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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th August 1874.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1874, No. 212:—

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

2. From a Statement received from the District Engineer, I perceive that no expenditure has been incurred on account of extraordinary new works or for the investigation or preparation of projects.

3. From a revised grant of Rupees 11,298 on account of New Works, the outlay amounted to Rupees 9,648 or only 85 per cent. The short expenditure is connected chiefly with the diversion of flood waters from the Village of Cullamuddy.

4. This work though commenced in the early part of the year, was retarded in its progress owing to no provision on account of compensation for the required lands having been made in the original estimate.

5. There has also been great delay in the settlement of the amount of compensation by the ryots concerned raising objection to the amount offered them, so that the land could not be made over to the Department Public Works until late in the year; the work, however, was recommenced in January, and the whole allotment was only short spent by Rupees 1,843. The delay is partly ascribed to the difficulty in working in the peculiar soil in that locality. But the work is promised to be completed early during this year, the requisite materials have been collected, and as somewhat more than half the channel has been already excavated.

6. The outlay on minor new works is given as Rupees 2,044, although the revised grant was only Rupees 1,000. This is chiefly attributable to certain works being carried out under the orders of the District Engineer and completed before an allotment of funds was made.

7. There are several projects awaiting investigation, which however has been postponed under instructions contained in Government Order, No. 1,652, dated 25th June 1873, and to the receipt of Departmental orders which direct that the existing irrigation works in the district should be brought into an efficient state before new projects are undertaken.

8. In paragraph 4 of my report for last year, I intimated that the repairs of the Gootloor tank were still in progress. I regret to have to record that this irrigation work, on which so large an outlay has been made and which had been completed, breached in November, owing as it is said to the faulty construction of a low, level sluice. The further repairs consequent on this unfortunate event are estimated to cost Rupees 25,000, which outlay has been sanctioned by Government, in their Order No. 132, dated 20th January 1874, and active measures are being adopted for the completion of this work. At present, an area containing 250 acres is however under cultivation, irrigated by a channel excavated by the ryots from the jungle stream that feeds the tank.

9. The outlay on repairs amounts to Rupees 39,569, which exceeds the revised grant of Rupees 37,000, distributing the actual outlay on the irrigated area, the percentage amounts to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$.

10. The District Engineer reports that the Toongabudra channels in the Hospet Taluq have been cleared in a more scientific and systematic manner than hitherto, and that improved results are anticipated. The clearance, however, from various reasons, took a much longer time to effect than the period fixed by the District Engineer himself, and complaints, reasonable ones too, were made by many ryots, whose crops wanted water. It is to be hoped that this delay will not occur again.

11. The large sum of Rupees 3,578 has been expended in repairing the Gooty Tank: the bund of which has been thoroughly repaired in five different places.

12. A sum of Rupees 2,014 has also been disbursed on account of minor new works against a Budget assignment of Rupees 4,000. The short expenditure is said to be attributable to a thorough change having been introduced in the system of preparing estimates for irrigation repairs, by which all repair estimates exceeding Rupees 200 are required to be accompanied by longitudinal and cross sections and all other requisite information to convey a clear idea of the necessity for the repairs, accompanied with a certificate from the Range Officer that he has examined the estimate and considers it correct: the tendency to prepare unnecessary estimates thereby being checked.

13. The principal Civil building completed during the year under report, is the new office building for the Sub-Collector at Gooty. This has been erected according to the standard plan, several defects have been discovered in the plan and have formed the subject of correspondence with the Board, resulting in the necessity for revision of the plan for that class of buildings. The principal defects are narrow verandahs, the absence of glazed windows, which in windy weather compels the shutters to be closed, darkness being the result.

14. Besides this, the new Taluq Cutchery, a residence for the Head-Assistant, and the walling in of the Christian Cemetery, all at Pennakonda have been taken on hand, of these the new Taluq Cutchery is almost completed, and will most probably be available for occupation in about three months. The conversion of the Travelers Bungalow at Pennakonda into a residence for the Head-Assistant Collector was sanctioned in G. O., No. 752, dated 10th May 1872. Although the sanctioned work is near completion, yet it requires some additions, such as stabling, etc., which are under consideration. The Head Assistant Collector, the General Deputy-Collector, the Tahsildars of Hurpenhully and Adony are still without office accommodation.

15. Of Government buildings unconnected with the Revenue Department that have been completed during the year under report, may be specified the new Telegraph Office. The present building is in a far more central position than the hired building in which it was located hitherto. As a rule it commands all the traffic of the town which used to be diverted to the Railway Telegraph. Several additions such as Signaller's quarters are awaiting sanction of the estimates which have been returned for revision.

16. The additions to the Jail, referred to in paragraph 8 of my report for last year, are not yet complete. Three blocks for male convicts, under-trial prisoners, and for women and boy convicts, still remain to be finished, but no provision was made for them in the year under report.

17. The Imperial allotment on account of Public Works was Rupees 1,37,767 and the total expenditure incurred against the Budget grant amounted to Rupees 1,42,487 or Rupees 4,720 in excess of the allotments.

18. Of the above expenditure, Rupees 40,006 were expended on Original Works and Rupees 5,537 on Repairs, making a total of Rupees 45,543.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The great expenditure rendered necessary by the breaching of the Gootloor tank in November last is much to be regretted, and the Board consider the delay in clearing the channels of the Toongabudra (referred to in paragraph 10 of the report) very unsatisfactory.

(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 Collector of Bellary.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Indian Govt
Read the following
Reports from Board of
Revenue (H.B. 2248 dated
14th Aug 1874)
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It would appear from the Collector's Report that the short expenditure on Ag-ricultural New Works is attributable to delay in settlement of compensation for the Cullarnuddy Channel; for which the Revenue Department must be considered responsible. The

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Collected by J. H. H. H.
Account for 1881

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,248.

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Public Works in Bellary District.—Report of Collector on—for 1873-74, submitted for information of Government with remarks.

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Chas. J. Smith

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fact of the work
being at a stand still
on this account having
been noted in last
year's Report more
energetic action might
have been anticipated
in the year under
review. The outlay
on Minor New Works
is, in para 6 of the
Report stated at Rs
1,000 in excess of the
revised grant, but
in para 12 as Rs 2,000
below the Budget
assignment. The
outlay on Repairs
was Rs 2,569 in
excess of the grant.

It

It would appear
that the Repairs of
the Sungaliddra
Channels were delayed
and the execution
of Minor New Works
generally kept back
by the introduction
of more systematic
treatment of both
descriptions of work.
The improved system
will, it is hoped,
have been so thoroughly
understood and
acted on in every
Range in the current
year that neither the
supply of water nor
the progress of work

will have been again
delayed during its
course. The lamentable
failure of the new
Coatloo Tank has
been already noticed
in Ld. 132 of 20th
January.

Neither the total
expenditure under
the head of Provin-
cial has been noted,
nor the outlay as
compared with the
grant; but it is
understood to have
been very satisfactory.
Allotment of funds
for completion of
the Bellary Jail
could not be made

in last year's Budget
for want of sanctioned estimates.
These have not yet
been supplied, and
the Inspector General
of Jails and District
Engineers are called
upon to decide at
once what is required,
and obtain the
necessary sanction
for its execution.

The Imperial
allotment appears
to have been exceeded
by Rs 4,720; and
altogether the operations
of the past season
have shown an in-
crease of vigour;
due

we due in great measure
due to the energetic action
of the late District
for Engineer Captain
H. Edgemo, whose loss
is much to be regretted.

For want it is
supposed of some
marginal note the
last para of the
Report is unintelligible.

Nothing seems to
have come of the
inquiries referred to
in the 6th para of
the Government
order on the collector's
last Report.

These matters should
neither be lightly
brought

brought forward;
nor, when once brought
forward, should
they be lightly dropped.
C.M.W.

Supd Engineer Bellamy
In: Gt of Jails &
Rev Dept
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Hallway fail

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1. In G.O. No 242 of 26th March 1872 plans and Estimates for improvements to the above building were called for - These have not been supplied yet - but in the Unanswered Reference list for the Half Year ending 31st July 1874 dated 31st July the D.C. writes in the Column of Remarks "Estimates are under examination in this office will be submitted shortly"
2. The work was brought forward in the District Budget for 1873/74, but no provision was made for it in the United Budget, presumably on account of the non receipt of the plans and Estimates called for -
3. The District Budget for 1873/74 and G.O. No 242 of 26th March 1872 are forwarded for refce.

R.P.
12/10/74.

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none applied for in the
months of 7/14/73-18.
See C. No 5700-4 8886
known as well.

James E. G. G.

1873
12-6-73

My dear Mr. Ferris.

Before printing
this draft the Secretary
wishes to have clear
information as to the
present position of the
Bellamy Jail question -
The latest orders on the
subject. and District
Budget List in which
the work has been
doubtless brought
forward and struck
out in our office -
with doubtless there

light on the matter
please look up and
send -

Yrs. R.P.

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(Draft appears quite
correct from these papers -
and may now be printed.)

R.P.

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25-5-27 Bill

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To

The Secy. Ingr.

Bellary

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Public Works in Bellary

Dr. Passing orders on
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for 1873/74 -