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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th October 1872.*

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1872, No. 6444 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coromandel, 6th September 1872, No. 38:—

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 53, dated 8th January 1872, I have the honour to forward extracts from resolutions passed by the Chingleput and Sydapet Boards on the 23rd ultimo and 2nd instant, from which it will be seen that in the former circle we propose to keep up all the bungalows now existing, enhancing the fees hitherto charged, partly to meet the additional charges thrown on us, the remainder being met, if necessary, by an allotment from General Funds. The Sydapet Board propose to abolish the Poonamallee and Meenambakam Bungalows; to furnish and make Gummidipundi a first-class bungalow, charging the fees as detailed in the resolution; and to keep the Red Hills (Polal) Bungalow on for another year experimentally charging second-class fees.

2. Since the introduction of railways Poonamallee leads to nowhere; the bungalow is simply frequented by officials and visitors to the place, who could easily find accommodation elsewhere. Similarly, Meenambakam, half-way between the Mount and Pollaveram, is little used, most travellers going by carriage or jutka to the Mount and then pushing on by bullocks to Goodoovanjeri Bungalow for their first halt.

3. As regards the Red Hills Bungalow it is difficult to ascertain how many travellers halt there, as hitherto no fees have been charged, at the wish of the owner, who allows the house and has hitherto done the repairs gratis. In another year we shall be in a position to decide. A Committee of the Board were of opinion that it might be done away with at once until I pointed out that twenty-seven miles, including the passage of the Cortelliar, from Gummidipundi to Madras, was too long a break in the system of bungalows for the northern line unless we were satisfied it was not frequented.

4. I beg to draw the attention of the Board to the Sydapet Circle Board having coupled their acceptance of the bungalows with a condition that those abandoned should be made over to them in view to the sale proceeds meeting the expenses of furniture, &c., for the bungalows retained.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Local Fund Board for the Chingleput Circle, dated 23rd August 1872.

PRESENT :

E. A. Trimnell, Esq., *Presiding Member.*
The Assistant Engineer in charge of the Chingleput Range.
The Assistant Collector in charge of the Sub-Division.
The Deputy Inspector of Schools.
Muthukomarappa Reddyar.
Mungu Runga Row.
Gurusawmy Naidoo.
Venkatachella Naidoo.

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Read letter from the President, No. 178, dated 6th August 1872, on the subject of the Board's taking over the Travellers' Bungalows.

Read also Minute on this subject by the Presiding Member.

Resolved that the fees now collected from travellers be raised in order to recoup the Local Fund Board for the Government grant to Travellers' Bungalows which has been withdrawn from the beginning of the current Official year (*vide* Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 9th August, No. 5500.) The fees hitherto charged and those now substituted for them are shown in the subjoined table. If there be still any deficit after thus raising the fees, it is resolved that this deficit be met for the first year at all events from General Funds. If the drain on General Funds is found to be heavier than expected, the Board will, after the expiration of the current year, consider the expediency of closing some of the bungalows.

Table of Fees.

Class of Bungalows.	Travellers.	Rates of fees now charged.			Proposed rates.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
First-class bungalow	Each adult	1	0	0	1	8	0
Do.	A married couple	1	8	0	2	4	0
All other bungalows	Each adult	0	8	0	0	12	0
Do.	A married couple	0	12	0	1	2	0

(Signed) E. A. TRIMNELL,
Presiding Member.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Local Fund Board, Sydapet Circle, dated 2nd September 1872.

PRESENT :

R. W. Barlow, Esq., *President.*
W. A. Goodchap, Esq.
S. Vejia Ragavooloo Chetti Garu.
P. Rungiah Naidoo Garu.
Colonel F. J. Moberly, R. E.
M. Vencatanaraina Pillay Avergul.
C. Nazum-oo-Deen Saib.

1. Considered proposals of the Committee appointed to report on the best means of raising funds for the maintenance, &c., of the Travellers' Bungalows.

Resolved that the following views of the Committee be adopted and the bungalows taken in charge, provided those to be abandoned are handed over to the Circle Board :—

I.—To abandon the bungalows at Poonamallee and Meenambakam.

II.—To furnish and constitute the Gummidipundi Bungalow, a first class one, with fees at 1 Rupee per each adult and Rupees 1-8-0 for a married couple.

III.—To keep on the Red Hills Bungalow experimentally for one year and charge second class fees, i. e., 8 Annas for each adult and 12 Annas for a married couple.

Proposed by Colonel Moberly, seconded by P. Rungiah Naidoo Garu and carried unanimously, that the sale proceeds of the bungalows at Poonamallee and Meenambakam be appropriated for the purpose of forming a Fund to meet the expenses of furnishing the bungalows in the circle and of maintaining them.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

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From the Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coromandel, 6th September 1872, No. 378.

Adverting to my letter, No. 38, of this date, as President of the Circle Boards, reporting regarding the taking over of public bungalows, I have the honour to state, as Collector, that I see no objection to the Meenambakam Bungalow being made over to the Circle Board; but that, as regards Poonamallee, there is difficulty, this bungalow being part of a range of Government buildings consisting of it, then the Munsif's Court, Joint Magistrate's Office, Post Office, and, lastly, the Sub-Jail, and its occupation by outsiders would be most inconvenient. Further, it would make a capital Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Court; the present building so used was occupied last year, as the Board will

recollect,* on a consideration of the still greater inconvenience experienced by the Cantonment Joint Magistrate from restricted accommodation; but it is small, inconvenient, and out of the way.

2. If the Board are disposed to accede to the request of the Sydapet Board I would suggest that this bungalow and the building at present occupied by a Cutcherry be both valued, the Deputy Tahsildar's office being shifted to the former; the latter no longer required can then be sold and the sale proceeds handed over to the Circle Board, with the difference, if any, which would have to be met from savings under "Land Revenue."

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend that the bungalows in the Sydapet and Chingleput Circles (with the exception of that at Poonamallee) be made over to the Circle Boards.

3. The Deputy Tahsildar's office should be shifted into the Public Bungalow at Poonamallee, and Government will probably consent to give the building now occupied by him to the Circle Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1872, No. 1356.

The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement recommended by the Board of Revenue in the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 3391

Rev. Secy.
Govt. of 1872 *Secy.*

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To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
Ac., Ac., &c.

Dated October, 11th.

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Encl.

G. O., 7th October 1872, No. 1356.

W. H. H.

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Sanctioning the recommendation of the Board of Revenue to transfer the bungalows in the Sydapet and Chingleput Local Fund Circles (with the exception of that at Roommalley) to the Circle Boards.

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