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Purchase of a residence for
His Excellency the Governor
of Bombay at Mahabulnagar
Bella Vista.

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**Minute by His Excellency the Governor, dated 13th
January 1869.**

I wish to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Board to the question of a residence for the Governor during the hot season at Mahableshwur.

As my colleagues are aware, the station differs from similar stations in the other Presidencies. Either at Simla, or the Neilgherries, there is little difficulty in renting a house of fair, though perhaps of scarcely sufficient, dimensions. At Mahableshwur the houses are of the most cutcha description, and very small, seldom containing more than four or five rooms. Sir Bartle Frere endeavoured to meet the difficulty by inducing the Hon'ble Framjee Nusserwanjee, then a Member of Council, to add two public rooms of fair size to a bungalow his property; but the remainder of the residence, which is besides ineligible in position, is in so ruinous a condition, that having rented it myself last year, I found the walls in my own sleeping room cracked in every direction, and they have since fallen in.

In order to secure a proper residence, I some time since purchased from the Liquidators of the estate, for a very small sum, the property of Mr. Rustomjee Jejeebhoy, and have commenced to add to the house. But I find that the ultimate expense will probably be such as I cannot fairly be expected to incur,—more especially as it may not be the wish, or may not suit the convenience, of my successor to take it on my retirement. I should propose, therefore, that the Government should take it off my hands for what it has cost, and should complete the house at a very moderate expense. I have no wish, however, that an additional residence should be provided for the Governor free of charge, and I therefore propose, that it should rent it at 5 per cent. on the outlay, which, when the house is completed, may be taken, including the cost of seventy acres of land, at (say) five thousand pounds).

I should thus not run the risk of an expenditure for which I might not be reimbursed; the Governor would always have a convenient residence; and the Government would acquire the largest property, and the best site on the Hill, at a price much below its value.

W. SEYMOUR V. FITZGERALD.

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FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, ESQUIRE,
Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF BOMBAY.

SIR,

Fort William, the 26th February 1869.

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Hons. Secy. Public. I AM directed by His Excellency the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of letter No. 69 C. W. 222, dated 25th ultimo, with enclosed minutes from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department, addressed to the Public Works Department of the Government of India, on the subject of the purchase of a house on the Mahableshwar Hills as a residence for His Excellency the Governor.

2. It is proposed to purchase the estate which lately belonged to Mr. Rustomjee Jerjeebhoy, and to complete at the public expense certain additions which are being made to the existing house. The probable total outlay is estimated at £4,000, and it is proposed that His Excellency the Governor of Bombay should be charged rent for the house and grounds at the rate of 5 per cent upon this amount.

3. I am desired to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that a very similar proposition was made in 1861 by the Government of Madras. It was then proposed to purchase or hire a house on the Neill's Hill as a residence for the Governor. The Secretary of State, however, in a despatch dated 24th December of that year, distinctly negatived the proposition, observing that "it must be understood that whenever the Governor of Madras finds it necessary to resort to the Hills for the purposes of health and recreation, the expense which his removal may involve must be borne by himself." A strong remonstrance was made to the Secretary of State against these orders, and it was shown by the Government of Madras that the proposed arrangement could be carried out with an actual saving of charge to the Government. The Secretary of State, however, adhered to his previous decision, thus clearly showing that he thought that the State ought to have no concern with the provision of a residence in the Hills for His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

This decision has been consistently followed with respect to the Lieutenant-Governors of Bengal, of the North-Western Provinces and of the Punjab, none of whom are provided by the Government with residences in the Hills, and the same rule has been always applied in the case of the Viceroy himself.

5. The Governor General in Council has considered this proposal with every disposition to meet if possible the wishes of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay; but, after what has taken place with regard to similar propositions, he regrets that he is unable to sanction the proposal.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Signed/ E. C. Bayley

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

N^o 577 of 1869.

*General Department
Bombay dated the 6th March 1869.*

*Forwarded to the Public Works Department,
for disposal.*

Edw. M. C.

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SURVEY

OF

BELLA VISTA ESTATE

AREA 83 ACP.

LEGEND

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2	SMALL BARN
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4	SERVANTS ROOM
5	WELL
6	MACEY HOUSE
7	CATTLE SHED
8	LAWN TENNIS GROUNDS
9	PLACE FOR FISHING TROUT
10	FLAG STAFF

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DATE 17 APRIL 1850

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K. Mathias

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OF

BELLA VISTA ESTATE

AREA 69 A.3P.

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2	SMALL BENGLOW
3	COOK & SERVANTS ROOMS
4	SERVANTS ROOM
5	WELL
6	MALIE'S HOUSE
7	CATTLE SHED
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9	PLACE FOR PITCHING TENTS
10	FLAG STAFF

STABLEING GROUND

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OF

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