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No. 305. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1866, No. 6,069.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 7th August 1866, No. 277 :—

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, together with its original enclosure, and to state,* for the information of the Board, that Lieutenant-Colonel Cooke, while Commandant of the late Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps stationed at Juggiapett, built a Bungalow on a piece of Inám land with the consent of the Inámdars Naty Sastrullu and Narsiah, to whom he paid the yearly rent of 4 Rupees for the use of the land.

* To be returned.

2. The extent of the land occupied by Colonel Cooke was about 2½ acres, but it appears that the entire Inám of 17 acres was much cut up by the approaches to the Bungalow, and was always left uncultivated.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. Winscom, Superintending Engineer, now proposes to purchase the said Bungalow for a Range Office, and has requested me to transfer to his Department the whole extent of the Inám land, granting to the Inámdars another piece of Government land in exchange, of equal value and extent.

4. I have made inquiries on the subject, and find that the Inámdars are not willing to transfer to Government that portion of the Inám land alone, which is occupied by the bungalow and out-houses ; but are willing to transfer the whole extent of the Inám, on receiving Government land in exchange, on the above stated ground that the other portion of the Inám is not fit for cultivation, it having been much cut up with roads from the Bungalow to Juggiapett, &c.

5. According to the Title Deed issued by the Inám Commissioner, the extent of the Inám is A. 17, C. 15, while according to the general survey it has been found to consist of A. 20, C. 56, or an excess of A. 3, C. 41, over the former.

6. Close to this Inám there is a piece of unoccupied Government land, consisting of A. 21, C. 20, bearing an annual assessment of Rupees 10-10-0 according to new settlement rates. The Inámdars have agreed to take this in exchange for their land, and I have the honor to recommend that their offer be accepted.

7. The Board will observe from the rate of assessment that the land is very poor, it forms part of a large gravelly plain, chiefly covered with low jungle and only sparsely cultivated in places.

8. Should the Board approve of this transfer, I shall feel obliged by their obtaining the sanction of Government.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 4th April 1866, No. 244.

1. Being desirous of purchasing for a Range Office the Bungalow built by Colonel Cooke at Juggiapett, I have the honor to forward a letter† from Mr. Supervisor Butler (in original to be returned,) in which he states that the owner of the land on which it is built is willing to exchange it for other ground of the same value, provided he can do so with the entire quantity of the Inám land which he possesses, viz., 17 acres. The Sub-Magistrate at Juggiapett informs Mr. Butler that there is a good deal of Sary land of the same description as that on which the Bungalow is built, yielding a very small revenue.

† No. 138, dated 31st March 1866.

2. I should, therefore, feel much obliged, should you see no objection, if you will arrange a transfer of the ground at an early date, as I am anxious to conclude the purchase.

From the Supervisor in charge, No. 5, or Nundigam Range, Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, dated Juggiapett, 31st March 1865, No. 138.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 1,183, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to forward a plan and estimate of the bungalow and out-houses belonging to Lieutenant-Colonel Cooke at Juggiapett.

2. I am in doubt whether the rates shewn in the list of building materials in this range for glass windows are applicable in this case, as the windows are very slight, and I consider the rates too high, so have left those items blank, and request you will kindly order them to be filled in in your Office. I believe the whole of the doors and windows were made up in the Anicut Workshop.

3. The following articles have been stolen and damaged during the time the Bungalow was previously unoccupied :—

2 Iron hooks and eyes of windows, gone.
1 Iron bolt of do. do.
3 Brass locks to principal doors damaged, the brass-handle of one gone.
Venetian of one of the doors broken, the way the thieves probably entered.
Nearly all the iron fastings are damaged, trying to take them off.
3 Large and 2 small panes of glass broken, 1 foot 2 inches × 1 foot 2 inches, and 1 foot 2 inches × 5 inches respectively.

4. The ground marked off on which the Bungalow stands contains 98,980 square feet, or nearly 2¼ acres, and the owner has been receiving ground-rent at the rate of Rupees 4 per annum ; as stated in the accompanying Arzee ; he is still willing to let the land at that rate, or either to sell it for Rupees 80, or exchange it for other land of the same value ; but in the latter case, he wishes to exchange the whole of his Inám land, consisting of 17 acres, as he states that the other portion is much cut up with roads from the Bungalow to Juggiapett, Shirmahomedpett, and the well. I have made inquiries of the Sub-Magistrate here, and he informs me there is plenty of Sary land about here of the same description as this on which the Bungalow is built, which only yields a revenue to Government of from 4 to 8 Annas per acre ; should this be the case, I would strongly recommend that some other ground be given in exchange to the Inámdar, or that the portion on which the Bungalow stands should be purchased outright.

5. I have advanced Rupees 12 to the Inámdar, being the ground-rent claimed by him.

6. I have likewise this day shifted the Office into the Bungalow.

7. The Bungalow is situated to the east of Juggiapett, and at a distance of 969 yards in a direct line from the Police Barracks, and Shairmahomedpett is to the north-west of the Bungalow, distance 1 mile and 565 yards.

The proposed arrangement will be recommended for the sanction of Government, on the understanding that the purchase of the building as an office for Range Officer, Department Public Works, is or will be sanctioned.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1866, No. 2,453.

Miscellaneous. Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.