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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

G.O., dated 19th February 1891, No. 130, Revenue.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 11th December 1890, Mis. No. 7882:—

Read—the following letter from E. S. LAFFAN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, dated 25th November 1890, No. 2485-Ref.:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6663, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copies of two letters received by me from the Executive Engineer in reply to my inquiry as to whether the construction of a house for the Head Assistant Collector of Hospet could be commenced at once.

2. It will be observed that even what the Executive Engineer describes as "really necessary repairs" are estimated to cost more than Rs. 6,500, the maximum allowed in the Public Works Department, and that in the second letter absolutely necessary repairs are limited to the construction of a new roof. As the small side rooms or bath rooms of the building are in their present state absolutely useless and the stables a mere heap of crumbling ruins, I am of opinion that this falls very short of what is absolutely necessary. The only substantial parts of the building are, as will be gathered from the professional certificate forwarded with my letter, dated 30th August, Reference on Mis. Register No. 3818/1799, the four thick and clumsy walls of the original dargah together with the partition wall, which divides it into two narrow and oppressively gloomy rooms. These, with the thatched verandah in front, are practically the whole extent of the accommodation provided. I submit that money spent upon the repair and alteration of such a building would be money thrown away and that a comfortable and cheerful house could be built for much less than would be required to make the dargah a really suitable dwelling. As already reported I consider it in its present state altogether unsuitable as a residence for a European officer and I do not believe that anything that can be done to it, short of pulling it down, can ever do away with its inherent defects. From Mr. Larminie's second letter I gather that he is of the same opinion. I would strongly recommend, therefore, that the present scheme be abandoned and that orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the immediate preparation of plans and estimates for a new building.

Resolution—dated 11th December 1890, Mis. No. 7882.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

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3. The Collector now repeats his request that a new house should be built on the ground that it would be hardly more expensive and very much more satisfactory. It is evident from the various descriptions of the "dargah," which have already been given, that this is the case, and the Board accordingly submits his letter for favorable consideration.

Read—again G.O., dated 19th January 1891, Mis. No. 406, referring to the Board of Revenue, for remarks, endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 8th January 1891, No. 82 C., referring, for favor of opinion, letter from the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, forwarding an estimate for the alterations and improvements to the Head Assistant Collector's residence at Hospet, Bellary district, with the suggestion that his office should be converted into a dwelling house and the dargah into an office.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 7th February 1891, Mis. No. 837 :—

Read—the following papers :—

Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated 19th January 1891, No. 406.

Board's reference thereon, dated 22nd January 1891.

"Forwarded to the Collector of Bellary for early report."

Letter from R. SEWELL, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 31st January 1891, Reference on Mis. Register No. 585/385.

In reply to your reference on Government Register No. 121 of 1891, dated 22nd January 1891, forwarding, for report, the suggestion of Superintending Engineer contained in his No. 2886, dated 27th December 1890, addressed to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, I have the honor to state that I have inspected the bungalow and building in company with Mr. Campbell, Head Assistant Collector, who lived in the old building about 3 years. Mr. Campbell would prefer that the old building should be converted into Head Assistant Collector's residence as originally proposed. So far as I am concerned the proposal to convert the dargah into an office and the present office building into residence seems most to commend itself. The only objection anticipated by the Superintending Engineer that the house would be too near the public road is not of very great importance in my opinion, as there is not much traffic on this particular road. It is not one of the great high roads, but is a road leading to Rámandrúg and Sandúr from Hospet.

In para. 4 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, the cost of additions, &c., to the office required to make it a dwelling is put down roughly at Rs. 4,000, and, though he says nothing about the cost of converting the dargah into office, I imagine it will not cost a great deal. Probably the whole can be done for Rs. 10,000, which is the estimated cost of providing a new dwelling as recommended by Board to Government in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 7882, dated 11th December 1890, on letter of Mr. Laffan, No. 2485, dated 25th November 1890.

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Submitted to Government in reply to Government endorsement, dated 19th January 1891, No. 406.

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4. The present office appears to need very little to fit it for a residence and the design appears suitable, though it would be an improvement if the bath rooms were double in case a married Head Assistant is sent there.

Order—dated 19th February 1891, No. 130, Revenue.

The proposal to convert the Head Assistant Collector's office at Hospet into a residence and to utilize the dargah as an office does not commend itself to Government. The cost of conversion of both buildings would probably not fall far short of the cost of constructing a new house for the Head Assistant Collector, whilst the result might be that neither building would be suitable. It seems preferable therefore to erect a new building on the site of the dargah or near to it, utilizing the materials thereof as far as possible.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates at an early date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 3rd March 1891, No. 602 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, who will submit estimates for a new building for a Head Assistant Collector's residence, as soon as possible, after receipt of the type design now under preparation by the Consulting Architect, who will be requested to expedite completion.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle,
with plans and estimates (returned).
„ Consulting Architect to Government.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. A. D. Xavier.
Spare Copies.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1891} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd Mar. 1891, No. 602 W.

MARCH.

Head Assistant Collector's Residence in Hospet

Proceedings, Revenue Department, directing to prepare plans and estimates for constructing a new building for a —, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, with remarks.

19TH FEBRUARY 1891, No. 130, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 11th December 1890, No. 7882, Mis. :—

MR. W. S. WHITESIDE.

Read—the following letter from E. S. LAFFAN, Esq., C.S., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Bellary, 25th November 1890, Ref. No. 2485 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 6663, Mis., dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copies of two letters received by me from the Executive Engineer in reply to my inquiry as to whether the construction of a house for the Head Assistant Collector of Hospet could be commenced at once.

2. It will be observed that even what the Executive Engineer describes as "really necessary repairs" are estimated to cost more than Rs. 6,500, the maximum allowed in the Public Works Department, and that in the second letter absolutely necessary repairs are limited to the construction of a new roof. As the small side rooms or bath rooms of the building are in their present state absolutely useless and the stables a mere heap of crumbling ruins, I am of opinion that this falls very short of what is absolutely necessary. The only substantial parts of the building are, as will be gathered from the professional certificate forwarded with my letter, dated 30th August, Reference on Mis. Register No. 3818-1799, the four thick and clumsy walls of the original durgah together with the partition wall which divides it into two narrow and oppressively gloomy rooms. These, with the thatched verandah in front, are practically the whole extent of the accommodation provided. I submit that money spent upon the repair and alteration of such a building would be money thrown away, and that a comfortable and cheerful house could be built for much less than would be required to make the durgah a really suitable dwelling. As already reported, I consider it in its present state altogether unsuitable as a residence for a European officer and I do not believe that anything that can be done to it, short of pulling it down, can ever do away with its inherent defects. From Mr. Larminie's second letter, I gather that he is of the same opinion. I would strongly recommend, therefore, that the present scheme be abandoned and that orders be issued in the Public Works Department for the immediate preparation of plans and estimates for a new building.

ENCLOSURES.

From J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Hospet, 3rd November 1890.

[Reference your No. 1573-2209, dated 27th October 1890.]

I have the honor to inform you that a new and revised estimate is just about to be sent in for carrying out only really necessary repairs to the Head Assistant Collector's bungalow at Hospet. The estimate is slightly over the maximum allowed, viz., Rs. 6,500.

There is no reason why the work should not be started at once, or after the monsoon, in anticipation of sanction if funds be given.

From the same officer, dated Bellary, 19th November 1890, No. 3315.

I am just in receipt of G.O., No. 788 of 9th October 1890, Revenue. My instructions thereon are to send in the revised estimate for Head Assistant's residence, Hospet, without delay. I have similar instructions in respect to many other important estimates for irrigation time before I can complete the estimate for the Hospet bungalow, as, in the absence of special orders to the contrary, I propose to first dispose of irrigation estimates.

Meantime, I would point out that to execute the absolutely necessary repairs a new roof will cost Rs. 6,500, the limit fixed.

For another Rs. 4,500 or Rs. 11,000 in all a comfortable house could be built; so it seems to me it would be better economy to adopt the latter alternative.

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The rent for the bungalow costing Rs. 11,000 would be Rs. 64 per month, and for a cheerful dwelling would be well spent money in a place like Hospet. If you think so you might urge the necessity for a new building.

Resolution—dated 11th December 1890, No. 7882, Mis.

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

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(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.

Read—again the following G.O., dated 19th January 1891, Mis. No. 406, Revenue:—

Read—the following letter from Colonel H. SMALLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, III Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 27th December 1890, No. 2886:—

I have the honor to forward an estimate, amounting to Rs. 6,530, for alterations and improvements and special repairs to the Head Assistant Collector's residence at Hospet, prepared by the Executive Engineer, Bellary, as called for in G.O., dated 11th November 1890, No. 2989 W.

2. The estimate has been kept at as low a figure as possible to bring it within the limits prescribed, though neither the Executive Engineer nor I myself think the arrangements will satisfy the occupant if carried out as proposed.

3. The fact is this durgah (or shrine) is not adapted for a dwelling house as it stands. The only way I see of making it in any way satisfactory for that purpose would be to add an upper story, but that would cost at least Rs. 10,770 as before estimated for. If Government is not prepared to sanction that sum specially to make a really good job of it, then I consider the present estimate should be accepted as a compromise in order to avoid abandoning the property altogether.

4. There is, however, another idea which has struck me, and that is that this durgah might answer as the Head Assistant Collector's office with alterations and improvements, and that the present office might be converted into his dwelling house

with additions as shown in the tracing accompanying. The approximate estimate for these additions would be—

	Rs.
910 square feet plinth area at 2½ rupees	2,275
Add value of present building as borne on the books	4,566
Add detached building used as a record-room to be converted into kitchen, stores, &c.	600
Add reconstruction of present stables as per Executive Engineer's estimate	1,179
Total	8,620

The only objection I see to this estimate is that the house would be rather near the public road between Hospet and Rámandrug.

5. The only other course would be to build an entirely new bungalow, abandoning the durgah, but retaining the out-houses and stables. It is, however, exceedingly difficult to build a house with reasonable accommodation for an officer in the position of an Head Assistant Collector of *pukka* materials now-a-days for the sums laid down. An estimate has already been submitted, amounting to Rs. 10,070, and the present Executive Engineer recommends that this be accepted as the best arrangement.

6. I have said nothing about the cost of converting the durgah into an office for the Head Assistant Collector. To make it into a really good office no doubt an upper story should be added. Records and attached property could then be accommodated on the ground floor in the centre and some of the clerks in the side verandahs to be enclosed, and above a fine court would be formed for the Head Assistant Collector with private room and accommodation for the rest of the clerks in the side verandahs to be enclosed. It was evidently originally intended to finish the durgah with a dome at top, if that were done now it would form an imposing looking building. Perhaps the Consulting Architect to Government might be asked advice on this point.

7. If Government accept my views as to converting this durgah into the office and the present office into the Head Assistant Collector's residence detailed estimates will be got up accordingly on receipt of orders.

No. 82-C.

Referred to the Revenue Department for favor of opinion on the Superintending Engineer's suggestion that the Head Assistant Collector's present office should be converted into a dwelling house and the durgah into an office.

(Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Major, R.E.,
8th January 1891. Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Order—dated 19th January 1891, Mis. No. 406, Revenue.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with the enclosures.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 7th February 1891, Mis. No. 837 :—

Mr. G. McWATTERS.

Read—endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, dated 19th January 1891, No. 406, and the following Board's Reference thereon, dated 22nd January 1891.

Forwarded to the Collector of Bellary for early report.

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* Herewith returned with enclosures.

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Resolution—dated 7th February 1891, Mis. No. 837.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with seven enclosures in Government Register No. 121 of 1891, returned.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

ORDER—dated 19th February 1891, No. 130, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

Chatter
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department, with enclosures.

Exd. G. A. Lewis.

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 Govt. of {1891} Madras.
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G.O., 19th February 1891, No. 130.

FEBRUARY.

Residence

The construction of a new building for the —
 of the Head Assistant Collector, Hospet, sanc-
 tioned.

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No. 3315

From, J. C. Lammie Esquire
 Executive Engineer
 Bellary Division

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To,
 The Collector of Bellary

Station Bellary
 Dated 19. November 1890

Sir,
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Meantime, I would point out that to execute the absolutely necessary repairs a new roof will cost Rs. 6500, the limit fixed.

For another Rs. 4000 or Rs. 11000 in all a comfortable house could be built, so it seems to me, it would be better economy to adopt the latter alternative.

The rent for a bungalow costing Rs. 11000 would be Rs. 64 per month & for a cheerful dwelling, would be well spent money in a place like Hospet. If you think so, you might urge the necessity for a new building.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
 (Signed) J. C. Lammie
 Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

A. S. Srinivasan Esq.
 To the Collector.

Q. M.
 28/2/91

From,

J. C. Larmine Esquire
Executive Engineer
Bellary Division

To,

The Collector of Bellary

Camp Hoaspet

Dated 3rd November 1890.

Ref. your L. ¹⁵⁷³/₂₁₀₉ dated 27th October 1890.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a new and revised estimate is just about to be sent in, for carrying out only really necessary repairs to the Head Assistant Collector's bungalow at Hoaspet. The estimate is slightly over the maximum allowed Rs. 6000.

There is no reason why the work should not be started at once, or after the monsoon, in anticipation of sanction, if funds be given.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

(Signed) J. C. Larmine
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

A. B. M. M. M. M. M.
- For Collector

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No. 2886

Superintending Engineer's Office,
3RD CIRCLE,

Bellary 27 Decr. 1890.

FROM,

Col. H. Smalley R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

IIIrd CIRCLE.

TO,

THE Chief Engineer

Public Works Dept.

Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.

1 Plan of Head
Apt. Collector's
Residence

1 Plan of Stables
for do

1 Tracing sketch
of proposal to con-
vert H. Apt. Collector's
Office into residence

1 Estimate

1 General abstract
1 Report

I have the honour to forward an
Estimate amounting to Rs. 6530 for alterations
and improvements and special repairs to the
Head Assistant Collector's Residence at Hospett
prepared by the Executive Engineer Bellary as
called for in G.O. No. 2989 dated 11th Nov. 1890.

2. The Estimate has been kept as low as
possible to bring it within the limits
prescribed though neither the Executive Eng.
nor I myself think the arrangements will
satisfy the occupant if carried out as proposed.

3. The fact is this Dargah (or shrine) is not
adapted for a dwelling house as it stands. The
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an upper story, but that would cost at least
Rs. 10,770 as before estimated for. If Govt. are
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to make a really good job of it then I consider

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4 There is however another ^{idea} ~~idea~~ which has struck me, and that is that this Dargah might answer as the Head Assistant Collector's Office with alterations and improvements, and that the present office might be converted into his dwelling house with additions as shown in the tracing accompanying. The approximate estimate for these additions would be 910 sq ft. plinth area at 2 1/2 Rs. = Rs. 2275
Add value of present building as borne on the books
(Not shown in sketch) } 4566

detached building used as a record room to be converted into kitchen
Stones &c. (Not shown in the sketch) } 600
reconstruction of present stables
as per Ex. Engr's estimate } 1179

Total Rupees. 8630

The only objection I see to this estimate is that the house would be rather near the public road between Hospett and Kaman road.

5. The only other course would be to build an entirely new bungalow abandoning the Dargah but retaining the out houses and stables. It is however exceedingly difficult to build a house with reasonable accommodation for an officer in the position of an Head Asst. Collr of ~~public~~ materials now adays for the sum laid down. An estimate has already been submitted amounting to Rs. 10,000 and the present Executive Engineer recommends that this be accepted as the best arrangement.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.

H. Smalley
Colt
Supt. Engineer
3/11/02

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Resolution.

Submitted to Government in reply to Government's Endorsement dated 19th January 1891. No 406.

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2. It will be observed that even what the Executive Engineer describes as "really necessary repairs" are estimated to cost more than Rs 6500 the maximum allowed in the Public Works Department and that in the second letter absolutely necessary repairs are limited to the construction of a new roof as the small side rooms or bath rooms of the building are in their present state absolutely useless, and the stables a mere heap of crumbling ruins. I am of opinion that this falls very short of what is absolutely necessary. The only substantial parts of the building are as well as

gathered from the professional certificate forwarded with my letter dated 30th August. Refers to Mis Reg. No. ³⁸¹⁸/₁₇₉₉, the four thick and clumsy walls of the original darga together with the partition wall which divides it into two narrow and oppressively gloomy rooms.

These with the thatched veranda in front are practically the whole extent of the accommodation provided. I submit that money spent upon the repair and alteration of such a building would be money thrown away and that a comfortable and cheerful house could be built for much less than would be required to make the darga a really suitable dwelling. As already reported I consider it in its present state altogether unsuitable as a residence for a European officer and I do not believe that anything that can be done to it, short of pulling it down, can ever do away with its inherent defects.

From Mr. Larmenius's second letter I gather that he is of the same opinion. I would strongly recommend, therefore, that the present scheme be abandoned and that orders be issued in the P.W.D. for the immediate preparation of plans and estimates for a new building.

Resolution.

Submitted for the consideration of

Government.

2. The plan and estimate sanctioned in G.O. dated 27 May 1890 No. 3199 provides only for improving

and including the Head assistant's Bungalow at Hospet and the word "construction" used in para 2 of G.O. dated 9 October 1890 No. 788 appears to be a clerical error. ³⁸
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3. The Collector now repeats his request that a new house should be built on the ground that it would be hardly more expensive and very much more satisfactory. It is evident from the various descriptions of the darga which have already been given that this is the case and the Board accordingly submits his letter for favourable consideration.

Order thereon, 19th February 1891, No. 130.

The proposal to convert the Head assistant Collector's Office at Hospet into a residence and to utilize the Durgah as an office does not commend itself to Government. The cost of conversion of both buildings would probably not fall far short of the cost of constructing a new house for the Head assistant Collector whilst the result might be that neither building would be suitable. It seems preferable therefore to erect a new building on the site of the Durgah or near to it utilising the materials thereof as far as possible.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates at an early date.

(True Extract)

To
The Commr of L. Rev.
P.W.D. with memo.

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for Secretary to Government.

READ the following

Communicated
to the Supg. Engineer,
M. J. L. L., who will sub-
mit estimates for a
new building for a
Head Assistant Collector's
residence, as soon as
possible after receipt
of the type design now
under preparation by
the Insulating Architect,
who will be requested
to expedite comple-
tion.

S. E. M. velle ✓
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