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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th June 1864.

No. 212. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Accepting the offer of Comarappa Acharry, a retired Carpenter, to build a Bungalow for the use of European Travellers, and a Chuttrum for all classes of Natives, on the midway between Pondicherry and Tindevanum ; and granting sanction for the payment, from the Local Funds of the South Arcot District, of Rupees 194-8-0 required for the purchase of a portion of the site. } (Here enter 6th June 1864, No. 964.)

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1864, No. 1,691.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th June 1864.

No. 63. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 19th May 1864, No. 25:—

SIR,

1. In November last, when at Pondicherry on duty, a man named "Comarappa Acharry," a perfect stranger, presented himself before me together with other Petitioners. He stated that he desired to erect, at a particular place which he mentioned, a Bungalow for the use of European travellers, and a Chuttrum for all classes of Natives. The locality selected was not, in my opinion, a judicious one as a halting place, either for Europeans or Natives; and after advising "Comarappa Acharry" to forego the construction of a European Bungalow, which I pointed out was not required of him, and was a needless expense for a Native to incur, he persisted in his intentions, and he then asked me to choose an eligible spot where a Bungalow would be useful. I accordingly suggested that a Bungalow was much wanted midway between Pondicherry and Tindevanam, and that if he insisted on the work he could not select a more convenient and really useful site, the distance between the two places being 30 miles, and there being no halting place any where on the road for Europeans.

2. The individual in question who has thus come forward is a retired Carpenter, I believe, of Pondicherry, and a man of respectability and substance; and from some cause or other he seems very earnest in his anxiety to render some public benefit to Europeans as well as to Natives.

3. I urged all I could to dissuade him from the project, as regards the public Bungalow for the convenience of Europeans, but he still presses the matter, and frequently attends before me wishing to complete the preliminary arrangements in regard to the land, &c. I have therefore thought the time had come to bring the matter to the notice of Government, in view to their rendering assistance in the manner proposed by this philanthropic individual.

4. There has been no difficulty in arranging terms with the owners of the land required for the proposed buildings, except in the case of three Cawnies of land specified in the accompanying separate Statement.

5. These three Cawnies, assessed at Rupees 7-5-10, the owners have agreed to relinquish on the payment of Rupees 194-8-0 as the purchase money; and it is this sum which the projector of the buildings desires should be paid by others than himself.

6. It is not of course that he cannot himself pay the money; but there is apparently a superstitious dislike on his part to undertake the work, unless the ground be given him for the purpose; and I am consequently induced to ask of Government whether they are prepared to incur this trifling cost for an object which cannot fail to prove of such great public convenience and utility.

7. It has frequently occurred to me to suggest the necessity of a public Bungalow between Pondicherry and Tindevanam, for it is really much needed, but I have been hitherto reluctant to propose so great an expenditure of the public money; now however that a French Native subject has come forward and voluntarily undertakes to erect the required building, and as well a Chuttrum for all classes of his own countrymen, I feel in a position to recommend that the very small sum proposed be paid by the State in furtherance of so useful and public a project.

8. I do not doubt that with some effort I could manage to raise the amount from the French and English residents of Pondicherry and Cuddalore; but since it is a Native of the former place who has thus evidenced such liberality, I am sanguine that Government may be induced to view the matter as exceptional, and to permit me to make the purchase of the land at the public cost to be applied as proposed; and I presume the amount may properly be debited to the Public Works Department for the current year.

9. I beg to forward copy of an Address presented to me a few days ago by "Comarappa Acharry" for the information of Government, and I now solicit that I be authorized to effect the purchase of the land* in question in the village of "Parangance," in the Talook of Villapuram, to be *bonâ fide* applied for the object, and under the circumstances already explained, the entire cost of the buildings

* Vide Statement appended.

being borne by the individual who has thus at his sole cost generously volunteered to confer this great benefit on the general public.

No. 64.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1864, No. 964.

Local Funds.

1. The Government highly appreciate Comarappa Acharry's liberality, and under the circumstances stated, grant sanction for the payment of Rupees 194-8-0 from the Local Funds of the District. Mr. Reade will inform Comarappa Acharry that if he expects any endowment from Government for the support of the Choultry he must be guided by the Rules on the subject.

2. Mr. Reade should have submitted his letter through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
» the Collector of South Arcot.
» the Public Works Department. √

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 1691.

Communicated to the
Bd of Engineers & Directors for
information & guidance

Chepauk
10th June 1845

To the Bd of Engineers
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No 964.

With an Order
No 1691 - 10th June/64

Requesting sanction
of Government to Mr Clerk, Assistant Surgeon, to build a Bungalow for the use of European Travellers, and a Choultry for all classes of Natives on the road-way between Cuddalore and Tandavamoor; and granting funds for the payment, from the Local Funds of Salem, of the cost of the

Rs 1943-8-0 required for the purchase of a portion of the site -

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