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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	358	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 65. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1860, No. 740.

Read letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 21st January 1860, No. 9439, forwarding a letter from the District Engineer of Madura, and an estimate amounting to Rupees 2,030, for constructing a second-class travellers' bungalow at Paumben, and requesting their opinion on the suggestions therein contained.

(In Con. 23rd January 1860. No. 321.)

Submitted to Government for consideration and orders, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 12th October 1859, No. 1394, R. D., authorizing the transfer of the Paumben public bungalow to the Electric Telegraph Department, and the erection of a small new public bungalow in its place.

In Consultation 13th October 1859, *No.* 5116.

2. The question to be decided is, simply, whether a new public bungalow or new Electric Telegraph Office shall be built. The correspondence communicated to the Board with the Government Proceedings, dated 1st July 1859, No. 868, R. D., showed that the Electric Telegraph Department were not satisfied with part of the existing bungalow, and that the sanction of the Supreme Government would be necessary for the erection of a new Office.

In Consultation 1st July 1859, *No.* 3164.

3. The letter of the District Engineer, now submitted by the Chief Engineer, conveys his opinion that the accommodation afforded by the whole of the existing bungalow, is excessive for the requirements of the Electric Telegraph Staff, and that all that they need could be provided now at a smaller cost than that of a small new public bungalow, the estimate for which amounts to Rupees 2,030.

4. If this be the case, the Board are of opinion, that, under the existing restrictions on expenditure, the most economical arrangement, consistent with efficiency, should be adopted.

(A true Extract.)

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

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 66. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs in India, dated 6th March 1860, No. 358.

From Superintendent Electric Telegraph in charge to Madras Government 27th June 1859 *No.* 564.
Reply A 12th October 1859 *No.* 1395.

Adverting to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to forward to you the accompanying copies of letters from the District Engineer of Madura, the Chief Engineer and Board of Revenue, from which it will be seen that the former Officer has reported that the whole of the accommodation afforded by the travellers' bungalow at Paumben is excessive for the requirements of the Electric Telegraph and that a building in all respects well adapted for a Telegraph Office can be erected at that station at less cost than a new travellers' bungalow.

2. It is the opinion of Government that, in these circumstances, it would be preferable to build an Electric Telegraph Office at Paumben; but before coming to a decision on the question it is necessary that they should be apprized of the extent of accommodation to be provided. I am therefore to request that you will have the goodness to furnish them with information on this point.

In Con. 23rd January 1860, No. 321.

From Lieut-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, D. P. W.,
dated Sépákkam, 21st January 1860, No. 9439.

No. 1394, dated 12th October 1859.
* No. 930, dated 3rd December 1859, to be returned.
Enclosures 2.
1 original letter as above.
1 detailed estimate.

With reference to the order of Government marginally noted, I have the honor to forward a letter* from the District Engineer of Madura, and an estimate amounting to Rs. 2,030, for constructing a second class travellers' bungalow at Paumben.

2. Under the present financial restriction, I concur in opinion with Captain Ryves, that it is not advisable to convert the old travellers' bungalow into an office for the Electric Telegraph signalizers at that station, when a new building, well adapted for that purpose, can be erected at a cost much less than the proposed new travellers' bungalow. Should, however, the Board of Revenue take a different view of the subject, may I request you will favor me with their opinion on Captain Ryves' suggestion, contained in paragraph 3 of the accompanying communication, viz. that so much of the old travellers' bungalow, as is not absolutely necessary for, and unoccupied by, the Telegraph office, "should remain available for other public purposes."

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Forwards the estimate for travellers' bungalow at Paumben called for in Proceedings, No. 6202.

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Enc. 2.

Abstract.—Estimate for constructing a second class travellers' bungalow at Paumben in the district of Madura, amounting to Rupees 2,030.

Exd. J. Wright.

Encl.

In the B.P. Proceedings
to the Chief Secy to Govt.
dated 10 Feby 1860 No. 740

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Letter from the Clk
Engrs to the Secy to Govt.
dated 21 Jany 1860 No. 9439
Regg the construction of
2d class Travellers Bungalow at Pombur

Dispatch 8 Nov

№ 358. P. W. D.

To

Sir W. B. O'Shaughnessy Kt.
Supt. of Electric Telegraphs
in India

Sir

From Supt. Elec: Tel: in charge to Madras Govt. 27th June 1859 № 564.

Reply A. 12th Oct. 59 № 895.

Adverting to the correspondence noted in the margin I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer of Madura in charge of Roads & Works of Ferries has reported that the whole of the accommodation afforded by the travellers bungalow at Paumben is excessive for the requirements of the Electric Telegraph and that a building in all respects well adapted for a Telegraph Office can be erected at that station at less cost than a new travellers' bungalow.

You will make it over to the Telegraph Officer in charge

Paumben

It is the opinion of Government that, in these

these circumstances, it would be preferable to build an Electric Telegraph Office at Paumben; but before coming to a decision on the question it is necessary that they should be apprised of the extent of accommodation to be provided. I am therefore to request that you will have the goodness to furnish them with information on this point.

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I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. P.

Fort St. Geo. 6th March 1860.