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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st March 1869.

No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1869, No. 574.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 3rd December 1868, No. 81:—

1. The Neddivettam bungalow, as the Board are aware, is situated at the head of the Goodaloor Ghaut, on the high road between Ootacamund and Wynaad, and is much used by Planters going to and fro between Wynaad and the Hills.

2. About August last, I received several complaints of the state of the roof; some of the gentlemen coming to me in person, and describing the building as almost uninhabitable in the rains. I accordingly asked the Executive Engineer to go out and see it, and if necessary, estimate for its thorough repair. His account of the state of the building tallied with what I had been told, and I accordingly forward for sanction, a plan and estimate for repairs, with the Superintending Engineer's letter on the subject.

3. Major Farewell tells me, that he seldom goes to Neddivettam without finding the bungalow occupied, often with three or four different parties. Under these circumstances, I hope the Board will sanction the repairs which are urgently required.

4. The bungalow on the new Coonoor Ghaut, it would seem from Colonel Walker's letter, was sanctioned in 1863; but its construction was deferred till the farther advancement of the Ghaut work, which being now nearly completed, necessitates the structure projected. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the aggregate sum of Rupees 8,000, for the repairs and construction of the two buildings referred to.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Camp at Claree, 24th November 1868, No. 119.

1. I have the honor to return, with my countersignature, the plan and estimate for thorough repair of the Neddivettam bungalow, which accompanied your letter, No. 26, of 3rd October. I have lately had an opportunity of examining the bungalow in company with Major Farewell, and agree with that Officer in opinion, that nothing short of relaying the roof with continuous iron under the tiles, instead of matting, will make the building effectually water-tight, and free from damp in the monsoon. The Pykara bungalow has realised the efficacy of such treatment. But as the proposed outlay will be heavy, I have cut out that item of the estimate which provides for flooring the verandah with teak, as not urgently required, though doubtless, if the extra expense can be afforded, it will be a great comfort to servants who sleep in the enclosed portions of the verandah.

1. Plan and one Estimate, No. 53, Rupees 3,000.
2. „ „ „ 52, „ 5,000.

2. I take this opportunity of forwarding a plan and estimate for a bungalow on the new Coonoor Ghaut, just where it crosses the old ghaut, half-way down, on a fine site belonging to Government. Such a building was sanctioned in 1863, but its construction deferred till the new Ghaut Works should be well advanced, in order that a sight might be chosen to suit both ghauts. As the new ghaut will be opened throughout, in next official year, it is time that the bungalow should be taken in hand. No attempt has been made to provide sleeping accommodation, but only a couple of Dressing Rooms for ladies and gentlemen with a Refreshment Room for breakfast or tiffen. Travellers should not be encouraged to halt on the ghaut at night, as it can never be considered quite free from fever.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Plans.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 and 5.—Estimates.

With the foregoing letter, the Commissioner submits another letter from the Superintending Engineer, giving cover to plans and estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 8,000, for the repair of the Travellers' Bungalow at Neddivettam, and for the construction of a bungalow on the new Coonoor Ghaut.

2. The Board resolve to submit the estimates for the sanction of Government, with reference to paragraph 27 of their Order, dated 30th November 1868, No. 2,998. The balance of the Bungalow Fund appears, by the Local Fund Statement received from the Commissioner for November 1868, to have been only Rupees 488.

3. The length of the new Coonoor Ghaut will render a bungalow half way a great convenience; but considering the natural beauty of the locality, the Board would recommend that the Government Architect be instructed to design a more ornamental building than that designed by the Superintending Engineer. Great care should be taken to select a proper site, and the Commissioner, if he has not already visited the place selected, should do so in company with the Superintending Engineer and Government Architect.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1869, No. 523.

Local Funds, No. 1.
Civil Works.

1. The estimate for renewing the roof and repairing the Travellers' Bungalow at Neddivettam, amounting to Rupees 3,000, is sanctioned. The Board will provide funds from the "Bungalow Fund." If this cannot be done at once, the work must lie over till April next, when the requisite amount can be taken from the Imperial grant of Rupees 11,230 for the next year.

2. Orders will be issued to the Government Architect from the Public Works Department, on the subject of paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

3. The Board will be requested to expedite the submission of their reply to the Order of Government, dated 11th September 1868, No. 2,368, in which they were desired to report what general provision should be made for the construction and repair of Travellers' Bungalows.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 1st March 1869, No. 523.

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From Sec to Govt 15 June 1869 Cir No 2055

Neddivettum Bungalow on the Neilgherries.—Estimate for renewing the roof and repairing it, sanctioned.

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Revenue Department

№. 523.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st ~~February~~ March 1869.

Read the following. Pro: of the 19th of Decr

Submitting for sanction of Rs 4 estimate amounting to Rs 8,000 for repair of Bungalow at Reddivettium on Neilgherries, & for constructing a Bungalow on New Coonoor Grant

(M. E. 28 Sanct'd/69 dt. 5th)

The estimate for renewing the Roof and repairing the Travellers' Bungalow at Reddivettium, amounting to Rs 3,000, is sanctioned. The Rs will provide funds from ~~the total balance under~~ the "Bungalow Fund" ~~for the entire Presidency~~ and by this cannot be done at once the work must lie over till April next, when the requisite amount

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amount can be taken from the Imperial Grant of Rs. 11,230 for the next year.

2. Orders will be issued to the Government Architect from the P. W. Dept. on the subject of para 3 of the 13th Dy. Proc.

3. The 13th will expedite the submission of their reply to the Order of Govt. dd. 11th Sept. 1868, No. 2368, by which they were requested to report what provision should be made for the construction and repair of Travellers' Bungalows.

The visitors to Ootacamund hitherto from Bengal, Bombay & our own Presidency, and back thence via Coonoor. The Bungalow at Nadavattam originally built for the convenience of travellers ascending by the Ghaut from Mysore via Goodalur (?) and Sandepoor, and for the rare few who came up direct from Wynaad, is now, I believe, used principally, if not solely, by the Wynaad Planters, or by the Nilgiri Planters coming from Cotty - I do not think that at present, any just cause can be shown for calling on the Govt. to spend Rs. 3000 of the Local Fund, & Public Bungalow funds in repairing such a Bungalow. The Govt. have made & are making roads & Ghauts for Wynaad & Nilgiri Planters - but as it appears to me they should themselves arrange for such road accommodation as they may require rather than look to Government & the two Bungalows disposed of on the Coonoor Ghaut are allowed by the Municipal Council of Coonoor who can surely afford it.

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2 Copies Letter Govt dated 11th Dec. 1868
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