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**Government of Madras.**

*Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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5th April 1864.*

No. 85. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Goodalore, 18th March 1864, No. 355:—

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Orders Nos. 3,571 and 3,572 of 4th December, No. 3,742 of 18th December, and No. 410 of 9th February, I have the honor to submit for approval the undermentioned Estimates, with Plans, Surveys, and Specifications as per margin, viz.:—

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| Plan and Specification. | (1.) Constructing a Choultry for Native Travel-<br>lers near the Coimbatore Railway Station | Rs. A. P.<br>... 5,050 0 0 |
| Plan and Specification. | (2.) Constructing a European Travellers' Bun-<br>galow at do.                               | ... 7,730 0 0              |
| Survey.                 | (3.) Constructing a road between the Coor-<br>chy Railway Bridge and the Railway Station    | ... 1,813 1 6              |
|                         | (4.) Constructing a Tunnel on the above road                                                | ... 147 0 0                |

2. A commencement has not yet been made with the Choultry, as the Collector has changed his mind as to the propriety of the sites which were in contemplation when we discussed and agreed on all the details together, and which are marked on the Coorchy Road Survey. His pencil marks on the same plan show where he now proposes to place them, on grounds with which I am not acquainted. The new sites will have to be taken up under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, but no doubt the old Coimbatore Bungalow will realize a price sufficient to cover the compensation charges. Again, as Government Order No. 145 of 14th March directs that a similar Choultry be built at Beypore, and smaller ones at Palghaut and Tiroor, I should like to know whether the Plan is approved of as to extent and nature of accommodation, before proceeding further.

3. As will be seen from the Specifications, I propose certain alterations in the height of the Bungalow and Choultry walls, which I consider excessive, and in the thickness of foundations and basements which I have increased. But I have not detained the papers to make corresponding alterations in the calculations, as the revision can be made afterwards, and I wish to lose no more time. Plans and Estimates of latrines are not forthcoming, although stated to have been sent to the Collector by Mr. Sub-Engineer Lowry when in charge of Coimbatore Range. I think it would be better if we were furnished with copies of those in use at Madras where such structures have already been built and their suitability tested.

Referred to the Financial (Railway) Department.

Chepauk,  
22nd March 1864.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel R. E.,  
Secretary to Government.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1864, No. 575.

1. The Governor in Council approves of the Plan of the public Bungalow, but would lengthen the bed-rooms to 24 feet each or thereabouts. Their proposed size, viz., 17 x 17 feet, is too small, considering that frequently each may be occupied by a family.

2. The verandahs round the bed-rooms should be walled off, so as to ensure greater privacy, and it would be well to form the small open verandahs at the corners of the bed-rooms into additional bath-rooms. The public rooms should be divided by a wall, and one of the windows into each bed-room be made into a door, with steps leading to it. For the Choultry the Government consider that a row of single rooms, like the lines of Sepoys, would be preferable to the building proposed by Colonel Walker. The floors should be of asphalt, sloped and guttered, and ample ventilation should be provided. There ought also to be a long open shed for men travelling alone, and a halting place for carts, at a convenient spot not too near the Choultry and Bungalow.

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3. The sites have not yet been finally settled. The Government consider it absolutely necessary that the buildings should be at some distance apart, certainly not less than 250 yards, the site marked in ink in the Plan seems very suitable for the Bungalow, and the one marked in pencil near the Police station well adapted for the Choultry. If a raised pathway in extension of the Railway platform could be made to the Bungalow, it would be a great convenience.

4. The Government are very anxious that these works should be carried out as soon as possible. The selection of sites should be made without delay, and a revised Plan of a Choultry submitted.

(True Extract)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
" Department Public Works.  
" Financial (Railway) Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For Order.

Ed Walker submits  
plans for the Traveller  
House & Choultry at  
Portanor.

The plan of the Traveller  
- house seems good - but  
I should suggest that  
the Bedrooms be length-  
-ened to 24 ft. or so.  
They are now 17 x 17. It  
will frequently happen  
that 4 families will  
meet, and as they will  
not be allowed to  
appropriate the public  
rooms to their exclusive  
use - the bed room  
much I think be  
longer than - It will  
be seen that there  
is no direct commu-  
nication between

The 9 rooms - the Apartments  
probably being to pre-  
scent the same party  
appropriately two - there  
is an additional letter  
for enlarging the bed  
rooms. ~~It~~

The side veranda  
should be cailed ~~it~~  
as marked in pencil  
to make the bed rooms  
more private.

Choultry. The plan  
does not seem to me  
well adapted for  
the purpose. I should  
lay a long line of  
single rooms - like  
the Leboy line. would  
be better & cheaper.  
The floors should be  
of asphalt or stone.

I think it would be better to make  
an immediate line of separation  
between the Bangalore & Choultry  
at present this seems to form two  
buildings in one enclosure. ~~W.D.~~

of ventilation system  
There ought also to  
be a shed for drying  
men along the back  
enclosure walls.

I presume a separate  
Bandy shed will be  
provided.

Sites. The proposed  
site for the Bangalore  
(in pencil) seems  
an improvement.  
It would be very  
inconvenient to  
have the Bangalore &  
Choultry close together  
as originally proposed.  
The Choultry / new / site  
is about 500 feet from the Ban-  
galore - is this far  
enough?

J. R. B.

would be the very smallest interest. Mr. Paul has  
not stated his reasons in favor of the new pencil/drawing  
as he should have done. I would say that it is a gain  
as in the pen & ink sketch, and the Choultry which is  
in pencil near the Police Station.

As this should be settled and the work pushed on  
with the utmost rapidity. I learn from a traveler  
who came from the Hills a few days ago that the state  
of the high (the) Crimbaton Station is very  
bad. Indeed it must be so until more com-  
-modation is provided for the public.

J.P.

Revenue Department

No. 575-

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Under date the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1864

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Engl<sup>rs</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Division

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(Here enter 18<sup>th</sup> March  
1864 No. 555)

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Dy 5<sup>th</sup> April 1864.

From the Agent and Manager  
of the M. R. Co. of 28/ April/64, C. No. 110,  
Further. Pro. 19 April/64 at - 1864.

Certain instructions  
issued regarding the plan  
of public Bungalow pro-  
posed to be constructed  
near the Railway station  
at Coimbatore for construct-  
ing choultry for native  
travellers there.

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