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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th September 1870.*

No. 351. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 31st August 1870, No. 392 A.G :—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 147, dated 9th August 1870, furnishing explanation regarding the necessity for providing for the repair of roads to hill stations from Imperial Revenues, and, in reply, to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of Madras, whether the necessary funds for this purpose cannot be obtained by establishing suitable tolls for all traffic using the

Public Works Department letter No. 572 C,
dated 29th July 1864.

Letter from Punjab Government, No. 1,317,
dated 2nd July 1866.

Public Works Department letter No. 665 A,
dated 25th July 1866.

roads. On this point I am to forward, for information, copy of the papers noted in the margin, showing what is done in the Punjab for the supply of funds for repair of roads to hill stations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST 1864.

(Civil Works—Communications.)

From Colonel R. STRACHEY, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab in the Public Works Department, dated 29th July 1864, No. 572C/3,503.

Road from Kalka to Simla.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that the road from Kalka to Simla is still incomplete near Dugshai, and I am therefore directed to request that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will take immediate steps for causing the needful designs and estimates to be prepared for the work needed to complete the road, either by means of the tunnel or by the line over the ridge, whichever is, on mature consideration, deemed the best.

2. I am also to observe that this line has already become of much importance to the large European and Native community at Simla, and calls for all possible amelioration, both as regards its general state of repair and the width of the road, which in some places is still very narrow, and the security of travellers using wheeled carriages upon it.

3. The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that as the road is virtually of importance to one class of the community only, namely, the European residents at Simla, and, as the character of the road itself is quite exceptional, the means for keeping it in repair and for gradually improving its character may very properly be obtained by establishing a suitable toll for all traffic using it. This toll should be carried to the credit of a Local Fund, to be applied exclusively to the maintenance and improvement of the road, which would thus become self-supporting to a great extent. The superior Engineering Establishment required for the supervision of the line might, I am to add, for the present, remain at the charge of Imperial funds until the result of the toll becomes better known.

4. The early attention of the Lieutenant-Governor is requested to these matters, which are of much moment to the Simla community.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST 1866.

(Account.)

Proceedings (Account) March 1864, A., Nos. 6—11.

Proceedings (Civil Works—Communications) August 1864, A., No. 2.
From Colonel A. TAYLOR, C.B., R.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of the Punjab in the Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 2nd July 1866, No. 1,317.

Tolls on Kalka and Simla Road, etc.

It is estimated that the profits which will be realized from the tolls on the Kalka and Simla, and Rawalpindie and Murree Roads, will amount to nearly Rupees 34,000 for the years 1865-66 and 1866-67.

2. Considering the object in view in establishing these tolls, and the heavy claims upon Government for works of public improvement, His Honour hopes the province may have the benefit of the funds thus locally raised, and that an increase of the usual allotment for Civil Works in the Punjab may be made to the above extent in the Budget of 1867-68.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab in the Public Works Department, dated 25th July 1866, No. 665 A.

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1,317, dated 2nd July 1866, expressing the hope of the Lieutenant-Governor that the net proceeds of the toll on the Kalka and Simla Road, and the Rawalpindie and Murree Road, for the past and current year, may be added to the regular Public Works Grant that may be assigned to the Punjab for 1867-68, and, in reply, to observe that the request involved in your letter seems to have been made under the impression that the tolls are to be carried to credit of Imperial Revenues, and that the charges for the maintenance of the roads referred to are to be provided for out of the Imperial Public Works Budget Grant, as has been done during 1865-66 and 1866-67.

2. But I am to point out that, by Public Works Department Circular No. 6 of 1864, all tolls on Imperial lines of road are directed to be carried to credit of Local Funds in view to meet primarily the charges for the maintenance of those roads. And this has been specially directed dated 29th July 1864.

3. I am, therefore, to request that this arrangement may be carried out in the present instance, if it has not already been done. This will set free, for other purposes, the provision made for the roads in question in the Public Works Department Budget Estimate for 1866-67, and the maintenance of these roads will thus not trench upon the grant that may be appropriated for the coming year for works of public improvement. It is not, of course, supposed that the toll will relieve the Imperial funds from the charge for the improvements now being carried out on the estimate lately sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1870, No. 2,268.

ACCOUNT, No. 38.

COMMUNICATED to the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, who will report in what manner the proceeds of the tolls between Kullar and Ootacamund are disposed of and, in

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communication with the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, will state whether they cannot be made to suffice for the maintenance of the hill roads referred to by the Government of India, and at present provided with maintenance allowances as per margin in the Public Works Budget.

Ootacamund Station	...	...	RS. 1,760
Coonoor do.	...	...	880
Kotagherry do.	...	...	1,320

(True Extract.)

Colonel R.E.,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 495

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
Revenue Department.

23 Sept 70

11. Letter to P.W.D. Secy 15 Oct 70

Exd. S. T. Augustin

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No. 3883
Revenue Dept.
Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE ACTING SUPERINTENDING
ENGINEER, 7th DIVISION
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Dated 1 September, 1870.

Recd. 23 Encl.

G. O., 20th September 1870, No. 2,208.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 351-352

Hill Roads.—Letter from the Govern-
ment of India suggesting the adoption of
certain measures for raising funds for the
repair of hill roads, and forwarding papers
regarding the course followed for similar
purposes in the Punjab, communicated
to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th
Division with instructions.

No 85-23 September 1870
With order

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ACCOUNT.

General.

30,
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department.
Sir, Letter 31st August 1870

I am directed to acknowledge
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August 1870 furnishing explanation
regarding the necessity for providing
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tions from imperial revenues, and in
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what is done in the Punjab for the
supply of funds for repair of
roads to Hill stations.

P.W.D. letter
No. 572 C. 2/29
July 1864
Letter from Punjab
No. 1372 P. 2/24/1864
P.W.D. letter No. 665
2/25 July 1864

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedt. servt.

Wm. L. Murray

Secretary to Govt. of India,

Public Works Department Proceedings, August 1864.

Civil Works

Communications

Road from Halbra to Simla.

No. 572 C. 2/29, dated 29th July, 1864.

From Colonel R. Strachey, R. E., Secretary to
Government of India, Public Works Department,
to Secretary to Government of Punjab, in the Public
Works Department.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor
General in Council that the road from Halbra
to Simla is still incomplete near Dugshai, and
I am therefore directed to request that His Honor
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2. I am also to observe that this line has already
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for all possible amelioration, both as regards its general state of repair and the width of the road, which in some places is still very narrow, and the security of travellers using wheeled carriages upon it.

3. The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that as the road is virtually of importance to one class of the community only, viz: the European residents at Simla, and as the character of the road itself is quite exceptional, the means for keeping it in repair and for gradually improving its character may very properly be obtained by establishing a suitable toll for all traffic using it. This toll should be carried to the credit of a local fund, to be applied exclusively to the maintenance and improvement of the road, which would thus become self-supporting to a great extent. The Superior Engineering Establishment required for the supervision of the line might, I am to add, for the present, remain at the charge of imperial funds until the result of the toll becomes better known.

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/s/

Public Works Department Proceedings, August 1866.

Account

Tolls on Hallra and Simla Road, &c. -

Pro: (Account) March 1864, A Nos 6-11.

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A 1317, dated 2nd July, 1866.

From Colonel A. Taylor, C. B., R. E., Officiating Secretary

to Government of Punjab, in the P. W. Department.

To Secretary to Government of India, P. W. Department.

It is estimated that the profits which will be realized from the tolls on the Hallra and Simla, and Rawulpindee and Murree Roads, will amount to nearly Rupees 34,000, for the years 1865-66, and 1866-67.

2 Considering the object in view in establishing these tolls, and the heavy claims upon Government for works of public improvement, His Honour hopes the Province may have the benefit of the funds thus locally raised, and that an increase of the usual allotment for civil works in the Punjab may be made to the above extent in the Budget of 1867-68.

A 665, dated 25th July, 1866.

From Lieut. Col. G. H. Dickens, R. A., Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department

To Secretary to Government of Punjab, in the Public
Works Department.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of
your letter N. 1317, dated 2nd July 1866, expressing
the hope of the Lieutenant Governor that the net
proceeds of the toll on the Halla and Simla Road,
and the Rawalpindie and Murree Road, for
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are to be carried to credit of Imperial Revenues,
and that the charges for the maintenance of
the roads referred to are to be provided for out of
the Imperial Public Works Budget grant, as has
been done during 1865-66 and 1866-67.

2. But I am to point out that, by Public Works
Department Circular N. 6 of 1864, all tolls on Im-
perial lines of road are directed to be carried
to credit of Local Funds in view to meet primarily
the charges for the maintenance of those roads.
And this has been specially directed to be done

in the case of the Halla and Simla Road, in
Public Works Department letter N. 572 b. dated 29th
July 1864. — 72

3. I am therefore to request that this arrange-
ment may be carried out in the present instance,
if it has not already been done. This will set
free, for other purposes, the provision made for
the roads in question in the Public Works Depart-
ment Budget-Estimate for 1866-67, and the main-
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upon the grant that may be appropriated
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improvement. It is not, of course, supposed
that the toll will relieve the Imperial Funds
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tioned by the Governor General in Council. —

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No 2268 P.H.D. 99/7
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
 Read the following:-

From the Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India { N.E. No 392 S.D. 731 Aug 77 }

Communicated
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From
 The Govt. of India
 Dated 31st Aug. 1870
 Received 8th Sept. 1870

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 adoption of certain
 measures for raising
 funds for the repair
 roads to Hill
 Stations, & forwarding
 papers regarding the
 course followed for
 similar purposes in
 the Punjab.

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present provided with
 maintenance allowances
 as per margin in the
 Public Works Budget.

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 Circumstances - 1750
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To the right of the 7th - ✓
 The Rev. Mr. ...

Dated 21-9-70

Of 3535

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engineer
 of the Division

For

to

20 Sept 2268

No. 351-352

Hill Roads. Letter from the Govt.
 of India regarding the adoption of
 certain measures for raising funds
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