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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th October 1874.*

No. 579. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated
1st October 1874, No. 2,836 :—

ABSTRACT.—*Public Works*—in Kurnool District.—Acting Collector's report
on— for 1873-74, submitted to Government with remarks.

No. 580. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1874, No. 3,055.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 49.

RECORDED and communicated to
the District Engineer and Chief Engi-
neer for Irrigation. Great changes in
the district staff having been recently made, more satisfactory progress may con-
fidently be anticipated for the future.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st October 1874.

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th August 1874, No. 315:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on Public Works for the year 1873-74.

2. The District Engineer has furnished me with the following statement showing the expenditure as compared with the preceding year and with the Budget Estimate:—

Works.	Expenditure in 1872-73.	Expenditure in 1873-74.	DIFFERENCE.		Budget Estimate for 1873-74.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
<i>New Works.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation	3,021	10,990	7,969	...	9,660
Buildings	4,698	14,299	9,601	...	20,000
<i>Repairs.</i>					
Irrigation	18,312	15,518	...	2,794	16,500
Buildings	746	1,903	1,157	...	3,200

3. *NEW WORKS—Irrigation.*—Rupees 10,990, being more than three times the expenditure of the preceding year, was spent on ten new sluices, and a calingulah to the Nundial Tank which cost Rupees 4,558-8-10.

4. *Buildings.*—As in 1872-73, the chief (almost the sole) expenditure was upon the Koilguntla Taluq Cutcherry. The laying of the foundations was personally supervised by the late District Engineer, and, although the rates charged may have been high, there can be little doubt that the work done was of the first order as Mr. Fraser devoted himself almost exclusively to it for two months. I hope, therefore, that the work at present stopped will be resumed as soon as the inquiry ordered in G.O., No. 2,080, dated 31st July 1874, Public Works Department, is completed. Nothing satisfactory can be said of the other two items of expenditure under this head, *viz.*, Rupees 398-6-2 on the Cumbum Taluq Cutcherry and Rupees 302-11-1 on two new wards to the District Jail. Neither of these works are likely to be of any use. The former has been condemned, and, as regards the latter, the work was undertaken without sanction; when half completed it was stopped, and is not likely to be renewed as the Jail authorities propose to build a new jail on a different site.

5. *REPAIRS—Irrigation.*—Last year the Board remarked on the small expenditure under this head. This year the allotment was only Rupees 16,500, of which Rupees 15,518 was spent within the year. About Rupees 2,500, however, remained unpaid for want of funds, which would raise the expenditure to over Rs. 18,000. For 1874-75 I observe that Rupees 2,000 have been provided for New Works and Rupees 30,000 for Repairs under "Irrigation." Considering the unsatisfactory condition of irrigation works in this district the allotment cannot but be regarded as insufficient. In 1872-73 the allotment was Rupees 30,240 and in 1873-74 Rupees 26,160.

6. *Buildings.*—The chief items under this head were Rupees 435-14-9 to the Collector's Cutcherry, Rupees 421-8-11 to five Taluq Cutcheries, and Rupees 251-9-0 to the Kurnool Church.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. It is satisfactory to observe that the expenditure of the past year upon irrigation works contrasts very favorably with that of the year preceding, regarding which the Board had to remark that the state of affairs was "very unfortunate."

3. During the year now under consideration the outlay on Irrigation, New Works, was more than treble that of the twelve months preceding. The calingulah to the Nundial Tank came under this head, and cost Rupees 4,558.8.10. The Board would have been glad to receive some further details from the Acting Collector as to the localities at which, and the purposes for which, the remainder of the allotment was expended.

4. The Budget Estimate for "Buildings" was Rupees 20,000, but of this only Rupees 14,299 were expended, mainly, Mr. Hope states, upon the Koilguntla Taluq Cutcherry. The Acting Collector speaks favorably of the work as far as it has gone, and says that it was supervised by the late Mr. Fraser in person. It is clear from the correspondence contained in Proceedings of Government, dated 31st July 1874, that the rates were unduly high, so it is consolatory to learn that the results are likely to be approved of.

5. The outlay on the Cumbum Taluq Cutcherry (Rupees 398) and on the new wards to the District Jail (Rupees 302) seems to have been money thrown away; but this point will no doubt receive attention in the full report which has been called for by Government from the new District Engineer.

6. The allotment* for Irrigation, Repairs, was below the expenditure† of the previous year; and, considering the unsatisfactory state of the tanks in Kurnool, the Board would draw attention altogether "insufficient."

* Rupees 16,500.
† " 18,312.

to the Acting Collector's remarks as to the allotments for the present year being altogether "insufficient."

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. G. G.
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" to the Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

Received 12th October 1874.

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No. 2,836.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1st OCTOBER 1874, No. 2,836.

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To the District Engineer
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