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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue — DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 868	Press Mis.
Dated 1st July	18 58.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 25th June to 1st July 1859.

No. 61. Read the following letter from Sir W. B. O'SHAUGNESSY, Kt., Superintendent Electric Telegraph in India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras; dated 27th June 1859, No. 564.

I have the honor to forward a very urgent representation from Mr. Bailey the Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph South East Coast Line, shewing the necessity for the *whole* of the Travellers' Bungalow at Paumben being made over to the Telegraph Staff at that most important station, or for a house being built immediately for their accommodation. I solicit the orders of Government on Mr. Bailey's representation. Should it be decided to build a house it will be necessary for me to address the Government of India, to obtain their sanction for the expenditure required.

From B. V. BAILEY, Esq., Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph, Ceylon and South Eastern Coast Line; to Sir William B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent Electric Telegraph in India Ootacamund; dated Paumben, 20th June 1859.

In acknowledging receipt of your memo. of the 13th instant forwarding copy of a letter No. 764 of the 8th instant, from the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, I beg leave to say that the wing of the Public Bungalow here made over to the Telegraph Department cantains but *one* room, only just large enough for office purposes and affords no private accommodation whatever.

2. This one room will answer well enough so long as the office is worked by Natives, all of whom live in their own houses ¾ of a mile away from the Bungalow, but as it is proposed to put the office in charge of an European, who, whether married or single, must be provided with quarters on the spot, and as there is every probability of Christian Signallers being posted to the office, I respectfully submit that nothing less than the whole of the Bungalow will afford the accommodation usually allowed to the Assistants of the Department. For these reasons I earnestly beg that the Government may be again addressed on the subject with the view of permission being granted for us either to occupy the whole of the Travellers' Bungalow or to arrange for the building of one specially for the use of the Telegraph Department.

3. I enclose a ground plan of the house and would ask you kindly to consider whether one room, only 18½ feet square, is sufficient for the public and private accommodation of the most important repeating station between India and Ceylon.

4. Soliciting your early attention to this matter.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1859, No. 868.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report whether the whole building in question can be given over to the Telegraph Department.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

27th June 1859 — W. B. O'Shaughnessy
Superintendent
Elec: Telegr: India

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Supt. Electric Telegraphs in India

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Head office
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From the Superintt. of Electric Telegraph in India.

Dated 27 } June 1859.
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Requesting permission to occupy whole of the Travellers Bungalow at Paumben or to erect one specially for their accommodation.

From the Actg. Secty. to the Bd. of Rev. D/ 4th Octr/59.
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