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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th June 1862.*

No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th June 1862,
No. 3,679:—

Read the following letter from *Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq.*, Collector of Trichinopoly, to *W. HUDLESTON, Esq.*, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 30th May 1862, No. 89.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit a report on the progress of Public Works in this District for the Official year 1861-62.

2. I give below an Abstract Comparative Statement of expenditure on account of Public Works:—

Works.	Expenditure of 1860-61.			Expenditure of 1861-62.			Increase.			Decrease.			Estimate of 1861-62.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
New Works.													
Irrigation.. ..	13,526	10	11	27,141	12	0	13,615	1	1				
Communications.	32,123	7	5	76,876	5	7	44,752	14	2				
Buildings.....	553	15	10	4,065	1	4	3,511	1	6				
Total...	46,204	2	2	1,08,083	2	11	61,879	0	9				
Repairs.													
Irrigation... ..	88,356	7	3	62,853	8	9	0	0	0	25,502	14	6	
Communications.	26,294	4	2	34,683	12	5	8,389	8	3				
Buildings.....	1,074	0	10	1,808	5	5	734	4	7				
Total...	1,15,724	12	3	99,345	10	7	9,123	12	10	25,502	14	6	
Grand Total...	1,61,928	14	5	2,07,428	13	6	71,002	13	7	25,502	14	6	
							45,499	15	1				

3. NEW WORKS.—Under the head of Irrigation there was an increase of expenditure amounting to Rupees 13,615-1-1. The Peruvally, one of our most important channels, was put in good order at a cost of 10,398 Rupees; the Nadoccuray Nat Voikal head sluice was entirely re-built at an outlay of Rupees 2,411; the sluices in the Rutnaghudy Anicut were re-constructed costing 4,987 Rupees and 9,000 and odd Rupees were spent on the Poonairy project; from this last work, as yet no benefit has been derived; a portion of the under tunnel was destroyed in the last monsoon: the Estimate for repairing this work is now before Government.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.—The increase of expenditure under this head is about 100 per cent. in excess of the previous year's outlay. Captain Palmer has done his best to improve our communications; the greatest expenditure has been on the following lines:—

	RS.
Trichinopoly to Salem ..	23,945
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Trichinopoly to Dindigul...	7,234
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5. The Bridges over the Cular river on the Woodiarpolliem road, and over the Codamurty on the Coimbatore road, have been completed and are now open for traffic; the bridge over the river "Iyahr" on the Salem road is in course of completion, and I hope in another fortnight it will be open to the public.

6. BUILDINGS.—The principal item on this account was the building of the Engineer's Office and Store-house.

7. REPAIRS.—There is not much to remark here, the expenditure on irrigation works fell below that of the year preceding by about 30 per cent., while that on communications is about 33 per cent. in excess.

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8. **PRESENT CONDITION.**—The Bunds of our main irrigating channels are in good order ; some tanks in the District require repair, others to be cleared ; these if once put into thoroughly efficient order, with a little care and attention, would not require any outlay upon them for several years.

9. The roads are in better order than they have ever been before ; we shall soon have a good metalled road from this to the Salem frontier, and now that “Iyahr” river has been bridged there are no obstacles to quick traffic on this line ; the road from this to Coimbatore and the Hills, has been gravelled for a distance of 18 miles ; a portion of the old road to Dindigul has been abandoned ; the road for a distance of 3 miles laid in a hollow and was intersected by innumerable jungle streams ; the new line has been marked out and orders issued to make the land over to the Engineer's Department.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 280.

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1862, No. 1,347

Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To A. R. McDonell, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly.

Copy to J. D. Sin, Esq., Secretary, P. W. D.

" to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Horsley, Secretary to Government,
for information, P. W. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 3672.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No. 1692.

Rev. 1862. Department
Chief Govt for Dindigul

Dated 9th June 1862.

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Communicated to the

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