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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1249 Press Mis.

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Dated 6—6—1862.

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No. 85. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th May 1862, No. 3,504 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Coimbatore, 27th May 1862, No. 116.

SIR,

1. I have received your letter of the 15th May 1862, No. 3,148.

2. Previous to the receipt of this letter, I had received an application from Mr. Smith, the Hotel-keeper on the Shevaroy Hills, requesting permission to occupy the Mettapolliem public Bungalow, and open an Hotel for the convenience of travellers. My predecessor had negatived Mr. Smith's application, so I did not like to entertain it, ere Mr. Thomas had been out of the District a week; although from the little I had seen of Mettapolliem on a late occasion, it struck me that the opening of an Hotel there would be to the advantage of the public. On receipt of the Board's letter, however, I addressed Mr. Smith, and recommended him to pay Mettapolliem a visit, and then come on to Coimbatore. This he has done, and he now states that if allowed, he will be prepared to take up the Bungalow at once, and give satisfaction to the public. Mr. Smith has furniture of all kinds, as well as supplies, such as Wines, Beer, &c., which he is prepared to transfer at once to Mettapolliem. My suggestion therefore is that he be permitted to take possession of the Bungalow, and begin business without delay. He is a man of good business habits, and established character, and well thought of, I believe, by some of the Members of the Board, to whom he is personally known. The Bungalow should, I think, at first be made over to him rent free until he ascertains what his chances of success are. I would not suggest any particular restrictions, as Mr. Smith's own interests will act as a check on the demand of exorbitant rates. He will be on trial, and the public will soon make their sentiments as to his management known. I would also keep the new establishment in view, and make it my business to see that public wants were duly attended to. The statement and [illegible] of existing establishment called for by the Board are herewith sent.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Mettapolliem Bungalow be let without charge for conversion into an Hotel to Mr. Smith experimentally for four months, as was done in the case of the Beypoor Bungalow, subject to report at the expiration of that period.

2. Unless the furniture, &c., now in the Bungalow is required elsewhere, the Collector might at his discretion allow Mr. Smith the temporary use of it on the condition of his making good all breakages and damage.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1862, No. 1,219.

1. The proposal to let the Bungalow without charge for four months experimentally is sanctioned. On the expiration of that period the Board will report whether Mr. Smith gives satisfaction with their opinion as to the terms on which the lease should be continued.

2. The recommendation contained in paragraph 2 is also approved. Mr. Smith must of course engage to preserve both furniture and premises in good order. The buildings should at once be placed in proper repair and supplied with punkahs, venetianed doors, &c.

3. The Board will cause the Coimbatore Bungalow to be placed in proper order without delay. Probably Mr. Smith would rent it also.

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

R 23 May 62 No. 423
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Rev: 1862 Oct.
Rec: of Govt for Nov. 1569.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 30 May 1862.
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Pro. of the Board of R
D/2 Augt 62 Cno 2189
From Board's 17 April 63 C no 890

Recommending that
the Metupoliem bungalow
in Coimbatore be let to
Mr. Smith free of
charge for four months
for conversion into an
hotel.

No 249. 6 June.

No 885 886.

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Rec. 5 June 1862.
Ans. 6 June 1862.

In the Commissioner's
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No 423 Para 2
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