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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	17 — 3 — 1860.	

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No. 93. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, Madras, dated Ootakamund, 6th March 1860, No. 195 :—

It may not I hope be considered out of place for me to bring to notice, the wretched state of some of the Rest-houses in the Wynád at Nelialam and Panamaram, they are thatched hovels with bamboo tats daubed over with mud for walls, the chief ventilation being an open space all round under the eaves. A similar hovel dignified by the name of Travellers' Bungalow in the Road Book, formerly existed at Gúdalúr, but has entirely disappeared ; other thatched huts, I believe, exist elsewhere of a similar nature, and in equally bad repair, and the whole afford totally insufficient protection against the Jungle Fever of the Wynád. At Manantoddi, Sultan's Battery, and Neddiwattam, there are tiled Bungalows in tolerable order, with the exception of that at Neddiwattam, which is kept very badly and has a great part of the windows broken, so as to afford little protection from the keen night air which prevails at that elevation.

2. Owing to the dangerous nature of the climate, as well as the dangerous state of the roads, with frequent bogs and numerous bridges of only bamboo mats, to say nothing of precipitous paths in places scarcely practicable for a pony, travelling in the Wynád is confined almost exclusively to the day, and these Rest-houses are the only protection that travellers' have against exposure, and the attendant risk of contracting Fever in the nights. Public Officers share in these risks on proceeding to, or returning from their stations in the Wynád, and also on occasionally using the Rest-houses when making rapid marches on duty, without the possibility of getting tents owing to the absence of free labor and also the impracticability of the roads.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1860, No. 412.

Referred to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

also the impracticability of the roads.—

I have the honor
Sir.
Your most Obedient
Signed
Director Revenue

True Copy
Director of Revenue Settlement

J. D. Bourdillon Esqre
Secretary to Government Revenue Department.
Fort Saint George.
for information.—

Rec.d Ditto & Referred
Pro.s of Govt 20th March No 526

From Minute Res. Sentence

To Secy to Govt N.W.P.
Fort St. Geo.e

Dd 6 March
Rec.d 13 — Do —

From the Bd of Rev.e Dd 17th May 60
C. No 948 in Pro.s 25 May 1842
Forwarding copy of a letter to the
Collr Bringing to notice the
unsatisfactory state of some
of the Post Houses on
this Establishment

No 412. 17th March

With an order

No 412

Referred to the Board
of Revenue

Fort St. Geo.e
7th March 1860

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