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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th May 1866.*

No. 666. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Intimating that the lists called for in G. O.
No. 545 of 1865, of places in this Presidency
where tolls may be advantageously levied, may
be dispensed with. (Here enter 21st May 1866, No. 1,206.)

No. 667. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1866, No. 1,694.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 68.
Account.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st May 1866.*

No. 375. Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 14th March 1866, No. 1,765 :—

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that the list called for in paragraph 2, Government Order, 14th March 1865, No. 545, may be dispensed with.

2. The Government of India in announcing the distribution of Public Works Budget Grants for 1865-66, adverted to the necessity which existed for transferring from the General revenues of India the charges for maintenance of roads already constructed, and desired that "the question of providing for these charges by the imposition of new, or the increase of existing local cesses" might at once be taken into consideration.

3. The Board were called upon with reference to this remark to instruct Collectors to confer with Superintending Engineers, and to submit a list of the places where tolls may be advantageously levied, noting the probable receipts and charges, and the rates of toll proposed.

4. Replies have been received from all Collectors to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular of 4th April 1865, No. XXVI, issued with reference to this Order.

5. It appears to the Board, however, that as there is now under the consideration of the Local Legislative Council a Bill for the levy of a District Road Cess, which is to be imposed with the object thought so desirable by the Government of India, viz., that of relieving the general revenues of the country from a part of the charges now borne against the Public Works Estimates, it is inexpedient to take any further steps to raise additional funds for the same purpose in the mode suggested by the Order under reply. The Board notice, moreover, that the Resolution of the Government of India points rather to *cesses* than to *tolls*; while in a former Order on the question of tolls, the Governor General in Council has already ruled that their collection is inexpedient save in places where extraordinary natural obstacles have been overcome, or where a heavy annual outlay is incurred for temporary works, boat, bridges, &c.

6. With reference to that part of the Order, in which the Board were directed to report on paragraph 43 of the Public Works Proceedings, Madras Government, dated 7th February 1865, No. 361, I am directed to state that the sum therein mentioned was the annual compensation paid to Zemindars and Proprietors in the Vizagapatam District on account of land taken up by the Trunk Road, as sanctioned by Government Order, dated 30th May 1826, and that under recent instruction from Government the amount in question has been deducted from the Peshkush, and the claim finally adjusted.

Government Order, 5th April 1865, No. 741.
Board to Government, 15th June " " 3,233.
Government Order, 8th Sept. " " 2,145.

Madras Government Order, 21st May 1860, No. 1,055, Public Works Department.

Board's Proceedings, 7th June 1865, No. 3,069.
Government Order, 2nd " " 1,394.
Do. " 1st Sept. " " 2,066.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st May 1866.*

No. 370.

ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1866, No. 1,206.

Local Funds, No. 13.

Account.

1. The return called for in G. O.
14th March 1865, No. 545, may be dis-
pensed with.

2. Any case in which the local Officers or the Board consider it right that a
toll should be levied, should be submitted for consideration on its own merits.

(True Extract.)

J. S. S.
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustio.

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