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.

	RS.
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.	
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.

* G.O., 22nd January 1880, No. 158.
" 28th February " " 431.
" 11th March " " 579.

(True Extract.)

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.

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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 4½ 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.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2478 W. of 8th Octr. 1881

B

Communicated to the Supdtg Engr. 1 Circle who will cause the rent of the building to be assessed after the negociation has been completed

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B No. 2223 W. of 8/9/81

S.E. 1 Circle (Cold)
Exr. P.W.a

Dead
8/10/81

P. W. C. No. 5637

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

JUDICIAL.

To

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

Dated September, 20th.

Issued

Recd. 3 Oct. 81 Encl.

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

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SEPTEMBER.

Houses for Officers.—Correspondence regarding the purchase by Government of the house belonging to the Raja of Venkatagiri and occupied by the District Judge, forwarded to the Collector of Nellore, with directions to complete the negotiation and report the result.

No. 2478 W. of 8th October 81
B

With order
Entd. in Receipt Regr.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ ~~the following~~ again letter from the District Judge of Nellore, dated 10th January 1880, recorded in G.O. No. 168, dated 22nd idem, declining for want of funds to entertain the following proposal—

× Not cond

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 Rajah of Venkatagiri, the owner thereof, and he informs me that the Rajah 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 3 or 5 years secured by a mortgage of the premises bearing interest at 4½ per Centum per annum

2. I strongly advise the Govt. 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 Rajah stated to the Acting Judge Mr. Daniel (vide letter to Govt. No. 247 dated 16th Septr 1874) that he wanted Rs. 27710-2-11- 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. 150-0-0- a month but out of this the Rajah 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 5 Rs. a month and put on an extra gardener or two in the cold weather. The Rajah 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 Rupees 1800- a year rent. It would have to pay Rs. 810- a year to the Rajah as interest,

Rs.

Rs. 126-12-8 - Municipal tax and Quit Rent and Rs. 315 for the up Keeper of the garden, total Rs. 1251, 12-8; thus leaving a surplus of Rs. 648. 3-4, to meet the repairs, or Rupees 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. 16000 - - 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 24½ acres. Mine is 8 acres & 8 cents.

Read also letter from do. dated 16th February 1880, No. 65.

Referring to the order of Government No. 158 dated 22nd Jany: 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 Rajah'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 3 or 8 years secured by a mortgage of the premises bearing interest at 4½ 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 Rs. per annum, so that Government would get 18 Rupees per annum in addition to the figures given by me.

Order thereon 28th February 1880 No. 431

On further consideration of these papers. His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to instruct the District judge, Nellore, to negotiate the

the purchase of the house belonging to the Venkatagiri Rajah 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.

(True Extract)

T. Danielson
Chief Secretary

To The Public Works Departt.

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BC.

I dare say provision can be made in the ~~Prov.~~ Provincial Budget for next year for the purchase of the building in question.

Please see G.O. No 5144 W dy 5th March 80.

C.
579

The necessary provision can be made in next year's Budget.

S.P.
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P.W.D.
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Govt. of {1880} Madras.

To

Dated
Recd. } 1880, No.

Nos.

Instructing the District Judge, Nellore, to negotiate the purchase of the house belonging to the Venkatagiri Raja on certain terms -

P. W. Department.

No. 514 W

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th March 1880.

READ the following

Pro: Judicial Departt (H.C. No. 431 of 28th Feby: 1880)

Communicated to the Supy Engineer 2nd Circle - The necessary appropriation of funds will be made on the completion of the purchase of the building which should be duly reported.

Sd/-
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Sy. 2nd Circle
Exer. P. W. Acts
Jud. Departt
Desd
5-3-80

R.T.

Mis N. 514 W 8 March 80

District Court
Nellore
31st July 1880

No. 342

From G. D. B. Gribble, Esquire,
Ag. District Judge
Nellore

To. The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras.

Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 431, dated 28th February 1880, regarding the purchase of the Rajah's bangalow by Government, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether it is necessary that the house should be valued as suggested by Mr. Goldingham in para 2 of his letter dated 10th January 1880, No. 9.

Pr. Mis No 514 W 8 5/3/80 - not printed - no copy available -

From enquiries I have made I am given to understand that no steps have as yet been taken

taken towards a valuation

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt Servant

J. W. Pibble

Ag. District Judge

G.O. 574 W. 5. 3. 80

P.W.D.
20 AUG 80
No. 5260

Cir 13. 8. 80. Rtd 18. 8. 80.
V.h. Shel 8 Augt.

No. 1559.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

A. Sandiman
Chief Secretary

Ordered
6th August 1880.
to the Public Works Department.

Original Petition of Mr. Thos. H. Dickie to Secretary to Government.

Madras 27th July 1880

Received P.W.D. 4 AUG 80 No. 2585

Respectfully to the enquiry whether it is necessary that the Rajah's bungalow should be valued or acquired by the Collector

Not necessary

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement in the Judicial Dept. No. 1559 of 6th August 1880, on letter from the Actg. District Judge of Nellore No. 342 of 31st July 1880.

FOR ORDERS. whether the house should not be properly valued by the P.W. Dept.

Yes
Mr M

Note
Item - Jumabandi
also

W. A. Lambert Col: R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

13th August 1880.

A.G.W.
13/8

Hon. W. Huddleston

FOR ORDERS.

Cir 13-8-80. Rtd 18-8-80.
O.n. Shail Stamp.

No. 1976 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Hon. under orders

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20 Augt. 1880

Read the following :—

From the Judicial Dept (A.R. No 1559 & 976 Aug/80

Referred to the Supg. Engineer, 1st Circle, in order that the house and furniture may without delay be properly valued.

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17/8/80

Supg. Engr, Circle
Jud. Dept.
~~Collector of~~ District Judge, Nellore

Des 100
21-8-80

Ans 1. 1976 W. 20-8-80

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
MADRAS,
Chepauk, 22 Sept. 1881.

No. 1363

From Col. H. L. Prendergast R.E.
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
1ST CIRCLE,

To THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures.
1 Valuation Statement

With reference to G.O. No. 1976 W. dated 20th August 1880, I have the honour to forward the Executive Engineer's Valuation Statement of the house and Furniture belonging to the Rajah of Venkatagiry 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 valuing the Furniture has been checked by Mr.

Goldingham to whom it originally belong-
-ed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant.
Chas Sendey Esqr
Superintending Engr.
1st Circle

5-3-50 to 574 to
20-5- 1976 to

From P. W. C. No. 502 to

The Superintending Engineer,
1st Circle,

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras.

Dated 22 } September 1881.
Recd. 3 }

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1363.
Judge's Bungalow
at Nellore.

Forwarding a valuation statement of House, and Furniture, occupied by the —

Entd. via Receipt Regr.

No. 2223 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 8th Septr 1881

Read the following:—

From the S.E. 1 Circle H.O. No 1363 of 22 Sept 1881.

Communicated, & the valuation statement forwarded to the Judicial Dept. in view to the purchase of the house being completed with reference to para 1 of G.O. in that dept. No 431 of 28th July 1880.

2. The necessary provision of funds will be made in the P.W. Budget, after the terms of the purchase have been reported.

To The Judicial Dept with remarks
" S.E. 1 Circle

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Dispd 8/9/81

B. No 2223 W

D/8th Sept/81

Read the following:—

Endorsement of the Judicial Dept. No 1702 of 19th Octr 1881 on letter from the Ag. District Judge of Nellore No 380 of 15th October 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

The object of the transfer of this paper to the M. Dept. is not quite apparent.

2. The negotiation for the purchase of the house is in the hands of the ~~Judicial~~ Collector of Nellore ~~Judge~~ - vide G.O. 431 of 28th February 1880 - (Judicial) & 1349 820.9.81 - If the negotiation is to be suspended, orders should issue from the Judicial

Print letters out & one returned to the Public Works Dept

R.S.

Special.

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. the Governor

Department.

3. The salubrity of the building is a question which, it is submitted, the Gillah Surgeon would be more competent to decide than the Executive Engineer.

C. W. Lawley
Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W. Dept.

C. 26-10. R. 25.10
Q.S. 19/10
M. 21.10.81. R. 26.10.

No 2439 of 26th Oct. 81. P.W. Deptt.

Memorandum.

Endorsement from the Jud. Deptt. No 1702 of 19th October 81 on letter from the Agt. Dist. Judge of Nellore No 380 of 15th idem.

In returning the papers above quoted, the Secy. to Govt. P.W. Deptt. is directed to remark that the object of its transfer to the P.W. Deptt is not quite apparent.

2. The negotiation for the purchase of the house in question is in the hands of the Collector of Nellore (vide Jo 431 of 28th Feby. 80 & 1949 of 20th Sept. 81 Judicial) and if it is to be suspended orders should apparently issue from the Jud. Deptt.

3. The sanitary aspect of the building is a question which the Gillah Surgeon would be more competent to decide than the Executive Engineer.

(By order)
(Sd) Rees Thompson Lt Col R.E.
For Under Secy to Govt. P.W. Deptt.

Dessd with C. No. 6105 26/10/81

To The Jud. Deptt. with papers ret.d.

C.E. No 2439 of 26-10-81.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

22nd December 1881, No. 2645.

Houses for Officers.

Read the following papers:—

From B. HORSBRUGH, Esq., Acting District Judge of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 15th October 1881, *No.* 380 [*Current No.* 3052].

I have to acknowledge receipt of G.O., dated 20th September 1881, No. 1949, directing the Collector of Nellore to complete the purchase of the house belonging to the Rajah of Venkatagiri occupied by Mr. Goldingham during the time he was District Judge here.

2. If not too late, I beg to suggest that a report should be called for regarding the sanitary aspect of the house. It is built immediately below the bund of a large tank, so that the ground-floor is constantly damp and uninhabitable, and the upper story for several months is unhealthy from the same cause. It is not a house that I would remain in as soon as another is available in a better situation. Mr. Goldingham's letter makes no mention of these drawbacks to the house, but I believe that other occupants of the house have had reason to complain of its unhealthiness. In the event of Government buying the house and insisting on the District Judge living in it, what course will be taken if the official should find that his health is continually suffering from causes traceable to the malarious site of the house? If he removes to another, it would be hard that he should be called upon to pay the rent of two houses, and at the same time I do not suppose that Government will be prepared to forego the rent of the one they are thinking of purchasing.

No. 1702.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949, Judicial.

OOTACAMUND,
19*th October* 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 26*th October* 1881, *No.* 2439 [*Current No.* 3149].

[Endorsement from Judicial Department, No. 1702, 19th October 1881.]

In returning the paper above quoted, the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, is directed to remark that the object of its transfer to the Public Works Department is not quite apparent.

2. The negotiation for the purchase of the house in question is in the hands of the Collector of Nellore (*vide* G.Os., Nos. 431, dated 28th February 1880, and 1949, dated 20th September 1881, Judicial), and, if it is to be suspended, orders should apparently issue from the Judicial Department.

3. The sanitary aspect of the building is a question which the Zillah Surgeon would be more competent to decide than the Executive Engineer.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 1741.

The present correspondence will be referred to the Collector of Nellore for remarks with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28*th October* 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 8th November 1881, *No.* 4117 [*Current No.* 3343].

I have the honor to acknowledge Government endorsement, 28th October 1881, No. 1741, referring to me for remarks, with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949, a letter in which the Acting District Judge represents that a sanitary report on the house which Government propose to purchase from the Rajah of Venkatagiri should be called for, and inquires whether, if the Judge, after the house is purchased, is compelled to move from it on account of its being unhealthy, he will be compelled to continue to pay the rent.

2. I presume that my remarks are wanted only as to what I have done with regard to the purchase of the house. Hitherto I have done nothing partly because the Rajah's Vakil informs me that the Rajah wants Rs. 20,000 instead of Rs. 18,000 for the house in virtue of his having spent a sum of about Rs. 1,500 in repairing it since his assent to sell it for Rs. 18,000, partly because the Rajah is absent, and partly because I was aware Mr. Horsbrugh had made representations on the subject to Government and awaited their orders.

3. My personal opinion as to the healthiness of the house is not worth much. It is, as Mr. Horsbrugh says, situated close to the large Nellore tank, and many people might object to the neighbourhood when the tank is full or beginning to empty.

No. 2414.

Copies of letter, dated 15th October 1881, No. 380, from the Acting Judge of Nellore will be communicated to Mr. Goldingham (Acting Judge of Bellary) and the Zillah Surgeon of Nellore for their remarks on the insanitary aspect of the Venkatagiri Rajah's house proposed to be purchased as a Judge's residence.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23*rd November* 1881.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

From J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., Acting District and Sessions Judge of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 25th November 1881, *No.* 19 [*Current No.* 3553].

I have the honor, in reply to the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd November 1881, No. 2414, calling for my remarks on the insanitary aspect of the Venkatagiri Rajah's house in Nellore, to state that I lived in the house in question from December 1872 to April 1874 and from July 1876 to April 1880, and, comparing it with other houses in Nellore, I was very well satisfied with it. During my absence on furlough from April 1874 to April 1876 Mr. Daniel lived in the house and I never heard that his health suffered in consequence. Previous to 1872 Mr. Cardozo, Superintendent of the Revenue Survey, at present at Bellary, lived in the house for two years, and, on referring to him, he authorizes me to state that he was perfectly well all the time he lived there. I cannot agree with the present Acting Judge that the ground-floor is "constantly damp and uninhabitable," for the house is built on a battlement or raised mound of some six or eight feet above the level of the road and twelve above the level of the tank, and certainly I never found it so, nor was the upper story, which contained all our bed-rooms and reception-rooms, either damp or unhealthy for "several months of the year." No doubt the house is not quite as nicely situated

as one called Mr. Cockerill's house, for, as Mr. Daniel observed in a letter to Government dated in May 1874, it is too near the town, but this defect applies to numerous other houses occupied by Europeans in India, *e.g.*, the Collector's and Judge's houses in Madura, the Collector's at Salem, &c. All Nellore has been more or less unhealthy since the famine, but I saw nothing particular in regard to the situation of the Rajah's house which made me averse to live in it.

2. I am not, however, sure that any of the houses situated close to the tank can be called perfectly healthy, but whatever objection exists in regard to the Rajah's must apply with equal force to those occupied by the Collector, the Doctor, and the Superintendent of Police, and the Scotch Mission house, which are all in a line close to the tank, and I do not think the Rajah's house merits such a sweeping denunciation. The only other house which, in my opinion, can compare with the Rajah's in point of situation as well as accommodation is Mr. Cockerill's, the property of Ramatulla Saib, the late Dewan, but it was so dreadfully out of repair in 1879 that I could not then have recommended the purchase of it. I should think, however, that this house could be purchased without any furniture for about Rs. 10,000 and put into good repair if Mr. Horsbrugh has so decided an objection to the other house. I am also half inclined to think that, if Mr. Cockerill's house had been vacant when I first went to Nellore and *in good repair*, I would have taken it, and that under these conditions it would be a better purchase than the Rajah's house, but not otherwise.

From Surgeon-Major Æ. M. ROSS, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 1st December 1881, *No.* 255 [*Current No.* 3590].

I have the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 2414, of the 23rd November 1881, to state that the bungalow at present occupied by the Acting Judge is, in my opinion, an unhealthy one. The foundations are below the level of the bed of the adjoining tank and they are therefore always damp, the damp rising into the walls at certain seasons.

2. A great portion of the compound is below the level of the tank and is usually damp, exhaling malaria.

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From B. HORSBRUGH, Esq., Acting District Judge of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 15th October 1881, *No.* 380 [*Current No.* 3052].

I have to acknowledge receipt of G.O., dated 20th September 1881, No. 1949, directing the Collector of Nellore to complete the purchase of the house belonging to the Rajah of Venkatagiri occupied by Mr. Goldingham during the time he was District Judge here.

2. If not too late, I beg to suggest that a report should be called for regarding the sanitary aspect of the house. It is built immediately below the bund of a large tank, so that the ground-floor is constantly damp and uninhabitable, and the upper story for several months is unhealthy from the same cause. It is not a house that I would remain in as soon as another is available in a better situation. Mr. Goldingham's letter makes no mention of these drawbacks to the house, but I believe that other occupants of the house have had reason to complain of its unhealthiness. In the event of Government buying the house and insisting on the District Judge living in it, what course will be taken if the official should find that his health is continually suffering from causes traceable to the malarious site of the house? If he removes to another, it would be hard that he should be called upon to pay the rent of two houses, and at the same time I do not suppose that Government will be prepared to forego the rent of the one they are thinking of purchasing.

No. 1702.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949, Judicial.

OOTACAMUND,
19*th October* 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 26*th October* 1881, *No.* 2439 [*Current No.* 3149].

[Endorsement from Judicial Department, No. 1702, 19th October 1881.]

In returning the paper above quoted, the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, is directed to remark that the object of its transfer to the Public Works Department is not quite apparent.

2. The negotiation for the purchase of the house in question is in the hands of the Collector of Nellore (*vide* G.Os., Nos. 431, dated 28th February 1880, and 1949, dated 20th September 1881, Judicial), and, if it is to be suspended, orders should apparently issue from the Judicial Department.

3. The sanitary aspect of the building is a question which the Zillah Surgeon would be more competent to decide than the Executive Engineer.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 1741.

The present correspondence will be referred to the Collector of Nellore for remarks with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th October 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 8th November 1881, *No.* 4117 [*Current No.* 3343].

I have the honor to acknowledge Government endorsement, 28th October 1881, No. 1741, referring to me for remarks, with reference to G.O., 20th September 1881, No. 1949, a letter in which the Acting District Judge represents that a sanitary report on the house which Government propose to purchase from the Rajah of Venkatagiri should be called for, and inquires whether, if the Judge, after the house is purchased, is compelled to move from it on account of its being unhealthy, he will be compelled to continue to pay the rent.

2. I presume that my remarks are wanted only as to what I have done with regard to the purchase of the house. Hitherto I have done nothing partly because the Rajah's Vakil informs me that the Rajah wants Rs. 20,000 instead of Rs. 18,000 for the house in virtue of his having spent a sum of about Rs. 1,500 in repairing it since his assent to sell it for Rs. 18,000, partly because the Rajah is absent, and partly because I was aware Mr. Horsbrugh had made representations on the subject to Government and awaited their orders.

3. My personal opinion as to the healthiness of the house is not worth much. It is, as Mr. Horsbrugh says, situated close to the large Nellore tank, and many people might object to the neighbourhood when the tank is full or beginning to empty.

No. 2414.

Copies of letter, dated 15th October 1881, No. 380, from the Acting Judge of Nellore will be communicated to Mr. Goldingham (Acting Judge of Bellary) and the Zillah Surgeon of Nellore for their remarks on the insanitary aspect of the Venkatagiri Rajah's house proposed to be purchased as a Judge's residence.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd November 1881.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

From J. D. GOLDINGHAM, Esq., Acting District and Sessions Judge of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bellary, 25th November 1881, *No.* 19 [*Current No.* 3553].

I have the honor, in reply to the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd November 1881, No. 2414, calling for my remarks on the insanitary aspect of the Venkatagiri Rajah's house in Nellore, to state that I lived in the house in question from December 1872 to April 1874 and from July 1876 to April 1880, and, comparing it with other houses in Nellore, I was very well satisfied with it. During my absence on furlough from April 1874 to April 1876 Mr. Daniel lived in the house and I never heard that his health suffered in consequence. Previous to 1872 Mr. Cardozo, Superintendent of the Revenue Survey, at present at Bellary, lived in the house for two years, and, on referring to him, he authorizes me to state that he was perfectly well all the time he lived there. I cannot agree with the present Acting Judge that the ground-floor is "constantly damp and uninhabitable," for the house is built on a battlement or raised mound of some six or eight feet above the level of the road and twelve above the level of the tank, and certainly I never found it so, nor was the upper story, which contained all our bed-rooms and reception-rooms, either damp or unhealthy for "several months of the year." No doubt the house is not quite as nicely situated

as one called Mr. Cockerill's house, for, as Mr. Daniel observed in a letter to Government dated in May 1874, it is too near the town, but this defect applies to numerous other houses occupied by Europeans in India, *e.g.*, the Collector's and Judge's houses in Madura, the Collector's at Salem, &c. All Nellore has been more or less unhealthy since the famine, but I saw nothing particular in regard to the situation of the Rajah's house which made me averse to live in it.

2. I am not, however, sure that any of the houses situated close to the tank can be called perfectly healthy, but whatever objection exists in regard to the Rajah's must apply with equal force to those occupied by the Collector, the Doctor, and the Superintendent of Police, and the Scotch Mission house, which are all in a line close to the tank, and I do not think the Rajah's house merits such a sweeping denunciation. The only other house which, in my opinion, can compare with the Rajah's in point of situation as well as accommodation is Mr. Cockerill's, the property of Ramatulla Saib, the late Dewan, but it was so dreadfully out of repair in 1879 that I could not then have recommended the purchase of it. I should think, however, that this house could be purchased without any furniture for about Rs. 10,000 and put into good repair if Mr. Horsbrugh has so decided an objection to the other house. I am also half inclined to think that, if Mr. Cockerill's house had been vacant when I first went to Nellore and *in good repair*, I would have taken it, and that under these conditions it would be a better purchase than the Rajah's house, but not otherwise.

From Surgeon-Major Æ. M. ROSS, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 1st December 1881, *No.* 255 [*Current No.* 3590].

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