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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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21st October 1865.

No. 165. Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 10th October 1865, No. 822.

An annual grant of Rupees 1750 is made in the Public Works Budget for maintaining the "Roads of Waltair and Vizagapatam." The entire length of the road from the landing place at Vizagapatam to the extremest point of the road at Waltair is $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

2. A portion of this road, extending from the landing place to the Sepoy Lines, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, being in extremely bad repair, I called the Superintending Engineer's attention to it, but that Officer contends that the work should be done by the Municipal Association, in respect that they levy a toll on bandies.

3. Now, for the last two years, the Department of Public Works has contracted with the Association, at the rate of 700 Rupees a year out of the above Budget grant, for the maintenance of this $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles of road, so that the decision of the Superintending Engineer that the work should fall on Municipal Funds is as sudden as it is (apparently) unauthorized by any order of the Government.

4. In regard to the toll on bandies, the Municipality have bought an extensive garden, enclosed a large piece of ground as a market, have dug wells and executed a variety of other works, for the convenience of the bandy traffic, and for these benefits a trifling fee is very willingly paid by all bandymen coming into the town.

With this money, added to the proceeds of a trifling tax on houses, &c., the Municipal Association has been able to do the scavengering of the town, to construct drains every where, and to pierce the town with several excellent roads; but it could not at present undertake the main road. Next year, when the Municipality is legalized, the subject may be re-considered.

5. Soliciting the orders of Government on this reference, I have the honor to be, &c.

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1865, No. 1508.

The Superintending Engineer will cause the necessary repairs to be executed without delay, from the funds at his disposal.

2. He altogether misapprehends the position of the voluntary Association for Municipal improvements existing at Vizagapatam.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, Waltair.

„ Collector of Vizagapatam.

„ Public Works Department.

Ezd. J. H. Burns.

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He accordingly has a pro-
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of the voluntary association
for Municipal
Improvements Society
at Victoria

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