M.R.O. 1—17,000—6-6-39.

(1) Number of pages 4

(2) Date of repair

(3) Initials of the Repairer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue (Ele) D/S DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2404 Press Mis.

Dated 29—6— 18 /.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 383. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August 1871, No. 3,205 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 28th June 1871, No. 280.

I HAVE the honour to report on the progress of Public Works in this district for the past official year 1870-71.

2. From the annexed comparative statement of expenditure for 1870-71 and the year preceding it will be seen there is a net decrease of Rupees 1,36,025 due to the smaller outlay this year on the Chembrambaukum project and on bridges on the portion of Trunk Road No. I. between Madras and Panangadu backwater.

Statement showing the Expenditure on Public Works during the year 1870-71.

Particulars.		Expenditure in 1869-70.	Expenditure in 1870-71.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
		RS.	RS	RS.	RS.
Irrigation ...	New Works	1,07,993	60,536	.....	47,457
	Repairs	97,504	95,926	.....	1,574
Communication ...	New Works	1,54,633	57,376	.....	97,257
	Repairs	1,03,187	76,298	.....	26,889
Buildings ...	New Works	73,872	1,05,238	31,366	.....
	Repairs	22,251	28,041	5,790	.....
Total	New Works	3,36,498	2,23,150	31,366	1,44,714
	Repairs	2,22,942	2,00,265	5,790	28,467
	Grand Total...	5,59,440	4,23,415	37,156	1,73,181
	Net decrease...	.....	.....	.....	1,36,025

3. IRRIGATION—*New Works.*—The amount expended on new works of irrigation was Rupees 60,536, which is inclusive of Rupees 39,585, the outlay on the project for the enlargement of the Chembrambaukum tank. Rupees 11,341 were employed on the Vallur anicut, and the remaining sum of Rupees 9,610 was spent on minor new works, such as calingulahs, sluices, etc.

4. *Repairs.*—The outlay under this head was Rupees 95,926, but none of the repairs are of such importance as to call for special notice.

5. COMMUNICATION—*New Works.*—Of a total expenditure of Rupees 57,376 on this account, Rupees 10,357 were laid out on certain bridges on the Trunk Road No. I. between Madras and Panangadu backwater, Rupees 9,640 on the road from Chunambat to Madurantakam, and Rupees 36,249 on the excavation and extension of salt channels. Of the remainder, Rupees 1,130, a sum of Rupees 805 was expended on the bridge over the Palar, and Rupees 325 for a portion of the Trunk Road No. II.

6. *Repairs.*—Rupees 76,298 were expended under this head, of which the trunk lines absorbed Rupees 68,785, and suburban roads Rupees 6,761; the balance of Rupees 752 was spent on the salt road from Cheyur to Chotupakam.

7. BUILDINGS—*New Works.*—The expenditure on buildings was Rupees 1,05,238, which includes the large outlay of Rupees 98,745 on military works at St. Thomas' Mount, Poonamallee, and Palaveram. Of the remainder, Rupees 5,783 were employed on the new standard Talook Cutcherry at Trivellore, and Rupees 710 on Police sentry huts at the several salt stations.

8. *Repairs.*—The amount expended on repairs was Rupees 28,041, of which Rupees 21,210 were consumed by the military buildings at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee. The Guindy works took Rupees 2,857, the Talook Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails Rupees 1,474, the travellers' bungalows at Poonamallee and Guduvanjeri Rupees 214, and the Police huts at salt stations Rupees 2,049. The remainder was spent on the cemetery at Tripassore.

9. I enclose herein a statement showing the mileage, etc., of the Imperial roads in this district, as required in Government Order, No. 2,831, dated 11th November 1868.

10. I beg, in conclusion, to observe that, notwithstanding the urgent representations made by my predecessor for larger grants than usual to irrigation repairs and new works, the assignments for them are still low, and the grant for the current year for the latter item even less than in any previous years, namely, only Rupees 5,000.

ENCLOSURE No. 1—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The expenditure during the past year has been less than that of the previous year by Rupees 1,36,025, the necessities of the State having been the cause of this large decrease.

3. The Collector reports an expenditure of Rupees 10,357 on certain bridges on the northern road, and of Rupees 805 on the bridge over the Palar on the southern road.

4. The Board trust that funds will be available this year for the completion of this latter bridge, and also of bridges over the Panangadu backwater, the Cortelliar, and the Palar, their present incomplete state being a great hindrance to traffic.

5. In paragraph 10 of the report the Collector again points out the inadequacy of the grant for irrigation repairs and minor new works.

6. It appears to the Board that it is useless to repair the bunds of tanks if, as is generally the case in the Chingleput District, the tanks are left unprovided with sluices and calingulahs.

No. 384. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1871, No. 2,204.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division whose particular attention will be drawn to the remarks of the Board of Revenue.

34

2. The Government observe that the grant for Minor Irrigation Works and Repairs in the Chingleput District during the current year is Rupees 95,000, which, with due regard to the demands in other districts, is as much as is at present available.

Captain, R.E.,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

5-d

tement showing the total Mileage and other particulars connected with Imperial Roads in the
Depot District as mentioned in paragraph 11 of the Government Order, dated 11th November 1865,
No. 1, prepared with reference to the Board's Official Memorandum No. 955 dated 15th September 1869.

Name of the Road	Total length in miles in the District	During 1870—71. No. of miles which have been maintained in good order	No. of miles of New Road which have been completed	No. of miles under construction	No. of miles not yet commenced	Remarks.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Great Northern Road from Madras to Bengal frontier	28½	27	"	1¼	"	The 1¼ mile is a raised embankment across the Pranga diu back water. This is a completed line but is being improved for rapid wheel traffic.
Great Southern Road from Madras to the Travancore frontier	53½	53½	"	"	"	This is a completed line, though it still needs a few masonry works on the portion in No 3 Range. An estimate for re-metalling the latter 10 miles of the portion in No 4 Range, was sanctioned by Government. Two miles have been completed out of the two.
II Great Western Road from Madras to Calicut	50	50	"	"	"	A complete line but needs a few masonry works.
Road from Tiambakam to Chingleput.	11	under Construction	"	4	7	This Road is to be substituted for one to Vandalore.
Road from Cheyur to Chettypakam	14½	14½	"	"	"	An estimate for gravelling this road was sanctioned. Eight miles have been completed.
Extension of Cheyur Salt Road from Chetty pakam towards Pandiwash	6½	"	5	1	½	This Road has not yet been metalled nor gravelled.
Road from Chunambetta Kolum to Trunk Road No I in the 32d Mile.	M. 4 — F. 1076	"	"	M. 3 — F. 832	M. 1 — F. 244	Two Tunnels have been built and road formed with earth 3 Miles 832 Yards in length.
Road from Chunambetta Madrantakam.	19½	"	"	19 —	½	Earth and Masonry works on 19 Miles have been completed and 2 Miles of Road metalled.

Chingleput Collr's Office
Dated 28th June 1871

[signature]

Public Works Department

No. 2204.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 29th August 1871

Read the following

Rep. of the Board of Revenue — H.E. No. 3205 / 1st August 1871

Communicated to the Supt Engineer of the 4th Division whose particular attention will be drawn to the remarks of the Board of Revenue —

The Govt observe that the grant for Minor Irrigation Works and Repairs in the Cheingleput District during the current year is Rs 95,000 ; which, with due regard to the demands in other districts, is as much as it is at present available. —

Add.

Supt Engr 4th Div
Board of Revenue
Rev. Departt

Despt 31/8/71.

tion from the Supt
Cheingleput dy 28th
No. 280.

R. 3782/71

No 3782

Govt of [1871] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintending Engr
4th Division

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O. 29th Augt 1871, No. 2204.

Nos. 383 & 384

Public Works in Chingleput Dt

Rpt: of the Dt Officers on the Collector's report on Public Works in the Chingleput Dt for 1870/71, com to the Address of the 4th Dn with instructions.