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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1867.

No. 84. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Declining to transfer to Local Funds the cost of maintaining any portion of the Northern Trunk Road towards Calcutta. } (Here enter 29th November 1867, No. 3,731.)

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1867, No. 2,897.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
***29th November* 1867.**

No. 697. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1867, No. 6,971 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 5th September 1867, No. 310.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. —, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that there is, in my opinion, no objection whatever to the proposed transfer of that portion of Trunk Road No. 6, between Incole and Seetanagarum, from the list of Imperial to that of District Roads.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order under date 20th August 1867, No. 1,942.

2. The Board altogether disagree with the Acting Collector. They consider it most objectionable and improper to attempt to saddle the District Road Fund, which derives nearly the whole of its assets from a tax imposed on the landholders of the district for the express purpose of constructing and maintaining the *Local District Roads*, with the repairs of Imperial lines of communication. They are of opinion that the Government is in this matter pledged to the landholders of the district, and that anything like a general transfer to Local Funds of the cost of maintaining the Imperial lines would amount to a positive breach of faith.

3. The Board attach no weight whatever to the Superintending Engineer's remark about the Commamoor channel becoming the Imperial line for traffic. It is well known that these channels are frequently impassable during many months of the year, and from his own showing the channel is not yet completely open; but even were it otherwise, the Board cannot suppose it to be the intention of Government ever to forego the great Northern Trunk Road as an Imperial line. It is unquestionably so in character. It traverses the district from north to south, is the postal line, and the principal Military line of communication; and in the Board's opinion it should always continue in the category of Imperial roads. The Board are confident that it would never be attempted to change a turnpike road in England to a Parish highway for any such reason as that adduced in the present instance. The two classes of roads are perfectly distinct. The one for the general convenience of the community is supported by a tax on the persons using the road, the other being chiefly for the convenience of the local residents is supported by a rate levied in the Parish through which it passes. The Board would be glad to see a similar and equally marked distinction kept up between Imperial and District roads in this country.

No. 698. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1867, No. 3,731.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 97.

The Government are not prepared to transfer to Local Funds the cost of maintaining any portion of the Northern Trunk Road towards Calcutta.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Revenue Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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