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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th September 1865.*

No. 109. 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, 16th September 1865.

We have the honor to solicit the consideration of Government to the inconvenience frequently experienced by our Board, from having no sources from whence funds for improvements to the Municipality of an ornamental character are available.

2. The Municipal Acts which authorize the levy of rates and taxes prescribe the objects on which these should be expended, and we do not think we should be justified in diverting even a small portion from the prescribed objects, especially while our streets and drainage need so much.

3. Government, by Order, No. 4117, dated 24th December 1863, Military Department, were pleased to place the conservancy of the Esplanades and the Glacis, &c., and the leasing out of the grass thereon in our hands, and in the 11th paragraph of our letter thereby disposed of, we proposed to forward the proceeds, after all expenses had been paid, to the credit of Government.

4. Prior to the wire fencing being put up, the proceeds were very small, but we anticipate a considerable improvement after the Esplanades have been ploughed up and manured; and we would now solicit the permission of Government to appropriate these receipts to such ornamental improvements, as from time to time are feasible, and among others to laying out a riding avenue on the Island, and the improvement of the avenues about Madras, which latter were placed in our charge by Government Order, No. 1568, 11th September 1860, Revenue Department, but for which, hitherto, the funds available have been inadequate.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE, President.

(„) A. RITHERDON,

(„) S. JESUDASEN,

Municipal Commissioners

for the Town of Madras.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1865, No. 976.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners to treat the proceeds of leasing out the grass on the Esplanades, &c., as an addition to the Municipal Funds, and to dispose of them in such manner as they may deem most expedient.

(True Extract).

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

„ Military Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.