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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th September 1866.

No. 667. Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 18th September 1866, No. 23 :—

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, copy of a letter from my Acting Sub-Collector, appealing against a decision of the Board of Revenue, regarding a claim made by him for extra tentage, and copies of the prior correspondence with the Board on the subject.

No. 668. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1866, No. 2,619.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector will report what accommodation Mr. Webster has provided for his office, and the rent of the building devoted, wholly or partially, to the purpose.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Godavery.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 2,739.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th April 1866.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chintalapudi, Ellore Taluk, 21st March 1866, No. 50 :—

13th March, No. 37.

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Board, copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, regarding his extra tentage allowance.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Nursapur, 13th March 1866, No. 37.

1. I am in receipt of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 887, dated 6th February, from which it appears that no funds are available for the construction of a record-room to the old public bungalow at Nursapur, now ordered to be converted into the Sub-Collector's office. I am, therefore, still without a Government building sufficient for my office, and yet am debarred from drawing extra tentage under Proceedings of the Board, No. 8,247, dated 21st December 1865. Many months ago the public bungalow at Tripatore in the Salem District (a building considerably larger than the bungalow in Nursapur) was converted into the Head Assistant's Cutcherry, but as it required some alterations, which the Department of Public Works had not executed, Mr. Hathaway and I continued to draw extra tentage as usual; bills for the same being regularly passed by the Board of Revenue before the post-audit system came into force. On my promotion from Salem to act as Sub-Collector at Nursapur, I find that a public bungalow, smaller than the one placed at my disposal when Head Assistant, had been made over to me, but that additions were required before it could accommodate my office, and that my predecessor has, meanwhile, been obliged to provide quarters for some of his clerks. This state of things was precisely similar to that existing in Salem with this additional fact in my favor, that although I was now Acting Sub-Collector, and requiring more accommodation for my office than a Head Assistant, the Government had placed at my disposal a building smaller than the one in Tripatore, and therefore, as I was entitled to extra tentage in Salem, I must be "*a fortiori*" entitled to it in Nursapur. I wish further to submit that the Nursapur public bungalow is in itself unfit for the office of the Sub-Collector. It contains only one small low room, it lies in the middle of the native town in a sandy tract with scarcely a tree near it, and shut out from fresh air by the houses which surround it.

2. If no Government money is available for the purpose, there would be no difficulty in getting a native merchant here to build me a suitable office for a moderate monthly rent. I respectfully beg that the Board will be pleased to take this proposal into consideration, and at all events, either to provide me with a building fit for my office, or place my tentage allowances on the same footing as those of the Head Assistant Collector of Salem.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

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1. Pending the execution of the work necessary to render the old Public Bungalow available for the Sub-Collector's Office, the Board authorize the Sub-Collector to draw Extra Tentage at Nursapur, he providing the requisite accommodation for the establishment and records.

2. The Board request the Collector's opinion as to the possibility of making the Bungalow fit for the proposed purpose, and wish to see a ground plan of the building. The position as described seems also very unsuitable.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

Copy to the Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

1866. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th April 1866.

No. 2,739.

Authorizing Sub-Collector of Godavery district to draw Extra Tentage at Narsapur pending construction of a record room to old public bungalow at that station ordered to be converted into an Office, and requesting Collector to forward a ground plan of the building.

No. 5,508.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1866.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 7th May 1866, No. 92:—

Under the permission contained in paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,739, dated 19th ultimo, the Acting Sub-Collector having sent to me a bill for the extra tentage due to him from the 16th August 1865, to 30th April 1866, deducting therefrom the period for which he has already drawn the allowance, I have the honor to submit the same for your sanction for payment, as it does not appear to me clear that the proceedings were meant to have re-trospective effect.

Months.	Already drawn.		Amount due.	
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1865, August...	...	... ...	16	84 0
„ September	8	42 0	22	115 8
„ October...	...	... ...	31	162 12
„ November	4	21 0	26	136 8
„ December	10	52 8	21	110 4
1866, January...	29	152 4	2	10 8
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„ April...	3	15 12	27	141 12
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ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Bills.

1. The Sub-Collector cannot draw extra tentage before the date of the Board's Proceedings, sanctioning the arrangement. The Public Bungalow was occupied for some months by his predecessor, without any claim of the sort being put forward.

2. The Collector should reply to the second paragraph of the Board's Proceedings to which he refers, with as little delay as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District,
with bills returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

To the Sub Collr Esq

No 136 Collectorate Rajahmundry 14th September 1866

From E.F. Webster Esquire
Officiating Collector Godavery District

To Turner Keene Esquire
Collector Godavery District

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 5308 of 7th instant, forwarding, with recommendation, Account of Rs 1866 Establishment for the Nursapur Taluq for the month of August last, submitted by me.

2. Bills for the Establishment of the Nursapur Taluq, as well as Bills for Contingencies which are fully sanctioned by you on the 7th of May last.

3. I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to submit through the proper channel the Account of Establishment for the month of September last, and also the Account of Contingencies for the month of August last, as well as Bills for Establishment and Contingencies for the month of September last, as soon as possible.

4. I have also to request that you will be pleased to move the Board of Revenue to grant me permission to draw Tentage Allowance for the month of August last, as I was not in possession of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue granting me permission to draw Tentage Allowance while at Nursapur, until the 1st instant.

I have &c.

(Signed) E.F. Webster
Officiating Collector

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Dated 14th September 1866

Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2439 of the 19th instant, and in reply to state that I have no objection to your drawing Tentage Allowance for the period you were employed at Nursapur, on the 1st instant, on the production of a Certificate from the Collector of Godavery to the effect that you were employed at Nursapur during the month of August 1866 for the purpose mentioned in your letter under reply.

2. I have also to request that you will be pleased to forward a Ground Plan of the Building proposed for the Sub-Collector's Office at Nursapur, for the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th August 1866.

No. 5,508.

Stating that Sub-Collector of Godavery district cannot draw extra tentage before date of Board's Proceedings permitting him to draw that allowance while at Nursapur, and requesting Collector to forward ground plan of building proposed for Sub-Collector's office.

allowance had been drawn under their function by the Head Assistant of Salem where a state of things existed precisely similar to the position in which I have been placed ever since I first took charge of this Sub Division in August 1865.

Upon receipt of this order I sent in a Bill for extra tentage from the day I joined at Narsapúr and I confidently affirm that I was justified in doing so both by the terms of the Board's order and also as a matter of common sense, because the circumstances which justified my drawing extra tentage from the 19th April had existed ever since I joined the District and therefore I submit that the decision of the Board contained in their Proceedings No 5308 of 9th August 1866 that I was entitled to draw extra tentage only since the 19th April is unjust, as it withholds from me a portion of an allowance to which they have already decided that I am entitled.

I beg further to submit that the following words used by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings No 5308 of 9th August,

"That the public Bungalow was occupied
"by my predecessor for some months without
"any claim of the sort being put forward"
are unfair to me in two ways: first, because they are calculated to raise the erroneous impression that I was over eager to claim a personal allowance to which I was not fairly and honorably entitled by the rules of the Service - An imputation the pistness of which I wholly deny - And secondly, because when used as an argument against my right to draw extra tentage they are not to the point for it is clear that whatever my predecessor's opinion or conduct may have been in the matter it is illogical to prejudice me by it.

I feel confident that Government will acquit me of any over eagerness to claim allowances and will endorse my statement that under the circumstances which I have detailed above I was perfectly justified in submitting to the Board of Revenue the tentage bill which has given rise to the present Appeal.

And in conclusion I beg to state with reference to the Board's remark that the Narsapúr "public Bungalow was occupied "for some months by my predecessor; That

this building consists of one small room 30 Feet by 17-9" and therefore falls far short of what is necessary for the proper housing of the Sub Collectors Cutcherry, and indeed it is physically impossible that my establishment could be lodged within it and I have therefore always provided accommodation for my office in my own compound. Whether or not my predecessor did at any time hold his Court there, I am unable to say. But when I relieved him I found that the Sub Collectors private Bungalow had been converted into an office, that my predecessor held Court there daily, and that the Public Bungalow was completely filled with office records. This building is upwards of eight hundred yards from my house, it lies in the heart of the Native Town is built on a sandy tract with scarcely a tree in its vicinity and is shut out from every fresh breeze by the Native huts which surround it.

I enclose copies of the Board's Proceedings No 2739 of the 19th April 1866, No 5508 of the 9th August 1866 to which I have referred in the course of this letter, and I request that You will be good enough to forward the

whole correspondence to Government with the exception of my earnest hope that I may be relieved from the galling imputation of having done any thing in the matter unworthy of a member of the Service to which I belong and for such further orders in the case as the Government may be pleased to pass.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) Fowlie Webster
Ag Sub Collector

True Copy
J Fowlie
Collector

No. 2619.

The Colony will be kept
what accommodation
Mrs Webster has had.
Evidence for his defence
and the rent of
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wholly or partially,
& the furniture.

I have
27th Sept 1866.

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Bradshaw forwards
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Vs the Secretary of State
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Ref to 18 despatches
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Rec'd 3rd Feb 1867

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Vice Chancellors Office.

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The Collector

Godavery Distt

To the Secretary to Govt

Revenue Dept

Fort St George

Dated 18 Sept 1866

Rec'd 25th ——

No 23

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To

Pro Board of Revs

D/ 16 Octr/66 C No. 3710.

From

The Coll. of Godavery District

D/ 13 Octr/66 C No. 3712

Forwarding for consideration & orders of Govt copy of a letter from the Ag Sub Collector requesting his Extra Tents

A. 667 & 668

No 2619. 27 Sept

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