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2. The Superintending Engineer has intimated that the allotment made from Imperial Funds for the repairs of the Bungalows in the District in the current year,

are made to re-imburse the advance of Rupees 3,012 to the Bungalow Funds, I am prepared to forego, at once, the grant-in-aid towards the cost of establishments, as, with the funds* which would be then in hand, any deficiency in the fees collected to meet the establishment charges for the next two or three years could be met, by which time I expect the institutions would become self-supporting as far as establishment charges are concerned. But for a long time to come the cost of constructing and keeping in repair the buildings will have to be incurred by Government, and it is obvious that the annual provision for this purpose must be made with reference to actual requirements. With the large number of Bungalows in this District, and their exposure to the heavy monsoons of this coast, the annual cost of repairs cannot be estimated under 3,000 Rupees. There are besides several new Bungalows emergently required. Those at the places noted especially, which, at the usual estimated cost of 2,000 Rupees for each Bungalow, would require 8,000 Rupees for construction in this year. I request that steps may be adopted for obtaining the necessary provision from the Imperial Funds for the above works.

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4. I have further only to add that, according to a recent letter from the Controller of Public Works to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Works Department, the Imperial expenditure upon Bungalows, in all the Districts taken together, is likely to fall short of the grant for last year, so that a surplus may be left to re-imburse the whole or a portion of the advance of Rupees 3,012 made from the Bungalow Funds in this District.

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1. The Board observe that Mr. Ballard was out of order in expending from the Bungalow Fund, on his own authority, a sum of Rupees 3,012 on the repair of Bungalows and Rest-houses in the past year. The Bungalow Fund is maintained for the payment of establishment and contingent charges only, and no portion of it should, under any circumstances, have been expended in any other manner without the Board's previous sanction.

2. Under the circumstances of the case, however, the Board are disposed to request the sanction of Government to the outlay made by Mr. Ballard; but they see no occasion for any re-imbursement from Imperial to Bungalow Funds. It appears that there was a sum of Rupees 356 at the credit of the Malabar Bungalow Fund at the commencement of the present official year, and that it is expected that Rupees 2,000 will be collected from travellers during the year. Besides these two sums, the allotment of the Imperial grant for Bungalow Establishment to Malabar amounts to Rupees 1,092, so that there is a sum of Rupees 3,448 available to meet

the estimated charge of Rupees 3,000 for the establishment and contingencies of the year.

3. It is clear, however, that some funds must be provided for the repair of Bungalows during the year, as the allotment of Rupees 500 is evidently insufficient for the purpose. The Bungalows in Malabar were very considerably reduced in number in 1864, and those that remain must be kept in order. The Collector's letter will accordingly be submitted to Government, with the Board's request that additional funds may be made available from some Imperial sources, and the favorable consideration of Government will be requested to the Collector's proposals regarding new Bungalows.

Local Funds, No. 4.
Civil Works.

1. One of the Statements submitted by the Board of Revenue with their Proceedings, dated 17th January 1866, No. 410A, shows that the Public Bungalow Fund will leave an estimated balance of Rupees 20,995 at the end of the current official year. The Board will be requested to report if the actual transactions of the past four months justify the expectation of such a result, and, if so, whether they are aware of any objection to so distributing the surplus as to provide for the construction of new Bungalows and repairs of existing Bungalows in those Districts in which they are most urgently needed, but which do not possess any available funds of their own.

2. Sanction is granted for Rupees 3,012, spent by the Collector of Malabar from the Bungalow Fund on the repair of Bungalows and Rest-houses in the past year.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 617. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1866, No. 3,417.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 117.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers for information.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
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2. The Superintending Engineer has intimated that the allotment made from Imperial Funds for the repairs of the Bungalows in the District in the current year, is only Rupees 500. I am not aware upon what principles the distribution of the

annual grant of Rupees 11,230 for this purpose has been made, not having received a copy of the Orders of Government, dated 20th April 1861, No. 1,241, referred to by him. But the above sum is totally inadequate for the numerous Bungalows (thirty-nine in number) which, under the peculiar circumstances already reported to the Board, have to be kept up for the convenience of travellers in this District, and which are as many as there are in any three Districts of the Presidency taken together. Further, the wear and tear occasioned by the heavy monsoons of this coast is considerable, and almost every one of the buildings requires re-thatching or re-roofing, and other repairs annually. So long as the maintenance of the buildings in repair is undertaken by Government, I submit the apportionment of the Imperial grant for this purpose is not to be made with reference to the number of Districts in the Presidency, but rather with reference to the number of Bungalows maintained in each District, and the repairs required by them under the peculiar circumstances of season and local situation. I request, therefore, that measures may be at once adopted for obtaining a larger amount of grant for this District. Further, the fact of the repairs requiring to be made on this coast, towards the termination of the official year, has led to the allotment of the grants falling behind actual requirements by a year. Thus, the allotment for 1865-66 was all spent in the first few months of the year, before the commencement of the monsoon; and when money was again required in last month, to provide the necessary repairs against the coming monsoon, there were no funds, and the Budget allotment for 1866-67 could not be expected in time to admit of all the necessary repairs being made before the setting in of the monsoon. Under these pressing circumstances, I was obliged to advance, from the Bungalow Funds, a sum of Rupees 2,000-8-0 for small repairs, which the Superintending Engineer estimated as necessary, and which are now under execution by the Revenue officers, and a further sum of Rs. 503-8-0 for the repair of Mosafarkanas, which, till a separate provision can be made for them under the head of Chuttrums, as proposed by the Board, has to be provided from the same funds with the Travellers' Bungalows. These advances have altogether exhausted my Bungalow funds, so that they are at present insufficient to meet the monthly cost of establishments.

Considering that the repairs are urgent, and only of such a description as are required to enable the buildings to stand against the monsoon, consisting chiefly of re-thatching and repairs to roofing, I trust my proceeding may meet with approval.

3. On the whole, the Bungalows in this District have a claim, first, to whatever grant-in-aid may be determined upon by the Board of Revenue towards the cost of their establishments and maintenance in the current year; secondly, to the re-imbursement of the advance of Rupees 3,012 made from the Bungalow Funds for the repairs of the buildings at the end of last year; and thirdly, for a much larger Imperial grant for the repairs of the current year, than the small sum of 500 Rupees allotted for this purpose, care being taken to have the repairs executed before the termination of the year, and charged to its account, instead of running on into, and trenching upon, the funds of the next year. If arrangements

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.