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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th August 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 101. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Department, dated 4th July 1857, No. 888.

Read again letter from the Municipal Commissioners, dated 25th May 1857.

Read also the following letter.

From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras ; to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd June 1857.

SIR,

1. We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation Nos. 747 and 761, Public Department, dated 9th and 10th Instant, and with referrence to para. 5 of the former, beg to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the annual allowance of Rupees 9,006-13-1 granted to the Justices in Sessions on the 1st June 1855, was for the maintenance of Esplanade and other Government roads as per annexed List, transferred to their charge by the Military Board.

2. Government have now been pleased to direct the transfer of the new road from Marshall's road to St. Andrew's bridge to the Municipal Department, and have sanctioned an annual allowance of Rupees 850 for its maintenance, and for the conservancy of the Cooum river bank along which it runs ; and they would seem to be under the impression that all the roads within the jurisdiction will thus be in our charge, but we beg respectfully to represent that the following roads of recent construction have not yet been transferred to this Department, nor has any allowance been granted for their maintenance, viz.

The granite road from the boatmen's gate along the east wall of the Railway Terminus.

The granite road from the north east corner of the Terminus wall to the west Madah Church road.

Both being within the boundary (600 yards) of the Esplanade of Black Town.

The new road from the north to the south beach, along the east face of the fortress, being within the boundary of the Esplanade of the Fort.

If it is intended to transfer the above roads to our charge, we will instruct our Civil Engineer to report on their present condition, and to estimate the cost of present repair and future maintenance.

3. With reference to para. 6 of the said order, we beg to state that the entire annual allowance for the repair of the roads specified in the annexed List, and that for esteblishment and contingencies, have been included in the Accounts Current published quarterly by the Justices, as will be seen by the Memo. given in the margin ; and we would here observe that the expenditure on account of the said roads has somewhat exceeded the amount granted for their maintenance.

In the 3rd Quarterly Statement of 1855, page 1535, Fort Saint George Gazette.
"Amount received from Government for the repair, maintenance and establishment of the esplanade &c. roads, transferred on 1st July 1855, Rs. 13,950-1-0."
In 1st Quarterly Statement of 1856, page 889, Fort Saint George Gazette.
"Amount received from Government being contribution for the repair &c. of the Esplanade roads and Establishment in advance for the year 1856, Rs. 11,046-13-1."

4. With reference to the order of Government, No. 761, dated 10th Instant, we beg to point out that the portion of the Cooum river bank reported in our letter of 25th Ultimo, to be in a neglected state and requiring immediate repair, is not that portion referred to in the said order, and for the conservancy of which an allowance of Rupees 250 per annum is granted. The portion alluded to in our said letter lies between Sawmy Naick Street and St. Andrew's bridge on the east or Chindadripettah side, and between St. Andrew's bridge and the Poonamallee road on the west side, for the conservancy of which, in common with other portions of the river bank and bed, we believe an annual allowance was drawn by the late Superintending Engineer, Presidency Division.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
(,,) B. CARDOZO,
(,,) S. KRISHNAMACHARY,
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

LIST of Esplanade and other Government Roads transferred to the Justices in Sessions on 1st July 1855.

Nos.	Names of Roads.	Length of each Road. M.	F.	Yds.
	BLACK TOWN.			
1	Anderson's (Esplanade)			
2	Benfield's do. Road	.....	3	191⅓
3	China Bazar do. "	.....	6	13⅓
4	Clive's Battery "	.....	1	213⅓
5	Govindapa Naick's "	1	.....	133⅓
6	Hospital Gate Street	1	.....	56⅔
7	North Beach (Esplanade) Road	.....	3	20
8	Thumboo Chetty do. "	.....	2	50
9	Thieving Bazar... "	.....	1	203⅓
10	Wall Tax (west)... "	.....	4	90
		.....	5	166⅔
	3RD DIVISION.			
11	Basin Bridge			
12	Cochrane Basin Road	.....	4	83⅓
13	Mint Gate or Cuttewaulkum "	.....	2	83⅓
14	Monegar Choultry "	.....	3	73⅓
15	Munnaroosawmy Covil "	.....	3	23⅓
16	Royapooram (Esplanade) Street	.....	2	203⅓
17	Washerman Pettah Road	.....	3	6⅔
		.....	2	60
	4TH DIVISION.			
18	Basin (Esplanade)			
19	Burial Ground (Penetentiary) Road	.....	6	131⅓
20	Canal... "	.....	3	8⅓
21	Elephant Gate and Bridge "	.....	1	45
22	Expense Magazine "	.....	3	213⅓
23	Hospital Bridge "	.....	4	143⅓
24	Northern (Yerkencherry) "	.....	2	190
25	Salt Cotaur "	2	1	98
		.....	2	36⅔
	5TH DIVISION.			
26	Body Gaurd			
27	Band practice ground Road	.....	2	160
28	Cooum Bar "	.....	6	196
29	Codumbaukum "	.....	1	55
30	Island "	.....	4	136⅔
31	Mount Road (North end) "	1	1	83⅓
32	Wallajah (Esplanade)... "	.....	6	118⅓
		.....	3	40
	Total.....	18	6	129⅓

(Signed) B. CARDOZO,
(„) S. KRISHNAMACHARY,
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

Ordered that the foregoing letters be communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 30th May last, No. 1026 with a view to the necessary orders being passed thereon.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 102. Letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 25th July 1857, No. 99.

SIR,

With reference to the 6th para. of the Extract Minutes of Consultation of Government dated 30th May last, No. 1026, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the payment of Contributions* to the Assessment Department on account of roads, was debited in the accounts of the Sub Treasurer for the year 1855-56 to the head of "repairs of roads and Ghauts" and carried as charges of "Public Works Ordinary."

* Rs.	A.	P.
9,006	13	1
2,040	0	0
11,046	13	1

2. The amount of similar contributions paid in the year 1856-57, has been debited in the accounts of the Sub Treasurer to "Remittances of the Public Works Department" to which head the amount will be credited on the books of the Chief Engineer Public Works Department and carried off as charges of "Public Works Ordinary."

No 103. ORDER THEREON, No. 1565; dated 11th August 1857.

1. The Extract first recorded communicates two letters* from the Municipal Commissioners, with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 30th May last, No. 1026, in view to the necessary orders being passed thereon.

* Dated 25th May and 22nd June 1857.

2. In the order of 30th May, the Government observed that all the roads within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court at Madras, with one exception, were in charge of the Municipal Commissioners, under the orders contained in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 1st June 1855 No. 710, and they sanctioned the transfer to the Municipal Department of the new road from Marshall's road to St. Andrew's bridge, the exception above referred to, and authorized the payment to the Commissioners of an annual allowance of Rupees 850 for the maintenance of the road, and for the conservancy of the river bank along which it runs.

	Rs.
For the maintenance of the road	600
For the conservancy of the river bank	250
Total.....	850

3. In their letter of the 22nd June, the Municipal Commissioners represent that certain roads of recent construction have not yet been transferred to their Department; and they state that, if it is intended to place the roads under their charge, they will instruct their Civil Engineer to report on their present condition, and to estimate the cost of present repair and future maintenance. The roads adverted to are the following:—

The granite road from the Boatmen's gate along the east wall of the Railway terminus.

The granite road from the north east corner of the terminus wall to the west Madah Church road, both being within the boundary (600 yards) of the esplanade of Black Town.

The new road from the North to the South beach along the east face of the Fortress, being within the boundary of the esplanade of the Fort.

4. In the same letter, the Commissioners furnish the information called for in para. 6 of the order of 30th May; and they point out, with reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 10th June No. 761, that the portion of the Cooum river bank, reported in their letter of the 25th May to be in a neglected state and requiring immediate repair, is not the portion referred to in the above Extract, for the conservancy of which an allowance of 250 Rupees per annum was granted, but is that which lies between Sawmy Naick Street and St. Andrew's bridge on the east or Chintadripettah side, and between St. Andrew's bridge and the Poonamallee road on the west side, for the conservancy of which, in common with other portions of the river bank and bed, the Commissioners believe an annual allowance was drawn by the late Superintending Engineer Presidency Division.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers it desirable, with reference to para. 5 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 30th May last No. 1026, that the

roads, and the portion of the Cooum river bank, above adverted to, should be placed in charge of the Municipal Commissioners, it being the wish of the Government that the control of all the public roads within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court should remain with the Commissioners without any exception. They accordingly request that the Chief Engineer will be good enough, after communicating with the Commissioners, to report the amount of annual allowance which he would recommend for the maintenance of the roads and river banks in question.

6. In para. 3 of their letter of 22nd June, the Municipal Commissioners state, with reference to para. 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 30th May 1857, already adverted to, that the entire annual allowance for the repair of the roads, and that for the establishment and contingencies contributed by the Government, have been included in the accounts current published quarterly by the Justices. In the second paper above recorded, the Accountant General states with reference to para. 6 of the Extract just alluded to, that the allowance in question was debited in the Sub Treasurer's accounts for the year 1855-56 to the head of "Repairs of Roads and Ghauts"; and that paid in 1856-57 to "Remittances of Public Works Department." The Government observe that the proper course will be to debit the sum in the Sub Treasurer's accounts originally to the "Civil Engineer under the Municipal Commissioners," and then to close it to the head of "Remittances to Public Works Department." This should be adjusted in the Chief Engineer's Books under a transfer entry to the credit of the "Civil Engineer under Municipal Commissioners" by debiting it to the head "Repairs of Roads and Bridges." The Accountant General will accordingly be good enough to issue the necessary instructions to the Officers concerned.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department
No. 1565.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th August 1857.
Read the following Papers

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department
(Recorded 5th July 1857 No. 555)

From the Accountant General
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The Extract prior to recorded communicated

Dated 25th May & 22d June 1857. Two letters from the Municipal Commissioners, with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 30th May last, No. 1025, in view to the necessary orders being passed thereon:

In the order of 30th May, the Government observed that all the roads within

within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court at Madras, with one exception, were in charge of the Municipal Commissioners, under the orders contained in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 1st June 1855. No 710, and they sanctioned the transfer to the Municipal Department of the new road from Marshall's road to St Andrews bridge, the exception above referred to, and authorized the payment to the Commissioners of an Annual allowance of Rupees 850 per Mile Maintenance of

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The granite road from the Boduvar gate along the East

eastward of the Railway Terminus.

The granite road from the North East corner of the Terminus wall to the West Moidale Church road, both being within the boundary (600 yards) of the esplanade of Black Tower.

The new road from the North to the South heads along the east face of the Fortress, being within the boundary of the esplanade of the Fort.

4. In the same letter, the Commissioners furnish the information called for in paragraph of the order of 30th May, and state, point out, with reference to an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Department dated 10th June 1861, that the portion of the Common river bank, reported in their letter of the 25th May to be in a neglected state and requiring immediate repair, is not the portion referred to in the above Extract, for the conveyance of vehicles an allowance of 250 Rupees per annum was granted, but is that which lies between Sawney Naick street and St Andrews bridge on the East or Chintadripettah side, and between St Andrews bridge

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road on the west side,
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with the Commissioners,
to report the amount of
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to
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Extract Minute of Council
Dated 11th August 57.

From the Chief Engineer dated 4th
February 58 No 230 in 19 March

Proposing certain Roads should be
transferred to the maintenance & Control
of the Municipal Commissioners
of Fort Town of Madras.

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