

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 15. Read the following Circular letter from Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 3rd May 1860, No. 2,274:—

I am directed to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council copy of a Draft Notification embracing a Resolution on the subject of tolls on Imperial Roads, which the Government of India intend to publish, in connexion with the imposition of the new taxes.

2. It is believed that this Resolution will not affect the tolls now levied in the Madras Presidency.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1860, No. 1,055.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and Chief Engineer for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

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My dear Sir

Sept 15 1855

Received per reference to C. D. D.
of the 21st Nov 1855 \$100.00
for the collection of the Coleridge
estate on the subject of the
12th Sept 1855

Yours
C. D. D.

Wm. D. D.
The Collector

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

THE Hon'ble President in Council having had under consideration the Reports of the several Governments and local Administrations of India on the subject of the establishment of a system of tolls on all Imperial Roads for the purpose of defraying the expense of repairs, has, with the concurrence of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General, directed that the Resolution of the Government of India on the subject shall be published for general information.

2. Although the abstract justice of the levy of tolls as a means of raising funds for the maintenance of roads is generally admitted, the imposition of tolls on roads passing through an open country is in most cases felt to be vexatious, and is always to some extent repressive of traffic. Moreover, the same amount of money can usually be raised more easily, and with less inconvenience to the public, in the general system of taxation. It has therefore been determined not to depend on tolls as the source of funds for the ordinary maintenance of Imperial Roads along the great trunk lines of traffic, but to provide for the necessary outlay from the general revenues.

3. Tolls will, however, continue to be levied, under Act VIII. of 1851, when required as a means of making, or of keeping in repair a road of merely local importance, or in cases where extraordinary natural obstacles have been overcome, as in the roads over the Western Ghats, in the Himalaya, and in other rugged hilly tracts.

4. Tolls will also continue to be taken where a heavy annual outlay is incurred for temporary works, for boat bridges requiring periodical renewal, or for ferries at river crossings on Imperial Roads.

5. In such cases the tolls are generally cheerfully paid, and are not felt to be oppressive.

6. But no tolls will be levied on Imperial Roads passing through the open country, nor on permanent bridges on such roads; so that the unobstructed benefit of these works may be open to the public.

7. The levy of tolls beyond what is permitted by this Resolution will cease after the———

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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CIRCULAR.

No. 2274

FROM

THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

TO

The Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 3rd May 1860.

Communications.

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2. It is believed that this Resolution will not affect the tolls now levied in the Madras Presidency.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. P. C.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

1069 to Mr. [unclear] and Mr. [unclear]

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From the Offg. Secy.
to the Govt. of India

Wanted 3^d } May 1880
 Received 10th }

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Forwarding copy of a
Draft Ratification
embracing a Resolution
on the subject of tolls
on Imperial road.

1055 21st May

With our Orders. S.

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Present to the Commissioner of the
Board of Health and to my Superior for
information.
WILLIAMS