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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd June 1865.*

No. 565. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Sanctioning the establishment of a Toll
on the road from Coonoor to Ootaca-
mund, the proceeds of which are to be
applied to the maintenance of the road,
after deducting the cost of collection. } (Here enter 19th June 1865, No. 1,367.)

No. 566. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1865, No. 1,747.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 87.

Communicated to the Superintending Engi-
neer, 7th Division, with reference to his letter
No. 314, dated 13th April 1865.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Executive Engineer's Office
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Cotacamund 11th April 1865.

From

Major W. Incewell

Executive Engineer

To

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker & Co.

Superintending Engineer's Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit an Estimate amounting to Rupees 16,170, for gravelling eight miles of the principal carriage roads in the Station of Cotacamund countersigned by the Collector of Coimbatore in token of his approval of the works, together with a Letter from that gentleman on the subject.

2. Previous to this Official Year, an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 2,600 was always sanctioned for the repairs of the Cantonment roads of Cotacamund, but in the new classification of roads this sum was reduced to Rupees 110 per mile for 16 miles gravel, making the total sanction only Rupees 1,760, which in a Station where the cost of every thing has risen so greatly is totally inadequate for the purpose, and this year has only sufficed to keep the stone drains and side drains clear and to patch up the roads here and there.

3. The Maintenance Allowance formerly given I gradually found to be much too little, so that the roads being kept in a satisfactory state, and now in consequence of this sum having been so much reduced, the roads are daily falling off more and more, and loud complaints are made in all directions, the public appearing to consider I only am to be blamed for their condition.

4. Four or five years ago, there were not thirty carriages in the Station, while now are about five hundred. As more than this number and the residents and visitors have since the railroad to Coimbatore has been opened, increased so enormously that I may fairly say there is not a Cantonment in India, where carriage and

Common

Common Cart traffic is so great as it is here in what is termed the season

5. The Estimate now submitted provides for the use of the cheapest obtainable material viz gravel or broken laterite the price of which is greatly enhanced from the fact that a cart and a pair of bullocks on the hills cannot at the outside carry more than 4 parabs of gravel which exclusive of digging breaking & spreading cost eight annas and is only sufficient (allowing for wastage of) to cover four square feet of road to a depth of 3 inches. Thus the Estimate for even this inferior material amounts to a large amount while an Estimate for using broken granite for the same purpose would amount to so much as to preclude the chance of its ever being sanctioned.

6. I trust that in forwarding this Estimate to the Government, you will add your testimony to the exertions made by me to do the best with the very small and insufficient maintenance allowance granted.

7. In consequence of the great scarcity of labor in Calcutta, not more than half the amount of the Estimate can be spent during the next Official Year.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) W. Farewell Major
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

W. Walker Lieutenant Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer & Division

+ This material can hardly be called inferior. It is not laterite but harder than the best laterite and as hard as many of the kinds of other stones broken & used for road repairs.
W. Walker

Comdant Calcutta

Received

20th Nov 1880
Major W. Farewell
Executive Engineer
Calcutta

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7th Division

Enclosure in a letter from
the Superintending Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
D.R.W. No 314 of 13th April
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Forwarding for sanction an
Estimate amounting to 16870 Rs.
for gravelling & drains of the prin-
cipal carriage road in the
Cantonment of Coimbatore.

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No. 63.

Coimbatore Collector's Office
Camp Phawany 25th March 1885.

From

P. Grant Esq^r

Collector of Coimbatore

To

Major W. Farewell

Executive Engineer in charge

7th Division

Sir,

I beg to return the Estimate amounting
to Rupees 16870 for the gravelling of the Coimbatore
Station roads. The sum is so large, that I fear in
these days of restriction, there is little chance of its
being sanctioned. The peculiar circumstances of
Coimbatore which is now becoming the great sana-
torium of India, seem to me to indicate that it
should be treated exceptionally and in a liberal
manner as regards funds for the maintenance of its roads,
on which the comfort of the numerous invalids, who
have recourse to it for the sake of its bracing air, so
much depends. The demand for the produce of Coimbatore
proper is so great and steady on the Hills, that I also
think Government should be liberal to a station, on
which the prosperity of many of its Ryots depends.
The more people flock to the Hills, the greater becomes
the stability of the low country Revenue.

I have &c

(Signed) P. Grant

Collector

(True Copy)

Walter Smith Esq. P.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Division

D.D. No. 100
 Communication
 Building & Range
 Cornhill District
 1872 - travelling & subs
 of the principal range
 roads in the Cantonment
 of the command.
 Estimate. W. 1872/1873
 amount \$ 16,700.00

12 Division B. P. M.
 In a letter from the day
 including Engrs. Division
 to the Secretary. No. 100
 Serial B. P. M. 1873
 32 April 1875

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 1872/1873

Copy of Comptroller's Office
 letter No. 63 of 25th March 1873
 Relating an Estimate for
 travelling the Ordnance
 Station Road duty Comptroller
 signed

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Do. do. dated 18th May 1865, No. 1,042, Revenue Department.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 15th May 1865, No. 55.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, and their Order thereon, dated 28th April 1865, No. 876, I beg to state that I addressed the Board of Revenue on the 4th ultimo, about the establishment of a Toll bar on the road between Coonoor and Ootacamund for the maintenance of the said road. If Government coincide with Colonel Walker, that the funds raised should be applied to the maintenance of the station roads, I see no objections to their being so utilized, provided other funds to keep the Coonoor road in order are forthcoming.

I enclose an extract from my letter to the Board alluded to above:—

3. The entrance to the Craigmore cutting, between it and the junctions of the old and new Coonooor roads will, I think, be the best situation for the Toll bar, as it is within the limits of the Ootacamund station, and so near the Tahsildar's Cut-cherry, that the collections can be daily transmitted there without inconvenience, and the acts of the Toll-keeper will be more easily supervised than if he lived three miles further off.

No. 405. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort
Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 30th May 1865, No. 59.

SIR, With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 18th instant, No. 1,042, I beg to state that my letter of the 15th idem, No. 55, which was a reply to the Government Proceedings of the 28th ultimo, No. 876, contains the necessary information in regard to the establishment of a Toll bar on the road

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Estimated No 48 of 1864. 5

Two Weeks

With Gratitude and
Respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
Richard
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Respectful Engineer
O. A. Carmichael
1875 March 1885.

Not at present. Since previous
 meeting by increase of attendance.
 3:00 or 4:00. A. J. Reed
 present. A. J. Reed
 present. A. J. Reed

Mrs. Wm. H. W. W. W.

Witnessed & signed
Collector

Wm Caldwell
 27 Aug 72

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th June 1865.*

from Coonoor to Ootacamund. The only additional point to be now reported on, is the total charge on a cart from the Poothanoor station to Ootacamund, a distance of some 55 miles. This will amount to 12 Annas on a laden cart as shewn below:—

At Sunganoor	...	...	Annas	4
„ Burliar	...	...	„	4
At Craigmere cut on the road from Coonoor to Ootacamund	...	...	„	4
			Annas	12

No. 406.

ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1865, No. 1,367.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction the establishment of a Toll on the road from Coonoor to Ootacamund, the proceeds to be applied to the maintenance of the road, after deducting the cost of collection.
2. The Government approve of the situation proposed by the Collector for the Toll bar, and of the rate of toll being the same as is charged at the Sunganoor and Coonoor Ghât Toll bars.
3. The proposal to apply the proceeds of this toll to the maintenance and improvement of the Ootacamund Station roads generally is inadmissible.
4. If funds for this purpose are needed in excess of the available grant, to meet the convenience of the residents, the Collector would do well to bring under their consideration the expediency of their raising a road rate among themselves, pending the passage through the Madras Legislative Council of the "Towns Improvement Act."

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department. *With Enclosures.*
 „ the Board of Revenue.
 „ the Collector of Coimbatore.
 „ the Legislative Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Carl Frodo

July 1947

Communicated to the

Sister attending Inquirer of the Division

with reference to the letter No 314, 97.

13th April 1865.

Stuckelberg George?
2nd June 1815

To the Superintendent, Engineer

The Division

Council of

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Pro. of Govt. for June
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Pro. of Govt. in the
Revenue Dept

Of 19 June
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No 568. 566

With an order
no 1747-23d June 1865