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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th May 1866.

No. 82. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Directing that Rupees 16,547 be paid to the Municipality for the Town of Madras from the annual *assignments for Public Works* for maintaining the esplanade roads and the road along the east face of the fortress, and the other roads mentioned within be kept in repair from Municipal funds. (Here enter 28th April 1866, No. 1,347.)

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1866, No. 1,061.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,347.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 667. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 27th March 1866:—

In compliance with the Order of Government, dated 5th instant, No. 739, we have the honor to forward a statement of the outlay on each of the thirty-two roads specified therein, during the past three years, as follows:—

		RS.	A.	P.
1863	... ...	30,776	1	7
1864	... ...	31,887	3	2
1865	... ...	26,312	2	0

and in the margin of the statement will be found the works now in progress or contemplated during the present year.

No. 668. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1866, No. 1,347.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 95.

Poonamallee road.
Powder Mills do.
South Beach do.
Esplanade do.
Mount Road.
Road from Marshall's Road to Saint Andrew's bridge.
Road from Marshall's Road on the Cooum river bank.
Road along the east face of the Fortress.
Road along the east and north wall of the Railway Terminus.

1. In paragraph 45 of their Proceedings No. 405, dated 1st February 1866, the Government ruled that the charges for the maintenance of the roads noted in the margin should be provided by the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras from tolls levied on carriages and other vehicles under Sections 21 to 42 of Act IX. of 1865. Subsequently, the Municipal Commissioners pointed out that the majority of these roads traversed the esplanades of the Fort and Black Town, and that, being for purposes of defence kept free from buildings of any sort, no assessment was derived from those localities. They, moreover, brought to notice that the expense of maintaining purely Municipal roads and the cost of the establishments employed were very heavy, and that the net receipts derivable from tolls would not more than cover the expenditure for which they had to provide.

2. On re-consideration of the subject, and feeling that it is desirable that no grounds should be given for setting up a claim to the possession of the roads traversing the esplanades of the fortress, the Government are disposed to modify their Orders under date the 1st February last. They consider that the expense of maintaining these roads is properly chargeable to the State, and they accordingly direct that the undermentioned grants shall continue to be paid to the Municipality from the annual assignments for Public Works, the other roads above adverted to being kept in repair from Municipal funds, as already ordered:—

Esplanade roads	Rupees	14,047
Road along the east face of the Fortress	,,	2,500
	Total Rupees	16,547

3. No provision having been made for these grants in the estimate for 1866-67, the amount must be provided from other sources. The only funds which are at present available for transfer from Part III. of the Budget are those, amounting to Rupees 9,983, which have been specially allotted for the maintenance of the Northern and Southern Canals, but which will not be required for that purpose, as,

under the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th March 1866, No. 791, these canals will in future be kept in repair from Local Funds, to which head the proceeds of the tolls and licenses collected on them have been ordered to be credited.

3. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will issue the necessary orders for placing the sum of Rupees 9,983 above mentioned at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners after the 1st proximo, and application will now be made to the Government of India for authority to provide the balance, viz., Rupees 6,564, from the Reserve of 1866-67, under "Communications."

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,348, dated 27th April 1866.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Municipal Commissioners.
,, Public Department.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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R. Esqre Lr. Secy. to Govt. of Mds. No. 1348 Dated 27th April 1866