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No. 362. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1865, No. 6,234 :—

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th August 1865, No. 172.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my Report on the works executed from the general funds during the past official year 1864-65.

2. The subjoined statement shows the several sums expended under the heads of Irrigation, Communications, Buildings, and Miscellaneous, as well as the increase and decrease in expenditure as contrasted with the outlay of the preceding year:—

Works.	Expenditure during 1863-64.	Expenditure during 1864-65.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
IRRIGATION.				
New works ...	.....	1,706 10 5	.....	1,898 6 4
Repairs ...	3,605 0 9			
COMMUNICATIONS.				
New works ...	1,76,885 10 9	1,99,255 0 10	22,369 6 1	.....
Repairs ...	20,295 4 10	49,817 7 0	29,522 2 7	.....
BUILDINGS.				
New works ...	1,29,855 14 3	1,15,938 6 2	.....	13,917 8 1
Repairs ...	23,157 12 5	29,556 2 8	6,398 6 3	.....
Miscellaneous...	.....	9,944 3 0	9,944 3 0	.....
Total ...	3,53,799 11 0	4,06,217 14 6	68 234 1 11	15,815 14 5
		Net increase ...	52,418 3 6	

3. IRRIGATION.—No new works of irrigation were undertaken during the year under report. The charge of Rupees 1,706, entered in the statement, is on account of annual repairs to the Yenamakel and other minor existing dams.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.—On communications there was an outlay of Rupees 2,49,072* principally on the lines of road and the two bridges noted below:—

* New works ...	RS. 1,99,255
Repairs ...	49,817
	2,49,072
	RS.
1. Kalpatti bridge near Palghat ...	24,735
2. Road from Malapuirom to Ponani ...	11,169
3. Road from Calicut to Palghat via Mundur ...	8,130
" Bridging do. do. ...	6,436
4. Karkur ghaut and road below (earthwork) ...	13,202
5. Karkur ghaut and road above earthwork. &c. ...	31,448
6. Opening up the trace of the new Gudulur ghaut ...	13,000
7. Tambracherry ghaut road ...	34,553
8. Irritty Thode bridge ...	11,616

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5. BUILDINGS.—In the construction and repair of buildings, Rs. 1,45,494 were expended. This sum was laid out on the various headings indicated in the subjoined statement:—

Description.			New works.			Repairs.			Total.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Military buildings...	...	...	93,175	0	11	17,304	2	1	1,10,479	3	0
Revenue do. ...	...	...	9,067	7	9	8,428	5	6	17,525	13	3
Public do. ...	...	...	709	14	11	1,371	0	3	2,071	15	2
Judicial do. ...	...	...	8,072	5	7	2,056	2	8	10,128	8	3
Ecclesiastical do. ...	...	...	3,622	3	11	311	12	2	3,934	0	1
Marine do. ...	...	...	905	15	0	54	12	0	959	11	0
Forest do. ...	...	...	394	6	1	.....	.....	.....	394	6	1
Total ...			1,15,938	6	2	29,556	2	8	1,45,494	8	10

The following are the works on which the largest expenditure was incurred:—

1. Recreation room of the European Regiment at Cannanore Rs. 14,753
2. Constructing married quarters at Cannanore 13,222
3. Regimental school at do. 13,081
4. Assistant Apothecary's quarters at do. 7,672
5. Staff Serjeant's quarters at do. 6,271

6. MISCELLANEOUS.—Besides the outlay on the three heads* above adverted to, a charge of Rupees 9,944 was incurred in buying tools, &c., for the use of the Department Public Works. -

7. A list of the principal new works, executed during the past official year, is forwarded for the information of the Board, with such remarks as the Progress Reports received from the Department Public Works enable me to afford. These are, it will be seen, somewhat meagre; but as I have no general reports giving a review of progress effected during the year, and showing the state of the works at its close to refer to, it is difficult either to form or convey a very accurate opinion on the state of works that have not come under my own notice at a late period of the year.

Kalpatti bridge.

8. It was hoped the Kalpatti bridge would have been finished before this monsoon, but a good deal remains to be done on this very important communication, which lies between Palghat town and the Railway station.

Calicut to Mandur road.

9. I saw a great part of this road in March, and consider that the Range Officer, Mr. Smithers, deserves credit for the progress of the work upon it. The trace has been greatly improved in parts, and the masonry works are excellent.

It is to be hoped the fine bridge at Kutlangadi will be speedily finished.

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10. I saw the greater part of these ghaut and roads, above and below. works in December last, when good progress was being made. I believe that Mysore frontier to the head of the ghaut the road is passable for bandies, only a great deal of work has been done. work below was much impeded towards the end of the year by fever. A al remains to be done before this communication is properly opened to and it must be opened to Areakod, some twelve miles further west before looked on as complete.

Coast road.*

11. Several of the bridges on this important road require renewal. The subject will be brought to notice separately in due course.

bracherry ghaut and approaches.

12. The road to the foot of the ghaut from Calicut has been greatly improved. A good deal has been done towards opening the lower part of the new trace traffic; but though it was confidently hoped this part of the ghaut would be open for carts last February of March, a great deal remains to be done before wheels can use the upper two miles out of a total length of about seven. Very little actually done on the approaches to Lakadie at the head of the ghaut, and to say, that since the close of the official year, the communications have great damage from the heavy rains.

Wynaad plateau.

13. I believe that a good deal has been done about Gudalur, south-east Wynaad. I am unable to say that much has been done in other parts.

I have not very definite information regarding the roads in the north of district.

S.—This Report has been submitted for the perusal of the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division. He has perused and returned it with the endorsement, remarks appear to be called for.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of important new works executed during the year 1864-65, District of Malabar.

Submitted for the information of Government. The Report is satisfactory; Collector should have stated whether the whole of the Budget provision had been expended during the year.

The works in connection with the Tambracherry and Karkur ghauts should be completed as rapidly as the available funds will admit.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, of the 7th Division.
,, Board of Revenue with one Enclosure.
,, Revenue Department.

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