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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th October 1864.

Read again letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 2nd and recorded in G. O. 14th June 1864, No. 1,018,

Read also the following papers :—

No. 330. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department.

Communicating letters from the Collector of Coimbatore and the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, reporting on the sites for the Seegoor, Sunganoor, and Burliar Toll Bars. (Here enter 6th September 1864, No. 2,575.)

No. 331. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st October 1864, No. 6,484.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 2nd August 1864, No. 165.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 14th June 1864, No. 1,018, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 17th idem, I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the monthly collections at the three toll bars named in the margin, from the 15th September 1863, the date on which they were established, to the 30th of June 1864, as well as the expenditure incurred therefrom.

Sunganoor, Burliar, Kulhutty.

2. The total collections during the period alluded to, amounted to Rupees 11,938-10-7, of which Rupees 2,092-12-5 were spent on account of the establishment employed at the toll gates, as well as for Contingent charges ; Rupees 6,210 were advanced to, and appropriated by, the Public Works Department for metalling the road from the Pothanoor Railway Station to the foot of the Coonoor Ghát ; and Rupees 458-5-3 were laid out in the construction of temporary toll bars at Burliar and Kulhutty. The aggregate expenditure thus amounted to Rupees 8,761-1-8, leaving a balance in the Treasury, on the 30th June 1864, of Rupees 3,177-8-11.

3. The income from the Toll Department is one of the items contributing to the District Road Fund, and is included in my Local Fund Budget for 1864-65. If it is the intention of Government, as it appears to be, that the cost of constructing permanent toll bars should properly form a charge against "Local Funds," I have no objection to urge against it, but it will be necessary to make a proportionate reduction in the amount* allotted for the tolled road in the Local Fund Budget for 1864-65.

* Coonoor and Segoor Ghát, Rupees 8,000.

4. The Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, states that he will forward direct to Government the Sketch Map called for.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the Toll collections and expenditure therefrom from 15th September 1863, to 30th June 1864, in the District of Coimbatore.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 14th June 1864, Revenue Department, No. 1,018.

2. The charges of establishment for collecting the tolls in question seem large compared with the collections realized, and it will probably be found advisable to rent out the tolls after their value has been ascertained.

3. If the tolls are credited to the Local Funds, all charges connected with them must of course be debited against the same account.

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1864, No. 1,976.

Local Funds.

1. With the first of these papers, the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, submits plans and estimates for Toll Bars at Kulhutty (on Seegoor Ghát), Burliar (on Coonoor Ghát), and Sunganoor (on the road from Coonoor Ghát to Coimbatore). He states that the temporary build-

ings erected on the Ghâts answer their purpose so well for the present that permanent buildings there are not required this year, but that the Sunganoor building is wanted immediately.

2. The Government observe from the plan that the toll bar at Sunganoor is to be 12 feet broad. This breadth seems insufficient, and should be increased to 18 feet. The plan and estimate will be revised accordingly and the work carried out. No orders are called for at present in respect to the buildings at Kulhutty and Burliar.

3. The second paper above recorded contains proposals from the Collector as to the best sites for the toll bars in question. The Government approve the sites named by that Officer for the Seegoor and Sunganoor toll bars, and they await the result of the further enquiries which he proposes to make in respect to the Burliar bar.

4. With the third paper above recorded the Board of Revenue submit, in pursuance of the order of 14th June* 1864, a Statement showing the collections at the three toll bars from the date on which they were established to 30th June last, as well as the expenditure incurred therefrom. The Government think with the Board that the cost of establishment, compared with the collections realized, is large, and they wish it to be ascertained whether it is not susceptible of reduction. They also wish the Collector to report whether the experience already gained as to the proceeds of the tolls is not sufficient to render it advisable to rent them out.

* No. 1,018.

5. The Board's ruling that all charges connected with the tolls are debitable against the Local Funds is correct.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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 Sigúr 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 Ghât 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 Ghât, near the 2nd or 3rd mile stones, in the latter case where the new trace first crosses the old Ghât. 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 Ghât.

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.:—

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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 Ghâts untenable owing to their unhealthiness. That on the Seegoor line must now be placed above Ghât, 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 Táluq Treasury, and far enough off not to interfere with free circulation round Ootacamund itself. The Burliar toll bar cannot be removed sufficiently up the Ghât to be healthy without sacrificing considerable revenue from the Coffee Estates on it; I recommend its location at M-tupolliam, 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. 2,575.

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

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rec.d 14 June/64 No 166-13

Petition 1864 Oct.r
Rec.d 9 Oct.r
No. 2390.

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
P.W. Dept.

Dated 6th Oct.r 1864.
Recd 8th Oct.r 1864.
No. 1676

S. Dept. 1976-26 Oct.r

Communicating letter
from the Coll.r of Combatore
reporting on the sites for the
new toll bars.

No 330

Recd 26th Oct.r

no Estimates for
Bannat Kuchuchy
(on Seegoor Ghaut) Bun-
dar (on Caroor Ghaut)
and Sungaroor (on the
road from Caroor Ghaut
to Coimbatore.) He states
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there are not required
this year, but that the
Sungaroor buildings
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2 The Collector observes
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has Lodged at Sungaroor
is, to be 12 feet broad.
His Bread he deems in-
sufficient, and should
be increased to 18 feet.
His Reasons & Estimate

received accor-
ding to Order
and no Work carried out
as yet. No orders are call-
ed for upon the Estimates:
Letter & Estimate in Reply:
Letter to the Buildings at
Kuchuchy and Bundar.
3 The second paper
above recorded contains
Proposals from the Collec-
tor of the Coast Salts for the
Salt Bunds in question.
The Board approve the Sales
mentioned by that Officer
for the Seegoor and Sun-
garoor Salt Bunds, and they
leave to the Result of the
further Inquiries which
he proposes to make in
respect to the Bundar
Bund.
4 With the third paper
above recorded the Board
by Reference to Minute, in
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of 11th June 1818, a State
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W. Bd of Rev. returned
W. Office 4th Dec. 1838

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Revenue 1861 Dept.
Pro: of Govr for October

No 1996.

Pro. Nos. 166-167
14-6-64

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 26th October 1861.
Pro: Bd of Revenue Dt 10th Novr 61
C. No 3220

Laying orders
respecting the erection of
Toll Bars in Coimbatore.

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