

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th September 1871.*

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1871 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 14th August 1871, No. 201.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, giving cover to Government Order dated 29th May 1871, No. 944, I have the honour to report, after communicating with the Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, that it is desirable to adopt tentatively the rates of tolls proposed by Mr. Ballard in his letter dated 27th January 1868, recorded in Board's Proceedings dated 7th February 1868, No. 953, removing only the restrictions as to the tonnage of boats.

									2. The rates are noted in the
									margin, and I would suggest that the
1. Cabin-boat ..	...	...	...	...	...	RS. A. P.	0	4	0
2. Laden boat ..	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0	toll be collected at each dam at each
3. Unladen boat or boat with passengers	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0	time of crossing.

3. The proceeds of the tolls are estimated by the Deputy-Collector at Rs. 1,900, and his estimate is based on an average of the actual number of boats which he ascertained to have used the canal during ten days in June last. As then the south-west monsoon was in full vigour, the traffic must necessarily have been slack, and the estimate must consequently be a very moderate one.

4. We can fairly expect that on the monsoon ceasing the receipts will be greater, and the festivals at Garuvayur and Cranganore, which attract crowds of pilgrims, will contribute in no small degree to swell the receipts.

5. The Deputy-Collector proposes to employ eight men, on 6 Rs. each, at each of the dams, and the charges on this account are estimated at Rs. 624. To this should be added the cost of construction of the dams which will amount to about Rs. 110. On the whole, therefore, a surplus of upwards of Rs. 1,100 may fairly be expected.

6. The northern dam should be kept up for eight months (from October to May), and the southern for five months (from January to May).

7. I request that early orders may be passed on this letter to allow of the dam being constructed before October, and the tolls being collected from the 1st of that month.

8. To rent out the tolls by a public auction sale will be by far the best arrangement; but as the bidders may, from want of a correct idea of the receipts, bid for a much smaller sum than that which can be reasonably expected from the estimate above given, it may be found desirable to entertain toll-collectors under the direct management of the Revenue-officers, and introduce a system of passes

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Tambercherry. *
Karkur.

such as are now in use at the three ghauts* in this district. This measure need not, however, be discussed till a trial is made to secure a fair bid and found to fail.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 29th May 1871, No. 944.

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2. The Collector proposes the following rates of tolls to be levied at the dams which Government have allowed:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cabin-boat	0	4	0
Laden boat	0	2	0
Unladen boat or boat with passengers...	0	1	6

that eight men, at Rs. 6, should be employed at each dam to pass boats over it. and that the tolls be leased by auction unless the bids received are too low.

3. The Board support these proposals.

No. 80.

ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1871, No. 1,546.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's proposals are sanctioned. He will report the result at the end of twelve months.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

*Further paper
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14.8.80 Board of Revenue

*Mr. J. H. Hudleston's proposals are sanctioned
the tolls to be levied at the dams in St.
for 12 months. No 1546*

*No 79-80
C. H. 1/12/71 R. S. 1/12/71*

*Per 1871 Sept
No 2811.*

*Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue*

*Dated 28th August 1871.
Despatch 28
Received 31*

*Submitting to Govt. for
from Collyer Malabar
proposing rates of tolls
to be levied at certain
dams in St.*

*No 1546-6 September 1871
W. H. Order*

Further copy

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated Sept 10th 1871

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G. O., Oct 10th 1871, No. 1,546.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 79-80.

Copy of bills of exchange drawn. Malabar District - to be sent to the Board of Revenue for the purpose of ascertaining the rates of bills, etc., and to be reported at the end of the month.