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No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1871:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 11th December 1871, No. 604:—

Adverting to paragraph 13 of my letter, dated the 22nd August last, No. 393, I have the honour to request the sanction of Government to the establishment, from April next, of tolls on Trunk Roads Nos. II. and III. near where they enter the Chingleput Circle of this District, at the places noted below.

2. The Local Fund Board for the Chingleput Circle have entered in the Budget for 1872-73 a sum of Rupees 10,000, as the estimated receipts from this source, to be divided rateably between the two circles of this district, according to the mileage of the said roads in each; tolls being levied at half the maximum rates specified in Schedule B.

3. They propose that the toll-bar on Trunk Road No. II. should be at Madurantakum, the station of the Tahsildar of that taluq, and that on Trunk Road No. III. at Damal, the nearest large village to the frontier, and ten miles from Conjeveram, the Tahsildar's head-quarters. The selection of these localities will place magisterial redress within easy reach of any one who considers himself aggrieved by the acts of the toll-keepers.

4. The Boards of both the circles are opposed to the imposition of tolls except on grounds of great necessity, and the present is necessitated large and special outlay, and forward, herewith, extracts from their Proceedings on the subject.

5. The Boards have imposed these tolls solely in consideration of the state of the Road Fund as a sheer necessity, but are of opinion that larger Provincial grants should be made in consideration of the position of this district, as regards the capital, or, as suggested by the Chingleput Board, that the surrounding districts should contribute for the upkeep of our roads.

The proposal to place toll-gates on the high roads at Madurantakum and Damal will be submitted for orders.

2. It is with great reluctance that the Local Boards have consented to these tolls, and they strongly urge Government to save them from the necessity by either raising the Provincial grant or requiring the circles surrounding the Chingleput District to contribute to the maintenance of its roads.

3. It would be an invidious thing to force North Arcot and South Arcot to send money to Chingleput, and if Government think such a contribution right and proper it can best be effected by re-adjusting the grants from Provincial funds which are given to the three districts.

4. Government are aware that the Board of Revenue consider that tolls ought to be levied in Chingleput, and believe that this is the best way of making traffic from other districts pay for its roads.—*Vide Board's Proceedings, 1st May 1871, No. 1826, paragraph 32.*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1872.*

5. If these toll-gates are established the rateable distribution of proceeds between the circles proposed by the President will not be legal. The receipts at both gates will belong to the Chingleput Circle; but it will, of course, be a legitimate course for the Chingleput Circle to make a fair road contribution to the funds of the Sydapet Circle.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1872, No. 114.

The Government sanction the imposition of the tolls and proposed tolls; and draft Notifications should be submitted in time to admit of their enforcement from the 1st April next.

2. The course proposed by the Board of Revenue in the last paragraph of their Proceedings is the only way in which the proceeds of the tolls can be apportioned between the two circles. As suggested by the Local Board, the apportionment should be based on the mileage of the roads in each circle.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Collector of Chingleput.
- „ Accountant-General.

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