

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th September 1881, No. 1949.

Houses for Officers.

Read the following paper :—

*Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 8th September 1881, No. 2223 W. [Current No. 2686].*

Read the following :—

From the Superintending Engineer, First Circle, dated 2nd September 1881, No. 1363.

With reference to G.O., No. 1976 W., dated 20th August 1880, I have the honor to forward the Executive Engineer's valuation statement of the house and furniture belonging to the Raja of Venkatagiri at Nellore.

2. I am of opinion that 10 per cent. is not sufficient for the depreciation of the house which has been standing for so many years, but that a deduction of Rs. 5,200 at 20 per cent. is more suitable.

3. The valuation of the building is arrived at from measurements, and the value of the furnitures has been checked by Mr. Goldingham, to whom it originally belonged.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

VALUATION STATEMENT of Bungalow proposed to be purchased from the Raja of Venkatagiri for the District Judge, Nellore.

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| Main building .. .. .                            | 18,000 |
| Detached bungalow .. .. .                        | 3,000  |
| Two tiled coach-houses and harness-rooms .. .. . | 1,000  |
| Stables for six horses .. .. .                   | 600    |
| Horsekeepers' lines thatched .. .. .             | 200    |
| Fowl, teal, and cow sheds .. .. .                | 500    |
| Kitchens and godowns .. .. .                     | 2,000  |
| Compound wall, 1,500 feet .. .. .                | 400    |
| Laterite well .. .. .                            | 300    |
| Furniture .. .. .                                | 2,510  |
| Value of site, garden trees, &c. .. .. .         | 2,000  |
| Grand Total .. .. .                              | 30,510 |

*Deductions.*

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Ten per cent. on buildings for depreciation .. .. . | 2,600  |
| For re-papering walls of rooms .. .. .              | 500    |
| Total Deductions .. .. .                            | 3,100  |
| Present Value .. .. .                               | 27,410 |

WEMALAPAD,  
25th August 1881.

(Signed) C. B. HENDERSON, Lieut., R.E.,  
Executive Engineer, Nellore Division.

Communicated and the valuation statement forwarded to the Judicial Department in view to the purchase of the house being completed with reference to paragraph 1 of G.O. in that department, No. 431, dated 28th February 1880.

2. The necessary provision of funds will be made in the Public Works Budget after the terms of the purchase have been reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,  
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1881, No. 1949.

Resolved that the correspondence\* which has passed regarding the purchase by Government of the house belonging to the Raja of Venkatagiri and occupied by the District Judge be forwarded to the Collector of Nellore, with directions to

complete the negotiation and report the result, when funds will be provided in the Public Works Department Budget for 1882-83; the rent to be paid by the District Judge being also determined in that department.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,  
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.  
" Public Works Department.  
" District Judge, Nellore.

# GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 5th March 1880, No. 514 W.

Read the following:—

From J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., District and Session Judge, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th January 1880.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1266, dated 10th July 1874, I have the honor to inform the Government that, having in March last seen an advertisement offering for sale the house in which I reside, I put myself in communication with the Dewan of the Raja of Venkatagiri, the owner thereof, and he informs me that the Raja is willing to take 18,000 rupees for the house, including the furniture; and that if Government, having regard to the finances of the country, do not find it convenient to pay ready money for it, he is willing to allow the purchase money to remain for three or five years, secured by mortgage of the premises, bearing interest at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per centum per annum.

2. I strongly advise the Government to purchase the house and premises for the permanent use of the Judge on these terms, should the valuation by the proper officer prove satisfactory. In 1874 the late Raja stated to the Acting Judge, Mr. Daniel (*vide* letter to Government, No. 247, dated 16th September 1874), that he wanted Rupees 27,710-2-11 for it, but the price was deemed excessive. Since then certain improvements and additions have been made to the house and garden, and the price asked is much less. The furniture has been carefully kept; most of it is by Deschamps, and it is well worth Rs. 3,000. The house also and godowns are in an excellent state of repair. As houses go in the Mofussil, I think it is a very comfortable house for a Judge, though it is perhaps hardly large enough for a Collector. It is nevertheless, in my opinion, the nicest house in Nellore, and it is certainly the coolest. The rent I pay is Rs. 150 a-month, but out of this the Raja defrays the Municipal tax, Rs. 108-8-4, the quit-rent and water-tax, Rs. 18-4-4 per annum, and Rs. 26-4-0 per mensem for the hire of a pair of bullocks to water the garden and wages of the gardeners. To this I add Rs. 5 a-month and put on an extra gardener or two in the cold weather. The Raja has always defrayed the cost of keeping up the garden to prevent the chance of a careless tenant neglecting it and allowing the orange and other trees to die out. At times also the house has been vacant. I would, therefore, recommend the Government to continue this course, as any injury caused by failure to water the trees would be permanent.

3. The financial result of the transaction would be as follows:—Government would receive Rs. 1,800 a year rent. It would have to pay Rs. 810 a year to the Raja as interest, Rs. 126-12-8 Municipal tax and quit-rent, and Rs. 315 for the upkeep of the garden; total Rs. 1,251-12-8; thus leaving a surplus of Rs. 648-3-4 to meet the repairs, or Rs. 558-3-4 if 5 per cent. be set aside as interest on the purchase money, which is more than ample.

4. Government may remember that it bought the Collector's house, including the Kristnapatam bungalow, in 1877 for Rs. 16,000, without any furniture, and the Collector pays Rs. 117 a-month rent for the two houses. Government pay the Municipal tax, the quit-rent and water-rate, but the Collector pays the wages of the gardeners. His house is much larger than mine, and the compound contains  $24\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Mine is 8 acres and 8 cents.

No. 158.

The District Judge's proposal cannot be entertained for want of funds.

22nd January 1880.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,  
Chief Secretary.

From J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., District Judge, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th February 1880, No. 55.

Referring to the Order of Government, No. 158, dated 22nd January last, passed upon my letter, No. 9, dated the 10th idem, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that it does not appear from the order that Government considered the Raja's proposal that if Government have no funds at present to pay for the house, he is willing to allow the purchase money to remain for three or five years, secured by a mortgage of the premises, bearing interest at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. I have shown that Government will derive profit by the transaction, and since I addressed the Government the Municipal tax has been reduced from 108 to 90 rupees per annum, so that Government would get 18 rupees per annum in addition to the figures given by me.

No. 431.

On further consideration of these papers, His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to instruct the District Judge, Nellore, to negotiate the purchase of the house belonging to the Venkatagiri Raja on the terms stated in the second of the letters above recorded.

2. The necessary orders for payment of the purchase money will be issued by the Public Works Department.

28th February 1880.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,  
Chief Secretary.

ORDER.—Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle. The necessary appropriation of funds will be made on the completion of the purchase of the building, which should be duly reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,  
Acting Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 579.

Communicated to the District Judge of Nellore.

11th March 1880,

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,  
Chief Secretary.

Govt. of (1881) Madras  
JUDICIAL.

To  
THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE,  
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 20th.

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G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949.

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