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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th April 1865.

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Communicating letter from the Municipal Commissioners on the subject of the annual allowance for the repair of the roads within the limits of the Presidency, and observing that no reduction can be made in these grants. } (Here enter 22nd March 1865, No. 309.)

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1865, No. 927.

CIVIL WORKS, No.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Government of India :—

(Here enter No. 928, dated 5th April 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th April 1865.

No. 81. No. 928.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P. W. D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 282 A-3,206, dated 14th July 1864, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of India, copy of Proceedings in the Public Department, No. 309, dated 22nd March 1865, communicating a letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, explaining that the roads within the limits of the Presidency, for the repair of which an annual grant of Rupees 35,897 is provided in the Public Works Budget, were originally formed at the expense of the State, and that being purely Government, and in some cases Military lines of communication, are not such as to justify the expenditure of Municipal funds on their maintenance.

2. Keeping in view the heavy demands upon the Municipality, owing to the large area within their limits, and the circumstance that probably no less than Rupees 1,03,000 of the Police expenditure will shortly be made chargeable upon that body, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the annual grant above mentioned cannot at present be withdrawn or reduced.

3. A sketch map showing the extent of the Municipal limits, and the position of the roads in question is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
22nd March 1865.

No. 101. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 13th September 1864.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, Public Department, dated 2nd instant, No. 1008, communicating a request of the Government of India to be furnished with certain particulars, regarding the roads in the Presidency, for the repairs of which a grant is asked by the Municipality, together with a sketch map, shewing the extent of the Municipal limits, and the position of the said roads.

The dates on which the roads in question were transferred to this Department, and the several amounts granted for their maintenance, being specified in the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th August last, we need only submit a few remarks on the subject.

1*st*.—The Mount, Poonamallee, Powder Mills, and South Beach, were maintained by Government up to 1852, when they were taken over by the Justices in Sessions, on the understanding that a yearly grant of Rupees 8000 should be made them, in consideration of the three first being Military roads, and the first being of nearly double the width of the ordinary roads at the Presidency. The South Beach road was constructed by Government as a promenade for the European population, and very few buildings skirt it. The total length of these four roads is 11 miles, 3 furlongs, and 131 yards, and the average cost of their maintenance, Rupees 18,084-2-8

2*nd*.—Esplanade Roads.—These are purely Government roads, and are specially excluded, by Section V of Act XIV of 1856, from those vested in, and belonging to, the Municipal Commissioners.

In 1855, Government expressed a wish that all roads at the Presidency should be under one authority, and the Justices consented to take charge of them on the following condition; viz;—The payment of Rupees 9006-13-1 per annum for their maintenance, being the average expenditure during nine years under the Military Board, and Rupees 2040-0-0 for the extra establishment required for the conservancy of these important roads.—In 1860, the first named sum was increased by Rupees 3000 to cover the enhanced rates then and subsequently paid for road work.

3*rd*.—The road from Saint Andrew's Bridge to Marshall's Road, which runs along the bank of the Cooum River, was formed at Government expense in 1857. On the Military Board requesting the Municipal Board to take charge of the same, it was represented to Government that the cost of maintaining existing roads bore heavily on the Funds; and seeing that no assessment was raised on this road, which runs along the River Bank, the Government were pleased to sanction a grant of Rupees 850, for maintaining the same.

4*th*.—The road along the east face of the Fortress, and that along the east and north walls of the Railway Terminus, are also Esplanade roads. They were formed at the Government expense in 1858, and the Municipal Department were requested to take charge of the same, and to state the allowance they would require for maintaining them. These roads are much exposed to inroads of the sea, and the traffic on the latter is very great, so that we required an annual grant of Rupees 4,500 for their maintenance,

5th.—Roads over Government Bridges and within Government compounds.—In 1862, we were requested by Government to undertake the charge of these, and we consented to do so on their allowing a yearly sum of Rupees 8500 for their maintenance, although the latter, being within private enclosures, could scarcely be considered as coming within our province.

We enclose a sketch map shewing the extent of the Municipal limits, and the position of the several roads in question, and in conclusion would beg reference to our letter to your address dated 6th June last, in which we brought to notice the almost impossibility of maintaining the roads at the Presidency in proper order, without some increase to the revenues of the Municipality.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Offg. President.
(„) B. CARDOZO,
(„) S. JESUDASEN,
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1865, No. 309.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

2. Keeping in view the heavy demands upon the Municipality, owing to the large area within their limits, and adverting to the circumstance that a considerable portion of the Police expenditure—not less, probably, than Rupees 1,03,000—will shortly be made chargeable upon that body, necessitating a considerable increase to the present rate of assessment, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the grant now made to the Municipal Commissioners, for the maintenance of the roads within the limits of the Presidency, cannot at present be reduced.

(True Extract).

G. J. Cumberland
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

Exd. J. H, Burns.

Civil Works

No. 927 Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 5th ~~March~~ April 1865

Read the following -

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To The Secretary to the Govt. of India O.M.D.

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