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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

4th February 1878, No. 559 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 22. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1878, No. 2.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1877, No. 434:—

I HAVE the honor to forward my annual report on Public Works for 1876-77, accompanied by the prescribed lists.

2. The aggregate allotments from all funds amounted to Rupees 2,72,134 and the expenditure to Rupees 2,56,312.

3. IMPERIAL.—Under this head the expenditure, Rupees 41,138, is almost entirely on irrigation works; several small improvements taken in hand in the previous year were completed, but no new work was commenced. The irrigation works were kept in repair at an outlay of Rupees 74,700. The irrigation works in this district are in fairly good condition. I am not aware of any matured feasible projects for further storage of water; there is some waste in distribution which is being gradually amended as funds admit.

4. PROVINCIAL—Communications.—Only two works were carried on from this fund. One is the road from Mallampolliem to Keddumoodi, intended to replace an old village road destroyed by the Railway; this has been in progress since 1874 and is still incomplete. The road, in my opinion, has been too expensively provided with culverts when road-dams would have sufficed for a village track. The second is the improvement of the Mettampolliem and Cullar road on which the Provincial allotment of Rupees 4,000 sanctioned in the previous year was worked out. This road requires far more funds for up-keep than are available. I suggested a tramway in my last year's report. The traffic is great and heavy and the road suffers.

5. PROVINCIAL—Buildings.—The additions and improvements to the Central Jail at Coimbatore were three-fourths finished. They seemed well done. A house was built for the Inspector of Police, Collegal. Some small improvements were carried out to my Cutcherry, such as ventilators to the Vernacular record-room, verandah round my English record and the Forest Deputy Conservator's office, &c. Four Police huts were constructed at Mettampolliem, and the civil buildings in the district were kept in repair at a cost of Rupees 2,989.

6. There are now good Cutcheries on Mr. Chisholm's standard plan at four Taluk Cusbals in the district and tolerable accommodation for the Collector's office. These buildings are in good condition. The requirements in the way of fresh buildings are—

- (1). A Cutcherry and a house for the Sub-Collector; the latter is being constructed.
- (2). A house for the Head Assistant Collector.
- (3). A Cutcherry for the Deputy Collector, Northern Division.

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7. LOCAL—*Communications*.—Rupees 27,477 were spent in carrying on new works and improvements of communications, and Rupees 1,13,282 on up-keep of existing roads. The state of the communications in the district is generally fair and cart communication is everywhere feasible. The road between Pollachy and Oodumulpettah for six miles through cotton soil and heavy cross drainage is almost impassable in very wet weather. Metal is far distant and repair most expensive. The isolated taluq of Collegal is being opened up and connected with the low country by two lines of road. The Bhowany and Collegal road, *via* the Burghoor plateau on which Rupees 72,100 had been previously spent, was being made practicable throughout for carts at an estimated cost of Rupees 9,620. The work is one-third done; another access to Collegal by Bylore and Lockanhully was partly opened out at a cost of Rupees 5,028.

8. I have stated above that the roads in this district were generally in a fair condition. I cannot illustrate this remark more strongly than by referring to the enormous traffic which has gone over some of them, notably the road from Tirpur or Avenashy Road Railway Station to Oodumulpettah and Madura. Thousands of tons of grain, chiefly rice, were carted over this road. The soil over which the road passes is favorable. Other roads again, such as that from Coimbatore to Sattiamungalam, partly traversing cotton soil, were after rain grievously cut up by traffic. There was a very inefficient Range Officer in this division who has since been removed.

9. The railway saved our roads to an enormous extent, but for its distribution of grain would have been difficult and dilatory.

10. I am unable to suggest further agricultural (*i.e.*, irrigational) works for this district. In general the rain-fall is slight and does not supply the existing reservoirs; nor can an extension of river channel cultivation be contemplated, as the usual supply is generally short of the irrigable land requirements. Some vast schemes, such as a great reservoir up the Bhowany valley, was some years ago mooted; but I am not in possession of data as to cost or practicability of the scheme. The contemplated Cauvery anicut at Neringipett, I understand, was unfavorably reported on by Captain Mead, R.E., some years ago as unremunerative in this district.

11. My experience of this district would lead me to place more confidence in an extension of wells by private enterprise than by additional surface reservoirs, which, in time of drought, would be empty.

12. I think the rail or tramway, which is now ordered, to Cullar will be a beneficial project, and if the rail could reach the Nilgiri plateau much advantage would be gained by that district, and much toil and waste of human and animal power saved to the people of this district who supply the markets of the Nilgiri plateau.

13. The railway system of this district is well supplied with feeders which, in time of need, also serve as distributing channels of trade.

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No orders relating to the tramway to Cullar, the construction of which is stated to have been ordered, have reached the Board.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,  
Sub-Secretary.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1878, No. 559 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Coimbatore.

2. No orders have been passed in the Public Works Department regarding the construction of a tramway from Mettapolliem to Kullar. But the work was included in a programme of works provisionally sanctioned for execution by famine labor in Revenue (Famine) Department Order No. 2,184 of the 6th October 1877, which it is observed was communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.

" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.  
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" Revenue Department.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

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*Public Works in Coimbatore District*—  
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on  
Collector's report on — for 1874-75,  
communicated to the District Engineer with  
remarks.

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**SECRETARY.**

Fort St. George, May 31

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**OFFICE NOTE.**

To my dear Gertie

Is the Iron way  
in question a  
farming work?  
Please tell me -

Yours truly

Whitcomb

By the Court.

The Duke, I  
 believe, when in Constantinople  
 expressed a wish to have  
 a company constructed  
 from Beirut to the  
 Kaker, & ordered the  
 S<sup>t</sup> Engineer to send in an  
 estimate. I shall  
 this week the Duke I do  
 not know - but an N<sup>o</sup>  
 estimate, for some 16000,  
 for erecting the road between  
 the above mentioned places  
 & another rails  
 to the land on it was



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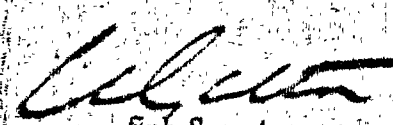
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

  
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,  
with two original Statements to be returned  
Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb'y/78

Read the following:—

Proceedings Board of Revenue (M.G. No. 2 d/14<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1878)

Communicated to  
the District Engineer, Coimbatore.

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in the Public Works Department  
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a tramway from Mettappalli  
to Nuldar. But the work was  
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*Public Works in Cumbria  
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*W. P. M. J.*