Revenue Consultation.

No 629

Dated 4th to 10th May 1859

## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 4th to 10th May 1859.*

No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1859, No. 800.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 20th December 1858, No. 208.

(In Con. 28th December 1858, No. 5820.)

*In Consultation 24th July* 1858. Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of 20th July last, No. 991, R. D.

*Pro. to Acting Collector 23d June* 1858. 2. The Acting Collector was instructed by the Board to bring into force at once the system of Fees for occupying Public Bungalows in those instances where Mr. Thomas had supplied furniture, &c., to the Bungalows; but Mr. Cherry now requests permission to defer this step until the Supreme Government shall have sanctioned the establishment applied for, and reports that Mr. Thomas' scale of furniture differed in many respects from that laid down by the Board and approved by Government, and that many of the articles said to have been supplied are not forthcoming, while the agency of private servants having been employed in the matter it is not possible now to obtain explanation of the deficiencies.

3. So far as the Board can understand from Mr. Cherry's letter the articles of furniture have not been entrusted to the Bungalow's servants or at least are not available for Travellers from want of servants, and where this is the case of course the reason for demanding the Fee ceases to apply.

4. But otherwise the mere want of servants has not prevented the introduction of the fee system elsewhere, nor does it clearly appear why it should do so in Coimbatore which has the same Bungalow establishments as other Districts.

5. It is not even eventually proposed to provide extra servants for more than four out of the 14 Bungalows in Coimbatore which are to be furnished, and under these circumstances deferring the introduction of the new system on the grounds assigned by Mr. Cherry for his recommendation, would be equivalent to its abandonment.

6. There is however another reason which the Board consider sufficient to warrant some delay in the levy of the fee.

7. It is very evident from Mr. Cherry's letter that the furniture supplied by Mr. Thomas is not at all what Government intended to supply, nor such as is placed in Bungalows elsewhere, nor indeed from the cost could it be expected to be so.

8. The Board request permission as an exceptional case to complete the furniture in these six Bungalows to the standard allowance, and that till then the use of what there now is may be permitted free of charge so far as Mr. Cherry can provide for its safe custody. Mr. Cherry will be directed to submit a list of what is needed. The Board beg to support the Acting Collector's recommendation that Ootacamund be added to the list of Bungalows proposed to be furnished.

(A true Extract.)

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

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No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1859, No. 630.

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| Avenashy ..... | |
| Metapolliem ..... | |
| Conoor ..... | |
| Coimbatore ..... | On the road from the W. Coast to the Hills. |
| Kooghien ..... | On the road from Trichinopoly to the Hills. |

1. The Board on the 28th June 1858, No. 2173, directed the Acting Collector of Coimbatore to levy the customary occupation fees at the six* Bungalows in the District that had been furnished by Mr. Thomas at a cost of Rupees 317-7-9, the present letter forwarded with the Board's Proceedings under review is his answer, in this three points are brought forward for consideration.

1st. That the system of paying fees should not come into force till the prescribed Establishment of servants be employed;

2nd. That he may be allowed to complete the articles in the six Bungalows to the scale laid down by the Board; and

3rd. That Ootacamund may be included in the Bungalows to be furnished.

2. From Mr. Cherry's letter it would appear that the articles in the Bungalows furnished by Mr. Thomas are insufficient for the use of travellers, and that even these few articles do not correspond with the list of things forwarded, owing as Mr. Cherry thinks, to private servants having been employed in their dispatch.

3. The Board remark that the cost (Rs. 317-7-9) incurred by Mr. Thomas for furnishing these six Bungalows is so small that it is quite impossible that the articles supplied could come up to the scale laid down, they therefore request permission to complete the furniture to the standard allowance, and request that until this arrangement has been carried out, no fees may be levied. The Board further support the 3rd proposition but not the 1st as they observe that it is eventually intended to provide extra servants at only four out of 14 Bungalows to be furnished in the Coimbatore District.

4. Government are not satisfied that any good result is likely to be obtained by furnishing Bungalows on separate roads and at a distance from each other. It was originally intended that Bungalows all along principal lines of road should be provided with necessary articles, to obviate the necessity of travellers encumbering themselves with "heavy bulky and fragile articles;" nor do Government see the advantage of furnishing the Ootacamund Bungalow, there are Hotels on the hills and if the Bungalow was furnished and provided with servants, travellers might find it convenient to make it an Hotel. As however Mr. Thomas is about to resume charge of the Coimbatore District, the Government resolve to refer the proposals contained in Mr. Cherry's letter for his opinion, and for any explanation he may wish to offer regarding the loss of the furniture supplied by him.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
*Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.*

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Memorandum on Revt No 371 of

The Collector of Coimbatore
furnished 6 public bungalows
in his District in order to intro-
duce the Bengal system of Bungalow
management in them, and ob-
tained, thro' the Board of Revt, the sanc-
tion of Government for the measure.
The six bungalows were excluded
from the scheme lately sanctioned
by the Government of India so
far as furniture was concerned,
but four of them were included
in it as regards the establish-
ment of extra Servants.

Mr Thomas having gone to
England, Mr Cherry the Acting
Collector was instructed by the
Board of Revenue to levy the oc-
cupation fees from the travellers
halting in the six bungalows
first named, but he now reports
that the articles furnished by
his predecessor are more in sou-
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Cavoor
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⊗ Em L 20th July 1858 No 991 p. 2

\+ From the Govt of India of 5th Feby /59 No 247 in Em L of 15th March /59 No 326.

* Cavoor
Avenashy
Coimbatore
Metapolliem

excess and less in others than
those fixed by Government, that many of them
said to have been provided are
not forthcoming; and that it is
impossible to afford any explan-
ation respecting the deficiencies,
as the furniture appears to
have been sent direct to the
Bungalows thro' the private
servants of Mr. Thomas.

The Acting Collector then
proceeds to state that the six
bungalows in question have
no establishment attached to
them, except a Sweeper and an
old and infirm Sepoy; and
that consequently the articles
supplied to them are either
missing or unavailable for
travellers, simply because
there are no persons on the
spot who can take care of
them, or know how to use them;
that as long as the Bungalow
Sweeper and Sepoy had charge
of bulky articles, such as tables,
[illegible] there was

Note.
Four of them viz
Coonoor
Aravancadoy
Coimbatore
& Metapolliem
have since got the Establt. lately sanctd. by the Govt. of India



no difficulty in holding them
responsible for them, but that
when they are entrusted with
cutlery, crokery &c., over which
they cannot exercise a similar
supervision, it is no wonder
if the things are lost or destroyed,
and that the loss or destruction
will surely occur again.

Mr. Cherry then adverts
to the small remuneration paid
to the Bungalow watchmen, &
the consequent difficulty in
getting honest men to fill their
posts, and states that these
men frequently apply to him for
sick leave. He also mentions
a case pending before him in
which a Sepoy stole the Shutter
of a Gentlemen's Bullock Coach
and observes that it would be
most unsafe to hand over to
such individuals the small
articles mentioned above.

In the new Bungalow
rules, Mr. Cherry observes,
there is no provision made

"for a Cantankerous party or perfectly independent of Govt." who will not abide by those rules" and quotes two instances in which two Military Officers behaved in an improper manner. He believes that bad or result would attend the presentation to such men of the small bill for bungalow accommodation by an old Sepoy and Sweeper; and that the crockery, if broken, would likely be subjected to a further damage instead of compensation.

In Bengal and Bombay where the furnished bungalow system works successfully, the Acting Collector says, arrangements are so well made that a Lady with a family can be certain of every traveller's want being at once supplied. but in this country, if crockery is to be had in one Bungalow, it is not to be found at the next stage, and instead of

experienced Servants to prepare the long expected meal, the only man available is an old Sepoy.

Under the following explanation Mr. Cherry submits the following points for the consideration and orders of Govt.

1st That the system of charging occupation fees be not enforced in the six furnished bungalows in Coimbatore until the prescribed establishment of Servants is sanctioned by the Govt. of India.

2d That the Acting Collector be authorized to complete the articles now wanting in them according to the Boards Scale viz. 175 Rupees for the first class and Rupees 136 for smaller Bungalows.

3d That the Bungalow at Ootacamund be furnished as it was not included in the Board's scheme.

The Board of Revenue recommend for favorable consideration the 2d and 3d of the

above suggestions, but object to the first. They state that the mere want of extra servants in other Districts was no bar for the introduction of the fee system in them, and that they do not understand why it should be so in Coimbatore which has the same Bungalow Establishment as those Districts. They further remark that as only four out of the 14 Bungalows which are to be furnished in Coimbatore are to be provided with extra Servants eventually, compliance with Mr Cherry's request for deferring the introduction of the system on the grounds assigned by him, would be equivalent to its abandonment. The Board, however, are of opinion that pending the completion of the furniture in the six Bungalows in question, the levy of the prescribed fee in them may be



suspended; and request permission that until then the use of what is in them may be allowed free of charge so far as Mr Cherry can provide for their safe custody.

6th April 1859
V. Sashachellum

Revd Department

No 630.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th April 1859.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George under date 6th March 1859 No 800/

1. The Bd on the 28th June 1858 No 273, directed the Actg Collr of Combaltore, to levy the customary occupation fees at the six Bungalows in the District that had been furnished by Mr. Thomas at a cost of Rs 817.7.9, the present letter forwarded with the Bd's proceedings under review & his answer, in this three points are brought forward in consideration -

1st That the system of paying fees should not come into force till the prescribed establishment of servants be employed

2nd That he may be allowed to complete the articles in the six Bungalows & the scale laid down by the Bd and

3rd That certain amount may be included in the Bungalows to be furnished -

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was furnished & provided
with servants, travellers
might find it convenient
to make it the Bungalow and
Hotel, As suggested per Mr Thomas
Govt. however beg
to abstain from assuming charge of the
Bungalows on the public account
Coimbatore District, the Govt
on the subject, resolve to
refer the proposals contained
in Mr. Cherry's letter & Govt
Memo to his opinion, and
any explanation he may
wish to make regarding
the Cost of the furniture supplied
him.

J.L.

To Chief Sec to Govt

Cons 29 July/58 Nr. 61 & 63

Revenue 1859 Dept
Cons. 10th May
Nr 630

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dtd 7th May/59.

From Board of Revs 8th Octr
Cr Nr 1879 - in Pr:

Mr Cherry's proposals on
the system of Charging occupation
fees at Public Bungalows referred
to Mr. Thomas for his opinion,
and for any explanation he
may wish to offer regarding the
loss of the furniture supplied by
him

Nos 33 & 34-