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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd June 1862.

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 26th May 1862, No. 279 :—

Passing orders on letter from Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company (through the Consulting Engineer for Railways), relating further to the subject of the Beypoor Ferry and Callavy Bridge. } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings, 26th May 1862, Nos. 102, 103.)

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1862, No. 1,217.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and Collector of Malabar, with reference to G. O. 20th May 1862, No. 1,117.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, submitted through the Acting Consulting Engineer, dated 14th May 1862, No. 342, recorded in Proceedings of the 20th instant.

Read also letter from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 19th May 1862, No. 348.

1. On the 14th instant, I had the honor to address you on the subject of the Beypore Ferry and Callay Bridge, but at that time had not the statistics with which to do more than advocate generally the leasing of these properties by this Company.

2. This morning I have been furnished with figures by the Traffic Manager, which enable me to place the matter more clearly before Government.

3. A large portion of our Goods traffic, say between Palghaut, Coimbatore, and Calicut, which ought to pass over the Railway, is now carried by sea and back-water viâ Ponany.

4 The cause of this in the opinion of Mr. Dartnell, our Assistant Traffic Manager, is in consequence of the high tolls levied by the Contractor of the Ferry, and the want of proper accommodation for crossing it.

5. The present Ferry Tolls for a bandy-load of Goods is 11 Annas 3 Pie, which when added to the Railway and other charges makes the cost of carriage viâ our line much greater than by sea and back-water.

6. The present Contractor declines to reduce the rates, and unless some concession is made it will be impossible to secure to the Railway the bulk of the Calicut traffic.

7. The Traffic Manager suggests that the Railway Company should take the Contract of the Beypore Ferry and Callay Bridge, which is to be let on the 5th proximo.

8. The estimated expenses of working the Ferry and Bridge and the earnings therefrom are as follow :—

Expenses.

		Per annum.
	Probable rent of Ferry and Bridge...	Rupees 6,000
1	Collector at Rupees 20 per mensem...	„ 240
2	Collectors at Rupees 15 each per do...	„ 360
4	Boat-men at Rupees 7 each per do...	„ 336
10	Do. at Rupees 5 each per do...	„ 600
	Repairs and incidental expenses...	„ 400
		Total Rupees 7,936

Estimated Earnings.

Toll on 8,000 bandy-loads of Goods at 6 Annas... ...	3,000
1,600 bandy-loads of do. at 10 do.... ...	1,000
1,47,000 Passengers at 6 Pie...	4,593
Miscellaneous Traffic...	500
Total...	9,093

showing a profit of Rupees 1,157.

9. From these figures it will be seen that we propose to reduce the toll on a bandy-load of goods from 11 Annas 3 Pie to 6 Annas during the dry season, and to 10 Annas during the monsoon, and it is expected that if these rates were in force the whole of the Calicut traffic to Coimbatore, Palghaut, &c., &c., would be secured to the Railway.

10. The necessary boats for working the Ferry are estimated to cost Rupees 800.

11. It must be borne in mind that even if a loss were sustained by the working of the Ferry and Bridge, which I do not anticipate would be the case, the Company would indirectly be large gainers by the additional flow of traffic over their line.

12. I have every confidence in recommending the leasing of the Ferry and Bridge and the purchase of the boats by this Company to the favorable consideration of Government, and shall feel obliged by your obtaining sanction to my bidding for these properties a sum not exceeding Rupees 7,000.

13. I believe I am correct in stating that the Ferry and Bridge are now let at Rs. 5,500.

Forwarded for the information of Government with reference to the Agent's letter No. 342, dated 14th May 1862.

The Agent is evidently mistaken in supposing that the sea and back-water are means of communication which compete with the Railway between Beypoor, Paulghaut and Coimbatore, still there is no doubt that if the toll at the Beypoor Ferry be reduced and the Cullavy Bridge be thrown open free of toll, the traffic will increase and the Malabar public will be benefited.

In comparing the estimate of earnings with the traffic returns of the Western Division of the South West Line of Railway, I find that the number of bandies and passengers put down is not excessive. As to the rent of the Ferry and Bridge entered under the head of expenses. I have no information. The rest of the items appear fair.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Captain,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, 20th May 1862.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1862, No. 279.

The Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway will be informed, through the Consulting Engineer, that a Telegram was despatched on the 20th instant to the Collector of Malabar directing him to postpone the sale of the Beypoor Ferry and Cullavy Bridge farms for a fortnight. As requested in paragraph 12 of his second letter, the Government authorize the Agent to bid for these farms and for the boats a sum not exceeding Rupees (7,000) seven thousand.

2. The Governor in Council sees no reason for taking off the toll from the Cullavy Bridge, nor does this appear to him contemplated by the Agent.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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