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No. 368. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Bellary, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 12th
March 1875, No. 1,977:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, a letter from
1 Petition, dated 3rd March 1875, with one sketch one Kurnool Badameeah claiming the
from Kurnool Badameeah. sum of Rupees 500, together with six
1 Letter, No. 797, dated 24th February 1874, with years' rent, at the rate of 10 Rupees a
one sketch from Bellary Range. month, for a bungalow in the com-
pound of the Native Infantry Hospital at Bellary.

The site of this hospital and the dimensions of the compound were fixed by
a Board of Officers assembled at Bellary on the 26th of September 1868 by order of
the Major-General Commanding Bellary. As no information regarding the claim
for compensation was to be obtained from the Range Office records, I wrote to
Colonel Palmer, who was Executive Engineer at the time the wall was built, and
his reply is as follows:—

“So long a time has elapsed that I cannot recall the circumstances with any
precision. I remember that there was a hut which interfered with the square of
the compound wall, and it was proposed to purchase it, but there was some difficulty.
I think the owner could not be found, and, if I am correct, it was arranged that
the hut should not be enclosed, but that the two converging walls of the compound
should be dropped inwards at right angles so as to exclude the hut. Petitioner's
statement that it was agreed to give him the value is false, as also his statement
that it was occupied. The hut could not have been valued at more than 120
Rupees, and ever since I remember the hut so far from being occupied was an eye-
sore and a nuisance. There was no one in charge. The doors and windows were
either wanting or in such condition as to be useless. Cattle took shelter in the
hut, and natives used it as a latrine.”

Colonel Palmer has not quite correctly described the building which, when
in good order, could probably have been rented for 10 Rupees a month. The
owner evidently took no steps to get payment for his property at the time the wall
was built. There is nothing to show on what terms the building was taken over,
or that the owner made any application for payment till after I took charge of the
district.

The Military Authorities now wish to have the ruinous buildings removed;
the materials are valued at 77 Rupees. I informed the owner that I was ready to
recommend that the sum of 120 Rupees should be paid to him in addition to what
might be realized by the sale of the materials, but he has preferred a claim which,
under the circumstances, I consider exorbitant. It is entirely his own fault that
he did not receive payment for the building at the time the compound wall was
built.

From Mr. W. JACKSON, Sub-Engineer, Officer in charge of Bellary Range, to Colonel E. A.
FOORD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 24th October 1874,
No. 797.

WITH reference to your docket No. 1,120, dated 13th instant, forwarding letter, dated 5th

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idem, from Colonel Palmer (returned herewith), I beg to enclose a sketch showing the position of the house, &c.,* referred to. The whole of the buildings are now in ruins, and if sold by auction, on the condition that all rubbish, &c., be removed from the spot, I do not think that they would realize more than 50 or 60 Rupees.

* House, Stable, Privy.

Nothing is mentioned in the Proceedings of Committee assembled to determine the site (copy forwarded with this office No. 639, dated 7th September 1874), about the inclusion of the building by the compound wall.

The wall was built during the time that Colonel Palmer had charge of the range.

No. 369.

ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1875, No. 1,036.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

THE District Engineer, Bellary, will place himself in communication with the Collector of the district, who will be

instructed in the Revenue Department to compromise the claim in the best manner he is able.

(True Extract.)

Chinnaber Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

„ District Engineer, Bellary, with plans and one letter.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 14th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 14th April 1875, No. 1,036.

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Nos. 368-369

Kurnool Badameeah.—The District Engineer, Bellary, to place himself in communication with the Collector of the district, who will be instructed in the Revenue Department to compromise the claim of Rupees 500, &c., made by — for a bungalow. *Rs. 785/-*

a bungalow. *20/85*
Comm'd to the B.
of Rev, who will issue the necessary
instructions.
19 April 75