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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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No. 284. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1870, No. 6,523 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Paramutty, 19th October 1870, No. 249.

As directed in the Board's foot-note, dated 2nd ultimo, on Government Order, dated 26th August 1870, No. 1,326, I have the honour to submit proposals for establishing toll-gates on the Hassanoor ghaut and at the Bhowany bridge. The bridge over the Amravutty at Muddatacolum was, I regret to state, carried away in November last.

2. On the Hassanoor ghaut I propose to erect the toll-bar at Ték Dimmum at the head of the ghaut, and on the imperial line between Madras and Calicut, I propose to have the toll-bar at the bridge over the Bhowany.

3. In order to forming an approximate estimate of what these tolls will yield, I recommend their being taken under the management of Government until the commencement of the next financial year, from which time they should be farmed out. Whilst under Amani, the following establishment would be necessary at each toll-gate :—

	Rs.
1 Head Collector	35
1 Deputy do.	25
2 Peons, at Rs. 7 each	14
Saderward	4
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At Ték Dimmum it would be necessary to pay the Peons at the rate of Rupees 8 each per mensem. The total monthly expenditure at the two gates would be Rupees 158 per mensem.

4. I have the honour to enclose estimates for the construction of the toll-bars and gate-houses, amounting to Rupees 280 and 225, respectively, for which I request sanction. The whole amount of District Road Fund has been appropriated, and I trust the Board will be able to meet the charge from the General Reserve.

5. Adverting to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th May last, No. 3,640, and paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 26th August, No. 1,326, directing that the net toll collections are to be transferred to Imperial Funds as a grant-in-aid for the repair and improvement of the road on which the toll is situated, I have the honour to point out that this course is opposed to paragraph 2 of Board's Standing Order, No. 84, (Dalyell's Edition, page 57,) which provides that all such collections are to be credited to District Road Fund, and charges on account of them debited to the same head of income. This course is pursued with reference to the collections on the Cauvery bridge at Bhowany. If Imperial Funds are alone to be benefited, they must, of course, be debited with all charges of collection.

6. I am inclined to think that the principle laid down in the Board's order quoted above is the correct one, and whilst prepared to make a liberal grant-in-aid

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from the funds thus realized to Imperial Funds, I am not disposed to recommend that the whole amount should be made over, inasmuch as traffic from all parts of the district naturally converges to these bridges.

7. I would further suggest that a system of clearance should be established at these two bridges for through traffic. A bandy having paid toll at the Cauvery bridge, and proceeding westward, should be entitled to claim a ticket which would clear it the same day over the Bhowany bridge and *vice versa*.

8. A table of tolls is submitted for approval. Similar tolls are collected on the Coimbatore and Metoopolliem road, at the Suttimungalum bridge over the Bhowany and at the Cauvery bridge at Bhowany. The rates received the sanction of Government in their Proceedings, dated 20th March 1863, No. 692, Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Table of tolls to be levied.

In the foregoing letter, the Acting Collector submits proposals for establishing toll-gates on the Hassanoor ghaut and at the Bhowany bridge, agreeably to the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 26th August 1870, No. 1,326.

2. Of the three places mentioned in the Order, where tolls are to be collected, the bridge over the Annravatty at Muddanacolum is reported to have been carried away in November last.

3. The Board approve the Acting Collector's proposal to erect two Toll-bars, one at Ték Dimmun at the head of the Hassanoor ghaut, and the other at the bridge over the Bhowany on the Imperial line between Madras and Calicut, and accordingly sanction, from the unappropriated balance of the Road Fund, the estimates for the bars, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 505.

4. The salaries proposed for the Head Collector of tolls and his Deputy, viz., Rupees 35 and 25, seem large, compared with those allowed to similar servants on the Andiputty Pass in the Madura District, where the Head and Assistant Gumastas draw only Rupees 15 and 10, respectively. In their Proceedings, dated 16th July 1870, the Board sanctioned the entertainment of a Toll-keeper at the Pykara toll-gate on the Neilgherries on a salary of Rupees 25, per mensem.

5. Considering the nature of the country in which the proposed toll-gates are to be opened, the Board resolve to fix the salaries of the Head and Deputy-Collectors of tolls at Rupees 20 and 15, respectively, and approve the salaries proposed for the Peons, and the allowance on account of Saderward.

6. With reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Acting Collector's letter, he is informed that the estimated net collections of the tolls must be entered in the District Road Fund Budget as grant-in-aid for the repair and improvement of the road on which the toll is situated.

7. The Board approve the table of tolls submitted by the Collector, and resolve to request that it may be sanctioned by Government. They also approve the proposal to establish a system of clearance at the two bridges for through traffic.

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No. 285.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1870, No. 2,026.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board are requested to explain why no provision is made in the Schedule of rates for tolls on carts *without* springs either laden or unladen.

2. It is observed that the toll proposed to be levied "on every horse" is in excess of the maximum rate fixed in the Schedule appended to Act XV. of 1864 for "unladen or led horses."

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw. F. R. Bantiman.

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Table of tolls to be levied on the Kassaranoor Ghaut
and at the Bhowany Bridge at Bhowany-

	Rs	As	P
On every four wheeled carriage on Springs (laden) —	"	12	"
Do Do (unladen) —	"	4	"
On every two wheeled carriage on Springs (laden) —	"	6	"
Do Do (unladen) —	"	2	"
On every Bullock or Buffalo (laden) —	"	6	"
Do Do (unladen) —	"	2	"
On every ass (laden) —	"	2	"
Do Do unladen —	"	1	"
On every score of Sheep, Goats or Swine —	"		
On every horse —	"	1	"
Do Elephant —	1	"	"
Do Camel —	"	4	"

Coimbatore Collector's Office, (Signed) C. E. Sullivan
19th October 1870
Ag. Collector

(True Copy)
J. Grose
Ag. Secretary

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C. E. Sullivan

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REVENUE
THE BOARD OF REVENUE
Fixed December, 1870.
No. 284, 1870, December, 1870, No. 285
DECEMBER
Nos. 284, 285
Tolls levied at Kassaranoor Ghaut and Bhowany Bridge. Board of Revenue to certify any provision made in the Schedule of rates for tolls on other rivers, springs, ridges, passes or unladen.

Rev. Messrs

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Under date the 14th Decemr. 1870

Read the following
Pro: of the P. of Revenue

Subing Table of tolls to be
collected at Jekk Pinnammun
at head of Massanoor Ghaut
& at bridge over Bhowany
in Carnatealore District

M. E. of Nov. 1870, #6523.

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P. of Rev. & to the
Secy. to Govt. of Madras
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be levied "on every horse"
in excess of the
maximum rate fixed
in the Schedule ap-
peended to Act 28 of
1864 for "mules and
led horses".

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16th Sept 1870

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at head of the stream
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