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No. 67. Read the following letter from T. MARDEN, Esq., Inspector of Schools, 5th Division, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Coimbatore Railway Station, 12th December 1862:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor to bring to the notice of Government the excessive charges of Mr. E. Smith, the person to whom the Government have rented the Coimbatore Bungalow.

2. Mr. Smith claims the right to make any charge he pleases. It should therefore perhaps be a matter of congratulation to me that I have not had to pay more. I beg however to bring to your notice that I am travelling on duty to this place and that the Government having leased the bungalow to Mr. Smith, leaves me no option as to going there. Now my halting allowance is fixed at 4 Rupees a day, an amount which it may fairly be supposed the Government intended to cover ordinary expenses, but if Mr. Smith's charges are upheld I am forced to pay 5 Rupees a day for Board and lodging only, leaving everything else to come out of my own pocket.

3. But though one pays thus extravagantly for a *Hotel* one is taught that this is yet a *Bungalow*. Thus the public room on the 10th instant being converted temporarily into a bed-room, a Superintendent of a Coffe Estate—doubtless a most respectable man, but quite of what would be called the "non-commissioned" grade—was sent into my bed room to breakfast with me and afterwards to dine by himself without my ever being consulted on the subject. On remonstrating with Mr. Smith I was informed that the place being a public bungalow I had no *right* to remain more than two days I had consequently no ground of complaint.

4. I will not detain you by taking exception to the want of accommodation further than to say that on the evening of the 10th, as I was sitting in the public room, after dinner, a gentleman apologized for undressing and going to bed *then* and *there*. Of course I retired; but all other rooms of the bungalow were not, so far as I am aware, full. Again, on a previous evening at about the same time the servant came and asked me for one of the shades (out of only two in a *large* room) as "Mr. Smith was going to dine." I add only that the best of the furniture was all removed before I came away to be sent, I believe, to Coonoor, that my bed-room was imperfectly matted and the dressing room not at all.

5. In conclusion, I would respectfully suggest that even if the Government should not think fit to interfere as regards the general public they might yet arrange with the lessee that Officers travelling *on duty* should have a right to a room, a table and a couple of chairs (which is all I want as I have everything else with me) at a moderate charge. I annex copy of my bill.

MARDEN, Esq.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Four days' Board and lodge from the 8th to 11th instant.....	20	0	0
Total...	20	0	0

E. E. Contents received.

(Signed.) E. SMITH.

MARDEN, Esq.

2 Bottles Beer.....	1	8	0
1 Pint Porter.....	0	8	0
1 Candle.....	0	4	0
Tea and Toast.....	0	8	0
Total...	2	12	0

E. E. Contents received.

(Signed.) E. SMITH.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) T. MARDEN,
Inspector of Schools,

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No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1863, No. 36.

1. This letter will be communicated through the Board of Revenue to the Collector of Coimbatore, who will inform Mr. Smith that his retention of the bungalow at Metapolliam will depend on his making proper arrangements for the comfortable accommodation of travellers and who will inspect the building and see that it is suitably furnished.

2. Mr. Marden will be informed that Government cannot make any such stipulation in favor of public Officers as he desires.

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

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From.
C. Marden Esqr.
Inspector of Schools
5th Division at Coim-
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Dated 12th August
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