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No. 469. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated camp at Madakseerah, 28th January 1870, No. 3,052 :—

2 Plans.
1 Estimate.
1 Report.

With reference to G. O., No. 2,873, of 2nd September 1869, I have the honour to forward plans, sections, and elevations of the bungalow and out-houses which were purchased by Government for the accommodation of the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Cumbum, together with a block-plan of the arrangement of the buildings, with the position of the nearest other buildings in the fort.

2. I inspected all these buildings in the early part of December last, just when Mr. Powell, the late Assistant Superintendent of Police at Cumbum, was about to leave, in company with him and Mr. W. Sullivan, the present Assistant Superintendent; the Acting Head Assistant Collector and the Range Officer were also with me. From what I saw of the buildings I must say that I do not consider that Mr. Powell looked after the preservations of the buildings as he should have done. It is true that he had one excuse, namely, that there is no hedge or fence to keep stray cattle from approaching the buildings and trying to get at the grass used for thatching, but I know of no excuse for the dirty state in which I found two of the godowns.

3. The bungalow is a low thatched building on a basement of one foot; the walls are of stone-in-mud ten feet high; and the verandah posts are only about five feet high. In my opinion it was a mistake for Government to have made this purchase, as the buildings will require constant repairing. I do not mean to say that Government paid too large a sum, but that I consider Government make a mistake in purchasing any but properly constructed building.

4 The estimate now submitted amounts to Rupees 500, and provides for putting pillars instead of the low wooden posts; for raising the walls one foot with stone-in-chunam in order to try and keep the white-ants out of the roof, as well as for convenience of entering, the height from the basement to the brestsummers being only about five feet; for new door and window frames, the old ones being much damaged by white-ants; and for re-thatching.

5. I am not aware if the Inspector-General of Police can provide funds for this work, but I beg to say that I have none available.

6. As regards an office I can see no necessity for any building of the kind, as the Police have now a building which is sufficiently large.

No. 470. Order thereon, 23rd February 1870, No. 618.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 53.

The Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 500 for additions and improvements to the bungalow at Cumbum for the accommodation of the Assistant Superintendent of Police at that

station, but they regret that they are unable to provide the requisite funds for the work during the current official year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Judicial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3052. *Superintending Engineer's Office.*
3rd Division. 2
Camp Madakasira, Madakasira *Taluk*
Bellary *District.*
The 28th January 1870.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 2873 of 22nd September 1869, I have the honor to forward Plans Sections and Elevations of the Bungalow and out-houses which were purchased by Government for the accommodation of the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Madakasira together with a block Plan of the arrangement of the buildings with the position of the several other buildings within the Fort.

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I have &c

W. S. Allen Lt Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer 3rd Dn

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

No. 3052.

Dated 28 } January 1870.
Received 29 }

Forwards for sanction an Estimate &c. amounting to Rupees 500 for shifting in order after Assist. Supdt's passing &c. at Coimbatore Division.

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To

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division

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Nos. 169-170.

Bungalow at Cumbum Estimate of Rs 500 for additions and improvements to the Bungalow at Cumbum in the Guntoor District for the accommodation of the Asst & Supt of Police at that Station, sanctioned with Remarks

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