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Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 26	1857.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th July 1869.*

No. 619. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.—

Certain roads in Madras District —Proceed-
ings Board of Revenue on the subject of
including them in the Imperial list, communi-
cated to the Public Works Department for the
issue of the necessary orders (Here enter 14th July 1869, No. 2,053.)

No. 620. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1869, No. 2,444.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 92.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 4th Division for
information and guidance.

2 The Government are unable to make a special allotment of funds for the maintenance of the roads referred to during the current official year, but provision for them will be made in the Budget of 1870-71. In the meanwhile the Superintending Engineer will make the best possible arrangements for keeping the roads in repair from his general repair assignment under "Communications."

(True Extract)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with copy of the list of roads.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

4th Division.

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Dated July, 26th

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G O, 26th July 1869, No. 2,114

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No. 619-629

Suburban roads in the Madras District —
Proceedings Revenue Department, requesting the issue of orders for the provision of the maintenance allowance of Rupees 6,211 for certain suburban roads in the Madras District, communicated to the officer concerned with observations and instructions.

Proceedings of the Madras Government. Revenue Department,
14th July 1869

No 339. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1869, No 4,462 —

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, dated 30th October 1868, No. 362, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 30th November 1868, No. 8,427.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kattivakum, 14th May 1869, No. 147.

I HAVE the honour to transmit, herewith, a plan showing the course and position of the various suburban roads, with reference to other roads in the district, both Local and Imperial, as called for in the Board's Proceedings of the 30th November 1868, No. 8,427.

2 I also send a plan showing the position of the various toll bars on each of the Madras roads. I am not, however, of opinion that any further tolls could be levied on any of these roads, tolls are already collected at every point four miles from Madras, and if other places were selected, they could only be at another four miles in out-of-the-way places, distant a total of eight miles from Madras, and where a good deal of oppression might be practised upon the ignorant bandy-men, who, from the distance that they would have to go to make their grievances known, would simply bear the imposition without complaining.

3 Although thus I am against levying tolls, I still agree with Mr. Thornhill that the suburban roads, as a rule, and for at least five miles distance from the toll gates, should be kept in order by other than the Local Funds of this district.

4. Mr Thornhill, in his letter of the 30th October 1868, gave a list of the roads that he considered our Local Road Fund should be relieved from maintaining. I agree with him as regards all the roads mentioned therein, with the exception of the one from Poonamallee to Avady. It goes through a fine tract of agricultural country, and is chiefly used by ryots and other contributors to the Local Fund.

ENCLOSURE No 1 —Map.

ENCLOSURE No 2.—Plan.

In the first of these letters, Mr. Thornhill gives a list of thirteen roads in the suburbs of Madras, the annual maintenance allowance required for which is Rupees 7,145, and argues that as they are necessary principally for Military purposes, or for residents of the town, it is unfair that they should be a burden on the Local Funds of the district.

2 He also remonstrates against the decision of Government, that Trunk Road No 13 should be placed on the local list, and says that seven miles of the road require remaking at a cost of Rupees 20,000 or Rupees 30,000, and that the maintenance allowance of the whole, at the rate which has hitherto been paid, will be between Rupees 9,000 and Rupees 10,000.

3 Mr Fane concurs with Mr Thornhill as to the injustice of taxing the Local Funds for all the suburban roads named by him, with the exception of the one from Poonamallee to Avady, the annual allowance for which is fixed at Rupees 904.

4. The Board, on receiving Mr Thornhill's letter, remarked that the classification of Trunk Road No. 13 was a question which could not be reopened, but

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with reference to the suburban roads they called for a Map and suggested the establishment of tolls

5 Mr Fane now submits a Map, and shows conclusively that resort cannot be had to toll gates

6 The estimated income of the Madras Road Fund for this year is Rupees 69,400, or less than in any district, except Trichinopoly and South Canara. From Mr Thornhill's letter it appears that 250 miles of local roads are made or in progress, the maintenance of which will cost on an average from Rupees 160 to Rupees 200 a-mile. Adding the amount for Trunk Road No 13 the annual maintenance allowance for the district will be about Rupees 55,000, leaving scarcely anything to make new roads or even to complete Trunk Road No 13. Many parts of the district which pay a large proportion of the Road Cess are still badly provided with communications

7. It seems to the Board obvious that the Local Funds should not bear the full burden caused by the presence in its midst of a capital town which Imperial necessities and not the wants of the agriculturists residing outside it require should be the centre of an unusual number of roads

8 It also seems clear that these suburban roads cannot be called "District Roads" or be considered a proper charge on the Road Cess

9 The Board are not aware that this point was considered when Government decided* on the classification of roads into Imperial and Local, and they accordingly venture to submit it for the consideration of Government

10 The maintenance of the suburban roads, with the exception of the one excluded by Mr. Fane, will be Rupees 6,241 a-year, and the Board are of opinion that whilst this will be a most moderate contribution to the Local Funds on account of the Imperial interests which centre in the town of Madras, it will be a great relief to a poor and over-burdened district

No 340.

ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1869, No 2,053

Miscellaneous

UNDER the circumstances represented by the Collector and the Board of Revenue the Right Honourable the Governor in

Council is of opinion that the roads referred to should be included in the Imperial List as "exceptional". The necessary orders will accordingly be issued in the Public Works Department for the provision of the maintenance allowance said to amount to Rupees 6,241 per annum

(True Extract)

G. H. Aylmer

Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue
,, the Public Works Department

Exd. F R. Bantleman.

*Local Roads which should be classed as
Military or Suburban.*

	Rupees
Madras to Trivelloor	327 ✓
Basin Road to Trivelloor	352 ✓
Trivelloor to Ermore	718 ✓
Red Hills from Boundary of Madras to Paper Mills	353 ✓
do. on Kollatur Tank to Ponds	41 ✓
Chinnamuttam Chavady to Shealy Mudaly's Chavady	600 ✓
S. S. S. Road, Sydapet	307 ✓
Sydapet to Kodumbakkam	111 ✓
Elphinstone's bridge towards Madras	400 ✓
Sydapet Town Road	200
Saint Thomas Mount to Ponnammallee	1148 ✓
do to Sydapet	1684 ✓
Ponnammallee to Avadi	904 ✓
Total	7145

*Signed/ G. Thornhill
Actg. Collector*

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<i>Quina Mutam Chawady to Nealy Mudaly Chawady.</i> }	600
<i>Johnes Road Sydapet</i> _____	307
<i>Sydapet to Kodumbakam</i> _____	111
<i>Whinstones' bridge towards Sadras.</i> _____	400
<i>Sydapet Town Road</i> _____	200
<i>Saint Thomas Mount to Ponnamallee</i> _____	1148
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<i>Total</i> _____	<u>7145</u>

/ *Signed* J. Thomhill
Actg Collector

To Rs 1957/64

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr.
4th Division

Dated

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No. 1

G O 25th July 1895 No 2444

No 619-620

Suburban roads in the Madras
Dt. P. W. Secy requesting
the issue of orders for the pro-
-vision of the maintenance
allowance of Rs 6241 for certain
Suburban roads in the Madras
Dt. P. W. Secy. C. B. Secy. concerned
with observations and instruc-
tions.

Recd Secy P. W. Secy
27 July