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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th October 1878, No. 1,609.

Read the following paper:—

No. 32. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1878, No. 1,132.

Read the following letter from D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 27th March 1878, No. 71:—

I HAVE the honor to return herewith letter, dated 11th October 1877, No. 848, from the Conservator of Forests to Government together with the papers which accompanied it, endorsed to me by the Revenue Secretary to Government for report through the Board. At the same time I forward plan of Beulah House and copy of letter, dated 15th February, No. 72, from the District Engineer, in which that officer gives his opinion on it.

2. Government having resolved to provide a residence for the Deputy Conservator of Forests at Manantoddy, the question has arisen whether it will be better to build one or to purchase the house known as Beulah House. I have ascertained from Mr. Peet, the Deputy Conservator, that the price asked for this property is Rupees 3,000; and the District Engineer states that the cost of putting it in proper repair will be Rupees 3,810. Thus, the cost of the Beulah House property will be Rupees 6,810, or less if it can be bought for anything under Rs. 3,000. As regards the desirability of purchasing it, Colonel Kennedy writes: "My opinion is quite in agreement with that of Colonel Beddome that it would be far better to spend more money on a really good house than to patch up an old ill-built and incommensurable building." The District Engineer, therefore, is of opinion that the purchase of Beulah House by Government is not a desirable purchase.

3. The estimate for the proposed new residence to be built by the Public Works Department is Rupees 12,065. It is possible that this may be exceeded, and the annual repairs will certainly be considerable. A residence costing Rupees 12,000 with annual repairs to the amount of Rupees 120 cannot be rented to the Forest Officer for less than Rupees 70 per mensem, which is a rent that few officers in the department will care to be liable for.

4. As regards the style of house which should be provided for the Rangers, I am of opinion that a brick cottage similar to those built in Wynad for Inspectors of Police, consisting of two rooms with verandah and bath-room, with the essential subsidiary buildings, will be the best. The one to be now built should be at Chedleth.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th October 1877, No. 848.

With reference to paragraph 5 of the G.O., No. 857 of the 26th June 1876, I have the honor to forward a letter from the District Engineer of Malabar together with plans and estimates for houses at Manantoddy and Sultan's Battery for the Deputy Conservator of Forests and for the Forest Ranger.

2. I approve of the plan and estimate for the house at Manantoddy, and Mr. Peet will be glad to pay rent for the same; this will, I think, be money well laid out, as there is not a single good house at Manantoddy.

3. Regarding the Ranger's house I do not consider such an expensive building necessary, and it should be at Chedleth and not at Sultan's Battery; several of these buildings will before long be necessary in different parts of Wynaad, and I do not think that they should cost more than 2,000 Rupees each at the outside, in fact we only want small pukka buildings of two rooms each with bath-rooms similar to what the Engineer's Department have erected for their own accommodation in different parts of Wynaad.

FORWARDED TO Government through the Collector of Malabar for his remarks.
Ottacamund,
11th October 1877.

No. 849.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieut.-Col.,
Conservator of Forests.

NOTE.

The house that Mr. Peet now occupies at Manantoddy could, I believe, be purchased and put in good repair for one-third or one-fourth the amount of the estimate now submitted. It requires a few alterations and additions, but I believe Rupees 4,000 (or at most Rupees 5,000) would purchase the house and grounds and suffice besides for improvements. I understand Mr. Peet is now in treaty with the owner, and I would advise that these plans and estimates be delayed pending the result of the reference.

MANANTODDY,
22nd October 1877.
To the Conservator of Forests.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Collector.

NOTE.

The Engineers' Department might be asked to report upon the condition of the house alluded to, and whether it would be better for Government to purchase it, and spend a large sum on its repair, or to build a really good house.

2. The house alluded to was not available when the question of building a house was first mooted; it was built by Captain Bloomfield of the Police; was cheaply put together, and is in very poor repair; the Conservator thinks it would be better to build a really substantial house.

Ottacamund,
3rd November 1877.

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieut.-Col.,
Conservator of Forests.

REFERRED to the Collector of Malabar who will ascertain whether the house at Manantoddy can be purchased for a reasonable sum, and, if so, whether the District Engineer is of opinion that it is a desirable purchase.

2. The Collector will also give his views as to the style and location of the Ranger's house.

Fort St. George,
10th November 1877.
To the Collector of Malabar.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer, Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, dated Calicut, 26th September 1877, No. 166.

[REFERENCE G.O., No. 75, dated 13th July 1876.]

With reference to above, I have the honor to forward plans and estimates as per margin

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| 1. Constructing a residence for the Forest Officer with out-houses at Manantoddy | 12,000 |
| 2. Constructing a Ranger's house with out-houses at Sultan's Battery | 7,000 |
- for constructing two houses for Forest Officers in Wynaad, which I shall be obliged by your having forwarded to Government for approval with your countersignature. I beg to mention at the same time that the Collector of Malabar has agreed that the houses should be of brick-masonry, and I believe I am correct in assuming that you will concur in that opinion.

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and myself. A reduction has been made in the wood-work of Annas 4 per foot, on the understanding that it is to be supplied gratis, in the log, by the Forest Department.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 and 4.—Plans.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 and 6.—Estimates with Specification.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, District Engineer of Malabar, to D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Luckadi, 15th February 1878, No. 72.

[REFERENCE No. 1,609, dated 14th November 1877.]

With reference to endorsement of Secretary to Government on Proceedings (herewith returned)* dated 10th November 1877 I have the honor to forward a plan of the house referred to. I have had a careful survey of the building made, and the result shows that it was originally badly constructed, is in bad repair, and the accommodation insufficient. The value is entered at Rupees 3,216, which I myself think too high, and that it is not worth more than Rupees 2,500 at the utmost. The amount required to put it into condition, fit for the Deputy Conservator's residence, would be Rupees 3,810. My opinion is quite in agreement with that of Colonel Beddome, that it would be far better to spend more money on a really good house than to patch up an old ill-built and incommensurable building.

2. The red lines on the plan show the additions absolutely necessary, and in addition thereto stables and other out-houses will be required.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK, Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.—Plan.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to endorsement by the Secretary, Revenue Department, dated 10th November 1877.

2. The Board consider that the construction of a new building is preferable to the purchase of one of doubtful stability, but that a rent of Rupees 70 per mensem is more than a Deputy Conservator of Forests should be called on to pay. The cost of building in the Wynaad is exceptionally high, and the Board consider that under the circumstances the return looked for as rent might be fixed at a lower figure than is usual. They would suggest a rent of Rupees 35 per mensem.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 33.

ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1878, No. 1,609.

Forests No. 2.

The Government concur with the Board and sanction the plan and estimate for the construction of a Forest Officer's house at Manantoddy. Funds will be provided in next year's Budget. 35 per mensem.

2. The plan of the Ranger's house does not provide more accommodation than seems necessary in the event of the occupant being a married man, but the estimate is high, and it will be considered in the Public Works Department whether any reduction is possible. The house must have three rooms.

3. In fixing the Ranger's head-quarters the Conservator will bear in mind paragraph 5 of G.O., 25th March 1878, No. 471.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Conservator of Forests.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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