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No. 134. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1866, No. 6,016:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 8th August 1866, No. 236.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the works executed during the past year 1865-66, from the General Funds in this District.

2. The subjoined Statement shows the several sums expended under the different heads of Irrigation, Communications, and Buildings, as contrasted with the outlay of the preceding year:—

Description of works.	Expenditure during 1864-65.			Expenditure during 1865-66.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Irrigation.												
New Works	....			....			....			....		
Repairs	1,706	10	5	861	3	9	....			845	6	8
Communications.												
New Works	1,99,255	0	10	1,91,276	0	0	....			7,979	0	10
Repairs	49,817	7	5	62,372	13	5	12,555	6	0	....		
Buildings.												
New Works	1,15,938	6	2	1,09,963	1	9	....			5,975	4	5
Repairs	29,556	2	8	19,967	5	8	....			9,588	13	0
Miscellaneous	9,944	3	0	113	0	9	....			9,831	2	3
Total ...	4,06,217	14	6	3,84,553	9	4	12,555	6	0	34,219	11	2
							Net Decrease ...			21,664	5	2

3. No new agricultural or irrigation works have been undertaken during the year; the charge of Rupees 861 being the cost of the usual repairs to some of the existing works, which are not of great importance.

4. The bulk of the general funds is expended on communications and Military buildings. Rupees 2,53,648 were laid out on communications in the year under report. The most important of these are enumerated below, with the amounts expended on them severally during the year:—

	RS.
1. Periah Ghát new trace	13,922
2. Teriote road from Manantoddy to Lakady	13,706
3. Tambracherry Ghát and road	26,377
4. Road between Vytry and Kalpatti	10,154
5. Karkur Ghát	15,177
6. Road from Karkur to Gudalur...	12,299
7. Road from Gudalur to Tippa Kadavu	13,733

5. The outlay on buildings amounted to Rupees 1,29,930, divided departmentally as shown in the subjoined statement. The particulars of repairs not being

forthcoming from the Progress Report received from the Department of Public Works, the lump sum merely is entered :—

Description.	New Works.			Repairs.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Military Buildings	84,013	4	11	13,494	9	1	97,507	14	0
Revenue do.	2,628	9	8	6,472	12	7	32,422	9	5
Public do.	7,037	14	1						
Judicial do.	12,930	9	2						
Ecclesiastical do....	1,136	15	2						
Marine do....	2,215	12	9						
Total ...	1,09,963	1	9	19,967		58	1,29,930	7	5

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

	RS.
1. Construction of married quarters with out-offices at Cannanore, and a range of married quarters at Calicut	49,064
2. Erecting a Regimental School-room at Cannanore, and out-houses	7,632
3. Constructing Sergeants' Mess House for Her Majesty's 102nd Regiment at Cannanore	5,702
4. Building Sub-Magistrate's office and Police Station house at Vytry	6,679
5. Constructing a Post Office at Manantoddy	4,600

6. A list of the principal new works executed during the year is forwarded for the Board's information, with such remarks as the different items seem to call for.

7. The improvement and repair of the Iriti bridge on the high road between Cannanore and Tellicherry and Coorg, was one of the most important works in the north, and made fair progress to completion.

A great deal was done on the new Periah Ghát trace, and much more would have been done had there not been an unfortunate misunderstanding regarding the true and relative importance of the work, and the time and expenditure its completion would require. Its merits are now understood, and provision made for its progress. If I am not mistaken, it will be the first Ghát on good gradients, and completed approaches open for carts between Wynaad and the Coast, though Karkur should run it close. But there is much bridge-work to do on the road below Karkur, whereas the road from Tellicherry to the foot of the Periah Ghát is now excellent. The road, however, from the top of the Karkur Ghát to the Mysore frontier is now excellent, carrying a large cart traffic; whereas that from the top of the Periah Ghát to Manantoddy and Mysore is still very bad in parts, and, though carts do occasionally pass, cannot be properly called an opened cart road. With the new trace opened, however, and the worst part of the road above improved, cart communications between Tellicherry and Mysore by this route would be well established.

8. Continued improvement has been made on the road from this to the Tambracherry Ghát. Three considerable bridges at the foot of the Ghát have been finished, and the road-way on the lower portion of the new trace improved. But the prospect of the Ghát being opened throughout is still somewhat indefinite.

Above great progress has been made, and one of the reproaches of the District, viz., the wretched state of the communications inland from the head of this Ghát, will this season, I hope, pass away.

9. Two fine bridges close to Maliapooram have been completed, and the progress on the line from Calicut to Palghát viâ Mundur has been very satisfactory. The completion of the fine bridge at Kalpatti, and of a bridge at Topen on this road, greatly facilitates cart traffic about the Palghát end.

10. It will be seen that, under the aggregate of communications, there was a decrease in the expenditure under the head of New Works, but a considerable increase under Repairs, leaving a net increase of Rupees 4,576. It must not be supposed, however, that these repairs are merely the restitution of dilapidated works to a former standard of excellence. The repairs, in some cases, embrace almost construction of sections of lines, and in all cases great improvements.

11. The progress of the public works during the year has been, on the whole, very satisfactory, and several of the main lines of communications have certainly made great steps in their advance towards completion.

12. The subject of the coast road bridges, several other bridges of importance, and certain public buildings, will be brought to notice in a separate communication.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of important new works executed in the District of Malabar during 1865-66.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 2,838.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
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