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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th January 1870.*

No. 140. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 1st December 1869, No 482.—

By the wording of letter from Collector of Malabar, embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 3,486, dated 1st ultimo, I see it is assumed that the proceeds of the tolls on the Periar, Tambiacherry, and Carcoor Ghauts are to be credited to District Fund, and I venture to submit that such a disposal of them is scarcely logical. The roads are Imperial Roads, constructed entirely out of Imperial Funds, and maintained hitherto from the same, it would therefore appear reasonable that the Tolls collected upon them should be applied at least, in the first instance, so far as to satisfy their requirements, for maintenance in good order and improvement in various very desirable ways, and that the whole burden should not be thrown on Imperial allotments.

2. The up-keep of Ghaut roads will always be far more difficult, and therefore more costly than it is in the case of ordinary communications, and whereas I have asked for Rupees 200 per mile for some of the roads on the plateau, I have not made any larger requisition for the ghauts, expressly, however, mentioning that the omission was made in the expectation that the Imperial grant would be supplemented by the proceeds of the tolls, and looking to the numerous casualties involving heavy expense, to which such roads, constructed on steep hill sides, exposed to the full fury of the long and heavy monsoon, are subject, the result will be that unless the Imperial grants are supplemented by the tolls, either the former must be very largely increased, or else there will be every year continual demands for works, properly of repair, which the present amount of maintenance is inadequate to meet. I propose therefore that, in the first instance, the proceeds of the tolls be applied to the construction of the toll houses and cost of collection, and then be expended in maintaining such a fixed Conservancy Establishment as will suffice to keep the ghauts in thorough good order; the surplus, if any, not being till then available for general local purposes.

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No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1870, No. 73.

ACCOUNT, No. 25

THE proposal contained in the latter part of paragraph 2 of this letter will be referred to the Revenue Department for consideration, with reference to the orders of the Government of India recorded in Revenue Proceedings of the 17th February 1864, No. 289.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Revenue Department.
To Major R B Kennedy.

Exd. E C. Shunker.

Special Executive Engineer's
Office Wynaad Vythiery
1st December 1869.

No 482

From

Major R. B. Kenredy
Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

To,

Colonel A. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Fort Saint George

Sir,

By the wording of letter from Collector of Malabar embodied in Proceedings of Government No 3486. dated 1st Ultimo, I see it is assumed that the proceeds of the Tolls on the Periah, Tamberchery, and Carcoor Ghauts are to be credited to District Fund, and I venture to submit that such a disposal of them is scarcely logical. The Roads are Imperial Roads, constructed entirely out of Imperial Funds, and maintained hitherto from the same; it would therefore appear reasonable that the Tolls collected

upon them should be applied, at least in the first instance, so far, as to satisfy their requirements for maintenance in good order, and improvement in various very desirable ways; and that the whole burden should not be thrown on Imperial allotments.

2. The upkeep of Ghaut Roads will always be far more difficult and therefore more costly than it is in the case of ordinary communications; and whereas I have asked for Rupees 200 per mile for some of the roads on the Plateau, I have not made any larger requisition for the Ghauts, expressly, however, mentioning that the mission was made in the expectation that the Imperial grant would be supplemented by the Proceeds of the Tolls - and looking to the numerous casualties involving heavy expense, to which such roads, constructed on steep hill sides, exposed to the full fury of the long and heavy monsoon, are subject, the result will be that unless the Imperial grants are supplemented by the Tolls, either the former must be very largely increased, or else there will be every year continual demands for works properly of repair, which the present amount of maintenance is inadequate to meet. I propose, therefore, that in the first instance the proceeds of the Tolls be applied to the construction of the Toll houses, and cost of collection, and then be expended in maintaining such a fixed Conservancy Establishment as will suffice to keep the Ghauts in thorough good order; the surplus, if any, not being till then available for general Local purposes.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Robt. G. Kennedy Major
Special Executive Engineer Ghauts

Public Works Department.

No 73.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 7th January 1870

Read the following

From Major R. B. Kennedy R.E. No 482 of 15th December 1869

Executive Engr Nyanad

The Proposal &c.
Carried in the latter part
of Para 2 of this letter will
be referred to the Revenue
Department for consider-
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orders of the Government
of India recorded in
Revenue Proceedings Date
17th February 1864, No 289.

To the Revenue Dept.
From Major R. B Kennedy
Exec Engr
Nyanad

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works
Fort St George

Dated 1st
Rec'd 4th } December 1869

No 482.

Proposes that the proceeds
of tolls be applied to the
construction of toll houses
and maintaining Imperial
roads:-

No 1140

No 73-7 dated 3 1870

Case 565

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To the Revenue Department

Dated

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Nos. 140-141

Tolls The proposal of Mr Ops in charge of the Operations in Tyrnad taluk, that certain Toll houses, erected in the proceeding two Tolls on the Periah, Tamboracherry and Cavery streams, referred to Revenue Dept for remunerations