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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th April 1862.

No. 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1862, No. 2,123:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Calicut, 20th March 1862, No. 59.

SIR,

1. In reply to Proceedings of Government and their Order thereon, dated 7th January 1862, No. 18, I beg to inform you that the Sholakel Bungalow is 22 or 23 miles from the Táluq Kacheri, and that in the event of travellers going to the Bungalow, they would, in all probability, reach it before the Táluq Peons, to whom orders would have to be conveyed by post.

2. A traveller going *viâ* Sisapara, generally travels the first 40 miles by water in a boat, with seven or eight rowers; so that his progress is quick. As regards Táluq Peons, it may be observed, that their numbers have been so much reduced, that there are hardly sufficient of them to carry on the ordinary duties of the Táluq, and that to detach any of them as proposed, would only increase the difficulty. Substitutes are by no means so easily procured as formerly, and even were they so, the hardship to a Peon to be directed to go to Sholakel, is considerable, especially in the months of March, April and May, when no one can sleep there without the certainty of getting jungle fever.

The same difficulties which attend the deputing of a Peon from the Táluq, are met with in the case of the Village Establishment, distant seven or eight miles from Sholakel, and to whom notice must be given of the approach of travellers by some one from the Táluq.

3. Unless sanction for the payment of Peons to be entertained specially for the Sholakel Bungalow is granted, it is difficult to suggest any really practical course for adoption. The Bungalow is in such an isolated and unhealthy locality, that no one will attend to it if he can avoid the duty. It becomes a question, whether on the opening of the Railway, more than half a dozen travellers will take the Sisapara route from the low country to the Hills, in which case it may be doubted whether it is worth while on the part of Government going to any expense in the matter. The Bungalow, a very small building in reality, might be kept locked up, and the key be retained in charge of the Wundur Bungalow Sepoy; this is the first stage from Sholakel, 11 miles distant, who would send it ahead of the traveller by cooly to be paid by him, in order that the doors and windows might be opened, and the building be ready for his reception.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary*.

No. 345. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1862, No. 892.

1. The arrangement suggested in the latter part of paragraph 3 of the Collector's present letter is sanctioned.

2. The two Peons now employed specially for the Bungalow should be dispensed with.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 2,123.

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2. A traveller going *via* Sisapara, generally travels the first 40 miles by water in a boat, with seven or eight rowers ; so that his progress is quick. As regards Taluk Peons, it may be observed, that their numbers have been so much reduced, that there are hardly sufficient of them to carry on the ordinary duties of the Taluk, and that to detach any of them as proposed, would only increase the difficulty. Substitutes are by no means so easily procured as formerly, and even were they so, the hardship to a Peon to be directed to go to Sholakel, is considerable, especially in the months of March, April, and May, when no one can sleep there without the certainty of getting jungle fever.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. D. Galpin

Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1,000

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 2,123.

Submitting for the consideration of Government with reference to their Proceedings 7th January 1862 a letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting on the subject of Sholakel Bungalow.

Nos 344 & 345

Sholakel Bungalow

Forwarded with the letter of the Collector of Malabar and letter of Asst Conservator of Forests

The Asst Conservator of Forests suggests that the Bungalow should be retained

Received with

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1 Enclosure

1 Letter from Secretary of Revenue Dept. to Govt.

2 Account Current

3 Civil Engineer's

4 Public Works Report

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