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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st February 1879, No. 558 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 191. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1879, No. 36.
From H. P. GORDON, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1879, No. 14.

In reporting upon the public works executed in this district during the year 1877-78, I have the honor to submit herewith the two statements prepared in the prescribed form.

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	Allotments.	Expenditure.	Allotments.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Imperial	55,850	53,618	57,803	32,526
Provincial	33,662	35,098	21,244	19,269
Local Funds	1,79,647	1,37,196	48,111	27,898
Total	2,69,159	2,25,912	1,27,158	79,693

3. Statement No. 2 exhibits the progress towards completion of all original works the estimates for which exceed Rupees 1,000, and repairs the estimates for which exceed Rupees 2,500, classified under the several funds.

4. It will be observed that there was a total decrease of Rupees 1,42,001 and Rupees 1,46,219 respectively in the allotment and expenditure during the year under report as compared with the previous year. Independently of this there was an expenditure of Rupees 34,580 on famine relief works by the Public Works Department not treated of in this report.

5. The expenditure for the repairs of irrigation works amounted to Rs. 31,065 against Rupees 45,625 in the preceding year. This short outlay is due to several irrigation works having been repaired by the Revenue Department out of famine relief funds. Moreover, in consequence of famine relief operations, labor was not available for departmental works. On the whole, when the outlay incurred from Famine Funds is adjusted, the expenditure will be found to exceed the allotment.

6. The Tungabhadra channels in the Bellary, Hospet, and Gooty Ranges were all cleared during the year and are reported to be in good order.

7. The Acting Sub-Collector reports that the repairs to the Gooty tank sluice have been satisfactorily completed.

8. The Bookapatam tank repairs have been completed.

9. The improvements to the District Jail at Bellary have been effected during the year under report.

10. The additional cemetery at Bellary sanctioned in G.O., No. 1,334, dated 10th March 1875, has likewise been completed.

11. As regards future needs, the Acting Sub-Collector remarks that, in his opinion, it is sufficient if existing irrigation works be maintained for the present. He also notices that he has no doubt that the repairs done to roads in his division were properly executed, but that the sum spent was wholly insufficient to do more than keep the roads fairly passable for carts. He points out that the Aspiri-Adoni road can scarcely be considered so. That the roads will be passable during the current year, he observes, is very doubtful owing to the maintenance grants not having been applied.

12. The Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of the Penukonda Division observes —

"Except in the way of famine relief by the Revenue Department nothing was done to irrigation works in Hindupur Taluk, where there are many in sad need of attention. Only Rupees 37 were spent on one supply channel (Locherla), and in this connection I can only repeat what I reported last year that (independently of famine relief works) comparatively nothing has again been done to improve materially the welfare of the ryot or the public revenue; that there are still very many irrigation works in a most unsatisfactory and neglected state; and that more especially there is apparently a complete want of interest on the part of the Public Works officers in the numerous cases of supply channels out of order and of tanks which, for want of attention to their sources of supply, do not contain sufficient water to irrigate their ayacuts. These are the cases which, in my opinion, demand the most attention."

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14. The Deputy Collector, Murugasam Moodelly, writes in regard to the two taluks of Kudligi and Raidroog under his charge —

"In both the taluks several irrigation works were undertaken as famine relief works and large sums expended on them; many of these works are said to be in an incomplete state; and I would take this opportunity of respectfully pressing the necessity of putting in hand without avoidable delay the repairs, &c., of all such agricultural works as can be completed with a moderate outlay as already recommended by the Temporary Deputy Collector while in charge of this division (*vide* paragraph 11 of the Collector's letter embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 917, dated the 4th April last).

"The country just gradually emerging from the dire distress to which it had been subjected lately, it is the more desirable to have every possible facility thrown open to the ryot population for a vigorous prosecution of agricultural operations, and that communications lately considerably damaged be put in an efficient state for purposes of traffic. The famine road from Hurlihall to Raidroog *via* Meenakerra and that from Kudligi to Bellary *via* Gudikota and Rampur are very much cut up, so much so that all traffic through the latter road has ceased. Indeed, the passage for carts by the Gudikota road is entirely blocked up by the heavy breach in the Gudikota tank bund which abuts closely on the public road (*vide* my letter, No. 122, dated 28th April last).

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1879, No. 558 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, for report regarding the Penukonda Taluk Cutcherry, and to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation with reference to the second paragraph of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL
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Govt. of (1879) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,
Sec. Div. No. 30.

Dated February 21st.

Respectfully

Yours

Respectfully

G.O. 31st January 1879, No. 191 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 191-192

Public Works executed in Bellary District—Board's Proceedings submitting Collector's report on the same during 1877-78, recommended to the officers concerned with instructions.

No. 306.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th February 1879.

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L. S. S. S.

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with two original statements to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Encl. J. W. Fischer.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st Feb/79
Read the following:—

Pro of the Bd of Revenue (No. 306 of 5 Feb/79)

Communicated
to the Superintendents, Second
Circle, for report re-
garding the Penukonda
Taluk Cutcherry, and
to the Chief Engineer for
information with reference
to the second paragraph
of the Board's Proceedings.

I have signed
Ch. Engineer
by Mr. Amb
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Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated February 5th.

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FEBRUARY.
No. 306.

Public Works — executed in Bellary District
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annual Collector's report on the —.

Returned to the Board of
Rev.

Curry Curry

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Nos. 191-192

Public Works executed
in Bellary Dist. Board
I am submitting Collector's
report on the progress of
— during 1871-72. Comd
to the Officers concerned
with instructions.