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No. 196 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1871, No. 2,862.—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Negapatam, 10th June 1871, No. 177.

I HAVE the honour to report on the operation of the Department of Public Works during the official year 1870-71.

2. The usual statement of expenditure, as compared with 1869-70, is annexed —

Works	Expenditure of 1869-70.	Expenditure of 1870-1	Difference	
			Increase	Decrease
New Works	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Civil Buildings	73,139	31,317		41,822
Agricultural { Ordinary	14,537	21,808	46,924	
Agricultural { Extraordinary		39,653		
Communication	30,251	338		29,913
Miscellaneous Public Improvement				
Total	1,17,927	93,116	46,924	71,735
Net				24,811
Repairs				
Civil Buildings	4,514	4,797	283	...
Agricultural	1,15,860	1,63,313	47,453	..
Communication	29,282	33 410	4,128	...
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	1,908	534		1,374
Total	1,51,564	2,02,054	51,864	1,374
Net ..		...	50,490	
Grand Total	2,69,491	2,96,070	...	...
Allotments				
New Works	1,72,399	3,76,458		
Repairs ...	2,04,059			
Difference	...	80,388		..

3 From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the actual expenditure fell short of the allotment by no less than Rupees 80,388, of which Rupees 74,000 appertain to the item "Agricultural Extraordinary," for the expenditure under this head amounted only to Rupees 40,000, against an allotment of Rupees 1,14,000. It is, however, satisfactory to observe that as compared with the preceding year 1869-70, the expenditure shows an increase of Rupees 25,679, which is the result of a gross increase of Rupees 98,788 counterbalanced by a gross decrease of Rupees 73,109. This increase occurs under all the heads except "Civil Buildings" "Communications" and "Miscellaneous Public Improvements." It should also be

observed that the present season has been most unfavourable for public works; the frequent falls of rain and the late period to which the freshes extended still further circumscribed our comparatively short working season.

4. The following are the more important of the new works executed during the past year —

Names of Works	Amount of Estimate	Expenditure up to the end of the previous official year	Expenditure during the year	Total.
	RS	RS A P	RS A P	RS A P.
1 Constructing Court-house at Tanjore	61,257	45,519 7 10	15,736 5 4	61,255 13 2
2 Constructing a new Post Office at Tanjore	3,160	23 14 6	3,292 4 11	3,316 3 5
3 Regulating works for the improvement of the river Cauvery	1,37,790	1,20,685 6 11	6,546 7 3	1,27,232 14 2
4. Regulating works for the principal branches of the Vennaur	1,97,240	91 0 6	28,079 0 6	28,170 1 0
5 Constructing a dam or surplus weir in the bank of Ananda Cauvery	7,400	..	7,452 1 10	7,452 1 10
6. Completing the subsidiary works connected with the canal between Vedarniem and Negapatam	10,000	.	338 2 9	338 2 9

5 The Civil Court-house and Post Office at Tanjore have been completed during the year at a total cost of Rupees 61,255-13-2 and Rupees 3,316-3-5 respectively; the former is on the recognized standard plan, and is a handsome and spacious public building, the Post Office is neat and unpretending, and its situation close to the Railway station is all that could be desired.

6 The regulating works for the improvement of the river Cauvery may be said to have been nearly completed at a total cost of Rupees 1,27,232, including a sum of Rupees 34,300 debited to the District Road Fund, with the exception, however, of the minor masonry works and which are estimated to cost Rupees 9,550; that some of these works would however appear not to be required while others may be dispensed with if a dam is built and Rajah Voikal taken off from the river The Superintending Engineer will, I trust, speedily complete these subsidiary works as early as possible.

7. Little progress has been made on the regulating works for the principal branches of the Vennaur; estimate Rupees 1,97,240 The allotment for the past year was Rupees 1,00,000, out of which only Rupees 28,079 were expended. It appears, however, that considerable progress has been made in sinking the foundation, and a large quantity of materials has been collected, and it is therefore to be hoped that in future the progress will be more satisfactory. Captain Oakes attributes this smallness of expenditure to the unfavourableness of the season. Owing to the heavy falls of rain and freshes in the rivers in January and February

nothing could be done in the river beds till March, but good progress has been made since.

8. A dam or surplus weir has been constructed in the bank of the Ananda Cauvery at a cost of Rupees 7,452, and has supplied an obvious and felt want by which 523 velies of land, and paying a revenue of Rupees 24,000, used to be placed more or less in jeopardy

9 Out of an allotment of Rupees 10,000 for the completion of the subsidiary works connected with the canal between Negapatam and Vedarniem, Rupees 338 only were expended during the past year, and in this case likewise the little progress made is attributed to the unfavourable character of the season. The Superintending Engineer's report on the condition of this canal has been recently forwarded to me for remarks, and I shall do myself the honour of expressing my views thereon after inspecting the canal.

10. The usual statement of roads maintained from Imperial Funds under the Government Order, dated 18th November 1868, No. 2,831, is annexed.—

Name of Imperial Roads	Number of miles	Number of miles of new roads	Number of miles still under construction.	Number of miles not yet commenced upon	Remarks
Main lines of communication.					
II (1) Branch of the Great Southern Road from Madras to Travancore frontier near Cape Comorin, from Trevandrum to Negapatam *via* Pondicherry, Cuddalore, Sheali, and Tranquebar (a portion lying in this district between Anikaren Choultry and Negapatam)	32 2	.	..		The length of that portion of the road which lies in the French territory of Karikal is not included in this mileage
(2). Another do of do from Vicravandy to Combaconum *via* the Vattar anicut (portion lying in this district between the Lower Coleroon anicut and Combaconum)	13 4	.		...	
XI Shealli in the Tanjore District to Salem *via* the Grand anicut, Trichinopoly, Musery, and Namkul (a portion lying in this district between Shealli and Grand anicut)	82 4	...	.	.	
Salt Roads	.				
17. Vedarniem to Mannargudi	34 0		..		
18. Adrampatam to Gandrakottai	32 0	..	...	.	
19 Pattukottai to Tanjore	40 0	..	.		
20 Kattumavadi to Arandanghi	*20 0	..	.		*Of this mileage only ten have been reformed

11. The maintenance allowances were fully expended on all these roads during the past year, and which were kept in tolerable order except the unformed portion of the road from Kattumavadi to Arundanghi In my report on the salt roads for 1870-71 recently submitted, I have stated that Captain Oakes informs me that an allotment may be expected for this road during the current year.

12. The number of irrigation and other works repaired during the year is as follows —

Irrigation Canals	112	Agricultural.
Tanks	27	
Dykes	431	
Drainage	7	
Navigable Channels	7	Communication.
(Civil) maintained and repaired	23	Buildings

THE report contained in the foregoing letter is submitted to Government

2. It will be observed that the gross allotments of the year were not nearly fully worked out, and that upwards of Rupees 74,000 of an allotment of Rupees 1,14,000 for works "Agricultural Extraordinary" remained unexpended at the end of the year Various reasons are given for this regretable result, the most prominent being the unfavourableness of the season

3 The principal expenditure of the year on irrigation works took place on the regulating work of the Vennaur channel, estimated to cost Rupees 1,97,240, namely, Rupees 28,079, out of an allotment of Rs 1,00,000 The Collector is apparently dissatisfied with this slow progress. The regulating work of the Cauvery has been nearly completed, Rupees 1,27,232 out of the estimate (Rupees 1,37,790) having been expended. The subsidiary works are urgently required

4. Little progress was made towards the completion of the subsidiary works of the Negapatam and Vedarniem salt canal. Rupees 338 out of an allotment of Rupees 10,000 only were spent

5. The Court-house of Tanjore has been completed and gives satisfaction

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