the same standard as that of the Taluq peons: indeed the situation of the Bungalow peons is the most lonely and trying of all.

3. There are seven Travellers' Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills, of which four are situated on the two lines of road from Ootacamund to Malabar, viz., Sispara, Avelanchee, Pykarrah, and Neddoovattum; in the first of which there are two peons employed on 5 Rupees as stated in the accompanying copy of letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 10th August 1860, No. 4,079, and in the other three there are two peons on 5 Rupees each and one sweeper on 2 Rupees at each place, as will appear from the enclosed copy of list from my Assistant Mr. Nesbitt, through whom the pay of the servants of these three Bungalows is disbursed by the Military Department. It appears from Mr. Nesbitt's report that from the impossibility of procuring sweepers on the small salary allowed by Government, the pay sanctioned for the sweepers of Neddoovattum, Pykarrah and Avelanchee Bungalows, is divided between the peons, who (nominally) provide for the cleaning of the Bungalows. This is contrary to the orders of Government, and should be put a stop to. Taking into consideration the isolated position of the above four Bungalows, and the circumstance of their being surrounded by thick jungles, and with a view to make efficient provision for the care and cleanliness of the buildings, I am of opinion that there should be two peons at 7 Rupees each, and one sweeper on 4 Rupees at each of them; the total additional monthly cost being 26* Rupees, as particularised in the margin.

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Pay of one sweeper to be newly entertained for the Sispara Bungalow.....	6	0	0
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	26	0	0

4. Of the remaining three Bungalows, two are situated on the line of road from Ootacamund to Mysore, viz., Kulhatty and Seegoor. In the former there is a peon employed on 5 Rupees under the sanction of Government, dated 22nd May 1855, No. 208, and in the latter (Seegoor) a newly constructed one, there is no one to take care of it. The pay of the Kulhatty man should be raised to 7 Rupees, and for the Seegoor Bungalow, a peon should be newly entertained on 7 Rupees. There are no sweepers at all in these two Bungalows, and the employment of such on 4 Rupees each is absolutely necessary for the cleanliness of the buildings. The extra cost is 17½ Rupees, as shown marginally.

Increase of pay for one peon at Kulhatty.....	R.	A.	P.
Pay of one peon to be newly entertained for the Seegoor Bungalow.....	2	0	0
Pay of 2 sweepers to be newly entertained for 2 Bungalows at 4 Rupees each.....	7	0	0
	8	0	0
	17	0	0

5. The last Bungalow is that at Coonoor, which has only a peon on 5 Rupees under the sanction of Government, dated 22nd May 1855, No. 208, whose pay should likewise be raised to Rupees. A sweeper should also be newly entertained for this Bungalow on 4 Rupees. The increased expenditure in this instance is Rupees 6.

6. The total strength of the present Establishment for the seven Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills, is 13 men with a monthly salary of 56 Rupees. The proposed Establishment provides for men with a monthly pay of 105 Rupees, the increase being 49 Rupees, which is unavoidably necessary, and for which I request the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government.

Received by the Secretary
to Government at Coimbatore
dated 28th May 1861
E. B. Thomas

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7. I suggested to Mr. Nesbitt the expediency of his submitting an application to the proper Military authorities for the increase of the pay of the servants employed in the Bungalows at Naddoovattum, Pykarrah and Avelanchee, as they are now paid by the Military Department, but * Vide accompanying copy of his letter, dated 22nd Aug. he informs* me that the original sanction for the above Establishment was received through the Board of Revenue: consequently I have included the same in this application.

8. It is unnecessary for me to repeat that it is very difficult to procure men for the office of peons on the Neilgherries; the wages paid by other Departments being very high. *Ex. Gr.* Mr. Rohde's (the Inspector General of Jails) peons get 9 Rupees each.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 10th August 1860, respecting the two peons employed at the Sispara Bungalow on a salary of Rupees 5.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List of the peons and sweepers employed in the Naddoovattum, Pykarrah, and Avelanchee Bungalows, who draw their pay from the Military Paymaster Trichinopoly.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Letter from the Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of that District, dated 22nd August 1860, relating to the increase of the peons' wages.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the present and proposed Establishment of the Travellers' Bungalows on the Neilgherries in the District of Coimbatore.

1. The Board think that a peon on Rupees 7, and a sweeper on Rupees 4 monthly, should suffice for these Bungalows. The Collector is requested to state the number of travellers who have halted at each during the past year, and the amount of fees which may be expected annually.

2. The Board think that the Kulhatty and Coonoor and probably some of the other Bungalows might be rented out to respectable persons engaging to provide food, &c., to travellers. In that case the only conditions would be that travellers not desirous of availing themselves of the renters' services should still have the use of the building and Government furniture and servants, and that the renter should take proper care of the buildings, &c. The Collector will report if any such arrangement is practicable, and forward a tabular statement for such Establishment as may prove necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Ed. J. Wright.

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Note. Owing to the dearth of food - the climate is it has been found necessary to raise the pay of peons & on the Hills - the peons in charge of public Bungalows of course need the in create as much as other peons. There are two men - a peon & sweeper - even being also a sweeper - at the Bungalows. Considering that many of the buildings are little more than huts in track of jungle they can not well be attended by a peon & sweeper in the 4 lines. I have placed 1/2

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Signed: J. D. S.
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