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No. 249. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1874, No. 2,218:—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Courtalam, 1st July 1874, No. 325.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of Public Works in the Tinnevelly District for 1873-74.

Items.	Expenditure of 1872-73.	Expenditure of 1873-74.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS	RS.	RS.
New Works.				
Military	.....	.....	.....	.....
Civil Buildings	8,379	18,752	10,373	.....
Agricultural	1,56,166	59,775	.....	96,391
Total ...	1,64,545	78,527	10,373	96,391
Repairs.				
Military	.....	926	926	.....
Civil Buildings	789	5,750	4,961	.....
Agricultural	90,801	1,00,121	9,320	.....
Total ...	91,590	1,06,797	15,207	.....
Grand Total ...	2,56,135	1,85,324	25,580	96,391
Net Decrease ...	.....	.....	.....	70,811

2. The following new works were in progress during the year:—
   1. Post Office at Sattur.
   2. Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Ambasamudram.
   3. Lighthouse at Cape Comorin.
   4. Do. at Mattam.
   5. Station-house at Achendaviltan, Strivilliputtur Taluq.
   6. Do. at Melatattaparei, Ottapedaram Taluq.
   7. Police huts at Vedadattam, do.
   8. Do. at Vilatikulam, do.

   Nos. 1 and 8 were completed.

   No. 2 was completed, with the exception of pointing, painting, and plastering; and for Nos. 3 and 4 materials are being collected.

3. Some of the Taluq Cutcherries, the Subordinate Judge's Court, three District Munsifs' Court-houses, and the Palamcottah Post Office were repaired at a cost of Rupees 6,676 during the year. Rupees 49,103 were laid out on the Striviguntum Anicut. The main works connected with this project have all been completed, with the exception of the crest of the anicut and a dam in the north main channel which are left in an incomplete state, pending sanction of a revised estimate. The channel for supplying Tuticorin has also been completed, and water was conveyed to that town last year.

4. The minor irrigating sluices and field channels remain to be constructed, and great exertions have been made during the past four months to carry out these

works from the special funds sanctioned by Government in Proceedings, No. 100, dated 23rd January 1874. An immense amount of work has been finished, but much more remains to be done. This will form the subject of a separate report.

5. Rupees 12,896-9-1 of the grant for the anicut were unspent, owing partly to progress having been hindered by freshes, and partly to some of the minor works having been postponed, pending the sanction of the revised estimate.

6. Rupees 1,01,020 were laid out on the repair of the Irrigation works of the district.

7. The anicuts, channels, and large tanks have of late been extensively repaired, and the masonry works especially have been very generally attended to. The construction of head-sluices for the systematic regulation of the flow in the larger channels has been begun; and, if we only have allotments sufficient in a few years more, the principal Irrigation works of the district will be very greatly improved.

8. Upwards of Rupees 1,000 each were spent on 13 tanks, 5 channels, and 1 anicut; and 122 tanks, 29 channels, and 20 anicuts received minor repairs.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The total expenditure during the year was Rupees 1,85,321, being Rupees 70,811 less than during the preceding year. Rupees 19,103 were spent on the Striviguntum Anicut, which, however, is not yet entirely finished.

3. Extensive repairs to Irrigation works have been carried out, and the Board would request the attention of Government to the latter portion of paragraph 7 of the report, wherein Mr. Puckle expresses a hope that the allotments may, in future, be such as to enable the construction of head-regulating sluices in the larger channels, which has been commenced, to be fully carried out.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 250.

ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1874, No. 2,590.

IRRIGATION, No. 32.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Tinnevelly, with the remark that, if the Government of India give a larger grant for 1875-76 under Agricultural, Ordinary, the allotment for Minor New Works in Tinnevelly will be proportionately increased. There is nothing to prevent the District Engineer submitting, for sanction, estimates for head-sluices for the principal river channels. Their cost will generally be more than 2,500 Rupees each, and therefore they will require to be separately provided for in the Budget as Major Works. There are no estimates for such works at present before Government, and if any are to be entered in the budget for the coming year, no time should be lost in submitting them for sanction.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

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

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