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Gobt. of 1882 Madras.
REVENUE.

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Communicated to
the Supd Engr. ^{6th}
Circle who will sub-
mit an estimate for
the alterations ordered
in G.O. no 1880W of
30th Aug 1881.

Order, dated 17th April 1882, No. 389.

Sub-Collector's Bungalow at Tuticorin — Tinne-
velly.—Fixing the rent of — at Rs 75 monthly;
and directing its conversion into an office for the
Divisional Officer and Assistant Superintendent of
Police.

S. S. for Circle.

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17TH APRIL 1882, No. 389, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., dated 6th February 1882, Mis. No. 410, Revenue :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1882, No. 118 :—

Read—the following letter from T. VOND. HARDINGE, Esq., Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 19th December 1881, No. 889; and Endorsement by J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated 22nd December 1881 :—

With reference to G.O. of the 8th November 1881, No. 1663, communicated with your foot-note No. 1783, of the 6th instant, I have the honor to request, assuming the standing rule spoken of in the Government Order is to be that of the Government of India Resolution embodied in G.O., dated the 7th April 1876, No. 967, to the effect that the calculation of rent should be made so as to cover interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the capital cost *plus* a fair allowance for risk and for the average cost of repairs, that $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. be taken as the fair allowance, and not $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as recommended by Mr. Rundall and approved by Government in their G.O. of the 23rd July 1879. This would make the rate for rent calculation 6 instead of 7 per cent. The annual value of offices and houses of merchants and European residents of Tuticorin for fixing, on revision in 1879, the house-tax under the Towns' Improvement Act was calculated at 6 per cent. only on the capital cost of the buildings.

2. That the rent resulting from the 7 per cent. rate is far too high is the opinion of the Collector. Every Sub-Collector has protested against it, and the Board, in their Proceedings of January 1881, characterize it as excessive.

3. I therefore request that if the rule does not admit of the rent being reduced to Rs. 60, which I still consider the proper rent, that at any rate it be reduced from Rs. 87-8-0, which is that now demanded by the Public Works Department, to Rs. 75.

Endorsement, No. 700.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of the Board and Government with reference to the orders quoted.

Resolution—dated 17th January 1882, No. 118.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely.

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Order—dated 6th February 1882, Mis. No. 410, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O. in that Department, dated 23rd July 1879, No. 1941-W, and 1st December 1881, No. 2992-W.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

READ—also the following endorsement, dated 20th February 1882, No. 459-C, Public Works :—

Read—the above.

Endorsement—dated 20th February 1882, No. 459-C, Public Works.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, for opinion whether the rent might not fairly be reduced to Rs. 75 per mensem, which would allow $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on capital cost and $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for repairs.

2. In the Chief Engineer's opinion, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or Rs. 375 per annum, for repairs would be an over estimate, if the bungalow be in fairly good order and well constructed.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engr. and Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

READ—also the following G.O., dated 24th March 1882, No. 705-C, Public Works.

Read—the following letter from Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, to Colonel R. H. SANKEY, C.B.R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Nagercovil, 17th March 1882, No. 826-T-N :—

In reply to your Endorsement No. 459-C, of 20th ultimo, regarding the rent

1 Executive Engineer's original letter, No. 598,
4th March 1882.

1 Chief Engineer's letter, No. 459-C, dated
20th February 1882.

of the Sub-Collector's bungalow at Tuticorin, I have the honor to inform you that as the bungalow has been fairly well constructed, the cost of repairs is not likely to be exceptionally heavy, and if

the buildings were constantly occupied, Rs. 75 per month would be a sufficient rent to charge.

2. But the Sub-Collectors are very frequently changed, and hitherto it has been optional with them to occupy the bungalow or not at their convenience, so that during the last two years very little rent has been collected.

3. I think therefore that if the rent be reduced, the Accountant-General should be directed to recover the rent from the pay of the officer who may for the time occupy the post of Sub-Collector, so long as Tuticorin is his head-quarters.

4. I send herewith for your information a letter on the subject from the Executive Engineer, Tinnevely. The last Sub-Collector occupied the buildings, and repairs were delayed until he found it convenient to allow the work to go on. That officer left on sick leave two or three weeks since, and the repairs are now in progress and will shortly be completed; but he declined to pay rent pending settlement of the question whether any reduction of the rate would be sanctioned.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from J. W. MARTIN, Esq., Executive Engineer, Tinnevely District, to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle, dated Palamcottah, 4th March 1882, No. 598.

In reply to your docket No. 774-T-N, dated 24th ultimo, forwarding the Chief Engineer's Endorsement No. 459-C, dated 20th ultimo, regarding the rent of the Sub-Collector's bungalow

at Tuticorin, I have the honor to inform you that the bungalow will be in fair order as soon as the repairs provided for in the estimate, amounting to Rs. 554, sanctioned in G.O., No. 2866-W, dated 16th November 1881, are completed.

2. The bungalow has been fairly well constructed, and, if it were constantly occupied, I do not think the cost of annual repairs would be exceptionally heavy. It must, however, be remembered, that the Sub-Collectors are being constantly changed, and that on this account the cost of repairs is somewhat enhanced, for generally each new tenant requires repairs to be executed.

3. As matters stand at present, the rent derived from the bungalow is hardly equal to the outlay incurred on its upkeep, for owing to it having been left unoccupied for such long periods, very little rent has been collected. Under these circumstances, I think if the rent is reduced to Rs. 75 per month, it should be understood that every Sub-Collector, while he resides at Tuticorin, shall occupy the bungalow.

Order—dated 24th March 1882, No. 705-C, Public Works.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration whether the suggestion in paragraph 3 of the Superintending Engineer's letter can be enforced.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 17th April 1882, No. 389, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government consent to fix the rent at Rs. 75 monthly; but inasmuch as the residence was purchased by Government for the Divisional Officer at the instance of the District authorities, and as the gentlemen holding the charge have, on one pretence or another, objected to occupy it, the resolution* to convert it into an office for the Divisional Officer and Assistant Superintendent of Police had better be carried out.

* G.O., dated 11th July 1881, No. 1051.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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