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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th December 1862.

No. 287. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1862, No. 7,974:—

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 1st November 1862, No. 406.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the operations of the Department of Public Works for the year 1861-62, agreeably with the instructions contained in paragraph 5 of the Boa[illegible] Proceedings of the 22nd May 1856, No. 1,566.

Particulars of works.	Expenditure of 1860-61.	Expenditure of 1861-62.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.	Estimate of 1861-62.
New Works.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation	179	28,085	27,906	...	...
Communication	650	7,669	7,019	....	...
Buildings	38,595	53,929	15,334	...	..
Total...	39,424	89,683	50,259	....	..
Repairs.					
Irrigation	41,038	33,969	...	7,069	...
Communication	1,38,674	1,31,466	..	7,208	...
Buildings	17,777	22,531	4,754	....	..
Total...	1,97,489	1,87,966	4,754	14,277	...
Grand Total...	2,36,913	2,77,649	55,013	14,277	1,78,929*
Net Increase			40,736		

* Exclusive of the special sanctions.

2. The Abstract Statement given in the margin shows that the total expenditure of the year under review exceeds that of the preceding by Rupees 40,736.

3. NEW WORKS.—1. *Irrigation.*—On new works of Irrigation 28,085 Rupees were expended, of which Rupees 19,801 were laid out on the Pálár project, which is progressing rapidly, and the beneficial effects of which this District has already begun to feel. The remaining 8,284 Rupees taken from the Repair Fund were spent on minor new works, such as Calingulas and Sluices.

4. 2. *Communications.*—Of Rupees 7,669 expended on Communications, Rupees 6,944 were laid out in excavating a Canal from Sadras to the Pálár, and the remainder on the Cooum bridge and a road tunnel.

5. No new roads have been constructed in the year under report, but lines have been surveyed for roads in the old Satiavedu Talook, which I have before reported as being destitute of such communications, and one has been already commenced between Trivallur and Nagalapuram out of the Local Fund. After this is completed, it is intended to branch off another line from Ootukotah, situated at about the centre of this new road to Satiavedu, and to continue it so to meet the northern Trunk Road. A road from Chunambet, a Salt station, to Alattur situated on the Tindivanam road is now in progress, and another from Cheyur to Chotupakam on the southern Trunk Road, is, as the Board are aware to be commenced, and will be reported upon next year.

6. 3. *Buildings.*—Rupees 53,929 were laid out under this head, of which Rupees 38,905 were expended on Military buildings, Rupees 3,608 on the Guindi Park House, Rupees 174 on Judicial buildings, and Rupees 11,242 on the Cutcherry and other works connected with the new Salt Depôt, and the new Record room at my office. This building was commenced in 1860-61 at an outlay of Rupees 3,830, and though only a year old, has required repair and gives proof of both material and workmanship having been inferior, though the expenditure should have secured both being of the best kind.

7. REPAIRS.—1. *Irrigation.*—On the repair of Irrigation works Rupees 33,970 were laid out chiefly to secure the existing revenue. I regret to find that when fixing the repair allowance (40,000 Rupees *inclusive of minor new works*) for the current year, my remarks in paragraph 5 of my report for 1860-61 as to the insufficiency of the Repair Fund allotted to this District were overlooked, I stated that it was far short of the 6 per cent. on the revenue allowed by Govern-

ment in paragraph 10 of their Proceedings, No. 2,168 of the 18th October 1860, and that as the Tank Merah itself amounts to about 40,000 Rupees, the State in fact gave nothing for repairs.

8. In consequence of the inadequacy of this allowance, several important works were neglected, and as the Nunjah Revenue of Fasli 1271 is upwards of Rupees 9,89,000, which would give about 60,000 Rupees at the minimum rate of 6 per cent. fixed by Government, I would solicit that a larger sum be granted in future.

9. 2. *Communications.*—Of Rupees 1,31,466, spent in the repairs of Communications, Rupees 19,627 were laid out on the northern and southern Canals, Rupees 72,923 in the repair of the Trunk Roads, Rupees 10,738 on the Government road from the limits of the Presidency town to Pallaveram, Rupees 3,150 on the Cantonment roads, and Rupees 25,028 on cross roads. The Trunk Roads Nos. 6 and 8 are in pretty good condition, but No. 1 is much cut up beyond Punamalli. The cross road from Saint Thamas' Mount to Sydapet, the length of which is only 1½ miles, has a maintenance allowance of Rupees 1,760, and ought to be kept in good order with this liberal allowance. Though I see from the Progress Report that the whole amount was drawn for the year 1861-62, the present state of the road forbids the idea that this sum has been spent upon it.

10. 3. *Buildings.*—The total amount spent on the repair of buildings is Rupees 22,531, of which Rupees 12,456 was laid out in the Military Department, Rupees 8,570 on Guindi Park, and Rupees 1,505 on the repair of the Jail at Chingleput.

11. I have now to repeat for a third time that the Cutcherries at Tiruvallur and Madhurantakam are in the same ruinous and dangerous condition, but as Estimates have been prepared and have been passed by me, there is a prospect of their early construction.

1. Ordered that the foregoing report be submitted for the information and orders of Government.

2. The Board gather from this report that the progress of public works in the Madras District during 1861-62 has been far more favorable than that of the previous* year, both in respect to irrigation works and communications. They desire however to draw attention to the Collector's remarks in paragraphs 6 to 9 of his letter, in regard to the inferior material and workmanship of his Cutcherry, the insufficiency of the amount allotted for irrigation repairs and minor new works, and the bad state of the cross road from Saint Thomas' Mount to Sydapet.

* Board's Proceedings 23rd November 1861, No. 6,506.

3. In paragraph 11, the Collector again brings to notice the ruinous condition of the Cutcherries at Tiruvallur and Madhurantakum.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1862, No. 2,647.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works in which paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings will receive attention.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Collector's report the Government consider that it would be advisable to decide at once what roads are to be made and maintained by Government not only in this but all Districts. The District Engineers would then know to what lines their attention should be directed. The practice of making roads by instalments from one village to another is not to be recommended for the Government lines of road, though it may be adopted for minor roads.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Submitting with the Board's remarks copy of a report from the Collector of Madras on the operations of the Department of Public Works for 1861-62.

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