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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th November 1862.

No. 447. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 17th November 1862, No. 2,425:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for the payment of the sum of Rupees 2,000 on account of the purchase of Mr. McDonell's house at Verdachellum in South Arcot, and for the execution of the necessary repairs to the same. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 17th November 1862, Nos. 191-192.)

No. 448. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1862, No. 2,825.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, who will be good enough to instruct the District Engineer of South Arcot to disburse the sum of Rupees 2,000 from the General Funds at his disposal for the current year, and to carry out the repairs required to the building ordered to be purchased by Government.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1862:—

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 31st October 1862, No. 232.

SIR,

1. On receipt of the Board's Proceedings under date 2nd September 1862, forwarding orders of Government, No. 1,961, of the 12th idem, I called on the District Engineer to value Mr. McDonell's property at Virdachellum, which that gentleman has proffered for sale to Government, and I beg herewith to enclose a plan of the property with an estimate of its value, and of the cost of repairs needed to render the house properly habitable. It will be seen from these papers that so far as Government are concerned, the purchase is on all accounts desirable; and I accordingly recommend that Mr. McDonell's offer be at once accepted.

2. The house has been so long untenanted, that the repairs estimated for are urgently required in order to the preservation of the building, and to make it fit for the occupation of a family. I therefore solicit sanction for the immediate execution of these repairs by the Engineer's Department, so that the building may be made available to the Sub-Collector at an early date.

Memorandum.	RS.
Purchase money.....	2,000
Add of repairs.....	2,000
	4,000

Rent at 6 per cent. on this is at the rate of 20 Rupees per mensem.

3. As regards the rent I would suggest that 20 Rupees a month be fixed, which will be equivalent to 6 per cent. on the total outlay inclusive of purchase money and of the present cost for repairs; and future repairs should, I think, be at the sole charge of Government as the landlord. The Board will observe that the value of the Kacheri building is estimated at Rupees 1,950, nearly the entire amount paid for the whole property, and as extra tentage will hereafter be saved and Government are bound to provide Office accommodation where this allowance is not drawn, I am of opinion that the rent proposed is rather above than below the proper sum, and is equivalent to more than 12 per cent. on the actual cost to Government of the dwelling house which is alone chargeable with rent, but I have not lost sight of the fact that the property is worth far more than the Government give for it, while no tenant would consider 20 Rupees a month as unreasonable the Government undertaking the customary repairs.

4. Awaiting further instructions.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. The valuation of the entire building, residence and Kacheri, is Rupees 5,360, and the necessary repairs are estimated to cost Rupees 2,000, deducting which, the net value is Rupees 3,360.

3. Mr. McDonell offers the whole for Rupees 2,000, and the Board consider that the purchase would be advantageous to Government, who would save the charge for extra tentage during a considerable portion of the year, and receive rent for the use of the residence.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1862, No. 2,425.

1. Resolved that Mr. McDonell's offer to sell his house at Virdachellum in South Arcot for Rupees 2,000 be accepted. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the payment of this sum and for the execution of the repairs which the building requires.

2. The Board will request Mr. Reade to receive from Mr. McDonell the Title Deeds of the property together with an assignment in proper form.

3. The Government consider the rent proposed by the Collector to be too small. It should be fixed at 30 Rupees monthly instead of 20 Rupees.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department with three original enclosures and Order No. 1,961.
„ Acting Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd September 1862:—

Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 17th April 1862, No. 48.

SIR,

1. As called for in Miscellaneous Circular No. 2,020, Board's Proceedings, dated the 27th of March 1862, I do myself the honor to forward a complete list of the stations in which the several Revenue Officers of this District including Deputy Collectors have now their Head Quarters.

2. Referring to queries 1, 2, 3, 4, I beg to state that at every station there are Government buildings for the use of the respective Kacheris, no buildings are rented on behalf of Government, neither does any Officer provide Kacheri accommodation and thus draw extra tentage, this special allowance is only drawn on an Officer being absent on duty from his Head Quarter station.

3. I think it not out of place here to mention that I see at Verdachellum in South Arcot extra tent allowance was passed for the entire year, amounting to 2,000 Rupees. The building at that station where the Sub-Collector usually resides and in which all the Sub-division Kacheri are located and the records placed, belongs to me, I having purchased the same from Mr. Wood the Sub-Collector whom I succeeded. I am willing to sell my property at Verdachellum for 2,000 Rupees; Government would save by purchasing it even if priced higher than I value it, it requires now some small outlay to put the premises in good repair, it is situated on the high road from Cuddalore to Salem; it would make a good public Office for the Sub-Collector, or might be used as a public bungalow, which is much wanted at Verdachellum.

1. Ordered that the offer contained in the concluding part of the above letter, be submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. The Statement of the Trichinopoly stations will be embodied in the General List, which the Board are about to forward to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 1,961.

The Board of Revenue will obtain and submit the opinion of the Collector of South Arcot on the subject referred to in paragraph 1 of these Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Communicated to the

Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle

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