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Revenue Department

N° 346

Dated 17—3—1859

No. 16. Read the following papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department; dated 8th March 1859, No. 358.

Referring letter from the Deputy Superintendent of Electric Telegraph Ceylon and Southern Coast line, requesting that the Travellers' Bungalow at Paumben may be made over to the Telegraph Department for the purposes of an office and private residence of the Assistants.

(Vide Public Consultation 8th March 1859, Nos. 45-46.)

No. 17. Read the following letter from Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Superintendent Electric Telegraph in India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras; dated Ootacamund 8th March 1859, No. 222.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a very urgent application from Mr. Bailey the Deputy Superintedent Telegraphs in Ceylon, and to Negapatam, respecting the use of the Travellers' bungalow at Paumben.

2. I solicit the early orders of the Madras Government to the effect that the bungalow may be immediately made over to the Telegraph Department, one or two rooms being reserved for travellers, while a separate house is being erected for their accommodation.

3. The case is very urgent, as the removal of the Telegraph establishment from the only house available in Paumben must of necessity stop all Telegraphic communication between India and Ceylon.

4. It would save much valuable time if the orders of Government were sent by Telegraph to the Collector of Madura (Via Paumben) to whom Mr. Bailey is referred in the accompanying correspondence which I beg may be returned to this office.

From B. BAILEY, Esq., Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph, Ceylon; to Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Superintendent Electric Telegraph in India, Bangalore; dated Colombo, 22d February 1859, No. 342.

SIR,

1	Letter from Capt. Brine to Asst. in charge Paumben	dated	9th	Instant.
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I have the honor to annex copies of correspondence as per margin* regarding the Travellers, bungalow at Paumben, and with reference to the same most respectfully to solicit that an application to the proper authorities may be made as soon as possible for the bungalow to be made over to the Telegraph Department.

2. The reasons for this arrangement are given in paragraph 20 of my letter of the 24th December last and may be stated briefly as follows; 1st, the Bungalow is much too large for the accommodation of the very few travellers halting at Paumben; 2nd, there is no other building in the place public or private so well suited for a Telegraph office; 3rd, all the public buildings are occupied and there is no possibility of hireing a private one of any description; 4th, a building suitable for the requirements of travellers could be built at one quarter of the expense of one for a Telegraph office, and in the meantime travellers could be accommodated on one side of the present bungalow. Lastly, the Superintendent of Works at Paumben agrees with me in the above named reasons and requires only authority to make the necessary arrangements.

3. Something should be done at once to ensure our being accommodated in a permanent manner for in the event of our being directed to vacate the travellers' bungalow until other arrangements are made the communication by Telegraph between India and Ceylon would be most seriously impeded.

Pt. E. Cn. C. Vs: 358.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d March 1859.

From Captain F. BRINE, Joint Magistrate; to the Assistant in charge Electric Telegraph, Paumben; dated 9th February 1859, No. 1.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that if measures are not speedily taken for providing a Telegraph office for this station I must bring the matter to the notice of the Collector of the District. The travellers' bungalow has only been permitted to be occupied by your Department as a temporary measure on the understanding that it would not be required for a long period.

From Captain F. BRINE, Joint Magistrate; to the Assistant in charge Electric Telegraph, Paumben; dated 9th February 1859, No. 2.

SIR,

I shall feel obliged by your making arrangements at once for leaving the hall and western rooms of the bungalow available for occupation by any one requiring it.

The northern wing of the building must be amply sufficient for all your requirements.

From Mr. BAYLEY; to Captain BRINE; dated Colombo, 21st February 1859, No. 3.

Kindly say what has occasioned your order for the Telegraph office to be removed from the travellers' bungalow. Has the Assistant given you any trouble or is the bungalow required for ravellers?

From Captain BRINE; to Mr. BAYLEY; dated Paumben, 21st February 1859, No. 4.

The order was given because the occupation of the public bungalow by the Telegraph Department was only a temporary measure. I am liable to be censured by the Collector should any complaints be made by travellers. This I must depend upon you to obviate by giving or procuring orders for the construction of an office as early as possible. Obtain the Collector of Madura's sanction for permanently or otherwise occupying the bungalow and I shall no longer be responsible.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. BAYLEY, *Depy. Superintendent.*

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 346; dated 17th March 1859.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 358.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 8th March 1859.

Read the following letter from B. BAILEY, Esq., Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph Ceylon and Southern Coast Line; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 24th February 1859, No. 362.

SIR,

I have the honor respectfully to submit an application for the Travellers' Bungalow at Paumben being made over to the Telegraph Department for the purposes of an Office and private residence of the Assistants; on the following grounds, 1st—There is no other building in the Station, either public or private, available for a Telegraph Office and none so well suited for our purpose—2nd, The building under notice was not built for a Travellers' Bungalow and would never have been so used but for the fact of its being three-fourths of a mile from the works—3rd, So very few Travellers, except Officers of the Telegraph Department, ever halt at Paumben, that a building one half the size would be amply sufficient for their accommodation—4th, A house suitable for the requirements of Travellers putting up at Paumben could be built at about one-third of the cost of one such as would be required for the Telegraph Department, and were this arrangement sanctioned, Travellers could in the mean time be accommodated on one side of the present Bungalow.

2. In December last, I communicated personally on this subject with the Superintendent of operations at Paumben (Captain Brine) who expressed himself in favor of the arrangement and was kind enough to permit the Department, to occupy two-thirds of the Bungalow until other arrangements could be made.

3. A house for the Telegraph is most urgently required and should the Government not think it advisable to sanction the arrangement herein proposed, I would solicit that orders be issued in the proper quarters for one being built as soon as possible in accordance with a plan which I shall be prepared to furnish.

Order.—Paras. 1 and 2 of the foregoing letter will be referred to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Written Con. Ch: 358.

P. W. Dept.

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№ 346.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 17th March 1859.

Read the following Papers

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department.

Referring letter from the Dy Supt. of Elec: Telegraph Ceylon & Southern Coast line requesting that the Travellers Bungalow at Pammbam may be made over to the Telegraph Department for the purposes of an Office and private residence of the Superintendent.

(Here enter 8th March 1859 № 358)

From the Superintendent Elec: Tel: in India &c to the Commd.

Forwards a very urgent application from Mr Bailey the Dy Superintendent Telegraphs in Ceylon and to Negapatam and solicits the early orders of this Govt to the effect that the Bungalow at Pammben may be immediately made over to the Telegraph Department one or two rooms being reserved for Travellers.

(Here enter 8th ——— 222)

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

3 Copies to the Bd of Revr Dated 18th with E. R. C. L. 338.

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To Supt. E. Telegraph
25^th March 59.
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From the B. of Rev: 8/25 May 59
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Referring to the Board for report correspondence relative to the Travellers Bungalow at Pannibew.

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