

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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3rd August 1868.*

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 5,364.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1868, No. 1,156 :—

1. The Sub-Collector, Mr. Burnell, in a letter dated 5th February 1868, No. 30, brought to my notice that the Sub-Collector's and Joint Magistrate's Court when at Ramapatam has hitherto been held in a part of the small house used by the Sub-Collector as a private dwelling, but no allowance for providing Cutcherry room has been drawn by him.

2. Mr. Burnell considers that there are very strong objections to office being held and the records being kept in a private house, and has, therefore, temporarily occupied for this purpose an old building formerly used as a school-house and now vacant, and requests sanction to have the building put into order, and adapted to the purposes of a Cutcherry.

3. The old school-house, however, is not a Government building. It was originally built for an office by Mr. Purvis, a former Sub-Collector, at his own cost. It was converted to the purposes of a school by Mr. J. I. Minchin, and in 1864 he wrote to Mr. E. F. Elliott, then Sub-Collector, that the property might be disposed of in any way considered advisable. A Government grant-in-aid for repairs to the extent of Rupees 220 was made in 1857. There is no one now who makes any claim to the building, and as there is a school at Kandukur, Mr. Burnell surmises that it will never be required again for the same purpose.

4. In my letter to you, dated 29th February 1868, No. 663, I suggested the relinquishment of the present travellers' bungalow at Ramapatam and its conversion into the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry; but Mr. Burnell does not consider this building to be so suitable for this purpose as the old school-house, which he has temporarily occupied.

5. The Board are aware that the Sub-Collector is allowed to stay six months of the year at Ramapatam, Ongole being his proper head-quarters. But even at Ongole there is no proper Cutcherry. The erection which goes by this name is a small bomb-proof building quite unfit for the purpose, and not large enough, Mr. Burnell states, even to hold all the records belonging to the office, so that when at Ongole the Sub-Collector has to supply a tent for the purpose, but draws no allowance.

I would request the Board's sanction to have the old school-house at Ramapatam put into repair and made fit for a Cutcherry.

6. With regard to the travellers' bungalow at Ramapatam, the Officer in charge of the Range has estimated it with the Rest-house to be worth at present Rupees 460, and at this price, the Reverend J. C. Clough, of the American Baptist Mission, has offered to take it. The Sub-Collector writes that this bungalow is of very little use, and the Rest-house only affords shelter to tramps and loafers. Both are very much out of repair, and it is not worth while to lay out any money, as the new trunk road passes two miles from Ramapatam. Mr. Burnell adds, that he considers the

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sum offered a very fair price, and that if there is much delay it will not be repeated. Mr. Clough states that if the bungalow cannot be sold to him he would be glad to take the Rest-house and put it in repair for the privilege of using it.

7. Mr. Sayce, the Executive Officer in charge of the Northern Range, has also made an offer to rent the bungalow at Rupees 6 a month, or Rupees 72 a year.

8. In my letter to you, dated 29th February 1868, No. 663, I have recommended the conversion of Mr. Whish's old deserted bungalow at Kavali into a travellers' bungalow, and the building hereafter, when funds are available, of bungalows at Tettu and Ulavapalem, giving up the present bungalows at Ramapatam, Mamiladoruvu, and Allur, which are all on the old trunk road and therefore scarcely ever used now. The accompanying sketch-plan will make the two lines clear. The distances are as below.

<i>Old line.</i>		<i>New line.</i>	
Nellore to Allur	18 miles.	Nellore to Ulavapalem	15 miles.
Allur to Mamiladoruvu	15 "	Ulavapalem to Kavali	17 "
Mamiladoruvu to Ramapatam	13 "	Kavali to Tettu	10 "
Ramapatam to Singarayakonda	13 "	Tettu to Singarayakonda	11 "

9. I would request the Board's sanction to putting the Ramapatam bungalow up to auction at the upset price of Rupees 460 offered by the Reverend J. C. Clough, the sale proceeds being carried to the credit of the Bungalow Fund, and made available for repairing the old bungalow at Kavali. This will provide at least one bungalow on the trunk road between Nellore and Singarayakonda, where travellers have at present to take fifty-three miles without a bungalow.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch Map.

1. In paragraph 5 of their Proceedings of the 12th June 1868, the Board approved of a proposal to convert for use as Sub-Collector's Cutcherry an old travellers' bungalow in Ramapatam.

2. In the foregoing letter, the Acting Collector recommends instead the conversion of an old building formerly used as a school-house and now vacant. Under the circumstances now represented by the Acting Collector, the Board desire that officer to obtain and submit an estimate for the alterations proposed.

3. In paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Acting Collector's letter, it is reported that the travellers' bungalow with the Rest-house at Ramapatam is valued at Rs. 460 that the Reverend Mr. Clough, of the American Baptist Mission, has offered to take the building for that price; that the Public Works Executive Officer in charge of the Northern Range has offered to rent it at 6 Rupees a month, and solicits permission to dispose of the bungalow by auction at the upset price offered, the sale proceeds being credited to the Bungalow Fund. The Board accordingly authorize the Acting Collector to dispose of the bungalow to the best advantage.

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4. With regard to the conversion of Mr. Whish's old bungalow at Kavali into a travellers' bungalow, the Board have already passed their orders.—*Vide* paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, dated 12th June 1868, No. 4,364.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1868, No. 2,073.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd July 1868.

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Pro of the Board of Revenue
4th December 1868 No 5792

No. 5364.

Authorizing Collector of Nellore to dispose of
Bungalow at Ramanapatam by auction to the
best advantage.

No. 2073.

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