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21st November 1864.

No. 414. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1864,
No. 7,143.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District,
to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th
October 1864, No. 257 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit a report on the Public Works executed in this District during the official year 1863-64, together with a Statement shewing the expenditure on those works compared with that of the preceding year.

2. A sum of six lacs and forty-three thousand Rupees has been spent during 1863-64 under the two general heads of New Works and Repairs, exceeding the expenditure of 1862-63 by Rupees 43,344

ABSTRACT.

ITEMS.	Actual expenditure in 1862-63.	Actual expenditure in 1863-64.	Increase or Decrease.
<i>New Works.</i>			
Irrigation	2,11,534	2,72,872	+ 61,338
Communications	63,773	65,793	+ 2,020
Buildings	11,931	69,778	+ 57,847
Total New Works...	2,87,238	4,08,443	+ 1,21,205
<i>Repairs.</i>			
Irrigation	1,90,711	1,64,811	— 25,900
Communications	1,17,508	62,838	— 54,670
Buildings	4,540	7,249	+ 2,709
Total Repairs...	3,12,759	2,34,898	— 77,861
Total New Works and Repairs...	5,99,997	6,43,341	+ 43,344

3. I have seen none of the works referred to, as I joined the District only at the very end of May.

4. A larger sum than in the preceding year has been laid out in raising the Godavery anicut.

5. A lock and calingulah at Chinna Kapavaram sanctioned this year, and certain other works in progress up to last year, have been completed.

6. The largest item of expenditure entered in the return under "New Works," is the compensation for lands taken up by channels and embankments.

7 The expenditure on dredging the Cocanada harbour is much lower than in the preceding year.

8. A sum of Rupees 1,500 has been spent on the improvement of communications in the Rumpa country. This is a very necessary outlay, and one for which it is difficult to obtain labour as the country is so feverish.

9. The construction of the two Iron girder bridges on the Ellore high level canal, which was commenced last year, has been completed during this year.

10 The construction of an Iron lattice bridge at Cocanada, for which a sum of Rupees 75,000 has been sanctioned, is now in progress. This large work is one of those improvements for the town of Cocanada, which were suggested by Sir Charles Trevelyan, in place of the present old and now dangerous wooden one over the salt creek between Cocanada and Jagannakpuram. The completion of the new bridge should be proceeded with as fast as possible, and I

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am glad to see that the Madras Government have applied to the Supreme Government for an increased grant of funds for this purpose.

11. The Central Jail at Rajahmundry is progressing well.
12. The roads in this District are in very bad condition, and they have not received due attention. I would instance the High Northern Trunk Road from Rajahmundry to Toonee, which is at this moment in wretched condition, and in places impassable. I state this on the authority of a demi-official report, which I received to-day from my Acting Head Assistant, who has just traversed the whole length of it. It has been too much the fashion in this District to subordinate roads to canals. I do not undervalue the latter; but when they are closed for four months at a time, as is generally the case every year for repairs, the want of decent roads is very much felt. The high road from Ellore to Rajahmundry is now very bad.

13. I beg to call the Board's pointed attention to the remarks in the Acting Sub-Collector's Jummahbundy Report on the great want of drainage in that part of the delta composing the Sub-Collectorate.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Return of Public Works expenditure for 1863-64.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government. The Board request attention to the Collector's remarks on the state of the main roads. They observe that the expenditure on the repair of communications was less by upwards of half a lac of Rupees than in the preceding year.

2. The Sub-Collector's remarks on the defective drainage of the delta has been communicated to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 415. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1864, No. 3,334.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, whose attention is requested to the remarks of the Collector in paragraph 12.

2. The roads from Rajahmundry to Toonee and from Ellore to Rajahmundry are provided with maintenance grants of Rupees 6,000 and 5,000 respectively. Captain Ryves will report the manner in which these sums were laid out in the past official year.

3. The Government note that in Proceedings No. 2,824, dated 24th November 1862, an estimate amounting to Rupees 9,400 was sanctioned for cutting side drains and clearing jungle on both sides of Trunk Road No. 6, from Toonee to Rajahmundry. The expenditure on this work up to 30th April last, was Rupees 4,462,

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and the sanction of the Government of India has been solicited for diverting to it a further sum of Rupees 4,938 from the allotment for a calingulah over the Byanee river in the Godavery District. The execution of this work will doubtless contribute to the improvement of the road.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Board of Revenue.

Lxd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Department

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Under date the 21st November 1864

*Pro: of the Board of Revenue
Submitting for information letter
from the Officiating Collector of
the Godavery District forwarding
report on the Public Works executed
in the district during 1863-64, to-
gether with a statement showing
the expenditure on these works.*

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*The Government note
that in Pro: No 2824 of 24th Nov/62*

Memorandum to the Secretary

an estimate amounting to Rs 9,000
was sanctioned for cutting side
drains & clearing jungle on both
sides of J. No 10 from Joonee
to Rajahmundry. The expenditure
on this work up to 30 April
was Rs 462, and the sanction of
the Govt of India has been
solicited for diverting to it a
further sum of Rs 4938 from
the allotment for a Calingulab
over the Pyani river on the
Gody District. The expenditure for
this work will doubtless contribute
to the improvement of the road.

Respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

29 Sept 1889
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The Deputy Engineer at
R. A. Revenue. H. H. 1. C.

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the D^o during
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