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No. 412. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November 1871, No. 352:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd November 1871, No. 211:—

In submitting my report on Public Works in this district for 1870-71, I have the honour to subjoin a statement exhibiting the expenditure on Imperial and Local Fund works compared with the Budget grants for the same year:—

Class of Works.	BUDGET GRANT OF 1870-71.			EXPENDITURE IN 1870-71.			COMPARISON BETWEEN GRANT AND EXPENDITURE.			
	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.		Repairs.	
							In-crease.	De-crease.	In-crease.	De-crease.
<i>Imperial.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Military ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...
Civil Buildings ...	6,145	1,601	7,746	5,202	1,236	5,202	...	2,179	...	365
Agricultural ...	7,223	40,951	48,174	5,511	51,438	56,949	...	1,713	10,487	...
Communications ...	165	42,851	43,016	120	42,473	42,593	...	45	...	373
Tools ...	100	200	300	2	155	157	...	98	...	45
Total...	13,633	85,603	99,236	9,598	95,302	1,04,900	...	4,035	10,487	788
<i>Local.</i>										
Communications ...	14,712	64,895	79,607	13,966	56,396	70,362	...	746	...	2,499
Tools and Plant ...	.....	.....	700	.....	.....	1,148	...	...	...	...
Total...	14,712	64,895	80,307	13,966	56,396	71,510	...	746	...	2,499
Grand Total...	28,345	1,50,498	1,79,543	23,564	1,51,698	1,76,410	...	4,781	10,487	9,287

The total expenditure was Rupees 1,76,410, or less than that of 1869-70 (Rupees 1,88,704) by Rupees 12,294.

2. *IMPERIAL—Civil Buildings.*—The Budget grant amounted to Rupees 7,746, and the expenditure to Rupees 5,202. Of the allotment for new works amounting to over Rupees 6,000, not quite Rupees 4,000 were spent. The amount sanctioned for repairs also exceeded the expenditure by Rupees 365.

3. *(New Works.)*—The greater part of the expenditure for new works (Rupees 2,880) was incurred in connection with the new Talook Cutcherry at Sidhout for the adjustment of stock. The building on which Rupees 14,860 were spent up to the end of 1869-70 is still incomplete, roofing being required to the whole of the ward of the Court-house, besides which, plastering, pointing, and flooring have to be attended to. The building is still useless for the purpose for which it is intended, though more than Rupees 17,000 have been spent on it. The Superintending Engineer is anxious to obtain funds for the completion of this building. I believe Rupees 2,000 would be sufficient. Colonel Palmer lately sent me an estimate for repairing the *old* Talook Cutcherry at this station amounting to Rupees 445. I pointed out to him what a waste of money this would be, and that if departmental difficulties could be got over, how much better it would be to use

this money in completing a portion at least of the new building. I am sorry to see that Government has sanctioned*

an expenditure of Rupees 445 on this work.

* *Vide* Government Order, 13th October 1871, No. 1,049.

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4. Of the allotment on new works amounting to Rupees 3,265, only Rupees 1,086 were spent. One-tenth of this was for materials collected for the projected new Talook Cutcheries at Kadiri and Voilpud in the Sub-Division, the further construction of which is in abeyance for want of funds.

5. (Repairs.)—The expenditure under this head calls for no remark. Eight buildings have been repaired.

6. Agricultural.—The total Budget grant for new works and repairs amounting to Rupees 48,174. The expenditure exceeded the grant by Rupees 8,774, made up by decrease under New Works of Rupees 1,713 and an excess over allotment in the case of repairs of Rupees 10,487.

7. (New Works.)—Rupees 5,510 were expended altogether. Of this, Rupees 3,000 were spent in lengthening the calingulah and earth-work and stone-facing to the breach in the Ganganapalli Mallappa Tank in the Cuddapah Talook, referred to in paragraph 6 of Mr. Vans Agnew's letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th September 1870, No. 5,670. This work has been completed, and it is to be regretted that the necessity arose for the expenditure of so much money. In 1869, the tank was repaired at a cost of Rupees 11,080. The tank breached in 1870. The rains in that year were certainly unusually heavy, but a recently improved work ought to have withstood them. The Overseer with whom I visited the tank being new to the range, could give me no information as to the manner in which the breach was effected. A ryot informed me that the water topped the bank. If this was the case, the calingulah must have been constructed on a gross miscalculation as to the requirements of the tank. A new calingulah has been made, and it is to be hoped that errors in arithmetic will not cause a further expenditure of money. An outlay of Rupees 618 was made upon the sluices of the Jowkalapally Tank in the Sidhout Talook on which Rupees 3,332 had been previously spent out of a total estimate of Rupees 5,090. A small expenditure was incurred on the Kandukur Tank Project in the Madanapally Talook. Estimates for several sluices have been sanctioned, but not carried out during the year under review.

8. (Repairs.)—Rupees 56,948 have been spent against an allotment of Rupees 48,174. Repairs have been executed to 71 tanks, and 7 river and spring supply channels have been cleared and repaired. In the Sub-Division the expenditure was nearly Rupees 2,000 less than the Budget allotment.

9. Communications.—The Imperial roads in this district are but three in number: No. 17, from Chittoor through Cuddapah to Kurnool, is in very fair order. A small portion of it between Cuzipett and the Pennair river is in a very bad state, owing, I imagine, to the money granted for the maintenance of the road not having been judiciously expended for petty repairs, as necessity occurred. The part of this road near the Kurnool frontier I have not seen, and the Deputy Collector does not report on its condition.

10. No. 18, which runs through the Sub-Division to Bellary, is reported by the Sub-Collector to be in very bad order. It has never been metalled, and till this is done, it is very questionable whether it is worthwhile granting it so large an allowance as Rupees 200 a mile. It was badly cut up by the rains last year, and the approaches to the Papagni river which it crosses are so impassable as to compel bandies to make a detour to get over the river.

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11. No. 8 leaves the Kurnool road at Cuzipett and goes on to Nellore through Budwail. This road is well made and in fair order. But here again there are patches which show that the maintenance allowance has not been properly distributed over the road, more particularly on that portion between Budwail and the Nellore frontier. There are also similar bad places between Ottumadugu and Cuzipett.

12. Local roads are very imperfect in this district with few exceptions. Among the exceptional roads are the road from Mudanur Railway Station to the top of the Maliala pass where it comes to an abrupt termination just where a road is most wanted, the road from Yerraguntla Railway Station to Proddatur, the old Madras road which runs beside the Railway line to the Bellary frontier, and the road from Cuddapah to Vempalli for ten miles only. There is also a portion of the road from Cuddapah to Sidhout in good order, but a quagmire suddenly alters its aspect near Sidhout. The local roads in the Sub Division are reported to be passable with care. They are 25 in number with an aggregate nominal length of 500 miles. In fact the local roads are in this district faulty in the extreme. The principle upon which they have been constructed is bad. No estimates for their construction have been prepared. A mere bandy track over black cotton soil, impassable in wet weather, and on which no money has been expended, appears as a road in the estimates, and under the head of Repairs a small amount of money barely sufficient for the maintenance of a thoroughly well made road is entered for converting this track into a road. The road thus grows very slowly in length. What little is done is done badly from insufficient funds, and a portion of each year's work has to be done over again the next year. The result of a year's work is almost nothing, and local roads here may be almost said to be at a stand-still. It is false economy attempting to make roads without proper estimates on a maintenance allowance. The Superintending Engineer approves of it, but on what principle I do not understand, and I beg that distinct orders may be issued to be stopped. At present estimates and District Road maps do not state facts. In the former, repairs are estimated for works which do not exist. In the latter are marked roads which are not to be found.

13. I regret I am unable to furnish the information required by Government in paragraph 11 of their Proceedings, dated November 11th, 1868, regarding the number of miles in each class of Imperial road which has been maintained in good order during the year. I can only find that the Superintending Engineer has reported that 220 miles of road have been repaired. Details as to class of road are omitted. As far as I know, there are no new Imperial roads under construction or just completed.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. In paragraph 3 of his report, the Collector brings to notice the case of the Sidhout Talook Cutcherry. It appears that, although 17,000 Rupees have been spent on a new Cutcherry and only about 2,000 are needed to complete the building, an estimate for Rupees 445 was actually sanctioned for the repair of the old Cutcherry by Government Order, dated 13th of October. Mr. Horsley states that he pointed out to the Executive Engineer how much better it would have been to

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spend this sum in completing a portion at least of the new building than to throw it away on the old one.

3. Had the actual state of affairs been laid before Government when the estimate was submitted for their sanction, it is probable that some such arrangement would have been ordered.

4. Paragraphs 9, 10, 11 refer to the state of the old Imperial roads and point out certain defects.

5. In paragraph 12 the Collector comments on the state of the local roads of the district and points out the irregular manner in which these lines have been undertaken. All these roads will now be brought under the Local Fund Boards, and it will be in their power to rectify what is wrong.

6. In future no new road should be undertaken without a regular estimate being prepared and sanctioned, and no maintenance should be granted except for roads which have been regularly made.

No. 413.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1872, No. 211.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

Talook Cutcherry the Government observe that in bringing to notice that an estimate of Rupees 445 had been prepared for the repair of the existing Cutcherry, the Superintending Engineer remarked that he was not disposed to pass it on for sanction as he preferred that work on the new Cutcherry should be recommenced. The estimate for repairs was, however, called for by Government in the Judicial Department, in G. O., dated 6th September 1871, No. 1,246; but the work was put in hand in anticipation of sanction. Provision will be made for the completion of the new Cutcherry as soon as funds become available.

3. The attention of the Superintending Engineer will be called to the remarks of the Acting Collector in paragraph 7, and he will submit such explanations as he may have to offer on the statements therein made.

4. The Government quite agree with the Board in considering that the formation of new lines of road should not be undertaken except on duly sanctioned estimates, and that maintenance grants should not be given for any but regularly made roads.

(True Extract.)

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
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" Board of Revenue.
" Judicial Department.
" Financial do.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 23rd January 1872
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Order of the Bd. of Rev. A.C. No. 1852 of 27th Nov. 1871

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To Mr. Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division

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to Mr. Mr. Mr. Mr.
report on Public Works
in the Pudduch & for
1870/71, (and) to the
Superintendent of the 3rd Division
with remarks.