

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1875.*

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September 1875, No. 2,597 :—

Read the following letters :—

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shervaroy Hills, 22nd July 1875, No. 212.

I HAVE the honor to submit the usual report on the operations of the Department of Public Works for the year 1874-75, together with the copy of the report received from the Sub-Collector.

2. The subjoined abstract shows the cost of new works and repairs under the several heads, as contrasted with the previous year :—

Description of Works.	Expenditure for 1873-74.	Expenditure for 1874-75.	COMPARISON.			
			Increase.		Decrease.	
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	
<i>New Works.</i>						
Irrigation	2,095 10 3	7,817 11 1	5,272 0 10			
Buildings	47,961 11 7	26,517 8 5	...		21,444 3 2	
Total ...	50,057 5 10	34,335 3 6	5,272 0 10		21,444 3 2	
<i>Repairs.</i>						
Irrigation	30,952 3 1	39,819 0 3	8,866 13 2		...	
Buildings	3,589 3 8	5,086 4 9	1,497 1 1		...	
Total ...	34,541 6 9	44,905 5 0	10,363 14 3		...	
Grand Total ...	84,598 12 7	79,240 8 6	15,635 15 1		21,444 3 2	

3. I.—ORIGINAL WORKS—Irrigation.—During the year under report Rupees 7,818 or Rupees 5,272 in excess over the past year were expended on "New Works." Almost all the so-called new works consisted of the construction of sluices, waste weirs, and extension of calingulals to existing tanks, each costing a petty sum.

II.—The expenditure under Original Works included Rupees 800, the expense incurred in making rice-cultivation experiment in the Oosoor taluq.

III.—There were no allotments for the Chinna Kistnapuram and Valayamahadevy tanks, nor were there any for the anicuts* across the Swathanathi in the Ahtur taluq.

- * 1. Goodoomalai.
- 2. Kistnapuram.

In G. O., No. 1,431, of the 23rd May 1875, passed on the report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, the Government

approved of the completion of the Chinna Kistnapuram tank and the abandonment of the Valayamahadevy tank. The reason assigned for giving up the Valayamahadevy tank is that "the completion of the tank would result in a greater annual loss than will be sustained by its abandonment." I do not know if Colonel Mullins included in this calculation of Rupees 3,600 the compensation, viz., Rupees 1,100 paid to the owners of lands which were taken up, under the Land Acquisition Act, for the bed of the tank. The lands of sixteen ryots, including a large extent of Inam lands, were bought for the bed. The Inamdar received a compensation of Rupees 900, and four ryots Rupees 200. The remaining ryots elected to take up lands which would become irrigated by the tank. As it is now to be abandoned, I propose to sell the lands taken up by auction, so as to recoup the Government in some measure for the loss.

IV.—Repairs.—Under the head "Repairs" the expenditure amounted to Rupees 39,819, or Rupees 8,867 over that of the past year. This sum was expended on 39 anicuts, 132 tanks, and 7 supply-channels. The work carried out under this head was, for the most part, closing breaches and repairing sluices.

	RS.
1. Mahadevi Tank, Namool Taluq ...	1,253
2. Soori Anicut, Salem Taluq ...	540
3. Belur Chinna Anicut, Ahtur Taluq...	809
4. Poothoor Anicut, Ahtur Taluq ...	1,001
5. Yedapaay Tank, Trichengode Taluq...	991
6. Madapulli Tank, Tripatore Taluq...	1,355
7. Tripatore Large Tank ...	3,265
8. Teerthagiri Valasai Tank, Tripatore Taluq ...	1,829
9. Morasur Tank, Oosoor Taluq ...	428
10. Panjappulli Tank, do. ...	520

V.—The chief works under this head were those noted in the margin.

No. 1, for which Rupees 1,410 were sanctioned, is still in progress.

No. 2, on which Rupees 592 were expended in the previous year, was completed during the year under report.

No. 3 has been in hand since 1871: it has now been completed. The expenditure on this anicut up to last year was Rupees 3,183.

No. 4 was taken up in 1873, and completed during the year under report. The expenditure up to last year was Rupees 1,339.

No. 5 was breached in the cyclone of May 1872, and an estimate for closing it was sanctioned in September 1871. It has just been completed. The cost up to last year was Rupees 6,479. This is almost the largest tank in the Trichengode taluq, and since it was breached the ryots under the tank were permitted to raise dry crops and to pay dry rates of assessment.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8 were breached in the cyclone of May 1874. No. 6 is said to be nearly completed. No. 7 is still in progress. The earthwork on No. 8 has been completed, and the extension of the calingulah was in progress when I saw it in May last.

No. 9 has been in hand since 1872, and has just been completed. It was necessary to grant heavy remissions under this large tank for several years. Rupees 1,247 were expended on this work up to last year.

The estimate for No. 10 was sanctioned in April 1874, and is said to be nearly completed.

VI.—Rupees 1,023 were expended on the maintenance of the Cauvery groynes, and Rupees 705 on the planting of nanel for the protection of the Cauvery banks.

4. I.—Buildings.—The outlay under this head for both new works and repairs was Rupees 31,604, or Rupees 19,947 below that of the past year.

II.—ORIGINAL WORKS.—In the Salem Range the chief works were the improvements to the Collector's Cutcherry (begun in 1872, but now I am glad to say nearly completed, the work has been terribly slow), and the construction of a compound wall round the Salem Grave-yard, which has been completed. Rupees 879 were expended on some sundry works in the Salem Central Jail. In the Oosoor Range the chief work was the completion of the Pennagaram Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry, which cost Rupees 13,542. Rupees 10,000 were expended in the purchase of Mr. Brett's house at Oosoor.

III.—Repairs.—The chief works under this head in the Salem Range were, (1) repairing the Collector's Cutcherry Rupees 1,041, (2) the District Engineer's Office Rupees 308, and (3) the Salem District Court Rupees 281. Sundry repairs in the Central Jail cost Rupees 318. In the Tripatore Range the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Huzur was repaired at a cost of Rs. 137, and in the Oosoor Range the largest expenditure (Rupees 207) was on the District Munsif's Court at Dharampury.

IV.—The expenditure under "Repairs" includes Rupees 337, the compensation paid to medical subordinates in lieu of house-rent.

5. Chuttrums.—The chuttrum at Yercaud, which cost Rupees 1,500, has been completed; also the chuttrum at Topoor.

6. I.—REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, ORIGINAL WORKS—Irrigation.—Several new projects have, from time to time, been proposed, but none have as yet been taken up. It appears, therefore, useless to propose more, until those already proposed are carried out. My own opinion is that before any new works are commenced, the existing irrigation works in every taluq should be put into thorough repair.

II.—Repairs.—As I have mentioned in former reports, the annual allotments made at present for irrigation works are totally insufficient. There are hundreds of tanks and channels which require putting in order, and were the present allotment doubled it would not be too much.

7. Buildings.—Cutcheries for the Deputy Tahsildar at Womalore and for the Tahsildar at Dharampury are very much required. In the last three reports, the urgent necessity for a new Cutcherry at Womalore has been brought before Government. The building which has been used for years is a common street bazaar, which leaks so badly that the records have all had to be removed. A plan and estimate have already been sanctioned, and is before the Government. But although sanctioned it is not in the budget. The same remark applies to the Cutcheries at Kistnagherry and Dharampury, which have also been sanctioned, but no provision made, although a new building is very necessary at the latter place, and the former building will require enlargements and repairs, but neither are so very urgent as a building at Womalore. I beg the Board's earnest attention to this matter in view to the provision of funds to carry out the plan and estimate already sanctioned.

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From F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Oosoor, 29th June 1875, No. 357.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report on the operations of the Department of Public Works during the official year 1874-75.

2. The annexed statement shows the costs of new works and repairs, as contrasted with the preceding year:—

Description of Works.	Expenditure in 1873-74.	Expenditure in 1874-75.
<i>Imperial.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Irrigation ... { New Works ...	436 15 3	2,521 6 9
{ Repairs ...	4,159 4 5	7,970 3 8
<i>Provincial.</i>		
Buildings ... { New Works ...	6,761 8 9	15,097 13 10
{ Repairs ...	1,102 10 3	1,127 12 6
	12,460 6 8	26,717 4 9

3. *Irrigation.*—There has been a great improvement in the amount expended both for new works and repairs, the budget allotment having been exceeded under the head of New Works, and nearly worked up to under the head "Repairs." The new works undertaken have been four sluices and four surplus weirs. Small repairs have been executed to about twenty-eight tanks or anicuts. The principal repair work has been that of the Atasagarum tank in the Dharampury taluq. I have seen most of the tanks while under repair, and have, from time to time, written to you about them.

4. Under the head of New Buildings is, I believe, included the Rupees 10,000 for the purchase of Mr. Brett's property at Oosoor. The Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Pennagaram has been completed, and two Police station-houses erected at Vapanapalli and Karimungalam.

5. The Munsif's Court-house at Dharampury, the Sub-Jail at Kistnagerry, the Sub-Collector's Office, &c., have been repaired.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1875.

Progress of Public Works in the District of Salem.

The Major Head to which the Work relates.	Whether New Works or Repairs, and by what Department the Work was executed.	1873-74.				1874-75.			
		Budget Allotment, whether Imperial or Provincial.		Expenditure.		Budget Allotment.		Expenditure.	
		Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotments.	Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotments.	Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotments.	Originally sanctioned.	Revised Allotments.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Irrigation.	<i>Imperial.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
	New Works. { Public Works Department.	10,600 0 0	3,123 0 0	1,795 11 0	2,000 0 0	7,000 0 0	7,817 11 1	...	...
	Repairs ... { Revenue Department.	53,000 0 0	20,100 0 0	30,357 3 10	53,000 0 0	3,600 0 0	39,819 0 3	...	...
Communi- cations.	<i>Provincial.</i>	437 0 0	437 0 0	436 7 2	...	...	...	...	...
	New Works. { Public Works Department.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Repairs ... { Revenue Department.	29,200 0 0	40,748 0 0	38,253 0 3	18,805 0 0	28,906 0 0	26,517 8 5	...	...
Buildings...	<i>Imperial.</i>	5,300 0 0	3,900 0 0	3,217 6 11	4,000 0 0	2,766 0 0	5,086 4 9	...	...
	New Works. { Public Works Department.	40,237 0 0	44,308 0 0	40,585 2 5	29,805 0 0	35,066 0 0	31,385 3 6	...	...
	Repairs ... { Revenue Department.	53,300 0 0	34,000 0 0	33,604 10 9	57,000 0 0	6,366 0 0	41,905 5 0	...	...
Total...		98,537 0 0	78,308 0 0	74,189 13 2	77,805 0 0	41,432 0 0	79,210 8 6	...	...

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue with reference to his official memorandum, No. 1,261, dated 6th August 1875.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The total outlay from Imperial and Provincial Funds is given in the report as Rupees 79,240 against Rupees 84,599 in the preceding year, the decrease in expenditure occurring under the head of Buildings, New Works. The statement subsequently furnished, but which should have accompanied the report, shows the expenditure for 1873-74 as only Rupees 74,190, and no explanation of the discrepancy is afforded.

3. The total expenditure on irrigation works was Rupees 47,637 against Rupees 33,048 in the year before and Rupees 83,105 in 1872-73. The outlay seems to have been distributed over a number of petty, though doubtless very necessary, works; apparently there remains a great deal to be done, and hundreds of tanks are stated to require putting in order, and the annual allotments are declared to be quite insufficient.

4. The Board sanction the sale by auction, subject to the payment of the full assessment, of the land taken up for the bed of the Valayamahadevy tank, the abandonment of which has been approved by Government. The land should be laid out in blocks and demarcated with stones before sale.

5. The total outlay on buildings was Rupees 31,604, of which Rupees 10,000 were expended in the purchase of Mr. Brett's house at Oosoor; the other principal items were the improvements to the Collector's Cutcherry and the completion of the Pennagaram Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry; the outlay on each during the year under report is not stated.

6. Several of the Taluq and Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcheries are reported to be in a miserable condition; those at Womalore, Kistnagherry, and Dharampury being especially mentioned, whilst the state of the Cutcherry at Uttengherry was brought prominently to notice in last year's report. The three first mentioned are entered in the list printed with G. O., dated 24th June 1874, No. 1,691. The need for accommodation appears, however, to be most urgent at Womalore, and the Government in sanctioning the plan and estimate for the work promised to make provision

G. O., dated 2nd November 1874, No. 5, Public Works Department.

in the budget for 1875-76. No allotment appears, however, to have been made. The Board request that, if possible, funds may be provided during the current year. The estimate for a Taluq Cutcherry at Kistnagherry has also been sanctioned, but no allotment made. From G. O., dated 16th March 1875, No. 735, Public

Works Department, this appears to be due to the smallness of the grant, owing to which it was found impossible to allot funds for any buildings not in progress except in the case of a few really urgent works. The Board observe, however, that the allotment to the Salem District for Civil Buildings is the lowest of all. The estimates for the Dharampury Cutcherry appear not to have been sanctioned as stated by the Collector, but to have been returned for revision--vide G. O., dated 14th February 1874, No. 364, Public Works Department, and paragraph 3 of G. O., dated 6th February 1875, No. 342. The Uttengherry Cutcherry is not included in the list printed with G. O., dated 24th June 1874, No. 1,691.

7. There was no expenditure from Imperial or Provincial Funds on Communications, and the Collector has made no mention of the allotments and expenditure

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from Local Funds. His attention is called to G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, by which it was clearly intended that the outlay from Local Funds should be noticed with such remarks as might appear called for in regard to the utilization of allotments and nature of the work executed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secy.

No. 191.

ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1875, No. 2,919.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11-A.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Salem.

2. Provision will be made in the Budget of 1876-77 for commencing all new Taluq Cutcheries the estimates of which shall have been sanctioned in time so far as funds permit.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R. F.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.

- " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- " Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- " Board of Revenue.
- " Revenue Department.
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SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,597.

Public Works—executed in Salem District during 1874-75.—Collector's report on —, submitted to Government with remarks, and with request to allot funds, if possible, for the construction of Womalore Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry during current year. Sale by auction of the land taken up for the bed of Malayamahadevy tank, sanctioned with certain instructions.

With order 1875

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

G. E. Saleen

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13th Feb 1875

Mos. 1875-1876

Public Works executed in the
Salem Dtr: during 1874-75

Passing orders on Progs. of the
Board of Revenue submitting
with remarks the Collector's
report on —, & requesting
an allotment of funds for
the construction of the Womah
by Sahildar's Cont.erry.