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No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1867, No. 6,105:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1867, No. 195.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the Public Works carried out in this district during the year 1866-67.

2. The official year under report having terminated with the 31st March 1867, (*vide* "Fort St. George Gazette," dated 18th May 1866, page 850,) this report embraces the transactions for eleven months only, that is, from May 1866, to the 31st March 1867.

3. Subjoined is a statement, showing the several classes of works performed, with the amount of expenditure incurred on them, as compared with the same details for the past year:—

	Provision in the Budget for 1866-67.	Expense in 1865-66.	Expense in 1866-67.	Difference.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works.					
I. Irrigation	18,253	15,846	17,295	1,449	.....
II. Communication	65,528	97,266	91,979	.....	5,287
III. Buildings	2,91,966	3,45,301	3,00,176	.....	45,125
IV. Miscellaneous Public Improvements	672	4,688	872	.....	3,816
Total...	3,76,419	4,63,101	4,10,322	1,449	54,228
Repairs.					
I. Irrigation	25,916	34,513	24,398	.....	10,145
II. Communication	65,052	63,201	65,356	2,155	.....
III. Buildings	10,478	13,275	10,405	.....	2,870
IV. Miscellaneous Public Improvements	400	289	494	205	.....
Total...	1,01,846	1,11,308	1,00,653	2,360	13,015
Grand Total .	4,78,265	5,74,409	5,10,975	3,809	67,243
Deduct Increase...	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,809
Net Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	.....	63,434

4. The item No. I., under the head of New Works, consists chiefly of masonry sluices to the Bowany and Amravati rivers in the talooks of Sattimungalam, Dharapooram, and Caroor. Most of these have been completed. The incompletion is, in some cases, attributable to the late period of the year at which the works were set on foot, and in others to the difficulty of procuring labor.

5. A sum of Rupees 91,979 was expended under the head "Communication" in the year under notice, against Rupees 97,266, in 1865-66. The works are as follow:—

	Rs.
I. Coonoor new ghaut trace	55,961
II. New Goodalur ghaut	12,355
III. New road connecting Kotagherry and Wellington with the new Coonoor ghaut	4,642

		Rs.
IV.	Reconstructing three bridges, and improving the road from Coonoor and Wellington to the Australian plantation near Bleakhouse	2,662
V.	Travellers' Bungalow at Pothanoor	1,518
VI.	Chinnaikavakarai bridge	1,150
VII.	Burghoor ghaut new trace	8,504
VIII.	Odai bridge at Errode	1,105
IX.	Improving road between the Trichinopoly boundary and Caroor	2,569
X.	Superseding by a new line that portion of the Coonoor and Kotagherry road at and on both sides of the peat bog	500
XI.	Trace and bridle-path from the Coonoor ghaut by Wellington to Kotagherry	580
XII.	Improving road from Coorchy to the Railway feeder	482
	Total	21,979

6. The lower four miles of the Coonoor new trace, that is, from Kullar to Burliar, have been completed, and are used by carts and carriages. The upper four and a half miles of the ghaut were opened for wheeled traffic in November last, and it is hoped that the rest of the trace will be completed before long. Nos. 2 and 3 are in progress, and No. 4 has been completed. No. 5, the Pothanoor Bungalow, is now used as a Travellers' Bungalow, and is a great convenience to the travelling public halting there, adjoining, as it does, the Railway station. The Chinnaikavakarai bridge, which, as stated in my last report, fell down within three months from the date of its completion, and whose (?) reconstruction was sanctioned by Government in Proceedings, dated 11th May 1866, No. 1,521, is now almost ready.

7. The Burgoor ghaut new trace is in rapid progress, and its completion will facilitate traffic from Southern India to the western parts of Mysore. Nos. VIII., IX., X., XI., and XII. are completed, and No. X. is in progress.

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9. New Buildings.—The total expenditure under this head, during the year under notice, is Rupees 3,00,176, of which Rupees 1,12,210 were expended on the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund. This work is still in progress. Rs. 1,33,627 have also been laid out on the undermentioned Revenue, Postal, and General Buildings:—

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4.	Constructing a new Church at Ootacamund		15,000
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6.	Do.	Central Jail at do.	75,213

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12.	Converting the Travellers' Bungalow at Coonoor into Post-office, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, and Police station		1,615
13.	Compensation for land taken up for Police station at Pothanoor		418
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15.	Making and fixing two new windows to the Talook Cutcherry at Oodoomalapettah		27
		Total	1,33,627

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, with enclosure.

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,, the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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