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25th October 1864.*

No 481. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1864,
No. 6,694.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkasy, 22nd September
1864, No. 361 :—

1. I have the honor to report on the progress and effect of Public Works in this District
for the official year 1863-64.

2. From the subjoined abstract Statement it will be observed that the total amount
expended upon Public Works during the year 1863-64, exceeds that of the preceding year by
Rupees 8,756 :—

Works.	Expenditure of 1862-63.	Expenditure of 1863-64.	DIFFERENCE.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
<i>New Works.</i>	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
Irrigation	1,626	3,010	1,384	.....
Communication	47,895	44,007	.....	3,888
Buildings	9,238	4,345	.....	4,893
	58,759	51,362	1,384	8,781
<i>Repairs.</i>				
Irrigation	45,994	50,969	4,975	.....
Communication	49,293	58,751	9,458	.....
Buildings	5,083	6,083	1,720	.....
	1,00,370	1,16,523	16,153	.....
Total...	1,59,129	1,67,885	17,537	8,781
Net increase...			8,756	

3. The sum expended upon ordinary and emergent repairs to works of irrigation during the
year under report for preserving the existing cultivation and revenue, amounted to Rupees 50,969,
and exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 4,975.

4. On new works of irrigation Rupees 3,010 were expended. They were all works of a
minor nature. There were none of any importance to be carried out during the year under review.

5. From the accompanying Statement, it will be seen that the wet cultivation and
revenue brought to account during the year under report, amounted to Acres 181,369, and
Rupees 18,34,098, respectively :—

Faslis.	Extent of wet land brought to account.	Revenue.	Deduct Remission.	Net Revenue.
	Acres	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
1272	1,79,729	17,87,537	33,173	17,54,364
1273	1,81,369	18,34,098	76,875	17,57,223
Increase ...	1,640	46,561	43,702	2,859
Decrease ...	.....	.....	.....	.....

6. The season was on the whole unfavorable for cultivation for want of timely rains.

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7. The total expenditure on road improvements amounted to Rupees 1,02,758, of which Rupees 23,844 from the Imperial Funds, and Rupees 20,163 from the one per cent. Income Tax Local Fund were laid out on new works, and Rupees 58,751 from the Imperial Funds on repairs to portions of made roads damaged by use and weather.

8. Of the new works of communication above referred to, the principal ones requiring notice are particularized below:—

(1.) *A portion of the Trunk Cotton road No. 5 between Mapiliyoorany and Tuticorin.*—This work, the estimate for which amounted to Rupees 29,000, is reported to have been completed during the year under report, at a cost of Rupees 28,950.

(2.) *The Sattoor bridge.*—The original estimate for this work is Rupees 15,800, and the supplemental estimate Rupees 6,200, or both together Rupees 22,000. Of which Rupees 7,479 were laid out, in addition to the sum of Rupees 10,487 expended up to the end of the previous official year. I would here beg to observe that there has been very great delay in this work. It was commenced in December 1861, and it has not yet been fully completed.

(3.) *Road No. 8 leading from Palamcottah to Tuticorin.*—The estimate for this work amounts to Rupees 1,30,000, of which Rupees 16,743 were laid out during the year under report. Adding this sum to that laid out in the previous year, viz., Rupees 2,274, the total expended amounts to Rupees 19,020.

(4.) *Salt Roads*—The total expenditure on these roads amounted, in the year under reference, to Rupees 17,946. For improving and widening these roads, fresh estimates have been prepared and submitted for sanction with reference to the Order of Government, dated 2nd December 1863, No. 2,192, Revenue Department. Of the above estimates that for constructing the road between Coolasegarapatam and Oodengudy has been sanctioned by Government in their

Proceedings of 28th July 1864, and the estimates for the three roads named in the margin have been ordered by Government to be included in the Budget for the ensuing official year 1865-66. The construction of the road between

1. The road from Karapad salt pans to junction with cotton road at Tuticorin.
2. Do. from Armuganery salt pans to Nulloor.
3. Do. from Arasady salt pans to junction with trunk cotton road.

Manjancolam salt pans, and Ettiapuram has been ordered by Government in their Proceedings of 12th September 1864, No. 2,635, to be deferred until the 3rd Member of the Board of Revenue has inspected the salt works in this District.

9. There are two roads leading to the Palayacol salt pans, one from Streevycoontam to Palayacol, and the other from Alwartirunagary to Palayacol. The last mentioned road, for which a sum of Rupees 1,600 was sanctioned by Government on the 11th December 1861, has been abandoned during the year under report, as it was considered to be unnecessary.

10. As regards the state of the roads in this District generally, there is some improvement. It appears to me that more supervision is wanted than can possibly be given by one Officer as Superintending Engineer for two large Districts such as Madura and Tinnevely, and that a reversion to the former system of having a District Engineer for each District, would be beneficial.

11. During the year under report Rupees 2,450 were expended in excavating channels on the north and south sides of Tuticorin, for the protection of the town from inundation, on an estimate of Rupees 2,700, sanctioned by Government on the 18th September 1863.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The report is satisfactory so far as it goes, but the Collector is requested in future to enter more fully into the question of the requirements of his District.
3. Attention is requested to the remarks in paragraphs 2 and 10 of the letter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

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No. 482. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 3,074.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

2. The unexpended balance* of the estimate for the Satur bridge having been placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, in Proceedings No. 2,746, dated 20th September 1864, the Government expect that arrangements will be made for the completion of the work at an early date.

* Rupees 4,034.

(True Extract)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Submitting for information letter from the
Collector of Tinnevely reporting on the pro-
gress and effect of Public Works in 1863-64.

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Michael Corbett
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