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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd October 1871.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1871, No. 3985:—

Read the following papers:—

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 29th April 1871, No. 112.

As directed in Government Order, dated 13th January last, No. 95, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st February last, No. 817, I have the honour to report that the sum realized from the toll on the Irrity Bridge, during the past official year 1870-71, amounted to Rupees 8,350.

2. As the toll was rented out, no charge has been incurred from local funds.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Public Works Department, to the Accountant-General, Madras, dated Bangalore, 28th June 1871, No. 2994.

With reference to paragraph 4 of Government of Madras Resolution, No. 197, of the 13th January last, that "The Government consider it right that the net proceeds of the tolls at the Sullia and Irrity Bridges should be equally shared with Coorg, and resolve to direct the Board of Revenue, in communication with the Accountant-General, to issue the necessary instructions to the Collectors of Canara and Malabar, respectively, the proceeds being at present credited to their District Road Funds, &c.," I have the honour, by desire of the Chief Commissioner, to request the favour of the amount due to Coorg for the past year being paid at an early date to the Superintendent of that Province.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for disposal, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 187, dated 21st February 1871.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th June 1871.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Acting Accountant-General.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 20th July 1871, No. 1014.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 21st February 1871, No. 817, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a memorandum showing the actual receipts and charges of the toll levied at the Sullia Bridge, on the Sampaji Ghaut Road in this district, during the past official year 1870-71.

2. I trust, however, that the Board will be pleased to address Government with a view to their re-considering their decision, under which a moiety of these collections are to be handed over to the Mysore Government.

3. The Road Fund of this district is, as the Board are aware, insufficient to meet the heavy outlay required for the upkeep of the existing, and the opening out of new, roads. The late increase in the road-cess will certainly give us more money; but, taking into consideration the charges which will be thrown on it under the Local Funds' Act, and that roads formerly imperial have lately been transferred to the local list, with a very inadequate provision for their upkeep, we cannot spare even as small a sum as Rupees 600 without serious inconvenience.

3. The Sampaji Ghaut was made by Madras Officers and from Madras funds, and the whole line used to be repaired by our Maramut Department until 1862, when the portion within Coorg limits was handed over to the Mysore Department of Public Works. The total length of the line from Mercara to Mangalore is eighty-seven miles, of which twenty-two miles, including the ghaut, is in Coorg limits. The Coorg Government have always obtained from imperial funds a very large maintenance grant for their portion of the road, amounting to 450 Rupees per mile, while, for the part of the road in this district, we have never been allowed more than Rupees 110 a mile. This latter sum is totally insufficient for the proper maintenance of the road, which has never, I believe, been thoroughly metalled, and in consequence of the paucity of funds available for this and our other ghaut roads, Government, in their Proceedings of 26th August 1870, No. 1326, sanctioned additional toll-gates on the other lines to provide increased funds for the upkeep of the roads.

5. Although the Coorg grant for public works has been reduced to 1,00,000 Rupees, I respectfully venture to think that the amount of the former maintenance allowance should be taken into consideration, and I have no doubt it will be found that, if a proportionate reduction is made in the amount of the maintenance grant for the ghaut, the balance will still be found to considerably exceed the allowance we have been obtaining for our imperial ghauts and roads.

6. The present maintenance allowance on these roads, even with the full proceeds of the existing tolls, is so very inadequate that the propriety of establishing other toll-gates on these lines will have to be considered by the Local Fund Board.

7. I trust, therefore, that the Board will see fit to address Government again on this subject, and to recommend that no portion of the proceeds of the Sullia toll be transferred to Coorg.

8. It appears to me, moreover, that there will be a difficulty in transferring any portion of the proceeds of district tolls to districts which do not form part of the Madras Presidency. Under Section 27 of the Local Funds' Act, transfers of funds are only allowed to *other circles*; and, with this single exception, the local funds must be expended in the circle in which they are raised. (Section 26.)

MEMORANDUM showing the actual receipts and charges of the toll-gate at Sullia on the road from Mangalore to Mysore, via the Sampaji Ghaut, during the official year 1870-71.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Receipts for 1870-71	...	...	...	1,488	15	0
Charges.						
Salaries of toll-gate keepers	...	...	...	173	5	4
Charges incurred for the removal of the toll-gate and shed to a more convenient site	...	...	...	25	0	0
Saderwarid charges	...	...	...	5	7	0
				203	12	4
Surplus	...	...	...	1,285	2	8

MANGALORE,
20th July 1871.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Acting Collector.

In the first of the foregoing letters, the Collector of Malabar reports that the sum realized from the toll on the Irrity Bridge, during 1870-71, amounted to Rupees 8,350, and that no charge has been incurred out of it, as the toll was rented out.

2. With the third letter, the Acting Collector of South Canara submits a memorandum showing Rupees 1,285-2-8 as the net receipts from the tolls at the Sullia Bridge in 1870-71.

3. The total of the two sums shown above is Rupees 9,635-2-8, a moiety of which, Rupees 4,817-9-4, is payable to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg, agreeably to paragraph 4 of the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 13th January 1871, No. 95.

4. Mr. Webster states that the Road Fund of his district is insufficient to meet the heavy outlay required for the upkeep of the existing, and the opening out of new, roads, and points out that there will be a difficulty in transferring any portion of the district tolls to districts which do not form part of the Madras Presidency, as Section 27 of the Local Funds' Act simply empowers Local Fund Boards to contribute out of the Local Funds belonging to any circle towards the expenses incurred in any other circle constituted under this Act. I.e., therefore, recommends that no portion of the proceeds of the Sullia toll should be transferred to Coorg.

5. The Board observe that the restriction imposed in the section quoted above applies only to funds raised under the Act. The tolls of Malabar and South Canara have not as yet been brought under the new Act, and the proceeds, a moiety of which is to be transferred, appertain to the year 1870-71, when the Act was not in operation. There is thus nothing to prevent the payment ordered by Government being made on the present occasion, and the Board accordingly request the Accountant-General to arrange for the payment of the sum of Rupees 4,817-9-4 to the Superintendent of Coorg, in accordance with the request of the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Public Works Department.

6. As regards the fairness of allowing Coorg for the future to participate in the tolls raised in the two districts of this Presidency, it has to be observed that the decision of Government was arrived at after a full and careful consideration of all the circumstances bearing on the subject, and is based upon the principle of one locality contributing to another for the support of a communication by which the first benefits. This principle is admitted and laid down in Section 27 of the new Act, but its application is restricted to places *within* the Presidency.

7. The difficulty thus created may be obviated either by not bringing the tolls in these districts under the operation of the new Act as has already been suggested* in the case of Malabar, and approved by Government in paragraph 2 of their Order in the Financial Department, dated 17th August 1871, No. 342, or by requiring the Coorg authorities to establish toll-gates of their own as contemplated in paragraph 5 of Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 13th January 1871, No. 95.

8. These Proceedings will be submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd October 1871.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1871, No. 509.

The Government are not prepared to re-consider the decision so recently arrived at after full consideration.

2. The best course seems to be to abstain from levying tolls under the Local Funds' Act, and to leave the existing tolls on their present footing.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

the Board of Revenue.
Acting Accountant-General.

DEPARTMENT.

No.

187 .

Dated

FOR ORDERS.

From

*I must have written as they
are. We cannot wait this time
a decision is recently arrived
at.*

A. J. P.

Govt. of 1871 *Address.*

FINANCIAL.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 2nd.

Recd.

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G. O., 2nd October 1871, No. 509.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 1-2.

*Declining to disturb the decision lately arrived
at for the payment of a moiety of the tolls levied at
the Irrity Bridge in Malabar, and Sullia Bridge in
South Canara, to the Province of Coorg.*

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Financial Department

1871.

Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 16TH SEPTEMBER 1871, No. 3,985

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 3,985.

Receipts from tolls—at Irrity bridge in Malabar and at Sullia bridge in South Cannara during 1870-71.—Accountant General requested to arrange for payment of a moiety of, viz. Rs. 4,817-9-4, to Superintendent of Coorg.—Remarks passed on subject of allowing Coorg to participate in future in toll raised in those Districts.

For orders.

With an order

Court of 1871 Madras.

Final.

To the B^d of Her
Majesty

Dated

Recd

End

0. 2^d October, 1871, No. 509

Nos. 1 & 2

Relating to disturb the
rights in late granted at
on the Panna & Co. Society
of the toll levied at the District
House in Malabar & Sullia
House in S. Canara, & the
House of Coorg.