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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 3rd October 1865.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd October 1865.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1865, No. 5,720.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1865, No. 160:—

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2. On my return to Ootacamund the same evening, I was surprised to find a second demand of six Annas, which I also paid, and have thought it advisable to communicate with you on the subject, and would point out the very unusual nature of the charge; for, if the toll-keeper has not made a mistake, it does to me appear a very extraordinary charge, (twelve Annas, or one shilling and six pence, for a two-wheeled conveyance,) as compared with similar charges in England.

3. I got no ticket on payment of either toll, as would have been issued at home, and where *one single payment* of three or four pence (the highest rate I am acquainted with for a two-wheeled conveyance) carries one to and fro free, through the same toll, for a period of twenty-four hours!

4. The above-mentioned circumstance may appear of a very trivial nature, and really would be so were it not for the fact that my business causes me to pass in this way rather often, when a heavy toll like that now imposed, *both ways*, really becomes a burden.

5. I am not aware whether it lies in your power to alter this unusual charge, but I lay it before you in the hope, that if you have not the power, you will kindly lay it before the proper authority, as I cannot think it could ever have been intended that we should pay both ways in twenty-four hours.

The foregoing letter will be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. It is observed that under Section 11, Act VIII. of 1851, the Governor in Council can, apparently, dispose of the question by an Order.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1865, No. 2,389.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government do not consider it necessary or advisable to make the proposed change.

2. The cases in which the double journey is made in one and the same day must be very few, and numerous difficulties would be attendant on a system of tickets to pass free of toll.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

R. A. Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore,
with enclosure.

Exd. J. Wright.

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of Public Works.

No. 2624.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 15th September 1865.

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Submitting for consideration and orders let-
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the adoption of return tickets at toll bars per-
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to re-pass the same day without a second pay-
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