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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd April 1869.*

Read again Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 21st December 1868, and recorded in Public Proceedings, 14th January 1869, No. 51.

Read also the following papers :—

No. 26. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Vizianagram, 22nd January 1869, No. 17.

Referring to G. O., No. 51, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to observe that the Military Cantonment at Vizianagram is not within the Municipal limits* of Vizianagram town, and no funds can,

* Vide Government Notification, dated 3rd October 1866, published in *Fort Saint George Gazette* of 5th October 1866, page 474.

therefore, be transferred for the Cantonment Conservancy.

No. 27. From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Magistrate of Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Udayaghiri, 11th February 1869, No. 28.

In acknowledging the receipt of G. O., Public Department, 14th January ultimo, No. 51, I have the honor to state that the sum, paid by Government to the Municipality of Berhampore, on account of house tax within the Cantonment at that station, amounts in round numbers to Rupees 350 per annum.

2. The present annual Government allowance for the Cantonment roads is Rupees 732; it might seem, therefore, proper to reduce it to one half, or to (say) Rupees 350. But it is to be considered what the Municipality loses by the provision in the "Towns' Improvement Act" that the profession of arms is not an assessable profession. If the question arises as to which road is entitled to the greater expenditure ; a mile of Cantonment road lined by Officers and Sepoys' houses, or a mile of town road lined by shops, the Commissioners would probably decide in favor of the latter, because of the greatly higher receipts realized along the line.

3. To balance, therefore, the loss accruing to the Municipality by this donative to the Army, it is hoped that the present grant for the maintenance of the Cantonment portion of the station roads of Berhampore may continue to be paid by the State.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1869, No. 428.

The question raised in the foregoing correspondence is whether, when the Towns' Improvement Act is introduced into a Military Cantonment and Government contribute by paying the house tax on houses occupied by Sepoys or other Military buildings, any grant for maintenance of roads should continue to be paid.

2. The town with reference to which this question has been raised is Berhampore, one of the poorer Municipalities : the Government grant to this town has been and still is Rupees 732.

3. The house tax paid by Government under the Towns' Improvement Act is Rupees 350. Mr. Carmichael considers that it would appear reasonable to reduce the Government grant for maintenance of roads in the Cantonment to Rupees 350 ; but he deprecates the adoption of this course on the ground that the Municipal Commissioners cannot be expected to keep the roads for purely Military purposes as carefully as the roads of a purely civil nature.

Oct. of 1869

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Berhampore,
Kc., Kc., Kc.

Dated April, 3rd.

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G. O., 3rd April 1869, No. 428.

APRIL
Nos. 26-28.

Having a reduction in the Government grant
for the Government roads.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
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4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is, however, of opinion that the reduction is necessary. The Government have already contributed a fair proportion of the cost involved in the conservancy and road maintenance within Military limits by the Municipal taxes which they pay for the Sepoys' Lines and Military buildings.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Berhampore.
,, Military Department.

From Mayor of Savannah - 11th July 1869.

Memorandum

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I submit however that
the reduction should be
made. It is already
sketching a point to
contribute any thing but

Yes
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The Mun. taxes which
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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To the Presdt of the Municipal Commⁿ Berhampore
Military Depart^t Vizagapatam } 10/4

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To

The Presd. Muni. Commⁿ.
Berhampore.
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Dated April 3 }
Recd. } 1869, No 428.

Nos. 26-28.

Making a reduction in
the Government grant
for the Cantonment Road.