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No. 241. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 28th December 1863, No. 143A :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 3rd July 1863, No. 1,180, Revenue Department, I have the honor to state that the Mails between Manantoddy and Ootacamund do not exceed 2 or 3 lbs. in weight.

2. The great delay in the transmission of the Mails arises from the length of the stages. It will be of advantage to post the runners where practicable, so as to reduce the distance each runner will have to travel. But the arrangement will only be feasible between Manantoddy and Gudalur. The loneliness and severity of the climate between Gudalur and Ootacamund deter single runners. On these stages they must continue in pairs. The stages therefore can be altered only in the first part of the line, and the second, from Gudalur to Ootacamund, must be allowed to remain as at present, unless additional runners are entertained and additional cost incurred.

3. The postage realized by the line, roughly calculated, has been about 120 Rupees in the aggregate from February to the end of November, but as Wynad is opening up very fast, the collections will no doubt considerably increase before long. The great delay on the line has tended to deter people from using it, but it must be remembered that a large number of official papers are transmitted by this line, provision for the conveyance of which is indispensable. I think it very desirable the increased expenditure should be incurred and the line rendered really useful.

The stages would be easier by increasing their number between Manantoddy and Gudalur from 4 to 8 and the cost as follows :—

				Rs.
8	Runners from Manantoddy to Gudalur at Rupees	6	each	48
6	Do from Gudalur to Ootacamund at „	7	„	42
				90
	Deduct amount of existing sanctioned Establishment		... ...	84
			Increase ...	6

The following is a list of the present stages between Manantoddy and Ootacamund :

			Runners.	Miles.
From Manantoddy	to	Ponapady	2	13
„ Ponapady	to	Sultan's Battery	2	10
„ Sultan's Battery	to	Nellialum	2	15
„ Nellialum	to	Gudalur	2	12
„ Gudalur	to	Neddivuttum	2	4
„ Neddivuttum	to	Pycara	2	7
„ Pycara	to	Ootacamund	2	11

Mr. Richardson proposes to alter them as shown beneath :—

			Runners.	Miles.
From Manantoddy	to	Panamaram	1	8
„ Panamaram	to	Ponapsdy	1	5
„ Ponapady	to	Porokady	1	4
„ Porokady	to	Sultan's Battery	1	6
„ Sultan's Battery	to	Chuliote	1	6
„ Chuliote	to	Nellialum	1	9
„ Nellialum	to	Davalah	1	5
„ Davalah	to	Gudalur	1	7
„ Gudalur	to	Neddivuttum	2	4
„ Neddivuttum	to	Pycara	2	7
„ Pycara	to	Ootacamund	2	11

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21*st January* 1864.

In my opinion if this list of stages be adopted and two runners be employed between Manantoddy and Panamaram, between Chuliote and Nellialum, and between Davalah and Gudalur, with one between each of the others, by a careful arrangement in the time of starting the Mails from Manantoddy and Ootacamund, two Mails might pass through regularly every day, one each way, as no single runner would have more than twelve miles to run during the day, and that distance could be easily accomplished. The extra expenditure on this account would be 18 Rupees a month, exclusive of the increase of pay of the six runners between Gudalur and Ootacamund which amounts to 6 Rupees making a total of 24 Rupees monthly.

Calicut,
11*th January* 1864.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge.

No. 242. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1864, No. 125.

* Letter from Collector of Malabar, 13th June 1863, No. 65, with G. O. 3rd July 1863, No. 1,180.

Referred, together with the previous correspondence,* to the Honorable C. Pelly for his opinion.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
„ Collector of Malabar.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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			Runners.	Miles.
From Manantoddy	to	Ponapáty	2	13.
" Ponapaty	"	Sultan's Battery	2	10.
" Sultan's Battery	"	Nellialum	2	15.
" Nellialum	"	Goodalúr	2	12.
" Goodalúr	"	Neddiwuttum	2	4.
" Neddiwuttum	"	Pycára	2	7.
" Pycára	"	Ootacamund	2	11.

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" Panamaram	to	Panapaty	1	5.
" Panapáty	"	Porokady	1	4.
" Porokady	"	Sultans Battery	1	6.
" Sultan's Battery	"	Chuliote	1	6
" Chuliote	"	Nellialum	1	9.
" Nellialum	"	Davalah	1	5.
" Davalah	"	Goodalur	1	7.
" Gudalúr	"	Neddiwuttum	2	4.
" Neddiwuttum	"	Pycara	2	7.
" Pycara	"	Ootacamund	2	11.

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accomplished. The Extra Expenditure on this account would be 18 Rupees a Month. Exclusive of the increase of pay of the 6 runners between Goodalur and Cotacamund which amounts to 6 Rupees making a total of 24 Rupees. Monthly.

Calicut
11th January
1864.

J. H. Garstin
Acting Asst Collector
in charge.

Pro. 3rd July 1863 No 60-61
No 2417-2442.

Rec'd 1863 Dec 29
No 1380 Genl Dept
Rec'd 1864 Jan 4
Rec'd 1864 Jan 5

No. 125.
Referred, together with the previous correspondence, to the Honorable C Belly for his opinion.

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21st Jany 1864

To Honorable C. Belly with No 1180 Dept 22nd Jany
Collr of Malabar
Bd of Revenue

Letter from Collr of Malabar 13th June 1863 with G.O. 3rd July 1863 No 1180.

Pro. 28th Dec 1863
No 1380
Rec'd 1864

From the Secy to Govt Mily Dept
No 1131.

Mily Secy to Govt
Requesting to have certain proceedings of Govt regarding the establishment of a Police Guard at Cotacamund may be sent to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris for his opinion & advice.

No 125. 21st Jany
With the above order