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No. 360. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1870, No. 6,220 :—

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4. CIVIL BUILDINGS.—The sum of Rupees 57,203 was allotted in the Budget for the construction and repair of civil buildings.

A. The improvements and additions to the jail at Bellary, which, at the close of the past official year, were in progress, have not been completed as yet, awaiting the receipt of a revised plan from the Inspector-General of Jails. All the principal buildings in connection therewith are, however, reported to be completed. The improvements and additions above referred to have, for the official year, cost Rupees 19,642, which sum has been met from an allotment of Rupees 20,000.

B. In addition to the sum of Rupees 2,616, expended in collecting materials for commencing the new Talook Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails in this district, a sum of Rupees 1,157 has been expended on the Talook Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Ghooty alone. The want of suitable offices for the Sub-Collector and General Deputy is much felt. The former officer at Ghooty has none at all.

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7. IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURAL.—No new agricultural works have been undertaken during the past year, but the repairs of the following, which have been sanctioned in previous years, are in progress.

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B. The breach of the Pattacottachervoo tank has also been closed, and a sluice constructed at a cost of Rupees 5,211, of which Rupees 1,021 have been expended in the year under report.

C. Another work of some importance is the restoration of the Gootloor tank. This also is a work that was sanctioned previously; the work reported to have been performed on this tank consists in completing three sluices and a greater portion of the bund-work.

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No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1870, No. 2,785.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Acting Secretary.

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