

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 687 J

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Minor Irrigation Works

From: Secy: Deptt Recording
Board's Pass: Submitting report on the irrigation measures
on ——— during 1897-98, Communicated to the
offices concerned with remark.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 229, dated 2nd July 1898:—

Resolution—No. 229, dated 2nd July 1898.

The Board submits herewith for the information of Government a brief report on the expenditure incurred during 1897–98 on minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department.

2. The grant originally sanctioned for works to be executed by the Revenue Department was Rs. 4,50,000. Owing partly to the non-utilization of the increased provision made for the organization of a permanent establishment of Upper and Lower subordinates and partly to the restriction placed on expenditure with reference to G.O., No. 735, Financial, dated 9th September 1897, a sum of Rs. 75,000 was surrendered in B. P., Mis. No. 2033, dated 21st March 1898, recorded in G.O., No. 364, Financial, dated 12th April 1898. Out of the reduced grant of Rs. 3,75,000, a sum of Rs. 3,60,327 was actually expended during the year, leaving a small balance of Rs. 14,673 unutilized. The subjoined statement shows the transactions for the several districts:—

Districts.	Allotment for 1897–98 as revised finally.	Expenditure during 1897–98, including establishment charges and contingencies.	Increase or decrease of expenditure over allotment.	Percentage of increase or decrease on the allotment.	Total charges on account of establishment and contingencies.	Percentage of establishment charges on the actual outlay on works.	Value of work done but not paid for within the year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Ganjam ..	20,000	20,000	—	—	2,414	13.73	..
2. Vizagapatam ..	22,400	22,090	— 310	— 1.38	1,503	7.30	..
3. Godavari ..	16,710	16,899	+ 189	+ 1.13	1,114	7.06	..
4. Kistna ..	15,970	15,998	+ 28	+ 0.18	1,134	7.63	..
5. Nellore ..	27,885	21,177	— 6,708	— 24.06	2,303	12.20	..
6. Cuddapah ..	28,000	27,498	— 502	— 1.79	3,698	15.54	..
7. Anantapur ..	20,700	18,735	— 1,965	— 9.49	3,152	20.23	..
8. Bellary ..	8,500	7,552	— 948	— 11.15	1,968	35.24	813
9. Kurnool ..	8,610	7,372	— 1,238	— 14.38	826	12.62	..
10. Madras ..	1,079	1,079	—	—	3,274	15.97	..
11. Chingleput ..	24,100	23,769	— 331	— 1.37	3,826	11.70	..
12. North Arcot ..	42,000	36,513	— 5,487	— 13.06	4,399	9.63	..
13. South Arcot ..	50,355	50,060	— 295	— 0.59	4,73	8.34	..
14. Tanjore ..	6,140	6,142	+ 2	+ 0.03	1,882	14.77	..
15. Trichinopoly ..	14,808	14,626	— 182	— 1.23	1,342	7.58	264
16. Madura ..	20,000	19,043	— 957	— 4.79	3,315	12.27	168
17. Tinnevely ..	31,000	30,339	— 661	— 2.13	..	..	..
18. Coimbatore ..	4,200	3,547	— 653	— 15.55	..	..	..
19. Salem ..	18,830	17,858	— 972	— 5.16	2,460	15.98	..
20. Malabar ..	30	30	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,81,317	3,60,327	— 20,990	..	39,083	..	1,235
Deduct—General savings anticipated by the Board and surrendered accordingly ..	6,317	..	— 6,317	..	..	..	..
Balance ..	*3,75,000	3,60,327	— 14,673	— 3.91	39,083	12.17	1,235
Amount placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department ..	35,000	27,771	— 7,229	— 20.65	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,10,000	3,88,098	— 21,902	— 5.34	39,083	11.20	1,235

* This does not take account of the additional re-appropriation of Rs. 0.53 lakh sanctioned in C.O., No. 332, Financial, dated 31st March 1898.

3. The expenditure which amounted to 96.09 per cent. of the allotment was satisfactory. The districts to which the major portion of the unexpended grants appertains are Nellore, North Arcot, Anantapur and Kurnool. The Collector of Nellore explains that the large balance of nearly 25 per cent. in his district was due to the circumstance that several works were ordered to be executed under the piece-work system on account of the prevailing distress, that progress in such works was in consequence slow and that the allotments sanctioned therefor could not be fully spent before the close of the year.

In North Arcot, certain works are reported to have been commenced late in the year and left incomplete, because the estimates sent to the Executive Engineer for approval were not received back in time. Another work in the same district estimated at Rs. 950 could not be commenced owing to the existence of water in the tank. In Anantapur, the major portion of the unexpended balance represents either the value of work done but not paid for or that of work done by famine labour. The Collector of Kurnool says that two of the sanctioned works were taken in hand but could not be completed and that two others were not taken up, because in one case there was water in the tank and in the other it was thought advisable to have the work executed by the Public Works Department. The Board observes that in Nellore and Kurnool the expenditure reached the average of the three years ending 1896–97.

4. The total charges on account of establishment and contingencies for the year under report amounted to Rs. 39,083 or 12.17 per cent. of the net outlay on works. As usual, no establishment was entertained in the Coimbatore district where tanks under the Revenue Department are very few. In Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary, Chingleput and Salem, the charges exceeded the limit of 15 per cent. prescribed in G.O., No. 1029, dated 23rd November 1886. The heavy charge in Bellary was, as in previous years, due to the debit of the pay of the Tungabhadra Channel Superintendents to the minor irrigation grant under B.P., No. 432, dated 13th October 1894. The Collector of Salem reports that the charges exceeded the prescribed limit in consequence of a surrender of Rs. 2,120 from the sanctioned grant. The Board considers that the Collector should have reduced the strength of the temporary establishment as soon as it was known that the sanctioned grant could not be utilised in full. The Collectors of Cuddapah, Anantapur and Chingleput have not explained why the prescribed limit was exceeded in their districts. They are requested to keep the expenditure on establishment within the prescribed limit in future.

5. In the districts noted below, the total expenditure reported by Collectors differs from the figures furnished by the Accountant-General:—

Districts.	Expenditure.						Difference.			
	As reported by Collectors.			As reported by Accountant- General.						
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Vizagapatam	22,090	1	9	22,043	10	5	—	46	7	4
Godavari	16,898	14	2	18,104	1	1	+	1,205	2	11
Kistna	15,997	8	11	16,027	10	5	+	30	1	6
North Arcot	36,512	9	6	36,524	14	3	+	12	4	9
South Arcot	50,060	0	0	55,823	11	2	+	5,763	11	2
Coimbatore	3,546	15	8	3,156	15	8	—	390	0	0

The Collectors concerned are requested to have the necessary reconciliations effected at an early date in communication with the Accountant-General, and to adopt the finally-settled figures in the budget estimates due in this office in August next.

6. A sum of Rs. 35,000 was placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department to meet the expenditure to be incurred by that Department in the repair of minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department. The following statement furnished by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts shows the outlay incurred by the Public Works Department from the above-mentioned grant:—

Districts.	Amount placed at the disposal of P. W. D.—Works and Repairs.	Amount expended.	Difference.
1	2	3	4
1. Coimbatore	Rs. 880	Rs. 953	Rs. 73
2. Cuddapah .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
3. Giddavari .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
4. Kurnool	2,240	220	2,020
5. Madura	3,390	1,905	335
6. Nellore	1,085	2,966	434
7. North Arcot	3,838	1,017	68
8. Salem	1,735	2,318	1,540
9. South Arcot	3,340	1,482	303
10. Tanjore	4,111	3,172	168
11. Tinnevely	455	4,182	41
12. Trichinopoly	2,065	430	25
13. Vizagapatam	4,618	1,934	131
14. Bellary	3,841	4,618	..
Total	800	2,634	1,207
	32,448	27,771	4,677

NOTE.—1. The figures given above exclude percentage charges for establishment and tools and plant.
2. The figures in column 3 are subject to modifications when the final figures for the year are known.

7. The number of works repaired by the Tank Restoration Scheme Parties and handed over to the Revenue Department during the year was as follows:—

Districts.	Number of tank restoration work handed over to the Revenue Department.
Vizagapatam	16
Nellore .. ..	.. ..
Anantapur .. ..	.. ..
Kurnool .. ..	.. ..
North Arcot .. ..	.. ..
South " .. ..	.. ..
Tanjore	45
Trichinopoly	6
Madura	44
Tinnevely	
Coimbatore	8
Salem	46
Malabar	
Chingleput	58
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It is presumed that in the districts not mentioned above no works were handed over to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" all Collectors except those of South Canara and Nilgiris.
" the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
Irrigation Branch.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" Accountant-General.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 4342, dated 18th July 1898:—

Read—Statement of Tank Restoration Scheme Minor works restored to Revenue Department during 1897–98, and statement giving a brief description of Minor Irrigation works showing the number of tanks, channels, &c., repaired or constructed during 1897–98, submitted by the Collector of Chingleput in Dis. No. 1624, dated 8th July 1898.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4342, dated 18th July 1898.

Recorded.

2. In modification of the statement in the concluding sentence of paragraph 7 of its Proceedings, No. 229, dated 2nd July 1898, the Board begs to report, for the information of Government, that, in the Chingleput district, nineteen works were repaired by the Tank Restoration Scheme party and handed over to the Revenue Department during the year 1897–98.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.

ORDER—No. 418, Revenue, dated 28th July 1898.

Irrigation No. 9.

Recorded.

2. The attention of the Public Works Department will be drawn to the explanation given in respect of the large balance of unexpended grants in the North Arcot district, viz., that certain works were "commenced late in the year and left incomplete, because the estimates sent to the Executive Engineer for approval were not received back in time."

(True Extract.)

for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.

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