Revenue Department

No 354

Dorking 18-3-1859

No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23d February 1859, No. 669.

Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput, dated 3d February 1859, No. 22.

(In Con. 7th February 1859, No. 488.)

Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The result of the working of the new system of management in Public Bungalows, has been successful in Chingleput, shewing as it does a clear gain to Government of Rupees 253, after payment of all expenses. At only one out of the five Bungalows now furnished on the Southern Trunk road are any servants retained, and the Collector now requests permission to entertain the same Establishment at all of them.

3. The Board do not however consider that this is at present necessary ; but they recommend that sanction be given for the employment at each of the four second class Bungalows of a "Cook or Butler" on the standard pay of Rupees 6 per mensem.

4. This will make an annual charge of Rupees 288, in addition to the present cost of Establishment, but as the present surplus would nearly suffice to cover it, and the higher rates of fee for occupation will be leviable from the time servants are provided—the Board have no doubt that the receipts will be much increased and the Government incur no extra expense whatever, while the Government furniture will be more carefully guarded and the accommodation to the Public greatly increased.

5. The Board propose at the same time to retain the establishment of a Sweeper and a single Invalid Sepoy on extra batta at each of these Bungalows.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

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No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 354; dated 18th March 1859.

In submitting to the Board of Revenue his Account Current of the Travellers' bungalow in his District where fees are charged to travellers, the Collector of Chingleput recommends for reasons stated, that the regular establishment of servants may be maintained at all the bungalows, and the full fee be charged, this being now done at the Chingleput bungalow only. The Board do not support the proposal, but recommend that a Cook or Butler on a monthly salary of (6) six Rupees be employed, proposing at the same time to retain the establishment of a Sweeper and a single Invalid Sepoy on extra batta at each of the four bungalows.

| | *Rs.* |
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| *At present paid to four Sepoys per annum.* | 133 |
| *4 Matys' pay* ..... | 168 |
| *Increase yearly...* | 35 |

2. It appears to Government that the only difference between the Collector's suggestion and the Board's recommendation is the employment of a Maty in lieu of an Invalid Sepoy, and as this arrangement entails simply the additional expenditure of 35 Rupees per annum for the whole of the four bungalows, and will certainly promote the comfort of Travellers, the Government prefer the Collector's plan.

3. It is satisfactory to observe that the operation of the new system in Chingleput was quite successful during the year reported on : the receipts having been Rupees 381-11, and the charges only Rupees 128-10, leaving a clear surplus of Rupees 253-1.

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

IN CON. 7TH FEBRUARY 1859, No. 488.

From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of CHINGLEPUT,

dated Chingleput, 3rd February 1859, No. 22.

1. I have the honor to forward an Account Current of the Receipts and charges of the Travellers' Bungalows on the Southern Trunk Road for the past year. In the Chingleput Bungalow, the Bengal system has prevailed since June 1857. In the other Bungalows, the system was introduced in the early part of the year under report.

2. The Receipts amounted to Rupees 381. 11. 0, and the charges to Rupees 128-10-0 The latter consisted of the wages paid to the Cook and Maty at the Chingleput Bungalow, and the hire for washing linen at all the Bungalows on the road. The surplus Rupees 253-1-0 has been carried to the credit of Government.

3. The Bungalow Establishment of Cook and Maty is only kept up at Chingleput. At the other Bungalows, the Crockery and linen are entrusted to the Pensioned sepoy, who neither knows how to clean, or take care of them. The want of the full Establishment of servants is subject of complaint by Travellers, who, it would appear, would not object to pay the higher rate of charges in preference to the smaller, if accommodated accordingly. Though the receipts at each Bungalow might not cover its charges, the receipts of all the Bungalows clubbed together, would probably suffice for full establishments being kept up at each. As the object of Government is not profit, I beg to be permitted to assimilate all the Bungalows to the one at Chingleput, both in establishment of servants, and rates of Travellers' charges. The Board will recollect that, under the system formerly prevailing, the Bungalows were a direct charge to Government without any equivalent. The present system, when perfect, as at Chingleput, by discharging the Pensioned Sepoys, and replacing them by servants whose wages are debited against the Bungalows Recipts, has made the Bungalow self supporting. It appears desirable, therefore, to try the extension of the Bengal System in its entirety to all the Bungalows, and if, at the end of a year, they are found to entail a greater loss than the charges formerly incurred by Government on their account in the wages of Pensioned Sepoys, the establishments can be reconsidered, and brought within those limits. I have no fears, however, that such will be the case.

4. It will be seen from the Account Current that the receipts of the four 2nd Class Bungalows have amounted to Rupees 190-11-0 for the year. These Receipts would probably have been double, if servants had been entertained. They may, therefore, be assumed at Rupees 380 per annum, or thereabouts if made into 1st Class Bungalows. The actual wages of servants, similar to those paid at Chingleput, will amount to Rupees 489 for the 4 Bungalows. Government, at present, pay the Sepoys of these four Bungalows Rupees 133-0-5 in wages or Batta every year. By allowing these wages or Batta to be credited to the Bungalows in Cash, or so much as may be necessary, the annual assets of the Bungalows may be taken to be Rupees 513* or Rupees 24 above their charges. The Chingleput Bungalow, however, it should be remembered, has been worked at a profit of Rupees 69. If this sum is credited to the Bungalows, the demand on the wages or Batta will be lessened by that amount, and the charge to Government for the 4 Bungalows be reduced just one half. All that appears, therefore, to be necessary is to sanction the change on condition of its not entailing a greater annual charge to Government than that incurred by it at present, Rupees 133-5-0.

* Travellers' Fees 380.
Sepoys' wages 133.
513.

ENCLOSURE 1.

Account Current showing the Receipts and Disbursements in the Travellers' Bungalows on the Southern Road in the District of Chingleput for the year 1858.

| No. | | Rs. | As. | Ps. | No. | | Rs. | As. | Ps. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | To amount of fees collected at the Bungalow at Meenumbakum... | 55 | 10 | 0 | 1 | To amount of charges for washing linen &c.,..... | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| 2 | To amount of fees collected at Goodoovanjary..... | 49 | 14 | 0 | 2 | To amount of charges for washing linen &c.,..... | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| 3 | To amount of fees collected at Chingleput..... | 191 | 0 | 0 | 3 | To amount of establishment and charges for washing linen &c.,..... | 122 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | To amount of fees collected at Carangooly..... | 28 | 14 | 0 | 4 | To Extra charges..... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 5 | To amount of fees collected at Atcheravauk..... | 56 | 5 | 0 | 5 | To do. ..... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| | | | | | | To balance in hand..... | 253 | 1 | 0 |
| | Total Rupees..... | 381 | 11 | 0 | | Total Rupees..... | 381 | 11 | 0 |

Revenue Dept.

No. 357

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 18th March 1859.

Read the following

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Received enter 28th February 1859

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Dr. to Cons: 25 March.

No 354.

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Dy 18 March 59.

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10th March 1860 Ct 559
in Pro 10th Apl No 32 & 33

Referring the plan of the Collector of Chingleput regarding the Establishment of servants at Public bungalows and observing that the operation of the new system in Chingleput was quite successful during the year reported on-

No 33 & 34.

Dy 19 March

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