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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2809 Press Mis.

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Dated 19-11-1870

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No. 268. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September 1870, No. 5,775 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1870, No. 652.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the favourable consideration of Government, a proposition made by Mr. Lee-Warner, Acting Senior Assistant. I think that the purchase of the house, occupied by him at Parvatipur, on the terms proposed, will, in the end, be advantageous to Government, as it will no longer be necessary to pay extra tentage to the officer at that station in consideration of his providing office accommodation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector, to the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Vizianagram, 10th August 1870, No. 163.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have bought Major Grove's upstair-house at Parvatipur for 2,000 Rupees, less than half the sum at which he lately offered it to the Government, when it was proposed to build a new District Moonsiff's Court. The house is a bargain at this price, as the lower walls are very good and the rooms are lofty. I enclose a plan (A.) which shows the basement storey with dimensions. Plan B. shows the additions which I propose to make to it, providing ample accommodation for the Cutcherry people, who are now much cramped up. These additions will cost 400 Rupees, and the repair of the house, generally, 200 more. The compound round the house is very large and convenient, and pays a quit-rent of 9 Rupees annually, for which I have Puttah.

2. A new Senior Assistant Magistrate's Cutcherry has already been estimated for, and the money has been sanctioned, but not allotted. The estimate for that came up to Rupees 3,800. I propose that the Government instead of building a new house promise to take this one off my hands, when I am removed to another appointment, or obtain furlough, for Rupees 3,000, in which case I will set about the repairs and additions shown in the plan; and as soon as they are effected, cease to draw the monthly extra allowance now given for providing Cutcherry accommodation in my own house. The 200 Rupees will be a small interest for my money and trouble. I do not want to gain a penny by the transaction for myself, but wish to secure the return of my present outlay, which has been in a measure forced upon me by the want of other accommodation available. After these additions are made, as long as the Senior Assistant is a bachelor, there will be ample accommodation for him and the Cutcherry people in the same house, and an arrangement similar to that at Ranecpet could be entered into with him by the Government, when the Government has become the proprietor of the house. I trust that you will approve of this scheme of mine, and obtain an early answer to the proposal; as in that case I can set about the alterations at once, while I am in Vizianagram for the rains. I do not see how the Government can be the loser. The Jailor's bungalow lately applied for by me is urgently required for the accommodation of the European Police Inspector who has now no place to live in. I understand that Captain Plowden has applied for it through the Superintendent.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Plans.

THE Board are not prepared to support this proposal.

2. They consider it far better that a building specially designed for a Cutcherry should be built, than that the Cutcherry should continue to be located in

the Senior Assistant's house. Such a building has been sanctioned, and the requisite allotment of funds will probably be made soon.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1870, No. 1,809.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue. The practice of permitting Revenue-officers to hold office in the building in which they reside has been frequently condemned, and should not be sanctioned, except as a temporary arrangement.

2. The erection of a Senior Assistant's Office at Parvatipur will accordingly be proceeded with as soon as funds are available, and, in the meantime, the extra tentage, which will be drawn by Mr. Lee-Warner, will enable him fully to recoup himself for any outlay which he may incur in making such additions to his present house as will render the office accommodation more convenient. Should he leave the district, he will probably be able to dispose of his purchase to his successor, as a residence, or at any rate to lease it at a fair rent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No. 1809

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th ~~Oct.~~ Novr. 1870

Read the following. Pro. of the Board of Revenue.

Declining to support proposal of the Revd. Apl. Coll. Mr. Lee Warner, that Govt. should purchase from him the house occupied by him at Jawalapur, Vizag. &c. | B.R. 17th Septr. 1870. No. 5775.

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