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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th June 1869.

No. 242. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Tolls Acts in Wynaad.—Passing orders with reference to their introduction. } (Here enter 4th June 1869, No 1,577.)

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1869, No. 1,906

CIVIL WORKS, No. 42.

COMMUNICATED to the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 102. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1869, No. 2,971 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 13th February 1869, No. 44.

In my report on the Public Works in this district for 1867-68, I mentioned that the Peria Ghaut (between north Wynaad and the coast) was useable by carts; and that the Karkur Ghaut (between south-east Wynaad and the coast) had been opened to carts at the end of 1867.

Considerable improvements have been made on both these ghauts and their approaches since; and not only have large portions of the Coffee crops been brought down on carts this season, but miscellaneous cart traffic is very rapidly developing.

2. The Tambracherry (between Wynaad and Calicut) has now been opened to carts; and the traffic upon it promises to be enormous. All the Coffee of south Wynaad will find its way to the coast by this route, whilst a good deal that has hitherto been taken by the Kotiaddy and Karkur Ghauts from the vicinity of Teriot, Cherambady, etc, will now be carted by the Teriot and Mupynad roads down by Tambracherry to Calicut.

The first carts passed up on the 31st Dec 1868.

The magnificent line from the ghaut head by Vytry, Kalpetta, and Sultan's Battery to Mysore is rapidly approaching completion, and will doubtless tend to bring heavy miscellaneous cart traffic on this ghaut, whilst from its foot, beside the main line to Calicut, two important district lines, one lately opened, and another just opening to cart traffic, lead off to Quilandy and the north, and to the Calicut and Ernad Talooks and the south, respectively.

3. Considering then that the three ghauts are now fairly opened to carts, it seems to me time for Government to determine, whether the ghauts are to be tolled or not.

Approximately up to 1867-68, inclusive	RS
Peria Ghaut	92,128
Do approaches above	87,753
Tambracherry Ghaut	1,35,986
Do approaches above	1,05,543
Karkur Ghaut	74,006
Do. approaches above	86,920
Do do below	58,838
Total	6,41,179
Allotments 1868-69, for the three ghauts and their approaches	1,97,500
Grant Total	8,38,679

Looking at the large and special expenditure that has been incurred on these works and their approaches, the heavy expenditure that will still attend their thorough completion and up-keep, and the great saving effected by their means in the cost of carriage, I conceive that here, if anywhere, tolls may fairly be demanded.

4. The saving in the cost of carriage by carts over bullocks may be approximately estimated as under. I take

coffee as a standard; though, of course, the calculation holds with but slight modification in regard to the transport of all articles.—

Cost of conveying one ton

	Miles.	By Bullocks	By Cart	Gain by Cart
		RS	RS	RS
North Wynaad				
(Manantoddy) to Tellicherry ...	48	53	35	18
South Wynaad				
(Vytry to Calicut)	38	50	28	22
South-East Wynaad.				
(Gudalur) to Areakod (head of water communication to Calicut)	48	59	49	10

Thus it will be seen there is an average saving of about Rupees 6 per cart-load by the use of carts instead of pack-bullocks; in other words, by the opening of the ghauts and their approaches, between Wynaad and the Coast.

5. I would propose, therefore, that a Toll bar be established at a suitable place at or near the head of each of the Peria, Tambracherry, and Karkur Ghauts. I think the rates of toll given in the enclosed schedule may fairly be levied.

I should like to levy higher rates especially on carts and horses, but Act XV. of 1864 does not provide for doing so

6. Perhaps the returns at first may be roughly estimated at something like the amounts noted.—

	RS.
Peria Ghaut	2,500
Tambracherry do.	3,500
Karkur do	3,000

7. If tolls are established, the most convenient system of management will be that long customary in Malabar, namely, the annual sale by auction of the right of collection according to the schedule, for the Fusly year.

8. I would suggest that the proceeds should be carried to a separate head of "Ghaut Tolls" under Local Funds, and that the requirements of the ghauts and their approaches, beyond the fixed Imperial maintenance allowance which of course the lines would still have their right to, should be a first charge on the collections, the surplus, if any, after these requirements were fully met, only being carried to the District Road Funds.

9. I recommend that the terms be fixed and published, and that the farm of the tolls for each ghaut separately for Fusly 1279 be sold by auction at this office when the other Toll farms of the district are disposed of.

That is, from 1st July 1869, to 30th June 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th June 1869.

ENCLOSURE No 1

Schedule of Tolls proposed to be levied on the Peria, Tambracherry and Karkur Ghauts leading from Mysore and Wynaad to the Coast

	RS	A	P	Remarks.
On every 4-wheeled carriage ...	1	0	0	
,, 2 ,, ,, ...	0	12	0	
,, Cart drawn by 4 bullocks, buffaloes, horses, ponies, asses or mules, if laden	0	8	0	
,, Do. do do if not laden	0	4	0	
,, Cart drawn by 2 bullocks, buffaloes, horses, ponies, asses or mules, if laden	0	4	0	I think a toll of 1 Rupee per laden cart might most fairly and rightly be levied, and 4 Annas would be only fair for a horse
,, Do. do do if not laden	0	2	0	
Buffaloes or bullocks per head, laden	0	1	0	
Do do unladen	0	0	6	
Elephant	1	8	0	
Horse laden or ridden	0	1	6	
,, unladen or led	0	0	9	
On every camel, if laden	0	8	0	
Do. if not laden	0	4	0	But the Act does not allow of higher rates.
On every tattoo or mule, if laden or ridden	0	0	9	
Do unladen or led	0	0	6	
On every ass, if laden or ridden	0	0	6	
Do unladen or led	0	0	3	
On every sheep, goat, or pig	0	0	1	
On every palankeen, mancheel, dooly, palna, or tonjon with 8 bearers ...	1	0	0	The Schedule to Act XV of 1864 much requires revision
Do do. do with 6 do ...	0	12	0	
Do do. do. with 4 do. ...	0	8	0	
Do do do with 2 do ...	0	4	0	
On every foot-passenger laden	0	0	3	

1. N B —Animals drawing any vehicle for which toll can be demanded are not to be also charged with toll.
2. A foot passenger to be considered "laden" if carrying more than 20 £, others free.

CALICUT,
13*th February* 1869

(Signed) W. H. GLENNY,
Assistant, for Collector absent in the district

IN this letter the Collector states that the Peria, Tambracherry, and Karkur Ghauts in Wynaad are now opened for wheeled traffic, and recommends that tolls be collected thereon at the rates entered in the schedule printed with his letter.

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2. The saving in the expenses of transit by the opening of these ghauts is shown by the marginal statement, and it would certainly warrant a higher rate for carts, but the rate named by the Collector is the highest that the law permits.

3. The establishment of tolls on these ghauts was always contemplated by Government, and is justified by the heavy expenditure, nearly 8½ lacs of Rupees, already incurred on them.

4. The Board recommend that Acts VIII. of 1851 and XV. of 1864 be applied to Wynaad, and that the arrangements proposed by the Collector be sanctioned, excepting the charge for "laden" foot-passengers: the Act draws no distinction between these and ordinary foot-passengers. The Board are not in favor of levying any toll on foot-passengers.

5. The proceeds of the tolls will form part of the District Road Fund as ordered by the Supreme Government in their Order, dated 28th January 1864, No. 516. They will appear in the Collector's Budget as a separate item, and the only portion of them available for other works will be the surplus, if any, after providing for the maintenance of each ghaut and its approaches.

Receipts from Tambracherry Tolls	
Do	Karkur.
Do	Peria

6 A revision of the Schedule of Act XV. of 1864 is very desirable.

No 103. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1869, No. 1,577.

Miscellaneous

THE foregoing Proceedings relate to a proposal made by the Collector of Malabar, and supported by the Board of Revenue, for levying tolls on the Peria, Tambracherry and Karkur Ghauts in Wynaad, which are now opened for wheeled traffic.

2. The Government consider that the proposed establishment of tolls on these three ghauts is perfectly justifiable. They accordingly resolve to extend Acts VIII. of 1851 and XV of 1864 to Wynaad, and to sanction the levy of the impost on the ghauts in question at the rates specified in the Schedule appended to the Collector's letter. The Government, however, think with the Board, that it is undesirable to levy any toll on foot-passengers, and they accordingly direct that the last item of the Schedule be omitted for the present. Should experience show that the exemption of this class is in any way abused, they can be made liable to the charge hereafter.

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of their Proceedings above recorded, the Board are requested to state, in what manner the Schedule of Act XV. of 1864, requires amendment.

(True Extract.)

W. Walsh

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd E. C. Shunker.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated June, 4th.

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G O, 4th June 1869, No 1,577.

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To Major R. B. Kennedy —
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To Major R. B. Kennedy

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Dated

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Subject Prov. Revd. Orders relative to the Salaries of Wynaad, of Acts VIII of 1859 & XV of 1864 regarding the levy of tolls - and other Officers concerned