Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 3rd September 1872.

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1872, No. 1693 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palamanair, 5th August 1872, No. 344 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Public Works Department for the official year 1871-72.

2. The annexed Statement exhibits the total expenditure of the year reported as compared with that of 1870-71 :—

Works.	Expenditure in 1870-71.	Expenditure in 1871-72.	Difference.		Estimate of 1871-72.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
New.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation	26,945	13,318	.....	13,627	.....
Communications	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buildings	75,729	40	.....	75,689	.....
Total...	1,02,674	13,358	.....	89,316	.....
Repairs.					
Irrigation	96,952	57,335	.....	39,617	.....
Communications	26,107	.....	.....	26,107	.....
Buildings	4,379	1,713	.....	2,666	.....
Total...	1,27,438	59,048	.....	68,390	.....
Grand Total...	2,30,112	72,406	.....	1,57,706	.....
Net Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	1,57,706	81,700

Irrigation Work, New.—A sum of Rupees 13,318 was spent on Irrigation new works, the most important of which are given below:—

		RS.	A.	P.
1.	Strengthening the 2nd Apron to Alliabad dam	2,422	0	0
2.	Constructing a tunnel of two vents 4½ feet span each, on Annadana Chuttrum road...	248	6	1
3.	Improving the Polur Supply Channel	5,650	0	0
4.	Improving the Supply Channel to the Sishamangalam tank in the Arni Jaghire...	3,000	0	0

Of the abovenamed four works, Nos. 1 and 2 were completed during the year. Nos 3 and 4 are still incomplete.

Irrigation Repairs.—A sum of Rupees 57,335 was expended under this head. A list of the principal irrigation works repaired during the year is herewith sent.

Communications, New and Repairs.—No expenditure was incurred under these heads, all the roads having been transferred to the charge of the Local Fund Board, constituted under Act IV. of 1871.

Buildings, New.—A small sum of Rupees 40 only was expended on Military buildings.

Buildings, Repair.—Of Rupees 1,713 shown under this head, Rupees 1,627 were laid out in the repairs of Military buildings at Vellore town and the remainder in repairing the Post Office at Arconum.

3. The irrigation works in the district were generally only in tolerably good working order during the year under report, and a very large number of them breached during the late storm, for the restoration of which, prompt steps are being adopted, so far as the preparation of estimates is concerned, but it will require a large outlay of money by the State to restore the irrigation works to a really efficient condition.

4. The usual Statement showing the condition, etc., of the several roads lately classed as Imperial is not transmitted, as the distinction, has been abolished and all the roads have been transferred to the Local Fund Board.

THE expenditure in the North Arcot District on Public Works during the year 1871-72 showed a falling off of Rupees 1,30,000, excluding roads which were transferred to Local Funds.

2. In 1870-71 upwards of 2 lakhs were spent; in 1871-72 Rupees 81,700 only were estimated for and of that only Rupees 72,406 were spent.

3. The chief falling off was in buildings. Owing to the completion of the Central Jail at Vellore, and other buildings, against Rupees 75,700 in 1870-71 there is only Rupees 40 in 1871-72. In irrigation new works the grant was reduced one-half from 26,900 to 13,300, and in repairs it was reduced from Rupees 96,950 to 57,340.

4. So very great a fluctuation in the sums laid out on Public Works cannot but have a bad effect in the labour market of the district and the effect must also be to raise the proportion of the cost of Superintendence in an undue degree.

5. The wide spread destruction caused by the storm in May last will of course necessitate a greatly increased expenditure during the current year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1872, No. 1174.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, D. P. W., with one enclosure.

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