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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1866.*

No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Communicating a letter from the Government of
India forwarding copy of paragraph 14 of a
Despatch from the Home Government approv-
ing the instructions of the Supreme Govern-
ment to the Government of Madras, for
relieving the Imperial Treasury from the
expenses of repairing roads by the imposition,
&c., of local cesses. (Here enter 27th February 1866, No. 672.)

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1866, No. 602.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 672.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th September 1865.*

No. 325. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R. A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Communications), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Simla, 7th August 1865, No. 794C:—

SIR,
1. With reference to entries Nos. 132-3 and 192-3, in the Civil Works portion of the Proceedings of the Government of Fort Saint George, for the month of May last, transferring the repairs of certain roads from Local to Imperial Funds, I am directed to invite attention to paragraph 18 of Public Works Department, Circular No. 2, dated the 6th January 1865, and to state that the proposed transfer would be a move in a direction contrary to that which the Government of India is most desirous of encouraging all over India. The Governor General in Council trusts that the Madras Government will use its best endeavours to carry out the policy inculcated in the above quoted Circular.

2. It is observed that the manner in which the repairs of these roads are to be provided for, is by a fixed allowance per mile for maintenance, and that the sums are given apparently without detailed estimates being asked for. Should this supposition be correct, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to re-consider the system under which such grants are made in the Madras Presidency, as it is liable to abuse, Executive Engineers being apt to look upon a fixed allowance for repairs as a sum placed at their disposal to maintain and improve the road; and so works of all kinds are undertaken without the regular check from the controlling authorities.

3. In the Provinces more directly under the control of the Government of India, a precise specification and a regular estimate of the cost, are insisted on in all cases where the charge per mile exceeds 50 Rupees annually, and the result seems to show that some reduction of the outlay of this class might be expected in the Madras Presidency if a similar procedure were adopted.

4. The repairs under the head Communications in the Public Works Budgets of 1865-66 are in Madras £120,062; Bengal, £73,000; the North-Western Provinces, £70,513; the Punjab, £65,188. In Bombay also the charges in the Budget under this head are only £37,676 from Imperial Funds, £58,000 having been provided by the Bombay Government from Local Funds.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1865, No. 2,705.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, who will be requested, with reference to paragraph 3, to submit with future applications for annual grants for the maintenance of imperial roads a precise specification of the work to be done, together with a detailed estimate of the cost in all cases where the allowance recommended may exceed Rupees 50 per mile. Traffic returns, &c., required under paragraphs 68 and 69, Chapter V, of the Code, should also be furnished.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2706, dated 14th September 1865.)

(The Extract.)

(Signed) HAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th February 1866.*

No. 598. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Communications), dated Fort William, 31st January 1866, No. 109C:—

Copy of the following paragraph from Secretary of State's Despatch No. 71, dated the 15th December 1865, forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of Public Works Department, letter No. 794c, dated the 7th August 1865.

(By Order;)
(Signed) R. B. PEMBERTON, Captain, R. E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Paragraph 14.—The attention of the Madras Government was very properly called by you to the expediency of relieving the Imperial Treasury as much as possible from the expense of repairing roads, by the imposition of new, or the augmentation of existing, local cesses for the purpose.

No. 599. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1866, No. 672.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 80.

No. 2,705, 14th September 1865.
" 3,468, 17th November "

Communicated to the Revenue Department and to the Superintending Engineers, in continuation of the Orders which are noted in the margin.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department,
" Superintending Engineers.

Exd. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the
Incham Court in
the S. P. M. District.

Dated 27th July.

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