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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd August 1863.

No. 217. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 12th August 1863, No. 89 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of Government a letter* from the Zillah Surgeon of Tellicherry.

* Dated 8th instant.

2. The inconvenience from the absence of house room is undoubtedly extreme, but I regret that I cannot recommend that the Travellers' Bungalow at such a station as Tellicherry be rented to any private individual.

From A. H. BEAMAN, Esq., Zillah Surgeon, Tellicherry, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 8th August 1863.

SIR,

1. In respectfully requesting you to be good enough to solicit Government permission for me to rent the bungalow known as "the Travellers, Bungalow" in this station, I have the honor to beg your attention to the following facts.

2. The return of Mr. Sharpe to Tellicherry compels me to vacate immediately the house in which my predecessor lived, Mr. Sharpe having obtained the "refusal" of it before my arrival here.

3. The bungalows formerly available for Government servants (and in which at different times the Zillah Surgeon has resided) are now occupied by private individuals; except one (formerly rented by Dr. West) which has been taken for the Telegraph Office.

4. There is not, consequently, a single house vacant in the station, with the exception of a small and exceedingly unhealthily situated bungalow, hemmed in by Native dwellings, in the rear of Captain Bloomfield's premises. To the small size of this bungalow, such being a mere matter of personal inconvenience, of course I should not object ; but its position is such, utterly excluding any possible chance of ventilation, that no medical man in his senses would sleep in it a single night, if not absolutely forced to do so. On either side it is closed in by walls. In front, there is but a space of 7½ feet between its entrance and the rear wall of Captain Bloomfield's house; and behind a patch of dirty ground, upon which the gratings (windows) of the bungalow open, is used as a common privy by a small colony of Moplahs, who dwell "next door."

This is no exaggeration. It is simple truth. And I would ask, is it to be wondered at if, as a *Medical man,* I shrink from subjecting myself, my wife and child, to the poison of an atmosphere such as no private Soldier in any barracks in India would be permitted by his Medical Officer to breathe ? Yet I must do this or live in a tent, for every house in Tellicherry is occupied, or if not occupied, purchased by Coffee merchants for business purposes.

5. I come here on duty. I am ordered here, and the order must be obeyed. Where am I to live ? I find all bungalows, formerly occupied from time to time by the Zillah Surgeon, bought up or rented by merchants; and the house in which my immediate predecessor lived is taken before I reach the station, what am I to do ?

6. I respectfully submit that in these days, when the houses formerly available for Government servants are bought up or occupied by private individuals for business purposes, it is more just that "travellers" should have to arrange for their own accommodation, than that a Government servant sent, by Government orders to a station upon *permanent duty,* should not have a shed to live in.

7. The sanitary arrangements of a station are supposed to be considerably influenced by the authority of the Medical Officer ; but if this Officer himself be known to live, without serious remonstrance, under conditions totally adverse to every fundamental principle of Hygiene,

what weight can his opinion be supposed to carry with it upon questions concerning the public health ?

8. It is under such circumstances as these that I urgently and respectfully beg you wil solicit Government permission for me to rent the Travellers' Bungalow as my private dwelling

No. 218. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1863, No. 1,542.

The Governor in Council cannot comply with Dr. Beaman's application for permission tc rent the Travellers' Bungalow at Tellicherry.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Malabar.
„ Board of Revenue for information.

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From 1954.
The Collector of Malabar

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 12th August 1863.
Rec^d 20th

No. 89
Encl: 1.

Sir

Forwarding for the consideration and orders of Govt a letter from the Hills Surgeon of Tellicherry requesting that the travellers Bungalow at Tellicherry might be rented to him. P. 1542. 22nd Augt

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sd/ [illegible]

Nos 217 & 218

Written an Order

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Order dispatched 1863. No.

The Governor in Council cannot comply with Dr Beaman's application for permission to rent the Travellers Bungalow at Tellicherry

Sd/ [illegible]

22nd August 1863

To
The Collector of Malabar
with Copy of Rep^t for information.