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21st September 1863.*

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1863, No. 5,629 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of South Arcot, dated 7th March and 16th June 1863, Nos. 68 and 152, and recorded in the Board's Proceedings under date 8th April and 8th July respectively, Nos. 2,000 and 4,146.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 18th August 1863, No. 229.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 8th ultimo, No. 4,146, I have the honor to state that the accommodation in use by the Head Assistant Collector at Tindevanum consists of three detached buildings on the bund of the Pagoda Tank on the outskirts of that Town. Each of these separate buildings contains but one room, with one or two small verandah rooms. One of the buildings is used by the Head Assistant as his residence in the day time, another is occupied by him at nights, each being too small and limited for both purposes, while the third building is only used by casual visitors or strangers in want of temporary shelter. There is also attached to the main building a sort of out-house with an open centre, and which Mr. Grose uses for his office. It is here where his Cutcherry servants usually sit, and where the records are kept. There is no additional accommodation provided by the Head Assistant at his own expense, but improvements and occasional repairs have been done to these several buildings by the Officer occupying them as necessity or convenience suggested.

2. As the entire buildings are kept up by the officer in occupation, I think that, so long as this is the case, any claim to rent might reasonably be waived, or that, a charge of 5 or 7 Rupees a month may be made sufficient to cover the cost of the annual repairs.

3. I enclose copy of a letter marked A, regarding these buildings in answer to my call on Mr. Grose accompanied by the Board's Proceedings.

4. The enclosure B is copy of a letter from Mr. Wright, the Deputy Collector, in acknowledgment of the Board's remarks applicable to his case. I do not feel it necessary to add to Mr. Wright's explanation in the matter of the expense incurred by him on the public Bungalow at Tirkalur and now in his occupation as a private residence, and I trust the Board may see fit to recommend the re-imbursement to Mr. Wright of the full amount of outlay which that Officer has devoted to alterations and improvements under the circumstances stated. I think Mr. Wright has made out a fair claim to the re-imbursement, and I am hardly prepared to suggest the payment to him of a less sum than has been actually expended by him, and apparently so judiciously and advantageously. I can therefore only repeat my former recommendation that Rupees 700\* be paid to the Deputy Collector, Mr. Wright, and that a trifling

\* Rupees 450 repairs, &c.  
" 250 Office building.

monthly rent of Rupees 3½ or 5 Rupees be fixed for his future occupation of the building, to date from the 1st proximo.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindevanum, 20th July 1863, No. 98.

SIR,

1. I have this day received the copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 4,146, with your Memorandum requesting me to report immediately with respect to my office accommodation at Tindevanum.

2. The Head Assistant's residence consists, as you are aware, of four small isolated buildings. One of them is now occupied by my Clerks, and though not very well suited for the purpose, on account of its being entirely open on one side, is nevertheless more comfortable than a tent would be. By an expenditure of 200 or 300 Rupees it might not only be made a suitable place for the Clerks, but also an eligible office for the Head Assistant, or, as in my opinion, would be

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much better, it might be made useful as a bed-room, so that one of the other buildings might be devoted to Cutcherry purposes.

3. At present I hold my office in one of the buildings which was improved by Mr. Hutchins, so as to contain two rooms instead of one; but as it is detached and perfectly open to the public, I do not think the usual objections to a Revenue Officer's holding Cutcherry in his "house" apply.

4. Still the expenditure named in paragraph 2 would, as I think, remove every possible objection, and secure a literal observance of the orders of the Board referred to in the above-mentioned Proceedings.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. E. WRIGHT, Esq., Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to C. W. READE, Esq.,  
Collector of South Arcot, dated Yeddathovanathum, 14th August 1863, No. 61 B.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 8th instant, and its enclosure, the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 8th of July, No. 4,146.

2. I understand the Board's meaning in the 3rd paragraph to be that a distinction should be between my outlay or repairs and alterations to the public Bungalow at Trikolore, and then that a claim should be submitted only for such of the repairs as were really needed to convert the Bungalow into an office.

3. In the first place I desire to point out that I have set up no claim at all, and cannot but be satisfied with any re-imbursement which the Board may consider me entitled to.

4. The actual repairs were so very petty as to be entirely lost sight of in the alterations effected. I could not say that they amounted even to 5 Rupees. I considered it my duty to occupy the Bungalow, and should then have made the necessary alterations had I not meditated applying for permission to return to England on leave.

5. The conversion of the public Bungalow into an Office was never undertaken nor contemplated by me, as I was under the impression that the Board in their Proceedings of the 27th of March 1861, No. 1,615, had virtually acknowledged Mr. Underwood's building to be the Deputy Collector's Office, and I was confirmed in this impression by the continuance of the fixed tentage to me till the 1st of May last, when under your directions I ceased drawing the allowance. Otherwise I should have converted the building that was my own into a dwelling house.

6. As I have already observed that little or no repairs were made, it remains for the Board to decide whether the alterations or improvements are more than would be really needed to convert the Bungalow into an Office; and if so how much in excess. I may be excused for offering an opinion on this point in connection with the estimate of certain parts of the work. To me it appears that the only excess is one bath room. The two together cost 150 Rupees, and the three rooms may be estimated at 100 Rupees each, making up the sum of 450 Rupees, my total outlay. One of these rooms is larger than is needed for a record room, yet for uniformity sake it could not be otherwise.

7. A reference to the plans will, I trust, convince the Board of how hard it must be to get through a day's work in such mere closets, fit only for records. There would be my office establishment, six persons, and perhaps a Peon in one room; myself, a prosecutor, witness one prisoner, a Constable and Clerk, six persons with a table and chair in the other. Doors might have been substituted for the two small windows looking into the verandah, but that would

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not have given the required space. The only way of obtaining this was to take in the verandahs. No doubt had this Bungalow been situated on one of the trunk or main roads, it would have been altered or improved in the same manner as all the other public Bungalows have been by the late District Engineer, Captain Foord, indeed it was from this Officer I obtained the suggestion for the improvement made. Light air and space were the requisites; these have been supplied. The duties of the Officer will not be impeded or dragged through from such close confinement as was likely to be the case, but on the contrary they will no doubt be more efficiently performed than ever.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE, *Collector.*

1. Resolved that the above papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Governor in Council, with reference to the Order of Government dated 28th November 1862, No. 2,500.

2. The subordinate Revenue Officers of the South Arcot District are posted as noted in the margin, and until recently, have all been in the habit of drawing the permanent extra tentage of their rank. The Sub-Collector provided his own office accommodation.

Sub-Collector at Virdachellem.  
Head Assistant at Tindivanam.  
Deputy Collector at Trikolore.

The Government buildings at Tindivanam were so inconveniently situated, being small and some distance apart, that additional accommodation for the office was supplied by the Head Assistant, and he was therefore permitted, as a temporary measure, to

\* Board's Proceedings dated 3rd December 1859, No. 4,994.

draw the extra allowance\* until the head quarters of the Head Assistant might be settled. The same indulgence was granted to the Deputy on its being reported that no Government building was available at Trikolore, and that the Officer had erected a temporary building for the use of his Office†.

† Board's Proceedings dated 27th March 1861, No. 1,615.

3. Under the orders of Government quoted in the margin, the Sub-Collector has been provided by Government with office accommodation, and pending the execution of the repairs necessary to the building which was purchased by Government, a small house in the vicinity has, with the Board's sanction, been rented as a temporary office. It appears that no additional accommodation is now provided at Tindivanam by the Head Assistant, and Mr. Reade has, therefore, very properly discontinued that officer's tentage, as the Head Assistant resides in two of the Government buildings, and his records and office occupy a third. The Deputy also resides in the Government Bungalow at Trikolore, which is never used by travellers, being situated on an unfrequented road, and uses the temporary erection above referred to as an Office. It appears that Mr. Wright, the Deputy Collector, has laid out Rupees 450 in enlarging and improving the Travellers' Bungalow, and that he paid his predecessor Rupees 250 for the temporary building occupied by his Office.

4. The Collector recommends that the Head Assistant be permitted to reside as hitherto at Tindivanam, and that no rent be charged him in consideration of his executing the repairs of the buildings, and that the Deputy Collector be re-imbursed his outlay at Trikolore (Rupees 700), and be charged a monthly rent of Rupees 5 or 3½ per mensem for his occupancy of Government premises.

5. It seems from the letter of the Acting Head Assistant, which forms an enclosure of Mr. Reade's letter dated 18th August recorded above, that there are four detached buildings at Tindivanam, and that the most inferior of them is occupied by the Clerks of the Head Assistant's Office, the Head Assistant himself holding office in another one. The Board recommend that one of these buildings, whichever is most suitable for the purpose by construction and posi-

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tion, be converted into a permanent Office for the Head Assistant; and that the Engineer Department be at once called upon to prepare the necessary Estimate. The remaining three buildings might then either be taken by the Head Assistant at a valuation, and converted into a comfortable dwelling house and out-offices, or the Officer might be charged a moderate rent for their occupation.

6. The Board cannot support Mr. Reade's proposal in regard to the Deputy Collector. That Officer has apparently been permitted to draw extra tentage for a considerable period, viz., from 7th February 1862 to 30th April 1863, at the rates of Rupees 60 and Rupees 90 per mensem, in all Rupees 1,207, on the supposition that no Government building was available for his Office at Tricolore, whereas the Travellers' Bungalow was quite useless as such, and would have been well suited for the purpose. He has also resided in this Government building free of any charge for rent. Under these circumstances the utmost that the Board can recommend is the re-payment to Mr. Wright of the outlay he has incurred in adapting the Bungalow for a public office, and which at the valuation of the Department Public Works is 400 Rupees. On re-concession proposed in their former Proceedings under which Mr. Wright was to be permitted to occupy the Government Bungalow as a residence, so long as he provided separate suitable accommodation for his office, and was to be charged no rent for such occupation. Should the Government, however think proper, as a special indulgence to Mr. Wright, to permit such an arrangement, it should involve the distinct understanding that Mr. Wright's successor provides his own residence, and that the Government building is then put to its legitimate use as a Deputy Collector's Office. In the event of the Government sanctioning the Board's proposal, the charge of Rupees 400 must be provided from the Department Public Works Budget.

No. 262.

ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1863, No. 2730.

1. The Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division will be requested, through the Department Public Works, to obtain and submit a plan and estimate for converting one of the buildings at Tindevanum into a Cutcherry, and to have the other buildings valued.

2. The Government observe that a person improving public buildings without authority is not entitled to reimbursement of his outlay, but as the public Bungalow at Trikalur seems really to have been in bad condition the Government will, as a special case, sanction payment of Rupees 400 to Mr. Wright, as proposed by the Board. Orders for the disbursement of the money will be issued in the Department Public Works. For the future the Bungalow will be the public Office, and Mr. Wright cannot be allowed to draw any tentage while at Trikalur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Department Public Works.

„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th April 1863.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Punrootty, 7th March 1863, No. 68:—

1. I have the honor to address the Board on the subject of their Proceedings of the 8th September 1862, No. 5,966, and the Government Proceedings recorded thereon of date the 28th November last, No. 2,500.

2. These papers relate to the extra tentage and allowances drawn by subordinate officers. Covenanted and Uncovenanted, throughout the various Districts of the Madras Presidency.

3. The remarks and orders on the subject by Government apply in this District to the Sub-Collector, Head Assistant, and Deputy Collector Mr. Wright, who holds an independent charge. In regard to the first named Officer, i. e., the Sub-Collector, the question has been settled by the

Board's Proceedings 2nd September 1862.  
Collector's letter to Board 30th October 1862, No. 232.  
Government Order 17th November 1862, No. 2,425.

purchase on the part of Government of Mr. McDonell's property at Virdachellum (*vide* correspondence noted in the margin). Pending the completion of the repairs and alterations to the property as sanctioned, I have requested Mr. Whiteside to submit a bill for the rent which he has now to

pay for a building as an office, feeling that I am no longer justified in countersigning the Sub-Collector's bills for the usual extra tentage in the face of the Board's recommendation and the Government opinion expressed in paragraph 4 of the Proceedings under acknowledgment. In the case of the Head Assistant whose Head Quarters are at Tindevanum, I find that the buildings in that Officer's occupation at that place belong to Government, and in consequence I have prohibited further extra Tentage during the Head Assistant's residence at Tindevanum, a prohibition which seemed to be rendered imperative by the spirit of the present orders. Thus, in the case of the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant, no further Extra Tentage will be drawn by these officers when at their respective Head Quarters.

4. I solicit orders approving or disapproving of what I have done above in anticipation of the final consideration of the subject by Government.

5. I now come to the case of the Deputy Collector Mr. Wright. I consider this officer's position as somewhat exceptional. I thought it proper to call upon Mr. Wright to show cause why the proposed modification of the Extra Tentage Rules should not extend to him, and I hereby submit his answer.

6. Ever since a Deputy Collector has been stationed at Trikalore, he has resided in an old fashioned sort of public Bungalow, a most wretched building, and certainly until recently improved by Mr. Wright, it was quite unsuited for the residence of a European. Trikalore is not on the high road from or to any place frequented by European travellers and so far, as a public Bungalow, it is not required. There is no available ground for building in or near Trikalore as Mr. Wright explains, and really the spot occupied by this Bungalow is the only one suited for the residence of the Deputy Collector. I therefore do not propose that Mr. Wright be disturbed in his possession; but being Government property the question is, on what terms is that possession to be continued and may it be permitted to a Government Officer to reside in a Government building, and, at the same time may he draw the extra allowance? This allowance

is of course ostensibly for office accommodation and to cover the expenses of actual travelling and is not intended to provide for a dwelling house at the Officers Head Quarters, and Government might reasonably say that the Bungalow at Trikalore, which is public property, shall be used as the former, an office, and that the allowance be discontinued as a permanent charge. But there are considerations which in this particular instance may I think operate the other way. There is the uncertainty of a European Deputy Collector's continuance in the District, meanwhile there is the necessity for his being at all times prepared to move about within his charge, and for which he receives no fixed allowance as in the case of Covenanted Officers. Then again although it is true there is the Bungalow to which I have referred, yet notwithstanding all that Mr. Wright has done to it, it is very unsuitable as a dwelling house, and it would not be possible to combine an office too under the same roof. Mr. Wright explains that his predecessor Mr. Underwood erected a Cutcherry which he, Mr. Wright, subsequently purchased, and to my judgment this building is in many respects a more eligible and cooler habitation than the so, called public Bungalow, and I may add that there are no out-offices of any kind attached to the latter, so that, in view of all the circumstances of Mr. Wright's position, I am prepared to recommend that the present extra allowance, professedly for travelling, be continued to him as a permanent charge. I also would recommend that Mr. Wright be allowed to purchase the building or public Bungalow, and make it his own property when he may be able to render it in every way eligible as a residence for himself and his successors, provided always that Government reserve the right at any future time to re-purchase it at cost price. In the event of a Native Deputy Collector taking Mr. Wright's place, the building and its adjacent office erected by Mr. Underwood would be useless to the Government, while also it would be a dead loss to the owner. The two buildings are close to one another, and who ever occupies the one must of necessity be considered in possession of the other. My suggestion therefore is that Mr. Wright be allowed to buy the old Bungalow for Rupees 300, its full original value, and that so long as a European Deputy Collector is stationed at Trikalore, he be permitted permanently the extra allowance of 3 Rupees a day. But if the Government do not approve this plan I would suggest that, as in the case of the Sub-Collector at Virdachellum, they do re-imburse to Mr. Wright the amount he has laid out on the Bungalow as well as the price of the Cutcherry building contiguous to it, and that henceforth a moderate rent of Rupees 10 or 12 Rupees a month be fixed for its occupation. The outlay to Government would thus be about five or six hundred Rupees, and the saving would be the 3 Rupees a day during the Deputy Collector's stay at Head Quarters, but considering the isolated position of Trikalore, the inconveniences of the place, and the fact that no fixed allowance is paid to Deputy Collectors as already remarked while the duty of moving about and of providing accommodation for their Cutcherry servants is usually, I believe, expected of them, I trust the Government may be induced, as a special case, not to disturb the existing arrangement, but to sanction the first plan as above proposed. Paragraph 7 of Mr. Wright's letter on this point is, I think, worthy of attention, and I trust it may receive favorable consideration at the hands of the Board and of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. E. WRIGHT, Esq., Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Trikalore, 20th January 1863.

1. In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, calling upon me to offer any explanation or remark in reference to a revision or modification of the existing rules under which I have drawn travelling allowance as a permanent charge while at Trikalur, the Head Quarters of my Division, I have the honor to make the following remarks for your consideration.

2. There being no building for a Cutcherry at Trikalur, my predecessor Mr. Underwood erected one for that purpose and was permitted\* on its completion to draw travelling allowance as a permanent charge. I purchased the building from Mr. Underwood on the belief that the allowance

would be continued to me in the same manner, and I have hitherto drawn the allowance under the same rule.

3. Mr. Underwood and myself have each in turn lived in the (so-called) Travellers' Bungalow. I cannot say how long it is since there were any *bonâ fide* travellers. Prior to the improvements I have just made to the building, there were three rooms of 13 feet in length by 9½ in breadth or thereabouts; the centre room open to the front, its roof resting on two pillars like a native Chuttrum, and the whole surrounded by a narrow verandah. It will be evident from this description that neither I nor my predecessor could have also accommodated a Cutcherry in a building of such dimensions.

4. The heat was so intolerable, and the accommodation is inadequate that I commenced enlarging and improving the Bungalow at my own expense in October last, and have thus far laid out 350 Rupees on it. The roof which, as you are aware is in very bad order, has been left untouched. Unless the building become my property, I should not have felt justified in making the further requisite outlay to render it a tolerably comfortable and convenient residence. It was my intention to have offered to purchase the building from Government for the sake of the materials, at the average rate these buildings realized at auction when sold three or four years ago, or about 200 Rupees. The Trikalur Bungalow, besides being much smaller than those sold unlike the others, has no out-offices whatever beyond a few mud huts put up by Mr. Underwood or myself. I have delayed making the application for the purchase, and now I suppose it would be useless until the question is settled whether Government intend supplying me with a Cutcherry or dwelling house or both. I have already pointed out that Mr. Underwood erected a building for a Cutcherry, and I purchased it on the belief that the travelling allowance would be continued as a permanent charge.

5. A dwelling house supplied by Government would be only useless were I succeeded by a native Deputy Collector.

6. There is no building of any description in the town or outskirts of Trikalur suitable for a Cutcherry that could be rented or purchased. The subordinates of the Public Works and Police Departments have endeavoured in vain to find such accommodation for themselves.

7. I hope in my case, if not in that of all Deputy Collectors in charge of a Division, the permanent allowance will be continued even where it may be necessary to charge rent for a Government building occupied as a dwelling house; a Deputy Collector in charge of a Division of a District, like myself, is expected to move to any part of the Division, where his presence may be required in the same manner as Covenanted Officers, and to do this he must have tents and a travelling establishment of some kind. Without a fixed travelling allowance he must be loser every time he leaves his station to perform Government duty. A daily allowance of 3 Rupees for the time actually spent away from the station, does not repay any European Officer, for it is well known that it is the purchase, and keeping of tents and animals that is the real expense to an officer expected to travel, and not the simple moving about. A permanent travelling establishment requires a fixed travelling allowance.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE, Collector.

1. The Board approve the Collector's proceedings in regard to the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant. He is requested, however, to report further as to the accommodation for the Head Assistant's office at Tindevanum, bearing in mind the orders of Government that the office and residence of Revenue Officers should be in separate buildings. If the Head Assistant is obliged, as reported on a former occasion, to provide additional accommodation, at his own expense, in tents and sheds no rent need be charged for his occupation of the Government buildings for the present.

2. The Board are not prepared, in the face of the orders of Government, to sanction the Deputy Collector's drawing tentage at the rate of Rupees 90 per mensem. This has in no District been permitted where either Government buildings were available, or where suitable offices could be procured at a reasonable rent.

3. At Tricalore the Travellers' Bungalow appears to be occupied by the Deputy Collector as a residence, and his office duties are conducted in a neighbouring building, which was erected by his predecessor Mr. Underwood.

4. The Bungalow does not seem to be needed for travellers, and there is no reason why it should not be converted into the Deputy Collector's Office, leaving him to reside in the building now devoted to that purpose. Mr. Reade will, however, be requested to submit a plan of both buildings with his opinion as to their being suitable for an office. The price at which Mr. Wright would be willing to part with the building he purchased from Mr. Underwood should also be stated.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Making observations on the Extra Tentage and allowances drawn by the Covenanted and Uncovenanted Officers, and requesting information on certain points.

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Dated 8th April 1863.

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No.

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Copy in the office of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, N. S. D. and G. D. and G. D. 1863 No. 55829.

No. 4,146.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th July 1863.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUD-LESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 16th June 1863, No. 152 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Board's Proceedings under date the 8th April No. 2,000.

2. Adverting to the extreme discomfort of the Government buildings at Tindevanum, and their insufficiency as a proper residence, as well as to afford Office accommodation for the Head Assistant, I am of opinion with the Board that for the present no rent should be charged.

3. In the 4th paragraph the Board require plans of the two buildings in use by the Deputy Collector, Mr. Wright, at Tricolore, the one occupied as his private residence, the other as his Office. These two plans are now submitted, with the estimate of the value of each as it stands.

4. Copy of a letter from Mr. Wright on this subject is also enclosed, from which it will be seen that the Deputy Collector is willing, if necessary, to part with the Office building purchased by him from Mr. Underwood, and the price asked by Mr. Wright agrees with the Engineer's valuation as noted in the plan of this building, viz., Rupees 250.

5. Should it be resolved to appropriate the public Bungalow to the use of an Office, for which it is quite suited, though containing more accommodation than is actually needed, I think the cost incurred by Mr. Wright, viz., Rupees 450, should be disbursed to him. This sum exceeds by Rupees 50, the valuation set on the improvements and repairs by the Public Works Department; but my own recommendation would be that the Deputy Collector be permitted to remain where he is, and that the building now used as the Office may be purchased from him as above, if it be contemplated to make any change in the existing arrangement.

6. In paragraph 3 of his letter, Mr. Wright submits a proposal for favorable consideration. It is that he be suffered to draw, as a fixed allowance, Rupees 45 a month, and an additional 1½ Rupees a day while absent from his head-quarters. I presume, however, that charges of this kind must be uniform throughout the Presidency, and that Mr. Wright's case cannot be made exceptional, and therefore I am hardly prepared to support his proposal. But if it were feasible, I would venture to suggest whether 45 Rupees a month might not be sanctioned as a permanent charge, and in lieu of any other extra allowance. Should Mr. Wright, however, not be entitled to draw anything while at Tricolore, it remains to consider what arrangement is equitable in view of the cost at which he has been at in anticipation that he would permanently receive 3 Rupees a day hitherto paid to his predecessor and himself. In this case the cost of the Cutcherry building, viz., Rupees 250, and the cost of the improvements and repairs to the public Bungalows, viz., Rupees 450, or an aggregate of Rupees 700, might, I think, be paid to Mr. Wright, and a trifling rent of Rupees 3½ or 5 a month be fixed for the occupation of his present residence. This latter building is more roomy than the building used as an Office, and the above arrangement would, I fancy, be agreeable to Mr. Wright, if the adoption of any modification of his own proposal be impracticable.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. E. WRIGHT, Esq., Deputy Collector of South Arcot, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 28th April 1863, No. 23.

1. In reply to your Memorandum forwarding the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 8th of April 1863, No. 2,000, and calling upon me to name the price I demand for the Cutcherry building purchased by me from Mr. Underwood, as well as the cost of the alterations made by me to the public Bungalow at Tricolore, I have the honor to state that I am prepared to sell the building for any sum not less than 250 Rupees that may be declared to be its value by the District Engineer.

2. Up to this date I have expended the sum of 450 Rupees on improvements and repairs to the public Bungalow used as my dwelling house, a much larger sum than I intended expending, but the outlay was unavoidable. I am even now under the necessity of collecting materials for erecting a thatched pandal to cover the whole building, in the form of a second roof, as a protection from sun and rain.

3. I regret to understand the Board have withdrawn their sanction to my receiving travelling allowance of 90 Rupees as a fixed charge. I ventured to hope mine was an exceptional case that could be treated on its own merits. Being, however, placed in a similar charge to your Head Assistant, I would respectfully represent, for the favorable consideration of the Board, that instead of a daily allowance of 3 Rupees when absent from head-quarters, a fixed allowance of 45 Rupees be sanctioned, and an extra allowance of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Rupees a day when absent on duty.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE, Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Plans.

1. In their Proceedings referred to in the foregoing letter, the Board requested a further report on the accommodation for the Head Assistant's Office at Tindevanum. The Collector will be good enough to submit this report, bearing in mind the orders already issued in regard to the residence and the Office of Revenue Officers being in separate buildings, and stating whether any additional accommodation is provided by the Head Assistant at his own expense.

2. Mr. Wright's proposal that he be permitted to draw a special personal allowance of Rupees 45 per mensem is altogether inadmissible, but the Board would not object to a modification of the plan suggested by Mr. Reade at the close of the foregoing letter.

3. It would appear that Mr. Wright is fairly entitled to be reimbursed for any outlay which he has incurred in putting the public Bungalow at Tricolore into repair, but the Board could not recommend Government to reimburse him for his expenditure on alterations which were not required for the conversion of this building into an Office. So long as Mr. Wright may remain at Tricolore, the Board will have no objection to his residing in the Bungalow and performing his official duties in the adjoining building which he purchased, from Mr. Underwood, but it must be understood that the Bungalow will be considered hereafter to be the Deputy Collector's Office. Mr. Reade is accordingly requested to report the amount fairly due to Mr. Wright for such repairs as were really needed, to convert the Bungalow into a Deputy-Collector's Office.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Requesting that in furnishing a further report on the accommodation for the Head Assistant's Office certain orders be borne in mind, and issuing instructions relating to the Deputy Collector's accommodation.

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Dated 8th July 1863.

P. 2. Plans.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No.

Rev. 2153/63.

1863. Department

Examine the Am. of the Dept. Rev. at the 15th 1863. 3. 1863. 15th 1863. 1863. 15th 1863.

Rev. Sept

N<sup>o</sup> 1730.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1863

Read the following Progs.  
of the Board of Revenue

Submitting with  
remarks letter from the Collector  
of South Arcot reporting on (H. 15th 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 63 N<sup>o</sup> 5629)  
the accommodation in use by  
some of the Revenue Officers of  
the District.

The Superintending  
Engineer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division  
will be requested, through  
the Dept. Public Works to  
obtain and submit a plan  
and estimate for converting  
one of the buildings at Tin-  
devanum into a butchery,  
and to have the other build-  
ings valued.

2 The Government  
observe that a person can  
improving

improving public buildings  
without authority is not  
entitled to reimbursement  
of his outlay. but as the  
Public Bungalow at Tre-  
cullore seems really to have  
been in bad condition the  
Govt will as a special case  
sanction payment of Rs 100  
to Mr Wright, as pro-  
posed by the Board. Orders  
for the <sup>disbursement of the</sup> money will be is-  
sued in the Dept. Pub. Works.  
For the future the Bungalow  
will be the public office,  
and Mr Wright cannot be  
allowed to draw any Tentage  
while at Treullore.

JDS

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21 - J. O. M.  
3 - Civil Paymasters

Received of the  
Hon. Secy of War  
the sum of \$100.00

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From the Secy of War  
Division of 10 Dec 1863  
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suggesting certain  
measures for the Office  
accommodation of the  
Head of the Island  
and Deputy Coling  
South Street, with  
orders thereon.

No 261 & 262.