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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Public works* **DEPARTMENT.**

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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th November 1862.**

No. 103. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1862, No. 6,900:—

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindevanam, 23rd September 1862, No. 199.

SIR,

1. I have the honor, with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 4th instant, No. 5,871, to submit the Report on the operations of the Public Works Department in this District received from the District Engineer for the official year 1861-62, together with a detail of the progress of public works for the same period.
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		Expend- diture of 1860-61.	Expen- diture of 1861-62.	Difference.		Estimate for 1861-62.
				Increase.	Decrease.	
NEW WORKS.						
Irrigation	..	31,519	37,216	5,697	....	70,720
Communications..	..	10,485	30,566	20,101	.....	50,200
Buildings {	Judicial	..	559	559	.....	....
	Marino	..	50	.....	50	....
Total		41,854	68,361	26,507	50	1,20,920
REPAIRS.						
Irrigation	..	55,770	56,696	926	.....	....
Communications ..	..	51,220	56,305	5,085	.....	....
Buildings {	Revenue	..	1,261	1,031	.....	167
	Marine	..	58	.....	58	.....
	General	..	333	25	.....	308
	Judicial	..	.....	875	.....	.....
	Ecclesiastical	..	.....	12	12	.....
Public..	..	.....	607	607	.....	....
Total.....		1,08,632	1,15,601	7,969	533	.....
Office furniture..	..	.....	400	400	.....	.....
Grand Total....		1,50,486	1,84,365	34,463	583	....

IRRIGATION "NEW."					
Anicut across the Ponnyar ..	..	..	..	..	27,903
Dam across the Woodluff ..	..	..	..	..	503
Minor Irrigation works below 500 Rupees ..	..	..	..	..	8,833
Total					37,340
La ..	..	..	..	..	24
Total					37,316

6. The total expenditure on this anicut has been Rupees 49,403; other minor works of Irrigation have been undertaken and constructed at a cost of Rupees 8,833, the most prominent of these is the anicut across the Mullataur, which the District Engineer anticipates will nearly pay itself by an accession of revenue in the current season.

IRRIGATION REPAIRS.					
Canals ..	..	..	..	..	11,581
Tanks ..	..	..	..	..	34,094
Total					45,675
Salt platforms ..	..	..	..	..	1,073
Total					46,748

7. Agricultural repairs have kept pace with the requirements of the District. More perhaps might have been done but for the restriction on expenditure.

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" COMMUNICATIONS."				S. On road com-
Road from Vellar Anicut to Porto Novo...	...	...	13,083	munications under New
Metalling Road from Cuddalore to Coleroon...	...	...	3,936	works and repairs, a sum
Bridges (additional) from Cuddalore to Coleroon...	...	...	1,654	of Rupees 86,891 has
Two Bridges on the Road from Oolundoorpet to Kallacoorchy Frontier	...	...	4,500	been expended. This is
			7,414	inclusive of Salt roads
Total..	..	..	30,585	on which but little has
Repairs..	..	..	56,406	been spent during the
Total ...	...	...	86,891	past year.

9. I would solicit the Board's attention to the remarks of the District Engineer in paragraph 7, in regard to Salt platforms. I think his recommendations worthy of adoption, and as pointed out by Captain Paxton they would result in a saving in the cost of repairs.

10. BUILDINGS.—No important public buildings have been constructed in the year, but a sum of Rupees 607 have been expended in repairing the Travellers' Bungalows.

11. I am not prepared at present to do more than take a cursory view of the public works in the District, and to pass on the Engineer's report* for the information of the Board. After the north-east monsoon I purpose making a tour of the District, when I shall be in a better position to judge how far the public works are progressing satisfactorily, and whether the tanks and roads are in a satisfactory condition, and further what effect increased outlay on such works might have on the prosperity of the District. In a future report I will endeavour to supply the present omission; meanwhile I may observe that so far as I have seen, no labor or effort appears to have been spared to keep the lines of communication in an efficient state, and the same may be said in regard to Irrigation works.

12. In paragraph 10 the Engineer remarks on the little assistance given by the Ryots in respect of works in which they are interested. This has been a very common complaint ever since the introduction of the new system, and it has arisen from causes which I think are obvious enough. With the contemplated partial return to the old system, this apparent indifference on the part of the Ryots will I think cease, and their aid and co-operation will be readily secured when they again find themselves called upon to act in concert with the Revenue Officers of the District, whom they are accustomed to regard with feelings very different from those which they commonly entertain towards Officers of the present Public Works Department. It would be idle to reason on the prejudices or predilections of a Ryot. It is sufficient that they exist. As opportunity offers, I will endeavour to enlist their more active assistance in works undertaken for their benefit, and with what result shall hereafter be noted.

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ABSTRACT.—Report of the operations of the Department of Public Works in South Arcot, for the year 1861-62.

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ABSTRACT.—Copy of the Report of progress during the year 1862.

1. Ordered that the foregoing report on the public works carried on in the South Arcot District during the official year 1861-62, be submitted for the information of Government.
2. The entire expenditure in the year under report was 1,84,365 Rupees or 33,879 Rupees more than the outlay of the preceding year, which is incorrectly given at 1,57,386 Rupees, whereas it ought to be 1,50,486 Rupees according to the details in the abstract appended to paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter. Of the total expenditure, 68,361 Rupees were laid out on new works, 1,15,004 Rupees on repairs, and the remaining 400 Rupees on Office furniture. Under the head of New Works, the largest expenditure was 37,216 Rupees on Irrigation projects, against 31,319 Rupees on the same account in the previous year; 50,586 Rupees were laid out on communications, which was 20,101 Rupees more than the corresponding outlay in the pre-

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he principal project among the new irrigation works was the Poniar anicut, upon which 13 Rupees were spent. It is said to be completed, but as the aggregate cost has been 5 Rupees, while the estimate is quoted in the District Engineer's Progress Report at pees, the Board presume that the subsidiary works in completion of the entire project be executed. This is confirmed by the remarks of the Collector in paragraph 25 of his istration Report (dated 26th May 1862, No. 86) to which he refers in paragraph 5 of letter. He there states that the completion of the anicut will secure the existing y preserving the supply of water for the channels. The southern bank, but that the revenue to be looked for from the work depends upon irrigation channels, which have constructed on the northern bank of the river. The Collector remarks that the irri-airs have kept pace with the requirements of the District, but that more might have had there been no restriction on expenditure.

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ing and graveling Trunk road No. 9.....	Rs. 24,000	Bs.	
over the Peria Chengulodia, and Chinnu	2,120	119	
gulodai.....	4,446		
na and Salom frontier road.....	22,810		
ing Mercanum and Tindevanum road.....	12,210	231	
on Bridge, Trunk road No. 8.....	1,00,133		
Bridge, do.....	46,001	156	
do. Trunk road No. 9.....	25,369	265	
on Bridge, do. do.....	85,020	356	
Bridge near Rhonagherry.....	20,	155	
over the Manimitta Nadi.....			

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

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No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1862, No. 2,657.

Board's Proceedings, paragraph 5.
Do. do. " 4.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, with a request that the latter Officer will report on the recommendations of the District Engineer of South Arcot respecting the Salt platforms; and also why a very small sum was expended on the Salt roads during the year 1861-62.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Anicut across the Ponnayar	27,903		
Dam across the Woodluput	503		
Minor Irrigation works below 500 Rupees	8,834		
Total	37,340		
Less recoveries	24		
	37,216		

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Tanks	24,034		
	55,618		
Salt platforms	1,078		
	56,696		

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{ Marine	50			50	
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{ Revenue	1,251	1,084		167	
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Metalling Road from Cuddalore to Coleroon	3,925
Bridges (additional) from Cuddalore to Coleroon	1,652
Two Bridges on the Road from Oolundoorpet to Kallacoorchy Frontier	4,500
Total	7,114
Repairs	30,585
Total	56,396

8. On road communications under New works and repairs, a sum of Rupees 86,891 has been expended. This is inclusive of Salt roads on which but little has been spent during the past year.

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	RS.	RS.
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3. Chinnia and Salem frontier road	4,446	119
4. Metalling Mercanum and Tindevanum road	22,800	
5. Metalling Mercanum and Tindevanum road	12,219	231
6. Guddelum Bridge, Trunk road No. 8	1,06,333	
7. Poniar Bridge, do.	46,901	156
8. Do. do. Trunk road No. 9	25,869	265
9. Guddelum Bridge, do.	35,020	366
10. Vellaur Bridge near Bhonagherry	20,000	155
11. Bridge over the Manimutta Nadi		

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To Honorable T. Pycroft, Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to Colonel W. I. Birdwood, R. E., Chief Engineer, P. W. D.

" to C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

c 28 Oct 1862

c 19 Nov 62

c 22 Dec 62

Dated 10th October 1862.
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c 21 Dec 62

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No.

21/81.

1862. Department

No. C. 900.

Submitting for the information of Government report from the Collector of South Arcot on the operations of the P. W. D. during the year 1861-62, with the Board's remarks thereon

Report of the operation of the Department of Public Works in South Arcot for the year 1861-62

The Funds allotted in the Budget for the District amounted to Rs 166949. . . . subsequently increased as follows.

Metalling P.W. No. 1006 Government order No. 1006.

of 29th May 1861. ————— 13083. "

Additional allotment by Government order No. 48.

22nd January 1862 ————— 5503. "

Grants 13015. 28th April 1862. 2000. "

Total Receipts 18533. "

Debit amount not required

for P.W. as amounts ————— 3500. "

184635. "

11. The expenditure has been 183989. 1 2

leaving a balance of 45. 14. 40

unexpended work however has

been done for more than this amount.

but

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material for work to be done
in the present year at a cost
of Rs. 7414. 7.

V. The Government
roads have been put in a good
order as the Allowance, for their
maintenance admit of but
on the Colindalepet & Salem
line owing to the road never
having been fully made
& the traffic heavy the
allowance of Rs. 100 per mile
is insufficient. The allowance
for the repairs of the roads
between Panduram & Cuddalore
of Rs. 120 is quite insufficient
owing to the heavy traffic.

VI. The expenditure
on irrigation works has been
93,936. 6. 10. within Rs. 1,23,239. 9. 2.
For the Ponnai Canal & for minor
new works - many works of
utility have been done
from this source. Rs. 1.

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Repairing the Vellar Canal

Apron and Channel — 1234. 10. 11.

Do. the main rock bank 1499. 5. 9.

Forming two Vagonies in
the Coleroon river — 1816. 11. 8.

Repairing the Davaagoody
main channel — 1851. 4. 6.

Do. the Peram tank bank 1999. 9. 11.

Clearing the main supplying
Channel of Manambatham
tank — 2878. 1. 4.

An dike across the Mullator
has also been constructed
at a cost of Rs. 550 which
will nearly pay for itself by
the increase of revenue in the present year.

VII. Rs. 1276. 3. 4. having been
expended on repairing the salt
platforms as considerable sum
is required yearly for their maintenance
as the earth they are composed of
is easily acted on by water
it would be a saving in the end
to gravel the whole of them.

and the river carefully at
present the rains of a single
season if heavy cut them up
so much that repairs are necessary

VIII. The work has been
carried out on the same system
as during the previous year
contracts having been made
but no advances from Government
in a few instances, & these for
very trifling amounts. The
Subordinates have generally
performed their work during the
year fairly though there is
still room for much improvement.

IX. Repairs have been
made to the following Buildings
Travellers Bungalow at Madras
Tea shed, Tanjore, Travellers
& Lodging at a cost of Rs. 5. 8
Talook at a cost of Rs. 5. 6. Talook
at a cost of Rs. 12. 7. Cuddalore
Custom House 278. 5. 5. also a
new granary has been built to
the

the Talook at a cost of Rs. 559. 15 4.
As in the previous
years but little opportunity has
been given by the Ryots in repairing
the work in which they are
interested.

X. The rates prevailing
in the District are much the
same as prevailed during the
preceding year with the exception
that at Cuddalore and in the
vicinity of the larger coast
towns the rates for building &
materials have still a tendency
to rise.

XI. The season has not been
very favorable on the whole
the South western Talooks have
received quantities of fresh supply
of water.

XII. Local Roads. Work
has been performed on 56. Roads
a total expenditure of Rs. 54,582. 2. 4. having been made

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34 miles. Landed.

24½ Gravel.

also 99 small Bridges and
tunnels built. The traffic
has been much facilitated by
the improvements made.

1/ Special L. Peyton - Capt. A.
 17th May 1862 } of Dr. Ensign South Beach

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South Acre
To The Collector of
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Dated 17th May 1862
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the year 1861/62.

No 6203 of 1862
Lancaster 29th Sept

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Proceedings of the Alaska
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Hofle 1852

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Communications to the Chief
Engineer and the S. P. of the Engineer
for the Alaska Government of the
of the Governor on the operations of the
Public Works in the District of
Alaska for the official year 1852
with a request that the latter as
soon as possible report on the
operation of the District
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