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No. 277. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Nilgiris, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 25th February 1874, No. 13:—

I have the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, an extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Commission held on the 14th February 1874:—

"11. The propriety of raising the rates of market tolls levied under Bye-law No. 22, and the slaughtering fees levied under Bye-law 26.—Considering the recent liberality of Government, in grants for Public Works within the Municipality, and also the fact that, owing to the abolition of the Profession-tax, the taxpayers of Ootacamund will be relieved from direct taxation to the extent of Rupees 3,500 per annum; considering also that it is incumbent on the inhabitants of this town to make certain sacrifices for its speedy improvement, and thus to show that they do not desire to be the mere recipients of Government benefactions without doing something to help themselves, the Commissioners resolve to request the sanction of Government to alter the rates in above bye-laws, the fee for head loads brought to market alone remaining unchanged.

"Bye-law 22.

"Parties bringing produce to the weekly market shall pay a toll as follows:—

"Bandy load	8 Annas.
"Bullock load	1 Anna.
"Pony load	1 ,,
"Ass load	½ ,,
"Head load	¼ ,,

"Penalty for infringement, fine not exceeding Rupees 20.

"Bye-law 26.

"The following rates of fees shall be charged for any bull, bullock, cow, sheep, goat, and pig slaughtered within the municipal limits:—

"For every bull, bullock, or cow	8 Annas
,, sheep or goat	2 ,,
,, pig	2 ,,

"By this manner the Commissioners hope partly to raise the additional income which for the next year or two is so urgently required. They consider this to be the least objectionable method for effecting this object, as the impost will fall more equally upon all, and to be decidedly preferable to increasing the house-tax. The probable increase to the revenues of the Municipality, should the changes be approved by Government, will be from Rupees 2,500 to 3,000 per annum. The Commissioners have not overlooked the fact, that, whilst the Government have declined to make over the tolls, they suggest the propriety of introducing Octroi duties, but it being too late this year to discuss this suggestion in all its bearings, the Commissioners have resolved to adopt the above method of raising funds as a substitute for the trade-tax—a method which in many respects fulfils the conditions of an octroi."

2. The fee for head loads was not charged because it was thought it fell chiefly on people living within municipal limits.

3. At the meeting the fee for slaughtering pigs was fixed much higher than now appears. After the meeting the Commissioners resolved upon the present limit.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1874, No. 536.

The proposed rates of market tolls and slaughtering fees are approved.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ootacamund,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 31*st*.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 31*st March* 1874, *No.* 586.

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Ootacamund Municipality.—The proposed raising of market tolls and slaughtering fees approved.

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Commissioners Office
Ootacamund 25th February 1874

No 13

From. J. R. Cockerell Esquire
President. Municipal Commission
Nilgiris

To. The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir.

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Commission held on the 14th instant 1874:—

"1 The propriety of raising the rates of market tolls levied under Bye-law No 22 and the slaughtering fees levied under Bye-law 26. Considering the recent liberality of Government, in grants for Public Works within this Municipality and also the fact that owing to the abolition of the Profession tax, the tax payers of Ootacamund will be relieved from direct taxation to the extent of Rupees 3500 per annum, Considering also that it is incumbent on the inhabitants of this Town to make certain sacrifices for its speedy improvement

improvement, and thus believe that they do not desire to be the mere recipients of Government benefactions without doing something to help themselves, the Commissioners resolve to request the sanction of Government to alter the rates in above bye-laws the fee for head loads brought to Market alone remaining unchanged.

Bye-law 22.

Parties bringing produce to the Weekly market shall pay a toll as follows:—

Dandy load	8 annas
Bullock load	1 anna
Pony load	1 "
Ass load	1/2 "
Head load	1/4 "

Penalty for infringement - fine not exceeding Rupees 20.

Bye-law 26.

The following rates of fees shall be charged for any bull, bullock, Cow, Sheep, goat and pig slaughtered within the Municipal limits.

For every bull, bullock or Cow	8 annas
" Sheep or goat	2 annas
" pig	2 annas

By this manner the Commissioners hope partly to raise the additional income which for

for the next year or two is to urgently required. They consider this to be least objectionable method for effecting this object, as the impost will fall more equally upon all, and to be decidedly, as preferable to increasing the house tax. The probable increase to the revenues of the Municipality should the changes be approved by Government will be from Rupees 2500 to 3000 per annum. The Commissioners have not overlooked the fact that whilst the Government have declined to make over the tolls, they suggest the propriety of introducing octroi duties, but it being too late this year to discuss this suggestion in all its bearings, the Commissioners have resolved to adopt the above method of raising funds as a substitute for the Trade tax, a method which in many respects fulfils the conditions of an Octroi.

2. The fee for head loads was not changed because it was thought it fell chiefly on people living within Municipal limits

3. At the meeting the fee for slaughtering pigs was fixed much higher than now appears. After the meeting the Commissioners resolved upon the present limit.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

H. Carnegie
President

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Encl

Read also Proceedings by the Board of Revenue
31st March 74. No 535
The proposed rates of Municipal Taxes
and Slaughtering Fees are ap-
proved.

Sd Burnes
Sec to Govt
30/3/74

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Date— 26th February 1874

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Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
No 442 Fort St George

Enclosures. "

SUBJECT.

Submitting for the favorable consideration of Govt a Resolution of the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners regarding the propriety of raising Market tolls & Slaughtering fees.

With an Order