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No. 154. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Nellore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nellore, 6th August 1867, No. 36.

In a letter of the Collector of South Arcot, recorded in Government Proceedings, dated 8th March 1867, Revenue Department, No. 567, he states that it has been decided that all roads situated within the Municipality are hereafter to be maintained and kept in repair by them, with the exception of the Trunk lines which cross the municipal limits.

2. I have the honor to request to be informed whether this exception is general or special. If the latter, I would suggest that that portion of the Trunk Road, No. VI, which crosses the Nellore Municipality, and for which there is an annual grant from Imperial Funds for maintenance, should remain under the charge of the Department of Public Works. I have not seen any general ruling as to this point.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1024.

Trunk Roads passing through municipal limits, repaired by and kept under the control of Government, will, as heretofore, remain under the charge of the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Vellore Magistrate's
No. 36. Office 6th August,
1867.

From

J. A. C. Boswell Esquire,
Acting Magistrate of
Vellore

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B.,
Acting Chief Secretary to
Government, Fort St.
George.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
J. Knowle
Acting Magistrate.

PROSPECTUS.

THE
HISTORY OF INDIA

DURING THE HINDÚ PERIOD.

BY
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SECRETARY TO THE INDIAN RECORD COMMISSION.
AUTHOR OF "THE GEOGRAPHY OF HERODOTUS," &c., &c.

Calcutta, 22nd December, 1866.

MORE than a century has passed away since the rise of British ascendancy in India, and yet a history which should combine a tolerably exhaustive review of the religion and civilization of the Hindús, together with an exposition of the policy which has hitherto guided the British Government in its dealings with Native powers, is still a desideratum in European literature. Accordingly this task has been attempted during a residence of some years in the country, under circumstances peculiarly favourable to its accomplishment; and in announcing the early publication of the first three volumes, it seems desirable to indicate the general character and scope of the entire work.

Letter from the A. S. Magistrate of Nellore
6th August No. 36.

For orders.

limits of road within Municipal limits for which there is an annual grant from Imperial Funds, should, I imagine, remain under the D.P. W.

2. The letter might however be referred to that Department for remark.

3. Under section 11 of the Act all highways in any town (not being the property of and repaired & kept under the control of Government and not being private property) being the Commission.

4. The D.P. W. might be asked to state whether the road in question is "repaired & kept under the control of Govt." If it is, the Commission will not be responsible for its maintenance. If it is a private property, it will

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2nd. The compilations of Mussulman annalists and biographers.

3rd. The original records which have been preserved in the several departments of the Government of India, and in the record rooms of the local governments, together with the unofficial travels, narratives, and histories which have been published since the period when the peninsula of India was first explored by adventurers from Europe and elsewhere.

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Municipal Limits.

Mr Bennett

Dear Sir,

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Mr D. W.

Yours faithfully

W. D. W.

It should be remarked that the primary object of the author is not so much to draw up a history of the literature or religion of the Hindús, or to exhibit the results of comparative philology, as to delineate the civilization and institutions of the people with especial reference to their present condition and future prospects, and to the political relations of the British Government with the great Indian feudatories of the Crown. But it must be borne in mind that the ancient traditions of the people of India are household words in every quarter of the Peninsula; that they have not passed away from the land in the same way that Stonehenge and Druidism, the worship of Thor and Odin, and the wars of the Heptarchy, have passed away from the people of England, but that they are living realities, exercising the same degree of influence over the Hindú as is exercised by the Bible, the Library, and the Newspaper, over the European. In a word, it may be emphatically stated that a thorough acquaintance with the ideas and aspirations of the masses is impossible without a close familiarity with the subject matter of the Mahá Bhárata and Rámáyana.

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