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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th October 1869.*

No. 336. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1869, No. 6,995 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Kadiri, 29th July 1869, No. 118.

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Military ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Civil buildings ...	34,730	4,400	39,130	9,500	4,100	13,600	...	25,230	...	291
Agricultural ...	8,860	42,764	51,624	8,371	40,888	50,259	...	489	...	876
Communications ...	7,021	77,770	84,791	7,080	77,767	84,847	59	...	...	3
Tools ...	750	225	975	773	250	1,023	23	...	34	...
Total ...	51,361	1,25,139	1,76,520	25,724	1,24,023	1,49,747	82	25,719	34	1,170
<i>Local.</i>										
Communications ...	60,880	*25,550	86,430	55,094	26,391	81,485	...	5,786	844	...
Tools and Plant ...	535	268	803	1,422	54	1,476	887	...	...	214
Total ...	61,415	25,818	87,233	56,516	26,445	82,964	887	5,786	844	214
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* Vide Board's Proceedings, 4th June 1868, No. 4,132.

3. In addition, a sum of Rupees 21,175-6-10 was expended on local works, and sanctioned in Government Order, 29th April 1869, No. 1,167.

4. There were no particular works of special importance executed.

5. Under the head "Civil Buildings" Original Works, Rupees 21,750 were sanctioned for new Subsidiary Jails, but owing chiefly to the late period at which sanction was communicated, and partly to the difficulties attending the selection of sites in some instances, it was found possible to expend only Rs. 1,000.

6. Under the head of "Agricultural New Works" the most important was the completion of an estimate of Rupees 11,000 for the restoration of the comparatively Mallaappa tank. The total expenditure under this head was Rupees 7,311 against a grant of Rupees 8,800.

7. In Agricultural Repairs, Rupees 11,000 were spent out of a grant of Rupees 42,761. For this, fifty-six tanks, consisting of irrigation and supply channels, three sluices and one weir, were repaired.

8. The Irrigation Works of the district are, as a rule, in very bad order, as they ought to be, for I find it recorded in paragraph 213 of the Administration Report of the Madras Presidency for 1861-62, "The large tanks and canals are reported to be all in very bad order, and ought not to be in need of repair for the next ten years." The comparatively small outlay of Rupees 21,000 for repairs to Irrigation Works in that year was attributed to both the above causes having been very light and "also to the great attention paid to them by the Government of Madras 1860." There was a storm in November 1859 that injured many tanks, but the repairs to these are stated to have been completed in 1861-62, and I find no special mention of damages by excess of water since that period.

9. The chief item under the head of "Communications Original Works" Imperial is the Chodagudi and Bellary road, which has been completed all but

two and three quarters miles. The original estimate of Rupees 1,50,000 has been exhausted, and the Superintending Engineer is about to submit a supplemental estimate for the small unfinished portion. This road has now been transferred to the head of "Local" at an annual cost to the District Road Fund for maintenance of Rupees 12,100. I trust, therefore, that the supplemental estimate to complete it will be charged to Imperial Funds. By the reduction of the assessment on old Well lands lately sanctioned, our District Road Fund already heavily burdened will permanently lose about Rupees 5,000 annually.

10. Of "New Communications Local" those on which the most considerable progress was made are the Railway feeder from the Vengalpet Station to the town of Proddatur, on which nearly Rupees 19,000 were spent, and the road from Proddatur to join Trunk Road No. XIII. to Nellore near Nandalempett. On this nearly Rupees 12,000 were spent. A sum of Rupees 5,000 was also spent on the road from Badwell, also on Trunk Road No. XIII. to the Kurnool frontier, and a similar sum on that from Mydekoor on Trunk Road No. XVII. (to Kurnool) to Porimamila a town of some importance to the north of the Rayachoti talook. About Rupees 5,500 were spent on the commencement of the road south from the Moodanoor Station to Pulivendala, and Rupees 5,000 on a road running west from Kadiri into the Bellary District.

11. The Special Imperial grant of Rupees 51,175 was mainly expended up to 31st December last, on a road connecting Kadiri with Rayachoti. A distance of forty miles on another from a point about midway on the above road to Balasamudrum on Trunk Road No. XVIII. some twenty miles. These two roads are open for traffic, and on another and most important line from Kadiri to Pulivendala and on to the Railway at Moodanoor, from which end, as above stated, work was commenced from Local Funds. This is not yet open for traffic.

12. Between Kadiri and Pulivendala, there is a very severe ghaut to be crossed, and another between Pulivendala and Moodanoor. The estimate for the first six and a quarter miles south of Moodanoor is over Rupees 40,000.

13. The special grant* of Rupees 27,000 for expenditure after 1st January last for the above three famine roads will very shortly be exhausted, and I fear that it will be found impossible to provide, within any reasonable time, sufficient funds from the District Road Fund to open out this most important line of road. In para. 13, Government Order of 26th August last, No. 2,257, Government said that this road "should be pushed forward to completion without delay," and it is clear from the tenor of this order that Government intended all three of the above roads to be executed from Imperial Funds, for in paras. 19 and 20 they specially objected to assign Imperial Funds to five other roads. In their order of 29th April 1869, No. 1,167, however, the Board were directed to provide allotments for these three roads in the Local Fund Budget for next year.

14. I beg the Board to bring this to the special notice of the Government, in the hope that they will make a further special allotment of Rupees 50,000 towards the completion of these roads which were undertaken as Imperial Works after the District Road Fund has been appropriated for years to come to the prosecution of other equally urgent requirements. Unless some such relief is granted, it is quite impossible that so many large works should proceed at the same time, and some of those now in progress must necessarily be stopped next year for want of funds. Moreover, it appears obviously unjust that the bulk of the District Road Fund should, for years to come, be expended for the benefit of one talook, but this injustice must be done to the rest of the district, or else the roads which Government have recognised the great importance of completing must be stopped for want of funds from September next, and indefinitely after that.

15. I beg this subject may be disposed of, and the result intimated to me at an early date, as the preparation of my Local Fund Budget for next year is dependent thereupon.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The information regarding the mileage of Imperial Road, required in Government Order of 11th November 1868, No. 2,831, and which is omitted in the foregoing report, has been called for.

3. The total expenditure appears to have been Rupees 2,32,711, thus showing an increase of Rupees 50,552 over the expenditure of the previous year.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1869.*

4. The points which call for notice from the Board are the following.
5. It appears from para. 2 that out of Rs. 25,310 sanctioned for new Subsidiary Jails, Rs. 25,310 have been expended in consequence of delays and obstructions.
6. The Collector reports in para. 3 that the Cuddapah and Bellary road (two and three quarters miles of which are still unfinished) has been transferred from Imperial to Local Fund, and he requests that the supplemental estimate required to complete the work may be charged to Imperial Funds, as the maintenance of the road will prove a heavy burden on the Local Funds. The Board are not at liberty to re-open this subject.

7. It appears that two grants, viz. Rs. 1,170 and Rs. 2,144, have been exhausted on the three roads, viz. 1. From Kadiri to Hengalpur, 2. From Rayachoti to Palani, and 3. From Kadiri to Palani, and the Government, in their order of the 1st April 1869, No. 1,147, directed the Board to provide allotments for these three roads in the Local Fund Budget for next year.

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No. 337.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, 13th October 1869, No. 3,313.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

Copy sent to the Superintending Engineer and the Secretary of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

Captain R. L.

Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division,
Revenue Department,
Board of Revenue.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

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4. There were no particular works of special magnitude executed.

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(Signed Copy and Extract)
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
to the Collector of Cuddapah.
Ed. G. A. Turtan.

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NO. 6,995.

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