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Read the following papers:—

No. 127. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kotagherry, 29th September 1863, No. 2557.

General Department.

In submitting the accompanying letter* (backed by the Deputy Inspector General of the Range) from the Superintendent of Police at Coimbatore, I beg to give it my cordial support.

* Dated 14th September 1863, No. 261.

2. He requests batta for the Constables and Petty Officers detached to guard the working gangs (four in number) on the Metapollium road. The extra charge to be debited to the work.

3. It is a necessity. Men will not stay in such uncomfortable places, submit to severe labours day and night, and take the responsibility of the safe custody of Convicts in Jails so insecure on ordinary pay. They are resigning fast.

From Captain T. [WELDON, Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore; to Captain E. L. HANKIN, Acting Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range, dated Camp Hassanoor, 14th September 1863, No. 261.

I have the honor to request you will kindly submit for the consideration of the Inspector General of Police, the subject of granting to the Police Guards employed at the temporary Jails (4) on the Metapollium road some adequate remuneration for the great hardships they are exposed to, and the necessary increase of expense of living.

2. I use the term "hardship" advisedly, for I submit the servitude exacted from these Police Guards is of exceptional severity, and there being no bazaar in the vicinity, provisions must be procured from Coimbatore or Metapollium.

The men are required to be on active duty both *day* and *night* guarding the Convicts at work during the day and furnishing sentries at night. Though the Convicts are well and comfortably housed, have their provision brought to, and cooked for them; the Policemen are obliged to make shift in the outer verandah of the jail (where such accommodation exists) and how they obtain their food is to me a puzzle.

3. These temporary jails are but indifferently secure, and the guarding of these detached gangs is a source of great and painful anxiety. Already have two escapes occurred. The rule is that when a Convict escapes, one or more Policemen take his place in the jail.

It is a matter of great surprise to me that I have hitherto been able to keep any men on the service; they are now resigning Police service fast. I am quite unable to re-place them as they leave, and unless some remedial measures are quickly adopted I will have to announce that I am unable to furnish guards for Convicts at the temporary jails.

4. I think the Constables employed on this harassing duty are fairly entitled to extra remuneration which might be debited to the work on which the Convict labor is employed.

I would propose a minimum rate of six Pice per diem to Privates and one Anna per diem to Petty Officers as batta.

5. I am not by any means sanguine that even the grant of these rates will enable me to provide efficient men, but such a grant will in all probability check the present rapid secession from service.

6. I beg a favorable consideration of the subject now submitted.

There can be no question as to the expediency of the proposal advocated by Captain Weldon. The work is exceedingly hard and disagreeable, and men simply wont stand it.

As I said before I would have none but 1st class men employed on jail duties.

23rd September 1863. (Signed) E. L. H.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

Statement showing amount of Batta per mensem proposed for Police guarding Convicts on the Metapollium road, called for by Chief Secretary's Memorandum, No. 347, dated 14th October 1863.

Total number of Prisoners.	Total number of Guards.	Amount of Batta proposed.	Rs.	A.	P.	Remarks.
205	41	5 Petty Officers at 1 Anna per diem	9	11	0	There are 4 temporary Jails.
		36 Privates at 6 Pice per diem	34	14	0	
		Total Batta per mensem	44	9	0	

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MADRAS POLICE, MADRAS, *22nd October* 1863.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE, Lieut. Colonel,
Ag. Asst. Inspector General of Madras Police.

No. 29.

No. 128. MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the Chief Secretary's Memorandum, No. 370, dated 28th October 1863, the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, has the honor to forward copy of Proceedings in this Department, No. 3214, dated 4th November 1863, and to state that it appears to him that the sum of Rupees 45 per mensem proposed to be granted as batta to the Police detached to guard the Convicts working on the Coimbatore and Metapollium roads may be defrayed from the collections at the Pothanoor, Burliar and Kulhutty Toll Bars, which the Collector has been authorized to hold at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
CHEPAUK, *6th November* 1863. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*
To the Chief Secretary to Government, with G. O. No. 3214, *and* 3 *enclosures.*

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1863, No. 1786.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the grant of batta to the Police detached to guard the gangs of Convicts, working on the road between Coimbatore and Metapollium.

Six Pice per diem to Constables.
One Anna per ,, to Petty Officers.

2. The expense will be defrayed from the collections at the Sunganoor, Burliar, and Kulhutty Toll Bars.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 84. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 20th October 1863, No. 195:—

SIR,

1. The expenditure on repairing, or rather on improving and reforming the road from Coimbatore Railway Station to the foot of Coonoor Ghât amounting already, up to 30th September, to Rupees 16,046, whereof but Rupees 8,670 are provided for by a maintenance allowance, I have the honor to request that I may be instructed whether to allow the repairs to go on, or to stop them summarily. I was told in G. O. No. 1,959 of 20th July, to include the sum of Rupees 16,130 additional to the above maintenance allowance in my statement of repair funds urgently required, but the item has hitherto remained unnoticed. I have no funds available from which to meet even the excess already incurred, still less an equal amount which should be laid out this year to keep the line in order. The north-east monsoon is now testing the work done; and it is to be remembered that in submitting the original Estimate I reduced it by the full amount of the annual sanction.

2. The only suggestion I have to make on the subject is that the Collector be authorized to pay over to me monthly the net amount of his collections at the Pothanoor, Burliar and Kulhutty Toll Bars, to supplement the deficiencies of the present Road allotments of Coimbatore District.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1863, No. 3,214.

1. In Proceedings dated 20th July 1863, the Government sanctioned an Estimate amounting to Rupees 24,800 for the improvement of the road from the Coimbatore Railway Station to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât. It appears that the expenditure on that Estimate up to 30th September 1863, was Rupees 16,046, and application is now made for funds to admit of the continuance of the work. Under the views taken by Government in their Orders in the Revenue Department dated 13th June 1863, No. 74, they are of opinion that the course indicated in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter is correct, and the Collector will accordingly be authorized to make the collections available for the work as "Special" funds, instead of crediting them to Local Funds as directed in G. O. dated 23rd October 1863, No. 3,090.

Public Works Procs. 23rd January 1863, No. 199.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
,, Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Accountant General.

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Read the following papers —

Letter from the Inspector Genl. of Police — Date 29th Sept. 63 No. 2,557.

Memo. from the Public Works Dept. — 6th Nov. — " 29.

Order — 18th November 1863 No. 1786.

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2. The expense will be defrayed from the collections at the ~~Pothanoor~~ Singanoor Burliar, & Kulhutty Toll Bars.

To the Inspector Genl. of Police.
Pub: Wks: Dept. 2
Deputy Auditor
Acctt. Genl.

Transcript of Memorandum

Judicial 1863. Department.

No. 1786

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18 November 1863.

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