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29th November 1875.

Municipal—Tolls.

No. 246. Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 4th November 1875, No. 20:—

At the request of the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipality, I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, copies of letters and a plan received from him on the subject of levying tolls on the Calvetty Canal, within the limits of the Municipality.

2. In the present state of the law I am unable to point out anyway in which the Commissioners' proposals could be carried out, though at the same time the heavy expenses to which they are put to keep the canal in good order quite justifies them in laying the matter before Government.

From D. NOBLE, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to W. LOGAN, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Cochin, 14th January 1875, No. 113.

I have the honor to represent, for your information and for the orders of Government, that it is the desire of the Commissioners of this Municipality, after mature deliberation, to levy a toll on all boats passing through the Calvetty Canal, within the municipal limits.

2. In bringing the necessity of the measure again to notice, it must be observed in reference* to para. 15 of your letter to Government, No. 38, dated 2nd March 1874, which accompanied the Budget Estimates of certain Municipalities for 1874-75, that the limit of the Cochin State on this canal begins from the one end where the boat-traffic is almost *nil*. The Cochin State can, therefore, have no claim whatever to any portion of the proceeds. The toll now proposed will be confined to the traffic in the canal within the British limits only, and there will not be the slightest interference with the traffic passing to native territory, which commences, as already observed, from the extreme end of the canal. I beg then to draw your attention to the following points.

* *Vide* G.O., dated 13th June 1874, No. 993.

3. The Municipality has recently repaired and improved the banks of the Calvetty Canal at the heavy cost of Rupees 2,140, and it has to keep them in constant repair from the damage caused daily by boats and timber rafts.

4. The rates, the Commissioners propose levying, are exceedingly light, and will not be felt as a burden on the traffic passing through the canal. The proposed rates are as follow:—

	RS.	A.	P.
First-class Kettu Valloms and equally as large Cargo Boats, &c. ...	0	1	0
Second-class do. ...	0	0	9
Third-class do. ...	0	0	6
Canoes each ...	0	0	4
First-class Cochin Boats ...	0	1	0
Second-class do. ...	0	0	9
Third-class do. ...	0	0	6
Timber rafts per hundred logs ...	2	0	0
Bamboo and spar rafts per hundred pieces ...	0	2	0

5. The Commissioners consider the toll equitable and legitimate, as all the goods passing through the canal are landed at Calvetty and benefited by the improvement which the Municipality has carried out and is carrying out in that place.

6. The reduction in the amount of Profession-tax by the exemption of certain classes from it, has somewhat impaired the capabilities of this Commission, and the Commissioners find it impossible with their limited income to attend to all the objects for which the Municipality has been created, or even to carry out the necessary works, within their limits, without an additional source of revenue. In the minds of the Commissioners a more just and suitable impost than the proposed toll on the Calvetty Canal boat-traffic cannot be introduced.

7. Act III. of 1871 (Madras) does not however provide for the levy of such a toll. The Commissioners therefore solicit earnestly that the Government may be asked to take steps to obtain legislative sanction to the measure now proposed by them.

8. The collections from the toll are estimated to give Rupees 8 per day. Almost all the boats coming into the canal with or without goods and injuring the banks are from the interior, *viz.*, from places on the backwaters in the Native States of Travancore and Cochin.

9. It is of vital importance to this Commission, where resources are very limited, that the levy of the proposed toll as an additional source of revenue should be made lawful with the least possible delay for the benefit of the town. This matter was proposed to be placed before the Government last year, but it was held in abeyance for further consideration.

From J. H. ASPINWALL, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to W. LOGAN, Esq, Acting President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar, dated Cochin, 12th October 1875, No. 79.

With reference to your letter of the 7th April last, No. 14, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a plan showing that portion of the town of Cochin through which the canal runs, as also the portion from which the Sirkar territory begins as this Municipality has no map of its own in which these portions are clearly defined. From the accompanying plan it will be seen that all that portion of the canal from the Calvetty Bridge down to the second wooden bridge across the canal through which the boats ply is within the limits of the Municipality, and that consequently the Commissioners have legitimate right to levy the proposed toll, particularly after the heavy expenditure they have been obliged to incur for the repairs and maintenance of the canal. I beg to append two memoranda of the expenditure incurred by the Municipality, and what will have to be incurred for the completion of the repairs and maintenance of the canal.

MEMORANDUM.

		Rs.
For driving piles on both sides of the canal western bank and a portion of the eastern, and for improving the *roads adjacent*	...	2,140
Cost of renewing the whole of the Calvetty Bridge with teakwood	...	750
		2,890

MEMORANDUM.

Cost of completing the repairs on the eastern side of the canal in driving piles and improving the road adjacent thereto	... ...	600

(Signed) J. H. ASPINWALL,
Vice-President.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1875, No. 2330.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Malabar.

Dated November, 29th.

Issued

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G.O., 29th November 1875, No. 2330.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 246-247.

Municipal—Tolls.—The Acting President of the Malabar Municipalities requested to report further on the subject of levying tolls on the Calvetty Canal, within the limits of the Municipality.

Cochin Harbour Entrance

Calvetty Canal.

Calvetty Canal

wooden bridge

COCHIN SIRKAR
Territory.

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Municipal Office
Cochin January 11th 1875

No. 113.

To

The President,
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Timber rafts per 100 logs		2 — " — "
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I have &c.

(Signed) Donald Noble

Vice President

(True Copy)

W. Logan

Ag. President

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No 79. Municipal Office

Cochin October 12th 1875.

To

The President

Cochin Municipality

Calicut.

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(Signed) J. H. Aspinwall
Vice President.

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Rs 2890 — — —

Memo.

Cost of Completing the repairs on the
eastern side of the Canal in driving piles
and improving the road adjacent thereto — 2600 — — —

(Signed) J. H. Aspinwall
Vice President

(True Copy)

President.

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Calicut 4th November 1876.

No. 20.

From

W. Logan, Esquire,
Ag. President Malabar Municipality.
Calicut.

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

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Your most Obt. Servant.

W. Logan

Ag. President.

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Note — The Tolls & Ferry Act 1870 could be applied, if necessary.

To the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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No 2592

Forwarded for orders of Govt. the Board of Revenue, Cochin Burmese ship Lucy Tolls &c. Calicut Canal

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No 368 of 1875

From C. Brightwell Esq
Actg Secy to Govt.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Dated Ootacamund 13th April 1875

Sir

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to request that you will move the Board of Revenue to favour Government with their opinion on the question whether the Tolls Act of 1870 could be applied to the Canal at Calicut.

I have &c

C. Brightwell
Actg Secy

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15 June 75 Board's Proceedings 19 Aug 75 No 1805

Mr Secretary Brightwell

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith a letter from the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Bellary, No. 1, dated 1st instant, on the question of applying the Tolls Act to the Canal at Calicut.

2. The Board are of opinion that the Tolls Act could be applied to the Canal, but that it would be necessary to amend the Act in some of its provisions.

3. The Board would suggest that the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Bellary, be requested to depute an officer to Calicut to confer with the Collector of Malabar on the subject.

I have &c

Board of Revenue
1st April 1875

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