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9TH OCTOBER 1890, No. 788, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 6th September 1890, No. 5649, Mis. :—

MR. H. W. BLISS.

Read—the following letter from E. S. LAFFAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Bellary, 30th August 1890, Ref. on Mis. Regr. No. 3818—1799 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 14th February 1889, No. 938, Mis., I have the honor to forward copy of a letter, No. 1036, dated the 13th instant, from my Head Assistant at Hospet, and to beg most earnestly that the Board will be pleased to move Government to reconsider the decision contained in G.O., dated 2nd February 1889, No. 676. From my own personal experience and observation I can vouch for the strict accuracy of Mr. Parsons' account of his present residence. I consider it utterly unsuitable as a dwelling place for an European officer and I do not believe that anything that can be done to it can ever do away with its inherent defects. The proper course would be to pull it down entirely and build a new house on the site which is, I think, the best obtainable.

2. It will be remembered that when passing the order above referred to Government directed that steps should be taken, in the Public Works Department, for the early construction of a residence for the Head Assistant Collector. But, as Mr. Parsons points out, nothing whatever has been done from that day to this and the building has, meanwhile, been going from bad to worse till it is now positively uninhabitable. Immediately on the receipt of Mr. Parsons' letter, which was written after previous consultation with myself, I addressed the Executive Engineer pointing out that an estimate for Rs. 7,982 for the improvement of the building had been approved in G.O., dated 4th March 1890, No 1516, Revenue, and inquiring what steps had been or were about to be taken thereon. In reply the Executive Engineer informed me that the estimate had been returned to him by Government in the Public Works Department for revision with a view to further reduction in its amount and that it was being revised accordingly. He added that in consequence of the damage done to the building by the recent rains he had caused it to be inspected by the Assistant Engineer at Hospet who pronounced it "quite uninhabitable." Mr. Parsons had already informed me of this and I at once called for a copy of the Assistant Engineer's report, which reached me only this morning and which it is now my duty to lay before the Board. I would most respectfully submit that this report, the result of professional inspection, more than justifies Mr. Parsons' protest against being compelled to live in such a place, and that it would be nothing short of inhuman to require him to do so any longer. Mr. Russell, the Executive Engineer, tells me that there is no prospect of any allotment being made for the construction of a Head Assistant's residence this year and as there is no other building available at Hospet, the only alternative is to transfer the Head Assistant Collector's head-quarters temporarily to Bellary.

3. In the penultimate paragraph of his letter Mr. Parsons refers to recent orders under which his rent has been raised by the Public Works Department with reference to the latest rulings of the Government of India (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated

6th December 1889, No. 857), from Rs. 21½ to Rs. 29 per mensem. It certainly is an instance of the irony of things that an officer who occupies his quarters under protest and simply because he is allowed no choice in the matter should have his rent increased by some 35 per cent. just when those quarters are tumbling about his ears. From the printed correspondence on the subject I am unable to gather whether any discretion in such matters is now left to local Governments, but if practicable, I would certainly recommend that Mr. Parsons' request be complied with as a matter of equity.

ENCLOSURE.

From F. C. PARSONS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Bellary, 13th August 1890, No. 1036.

I have the honor to request that you will again request the Board to move Government to allow me to live in Bellary until a new house be built in Hospet.

2. The Board in their resolution, dated 5th September 1888, No. 768, supported the late Collector's proposal that, as the house at Hospet was scarcely habitable, the Head Assistant Collector should be allowed to live in Bellary until a new house was built.

3. In G.O., dated 2nd February 1889, No. 676, the Government refused to allow the Head Assistant to change his head-quarters and it was further stated that steps will be taken in the Public Works Department for the early construction of a residence for the Head Assistant Collector at Hospet.

4. Since the issue of this Government order nothing whatever has been done to repair the present bungalow or construct a new one and the patched up "dirgah" has become quite uninhabitable. During the last month one of the stables has fallen in and I have had to remove my horses from them as they are not safe. One of the servants' rooms has fallen in and as the other servants' quarters leak badly I find it very difficult to get servants to live with me at all. Of the servants whom I took there in April last one has refused to live in such quarters and left me; two have left me from this and other causes; one has had colds and fever, principally from this cause, and I have had to send him away to recruit his health; another one is continually getting ill from the same cause. The room in the servants' quarters which has fallen in has usually been occupied by my peons and, as the cutcherry and "dirgah" are some little distance off the town of Hospet, they very much feel the loss of any shelter.

5. As to the "dirgah" itself in which I am living, with all due submission I beg to protest against being compelled to live in such a building especially in a place like Hospet where there is not another European resident. It has been frequently represented that it is not a suitable house for a person in my position. The late Collector has pronounced it to be "scarcely habitable" and Colonel Smalley, Superintending Engineer, III Circle, in a letter to the Collector, dated 4th February 1888, said "the Muhammadan tomb at Hospet which does duty at present for the Head Assistant Collector's residence is unfit for such a purpose." The opinion of these two officers condemns the building in general terms. During the month of July this year the place became, I submit, dangerous and uninhabitable. The building consists of two large rooms and five smaller ones which have been described as "dog kennels." All these rooms except one of the larger ones leak badly. In the two most convenient of the smaller ones the rain comes in to such an extent that I have been unable to use them at all. The outer wall of the building on the west side has fallen in so as to leave a large hole in it and as the wall is built of mud with a few stones and rotten beams there is every probability of the remainder of the wall falling in ere long. The two larger rooms which are the only ones in which I can live are rendered loathsome and filthy by the numerous bats, sparrows, rats, squirrels, beetles and insects of all descriptions which inhabit the space between a roof of concrete and the matting which covers it. These creatures besides keeping up a discordant noise day and night have made and are making numerous holes in the matting through which they emit concrete and filth of all kinds spoiling alike one's dinner and one's sleep.

6. In a letter, dated 9th August 1890, the Executive Engineer informs me that the estimate for repairing the building is being revised by him and has not yet been sanctioned by Government. He further states that the actual work can only be done after the rainy season is over and will occupy three months.

7. Under these circumstances, I request that I may be allowed to remove my head-quarters at once into Bellary and that provision may be made for my office being located there.

8. I also request that Government may return to me the difference between Rs. 21-8-0, the rent of the "dirgah" up to 1st April of this year and Rs. 29, the enhanced rent since demanded—vide letter, No. 1873, dated 30th July 1890, from the Executive Engineer, to the Collector of Bellary.

9. In conclusion, I beg that this may be treated as an urgent matter.

Resolution—dated 6th September 1890, No. 5649, Mis.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. With reference to the remark of Government in paragraph 1 of G.O., dated 2nd February 1889, No. 676, as to the distance of Bellary from some of the taluks of the Head Assistant Collector's division, the Board begs to point out that the distance, in time, is under 3½ hours by rail.

3. But whatever the distance, the Board ventures to think that it is not equitable, in the absence of urgent necessity, to compel a European gentleman to live in such a place as the so-called house at Hospet is described to be.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter and enclosures, in original, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

ORDER—dated 9th October 1890, No. 788, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

In the circumstances now reported, the Government will not object to the Head Assistant Collector living at Bellary until a house is built for him at Hospet.

2. Special provision will be made in the Financial Department in next year's budget for the construction of the house. The Collector should be called on to report whether the work can be commenced at once. If so, an allotment will be made out of the Provincial reserve.

3. Paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter recommending a refund of the excess rent levied from the Head Assistant Collector will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with the Collector's letter and enclosures returned.

„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.

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" 3076-77 W a/b. 10.89
" 3741 W a/b. 11.88
" 248 W a/b. 1.89
" 2987 W a/b. 9.88
" 320 W a/b. 5.2.89
" 287 W a/b. 11.2.89
" 1857 C a/b. 12.3.90
" 173 a/b. 14.4.90
" 2743 a/b. 11.6.90
" 2910 C a/b. 4.7.90

No 277.89 W a/b. 11.8.90

of Govt. Revenue Dept. H.E. No. 788/9^{Oct. 1890}

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" 2485 W d/30.1.89
" 2981 W d/22.9.88
" 320 W d/5.2.89
" 381 W d/11.2.89
" 1357 C d/12.3.90
" 17 D d/14.4.90
" 274 D d/11.6.90
" 2910 C d/4.7.90

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 The work cannot be
 commenced until the
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 and the question of the
 provision of funds
 will be considered in
 the S.W. Department on
 receipt of the plan and
 estimate

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3. The Supy. Engineer
 will report how the rate
 of rent for the existing
 building, £29 per month
 has been arrived at.

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