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No. 104. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1873, No. 896:—

Read the following letters:—

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 17th March 1873, No. 73.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th instant, No. 315, I have the honour to report that up to February last the income from tolls on the Northern Canal amounted to Rupees 33,387-0-6, which being added to the actuals of March 1872 only make a total of Rupees 35,388-10-6, which is Rupees 4,611-5-6 less than the amount fixed by Government.

2. This large decrease is entirely due to the extraordinary season and to the consequent depression in the traffic, which could not well be anticipated. When writing in November last I stated that the receipts would not fall below the minimum required by Government, judging from the actual collections of the preceding seven months, which came up to Rupees 26,767-7-9.

3. To ensure, however, the sum fixed by Government and to provide against the possibility of similar falling off in future, I beg to recommend that my alternative suggestion at paragraph 5, viz., that the toll should be raised by one-fourth of the present amount, may be approved and sanctioned.

From O. B. IRVINE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 8th April 1873, No. 140.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 2045, of the 4th instant, I have the honour to report that the collections on account of tolls on the Northern Canal up to the end of the last official year were Rupees 35,313-8-3, as detailed in the margin.

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	Total	35,313	8	3

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In their Order of the 27th February 1873, No. 225, Revenue Department, Government directed the Board to see that the minimum revenue from tolls on Cochrane's Canal north of Madras does not fall below Rupees 40,000.

3. In 1872-73 only Rupees 35,314 were realized. Mr. Barlow, who thought in November that the full amount would be obtained, explains that this is due to the "extraordinary" character of the season. He probably refers to the heavy rains which impeded traffic at the beginning of the north-east monsoon.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th June 1873.

5. The Board think so large an increase would be a serious matter, and might make a deficit, which is now only accidental, permanent. They would wait for the results of the first six months of 1873-74 before making any change.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1873, No. 832.

The Government agree with the Board that the change may be deferred.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

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

Dated June, 13*th*.

Read.

G. O., 13*th June* 1873, *No.* 832.

JUNE.
Nos. 104-105.

Agreeing with the Board of Revenue in the proposed change in the rate of tolls to be levied on cargo and passenger boats plying in Cochrane's Canal to the north of Madras may be deferred.

No. 896.

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IN reply to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 2,045 of the 4th instant I have the honour to report that the collections on account of tolls on the Northern Canal up to the end of the last official year were Rupees 35,313-8-3, as detailed in the margin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J Grole
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

The Board of Revenue.

per.

Dated June. 13
Recd. } Encl.

G. O. 13 June , 1873, No. 832

Nos. 104. 105.

Agreeing with the Board of Revenue that the proposed change in the rate of tolls to be levied on Cargo & Passenger boats plying in Cooum Canal & the North of Madras, may be deferred.

Govt. Proceedings. 13 June 1873. No 832.

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To Board of Revenue
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Board of Revenue,
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Proceedings, 29th May 1873, No. 896.

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MAY.
No. 896.

Tolls on Northern Canal.—Letters from Collector of Chingleput reporting income from — during 1872-73, which is below minimum prescribed by Government, and recommending increase of present rates of toll, submitted to Government, and proposed increase objected to for the present.