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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st March 1870.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1869, No. 8,582 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 13th September 1869, No. 247.

- (1.) Dated 17th June 1869, No. 4,387, communicating Government Order, dated 1st June 1869, No. 1,639.
(2.) Dated 15th July 1869, No. 5,057, covering Government Order, dated 29th June 1869, No. 1,845.

I HAVE the honour to reply to the Proceedings of the Board marginally noted.

2. The points mooted by the Superintending Engineer, on which report has been called for, are—

1st,—Whether contributions from the District Road Funds should be allowed for the maintenance of Imperial roads Nos. 20 and 23 ;

2nd,—That the main ghants should be tolled.

3. The second of these questions has already been disposed of in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th August 1869, No. 5,945.

Dated 27th September 1867, paragraph 6, No. 219, recorded in Government Order, dated 13th November 1867, No. 2,077, and paragraph 3 of letter, dated 5th August 1867, No. 175, recorded in Government Order, dated 3rd December 1867, No. 2,866.

4. The first, I find, has been under discussion for some time past. Mr. Ballard, in his letters quoted in the margin, gave expression to his views on the subject; I annex extracts:

"6. I have myself all along advocated that the proceeds of tolls whether on Imperial or Local roads should, as a rule, be carried to District Funds. Tolls not being extensively and on general principles collected on all the Imperial roads of the Presidency, it seems to me that they are, where levied, an exceptional impost which the district in which they are levied has a right to claim. Their levy *velutis paribus* does not lessen the duty of Government to keep up the Imperial communications; and unless Imperial grants over and above what a district is fairly entitled to are made with the understanding that toll shall be levied as a sort of set-off against these exceptional grants, which has not been the case in Malabar, the toll-proceeds, I submit, should go to improving and spreading the district communications, and not merely to ease the Imperial revenues of a district's just lien upon them."

NOTE.—It appears that in the case of this coast road (as well as in several other in Malabar) the Local Funds have a peculiar right to the toll-proceeds.

For though the line is most clearly an Imperial one, it was only definitely so recognized in 1865, and sundry of the bridges and much of the road were constructed from Local Funds previously.

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"3. I have no objection to urge to the Imperial maintenance allowances on Imperial lines being doubled by maintenance allowances from the proceeds of tolls collected on such lines, except that the District Road Funds are diminished by so much, and as I believe the great majority of Imperial roads throughout the Presidency are not tolled, it is not very apparent why local taxes should be consumed

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on them in a particular district, when the district communications so urgently require all the local assets."

5. The grants marginally noted have been made from District Funds during

	1866-67	1867-68	1868-69	1869-70
Elatur Bridge on the road from Calicut to Cannara frontier No. 20	4,032			
Maintenance allowance to Imperial road No. 20		7,700	7,700	7,700
Do. do. to No. 23		3,740	3,740	3,740
Do. do. No. 22			1,700	1,700
Total				13,200

the last three years for the Imperial roads referred to by the Superintending Engineer. This large outlay from local cesses on works of general importance which the State is bound to keep up for Imperial purposes is, I venture to think, quite as much as can fairly be expected. Although the proceeds from ferries on Imperial lines are expended on Local roads, the first charge should be the up-keep of feeders to the Imperial lines. In any case, I would strongly deprecate a reduction in the Imperial allotments for this district, on the grounds that part of the Local Fund is composed of

tolls at ferries and bridges on Imperial lines, and should, therefore, be available for their repair. Malabar requires, and will require, for years to come, every rupee we can possibly obtain, and if the annual allotment for the Imperial roads is insufficient, the allotment should be increased, but not by making a corresponding reduction in the amount available for local communications.

6. For the present year, the District Road contributions to the Imperial roads Nos. 20, 22, and 23, should be allowed to stand, as I presume the requisite funds for their up-keep will not otherwise be forthcoming; but I beg earnestly to request that the District Funds may be relieved as early as possible of this extra charge.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 1st June 1869, No. 1,539.

2. The question as to whether ghatts leading from the Wynnad to Malabar should be tolled having been decided in the affirmative, the Board have now to report on the Superintending Engineer's proposal that the grant-in-aid of Rupees 11,440 made from Local Funds to Imperial roads in the Malabar District of late years should be continued in spite of the fact that by Government Order, 11th November 1868, No. 2,811, Imperial roads requiring about the same amount of maintenance have been transferred to the Local List.

3. The Board concur with the Collector in considering that, as a rule, Imperial roads should not be provided for from Local Funds, even when those funds are increased by tolls levied on the roads, but in the case of Malabar, the system of tolling is on an exceptional footing, and the Board are of opinion that the grant to Imperial roads should be continued for the present.

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No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1870, No. 302.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Board of Revenue in considering that the grant from Local to Imperial Funds, which is referred to in the foregoing Proceedings, must be continued.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rs 13.60/187 No 212-13
 " 3 Decr/87 - 22-24
 " 11 a June/88 - 175-196
 " 1 June/89 - 25-26
 " 4 June/89 - 102-103
 " 29 June/89 - 136-135

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND NOVEMBER 1869 No. 8,582.

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NOVEMBER
 No. 8,582.

Imperial roads—Nos. XX, XXII and XXIII
 in Malabar District.—Letter from Collector
 stating that Local Fund contributions to,
 should be allowed to stand for present and that
 Fund should be relieved as early as possible of
 this extra charge, submitted to Government,
 with remarks.

22 Nov 1869. 1st Depot 21/11

THE BOARD OF REVENUE
 MADRAS
 22ND NOVEMBER 1869
 No. 8,582

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Memo for Anderson #1058

In these Proceedings,
The Board reply to
the G.O.'s dated
1st June & 29th June
in which the questions
of whether certain
grants in aid from
local to Imperial
funds should be
continued, and whether
certain repairs to some
bridges on Imperial
roads should be
carried out from the
collections from tolls
on those roads, were
referred for their

should continue the
grants from local funds
it is in accordance with
the position with which we
are being driven to
pay for communications
from local taxes.
P.M.

consideration.

The Board do not refer specially to the second point but in regard to the first they state their opinion that as regards the particular grant in aid in question, they should be continued for the present, though they express their concurrence with the view taken by the Lt Collector that as a general rule, no Local Funds should be spent on Imperial

lines of communication even though these funds may be augmented by the proceeds of fairs and tolls on such lines. The grounds upon which Messrs. Ballard & Thomas adopt this view ^{is} ~~are~~, apparently, that the District has a certain claim for Imperial assistance, and that this claim should not be diminished because certain collections are made locally. It is submitted that the Govt may express their approval of the Proceedings.

J. M.

It is to be desired that
 hope that both collected
 on Imperial roads should
 be carried to the credit of
 Local funds rather than
 to Imperial revenues,
 but the local authorities
 more than have been
 to claim upon them and
 ought to have a grant
 in aid to an equivalent
 amount.

Amount

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the December 1869.

Read the following
 Proceedings of the Board of
 Revenue.

Submitting with remarks
 Letter from Collector of Malabar
 District stating that Local Funds
 contributions to Imperial roads
 Nos XX and XXIII should be allowed
 to stand for present, and that Fund
 should be relieved as early as possible
 of this extra charge.

(H. Co. 22nd Nov/69 N^o 8582.)

Communicated to the
 Public Works Department,
 with reference to para 3 of the
 Proceedings in that Department
 dated 15th May 1869, N^o 1610.

There is a matter in
 which no order should
 be passed by Govt. either
 in the Revenue or Public
 Works Dept without our
 sanction. As an instance
 in the Public Works
 in both Depts. above recorded.

The Government cannot
 in the views expressed in para
 3 of the Board's Proceedings
 above recorded.

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to John W. Allen Deaf & M.
at New York

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The Govt came into
the Board of Revenue
in considering that
the grant referred to
from local to Imperial
funds; which is referred
to in the foregoing Rep.
must be continued.

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