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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th December 1871.*

No. 87. Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 4th December 1871, No. 6.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1871, No. 4802:—

From the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1871, No. 323.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th ultimo, No. 128, communicated with the Board's Order, Miscellaneous, No. 3528, dated 6th instant, I have the honour to state that I doubt the expediency of cancelling the notification applying Madras Act I. of 1870 to this district.

2. In the absence of this Act the right of levying tolls at the ferries will cease to be an exclusive privilege vested in Government, and there will be nothing to prevent any person disposed to do so from establishing a ferry of his own, or using a boat or raft of his own at a ferry kept up or leased out by Government. It is true that, previous to the passing of this Act, no difficulty was actually experienced from the absence of legislative authority to prevent any violation of the exclusive privilege; but it was already foreseen that, in the course of general progress, and as people became more and more alive to their rights and became better acquainted with law, the difficulty must arise.

3. The Act as it stands I see does not admit of its being applied to any collections under it to be applied to canals and ferries alone. The only way, therefore, in which, as it seems to me, the income now realized by means of ferries can be taken over to the Road Fund, is by gradually superseding the ferries by bridges, at which latter tolls may be levied instead of under the Madras Local Funds' Act.

4. There is, however, no want of scope, in the meantime, for the useful employment of the surplus proceeds of ferry rents in Tanjore, which, in the past year, amount to Rupees 8,126. Among the numerous small ferries kept up in this district, there are many on which only country rafts are used for the conveyance of passengers and goods, and the substitution of strong built boats for these will conduce much to the convenience of the public.

Submitted for the orders of Government. The Board are inclined to acquiesce in the Collector's views.

2. Iron flat-bottomed boats draw less water than the wooden oblong clumsy boats in use in Tanjore, and the Board resolve to ask the General Superintendent Public Works Shops and Stores to inform them of their cost as compared with that of wooden boats.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,

Acting Secretary.

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14th December 1871.*

Order, 4th December 1871, No. 6.

Communicated to the Financial Department, with reference to G. O. in that Department, No. 472, dated 20th September 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1871, No. 797.

The Governor in Council assents to the views expressed by the Collector in this matter.

2. The receipts under the Canals and Ferry Act of 1870 must be excluded from the accounts and budgets of the Local Funds of the Tanjore District for 1871-72.

(True Extract.)

L. H. A. S. to
Chief Secretary to Govt.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Collector of Tanjore.
- „ Accountant-General.

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