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No. 128. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 10th April 1857, No. 1637.

SIR,

It having been brought to the notice of the Governor General in Council, that a practice existed in some Districts of carrying to the credit of the local Funds the entire income of Ferries and Boat Bridges, which had been provided at a large expense from the Public Revenues, the following Rules are laid down for general guidance.

2nd. The whole of the Tolls levied on Ferries and Bridges of Boats, which have been constructed at the expense of the State, or are maintained by grants of public money, shall be carried to the credit of the General Revenues.

3rd. Where the Boats and Bridges have hitherto been kept in efficient order without assistance from Government, the local Funds may still continue to receive the income, but not otherwise.

4th. The maintenance of Bridges or Ferries of a mixed character, that is, partly supported by grants from Government and partly from the local Funds, is considered objectionable, and the practice will henceforth be discontinued.

5th. On Imperial Lines of Road, therefore, where the local Funds are not in a position to undertake the entire management of the Bridges or Ferries, the duty will wholly devolve on the Government, and the Tolls will be all credited to the Government Revenues.

6th. In furtherance of these views, and at the same time to meet the circumstances of those lines of Road on which the collection of Tolls has been established, a special Fund will be constituted for each principal line of Imperial Road, or for the several sections of such Roads, which shall be called the Toll Fund of that Road.

7th. The whole of the Tolls collected on that Road, whether at Ferries, Bridges, or Toll houses wherever they may be established, shall be credited to the Toll Fund, and all outlay for repairs, charges of collection, &c., will, on the other hand, be debited to it.

8th. The gross income of the Toll Funds will be added to the General Revenues, and the gross expenditure, in like manner, will be a charge against the General Revenues, the Fund being instituted for purposes of account only, and not with the object of placing the surplus assets, should there be any, at the unrestricted disposal of the local Administration, as is now the case with the local Funds.

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10th. The Accounts of the several Toll Funds established under each local Administration will be submitted annually, with a suitable Report, for the information of the Government of India, in connexion with the Progress Reports of the Department of Public Works. These Accounts will form a part of the Returns of Renumerative Works already ordered to be prepared.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, No. 1168; dated 16th June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT WILLIAM,
The 10th April 1857.

Secretary to the Government of India.

No 109 Bridge Circular No. 1166, dated 16th June 1857.
Ordered that the foregoing Letter be
Printed —
Signed H. Forbes
Secretary to

R. 15th April 1858. Nos 14 & 15.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
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No. 875

From the Secretary to the
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Dated 10th April 1857
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