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No 275 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1876, No 2,135 —

Read the following letter from H W. BLISS, Esq, Acting Collector of Madura, to C A GALTON, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Periakolam, 11th July 1876, No 264 —

I HAVE the honor to submit the annual report on the progress of Public Works in this district during 1875-76, with a statement of expenditure in the form prescribed in the Board's Circular Memorandum, No 2,044, dated the 7th December 1875

2 The expenditure on Public Works during the year from Imperial and Provincial Funds amounted to Rs 1,01,080 against Rupees 96,455 in the previous year, being a difference of Rupees 4,625 This small increase is the net result of increase and decrease in several items About 89 per cent of the revised allotment has been utilized. In no instance has the allotment been fully spent, but the short expenditure

	Short Expenditure RS	
<i>Imperial</i>		
New Works—Irrigation	... 721	
<i>Provincial</i>		
New Works—Communications	3,260	
Do Buildings	.. 6,240	

in each item is trifling in proportion to the allotments, except under the items noted in the margin. The short expenditure under Irrigation both under New Works and Repairs is spread over a great many works in small sums That under "Communications—Provincial" is owing to the allotments not having been fully utilized on the Goodalur Ghaut road* and on opening to bridle-path,† the new Kodaikanal Ghaut row being traced by Colonel Law. That under Buildings is chiefly in the following works, viz, restoring Tirumal Naik's palace and construction of racket court at

Madura and of taluq cutcherry at Periakolam No reasons are assigned in the progress reports for this short expenditure

3 Under the head "Imperial," I have included all the expenditure on salt works provided for under Petty Construction and Repairs All these works were executed by the Revenue Department

4 IMPERIAL, *Irrigation, New Works* —A sum of Rupees 3,479 was spent under this head against Rupees 2,667 in the previous year and an allotment for the year under report of Rupees 4,200 There was thus an increase of Rupees 812 in the expenditure Almost the whole of this sum was laid out on the improvement of existing irrigation works by the construction of masonry sluices to tanks and of alicuts across supplying channels The principal of them are noted below None require detailed notice —

	RS	A	P
Constructing an alicut across the surplus channel of Vandiyur	494	5	8
Reconstructing sluice in Kakanenthel tank, supplied by a channel direct from the Vigay river	366	12	0
Constructing a calingulah and two sluices in Rettay Commoy of Pottapatty, supplied by the Palar river	202	2	1
Constructing an escape in Vadagara large tank, supplied by the Gundar river ..	323	11	8
Lengthening and improving tunnels, Nos 5 and 6, on road No 4 from Pulney to Oodumalpettah	582	0	3
Total	1,968	15	8

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provided by Government had failed to work out. The only remedy I can suggest is that the Public Works establishment of the district should be increased to an extent more in proportion than at present with its area, population, and importance.

15 *Communications, New Works*—There was an expenditure of Rs 1,15,896 under this head, both in the Public Works and Revenue Departments, or less than that of the previous year by Rupees 8,949. Only the small sum of Rupees 526 was spent in the Revenue Department on the construction of a branch road to the railway station at Vadamadura, and on account of compensation for land taken up for a road. The remainder was principally utilized in the making of the important roads mentioned in the accompanying list, the progress of most of which was disappointingly slow.

16. *Repairs*—Of the sum of Rupees 1,11,772 spent under this head, Rupees 1,03,153 were expended on the maintenance of existing roads, and the balance (Rupees 8,619) on repairing the town-roads in Ramnad, and portions of the road between Dindigul and Tondy and of the road from Allinagaram to the Chettinaputty Pass and on some other petty masonry works, &c. There was an increase of Rupees 6,417 in expenditure under this head during the year as compared with the preceding year.

17. *SANITARY AND MISCELLANEOUS, New Works*—A sum of Rupees 14,201 was spent under this head during the year under report against Rupees 12,641 in the preceding year. This is an increase of Rupees 1,560. The principal works executed were the erection of dispensaries at Tiruchuly and Periakolam, a Lying-in ward at Ramnad, and a Travellers' bungalow at Ammaiaikenur. The progress of the latter work has been very slow. The Periakolam hospital may be said to be completed. The wood-work thereof appears to me not good.

18 *Repairs*—There was an increase of Rupees 1,962 in the expenditure under this head. Rupees 5,749 were spent on the maintenance of avenues and Rupees 2,849 on the repair of the chuttrum at Sholavandan. The remainder (Rupees 2,650) was laid out on petty repairs to existing chuttrums and on the cleansing of tanks and wells.

19. I do not enter into any detail with regard to Local Fund Works as the progress and condition of each work will be separately noticed in the proper enclosures to the Local Fund Reports which will be submitted as soon as the Accountant-General furnishes the particulars of expenditure.

20 *SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE*—Under this head I have no special remarks to make. The requirements of the district in the way of buildings and roads are well known, and are in course of being met as funds become available and the Department of Public Works can utilize them. The same may be said of ordinary irrigation works. On the more important projects which have been brought forward by the District Engineer, and which I believe capable of execution, and likely to confer great benefits on a district which has hitherto been much neglected, I have so recently reported fully in my letter, No. 228, dated 7th June 1876, which is now before the Board, that I need not here further dwell upon the subject.

ENCLOSURE No 1—Statement

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2 When reviewing the report for 1874-75 the Board took occasion to notice the very unsatisfactory return of expenditure from Local Funds, and they regret to observe that little or no improvement has taken place during the past year, the expenditure having amounted to only 71.47 per cent of the total allotment.

3 Of the allotments from Imperial and Provincial Funds, 89 per cent was utilized.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary

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(True Extract)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura

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