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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th August 1864.*

No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue
Department :—

Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting } (Here enter 20th August 1864, No. 1,516.)
the Coimbatore Collector's report on Public Works during }
1863-64.

No 561. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1864, No. 2,465.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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20th August 1864.*

	RS.	A.	P.
12. Andyore Bridge on the Ambravutty road	201	0	8
13. Poongan Cadavoo Bridge on the Anamallay road... ..	800	2	6
14. Protecting Masonry Bridge of 12 feet span near Sunganoor.	123	11	4
15. Timber Bridge across Ootapallom stream on the road from Coimbatore to Coonoor	1,968	13	7
16. Goodalore Bridge on do. to do.	2,296	3	3
17. Timber Bridge across Tunnepundal stream on do. do..	784	8	0
18. Jalaramapullum Bridge on do. do.	2,657	13	3
19. Timber Bridge across the upper Sunganoor stream on do. do.	5,510	10	0
20. Toolookanoor Bridge on do. do.	435	9	6
21. Narasimma Naikenpolliem Bridge on do. do.	1,241	5	0
22. Veerapandypolliem Bridge on do. do.	1,247	3	4
23. Completing Tarampullu Bridge	71	11	0
24. Burliar Bungalow on the Coonoor Ghát	1,094	11	11
25. Travellers' Goomchee at Colligal	351	6	5
	53,711	12	10

5. No. 1 is for providing resting and halting places for Coolies and Cattle on the line of the Coonoor Ghát, and the works which have been completed have tended much to the comfort of man and beast.

6. No. 2 is the line of road from the Railway station to the foot of the Coonoor Ghát, and Nos. 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 are Bridges over jungle streams intersecting the above line of communication. The works which were unfinished on the 30th April, have since been completed, and the line of road is now in very fair condition.

7. No. 3 is the line of the road from Ootacamund to Devasholah completed and reported upon in last year, but the expenditure appears to have been brought forward in this year's account current in consequence of the non-receipt of the Bill of Actual Charges within the past official year.

8. No. 4 is the new trace now in progress on the Coonoor Ghát in view to the eventual formation of a good cart road with convenient gradients.

9. Nos. 7 and 9 are Railway feeders.

10. Nos. 10 and 12 are works in progress.

11. No. 11; this is a bridge on the line of communication from Coimbatore to Cochin.

12. Nos. 13 and 23 have been completed, and prove a convenience to wheeled conveyances.

13. No. 24; this work is held in abeyance pending the settlement of the trace of the new carriage road on the Coonoor Ghát.

14. No. 25 is in progress.

15. **NEW BUILDINGS**—Rupees 1,07,556.—Under this head the large sum of Rupees 60,897-7-5 was laid out in the construction of Military buildings at Wellington. Rupees 30,660-1-2 were expended in the collection of materials for the Central Jail at Coimbatore, and Rupees 15,999 in roofing the Church at Coonoor, constructing huts for the Police, purchasing the Bungalow at Errode for the Head Assistant Collector, and in various other works.

16. **Repairs to Irrigation Works**.—Rupees 39,147.—This amount was laid out in repairing Anicuts, clearing Channels, and other works of an ordinary character for the maintenance of the existing revenue.

17. **Repairs to Roads**—Rupees 80,033.—The expenditure under this head consists for the most part of the annual maintenance allowances.

18. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Government Order of the 13th November 1860, No. 2,355, Public Works Department, I beg to state that out of the annual allowance of Rupees 1,500 for 1863-64 for the repair of bridle paths and cross-roads on the Neilgherry Hills, which are placed under my control, Rupees 873-3-10 have been beneficially laid out, *vide* accompanying

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No. 315. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1864,
No. 5,024.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 20th July 1864,
No. 154:—

Dated 2nd April 1860, No. 1,568.
27th September 1860, No. 4,412.

1. With reference to the Circular orders indicated in the margin, I have the honor to submit my report on the Public Works carried out during the official year 1863-64, together with a copy of the detailed Statement of their progress received from the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

2. The following Statement shows the amount of expenditure on Public Works during the present official year as compared with the past year:—

ITEMS.	Expenditure of 1862-63.	Expenditure of 1863-64.	DIFFERENCE.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
<i>New works.</i>	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
Irrigation	12,340	27,899	15,559	
Communication	15,663	53,712	38,049	
Buildings	23,516	1,07,556	84,040	
Total..	51,519	1,89,167	1,37,648	
<i>Repairs.</i>				
Irrigation	31,155	39,147	7,992	
Communication	94,594	80,038	...	14,556
Buildings	9,896	12,892	2,996	
Nurseries	...	1,284	1,284	
Total...	1,35,615	1,33,361	...	2,254
Grand Total...	1,87,164	3,22,528	1,35,364	

3. Rupees 27,899 were expended on new irrigation works, almost all of which have been completed with the exception of the two works noted in the margin, which are in progress. Their completion will, it is expected, result in a considerable increase of revenue by the conversion of dry into wet cultivation. A large extent of waste land has already been taken up by the Ryots under these channels.

4. The following are the new Roads on which Rupees 53,712 were laid out this year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Resting places and Samathangies on the Coonoor Ghát	...	1,340	0 0
2. Road from Coimbatore to foot of Coonoor Ghát	...	10,041	14 3
3. Tracing a new line of road to Devasholah	...	1,333	12 5
4. Coonoor Ghát new trace	...	8,547	0 0
5. Vettalakalypolliem Bridge on Coimbatore and Coonoor road.	1,516	4 7	
6. Additions to Sunganoor Bridge on do. do.	2,173	11 1	
7. Rough stone Tunnels on the Somanoor Railway feeder	708	5 8	
8. Sunnasypullam Bridge on Coimbatore and Coonoor road	1,462	11 6	
9. Tunnels, &c., on the road from Kongiem to the Railway Station at Tirpoor	5,722	14 8	
10. Chinnanowkaray Bridge on Trunk Road No. 5	1,010	4 10	
11. Completing Valuntavalum Bridge	1,070	0 1	

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Statement of Actual Charges. The remaining portion, or Rupees 626-12-2, was repaid to the Engineer's Department in consequence of a similar sum spent in 1862-63 from that year's allowance not having been included in the accounts of the Department Public Works owing to the delay in the receipt of the necessary accounts of expenditure from the Tahsildar of Ootacamund, as communicated to me in a letter from the Superintending Engineer dated 20th July 1863.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Progress Report of Works in the District of Coimbatore for the month of April 1864.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Repairing Cross-roads on the Neilgherries. Amount of annual allowance Rupees 1,500 sanctioned by Government on the 29th January 1857.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government. The report appears to the Board to exhibit a very healthy state of activity in the Department Public Works in Coimbatore.

2. The Collector should however have stated how far the condition of the roads, irrigation works, &c. in his District is in his opinion generally satisfactory or in what direction special efforts are required.

ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1864, No. 1,516.

No. 316.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Department of Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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