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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1875.*

No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 17th April 1875, No. 1,859 :—

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 13th March 1875, No. 713.—Requesting the opinion of the Military Department as to whether it is really necessary that all, or any, of the esplanade roads at Madras should be maintained on purely military grounds, and, if so, the reason why this should be done in each case.

No. 1,248.

REFERRED to the Commander-in-Chief for His Excellency's opinion.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th March 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 71-A. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 31st March 1875, No. 2,099.

In reply to your docket of the 16th instant, No. 1,248, referring, for the views of the Commander-in-Chief, letter No. 723, of the 27th November last, from the Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, as to whether all, or any, of the roads marked in the accompanying plan (herewith returned) under the head of "Esplanade Roads" should be maintained on purely military grounds, and, if so, the reason why this should be done in each case, I have the honor, by order, to state that it appears there are 32 roads under the above heading, aggregating 19 miles $6\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs in extent, the grant being Rupees 14,047.

2. On the grounds that no plea should be afforded for setting up a claim by the Municipality to the possession of certain roads, His Excellency is of opinion that those roads which traverse the esplanades of Fort St. George and the Island and also the short road connecting the Expense Magazine with the main road should be maintained, as heretofore, by a Public Works grant. These roads are shown in blue in the accompanying traced plan. Their extent is about 7 miles.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in the opinion expressed in the 2nd paragraph of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 72.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1875, No. 1,251.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 1.

ORDERED that the Map and Tracing prepared by the President of the Municipality and Quartermaster-General be forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that a sum of Rupees 5,000 per annum be contributed annually in the Military Budget for the maintenance of the

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4th May 1875.*

twelve roads recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to be reserved as purely Military, including the roadways of the bridges over or to which they lead. Also that a sum of Rupees 1,000 be granted in the Military Budget for the road on the east face of the Fort in lieu of the present grant of Rupees 2,500.

2. The remainder of the so-called esplanade roads, it is observed, are properly chargeable to Municipal Funds.

(Here enter No. 1,252, dated 4th May 1875.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.

- " Military do.
- " District Engineer, Presidency.
- " Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 4th May 1875.

No. 73.

No. 1,252.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 2.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 723 A.—G., of 27th November 1874, I am directed to forward a Map of the Town of

Madras on which has been marked by the President of the Municipality all roads for which contributions are made from Imperial or Provincial Funds, with the length of each road marked in a column of references.

2. A tracing of part of the above map is also forwarded on which the Quarter-master-General has marked in blue such of the roads (twelve in number) included in the general grant of Rupees 14,047 as, in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, should be maintained as strictly Military Roads. The length of these twelve roads being $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles out of an aggregate of $19\frac{3}{4}$. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers, I am directed to say, that an annual grant of Rupees 5,000 (to include the roadways of four bridges now maintained from Provincial Funds) may appropriately be continued to be made in the Military Budget.

3. Besides the grant of Rupees 14,047, regarding which inquiry was made by the Government of India, a separate grant of Rupees 2,500 is made for the road on the east face of the Fortress, three-quarters of a mile in length. It is exposed to the direct action of surf, and requires protection by groynes, and consequently is more expensive to keep up than the others. But it is thought that an annual grant of Rupees 1,000 will suffice for the future.

4. The income derived from the esplanades from grazing fees and the sale of grass is stated by the President of the Municipality at Rupees 2,357-4-6 for the year 1873-74. It was applied to the planting and up-keep of avenues and maintenance of the wire fences.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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P. H. Dept.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

of Govt. in the
Mily. Dept. } C.M.S. No. 1859 of 17th April 1875
G.O. No. 1251 of 4th May 1875

Ordered that the map
and tracing prepared by the
President of the Municipality
and Quarter Master General,
be forwarded to the Govt. of
India, with a request that a
sum of Rs. 5000 per annum
be contributed annually in
the Military Budget for the
maintenance of the 12 Roads
recommended by His Excellency
the Commander-in-Chief
to be reserved as purely
Military

Military including the Road-
ways of the Bridges over or
to which they lead. Also
that a sum of Rs 1000 be
granted in the Military
Budget for the Road on the
East Face of the Fort, in
lieu of the present grant of
Rs 2500.

The remainder of the
so called Aplanade Roads,
it is observed, are properly
chargeable to Municipal
Funds.

To Public Dept. ✓
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" Fin. Dept. ✓

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H.R. No 1252 dt 47
May 1875

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Sir,

In reply to your letter
No 723 A.G. of 27 November 1874,

I am directed to forward a
Map of the Town of Madras
on which has been marked
by the President of the
Municipality all roads
for which contributions are
made from Imperial or
Provincial Funds; with the
length of each Road marked
in a Column of References.

A tracing of part of the
is also forwarded
above map, in which the
Quarters Master General has
marked in Blue each of
the Roads (12 in number)
included in the general
grant of Rs 14,047 as, in
the opinion of His Excellency
the Commander in Chief,
should be maintained as
strictly

strictly Military Roads.

The length of these 12 Roads being $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles out of an aggregate of $19\frac{3}{4}$, His Excellency the Governor in Council considers, I am directed to say, that an Annual Grant of Rs 5000 (to include the Roadways of four Bridges now maintained from Provincial Funds) may appropriately be continued to be made in the Military Budget.

Besides the grant of Rs 14,000 regarding which inquiry was made by the Govt. of India, a separate grant of Rs 2500 is made for the Road in the East Face of the Fortress, three-quarters of a mile in length.

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Forwarding for sanction, Maps
and Plans of the Esplanade
Roads, Madras Presidency
with a request that a certain
sum be contributed annually
for the maintenance of twelve
of these roads to be reserved
as purely Military.

Esplanade Roads, Presidency
Plans and Tracings prepared by the
President of the Municipality and
Quarter Master General, ordered to
be forwarded to the Government
of India, with a request that a
sum of Rs. 5,000 per annum be con-
tributed annually in the Military
Budget for the maintenance of twelve
Roads recommended by H.E. the
Commander-in-Chief to be reserved
as purely Military; the remainder