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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd September 1869.*

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1869, No. 6,116:—

Read the following letter from E. C. G. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 12th July 1869, No. 187.

Vide letter, dated 13th February 1869, No. 44.
Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd May 1869, No. 2,971.

* Temporarily closed by landslips, caused by the monsoons.

With reference to Mr. Ballard's proposal to toll the Peria, the Tambracherry,* and Karkur ghauts, which are all open for cart-traffic, I have the honour to state, that in the event of Gov-

ernment sanctioning the levy of tolls at these places, it will be advisable to carry on their collection by Government agency at least for the first year or two, till some correct idea can be formed of the revenue derivable from the several ghauts; so that if it is determined hereafter to let them, the contractors may bid and Government accept the bids with confidence and without fear or doubt as to the advantage on either side.

2. If this course is determined on, a building at the head of each ghaut to be occupied by the Toll Collector will be indispensable, and will be of use, even should the tolls be let out, inasmuch as a decent building will be available and ready for contractors who will not grudge payment of a moderate rent.

3. Under this impression the officer in charge of the Executive Engineer's office, Wynand, has submitted a plan and an estimate for a toll-house and gate on the Tambracherry ghaut.

4. The cost of the building, Rupees 840, is moderate, and if Government approve of the proposal, similar buildings can also be erected at the other two ghaut-heads. I request that the question of carrying out the collection of tolls by Government agency may be disposed of with the former question of tolling the ghauts, and the plan and estimate now submitted sanctioned, with instructions to the Department of Public Works to commence the work.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government order, 4th June 1869, No. 1,577.

2. The Board agree with Mr. Thomas that it is desirable to collect the tolls at first by Government agency, and to build small toll-houses for the Collectors.

3. The cost of these buildings will be Rupees 840 each, or Rupees 2,520 for the three. The Collector does not state what the cost of the collecting establishment will be, but taking it at Rupees 100 a-month for each toll-gate, and accept-

* Rupees 9,000 a-year.

ing Mr. Ballard's estimate* of receipts which will probably be found within the mark, the buildings will be more than paid for by the end of the official year, so that there is no difficulty about providing funds. With reference to the plans

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herewith submitted, the Board remark that they consider a counter-balancing toll-bar, such as is in use on the Continent superior to a toll-gate. With regard to paragraph 3 of the order of Government, the Board are of opinion, on re-considering the Schedule appended to Act XV. of 1864, that though some alteration in the rates would be an improvement, there is no necessity for legislative action.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1869, No. 2,477.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal to have the tolls on the Pona, Tambraherri, and Karkur ghatts collected by Government agency during the first year or two, is approved, and sanction is granted for the erection of a toll-house and gate at each of the above-mentioned places, at a cost not exceeding Rupees 840.

2. The Government are in favour of the ordinary toll-gate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant-General,
the Public Works Department.

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