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Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
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No. 401. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1864, No. 5,858.

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Repairs... ..												
<i>Communication.</i>												
New Works	1,28,751	2	2	1,76,885	10	9	48,134	8	7	...	...	...
Repairs	28,237	13	1	20,295	4	10	...	...	...	7,942	8	3
<i>Building.</i>												
New Works... ..	71,866	14	2	1,29,855	14	3	57,989	0	1	...	...	...
Repairs... ..	13,529	8	5	23,157	12	5	9,628	4	0	...	...	...
Total...	2,43,573	3	8	3,53,799	11	0	1,18,168	15	7	7,942	8	3
Net increase...							1,10,226	7	4			

"Irrigation Works."

3. No new works of Irrigation were undertaken during the year under review; and the total expenditure on "Repairs" under this head amounted to Rupees 3,605-0-9, of which Rupees 2,076-12-2 were spent in carrying out certain repairs to the Yenamakel dam.

"Communication."

4. The outlay on account of "Communications" amounted in the aggregate to Rupees 1,97,180-15-7, viz., Rupees 1,76,885-10-9 on "New Works," and Rupees 20,295-4-10 on "Repairs." The largest expenditure under this head falls on the following works:—

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"Buildings."

5. The expenditure under the head of "Buildings" shows an aggregate of Rupees 1,53,013-10-8, i. e., about double the outlay (Rupees 85,396-6-7) of the previous year:—

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Military Buildings				52,419	13	3	9,975	5	10	62,395	3	1
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Ecclesiastical do.				6,860	2	10	747	5	11	7,607	8	9
Marine do.				47,038	0	0	153	3	1	4,7191	3	1
Forest do.				1,445	9	11		...	...	1,445	9	11
Grand Total, Rupees...										1,53,013	10	8

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Formerly a good deal of attention was paid to the cross roads; ways of some six to eight feet wide, with wooden bridges for the passage of foot travellers and cattle. These were regularly repaired by the Adigaris and Amshom people under the directions of the Taluq servants, and though the traces might be bad, and the bridges rude, yet they were kept passable; and carts being unknown, served the wants of the people fairly.

Now these cross roads are left much to themselves, and the bridges have disappeared, or are out of repair.

10. The attention of the Department Public Works is engaged on the more important lines. Several of these have been re-constructed and undoubtedly greatly improved. But few have been as yet made, and kept in really good order for cart traffic. Carts have increased in number, but not nearly as rapidly as the progress of the District in other respects might have reasonably led us to expect.

11. The present state of the communications then appears to me to be this. Most of the work and money expended of late years has been sunk on important lines as yet incomplete, and consequently unproductive in any proportionate degree; whilst the condition of the minor communications has decidedly deteriorated.

12. I will now glance at a few of the principal lines:—

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2. Trunk No. 4 from Cannanore to Coorg. I do not know this line personally. It bears an enormous traffic; and is, I believe, in fair order.

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It is not creditable to the administration of the District that they are not much further advanced than they are, and persistent and great effort should be made to open them for cart traffic throughout.

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4. The cross roads to which the Collector refers as being in worse order than formerly, are probably roads which are not considered a proper charge on Imperial Funds, and must therefore be maintained from local resources.

5. The Board trust that the Collector may be able to organize a system of grants-in-aid of local efforts for their improvement, but in order to place the Local Fund in a better position to afford the necessary aid, they beg to recommend for the favorable consideration of Government the following remarks.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1864, No. 2,719.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, whose attention will be requested to the Collector's report from paragraphs 9 to 12.
2. Paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Board's Proceedings will receive consideration in the Revenue Department.

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Secretary

To Major J. H. M. S. Stewart, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, P. W. D.,
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