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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th November 1874.

No. 466. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1874, No. 3,176:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Narakondapalli, 12th September 1874, No. 482.

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

2. The annexed Statement exhibits the total expenditure of the year, as compared with that of the preceding year 1872-73:—

Works.	Expenditure in 1872-73.	Expenditure in 1873-74.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.	Estimate of 1873-74.
New.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation	9,592	12,947	3,355	...	...
Buildings	12,179	57,243	45,064	...	...
Total ..	21,771	70,190	48,419	...	...
Repairs.					
Irrigation	1,26,286	1,47,670	21,384	...	...
Buildings	10,241	17,045	6,804	...	...
Total...	1,36,527	1,64,715	28,188	...	...
Grand Total...	1,58,298	2,34,905	76,607	...	...
Net increase...	...	...	76,607	...	2,36,134

3. *Irrigation Work, New.*—Rupees 12,947 were spent on Irrigation New Works, the most important of which are given below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Improving Polur Supply Channel	1,924	4	0
2. Do. the Supply Channel to the Sees hamangalum Tank, in the Arni Jaghire	3,912	5	2
3. Reconstructing a sluice to Timery Tank	393	9	2
4. Constructing a sluice to irrigate Seewarjee Tank	200	0	0
5. Do. twenty-four yards Calingula to Moonjoorpet Tank.	326	9	8
6. Do. twenty-one do. Vellum Tank	316	2	8
7. Do. sluice to Calava large tank	476	2	3
8. Do. do. to Vadanangoor Tank	849	6	0
9. Excavating a new channel for the passage of surplus over Museri weir of Mohendravadi Channel	264	15	5
10. Reconstructing Araganellore River Channel Head sluice ...	289	12	2

Of the above works, Nos. 1 and 2 are the incomplete works of last year. The former was completed on the 10th September 1873. The work cost Rupees 1,030 in excess of the original estimate owing to the damage done by the flood of 1872 while the work was under execution. The object of the work is to feed a number of tanks to the west and north-west of the Cheyar River.

The second work progressed but slowly this year owing to the mistake made in the original levels, which necessitated the preparation of a supplemental estimate. The other works, Nos. 3 to 10, were all completed during the year.

4. *Irrigation, Repair.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rupees 1,47,670. A list of the principal irrigation works repaired during the year is herewith sent.

5. *Buildings, New.*—Rupees 57,243 were spent on Civil and Military buildings.

The new Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Jail at Poothoor, which remained incomplete at the end of last year, has been since finished and made over to the Revenue Department, and the following works were completed during the year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Restoring and adapting a portion of the old Barracks in the Fort at Arni for the use of the General Deputy Collector...	472	0	0
2. Improving the quarters occupied by the Polur Range Officer in the Fort at Arni	320	0	0
3. Constructing a glazed sky-light to the Record room of the Collector's Cutcherry at Chittoor	320	0	0

6. *Buildings, Repair.*—Rupees 17,045 were laid out on Civil and Military Buildings.

7. Many of the irrigation works damaged by the cyclone of 2nd May and the storm of November 1872, have been repaired and are now in good working order, but there still remain a considerable number in a ruinous state, and I beg respectfully and earnestly to recommend a considerable additional grant to enable us to carry out the repairs so emergently called for.

8. The roads of the district generally are in a very fair order since the commencement of the current year. I have been travelling about almost incessantly, and am happy to be able to report that great attention is bestowed on our communications by the Department Public Works, and in this respect North Arcot will bear favorable comparison with any district with which I am at present acquainted. That portion of the Trunk Road No. X. from Chittoor to Cuddapah, lying between Palmanair and the Cuddapah frontier, has never been metalled yet, and this improvement is greatly required. I have addressed the District Engineer on the subject, and an estimate will shortly be submitted for sanction in the regular manner.

Enclosure No. 1.—List of Irrigation Works.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report shows an increased expenditure under all heads over last year, viz.:—

New Works	Irrigation,	Rupees 3,355	increase.
	Buildings,	,, 45,064	do.
Repairs	Irrigation,	,, 21,384	do.
	Buildings,	,, 6,804	do.

3. The Board strongly support the Collector's recommendations in paragraph 7, that an additional grant be sanctioned for the repair of irrigation works damaged by the cyclone of 1872.

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26th November 1874.

4. The report appears to the Board to be satisfactory, and they would especially bring to notice the favorable report in paragraph 8 of the condition of the roads in the district, which they consider reflects great credit on the District Engineer.

(A True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 467. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1874, No. 3,341.

IRRIGATION, No. 53.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer of North Arcot and to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. Orders have been passed upon a large number of Irrigation estimates, and ample funds supplied for carrying them out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with List.
,, District Engineer, North Arcot.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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4. The report appears to the Board to be satisfactory and they would especially bring to notice the favorable report in paragraph 8 of the condition of the roads in the district, which they consider, reflects great credit on the District Engineer.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with one original list.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Communicate to the District Engineer of North Arcot and to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. Orders have been issued where a large number of Irrigation Tanks and ample funds supplied for carrying them out.

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& to the Chief Engr.
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To The Chief Engr. for Irrign

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Public Works operations in North Arcot District

Proceedings the Bd of Revenue submitting Collectors report on — for 1873/74 and supporting the recommendation of the Collector for an additional grant being carried for the repair of Irrigation Works damaged