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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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6th June 1864.*

No. 63. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 19th May 1864, No. 25 :—

SIR,

1. In November last, when at Pondicherry on duty, a man named "Comarappa Acharry," a perfect stranger, presented himself before me together with other Petitioners. He stated that he desired to erect, at a particular place which he mentioned, a Bungalow for the use of European travellers, and a Chuttrum for all classes of Natives. The locality selected was not, in my opinion, a judicious one as a halting place, either for Europeans or Natives; and after advising "Comarappa Acharry" to forego the construction of a European Bungalow, which I pointed out was not required of him, and was a needless expense for a Native to incur, he persisted in his intentions, and he then asked me to choose an eligible spot where a Bungalow would be useful. I accordingly suggested that a Bungalow was much wanted midway between Pondicherry and Tindevanam, and that if he insisted on the work he could not select a more convenient and really useful site, the distance between the two places being 30 miles, and there being no halting place any where on the road for Europeans.

2. The individual in question who has thus come forward is a retired Carpenter, I believe, of Pondicherry, and a man of respectability and substance; and from some cause or other he seems very earnest in his anxiety to render some public benefit to Europeans as well as to Natives.

3. I urged all I could to dissuade him from the project, as regards the public Bungalow for the convenience of Europeans, but he still presses the matter, and frequently attends before me wishing to complete the preliminary arrangements in regard to the land, &c. I have therefore thought the time had come to bring the matter to the notice of Government, in view to their rendering assistance in the manner proposed by this philanthropic individual.

4. There has been no difficulty in arranging terms with the owners of the land required for the proposed buildings, except in the case of three Cawnies of land specified in the accompanying separate Statement.

5. These three Cawnies, assessed at Rupees 7-5-10, the owners have agreed to relinquish on the payment of Rupees 194-8-0 as the purchase money; and it is this sum which the projector of the buildings desires should be paid by others than himself.

6. It is not of course that he cannot himself pay the money; but there is apparently a superstitious dislike on his part to undertake the work, unless the ground be given him for the purpose; and I am consequently induced to ask of Government whether they are prepared to incur this trifling cost for an object which cannot fail to prove of such great public convenience and utility.

7. It has frequently occurred to me to suggest the necessity of a public Bungalow between Pondicherry and Tindevanam, for it is really much needed, but I have been hitherto reluctant to propose so great an expenditure of the public money; now however that a French Native subject has come forward and voluntarily undertakes to erect the required building, and as well a Chuttrum for all classes of his own countrymen, I feel in a position to recommend that the very small sum proposed be paid by the State in furtherance of so useful and public a project.

8. I do not doubt that with some effort I could manage to raise the amount from the French and English residents of Pondicherry and Cuddalore; but since it is a Native of the former place who has thus evidenced such liberality, I am sanguine that Government may be induced to view the matter as exceptional, and to permit me to make the purchase of the land at the public cost to be applied as proposed; and I presume the amount may properly be debited to the Public Works Department for the current year.

9. I beg to forward copy of an Address presented to me a few days ago by "Comarappa Acharry" for the information of Government, and I now solicit that I be authorized to effect the purchase of the land\* in question in the village of "Paranganee," in the Talook of Villapuram, to be *bonâ fide* applied for the object, and under the circumstances already explained, the entire cost of the buildings

\* Vide Statement appended.

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being borne by the individual who has thus at his sole cost generously volunteered to confer this great benefit on the general public.

No. 64.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1864, No. 964.

**Local Funds.**

1. The Government highly appreciate Comarappa Achary's liberality, and under the circumstances stated, grant sanction for the payment of Rupees 194-8-0 from the Local Funds of the District. Mr. Reade will inform Comarappa Achary that if he expects any endowment from Government for the support of the Choultry he must be guided by the Rules on the subject.

2. Mr. Reade should have submitted his letter through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Collector of South Arcot.  
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From Comarappa Achary of  
Pondicherry  
To C. H. Reade Esq  
Collector of South Arcot  
Respected Sir,  
During a recent visitation  
to you in November last at  
Pondicherry, of my anxiety to build  
a charitable Choultry on the High  
Road leading to Richimpoly within  
the limits of Pasar, in the Suddanam  
Taluk, you were kindly pleased to  
advise me to build the same within  
the limits of the Pannigani Village in  
the Villapuram Taluk, on the High  
road from Pondicherry to Suddanam  
via Mylan, instead of at the former  
place. As what you advised appeared  
to me the best plan, I adopted it  
and in obedience to your wishes I  
have selected a place for the building  
and

and I am also preparing the necessary materials for its construction.

2 I beg to tender my sincere respects to you for the trouble you took in getting made over to me the 3-7-2 Cawnies of Punjab land selected for the building of and in intimating that a recommendation will be made to Government to pay the price of a certain portion thereof. I have resolved to complete this building on a splendid plan & at a cost of Rs 5,000 and I have fixed the 12<sup>th</sup> of June to commence the work of the Travellers Bungalow and which will be completed the first and then the Choultry also will be built. I further desire to make over the management of the Travellers Bungalow to Government and to retain the Choultry under my own management as after they are built I desire to make that Village the place of my residence. I am anxious to acquire at my own cash some

more landed property and to assign for the support of this institution but I wish to retain myself the right of looking after the safety and improvement of the Travellers Bungalow & of appropriating at my discretion the income of the garden to be attached to this Charitable purpose. I therefore request you will give such orders as will enable me to carry out my intention as above and that you will kindly afford me assistance as may be required for the purpose.

I have &c  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1864 / Signed Comarapachary

/ True Copy /

Cheuk Seed  
Collector

Dec 1356/64

See a notation from  
the Secretary of  
the 15th Nov 1864. No 25

19. Dec 1864

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N<sup>o</sup> 2. Statement showing the extent & value of the land to be taken from the Ryots at Paranganee Village Villuppuram Taluk for the purpose of erecting the proposed Choultry & Traveller's Bungalow by one Comarappa Chetty of Pondicherry

| No | Name of the Puttadhar | Name of the present holder<br>or occupant of the land | Particulars of land to be<br>given to Bomarappa (harry) |     |        |       |                | Value of The amount<br>the land determined<br>which the to be given<br>owners claim as price |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----|---|---|
|    |                       |                                                       | Description<br>of land                                  | No  | Survey | Lawry | Asses-<br>ment |                                                                                              |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
| 1  | Chinna Venkata Rayer  | Ramabathra Reddy                                      | Punjah                                                  | 249 | 6      | "     | 6              | "                                                                                            | 15 | "  |    |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
| 2  | Ramabathra Reddy 1    | do                                                    | do                                                      | 248 | "      | "     | 14             | "                                                                                            | 2  | 3  | "  |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|    | Bomarappa Reddy 2     |                                                       |                                                         |     |        |       |                |                                                                                              |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|    |                       |                                                       |                                                         |     |        |       | 1              | 4                                                                                            | "  | 3  | 2  | "  |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|    |                       |                                                       |                                                         |     |        |       |                |                                                                                              |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
| 3  | Papu Reddy            | Papu Reddy                                            | do                                                      | 248 | 6      | "     | 3              | 3                                                                                            | "  | 8  | 2  | 22 | 8 | " | 14 | "   | " |   |
| 4  | Sosbramaneya dyen     | Sosbramaneya dyen                                     | do                                                      | 240 | 6      | 1     | 1              | 2                                                                                            | 2  | 11 | 9  | 80 | " | " | 60 | "   | " |   |
| 5  | Karutha bounden       | Karutha bounden                                       | do                                                      | 246 | 6      | "     | 5              | 3                                                                                            | "  | 14 | 3  | 40 | " | " | 30 | "   | " |   |
|    |                       |                                                       |                                                         | 247 | 6      | "     | 1              | "                                                                                            | "  | 1  | 8  |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|    |                       |                                                       | Total                                                   |     |        | "     | 6              | 3                                                                                            | "  | 15 | 11 |    |   |   |    |     |   |   |
|    |                       |                                                       | Total                                                   |     |        | 3     | "              | "                                                                                            | 7  | 5  | 10 | 26 | 7 | 8 | "  | 194 | 8 | " |

Collector

South Arcot.  
Collector's butchery  
Cuddalore  
19th May 1864

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Alfred Hornsby  
Esq

General Edward Hall

Small Heath  
Edm. Cuthby  
Cousance  
19<sup>th</sup> May 1864

Charles Heaviside  
~~Edm. Cuthby~~  
Wether

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In a Letter from  
the Governor of South  
Auck dated 19 May  
1864, No. 25.

No 2

Statement showing  
the extent & nature of  
the land to be taken  
from the Dept. at  
Ponang and (See also)  
Elephantum Road,  
for the purpose of  
erecting the proposed  
civility and Maasen  
Bungalow by road  
connecting the Maasen  
Bungalow.

Revenue Department.

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June.

Under date the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1864

Read the following  
letter from the Collector  
of South Arcot.

Submits the proposal  
made by one Comarappa  
Achary of Pondicherry, to erect  
a Traveller's Bungalow and a  
Chuttrum at Porangane at his  
own cost, & solicits sanction  
to buy him <sup>as the expense of the State</sup> the land valued  
at Rupees 194-8-0 for erecting  
the buildings in question.

(Here enter 19<sup>th</sup> May 1864  
No. 25)

The Govt highly  
appreciate Comarappa  
Achary's liberality  
and under the circum-  
stances stated the Govt  
~~will~~ grant sanction  
the payment of <sup>from the local funds of the Govt</sup>  
for Rs. 194-8-0. Mr. Read  
will inform Comarappa  
Achary that if he expects  
any endowment from  
Govt.

Government for the sup-  
port of the Choultry he  
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Mr. Reade should  
have submitted his letter  
through the Board of  
Revenue.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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14 Board of Revenue  
1 Collector of S. Arcot  
2 O. W. Department

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Pro of Govt for lines

N. 1964.  
Debt of the Madras Govt  
of 61. June/64.

Payment of R.A.  
194. 8-11 for a piece  
of land proposed  
to be purchased for the  
erection of a Traveller's  
Bungalows & Cullivum  
by Comanapha Sekary  
between Poudicherry &  
Sundermum, Madras.

N. 63 & 64.