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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th May 1874.*

No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 17th April 1874, No. 606:—

ABSTRACT.—*Madras Municipality.*—The adoption of the system of payment of grants-in-aid by results approved, but the rules laid down by Government for general adoption to be maintained. The resolution adopted by the Commissioners expressing a hope that Government will direct the construction of an entirely new bridge in lieu of the proposal to increase the width of the General Hospital Bridge, referred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1874, No. 1,220.

RAILWAY, No. 20.

As stated in the Orders of the 15th April 1874, No. 984A, action in the matter of the General Hospital Bridge is delayed pending report as to the elevation of the Carnatic Railway terminal building, called for in G. O., No. 2,524, of 16th October 1873.

2. The Consulting Engineer will explain the cause of the lengthened delay which has occurred in the submission of the report, and call on the officers of Carnatic Railway Company to forward to him the requisite plans, etc., if they have not already done so.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
,, Financial Department.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th April 1874.*

No. 118. Read the following letter from J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 7th November 1873, G. No. 328:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act, Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 29th August last, together with Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from the close of the previous official year and of the Water Works Account, and to request that the same may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. In submitting to the Commissioners the Order of Government reviewing the Administration Report and the Auditor's report for 1871-72, I considered it my duty to point out that the sum of Rupees 600, which I was by it directed to pay to the Auditor, was in excess of the provision made by them in the budget by Rupees 100. Seeing that the accounts audited by Mr. Donald embraced a period of fifteen months, I was of opinion, and stated that I was so, that the sum named by Government was reasonable, but that it appeared to me that they might have moved the Commissioners to increase the amount of their Budget grant, instead of putting it in the shape of a positive order. The Commissioners eventually adopted the following resolution, and I am to express to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council their hope that the wish expressed in it may for the future meet with favourable consideration:—

“That, while authorizing the President to pay to Mr. Donald the sum of Rupees 600, for the work of auditing the accounts for a period of fifteen months, extending from January 1871 to the end of March 1872, the Commissioners regret that the Government have not left it to them to fix the remuneration, which, in this case, it is observed, exceeds the provision in the budget by Rupees 100.

3. I give below copies of two resolutions adopted by the Educational Grants Committee which were approved of and confirmed by the Commissioners:—

“RESOLVED. I.—That the Committee is of opinion that the Commissioners should instruct the President to inform Government that, whilst they are willing to accept a special grant of funds to enable them to carry out the wishes of Government in regard to the maintenance of the Government system of grants-in-aid in its integrity, during the present year, they at the same time desire to explain that it must not be considered that they do so on the understanding that, if the state of the Municipal Fund shall permit it, the system shall be so maintained in future years. The Committee likewise consider that the Commissioners should further explain to Government that they would appear to have misapprehended the objects the Commissioners had in view in adopting some of the changes suggested in the scheme submitted by them to Government; that whilst no doubt some of these may have been dictated by the financial difficulties of the Municipality, others commended themselves as being decided improvements on the system now in force. They might instance in proof of this—

“The proposal to issue grants on the plan of payment for results only.

“The standards of examination given in Schedule A.

“The rates of grants for passing given in Schedule B.

“All of which are, in the opinion of the Committee, changes which the Commissioners ought to continue to press on the attention of Government on every fitting opportunity.”

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II. (a.) "That the President address Government at once, and request them to favour the Commissioners with the information on which they base their calculation, that the State expenditure hitherto on elementary education within the municipal limits has not exceeded Rupees 33,000 annually.

(b.) "That the President inform Government that the Commissioners are in some doubt from the wording of the Government Order as to the precise nature of the grants-in-aid which they desire to see given to elementary education during the current year, but as the Director of Public Instruction is of opinion that the Municipality 'may be allowed to adopt the Results Grant system exclusively,' the Commissioners propose to adopt that system of payments alone from this time forward.

(c.) "That, with reference to paragraphs 7 and 8 of Mr. Powell's letter of the 24th April 1873, No. 879, the President should inform Government that the Commissioners concur with that officer in the opinion that some definite rule as to the principle which should regulate the admission of a school into the middle class is absolutely necessary. That Mr. Powell's proposal appears to the Commissioners to be reasonable, it being understood, however, that Government shall distinctly lay down as one of the rules that, if a certain percentage of boys presented by a school for examination in the fourth standard are successful, the school shall be thenceforward considered a middle-class school to be aided from Provincial and no longer from Municipal Funds."

4. With regard to the first resolution it is so full that I need add nothing to it in order to make it clearer, and I have only to request that you will be good enough to call the special attention of Government to it. The second resolution I communicated to you on the 6th September last, G. No. 212, but have not yet been favoured with a reply.

5. I have also to solicit the attention of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to the following resolution adopted by the Commissioners with reference to the Order of Government noted in the margin, and to give expression to their hope that, whatever decision the Government may eventually come to, no time will be lost in increasing the width of the bridge:—

"That with reference to G.O., Public Works Department, 8th July 1873, No. 1756, the Commissioners, whilst gratified to learn that Government have decided to increase the width of the General Hospital Bridge, desire to express their hope that Government will see their way to reconsider their present decision and sanction the construction of an entirely new bridge with a better gradient than the present one in order to provide suitable accommodation for the tramway line and the railway traffic."

6. The resolution on the ninth subject brought to a conclusion a discussion commenced at the previous General Meeting of the Commissioners on a matter which I had felt it right to bring before them, as both the Commissioners and I had, in a letter from the Directors of the Monegar Choultry to Government, been most inaccurately stated to have taken certain official action in connexion with it, whereas we had done nothing of the kind. The resolution is to the following effect:—

"In recording the G.O., dated 14th May 1873, on the subject of the Mahomedan Burial-ground, the Commissioners desire also to place on record the memorandum of their President explaining the part taken by him in his private capacity in reference to this matter, and to express their disavowal of all connexion with what is alleged by the Executive Committee of the Directors of the Monegar Choultry to have taken place regarding the burial-ground in question."

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17th April 1874.*

No. 119.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1874, No. 606.

The Governor in Council observes that the Minutes of Proceedings were published in the Gazette of 18th November, and that the information as to the expenditure on elementary education in municipal limits desired by the Commissioners was furnished to them in G.O., dated the 20th November 1873, No. 1683.

2. The adoption of the system of payment of grants-in-aid by results is approved, but the rules approved by Government for general adoption must be maintained. These are now under revision by the Director of Public Instruction.

3. Paragraph 5 of the President's letter will be referred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(True Extract.)

M. S. S. S.
Acting Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

„ Director of Public Instruction.

„ Public Works Department. ✓

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Madras Municipal Act. The adoption of the system of payment of grants-in-aid by results approved, but the rules laid down by Government for general adoption to be maintained. The resolution adopted by the Commissioners expressing a hope that Government will direct the construction of an entirely new bridge in lieu of the proposal to increase the width of the General Hospital Bridge, referred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

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Nos. 118-119.

G.O., 17th April 1874, No. 606.

Dated April, 17th.
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

FINANCIAL.

G.O. of 1874

Ref: Memo 1874 Dept
Municipal Commission No. 2444

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 17th May/74
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The Comdg. Engr.
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G. O. of 7th May 1874, No. 1220

Nos. 161-162

General Hospital Bridge

The Comdg. Engr. for Rail-
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