

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 1510.L

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Toll gate • Approving the proposal of the Tinnevely Dth to open a — at the junction of Shepherd Street of Nanguneri village with road No V. and ordering the issue of a notification in the Fort St George and Tinnevely G^zettes.

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Notification by the Tinnevely District Board

Under section 88 of the Madras Local Boards Act V of 1884, the District Board of Tinnevely hereby notifies, with the approval of his Excellency the Governor in Council, that, from and after the ^{1st Sept.} ~~2nd Aug.~~ 1896, a subsidiary toll gate will be located at Nanguneri at the junction of the Shepherd street with Road No. V Palamcottah - Travancore road, and that tolls will be levied at half the maximum rates specified in schedule B annexed to the said act on all carriages, carts and animals passing the gate, but payment at the main gate will clear the additional gate and vice-versa

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President

PROCEEDINGS OF THE District BOARD, Tinnevely

Dated 8th July 1896

Resolution No. 8

Present.

A. H. B. Higgins Esquire, President.

Officials

1. J. W. Robertson Esquire, Sub Collector.
2. M. R. S. V. Subbiah Avargal, Treasury Deputy Collector and Vice President.
3. M. Ravi Varma Rajah Avargal, Deputy Collector, Seemadurai.
4. J. Raghaviah Avargal, Head quarters Deputy Collector.
5. V. Narayanasami Pillai Avargal, General Charge Deputy Collector.
6. M. Krishna aiyar Avargal, Tahsildar.
7. P. Narasimha Sastri Avargal, Tahsildar.
8. C. Mukunda Row Avargal, Tahsildar.
9. B. Narasimhalu aiyar Avargal, Tahsildar.
10. J. Amaldas Pillai Avargal, Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Tuticorin.
11. J. L. Subba Row Avargal, Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Tinnevely.

Non-officials

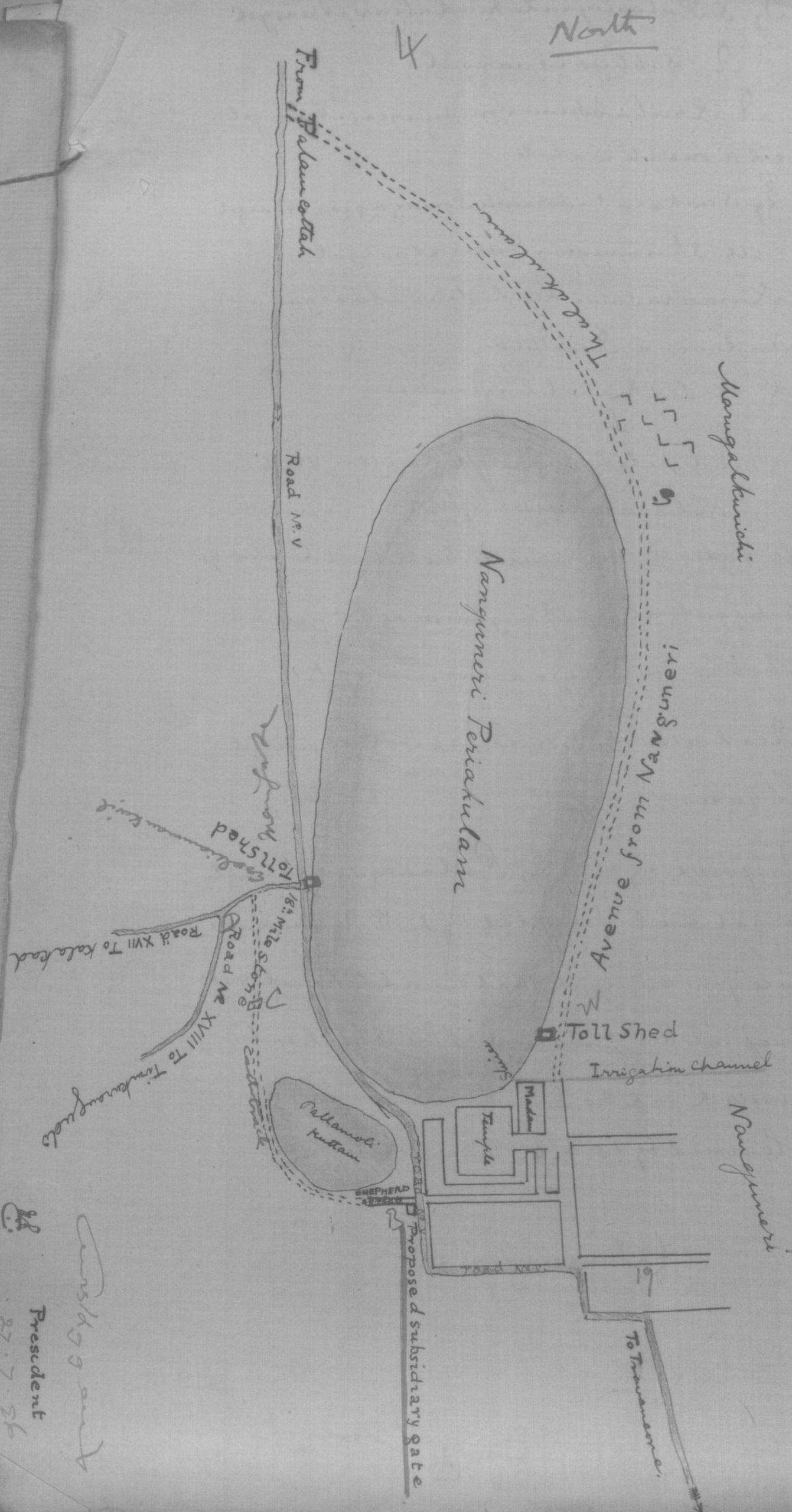
12. S. Angili Veerapandia Chinnaiah Avargal, Landholder of Sivagiri.
13. P. N. Venkatasubram Aiyar Avargal

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Sketch Showing position of Toll Gates at Nanganumeri



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14. M. R. S. S. Palaniyandi Mudaliar Avargal
15. " R. Sublier Avargal.
16. " R. Krishnasami Somayajias Avargal
17. Szedji Meah Sahib
18. M. R. S. S. Sankaradasa Somayajias Avargal
19. " M. Shunmugam Pillai Avargal
20. " Kumarasami Mudaliar Avargal.
21. Athaduvana Rowther
22. M. R. Kadir Mudeddin Rowther

Read petition dated 30 May 1896
 from Sangu reddiar, lessee of the Nanganumeri
 Joint toll gates in reference to the recent discharge
 by the Sub-magistrate of Nanganumeri of a case
 brought by him for alleged evasion of toll.

Read also the former papers connected
 with the gates.

Proposed by M. R. S. S. Palaniyandi Mudali-
 - ar avargal and seconded by M. R. S. S. Venkaba-
 - chelam aiyar avargal that an additional gate
 be put up at the junction of the Shepherd's
 Street with Road No. V.

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(True extract)

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District Board Office Tinnevely,

Dated 27th July 1896,

Local Principal Dept.

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A. W. B. Higgins Esq^r.

President District Board,

Tinnevely,

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The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

Sir,

After the opening of the South Indian Railway the traffic on road no. V between Palamcottah and the Travancore frontier increased considerably, necessitating the yearly outlay of a large sum of money for the upkeep of the road. The funds at the disposal of the District Board, having been found inadequate to meet the increasing expenditure on account of the road, the District Board proposed

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showing position of Top Gates at New's dam

to levy tolls on the road by opening a⁶
gate at Panagudi. In submitting the pro-
posal to Government for its sanction,
it was stated that through traffic alone
would be tolled. The Government objected
to the site of the gate on the score of its
being so near to the Travancore frontier
that the levy of tolls there would be of the
nature of frontier duty, G.O. dated 28th
November 1889 no. 2763 L. Mus. Another station^{slip 12}
at a place a mile and a half north
of Vanguneri was then selected as the
most suitable place, and this the Govern-
ment approved of, G.O. dated 5th September^{slip} 1890

no. 2246 L. Mus.: On the establishment
of the toll gate there complaint was made
that there were opportunities for cartmen
to evade payment of tolls by taking their
carts through by-paths and dry lands.

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To guard against this evasion it was
suggested either that the gate should be
established still farther north, or that
two gates should be placed one near
Esakiammankovil in the 18th mile
immediately to the north of Vanguneri
and the other as a subsidiary gate at
the junction of the old avenue road
along the Periakulam tank bund with
the main road a little west of Vanguneri.
Government sanctioned the latter pro-
posal with certain modifications, G.O.
dated 2nd February 1891, no. 234 L. Mus.
Even this arrangement did not answer
the purpose fully. Complaints still conti-
nued to come in regarding evasion of
tolls by the taking of carts through
branch roads. Two boards were then
hung up one to the north of the Esaki-
ammankovil gate near the old gate

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north of the town, and the other near
the Shepherd street in Nanguneri, through
which carts were reported to have been
stealthily taken, warning the cart drivers
that taking carts off road No. V for the
purpose of evading tolls was illegal.

After this the Shepherd street was not
commonly used by carts. A sketch -
showing the position of the gates and
the Shepherd street is enclosed.

2. In April 1896 the gate-keeper demanded
toll on a cart that was coming from
Katakad via road No. XVII to enter -
Nanguneri, through the Shepherd street
mentioned above, crossing road No. V.
Payment having been refused a -
scuffle ensued, and the matter went
before a Criminal court. The stationary
Sub Magistrate, who enquired into the -
case threw it out on the ground that levy

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levy of toll on carts passing along road
No. XVII and the Shepherd street was illegal.
He found also that the Shepherd street
was a public road. No doubt this was a
correct decision, for the cart had not come
upon Road No. V on which the toll gate is
situated when the toll was demanded.
It is believed, however, that subsequent
to that decision, the by-way through the -
Shepherd street has been commonly used
both by carts approaching Nanguneri by
Roads XVII and XVIII and by carts leaving
Nanguneri for the same roads, and probably
also by carts travelling along Road -
No. V the drivers of which may wish to -
avoid paying toll by taking this route
and coming on to Road No. V a little further
north or vice-versa. Prosecution is not
likely to succeed in checking the practice,
because it would generally be difficult

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to prove that the cartmen actually intended
to evade the payment of toll.
3. It must be stated here that, though the
original intention of the District Board and
Government apparently, was to tax through
traffic between Travancore and Palamcottah,
yet, since the location of the gate at the 18th
mile and the disuse of the Shepherd street,
toll has been levied at the Esakammunkovil
gate not only on carts passing along Road
No. V, but also on carts passing from Road No. V
on to Roads XVII and XVIII, which leave Road
No. V just opposite the toll gate, and on carts
coming on to Road No. V from those roads
at the same point. Part of the traffic on
Roads XVII and XVIII viz a portion of that
which passes along Road No. XVIII is through
traffic, because Road No. XVIII joins Road No. V
again at Panagudi and cartmen some-
times prefer that route. The remainder

is cross traffic. Through traffic and cross
traffic cannot, however, be easily distinguished.
4. The rental of the Mangum gate
has risen from Rs 4,470 in 1891-92 to Rs 10,550
in the current year. The District Board
is very unwilling to know away the revenue
which will be lost, if carts are allowed to
use the Shepherd street without restriction.
It has accordingly in its resolution No. 8
dated 8th July 1896, decided to locate an
additional gate at the junction of the
Shepherd street with road No. V, copy
enclosed.

If this subsidiary gate be established, it
is believed, that the evasion of toll now
resorted to will be averted and the
rental remain unaffected.

5. In these circumstances I have the
honor to submit the proposal with a
draft notification for the approval of

Government and if approved, for publi-
-cation of the notice in the Fort Saint George
gazette.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Ans/dggard

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plan to have been to have
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Sate - If Navanore people
want to use many miles of
Tir. roads in order to reach
the R4, they ought to pay
tolls. However, the L. B. has
not asked for that - I do
let them do as they wish. I don't
myself see such strong objection
to tolls as some people do -
They are evils, no doubt, but
still necessary evils in the
existing fin. state of L. B.

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