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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1869 Press Mis.

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Dated 11-8-1865

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 7th June 1865, No. 7.

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2. In my opinion this is a charge which the toll collections of the District are quite inadequate to meet, in addition to the legitimate demands made on those funds for maintenance of the lines on which they are collected.

(True Copy.)

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Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order, dated 10th March 1865, No. 529. It appears from the Collector's present letter that the construction of the Choultry at Pothanoor has not yet been commenced, and that the toll collections of the District cannot bear such a large outlay as 10,000 Rupees. The Collector states that a Choultry is being constructed near the Railway Station by a wealthy native, and the Board think that the construction of another Choultry is unnecessary.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1865, No. 1,869.

Local Funds.

Under the circumstances mentioned by the Board the construction of a Choultry at Pothanoor by Government seems to be inexpedient, and the project will therefore be abandoned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 2,367.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th May 1865.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Errode, 31st March 1865, No. 53:—

1. I have received the Board's Proceedings of the 20th instant, No. 1,570, communicating the Order of Government of 10th idem, No. 529, and requesting me to supply the information called for in paragraph 2 thereof.

2. In reply, I beg to report that under orders of Government, the toll collections are carried to the credit of District Road Fund. The amount of funds available under this head, has already been allotted for the maintenance of several roads, and for other works of a local nature, as per Budget Estimates forwarded to the Board for the years 1864-65 and 1865-66, and I fear that unless some of the roads are struck off from the Budget provision, there will be no surplus available for expenditure on the Chuttrum to be constructed at the Pothanoor Railway station. I would, however, state that in a letter just received from the Accountant General, the per centage charge on account of Public Works Establishments for 1863-64, has been reduced from 3,000 to 677 Rupees, the saving effected by this revision being Rupees 2,323, which sum I propose to appropriate for the Pothanoor Chuttrum, together with the saving (Rupees 1,078) to be effected by the reduction of the per centage charge for the current official year, making in all Rupees 3,401. The construction of the toll bar house at Sunganoor, which was intended to be performed from the last-mentioned saving, may be postponed until sufficient funds are available.

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Amount already charged.....	3,021
Do. properly chargeable—vide my letters, dated 14th and 25th instant, Nos. 39 and 51...	1,943
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In their Order, dated 10th March 1865, No. 529, Government simply wished to know whether the Choultry at Pothanoor can be completed from the surplus proceeds of the tolls on the road from that place to the Hills. The Collector's present letter does not contain a clear answer to this point. He is, therefore, requested to state what is the amount collected on account of tolls in 1864-65; what is the amount of estimate for the construction of the Choultry; how much has been spent upon it by the Engineer Department; and what is now required for its completion. The Board are aware that the collections of tolls are credited to the District Road Fund, and the Collector should now state whether the Choultry cannot be completed from the funds available on 30th April 1865, without interfering with the works entered in the Budget for 1865-66.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright

Requesting further information regarding the amount of tolls collected on the road from Pothanoor to the Neilgherry Hills and the amount of estimate for the Pothanoor Choultry.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings 10th May 1865, No. 2,367.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Ed. J. Wright.

Rev. 1865. Department

No. 2152

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 31st *July* 1865.

No 4,523.

Submitting with remarks letter from the Collector of Coimbatore forwarding one from the Superintending Engineer stating that the toll collections are inadequate to meet the cost of the Choultry at Pothanoor.

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C.S.

11th Aug 65.