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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th March 1862.*

No. 473. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1862,
No. 1,632 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Nellore, No. 229, dated 6th November 1861.
(In Cons. 11th November 1861, No. 7,121.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 17th December 1861, No. 276 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings of the 20th ultimo, No. 6,413, calling for a full report on the subject of the Dugarazapatnam Bungalow, and the circumstances of its erection, I have now the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board copy of a letter from the District Engineer Nellore, dated 10th December 1861, furnishing the required information.

2. There can be no doubt that the Bungalow is very essential, and will prove a great benefit to travellers; and considering that Government aid has been given for the completion of the Guduru and Dugarazapatnam road, at the eastern terminus of which the building in question stands, the circumstances under which its erection was undertaken have been changed, and there can be equally little doubt, that under existing circumstances, the Bungalow should be a Government building constructed out of the general funds.

3. I beg, therefore, to repeat the request made in my letter of the 6th ultimo, that the Bungalow should be out-fitted with furniture, crockery, &c., similar to the other Bungalows of the District; and I trust that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the construction of a cook-room, soldiers' shed, &c., to the Bungalow.

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of Captain Mullins' letter, I beg to inform the Board that I have given the requisite authority for the disbursement of the amount of estimate for the present from the local funds, pending its sanction by Government from the general funds. But have refrained from doing any thing in the matter of the estimate for Rupees 24, for erecting a temporary cook-room for the Bungalow, referred to in paragraph 5 of the District Engineer's letter, pending the receipt of the general sanction.

From Captain J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated 10th December 1861, No. 2,265.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter, No. 415 of the 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that at first it was intended to build a temporary Bungalow at Dugarazapatnam from the local funds, and an Estimate, Rupees 750, for this purpose was forwarded* by me, and returned approved by the Collector with the letter No. 156 of the 5th July 1859, to which you refer.

2. Subsequently Mr. Elton suggested that it would be better economy in the end to construct a more durable building, and a tiled roof was substituted for a thatched one with some other alterations, and an Estimate, Rupees 1,400, for this purpose was submitted with my letter, No. 2,343 of the 1st October 1859, and returned approved with the Collector's letter, No. 270 of the 4th idem, and it is on this sanction that the building has been constructed.

3. The work ought certainly to have been exhibited in the Progress Reports of the fund, and the reason, which appears to have caused its omission, is that no local fund money has been disbursed for it. The work was undertaken on contract by Mr. Jackman, and he has been extremely dilatory in its completion, but it is now finished, and the adjustment of the contractor's claims has merely awaited Lieutenant Smith's return, and approval of the building, and I will now, therefore, as the sanction has not been regularly brought forward, ask you to authorize the requisite disbursement, which will probably have to appear in this month's or January's accounts. The contractor must be paid, and should Government decide to transfer the Bungalow to the list of Government buildings, the adjustment can easily be made when the requisite sanction is received.

4. With regard to paragraph 2 of your letter, I may remark that the reason why the construction of the Bungalow from local funds was originally considered proper, was that the Dugarazapatnam road was then intended to be made entirely from this source, and it was thought that to make the communication really of use to travellers some accommodation was necessary at the terminus of the Canal. It was known that, in the then state of the finances, even were the claim

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to a grant of public money considered admissible, which, seeing that the building was for a District road was not probable, the sanction for a Bungalow could not be expected, and whether the Government be pleased to relieve the fund of the cost or not, it appears to me that the reasons for the course originally adopted justified the arrangement made.

5. At present before submitting an Estimate for pukka buildings for the accommodation of soldiers, for a cook-room, necessary, &c., I would recommend that it be decided whether the Bungalow is to remain a local fund building or not. Prior to the receipt of your letter I had directed the preparation of an Estimate for a temporary cook-room, and this Estimate amounting to Rupees 24, I now beg to forward. It will suffice for some years, if the building is to remain as at present, and when the traffic has been transferred to the Canal and Kotta road route, a more substantial commodious kitchen can be given, while on the other hand, as Government buildings are not usually of this temporary description, if the Bungalow be transferred, Government may direct that permanent buildings should be estimated for.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

1. In paragraph 4 of the first of the foregoing letters the Collector requested the Board's instructions with regard to the furnishing of the Travellers' Bungalow, which, he stated, had been recently constructed at Dugarazapatnam. Nothing in connection with this building having been previously brought to their notice, the Board directed Mr. Dykes to submit a report of the circumstances of its erection; and his letter of the 17th December, recorded above, and its enclosure, being a communication from the District Engineer, furnish the information called for on the subject.

2. The Bungalow in question was constructed under the authority of Mr. Elton, the late Collector, in accordance with an Estimate prepared by the District Engineer, amounting to Rupees 1,400, in order to make the Dugarazapatnam District road really of use to travellers; and as it was intended to defray the cost of the road entirely from the Local funds, it was deemed proper that the cost of the Bungalow should likewise be defrayed from that source. The construction of the building was undertaken and executed on contract, and the work has been approved by the Department of Public Works. At the request of the District Engineer, the Collector has authorized the disbursement, for the present, of the amount of the Estimate from the Local funds.

3. Mr. Dykes is of opinion "that the Bungalow is very essential, and will prove a great benefit to travellers, and that, considering that Government aid has been given for the completion of the Guduru and Dugarazapatnam road, at the terminus of which the building in question stands," the cost of its erection should be disbursed from the general funds. Under the foregoing explanation, the Board recommend that the cost of the Bungalow may be defrayed from general revenues, if funds are available; that the amount, viz., Rupees 1,400, be re-imbursed to the Local funds; and that the Chief Engineer be desired to adopt measures for the construction of a cook-room, soldiers' shed, &c., to the building.

4. The Board will make arrangements for providing the necessary furniture and crockery, should the Government accede to the proposal to make the Bungalow a Government building.

5. In the meanwhile, they request the Collector to state distinctly which of the two 1st class Bungalows mentioned in paragraph 4 of his letter of the 11th November he would propose to reduce to 2nd class, and whether it would not be advisable to transfer to Dugarazapatnam the cook employed either at Vojili or Nallaballi.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 474.

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1862, No. 689.

The late Collector was not warranted in constructing a public Bungalow out of the Local funds without sanction. As however the building is useful, a reference to the Public Works Department will be made to ascertain whether funds are available for payment of the cost of its construction and of such further improvements as may be essentially necessary.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Rev. 1862. Department.
Office of Govt. Secy. to the Govt.

No. 821.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 13th March 1863.
Despatched, 21st do.
Received, 22nd do.

No. of the 13th of Dec
1862 172 Cms

7th March 1863 172 Cms

No. 1,032.

Submitting with remarks a letter from the
Collector of Nellore forwarding a report of the
Dugurazapattin Bungalow and the circumstan-
ces of its erection.

1863 172 Cms

1863 28 Dec
Nellore District

1863.

The late Collector was

not connected in any way with the
Public Bungalows and of the head
Quarters in that direction. No how-
ever the building is now in a state
of decay and the Public Works Department
wishes to see that the building is
made to meet the requirements of the
case and the for the improvement of the
cost of its construction and of
such further improvements as
may be eventually necessary.

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28 Dec 1863
Nellore District

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