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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd July 1874.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1874, No. 139:—

I HAVE the honor to premise my Annual Report on Public Works by furnishing an abstract of expenditure from Imperial and Provincial Funds by the Department Public Works, etc., in 1873-74.

Items:	Allotment for 1873-74.	Expendi- ture in 1873-74.	Expendi- ture in 1872-73.	Difference between the expenditure of 1872-73 and 1873-74.
<i>New Works.</i>				
I.—Irrigation. {By P. W. Department ...	Rs. 4,720	Rs. 4,873	Rs. 7,628	Rs. —2,755
{By Revenue Department.	80	80	223	— 143
II.—Buildings. {By P. W. Department ...	33,278	32,523	38,485	—5,957
{By Revenue Department.	...	...	47	— 47
{By Police Department ...	...	...	146	— 146
Total...	38,078	37,481	46,529	—9,048
<i>Repairs.</i>				
I.—Irrigation. {By P. W. Department ...	74,870	75,506	70,681	+4,825
{By Revenue Department.	130	130	591	— 461
II.—Buildings. {By P. W. Department ...	3,514	3,364	3,304	+ 60
{By Revenue Department.	6	6	50	— 44
{By Police Department ...	450	450	400	+ 50
Total...	79,000	79,456	75,026	+4,430
III.—Tools and Stores, etc....	2,107	1,856	901	+ 955
Grand Total...	1,19,185	1,18,793	1,22,456	—3,663

The aggregate expenditure was less than in last year by Rupees 3,663, and less than the year's allotment by Rupees 392. The proportions from Imperial and Provincial Funds were as follows :—

	Imperial.	Provincial.
	RS.	RS.
1. Irrigation New Works ...	4,953	...
2. Do. Repairs ...	75,636	...
3. Buildings New Works...	2,285	30,243
4. Do. Repairs ...	395	3,425
5. Tools and Stores ...	1,219	637
Total...	84,488	34,305
	1,18,793	

2. Under the head of New Works Irrigation, the works executed during the year were all minor improvements needing no special mention. Under the head of Repairs the following are the important items, viz.—

Name of Work.	Estimate.	Outlay in 1873-74.	Net Revenue of Fasli 1282.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Improving Periacolum Tank in Oodumulpetta Taluq (past outlay Rupees 8,406)...	8,770	365	5,131
2. Repairs and improvements to Singanallor Tanks (past outlay Rupees 2,833) ...	5,440	2,607	3,457
3. Repairing Comaralingum Anicut and Colvoy (past outlay Rupees 907) ...	2,450	1,539	7,903
4. Deepening the Davambady Channel, repairing anicut and closing breaches in the bank ...	2,660	2,660	308
5. Repairing the Periary Tank at Coimbatore ...	1,800	1,567	10,804
6. Repairing and strengthening the bund and deepening the bed of Tarumpully Tank ...	1,963	1,098	† 631
7. Repairing groynes Nos. 5 and 6 between Vangul and Neroor (past outlay Rupees 540) ...	2,350	1,810	Vangul channel 9,644.
8. Repairing the sand sluices of Pallapolliem Channel ...	2,740	1,703	Neroor channel 14,153.
9. Repairing the Colinjivady Anicut and Channel (past outlay Rupees 100) ...	2,340	2,238	6,446
10. Repairing Coonnattoor Tank (past outlay Rs. 234-10-7) ...	1,285	1,050	† 118
11. Annual repairs to Thadapully Channel ...	...	8,914	1,04,440
12. Do. to Arkencottah do ...	...	4,369	27,401
13. Do. to Calingaroyen do ...	...	12,848	88,747
14. Do. to Caniempolliem do ...	...	1,680	...
15. Repairing and raising the crest of the Caniempolliem Anicut ...	1,950	1,950	1,157
Minor items ...	...	46,398	...
	...	29,108	...
Total...	...	75,506	...

* Ayacut revenue Rupees 1,118.

† Ayacut revenue Rupees 752.

† Ayacut revenue Rupees 546.

The repair of Periacolum Tank in Oodumulpetta Taluq was sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,528, of 23rd June 1870, Public Works Department, for the purpose of securing the supply of water necessary to be retained, and for providing efficient escape for the surplus water received during floods. The other works are also improvements, except Items 11 to 13, which are annually recurring expenditure for the maintenance of the three important channels of the district, on which 38 per cent. of the irrigation revenue is dependent.

3. Under the head of Buildings the following Cutcherries and other works have been carried out, viz. :—

Name of Work.	Estimate.	Past Outlay.	Outlay in 1873-74.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Taluq Cutcherry, Oodumulpetta ...	25,500	24,028	1,474
2. Do. Pollachy ...	25,040	24,797	186
3. Do. Erode ...	33,345	31,660	1,588
4. Do. Dharapuram ...	30,000	26,675	3,325
5. Improvements to Taluq Cutcherry, Collegal ...	7,630	6,800	829
6. Do. to do. Coimbatore ...	1,680	400	1,246
7. Do. to Sub-Magistrate's Office, Avenashy ...	2,500	298	2,199
8. Sub-Jail at Palladam ...	5,525	4,864	842
9. Improving Collector's Office at Coimbatore ...	15,010	5,004	10,155
10. Post Office, Caroor ...	5,075	4,335	735
11. Do. Mettoopalliem ...	1,608	...	1,248
12. Assistant Superintendent's Office, Erode ...	7,500	...	4,000
13. Collegal Range Office at Ramapuram ...	3,500	1,107	2,482

All the works, except Items 9 and 12, were completed. Item 12 is the Assistant Police Superintendent's Office at Erode, which was commenced too late to be completed within the year. No. 9 is the Collector's Cutcherry at Coimbatore; the new office provided for the Collector is an upstairs building, the stone staircase of which was condemned as impracticable; I suggested a spiral staircase between this building and another adjoining, to provide a common access to both, but Government have ordered a wooden staircase for the new building, leaving alone the existing wooden staircase of the old upstoriad room to be improved and fitted as per sanction in the original estimate, vide G. O., No. 824, of 24th March 1874, Public Works Department.

4. The ordinary repair of Civil and Military buildings in the district has cost Rupees 3,820.

5. Besides the outlay on Irrigation works and buildings, Rupees 7,103 were spent from Provincial Funds and private contributions on a bridle-path from the foot of the Anamallay Hills to Poonachy Saddle. This work was undertaken on the petition of planters, chiefly Messrs. Stanes and Rouse, of Coimbatore, who have subscribed Rupees 3,000 towards the object. The Government evidently expect the Local Board to construct a new approach to the ghaut foot on scientific trace, vide their Order, No. 848, of 25th March 1874; but the Local Board have lately resolved that there is no occasion for a new road; the existing approach, via Cotoor to the foot of the Anamallays, being repairable at a small outlay.

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2. The report calls for no special remarks; the various works have been satisfactorily carried out, and out of a total allotment of Rupees 1,19,185, only Rupees 392 have been left unspent.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grover
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

.. to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Communicated to
the District Engineer
of Coimbatore, who
will with reference
to para 5 of the Col-
lector's Report ex-
pedite the submis-
sion of the Survey
and Estimate for a
road from the foot
of the new Panchay
shant to the village
of Annamallay called
for in para 3 of L.O.
No. 848 of 23 March.

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Public Works—in Coimbatore District—
Collector's report on — for 1873-74, submitted
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Chas 34
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as well as that for
widening the Chant
Bridle path to 12 ft
throughout, with the
requisite Bridges and drains.

It ~~may~~ ^{will} be a question
for decision in the
Financial Department whether
the Local Land Board
should or should not
provide funds for the
approach to the Chant,
as expected in Ld. Ld.
210 of 14th February
1870 (Rev. Dep't) Ld.
1534 of 10th June 1873
(P. & S. Dep't, wherein the
preceding order is
wrongly quoted) and
in the order referred
to above. But there

is no further room for
discussion of any
question as to the
direction that approach
should take, after the
expression of the
opinions of the Public
Works and Revenue
officers and Board
of Revenue, recorded
with Ld. Ld. 2282 of
6th August 1869, Ld. 3586
of 9th November 1869, and
Ld. 3019 of 20th Nov/69.

C.M.W.

S. H. Conhams &

Board of Rev. &

Fin. L. Dep't

S. Capet dep't 30/9/74.

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The Sup. Engrs
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Public Works - in Coimbatore District
 Collectors report on - for 1873/74
 Comd. to the ^{Supr.} Engrs, with a
 request to expedite the sub-
 mission of the survey & estimates
 for a road from the foot of the
 new Ponnachy Ghaut to the
 village of Annamallay, as
 well as that for widening the
 Ghaut Road ^{to 12 feet}
 throughout with the request
 Bridges & Drains ordered to
 be expedited. The question
 as to whether the Local Fund

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Civ 12/9/74 Retd 17/9/74