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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From W. H. GLENNY, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 11th January 1886, No. 145.

As directed in paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 14th December 1885, Mis. No. 895, Political, I have the honor to submit herewith a memorandum of the expenses I have personally incurred in connection with the duty referred to in the Government order. Vouchers accompany the memorandum. I have also submitted a bill for travelling allowance on the scale prescribed for the officer holding my present appointment; but if Government object to this allowance, I shall either withdraw all claim for travelling charges, or in lieu of this bill submit a memorandum of actual travelling expenses by rail, either for myself alone, or for myself and servants or horses or both, as Government may be pleased to direct.

2. As requested in paragraph 4 of your demi-official letter of 18th ultimo, No. 677, I proceed to give a brief outline of the action taken by me in regard to the duty in question.

3. On 10th December (ultimo), I was honored by the personal command of His Excellency the Governor to inspect "Murray's bungalow" at Ranipet, with reference to my suggestion that it might suit as a residence for ex-king Theebaw, and to see about buying it, if it seemed to be what was wanted. I went to Ranipet on the night of the 10th; on the 11th, inspected the house, spoke with the owner, returned to Madras, and had the honor of personally receiving His Excellency's orders to buy the house and grounds.

4. On the 12th, I returned to Ranipet and bought the house and grounds. I sent a telegram to the Private Secretary; and next morning (13th), had the honor of hearing personally from His Excellency at Madras that he approved of my action. I had also the advantage of a consultation with you.

5. On the morning of the 13th, I returned to Ranipet. There I stayed till the evening of the 23rd, engaged in giving instructions to the officers of the Public Works department, and in miscellaneous work connected with the preparation of the house and grounds for the ex-king and his family and personal attendants, and in getting ready the old European Infantry barracks for his followers, his horses and carriages, &c. It seems unnecessary to attempt here a description in detail of what was done, as the estimate (now under preparation) will shew every item of expenditure on repairs, alterations, decorations, &c. It will probably be enough to say that, during this period of ten days, I had the honor of demi-officially reporting progress from time to time to His Excellency through the Private Secretary, and of receiving instructions from His Excellency, both through Colonel Mackinnon and yourself, and that I was in communication with the Honorable Colonel Shaw-Stewart, Secretary, Public Works department, by letter and wire, and on the 17th and 18th with Colonel Burton, Superintending Engineer, and Mr. Davidson, Executive Engineer, personally. Lieutenant West, Assistant Engineer, was with me during the whole ten days, except on 19th, 20th and 21st, when he was with Colonel Burton at Bangalore for purposes of the work. All these officers worked with a will, and received my suggestions and advice with kind consideration. Colonel Kelly, Officer in charge of Pensioners, &c., at Ranipet

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