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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th October 1873.*

No. 278. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1873, No. 1,851.

ABSTRACT.—*Public Works in Kurnool District.*—Report of Acting Collector on state of—for 1872-73, submitted to Government. Particularly small expenditure incurred in repair of irrigation works and under “Buildings,” noticed.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1873, No. 2,544.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Kurnool.

2. As remarked by the Board of Revenue the surrender of so large a portion of the allotment made for irrigation repairs in a district like Kurnool where the want of efficient irrigation works is so severely felt must be regarded as very unsatisfactory. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will carefully watch the expenditure during the current year and take such measures as may appear necessary to prevent the recurrence of a similar result.

3. The subject of the short outlay under Civil Buildings has already come under review,* and His Excellency the Governor in Council confidently expects that, with improved arrangements, the requirements of the district in this respect will be better attended to under the present local administration.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No. 1,851.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th September 1873.

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Peapally, 16th August 1873, No. 249:—

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the state of the public works in this district for the year ending 31st March 1873.

2. The following statement, furnished by the District Engineer, shows the comparative expenditure for the years 1871-72 and 1872-73 and the budget allotment for 1872-73:—

Works.	Expenditure in 1871-72.	Expenditure in 1872-73.	DIFFERENCE.		Budget Estimate for 1872-73.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
<i>New Works.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation	2,212	3,021	809	...	4,740
Buildings	650	4,698	4,048	...	35,500
<i>Repairs.</i>					
Irrigation	21,886	18,312	...	3,554	25,500
Buildings	2,251	746	...	1,505	852

3. NEW WORKS—*Irrigation*.—Rupees 3,021 were spent on new agricultural works during the year. The principal work carried on was the construction of a waste weir to the Yerra Tank at Muttayalpad, Sirwell Taluq, at a cost of Rupees 2,358-6-11.

Buildings.—Rupees 4,698 were spent this year against Rupees 650 in 1871-72. The increase was due to the collection of materials, etc., for the new Cutcherry at Koilakuntla at a cost of Rupees 3,805-10-1.

4. REPAIRS—*Irrigation*.—Thirty-eight tanks and two anicuts (excluding those commenced last year and completed this year) were repaired* in 1872-73. Of

* Cost, Rupees 18,312.

these, three were repaired at a cost below Rupees 25, seven between Rupees 25 and 100, ten between Rupees 100 and 200, sixteen between Rupees 200 and 500, three between Rupees 500 and 1,000, and one above Rupees 1,000. The allotment was Rupees 25,500, so that somewhat less than a third of it had to be surrendered. This is much to be regretted as it appears from Mr. Chase's report, dated 14th November 1868, No. 393, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd April next, No. 2,211, and from the reports of the Division Officers, that the condition of the irrigation works generally in this district is anything but satisfactory. (Vide also paragraph 42 of the last Jummahbundy Report, dated 27th August 1872, No. 238).

Buildings.—Rupees 746 were spent under this head, of which Rupees 322 was the rent for the buildings occupied by the Medical Officers in charge of the Civil Dispensary at Kurnool. The Cutcherry of the Head Assistant Collector, Deputy Collector, Peapally, the Taluq Cutcherry at Cumbum, and the Sub-Magistrate's office at Kurnool were repaired in 1872-73. Rupees 70 were also spent on emergent repairs to the Church at Kurnool.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The expenditure on all heads was small, and it is particularly matter for remark that nearly one-third of the allotment for irrigation repairs was left unspent.

3. The state of the tanks in Kurnool has been reported as very bad, and yet out of so small an allotment as Rupees 25,500 only two-thirds could be utilized.

4. The Board cannot but consider this as very unfortunate. Rupees 35,500 appear budgetted under the head of "Buildings" while the expenditure was only Rupees 4,698. Some explanation of the cause of this should have been given.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Cohen
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
the Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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*Proceedings of the Board
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*5. Mr. Allen
10th Sept.*

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Under date the 10th September 1873.

Read the following

(See entry No. 1851 of 16th Sept. 1873)

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- 5. Chief Eng. for Irrigation ✓
- 14. Board of Revenue ✓
- 6. Revenue Dept. ✓

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