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Houses for Officers.

Requesting the Public Works Department to
issue orders for a professional valuation of the
Marine Villa, Cocanada, occupied by the Port
Officer at that station.

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30TH JULY 1883, No. 397, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th May 1883, No. 4819.

Administrative Department.

I have the honor to submit to Government the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 3844, dated 10th May 1883, forwarding to Government, through this Department, for sanction, an estimate from the Collector of Godáviri, for repairs to the house occupied by the Port Officer, Cocanada, amounting to Rs. (2,065) two thousand and sixty-five.

2. The house was purchased for Rs. (8,800) eight thousand and eight hundred, and given over to the Port Officer, Cocanada, in July 1879, but through some oversight in the Collector's Office no rent was collected till the latter part of last year, when it was detected by this department, and the Collector's attention drawn to the omission.

3. In March 1882, the Port Officer submitted an account of repairs done to the house from time to time, amounting to Rs. (787-13-0) seven hundred and eighty-seven and Annas thirteen, and the amount of the present estimate is Rs. (2,065) two thousand and sixty-five, making in all Rs. (2,852-13-0) two thousand eight hundred and fifty-two and Annas thirteen.

4. Now it is three years and ten months up to 15th May 1883 since the house has been purchased, and at Rs. (40) forty per month the rent for the whole period is Rs. (1,840) one thousand eight hundred and forty, or Rs. (1,012-13-0) one thousand and twelve and Annas thirteen less than the cost of repairs.

5. It was never contemplated that the house should be a burden on Port Funds, and though urgent for its purchase, the Master Attendant has constant complaints to make now. I would therefore recommend that the house be advertised for sale an offer sufficient to cover the outlay to be accepted, in which case the Master Attendant would make his own arrangement as before.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1883, Mis. No. 3844.

Read—the following letter from W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godáviri District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th April 1883, No. 171.

The Marine Villa bought by Government for the residence of the Port Officer at Cocanada is out of repairs.

2. The Superintending Engineer estimates the cost of repairs at Rs. 2,065.

3. I have the honor to request that the Board of Revenue will be so good as to sanction the execution of the repairs which are very urgently needed.

4. The estimate framed by the Department of Public Works and countersigned by me is herewith forwarded.

Resolution—dated 10th May 1883, Mis. No. 3844.

Submitted to Government through the Master Attendant.

2. The Collector should have addressed the Master Attendant on the subject.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department,
„ Collector of Godáviri, through the Master Attendant, with estimate.

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godáviri District, to the
Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 16th July 1883,
No. 16.

I have the honor to reply to Government Official Memorandum, dated 6th ultimo,
No. 1086.

2. I have had the Marine Villa occupied by the Master Attendant, Cocanada, valued by three respectable house-owners in Cocanada. They say it is worth Rs. 3,000 in its present state. Captain Taylor's proposal to sell it for Rs. 8,800 is therefore not feasible. The house should either be put up to auction and sold for what it will fetch or repaired. If thoroughly repaired now, it will not need much done to it for some years, and the rent charged (Rs. 40 a-month) will give a large return on its real value, though a small one on the price (Rs. 8,800) paid for it.

3. The earthwork and gravelling in the compound are necessary to make the house habitable, but the railing may be omitted. The following paragraph of a letter from Mr. Gilham to Captain Taylor accurately describes the state of the compound:—

“The compound being so very low, at high tides, the building gets surrounded with sea water, completely isolating it from the high road leading between the town and the point, which prevents at times ingress or egress between the premises and the high road without wading through sea water, notwithstanding that I, some time ago, incurred some expenditure in trying to partly remedy this complaint yet within the last few days during fine weather the sea water was about two inches up the front steps of the building, the compound all round the house being flooded; this of course precludes all possibility of having a garden on the premises besides making the building damp and unhealthy when surrounded with water. The compound and the road leading to the building should be raised.”

4. Mr. Gilham paid no rent for some time under what seems to me a very natural mistake that he was to have the house-rent free. The rent (Rs. 40 a-month) demanded by Captain Taylor was that fixed by Government (*vide* G.O., dated 25th July 1872, No. 177, Marine Department) for a new house proposed to be built for the then Master Attendant, but nothing was said (*vide* G.O., dated 9th August 1878, No. 405, and 24th December 1878, No. 659, Marine) about charging rent for the old house finally purchased. I would therefore recommend that the arrears of house-rent, Rs. 1,420, may be remitted. The rent has been regularly recovered since January 1883.

ORDER—dated 30th July 1883, No. 397, Marine.

Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department calling for a professional valuation of the Marine Villa.

(True Extract.)

M. B. Munnell
for Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department,
„ Master Attendant, Madras.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.