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Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th August 1865.*

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Approving of the Board's proposal to tax
the traffic on the South Coast Canal
by an annual license fee of Rupees 2
per ton of boat measurement, and inti-
mating that there is no objection to the
management of the arrangement being
undertaken by the Collector of Madras. (Here enter 8th August 1865, No. 1,831.)

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1865, No. 2,346.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 45.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 4th Division, and to the
Special Executive Engineer in charge of
the East Coast Canal for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES, A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.
To W. Fraser, Esq., Special Executive Engineer.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1865.*

No. 112. : Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1865, No. 4,291.

Read again letter from Collector of Madras, dated 3rd February 1865, in Board's Proceedings, 24th April 1865, No. 2,076.

Read also the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 15th June 1865, No. 163 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,076 of 24th April 1865, I have the honor to state that previous to Board's Proceedings of the 8th November 1864, no correspondence appears to have passed in this Office regarding the system of tolls or license on the Southern Canal. Mr. Fraser, the Special Executive Engineer in charge of the Canal, tells me that in his Office also there are no papers except those quoted in the Government Order, No. 2,353 of 23rd December 1861, which appears to have formed an enclosure to their Proceedings of 1st September 1864, No. 2,525.

2. The yearly collections of the Southern Canal, from the date it was opened for traffic, is given in the margin. I beg also to submit a rough sketch of the Canal as far south as the Lattice Bridge, which latter is generally the landing place of passengers. Cargo is landed at the point A. where the Canal meets the Adyar.

3. I request early orders that the new system of toll collection may commence with the Fusly.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government with reference to their Order under date 1st September 1864, No. 2,525.

2. The Government will observe that the Collector of Madras is prepared to undertake the management of the Southern Canal, and, if desired, to introduce the system of taking toll now in force on the Northern Canal. He estimates that by this plan the cost of the collection of tolls will be about 13 per cent. on the receipts, but expects the receipts to increase from the supervision which will be exercised. Mr. Fane is, however, in favor of renting the collection of tolls on certain conditions.

3. On a re-consideration of the matter, the Board doubt whether it will be expedient to adopt the same system of tolls on the two Canals. The absence of a lock on the Southern Canal creates a difficulty, and the establishment to be entertained would be large compared with the receipts.

4. Under the system at present in force passenger boats pay a consolidated tax of Rupees 10 per annum, and cargo boats pay a toll of two Annas per ton. The Board are of opinion that the simplest arrangement will be to levy the toll entirely in the shape of an annual boat license. They would propose that all boats, whether cargo or otherwise, should be required to take out a license in accordance with

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their tonnage, and that the license fee should be fixed at Rupees 2 per ton per annum. Mr. Fane reports that there are eighty-one passenger boats of five tons each, which also occasionally carry cargo, and twenty-three cargo boats varying from ten to twenty-five tons each, so that the receipts for the licenses may be estimated at about Rupees 1,500 per annum.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with a view to the questions of (1) relieving the Engineer Department of the duty of making the toll collections on the Southern Canal; and (2) of adopting the system advocated in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, being considered in that Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
1st August 1865. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

To the Revenue Department, with copies of G. O. No. 1,123, dated 18th June 1861.

.. .. 1,400, .. 27th July ..
.. .. 2,353, .. 23rd Dec. ..
.. .. 2,525, .. 1st Sept. 1861.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1865, No. 1,831.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve the Board's proposal to tax the traffic on the South Coast Canal by an annual license fee of Rupees 2 per ton of boat measurement.

The absence of the means of check afforded by the Lock Establishment on the Northern Coast Canal renders the system there in force unsuited to the South Coast Canal. The boats should be numbered and registered.

2. The Collector could probably manage the arrangement more conveniently than can the Department of Public Works, and there appears to be no objection to the transfer of the work.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cunningham
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Communicated to the Super-
intending Engineer of the 4th Division
and to the Special Executive Engineer
in charge of the Salt-Leach
Canal for information & guidance.

Thos. A. George

12th Aug 1895

To the Superintending Engineer

of the 4th Division

Mr. Francis Squire M. E. Engineer

the Controller of

P. W. Accounts

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Pro. of Govt. for August 6
No. 2958.

Pro. of Govt. in the
Revenue Dep. as to

2^d 8th Aug. 1865
Recd. No. 5.
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Traffic on the South Coast
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license fee of Rs. 2 per ton
of boat measurement,
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to the management of
the arrangement being
undertaken by the
Collector of Madras.

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With an order
No. 2346-12 dated 12th August 1865

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of the 4th Division

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