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6th September 1864.*

No. 102. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 24th August 1864, No. 160:—

SIR,

1. In transmitting the accompanying letter to your address from Colonel Walker, I beg to make the following remarks on the sites named by him for the new toll bars.

2. The site for the Sigur toll bar is, I think, a good selection.

3. The Sanganur toll bar should remain where it is, or, rather, be erected close to the newly finished bridge, about 150 yards north of its present location. It is a great advantage being near a bridge as bandies cannot take short cuts across country, they must cross the bridge. One important feature in this locality is that it possesses a public well with an abundant supply of water; whether the locality named by Colonel Walker possesses this advantage I cannot say, but I fear not, at least I cannot call to mind the existence of a well. Proximity to the local Treasury for the purpose of making daily remittances is certainly a great recommendation, but there will be no difficulty in directing the toll collector always to remit the collections to the Treasury when they exceed a certain amount.

4. The proposed site east of the Travellers' Bungalow at Metapolliem I consider an objectionable one, and I fear that if it were adopted there would be a considerable falling off in the collections, for I cannot help thinking that of the 1,400 pack-bullocks, and 400 asses or thereabouts which go up and down the Ghát on market days, the greater number of them would manage to escape the bar by taking a slight detour to the right or left; whilst I object to Colonel Walker's selection, I confess that the adoption of a better one is no easy matter. I think, however, that the new toll bar must be placed on the Coonoor Ghát, near the 2nd or 3rd mile stones, in the latter case where the new trace first crosses the old Ghát. As to the selection for this toll bar I would wish, however, to make further enquiries before coming to a final decision. This I can easily do, and communicate the result to Colonel Walker. Whatever selection is made there will be a sacrifice of revenue I fear, as it will be difficult so to arrange matters as to intercept the traffic from the estates on the Ghát.

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 Coimbatore, 6th August 1864, No. 81.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward herewith the Memorandum of toll collections called for in Government Order, No. 1,815 of 22nd June.

2. Taking into account only the collections up to 30th April, it will be seen that they average Rupees 1,200 per mensem, from which the monthly expenditure of Rupees 250 on establishments and contingencies being deducted a net monthly revenue of Rupees 950 is available for expenditure on the roads. The net available collections of the current year may safely be calculated at the same rate to amount to Rupees 11,400, increased to Rupees 12,700 by the balance in hand on 30th April 1864, which sum may be allotted as follows, viz.:

	RS.
Budget allotment for roads.	8,000
Expended on temporary toll bars.	500
Reserve on 30th April, 1865.	1,200
Available for construction of permanent toll bars.	3,000
Total.	12,700

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3. Two toll bars at least may safely be undertaken from the funds of the current year. With Mr. Grant will rest the determination of the best sites, for which purpose I forward this letter through him. I know that he has found the original sites on the Seegoor and Coonoor Ghats untenable owing to their unhealthiness. That on the Seegoor line must now be placed above Ghat, and I recommend the site just beyond the junction of the two roads from the Ootacamund and Kandal bazaars, sufficiently near for daily remittance of the collections into the Taluq Treasury, and far enough off not to interfere with free circulation round Ootacamund itself. The Burliar toll bar cannot be removed sufficiently up the Ghat to be healthy without sacrificing considerable revenue from the Coffee Estates on it; I recommend its location at Metapolliam, close by and east of the Travellers' Bungalow. A sketch map is not required to show the position of the temporary toll bar at Sunganoor; it is at the 4th mile out of Coimbatore, and I see no reason why it should not be moved nearer, say, to the 2nd mile stone, where it would be clear of two branch roads and not interfere with circulation round the town, and from which daily remittances to the Treasury might be made. Of course I write subject to the Collector's correction from better information; but I consider the sites named the best when all considerations are weighed.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1864, No. 2575.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to Proceedings in that Department, No. 1,018, dated 14th June 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Angustin

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Superintending Engineer's Office
Coimbatore, 6th August 1864

From

The Superintending Engineer, Do.

To,

The Secretary to Government R. E.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Memoirs of Toll Collections called for in Government Order No. 1515 of 23rd June 1864. Taking into account only the Collections up to 30th April, it will be seen that they average Rs. 1,200 per mensem, from which the monthly expenditure of Rs. 250 on Establishments and Contingencies being deducted a net monthly Revenue of Rs. 950 is available for expenditure on the Roads. The net available collections of the current year may safely be calculated at the same rate to amount to Rs. 11,400 increased to Rs. 12,700 by the balance in hand on 30th April 1864. Which sum may be allotted as follows viz.

Budget allotment for Roads	Rs.	8,100	"	"
Expended on temporary Toll Bars	"	500	"	"
Revenue on 30th April 1864	"	1,200	"	"
Available for construction of permanent Toll Bars	"	3,000	"	"
Total Rupees		12,700	"	"

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Statement showing the Toll Collections and Expenditure from 15th September 1863 to 31st June 1864 in the

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Yours most Obedt servant,

W. Walker Esq. M.L.
Supy. Engineer, Division

R.D.

Forwarded — 1567 9 6 11938 10 7

3. Two Toll Bars at least may supply
 the establishment from the funds of the Government

From the funds of the Government
 collected in the year 1864
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Statement showing the Toll Collections and Expenditure
 therefrom from 15th September 1863 to 31st June 1864 in the
 District of Coimbatore.

	Receipts			Total.
	M. Linganore	M. Bueliar	M. Kuthuthy	
From 15 th to 30 th September 1863	361 13 10	117 10 6	72 13 9	582 6 1
October 1863	864 4 4	541 10 8	189 4 -	1595 3 -
November	426 2 11	462 10 4	185 13 1	1074 10 4
December	419 1 1	474 13 5	266 12 4	1160 10 10
January 1864	452 7 7	463 15 4	163 1 7	1079 8 6
February	432 11 3	564 10 6	157 8 8	1155 1 5
March	488 10 -	402 14 6	171 2 10	1062 11 4
April	567 2 10	728 13 7	133 8 5	1429 8 10
May	4012 5 10	3787 5 10	1340 7 8	9139 12 4
June	852 14 8	520 15 9	111 7 8	1485 - 1
Total Receipts	5461 11 9	4819 14 4	1657 - 6	11938 10 7

Expenditure	
Pay of Toll Establishment	
M. Linganore	
Due Toll Collector from 15 th Sept 1863 to 31 st March 1864	
at 35 Rupees per mensem	228 10 8
Due ditto from 1 st April to 31 st March 1864	163 5 4
Two Rupees from 1 st April to 31 st March 1864	91 7 6
M. Bueliar	
Similar Establishment for similar period	483 7 6
M. Kuthuthy	
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Savings and Charges	
M. Linganore from 15 th September 1863 to 31 st March 1864	
at 6 Rupees per mensem	39 3 -
M. Bueliar from 1 st April to 31 st March 1864	39 - -
M. Kuthuthy from 1 st April to 31 st March 1864	39 - -
Carried forward	1567 9 6
	11938 10 7

Brought forward —		1567 96	11938 10	7
Contingent Charges.				
Cost for publishing a notice in the Range.				
Loss Herald —		30	10	6
Value of a Desk and other furniture for				
the Toll gate at Singanoor —		18	9	1
Value of Gun powder supplied to the				
Singanoor Toll gate —		1 7/2	50	107
			1618	41
Paid to the Executive Officers of the D.O. W.				
up to 30 th April 1864 for installing the				
Road from the Pothanoor Railway Station				
to the foot of the Seemore Ghant —				
Total Expenditure up to 30 th April 1864. —		6210	—	—
		7828	41	1
Subsequent Expenditure up to 30 th June 1864.				
Establishment at Singanoor				
for April and May 1864. —		148	—	—
do at Burliar for —		120	5	1/2
do at Thulhatty for —		148	—	—
		416	5	1/2
Sawdressed Charges for April				
and May 1864 for the three Stations —				
Contingent Charges —		30	—	—
		28	3	—
		474	8	1/2
Paid to Major Farewell Executive				
Engineer Neilgherry Range for the				
Construction of two temporary sheds				
for the Toll gates at Burliar & Thulhatty. —				
		458	5	3
		932	13	7
		8761	1	8
Balance on the 30 th June 1864. —				
		3177	8	11

Coimbatore
2 August 1864

Signed P. Grant
Collector.

(True Copy)

Walter Leitch Esq.
Superintending Engineer D.O.

No. 160.

Coimbatore Collect Office

Ootacamund 24th Aug

1864.

From:

P. Grant Esq.

Collector of Coimbatore.

To: Coll. C. A. Carr, R. E.

Secretary to Government D. P. M.

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In a letter from the
Superintending Engineer
of the State of Mysore
1864. A. S.

To:

The Secretary to Government.

G. P. M.

Madras.

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Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

R. Hunt
Collector

ex 25757-

Communicated to the Revenue

Department with reference to the

proceedings in that Department No 1018

dated 14th June 1864.

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6th Sept/64

To the Revenue Dept^y 31

2nd of Sept^r 1864

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From Govt of India to the
Govt of Madras

The Secy to Govt of India

Dated 29th Aug 64

No 29

No 160

2nd of Sept^r 1864

Office of the Secy

in the P. & A. D. O.

Col. D. O. L. for the

Rev. Secy to Govt in the

Revenue Department

2nd of Sept^r 1864

ex 25757-10th Sept/64

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With an Order