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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th November 1868.

No. 402. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, relative to the construction of a travellers' bungalow at Gooty, Bellary District, and to the provision of shelter at the various Railway stations for 3rd class passengers waiting for trains. (Here enter 18th November 1868, No. 3,607.)

No. 403. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1868, No. 2,932.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1868} Madras

REVENUE.

To

Dated November, 24th.

Rec'd.

G. O., 24th November 1868, No. 2,93

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Nos. 402-403.

Travellers' Bungalow at Gooty.—Or
the Public Works Department regarding
struction, recorded.

No. 361. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1868, No. 7,001 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 3rd September 1868, No. 57.

1. I have been in correspondence with the Consulting Engineer for Railways regarding the provision of accommodation for travellers by the North-West Branch of the Madras Railway both at Tadpatry, the present terminus, and at Gooty, to which station it is anticipated the line will be opened in the course of next year.

2. With regard to the former place, arrangements are now being made, which will, I hope, meet the requirements of travellers for the short time it will be a terminal station. The Board of Revenue have sanctioned the public bungalow being put on the footing of a 1st class bungalow, and I hope to get a man to undertake to cater for the public there, so that travellers may not be a burden on private hospitality, as they have been for the last two years at Mudanur, an insignificant village, where neither food nor shelter was available.

3. Arrangements on a more extensive scale will, I think, be necessary at Gooty, which, from next year, will probably be the terminal station for some time, and which will, when the through extension is completed, be one of the principal halting places on the journey between Madras and Bombay. From the enclosed letter* from the Deputy Consulting Engineer, it appears that at the station, there will be a Waiting and Refreshment-room, but I do not think that this will be sufficient. Even supposing that the trains run right through, but few travellers would attempt to perform the entire journey without halting, and Gooty, distant about 250 miles from Madras, would seem to be the most convenient resting place for passengers going both ways. Considering their probable numbers when the line is open throughout, I am of opinion that a bungalow, containing at least two bed-rooms and a dining-room, should be built in the vicinity of the station, and rented to some competent person as a hotel. Should the Government concur with me in thinking that some provision of this nature is required, I beg that orders may be issued on the subject in the Public Works Department, and if funds are available, that the Superintending Engineer be instructed to put the work in hand at once. I should mention that the present public bungalow is distant about two miles from the site of the Railway station. It is close to the site selected for the new Talook Cutcherry, and would, when the Railway bungalow is built, be available as a Moonsiff's Court, which is much wanted.

4. In planning and building the proposed bungalow, arrangements should be made to admit of its accommodation being extended, if found necessary hereafter.

* No. 328, dated 26th August 1868.

From the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 26th August 1868, No. 328.

Adverting to your letter, No. 943, of 17th instant, I have the honor to state that it is the intention of the Madras Railway Company to provide a Refreshment-room at Gooty, for the use of travellers.

2. The plan of Gooty station provides a ladies' and a general Waiting-room, and the design is to be revised in order to admit of a Refreshment-room being added to the building.

3. Hoping that you will consider the accommodation promised, sufficient for the few months that Gooty will be a terminal station, I have, &c.,

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TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th September 1868.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, as the construction and maintenance of public bungalows are ordered by the Government of India to be a charge upon Local Funds temporarily, supplemented by a grant of Rupees 11,230 from the annual Public Works allotment.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th September 1868.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st September 1868.

THE Board concur with the Collector in considering it advisable that some provision should be made for the accommodation of travellers at Gooty; but they consider that it should be provided in connection with the station, as at Beypore, and not in a separate building.

2. The only travellers on the North-West Line, who will require more conveniences at Gooty than are afforded in the Waiting and Refreshment-rooms of large stations, are those proceeding to or from Bombay, Madras, or Hyderabad; and these will doubtless wish to break their journey at Gooty.

3. Travellers to Bellary, Kurnool, Cuddapah, &c., will, in all probability, not care to make any stay at Gooty. The addition, therefore, of two private sitting-rooms and three are four bed-rooms to the station building would, in the opinion of the Board, be the most convenient arrangement, and the comfort of travellers would be better secured by the Refreshment Contractor of the Railway Company, than by any person the Collector would be likely to procure.

4. At Coimbatore, where a large number of people must of necessity break their journey, a bungalow was built solely for the convenience of Railway travellers by the Government, and at a cost of some 25,000 Rupees.

5. Owing, however, to the building being at some distance from the station, and more especially to the refusal of the Railway Company to allow a road to be made to it through their compound, it is but little used, and Government do not realise even the interest on their outlay.

6. With reference to the Order of Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th September 1868, (transferring Mr. Sullivan's letter to the Revenue Department,) the Board beg to observe that, as Government are aware, the Bungalow Fund is unequal to the claims on it, and quite unable to spare funds for the erection of a Bungalow at Gooty.

7. Should the Government, however, determine on building the bungalow, the Board would suggest that it be erected close to the station, as it will otherwise, very probably, prove as useless as that at Coimbatore.

8. The Board take this opportunity of bringing before Government the urgent necessity which exists of requiring the Railway Company to provide shelter at their stations for 3rd class passengers, (who are chiefly natives,) while waiting for trains. At present such accommodation can scarcely be said to exist; and the expense of erecting a simple shed, which would answer the purpose, would be comparatively trifling.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd November 1868.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1868, No. 3,607.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 51.

1. In their Proceedings above recorded, the Board of Revenue recommend the construction of a bungalow in close proximity to the Railway station at Gooty, for the accommodation of travellers proceeding by the North-West Line of the Madras Railway to and from Bombay, Madras, or Hyderabad, and urge the necessity of requiring the Railway Company to provide shelter at the various stations for 3rd class passengers waiting for trains.

2. Looking to the circumstance that the Railway from Gooty onwards to Raichore is now in progress, and will ere long be completed, the Government do not see that there is any pressing necessity for incurring a heavy outlay for the provision of accommodation for travellers at Gooty; such provision should, in their opinion, be made, if any where, at Raichore, which will be the terminus of the Madras portion of the North-West Line, and to which, it has been ascertained, trains from Madras will run through in one day.

3. With regard to the provision of shelter at Railway stations for 3rd class passengers, the attention of the Board of Revenue will be called to the Order in this department, No. 959, of the 24th March 1866, from which they will observe that the Secretary of State and the Government of India consider that choultries should, as a rule, be constructed with Local Funds, moderate grants from the Imperial assignment being made in urgent cases in aid of those funds where the latter are inadequate to bear the whole cost of the buildings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Dept.
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Govt. of [1868] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 1868.

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G. O., 18th November 1868. No. 3,607.

Pro. of the Board of Revenue dy 24 Novemb
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