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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 22. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated 14th February 1860, No. 802.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th ultimo, R. D., No. 42, I am directed by the Board of Revenue, to state that they apprehend that the proposed method of levying the occupation fee at bungalows, viz. by the room, would lead to difficulties in realising the fees, and open a door for fraud on the part of servants collecting them.

In Consultation, 7th January 1860, No. 79.

2. In the first instance, Government fixed the rates at eight Annas and one Rupee for *each* traveller for halts not exceeding four hours and twenty-four hours, respectively.

3. At the Board's suggestions these rates have been reduced to four Annas and eight Annas, for halts not exceeding six and twenty-four hours, respectively, at furnished bungalows, were extra servants are *not* entertained, and a consolidated charge, as shown in the margin,* has been introduced to meet the case of a gentleman and his wife occupying the same room. No charge has ever been made for children.

* *At bungalows with extra servants.*	Rs.	A.
For 4 hours	0	12
„ 24 *do.*	1	8

At bungalows without extra servants.	Annas.
For 6 hours	6
„ 24 *do.*	12

Furnished bungalows with extra servants.	Now. Rs.	Now. A.	Proposed. Rs.	Proposed. A.
For 4 hours	0	8	0	6
„ 24 *do.*	1	0	0	12
A married couple occupying one room for 4 hours	0	12	0	8
For 24 hours	1	8	1	0
Furnished bungalows without extra servants.				
For 4 hours	0	4	0	4
„ 24 *do.*	0	8	0	6
A married couple occupying one room for 4 hours	0	6	0	6
For 24 hours	0	12	0	8

4. The Board are unable to state what effect the proposed system of charging for the rooms occupied, and not for each traveller, would have on the bungalow fund; but the present reference implies that even the present reduced charges press heavily on many travellers, and the Board believe this to be the case. They therefore, recommend a further reduction, but they think that it would be best to reduce the present charges, as shewn in the margin, than to charge by the room, for it is seldom that more than two adults travel together, and children are already free. If Government give the preference to a charge on the room or rooms occupied, the Board would suggest that the following rates be levied in future;—

	Where extra servants are not employed.	Where extra servants are employed.	
	Annas.	Rs.	A.
For a room occupied by one or more persons for not more than 6 hours	6	0	8
For do. do. for not more than 24 hours.	8	1	0

5. The Board think it possible that the receipts at the bungalows will not, at any of the above rates, fully cover the expenditure, but they have not the means, as already stated, to estimate the deficiency, the present system having been introduced lately, and on one road only.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1860, No. 336.

1. The Government do not apprehend any more difficulty in levying the fees by the room than by the individual nor do they see how it will open a door for fraud on the part of the servants.

2. The rates recommended by the Board at the conclusion of paragraph 4 are moderate enough, and the Government are desirous of trying that system in preference to that previously sanctioned of levying a fee from each individual. The Board will be good enough to take steps for the introduction of the new rule from the commencement of next month.

3. A report should be submitted after a year has elapsed shewing the receipts under the new system.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Revenue Dept

No. 336

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Under date the 2nd March February 1860

Read the following

letter from the Secretary to

the Board of Revenue.

Reporting on the subject of levying fees on the rooms occupied in the public bungalows inclosed or on the individuals occupying them.

Here enter 14th February 1860 No 802/

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