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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st April 1862.*

No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1862, No. 1,922:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 17th February 1862, No. 31.

(In Cons. 24th February 1862, No. 1,041.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 14th March 1862, No. 57:—

1. The price of Captain Kennedy's Bungalow is Rupees 1,400; its value he estimates at double that amount, as the materials of which it is constructed cost him nothing.

2. Captain Bean, the District Engineer, considers that the Bungalow is well suited for a Travellers' Bungalow; that it affords about as much accommodation as a second class Bungalow, which would cost Rupees 4,000. A small rest-house at a cost of Rupees 400 is being built near Captain Kennedy's house; this might be appropriated as a Kacheri for the Deputy Collector, who has no office in this part of Wainád. A small temporary place erected at his own expense has been several times unroofed by the high winds: in fact the Deputy Collector is put to such straits about an office in the locality that I had, after a personal conversation with him lately, resolved to write to Government to request that the Order, directing him to hold his office once a month in South Wainád, might, for the monsoon months, be cancelled. Several of the planters have considerably offered to receive him at their houses, but it is obviously expedient that he should be independent, and have his own office.

3. I am decidedly of opinion that Captain Kennedy's house should be purchased by Government for a Travellers' Bungalow, and that the small rest-house under construction should be converted into a Deputy Collector's Kacheri, Government will thus obtain both objects at the very small cost of Rupees 2,000.

4. I cannot advise Government to part with the site on which the Bungalow stands, on the terms proposed. Government has no land in the vicinity of the Ghát, and as in the event of Captain Kennedy's house not being purchased, the erection of a public Bungalow sooner or later will become a necessity; the purchase of a site will also be requisite, and it will probably require to be obtained under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, an expensive process at any time.

5. The site of Captain Kennedy's Bungalow cannot be more than half an acre (the exact measurement I do not know), this at 2 Rupees per acre on Coffee land, would give Rupee 1 per annum, which, at twenty years' purchase, would amount to 20 Rupees, the sum to be paid to convert it into freehold.

6. An early reply will oblige. Captain Bean's and Captain Kennedy's original letters* are enclosed for perusal.

* To be returned.

Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the purchase of the Bungalow be sanctioned if the funds can be provided in the Department Public Works.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1862, No. 719.

The Government sanction the purchase of the Bungalow, as proposed, if funds can be provided by the Department Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 1,411.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th February 1862.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Calicut, 17th February 1862, No. 31:—

1. Close to the top of the Tambracherry Pass leading to Wainad by the direct road from Calicut, Government possesses a small piece of land. On it there formerly stood a small Fort. Captain Kennedy, in charge of the Sappers now working on the Ghat, with my sanction, erected a house on the land, on the understanding, that it was to revert to Government whenever required. I have not seen Captain Kennedy's house, but understand that it is a very comfortable, well built one, and that it has cost him some 1,200 Rupees. He is, I know, anxious to sell it, but with an insufficient title for the land on which it stands, he cannot find a purchaser.

2. A Clergyman has lately arrived in Wainad from England, to be maintained I believe, in a great measure by the Planters. One of their body has written to inquire whether they might purchase Captain Kennedy's house, on the understanding that if Government required the land on which it stands, they will take the house on valuation, and give three months' notice to quit. To these terms, without the Board's sanction, I cannot render a reply. The site of Captain Kennedy's house is well suited for a public Bungalow, it is in fact, the best locality on which one could be built, being healthy and at the top of the Pass. That a Bungalow is much wanted, there can be no doubt. If one were built, I believe that it would hardly ever be empty, except perhaps for a short time during the monsoon months.

3. If the Board think that Captain Kennedy's house should be purchased for a public Bungalow, the District Engineer might be called on to report on its suitability for the purpose, and the sum which he thinks should be paid for it, but if they are disinclined to entertain the proposition, I beg to be informed, whether the request of the planters may be complied with on the terms mentioned.

1. The Collector has neither stated whether Captain Kennedy's house is suited for a public Bungalow, nor what sum he requires for it, and without this information the Board cannot form any opinion as to the propriety of recommending its purchase to Government for a public Bungalow.

2. If not so purchased, the Board consider that the proper course would be for the Collector to assess the site, leaving it to Captain Kennedy or to the parties purchasing it from him to redeem the tax, and convert the site into a Freehold at their pleasure.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Calicut
March 14th 1862

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Signed P. Grant.
Collector.

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5th Avenue
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To J. D. Smith Esq.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 28th February 1862.

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