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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1864.

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1863 :—

Read Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 5th December 1863, No. 2,209.
(In Cons. 7th December 1863, No. 7,894.)

1. Circulated to all Collectors for information and guidance.

2. The Board presume that the sale proceeds of disused Bungalows will be credited to the Local Fund account hereafter. They will however request orders from Government as to the mode in which funds are to be provided to meet current expenditure where this may exceed the receipts, as it very generally will do.

No. 55. Order thereon, 8th January 1864, No. 28A.

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India, and that copies of the same be furnished to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Department.

(Here enter, No. 29, 8th January 1864.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
„ Department Public Works, } with No. 29.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th January 1864.

No. 29.

No. 56.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of the Supreme Government in the Financial Department, dated 5th November last, No. 5,431, regarding Staging Bungalows, I am directed to state that the strict application of the Local Fund Rules to those buildings is not at present practicable in this Presidency.

2. Prior to 1857 no charge was made for accommodation in these buildings. In that year the system of levying a moderate fee was introduced, the Bungalows being supplied with crockery, &c., and additional servants being employed in those most frequented by travellers. At present the receipts and charges (as estimated for 1864-65) amount respectively to Rupees 9,400 and Rupees 28,180.

3. The Government are now engaged in revising the Bungalow Establishments of the Presidency. Several Bungalows have already been closed, others have been let to private individuals as Hotels, and the number to be kept up will shortly be reduced as much as possible. At the same time the Establishment of servants and the rates of fees will be re-considered, the former reduced and the latter increased as far as circumstances permit.

4. The Government do not, however, anticipate that these buildings can for some years be made entirely self-supporting, and it would be very inexpedient to close every Bungalow which does not pay its own expenses.

5. There is no line of road in this Presidency so much frequented by travellers as to hold out the slightest hope of a line of Hotels, proving remunerative, and if Staging Bungalows are not kept up, much inconvenience will result to the public, and the resort of European merchants to the markets of the interior, which it is so desirable to encourage, will be greatly impeded. Private individuals cannot travel about with tents, and for several months in the year tents cannot be used; so that if the accommodation which public Bungalows afford is withdrawn the direct intercourse now springing up between the European capitalist and the Native producer will in fact be prevented, and the Ryot be thrown back into the hands of rapacious middle-men and usurious money lenders.

6. The Local Funds of this Presidency are almost exclusively drawn from the Native population and are of comparatively small amount. It would obviously be inequitable to draw on such funds for the maintenance of buildings intended for the use of travellers who contribute but little towards them.

7. Under the same head in the Madras Budget a sum of Rupees 9,860 appears on account of Native Choultries. These buildings were as a general rule erected by charitable Natives and usually possessed landed endowments. The latter have for various reasons been resumed at different times, the Government, in return accepting the obligation of keeping up the buildings, so long as they are required for the accommodation of the Native public. If desired, landed endowments can again be attached to each building, but this arrangement would entail much inconvenience both at the outset in assigning the lands, and afterwards in the management of them or, if they be made over to private individuals, in the due appropriation of the proceeds, without, so far as this Government can perceive, attaining any good or useful object. The present system is at once the simplest and most effective; some years ago efforts were made to induce respectable individuals to undertake these trusts, but without success except in a few instances.

8. Under the circumstances above explained I am directed to request that a grant of Rupees 28,640 may be sanctioned for the maintenance of public Bungalows and Choultries in this Presidency during the official year 1864-65, the estimated balance of Rupees 9,410 being expected to be realized from fees, &c. In anticipation of sanction an entry of Rupees 9,410 has been made on the credit side of the Local Fund Budget, while Rupees 28,640 have been entered on the debit side of the Imperial Budget under the head E. "Works of Internal Improvement and Public Convenience."

9. For the construction of fresh Bungalows where such may be needed provision must for the present continue to be made, as hitherto, in the Public Works Budget.

10. In all other respects the Bungalows will be managed as objects of local concern, and the Supreme Government may rely on every effort being used to relieve the Imperial finances of all expense on their account as soon as circumstances permit.

11. A report of the result of the revision now being carried out will be submitted in due course for the information of the Supreme Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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STANDING CIRCULAR, No. CLXIV.

Board No. 7,961.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th December 1863.

Read the following :— REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 5th November 1863, No. 5,131 :—

Read the following correspondence regarding the financial treatment, and the control, of the charges for Staging Bungalows.

Financial Proceedings, Nos. 164 to 170, November 1862.

Extract from Proceedings in the Home Department, Nos. 1,496 and 1,976, dated 11th and 24th March 1863.

Extract from Proceedings in the Public Works Department, with His Excellency the Governor General, No. 508, dated 27th April 1863.

Memorandum to the Home Government, No. 4,547, dated 17th September 1863.

Reply from ditto, No. 6,509, dated 14th October 1863.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable the President in Council observes that Staging Bungalows [illegible] the control of the Public Works Department in the Bombay Presidency, of District [illegible] in the Madras Presidency, of Postal Authorities in the Bengal Presidency, and of the [illegible] General's Agent in Central India.

2. The receipts and charges of Bungalows in the Bengal Presidency are shown under "Debt;" but for the Bungalows in the other Presidencies, the receipts are shown as income, and the expenditure as charges, of the Civil and Public Works Departments, respectively.

3. The financial treatment of the receipts and charges should be the same in every part of India, whatever differences there may be in the administrative arrangements in regard to Travellers' Bungalows. Madras and Bombay may prefer to manage them through their District Officers or Public Works Department, while the Lieutenant-Governments composing the Bengal Presidency may severally find either the one or the other Agency more convenient, but the Accounts should all be settled under the same head.

4. Although the Travellers' Bungalows extend over long ranges, they are, as stated in the Public Works Resolution, essentially *local*. They can only be successfully managed and made self-supporting by an attention to details which is beyond the scope of the Central Government; and it is only within the knowledge of the Local Governments, in what cases Travellers' Bungalows ought to be given up, either in consequence of the roads upon which they are situated having been disused, or of the traffic having so much increased as to be able to support an Hotel, as well as the rarer instances in which new Travellers' Bungalows may have to be established.

5. The Post Office, which is administered by the Government of India, will at the same time be entirely disconnected from the extraneous business of managing Staging Bungalows.

6. His Honor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that the several Local Governments and Administrations may be informed that the Travellers' Bungalows within their respective jurisdictions are to be dealt with, from the 1st May 1864, as a separate head under Local Funds, and that all receipts and outgoings will thenceforward be accounted for under that head, on the same principle, and according to the same regulations, as for other Local Funds; and that all existing Staging Bungalows, and the out-offices attached to them, will, from that date, be transferred to the several Local Governments and Administrations to be dealt with as they may consider proper.

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Home and Public Works Departments, and to the Public Works Department with His Excellency the Governor General; also to the several Local Governments, the Auditor General of India, the Accountant General, Government of India, and the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and Civil Paymasters.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Foreign Department, for communication to the several Local Administrations under that Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Government of India.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th November 1863.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. H. KERR,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1863, No. 2,209.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the several Superintending Engineers through the Public Works Department for their information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

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

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(A true Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. M. C. KELLY,
Acting First Assistant.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
" All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

STANDING CIRCULAR, No. CLXIV.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To All Collectors, &c.

Dated 16th December 1863.
Despatched

Board No. 7,961.

Circulating Order of Government of India directing that *Travellers' Bungalows* be dealt with from 1st May 1864 as a separate head under *Local Funds*, and that all receipts and out-goings be accounted for under that head on the same principle and according to the same regulations as for other *Local Funds*.

Has a Standing Circular been issued?

Read 28th Jan.
Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Government of India and that copies of the same be furnished to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Departments.
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Fort St. George
18th January 64.

11 Chas Lobb
21 D. T. Reed
3 Alex. Gould
with Copy.
Copy with Copy.

Pro 5 Decemb/63 Nos 91-92
13 April — 86-87
29 May — — 11 to 347

Recd 18th Decr 1863
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No 30 to 96.
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
&c &c

Dated 16th December 1863
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Rec'd 17th —

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Requesting orders from
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current expenditure of Bunga
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the Receipts.

Recd 28th Jany 1864
With an order

No. 12.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
25th January 1864.

ERRATUM.

For Rupees 18,770 in paragraph 8 of the letter from this Office dated 8th January 1864, No. 29, *enter* Rupees 28,640.

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

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Financial Department.

Revenue Department

No 29

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of the Supreme Govt in the Financial Department dated 5th Novr last No 5431 regarding staging Bungalows I am directed to state that the strict application of the Local Fund rules to those buildings is not at present practicable in this Presidency.

2.— Prior to 1857 no charge was made for accommodation in these buildings, and the annual expen-

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~~with them was about Rs~~

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A report of the
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now being carried on
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in due course for the
information of the
Supreme Government.

Fort St George
8th Sept 1864—

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No. 29.

Recd. Dec. 26th 64.

Ans. 30th Dec. 64.

No. 1056.

Letter to the Govt. of
India intimating that
Great Britain & the United States to the
existing Treaty remains in force
until