GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 16th July 1883, No. 1494 :—

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1071 C., dated 6th June 1883, I have the honor to report that Messrs. Binny and Company state that they price their large bungalow and land at Ennore at Rs. 8,000, not including furniture and plate.

2. The original value of the building, including punkahs, mats, blinds and the ground attached, is estimated at Rs. 10,500.

The Executive Engineer considers that if the Bungalow were dismantled the materials might fetch Rs. 3,000. Thus, there would be a loss of not less than Rs. 5,000.

3. In the complete estimate for the Buckingham Canal a second-class rest-house at Ennore is provided, to cost Rs. 5,715, and Messrs. Binny's bungalow might be turned to account as a rest-house with more advantage than if the bungalow were pulled down for the sake of selling the materials. I do not know of any other use to which the bungalow can be put.

ORDER—dated 11th August 1883, No. 2228 W., Public Works.

The purchase of Messrs. Binny and Company's large bungalow at Ennore for Rs. 8,000 is sanctioned as a charge against the Buckingham Canal Estimate in the first instance ; but as the necessity for the purchase has arisen in consequence of operations undertaken on behalf of the Salt * Department, it seems fair that a substantial share of the cost should fall against that department. A moiety of the charge might perhaps be so provided, the bungalow being used as a rest-house by the Salt as well as the Public Works Department. Before finally deciding the incidence of the charge, however, His Excellency the Governor in Council will await any remarks which the Commissioner of Salt Revenue may have to offer. These will be called for in the Revenue Department.

* *Vide* G.O., No. 1297 W., dated 4th May 1883.

2. Meanwhile the Superintending Engineer will, in communication with the Government Solicitor, take steps for having the property conveyed to Government.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Government Solicitor.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

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Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 11th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th Aug. 1883, No. 2228 W.

AUGUST.

Messrs. Binny & Co.'s large Bungalow at Ennore

The purchase by Government of —, sanctioned with remarks.

10 Rundall's Road, Vepery
Madras 4th July 1883.

To

The Honorable Col. R.H. Sankey C.B; R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir.

I have the honor respectfully to lay the following circumstances before you for the kind and favorable consideration of Government.

I am the owner of the House No 1. known as "Brighton Villa" at Ennore, which I purchased in March 1879. Having at the time been suffering from Chronic Bronchitis I was ordered change of air to that place and for the past four years I have resorted there from time to time, with my family as opportunity offered. The grounds attached to the house are in two separate lots divided by the main road, which runs North and South. The Eastern portion contains the house and buildings and the Western portion gives me access to the

the river, and consists of 2 Cawnies of land, planted out with over 2000 Casurina trees, some of which are 20 feet in height. On purchasing the house I constructed a wooden pier 40 feet long for the convenience of embarking or disembarking to or from my pleasure boats; both of which have been moored in Midstream abreast of the pier. When I have had no use for the house I have occasionally let the same at 3 Rs per diem or 70 Rs per month, to visitors resorting to Kunore for boating.

I am now given to understand that the P.W. Deptt are cutting a new Canal which will run past my grounds and divert the whole of the boat traffic of the Buckingham Canal into it, a traffic which is carried on by means of very large Cabin, and flat-boats, and which has hitherto been spread over a large area of water space but which will now be confined to a canal about 20 or 25 feet wide; thus rendering it impossible with any degree of safety to moor my pleasure boats off my grounds, and cutting off all access to them, except by walking up the road to a position about half a mile from my house, for the purpose of boating. The grounds running along the banks of the river North and N.E. of my property are, first, a small patch of land, apparently waste, but which is now used as the only rendezvous for fishing boats and top boats from Pulicat and Madras and carrying coolies and Officials to and from Kunore, and the Salt pans and bungalows across the river; as also for a large cart traffic between those places and Madras. The grounds next in turn are private property belonging to Mr Mc Clintock of the firm of Messrs Best & Co and are railed in, close to the waters edge. Next follows the Government Salt Inspectors house and grounds which cannot be used as a thoroughfare for embanking, and lies half a mile from my gate.

But not only will access be cut off from the river opposite to and adjacent

adjacent to the house but the bulk of firewood and cabin boats making Kunore at dusk will inevitably moor for the night between my grounds and the proposed floodgate, for the purpose of cooking their food, and obtaining supplies from the bazaar close at hands, and there is not the slightest doubt that the banks of the river and my plantation, which is very thickly planted, will be used by boats crews and others as a latrine; and thus cause considerable inconvenience and annoyance and tend to reduce what I have hitherto found to be a healthy resort, to a most insanitary condition. Thus it will be seen from various causes that it will be useless for me to resort to Kunore for pleasure and for boating; nor will visitors care to rent a house cut off from all access to the river side; and the property will thus become valueless in the market and prove a dead loss to myself; a loss which I can ill afford to bear.

I have therefore no alternative but to appeal to the Government to come to my relief by taking over the house and grounds at the actual cost of the same up to date viz Rps 5,000 Rupees Five thousand.

The grounds consist of 6 Cawnies of land planted with 4,000 Casuarina trees and a well of superior drinking water. The house is terraced throughout and in perfect order and repair consisting of 3 bedrooms, 2 bath-rooms, 1 sitting room, 1 double hall, and enclosed back Verandah, with front and side Verandahs 200 feet long; and brick flooring throughout. It is also matted and fitted with punkahs in every room. The out-offices consist of a Coachhouse, 4 Stalls, a kitchen and 4 godowns all in perfect repair.

I would respectfully suggest that the premises may be very advantageously purchased by Government to be utilized as a public

bungalow

bungalow in the P. W. Department as a rest house for officers. I beg to submit that a building of the kind could not possibly be erected by the P. W. Department under a cost of 15,000 Rs., and as the Buckingham Canal continues to be improved, and its traffic extended and increased, so will inevitably follow the necessity for increased public accommodation, and in soliciting the Government to purchase the house at the low price at which it is offered I feel, as a public servant myself, that the sale will prove in every way advantageous to the Government

Begging a favorable consideration of the case at your hands

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

T. Marshall.

P.W.D. No. 5733 / 2165 / 80

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S. W. Dept.
Ooty, dated 6th July 1883.

No. 202 E.

Referred to the
Superintending
Engineer 5th Circle
for early report.

A. W. Lawley
Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer
S.W.C. Dept.

Supdg. Engr. 5th Circle
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
5TH CIRCLE, MADRAS,
Chepauk, 18th August 1883.

No. 1891

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
S.W.D.

SIR,

Enclosures.
1 Tracing
1 Endorsement
(retd)

In returning your endorsement No. 202 E dated 6 July 1883, I have the honor to report, that the Executive Engineer of the Buckingham Canal has proposed to make a diversion, as shown in yellow on the enclosed tracing so as to avoid encroaching on either Mr. Marshall's land - the land of the Roman Catholic Church - or the adjacent cocoanut garden. The line of the diversion sanctioned in March 1882, is shown in red, on the tracing. If the revised alignment of the water-way be adopted, the circumstances will be quite altered, and Mr. Marshall's

Marshall's property will not be interfered with: in times of flood the barges will probably be brought up to the bank in the Canal, to the South of the flood gate, and not opposite Mr. Marshall's grounds.

2. The Government have decided on purchasing Messrs. Binny & Co's Bungalow, and there is no need of acquiring the house and land belonging to Mr. Marshall.

× G.O. No. 2228 W dated 11th August 1883.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
Chas. Prendergast Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintg Engineer
5th Circle

or

No. 2228 W 11 8 83

P.W. Cir. No. 7165

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

5TH CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

Dated 18th
Dup - 20th } August 1883.
Recd. 21

ENCLOSURES. 2

No. 1891

Mr Marshall's property at Ennore - Informing that if the revised alignment of the water way be adopted - will not be infered with &c.

Please see from R in connection with his letter of 4/8

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Ste 4/8 Rec. 6/9

Ste 2531 W

P.W.D.

Spo: of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 8th September 83
Read the following:-

Letter from Mr T. E. Marshall dy 4th July 1883.

— do — from the S.E. Fifth Circle No 1891 dy 18th August "

A copy of the Supty Engineer's letter No 1891 dy 18th August 1883 will be furnished to Mr Marshall in reply to his letter of the 4th July 1883, with an intimation that the Government are not prepared to purchase his property at Ennore.

W.L. 1-9-83

To,

Mr T.E. Marshall with copy of letter.

S.E. Fifth Circle.

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Plan of Land
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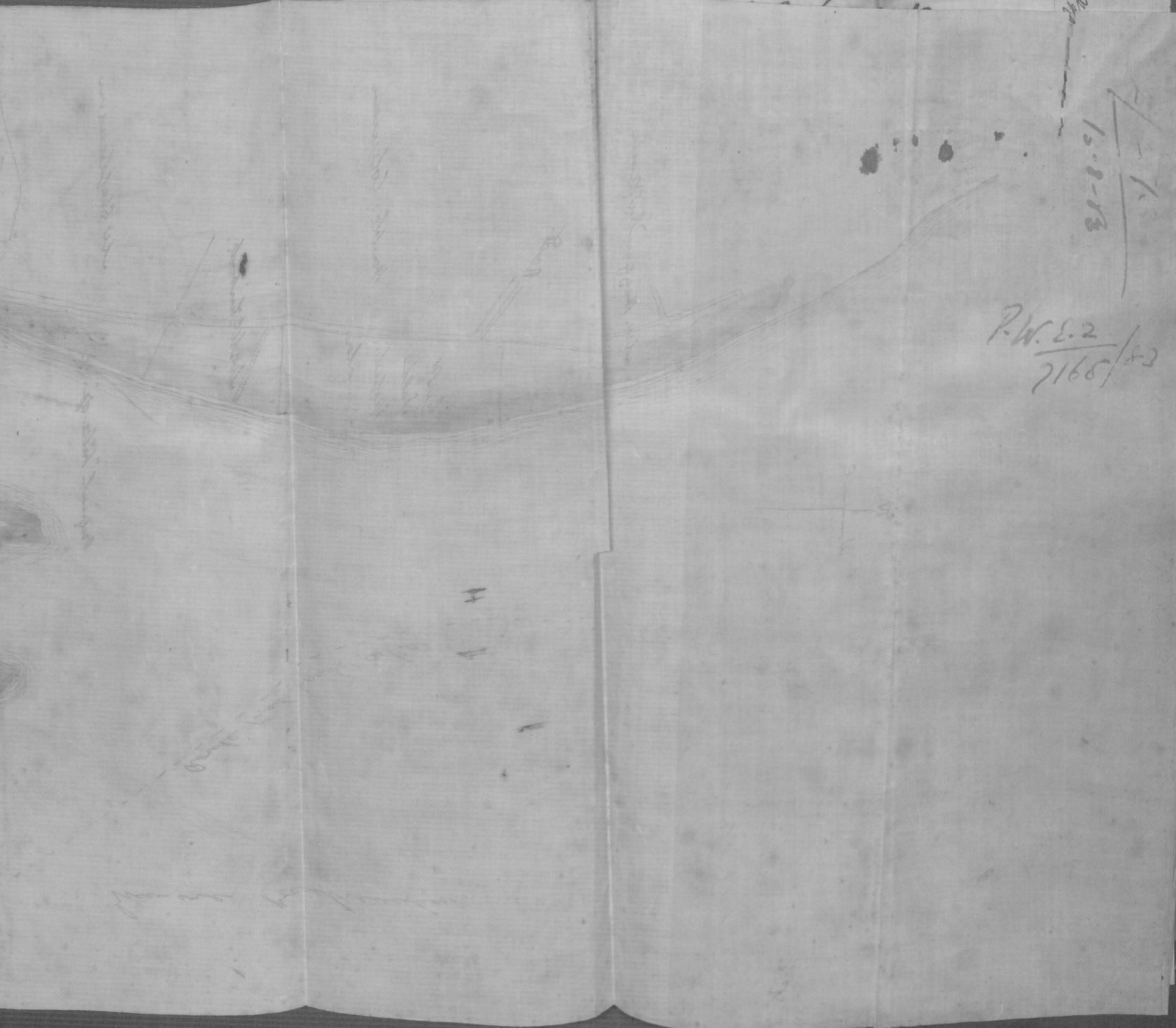
Muddenhall Farm
Hamm
Near Staines
Middlesex
Shewing the Proposed Line
of Diversion of the River Ewe
and
the Altered Line of the Ewe, as it now runs
Also Altered Line of the Bailiffs Footbridge
Scale. 10 inches to 1 mile

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