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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th March 1869.*

No. 636. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1869, No. 532:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 20th October 1868, No. 308.

Eranjoli Bridge.
Koduvalli do.

1. The Ferry Farms noted were let as usual under date the 3rd June 1868, on the conditions now usual, and I may say universal, in Malabar.

Schedule of Tolls levied at the above Bridges.

	RS.	A.	P.
For a man or woman	0	0	4
Do. or do. with load	0	0	8
A Bullock with driver	0	1	8
A Pack bullock do.	0	2	5
An empty bandy with bullocks and driver	0	4	10
A loaded do. do.	0	1	8
A Horse with rider and keeper	0	1	6
A Horse and keeper	0	4	10
An empty or loaded horse-carriage with driver	0	1	0
A Munchel with bearers	0	3	2
A Palanquin do.			
100 Sheep or Goats or Pigs			

Subsequently certain Petitioners, residents in Tellicherry and Kottayom Talook, prayed that their carts bringing in firewood, &c., might be exempted from toll. No special reason appearing, and no exemptions, save the usual ones, having been made when the farm was sold, the petition was rejected and the Petitioners informed that they must pay like their neighbours.

Public Collector's letter, dated 29th March 1841, No. 28.
Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 29th May 1841.
Board's Proceedings, dated 7th June 1841.

2. The Petitioners have again come forward and quote proclamation issued with the sanction of Government in 1841, exempting foot-passengers from payment of tolls.

3. I find that under date the 19th June 1841, a proclamation was issued to the effect that all foot-passengers excepting those carrying grain, Salt, Sandalwood, and Cardamom, should be exempt from payment of tolls on the Eranjoli bridge.

4. Another proclamation was issued, dated 20th May 1853, to the effect that no tolls would be levied on the Eranjoli and Koduvalli bridges from foot-passengers, from passengers carrying *light* loads of grain, Salt, and Pepper, or from those carrying any quantity of any other goods. The cattle taken to places near the ferries by people residing thereabouts were also exempted.

5. In addition to these exemptions, firewood carts seem to have acquired the privilege of exemption, and even last year were exempted from force of custom, and not from any express provision in the contract.

Before my attention was called to the old proclamations abovesaid, I had passed order, as already mentioned, that the exemptions would not be allowed except in the case of men or women *not* carrying loads.

6. I see no reason whatever why any further exemptions should be allowed now. Tellicherry is a flourishing town; the Municipal Commissioners have several times proposed to levy tolls; I only object to their doing so, because I conceive that the District Local Funds have a much better claim to toll proceeds under the conditions of Malabar, and more especially and particularly under the conditions of its Coast Towns, than the Municipalities whose prosperity so intimately depends on the construction and up-keep of the inland communications to which the toll

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proceeds are applied. But circumstances have changed very much, since the necessity for exempting certain subjects was considered desirable or necessary.

I have no hesitation, therefore, in requesting permission to cancel the old proclamations alluded to; most of the provisions of which have already fallen into desuetude, and to finally direct the levy of tolls, as usual elsewhere, at the bridges in question, exempting only unladen foot-passengers.

In the foregoing letter, the Collector solicits, for the reasons stated, sanction for annulling certain old proclamations, issued in 1841 and 1853, under the sanction of Government, exempting foot-passengers from the levy of tolls on the Eranjoli and Kodavalli bridges.

2. The tolls on ferries in Malabar, date from a very early period, and the proceeds were spent on the repair and construction of Roads and Bridges. The fund was however carried to the general Revenues in 1824, and at the time when these exemptions were made, constituted a part of the State Revenues. They now form a Local Fund, and as bridges are built in lieu of ferries, tolls are levied, the toll taking the place of the former ferry charge. These measures have been the means of promoting the prosperity of the district in a very material degree, and are acquiesced in by the people.

3. The exemptions in question were originally sanctioned* by Government in consideration of the hardship experienced by people at Tellicherry and Cannanore, which were then dependent in a great measure on the interior, for their supplies.

4. This, however, is now no more the case, and Tellicherry and Cannanore are flourishing towns in themselves. The circumstances of the country also have altered materially, and the Board see no reason for the continuance of the exemptions at the two bridges in question, while they are not allowed elsewhere. They therefore recommend, in laying the matter before Government, that sanction be accorded, as requested by the Collector, for the cancellation of the old proclamations on the subject.

No. 687.

ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1869, No. 825.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal, to cancel the old proclamations which the Collector makes in the last paragraph of his letter is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
the Public Works Department.

Edw. G. A. Turtan.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 24th.

G. O., 24th March 1869, No. 825.

MAROT.

No. 686-687.

Tolls on certain Bridges in Malabar District.—Proposal of the Collector to cancel the old proclamations on this subject, sanctioned.

levied on bridges in Malabar,
differs somewhat from the

Schedule of Tolls levied
on entering Municipal limits,
as laid down in Madras Act

II of 1865. The two Schedules
are marginally compared

The objection raised by
the Govt of India in their
resolution of Novr 1868 to the
principle of Municipalities is

levying transit duties does not
of course, apply to the bridge

Tolls in Malabar the proceeds
of which were originally in-

tended for the maintenance
of the bridges, and have since
been applied to keeping
up inland communications

generally. But it seems
very questionable whether
the levy of Bridge tolls
and the levy of a Road

Tolls levied on bridges in Malabar.

For a man or woman	Rs. 0-5
with load	" 1-0
A Bullock with driver	" 1-8
A Pack bullock	" 1-8
An empty handy with bullock & driver	" 2-5
Loaded	" 4-10
A Horse with rider & keeper	" 1-8
A Horse and keeper	" 1-6
An empty or loaded horse-carriage with driver	" 4-10
A Mancherial with bearers	" 1-0
A Palanquin do	" 2-2
100 Sheep or Goats or Pigs	" 1-0

Tolls levied on entering Municipal limits. Sd. B. 1865.

Every four wheeled carriage on spring	Rs. 0-1-0
do do do	" 0-2-0
Alta, Hackney cabs, & carts drawn by horse, bullock, mule, or man	" 0-2-0
do do do not laden	" 0-1-0
do do do laden	" 0-0-6
do do do laden or ridden	" 0-1-0
do do do not laden or ridden	" 0-0-6
do do do laden or ridden	" 0-0-6
Elephant	" 0-8-0
Camel	" 0-1-0

Case for one and the same
object are justifiable.

The principle of
levying bridge tolls has
been discussed here with a
view to obtaining the opinion
of Govt. as to the advisa-
bility of their continuance.

The Collector's present re-
ference is made for the pur-
pose of having certain old
proclamations, exempting
passenger foot passengers carry-
ing light loads, cancelled. The
Collector proposes to exempt only
"laden foot passengers".

The Govt. of Rev. & Sup-
port the Collector's proposal
on the ground of the increased
prosperity of the country.
They have not discussed
the general question of

S. A. M. L. R.

List
from notes.

20. March 13.

*1st Census of the West Virg. Dec. 10. 1860
21 ———— AM Sept. 10)*