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29th January 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 602. From the District Engineer, Ganjam, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chatterpore, 16th December 1872, No. 9.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that there is no office-room for the District Engineer in Chatterpore; at Berhampore there is a small Public Works Department building, but it is hardly large enough for the Range Office. I therefore request permission to rent a building at not more than Rupees 50 per mensem, though I doubt any suitable building being available; if an office has to be built, whether Berhampore or Chatterpore should be chosen, would depend much as to whether the Government have any intention of moving the Collector from the latter to the former place as there has been a rumour to that effect, but it may be merely gossip.

2. It will be seen from accompanying copies of letters addressed to the Collector, that the want of a District Engineer's Office had not been forgotten, but in fact I had always considered that the old District Engineer's Office would as a matter of course have been made over to me until yesterday, when I was shown a

* Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1872, No. 177.

letter* from the Board of Revenue declining to part with it. This building is built on the Standard Plan of District

Engineer's Office, with store-rooms, timber-yard, carpenter and blacksmith shops, powder magazine, etc., and cost, I presume, 10,000 or 12,000 Rupees. It is in substantial order. I had the less doubt that I could get it, because I understood it was lately proposed to sell it for what it would fetch; but now that natives have the right of entrée into public bungalows, the Local Fund Board would possibly not refuse to accept it; if as I believe there are only about half dozen *bona fide* travellers at Chatterpore in a year, a much smaller building would suffice for their accommodation.

From the Executive Engineer, on special duty, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Chatterpore, 29th May 1872, No. 51.

WITH reference to the public bungalows in the district and recent orders connected with their disposal, I have the honour to inform you that the building now styled the Chatterpore public bungalow was built for an Engineer's Office and store-yard; when District Engineers were abolished it was no longer required for that purpose, but were District Engineers re-established it would again be required by the Public Works Department, and might be under other circumstances; it should therefore, I consider, certainly not be sold and should be kept in repair by the Government. I have not the Government orders on the subject, but I believe it was only made over to the Collector as a temporary measure; it now requires repair, and I think Mr. Harris, Executive Engineer, should send in a repair estimate.

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From the same Officer, dated Chatterpore, 31st July 1872, No. 117.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that apparently District Engineers in the Public Works Department are to be re-established on October 1st; in that case the head-quarter will be at

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Chetterpore and the building now used as a public bungalow will be required for the District Engineer's Office and store-yard, the purpose for which it was built; gates, bolts, locks, etc., and general repair will have to be made, and the building will be required by the Public Works Department not later than the 1st September 1872. Can you hand it over to us by that date, or not I will ask the Superintending Engineer to obtain sanction of Government to the re-transfer of the building.

No. 603. From the District Engineer, Ganjam, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Gopaulpore, 24th December 1872, No. 36.

In my letter No. 9, dated 16th December 1872, I stated I thought the Engineer's Office at Chetterpore cost about 10,000 Rupees, I was mistaken as I find it cost only about Rupees 3,200. I thought I remembered that the Kurnool Engineer's Office and yard cost about Rupees 10,000, but that was a more finished building, larger, and wood there was much dearer. Moreover, the compound wall was stone-in-chunam, and at Chetterpore only brick-in-clay; the cost of building a similar building now would be nearly Rupees 5,000.

No. 604. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1873, No. 295.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 31.

THE building originally destined for a District Engineer's Office at Chetterpore was converted into a public

bungalow after the abolition of District Engineers in 1863.

2. In anticipation of their re-establishment the Collector of Ganjam was in May and July 1872 applied to by Major Beckley, R. E., to re-transfer the building to the Public Works Department, the Chetterpore Local Fund Board having declined to take over the bungalows within their limits.

3. The Collector having reported, under date the 16th September, that it was undesirable to keep up a traveller's bungalow at Chetterpore, even if the Local Fund Board were to change their mind and agree to keep it up; and the building having been designed with express reference to the requirements of a District Engineer's Office, and being now required for that purpose, His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that it may be re-transferred to the Public Works Department as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Ganjam.
,, Revenue Department. ✓
,, Financial Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

20th Jan 1873

Revenue Dept.

No 300.

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, GANJAM

&c. &c. &c.

Dated January 29th.

Recd. *July 1st.* Encl.

G. O., 29th January 1873. No. 295.

JANUARY.

Nos. 602-604

District Engineer's Office.—The re-transfer to the Public Works Department of the traveller's bungalow at Chetterpore, requested for use as a District Engineer's Office.

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Comd. to Wd. Negy

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14th Feb 73.

10000 Road of Rev. Dr. S. F. B.