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Tools ...	500	200	700	304	181	485	...	196	...	19
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5. The only one of the new Talook Cutcherries on which any considerable sum was spent was that at Sidhout, which was nearly completed at an expenditure of Rupees 11,240. I have seen the building, and was strongly impressed with the conviction that the accommodation furnished is far beyond the present necessity of a talook establishment.

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8. As the result of the present system I must, from my own observation, pronounce the condition of the Public Works Department in this district to be lamentably bad and inefficient, and I despair of any material improvement until the district has a supervising officer of its own. I think also that the supervising officer should have more power to deal summarily with incompetent subordinates than is now entrusted to Superintending Engineers.

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No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1870, No. 2,384.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

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J. G. M.
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. A. S. Rodgers.

Public Works—executed in Cuddapah District during 1869-70.—Collector's report on, submitted for information of Government.—Collector requested to furnish information regarding mileage of Imperial roads, in form of a Statement.

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