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Government of Madras.

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Principal DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th February 1868.*

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Wandur, 27th January 1868, No. 22:—

G. O., dated 11th November 1865, No. 3,374. 1. Adverting to the correspondence noted, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Collector, Ponani, in reply to a reference from this Office, informs me that two dams were erected on the Ponani canal by the cultivators with a view to protect their crops harvested in this month.

These dams can be taken up now, if not already removed.

Two others are required, however, to preserve the "punjah" crop (as it is locally termed) from injury, and these must be kept up till after the harvest, which is generally in May.

2. Boats have been passed over as usual, nor have I heard particular complaint; but to prevent delay or annoy-

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1 Cabin boat or boat over 1 ton ...	0	4	0	ance from unauthorized demands this
1 Laden boat under 1 ton ...	0	2	0	season, I think it would be well if
1 Unladen boat or boat with passengers ...	0	1	0	Government were to sanction the levy
Toll at each dam at each time of crossing.				of moderate fees, as noted on boats crossing the dams, and entertain six men at

each dam, on Rupees 6 per mensem each, to pass the boats over without delay or farther demand.

3. A table of fees would be conspicuously posted, and the collection might be leased out to a renter, with whom it would entirely rest. Whether the sum bid would cover the cost of the men employed, as proposed, I cannot form an opinion. But it seems better to pay men direct than to leave it to the renter, who would constantly be endeavouring to increase his gains by keeping the fewest possible servants.

4. If this arrangement is made, the cost of the dams should, I think, be defrayed by Government. It would not be more than 10 to 15 Rupees each.

I beg early orders.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to the order quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board are of opinion that Mr. Ballard's proposals may be adopted experimentally for one year.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1868, No. 401.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, through the Department Public Works, for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Report to the
Suppl. Ins. of Division
thru the S.F.W. for his
remarks. L.D.

12th July 68

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