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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 404. Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 28th April 1865, No. 876, Revenue Department.

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

Read also the following letters:—

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.

2. The following is an extract from my letter to the Board alluded to above:—
"The imposition of tolls except in particular localities I do not advocate. The "tolls on the road between the Railway Station and Coonoor are doing well, and "no one, I think, has any reason to complain of them, as the road is in good order, "and has cost much money to bring it to its present condition. A large sum will, "however, be required to keep it in order than is now raised; I think the location "of a toll near Ootacamund for the levy of toll on wheeled carriages only on the "Coonoor road, is a question deserving the consideration of Government. The "existing road is a good one, but it cannot be maintained in its present state unless "funds are raised in the manner proposed. The levy of toll from wheeled carriage "is alone recommended, as all pack-bullocks, asses, &c., find their way from Coonoor "to Ootacamund by the old or low road, which is kept up at a trifling annual cost."

3. The entrance to the Craigmore cutting, between it and the junctions of the old and new Coonoor 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 Cutcherry, 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.

4. The rates of toll marginally noted, and sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, dated 20th March 1863, No. 692, Public Works Department, should, I think, be adopted. As it is proposed to levy toll on wheeled carriage only, one Toll-keeper on 32 Rupees and two Peons on 9 Rupees each will, I think, suffice for the Establishment; what the monthly receipts will amount to I cannot say, but probably to not more than 300 Rupees until the new Coonoor Ghát is completed, when I expect they will increase considerably.

	Rs.	A.	P.
On every four-wheeled carriage on springs (laden)	0	12	0
Do. do. (unladen)... ...	0	4	0
On every two-wheeled carriage on springs (laden)	0	6	0
Do. do. (unladen) ...	0	2	0
On every country cart (laden) ...	0	4	0
Do. do. (unladen) ...	0	2	0

No. 405. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, 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

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		
„ Burliar	Annas	4
At Craigmore cut on the road from Coonoor to Ootacamund	„	4
	„	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 Ghát 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.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Sanctioning the Establishment of Toll on the road between Connoor and Potacamund on the application of the proceeds to its maintenance.

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