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Read the following papers:—

No. 211. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1866,
No. 9,044.

Read the following letters.

From the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated 20th November 1866, No. 292.

1. I have the honour to forward a letter from Mrs. Eassey, containing her proposals for the payment of a rent of 30 Rupees a month for the Pothanoor Bungalow occupied by her as an hotel.

2. As the Railway hotel has not yet been constructed, it is impossible to calculate the extent to which the present amount of patronage enjoyed by Mrs. Eassey will be affected thereby.

3. From what I have heard, I believe the bungalow is much less frequented than was expected, and its remote position from station and high road has much to do with this.

From Mrs. M. A. EASSEY, Pothanoor, to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 16th November 1866.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 176, dated 21st June 1866, enclosing copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue and Order of Government regarding the Pothanoor Bungalow, I beg, as requested, to submit my proposal about rent for the building above-mentioned, and to state that the utmost rent which I can afford to pay is Rupees (30) thirty per mensem, payable in quarterly instalments of Rupees (90) ninety each.

2. The six months' experience I have had, convinces me that the out-of-the-way locality in which the bungalow is situated materially diminishes its convenience to the public, and has deprived me of much patronage which I should otherwise have received.

3. In the disposal of this matter of rent, I beg to draw your attention, and the attention of the Board, to the amount of competition with which I have to contend. An hotel exists conveniently situated within a short distance of the station on the main road. One Refreshment-room at present, and another in process of construction, afford accommodation, of a kind, to travellers, whom I can only draw to my establishment by offering superior accommodation and boarding; advantages which I certainly cannot offer when a heavy monthly rent has to be regularly paid.

4. I leave it to the wisdom of the Board to determine whether a sure but moderate rate of rent from one who is to live by a boarding establishment is preferable, or otherwise, to a higher but uncertain rate derived from speculators who frequently change their plans and places.

5. Should the rent I have proposed be declined as too small by the Board, I beg I may be permitted to retire from the building; and I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to yourself and the Board, for their kindness in having allowed me to occupy the bungalow free of rent for the last six months.

From the same Officer, dated 10th December 1866, No. 305.

1. Adverting to my letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 292, I have the honour to forward a communication from Mrs. Eassey, intimating her intention of giving up the Pothanoor Bungalow from the 15th instant, for reasons therein set forth. I suggest that a tenant should be advertised for.

2. Until a direct road be given through the Company's premises from the platform to the bungalow, it will never be an eligible site for an hotel.

From Mrs. M. A. EASSEY, Pothanoor, to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 3rd December 1866.

1. Adverting to my last letter, and cancelling so far of its contents as relates to rent payable by me for the occupation of the Pothanoor Bungalow, I beg the Board of Revenue will be pleased to accept of my vacating the building on the 15th instant.

2. The prospects of an hotel in the Government building are anything but favourable, and I do not consider it conducive to my own interest to maintain an expensive establishment, like the one I at present maintain, at a loss during the coming five or six months, that just at the paying season of the year, the proprietor of the Refreshment-room in progress at the station may, from mere convenient proximity, step in and monopolize all the gains.

3. When I wrote my letter above referred to, I was not aware that the new Refreshment-room was to be immediately completed, and that a wealthy Parsee gentleman, Mr. Framjee, intended to compete for its proprietorship.

1. Under the circumstances reported in the second letter recorded above, the following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Coimbatore:—

“If Mrs. Eassey has resigned the Pothanoor Bungalow, put servants into it at once so as to make it available for travellers during the Christmas holidays.”

2. With reference to Mr. McGregor's proposal to advertise for a new tenant, the Board wish him to consider whether, under all the circumstances of the case, it would not be more to the advantage of travellers to retain the bungalow in the hands of Government, and to place good servants in charge of it, rather than to let it as an hotel. Mr. McGregor should lose no time in submitting final proposals, keeping up the bungalow in the meantime as a Government Bungalow.

No. 212. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June 1867, No. 3,333.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1867, No. 109.

1. I have received Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date 20th December 1866, No. 9,044.

2. With respect to paragraph 2 of the Board's order, I have the honour to state that a man named Wodyar, a Butler of the late Collector of this district, Mr. Thomas, was placed in charge of the Pothanoor Bungalow, by Mr. McGregor, after it was given by Mrs. Eassey. Travellers speak well of his management. Any further change, therefore, seems uncalled for at present.

3. The Butler above referred to supplies travellers with food at his own expense. A Maty, a pensioned Sepoy, and a Sweeper, are appointed to take charge of the bungalow. Their salaries are noted in the margin.

Maty, Rupees 6-0-0	per mensem.
Sepoy, „ 2-12-10	do.
Sweeper, „ 2-0-0	do.

In accordance with Rule XX of the Bungalow Fund Rules, the sanction of Government will be requested for the establishment which the Collector has entertained.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1867, No. 1,341.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th June 1867.*

No. 349.

Dated 25th June 1867, No. 1,410.

Read again. Proceedings of Government, dated 14th June 1867, No. 1,341,
Revenue Department.

Miscellaneous.

The Consulting Engineer for Railways will be requested, through the Department Public Works, to ascertain and report whether the Agent for the Madras Railway Company is willing to allow a direct road through the Company's premises at Pothanoor, from the station platform to the public bungalow lately erected, as the present circuitous approach greatly lessens the convenience to travellers, and the value of the accommodation.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Secretary to Government.

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