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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd April 1867.

No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1867, No. 1,887.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1867, No. 72:—

I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Board of Revenue, copy of a letter, with its enclosure, from the Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, dated 11th instant, No. 29, reporting the destruction by fire, on the night of the 3rd idem, of the Travellers' Bungalow at Sispara. I may mention that this bungalow caught fire some years ago in a most unaccountable way, when Doctor Cleghorn and some friends were in it. Fortunately the fire was then extinguished. It is most probable, that on both occasions of the fire, the same cause was in operation.

From the Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 11th March 1867, No. 29.

1. I have the honour to forward a statement made by Lieutenant Napier, with regard to the destruction by fire, on the night of the 3rd instant, of Sispara Bungalow.

2. From this, and from inquiries which have been made, there is no room for doubt that the fire originated from a hole in the chimney under the roof through which the thatch became ignited, and that every effort possible under the circumstances was made, but without avail, to check its progress.

3. I have directed that the furniture be brought into the Avelanche Bungalow.

4. The Peons attached to the bungalow were both absent on the occasion of the fire, and for some time previously. Their conduct will be taken notice of.

From Lieutenant G. C. NAPIER, Aid-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay, to the Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, dated Ootacamund, 8th March 1867.

1. In accordance with your request, I forward a statement of the facts concerning the burning of the Government Bungalow at Sispara.

2. The fire occurred during my occupancy on the 3rd of this month, at 9 P. M.; when first discovered the thatch on the leeward side of the chimney, which is in the middle of the bungalow, was ignited. The fire appears to have communicated itself to the thatch and the long grass growing on the thatch from the fire-place below through an imperfectly repaired aperture in the chimney.

3. Owing to the violence of the wind, and the insufficient supply of water, all attempts to extinguish the flames were fruitless.

4. Before 11 P. M., the entire woodwork of the bungalow was destroyed.

5. The furniture has been saved, and left within the walls of the cook-house.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Peons will, of course, be punished for their absence.

3. The Collector will report whether there is any necessity for re-building the bungalow.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd April 1867.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1867, No. 780.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 837.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 26th March 1867.

Rec. 29th.

No. 1,887.

RECORDED.

Submitting letter from Collector of Coimbatore reporting distruction by fire of the travellers Bungalow at Sispara and requesting the Collector to report whether any necessity exists for rebuilding the bungalow.

Rec. 30 March 1867.

Rec. 3rd April 1867.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.