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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Read the following letters:—

No. 102. From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 28th June 1875, No. 61.

ADVERTING to my letter, dated 3rd September 1874, No. 49, I have the honor to enclose a bill for Rupees 105-13-8, being the cost of forming the roadway proposed for the passage of the car of the Tripapuliyoor Pagoda, and to request to be informed whether the amount should be paid by the Railway Company or Government.

No. 103. From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge of South Arcot, to Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Officiating Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 21st July 1875, No. 66.

As requested in your memorandum of the 15th instant, No. 229, I have the honor to forward copy of the Collector's letter to Government, No. 49, dated 3rd September last, reporting on petition to Government, No. 2,312 of 1874, presented by certain inhabitants of Tripapuliyoor, complaining of the Railway Company having taken up a portion of the road through which their car usually passes.

2. No copies have been kept of the enclosures which were returned in original with the letter.

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 3rd September 1874, No. 49.

I HAVE the honor to report on petition No. 2,312 of 1874, received yesterday, and herewith returned with its enclosure.

2. I visited the spot this morning in company with the Railway Engineer in charge of the line here.

3. It is quite true that the railway line will, as matters are at present, isolate a Pilliar Covil and chuttrum, and unless a roadway is provided the swami will not be able to be taken to the chuttrum if such a procedure is necessary. I therefore have proposed to Mr. Baggallay, the Engineer, to make a road from D to E across the line, and prolong it along the side of the station compound to F, where the road to the Guddilam passes. This will admit of the swami going in procession to the chuttrum and of carts passing if necessary. For foot passengers a 4 feet culvert, which I have marked in red pencil, is being built; this will be 6 feet high and will amply suffice for all such wants. Cattle will be able to pass through it.

4. As regards the stoppage of the street there is good ground for complaint. The foot of the railway embankment will come to within a few feet of the corner B. (The petitioners' plan is not correctly drawn), but by cutting off all that piece shaded blue from A to C a broad road of about 30 feet or more will be formed, which will permit of the passage of the car which is not more than 21 feet wide.

5. The petitioners' request to have the curve of the line altered cannot, I consider, be complied with, because the line from the north being quite straight for nearly 3 miles, while that from the south is also a straight line for about 2, and the curve which rounds off the angle of intersection being one of a radius of 20 chains (which Mr. Baggallay informs me is the sharpest allowed to be used) the slightest alteration of this curve would carry away the chuttrum and Pilliar Covil and a number of huts, and necessitate the purchase of land for a new trace for some hundreds of yards.

6. The road to the Guddilam is an old abandoned track, only used for funeral processions to the river and very rarely for the passage of a cart. The new road D, E, F, and the cutting off the corner B from A to C will, I consider, remedy all the grounds of complaint the petitioners have.

7. These two works should, I consider, be carried out at the expense of the Company.

8. The allegation of the petitioners that their petition of November 1873 was not replied to is not founded on fact. Mr. Sullivan referred the petition to the Railway Deputy Collector, and, on receipt of the report, I passed the following endorsement on the 5th February last:—

"Petitioners are informed that their grievances will receive every attention at the hands of the Railway Department, who are going to make a wide road joining Bodi Street and Car Street."

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1875, No. 2,273.

RAILWAY, No. 14.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the roadway used by the car of the Tripapuliyoor Pagoda, having been interfered with by the new line of railway, the cost of making a new roadway should be borne by the Railway Company.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

North.

Northern Street

Agrahaaram

Pagoda

Pond

Pagoda street

Agrahaaram

Agrahaaram

Car Street

Road to Gudelchum

A Paluva

Road to Gudelchum

Pillayar Covil

Pillayar Covil

Pillayar Covil

Pillayar Covil

Pillayar Covil

Car Street

Road to Munjacompum

Road to Cuddalore

Southern Street

Pillayar Coil

Pillayar Coil

Pillayar Coil

C.

To

His Excellency
The Governor in Council
Fort Saint George
Madras.

Respectfully Sheweth

That the ready ear which the
Government so invariably lends to a
representation of its Subjects' grievances
especially in matters of religion, the helping
hand which it so characteristically stretches
to redress such grievances — things which
in the history of the world have rendered
unique the position of the British Govern
— ment in India and which so unfortuna
— tely have failed to be the main features
in the spirit with which Conquerors have
fought

ght it proper to regard the interests of
Conquered in so many instances from the
vilest point of time recorded in history
have emboldened and encouraged your
Excellency's humble petitioners to state their
prayer with the full hope that it will be
heard. It is the non-interfering policy of the
Government in matters of religion that is the
basis of the Legislative Enactment by which
the management of the affairs of the
Hindu Pagodas and Mahomedan Mosques
has been entrusted to a few trustees, the
Government justly reserving to themselves
jurisdiction over certain important classes
of facts connected with the Davastanum
business. With these remarks we beg to
state our petition and as follows.

2. That your Excellency in Council
may be aware of certain usages — the
existence of which is in many instances, beyond
the

the memory of man — punctiliously observed
by the Hindus on occasions of certain
annual festivals usually celebrated in
almost all pagodas, a few very insignificant
ones excepted, over the whole of India, — as
well in Presidency Towns as in the Mofussil.
The usages above referred to consist chiefly
of grand processions attended by an
immense concourse of people from distant
places of the land, especially if the Pagoda
is one of great importance. Such a one is the
Grand Pagoda at Tripapulyur in the
Taluq of Cuddalore. The processions are
ten in number on the occasion of the annual
Brumha Cottsavum festival — not to
speak of the vast number of processions in
festivals — also annual — of minor importance.
Of these ten processions two consist in the
dragging of a huge car and a no less huge
Mahommaru, splendidly decked and
attended

attended by an immense body of men. These huge vehicles are nearly as broad as the Streets of the Town. Under these circumstances it is unnecessary to describe the importance which such religious observances possess in the eyes of the Hindus. Hence the injury likely to be done to their feelings and religion by any event which goes to put a stop to such observances will truly be great.

3. That from the accompanying map of our Town it will clearly appear to your Excellency in Council that the Carnatic Railway line sweeps away a considerable portion of the North Eastern Corner of the Town blocking up a great part of the main Road of the four Pillian Coils at the four Corners of the Town, which according to our religion, ought to be within the limits of the main road. North Eastern Corner one has been cut off from the Town by the Railway line. The line becomes a permanent obstacle to all our future Pagoda Ceremonial processions, not a footpath even having been left where the Street was once very broad in Consequence of the junction of the Northern with the Eastern main Streets of the Town. As early as November 1873 we presented petitions to the Collector and the Railway Engineer praying for a removal of the Road from its present locality to a spot a few yards to the left. No reply has yet been received. The Earthwork has not as yet been laid at the spot in question. It is not yet too late to cause the road to be removed to the spot indicated in the map by the dotted line.

4. That under these circumstances your petitioners beg respectfully

respectfully to pray for a removal of the road to the spot indicated by the dotted line in the map herewith submitted before the Earthwork is permanently laid or if this were impracticable to cause a new Road to be opened to the right of the road at the expense of the Company.

We the undersigned beg to remain Your Excellency's

5th August 1874

Tenkasi Tuticorin

humble Servants and petitioners

Thayam Nadoopro

Thevanthanay Naidoo

Vadachella Naidoo

C. Bangaroosamy Naidoo

Doraisamy Naidoo

Sevaraday Naidoo

RECD No
2 Oct 74
J. H. G.

Endorsement on Petition
dd 23 12 of 1874.

Referred to the Collector
of Londonderry for early
Report.

Under Sec R.C.
Secy: to Government

Calcutta
31st August 1874

S.H.D.

SOUTH ARCOT. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 49 Cuddalore 3rd September 1874.

From

J. H. Garstin Esquire
Collector of South Arcot.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker, R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report on Petition No 2312 of 1874 - re-ceived yesterday - and herewith returned with its enclosures -

2. I visited the spot this morning in company with the Railway Engineer in charge of the line here.

3. It is quite true that the railway line will, as matters are at present, isolate a Pillai Covil and Chuttram - and unless a road way is provided the Swami will not be able to be taken

No. 5692/74

Civ 28/8/74, RB 27/8/74

taken to the Chuttram, if such a procedure is necessary— I therefore have proposed to ~ Mr Baggallay the Engineer to make a road from D to E. across the line and prolong it along the side of the station Compound to F. where the road to the Guddalam passes— This will admit of the Swamii ~ going in procession to the Chut= =tram and of carts passing if necessary— For foot passengers a 4 foot Culvert which I have marked in red pencil is being built, this will be 6 feet high and will amply suffice for all such wants— Cattle will be able to pass through it—

4. As regards the stoppage of the street there is good ground for complaint— The foot of the railway Embankment will come

end to within a few feet of the corner D. (the Petitioners plan not correctly drawn) but by cutting off all that piece shaded blue from A to C a broad road of about 30 feet wide will be formed which will permit of the passing of the cars which is not now the case the road being only 15 feet wide.

The Petitioners request to have the curve of the line altered cannot be complied with because the line from the north being quite straight for nearly three miles, while that from the south is also a straight line for about 2, and the curve which rounds off the angles of intersection being one of a radius of 20 chains which Mr Baggallay informs me is

S. H. Wedderburn
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Letter from the Collector of South Arcot
No. 49, dated 3rd September 1874.

For Orders.

Submitted for
Consideration.

Read Log Mail Rs. for. Govt.
Mail All Govt. communications
to Govt. with the Memo
of the Govt. Memo
1419 Inst

Sd/-

P. W. 1874. Dept.

SOUTH ARCOT.

From The Collector of South Arcot.

No. 5692

To The Secretary
to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Dated 3 September 1874

Received 9 September 1874

ENCLOSURES

No. 49

Subject.

Reporting on Government
Petition No. 2312 of 1874
presented by certain in-
habitants of Tripapuliyur
complaining that the
Railway Company had
taken up a portion of the
road through which the
car passes.

Sent to Collector 10 Sept 1874

Rec'd 26/9/74

S.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Read the following:-

From the Collector of Cuddalore } (M. E. No. 499 3 Sept 74)

The Government learn that all that can reasonably be done will be effected by the local officers.

Govr

Pol Cons 23/2
Sent to Secy
for Legislative
Dept
Fort St George
6th October 1874

Cir 12/9/74 Rec'd 24/9/74

Petition to the Railway
Engineer and the
Collector praying for
removal of the road
from the Pillar
to the Railway
line

Petition (N.W.) &c

No 2312 ff

6th October 1874

that the procession during the annual Brahma Utsavam are ten in number two of which consist in dragging a huge car and a noless huge Mahommem splendidly decked and attended by an immense crowd that these vehicles are mark abroad as the streets of the town. that from the accompanying map, it will appear that the Cuddalore Railway line sweeps away a considerable portion

Government of Madras.

Pub. Wks DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2312 of 1874.

From Anjuna Naidu Garoo, & Govindapanny

Occupation. Naidoo Merchant

Village. Tirupapuliyur

Taluk. Cuddalore

District.

Dated.

Received 17th August 1875

Enclosure 1

ABSTRACT.

State that the pagoda at the said place is one of great importance

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
Cuddalore.
21st July 1875.

No. 66

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From

Lewis Pugan Levine Esquire
in charge
of Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Officiating Joint Secretary
to Government Public
Works Department
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a petition addressed to Government No. 49 dated 3rd instant from the inhabitants of Tirupapuliyur complaining of the Railway Company having taken up a portion of the road through which their Car usually passes.

2. No copies have been kept of the enclosures which were returned with original with the

the Letter.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Servt

G Brimmer Shine

Lt. 3rd Artillery

in Charge.

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
Cuddalore
28th June 1875.

No. 61

From

J. H. Garstin Esquire
Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to
Government
Department of Public
Works.
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter dated 3d September 1874 No. 49 I have the honor to enclose a bill for Rs. 105-13-8 being the cost of forming the roadway proposed for the passage of the car of the Thipapuliyur Pagoda and to request to be informed whether the amount should be paid by the Railway Company or Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
J. H. Garstin
Collector

P. W. 1875. Sept.

SOUTH ARCOT.

From The Collector of South Arcot.

No. 4927.

To

Dated
Received 1875.

Enclosure
No.

Subject.

Forwarding copy of Tahsildar's letter & Government Order 249 & explanation and requesting the sanction of the estimate and R. Rate.

Read 6 August 75 No 2273

No 402

Ci-2.8.75-Rlt 6.8.75
Acctt 29.7.75
R. Sheet 22 July

Cost of metalling the Eastern Corner of Bodicholla Road Chipapulliyur. &c

	Length — 100 yards			
	Breadth — 6 yards			
	Thickness — 1/4 — 2o			
	100 × 6 × 1/4 = 150 C. yards.			
150.	C. yards. Stone picked & pailed	18	12	
	Carriage for Do @ 5/7½	62.	11	9
	Labour for spreading & forming Road.	24	12	
	Do &c	96	3	9
	Superintendence @ 10 o/o.	9	9	
	Total Rupees	105	13	8

Chipapulliyur
1st June 1875

P. Shaw
Sn. Insp. 3d Div.

W. Lewis
Vice President

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In a letter
from the Collr
of South Arcot
dated 28th June
1875 No. 61.

Mr. 4288/75

Public Works Dept.

No 2273.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Dated Madras 6th August 1875

Read the following

From

The Collector of South Arcot.

No. 2273 dated 28th June 1875

" 2311 " 5th July 1875

Sir I am directed by Govt. in reply to your letter No. 2273 dated 28th June 1875 to state that the Govt. are unwilling to sanction the proposal to construct a Tramway on the Sirupakkam Road by the Cuddalore Municipality.

Govt. are also unwilling to sanction the proposal to construct a Tramway from Villupuram to Kuppam, as they are not prepared to undertake the construction of Railways with Public funds.

The Govt. of Madras are however willing that the Cuddalore Municipality should construct the Tramway from Sirupakkam to Cuddalore by the Railway Company.

I am &c

(Sd) [illegible]

Secy to Govt.

To

The Collector of South Arcot.

20 Copies

Sc Read - 17-8-75

Petitions 2312 of 74 & 876 of 74

C&W 76

M.W. 1875. Dept.

SOUTH ARCOT.

From No. 4287

The Collector of

South Arcot.

To The Secretary

to Government

P. W. D.

Dated 28 June 1875

Received 1 July 75.

Diary 29 Enclosure 1

No. 01 Inwd No 229

Subject.

CO-6 August 75 No 2273

Requesting to be informed whether the cost incurred in forming the roads for the passage of the Serupakkam Bullock Car is to be paid by Govt or the Railway Dept

No 603

Cir-2-8-75 Rlt 6-8-75

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Rupees 68 Thirty Seven Only 10-2-75

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Govt. of [1875] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Chairman of the

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 6th August 1875, No. 2273

Nos. 102—104

Roadway for the use of the Carts of the Trinchinopoly Cavery Road, & Arco of the Estimate that the Cost of making a new — should be borne by the Railway Company.