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No. 141. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1872, No. 466:—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1872, No. 388:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 102, dated 12th ultimo, calling for a report, regarding the tolls levied at the Pennair anicut, on traffic passing over it either northwards or southwards.

2. Up to the end of last Fasli 1280 (1870-71), the toll was rented out every Fasli year. During the current Fasli, or rather until the end of the current official year, I am retaining it in my own hands for reasons reported in my letter, dated 10th October 1871, No. 2,000.

		RS.	A.	P.
July 1871	... ...	212	13	0
August ,,	... ...	229	12	0
September ,,	... ...	127	2	0
October ,,	... ...	156	8	0
November ,,	... ...	61	7	0
December ,,	... ...	311	1	0
January 1872	... ...	176	10	0
	Total...	1,277	5	0
	Average...	182	7	6
	Annual...	2,189	10	0

3. The collections during the seven months of the current Fasli amount to Rs. 1,277-5-0, as detailed in the margin. The average monthly collection being Rs. 182½, the amount for the whole year at this rate would be Rs. 2,190 in round numbers. Deducting Rs. 180, being the salary at Rs. 15 per month, paid to the toll-keeper, the net revenue would be Rs. 2,010.

s during the past five years are detailed below:—

Faslies.	RS.
1276	1,830
1277	1,858
1278	1,263
1279	1,820
1280	2,014
Total...	8,758
Average...	1,751

5. The tolls were collected up to the end of last Fasli at the rates given in the subjoined schedule. The rates at which the tolls are now collected are those in Schedule B., annexed to Act IV. of 1871:—

Rate.	RS.	A.	P.
A four-wheeled bandy with two horses	0	3	0
Do. with single horse	0	2	0
Do. with pair of bullocks	0	3	0
A two-wheeled bandy with two horses	0	2	0
Do. with one horse	0	1	6
A laden two-wheeled bandy and pair of bullocks ...	0	2	0
An unladen two-wheeled bandy do. ...	0	1	0
Buffaloes or bullocks per head...	0	0	6
An Elephant	0	4	0
A Camel	0	2	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
A Horse	0	0	6
A Tattu or Pony	0	0	6
A Cow	0	0	6
A Calf	0	0	2
Sheep or Goat per head	0	0	1
Swine...	0	0	1
An Ass	0	0	2
A Palanquin or Tonjon with bearers	0	1	0
A palna (small Native palanquin) with do... ...			
A Native Dhooly with bearers...			
Every person conveying load for hire	0	0	1

6. The toll-keeper keeps a register, showing the details of carts and cattle, etc., passing over the anicut. As similar details for previous years are not available, the results do not admit of comparison.

7. The Board will observe that the rate for a laden cart was 2 Annas, according to the old schedule and 1 Anna for an unladen cart. Under the present schedule the rates have been doubled. There is also a Municipal toll collected at the same place, the rates collected by the Municipality being one-half of the rates given in the schedule annexed to Act. IV. of 1871.

8. As the case now stands, carts, etc., entering the town from the north ha[ve] to pay two tolls, one for the anicut and the ot[her] Mu[nicipal]

9. The Toll Gumastah was ordered to note crossed the river without passing over the anicut in the last month. The Return furnished by him shows that 608 carts and 99 cattle were taken through the river-bed to avoid payment of the anicut toll. The number of carts, carriages, etc., which passed over the anicut in the same month is given as 717, of which 61 were unladen carts. There were 61 cattle returned as having passed over the anicut.

10. The bed of the river below the anicut is passable without much difficulty by carts when there is no water. The account kept by the Toll Gumastah does not show how many of the 608 carts were unladen, but it is believed that the majority were so.

11. It is true that the collections under the present schedule under the circumstances described above exceed those of the rents under the old schedule. But it is difficult to say how far the high rates have interfered with the revenue. Some of the items which had to pay toll under the old schedule are exempted under the present schedule, while others pay a higher rate. It may perhaps be said therefore that what is lost under the one is made up under the other. Any how I presume that it is settled that the new schedule is to be the only one in force hereafter. The Nellore Municipality has such a very poor income, that the loss of the half rate at present collected would be seriously felt. I would therefore propose that there should be no change in that respect, and that the Local Fund or Anicut Toll should from 1st April next also be fixed at half the schedule rates. The latter would be collected on traffic going both ways, and the former only on traffic entering the town from the north.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 9th December 1871, No. 766, and Board's Proceedings, 12th January 1872, Miscellaneous No. 102.

2. The present rates of tolls were sanctioned in Government Order, 24th January 1872, No. 90. They are the maximum rates leviable under the Act and are manifestly too high.

3. The Board resolve to recommend Government to notify that from the 1st April next half the maximum rates prescribed by Act IV. of 1871 (Madras) will be levied at the Nellore Anicut toll bar.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1872, No. 467.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue and direct the Collector to issue, forthwith, a Notification in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

2. The Local Fund Board should consider whether the trunk road might not be tolled at Ongole.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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