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No. 397. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1864, No. 4,119.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 18th June 1864, No. 99 :—

1. I have the honor to submit my usual report on the operation of the Public Works Department in this District, for the past official year 1863-64.

2. Of the new Irrigation works executed during the year under report, the principal are those for extending the Siroogoopah and Toombadra Channels; and repairing and improving the Locherla, Byrapur, and Purghy Tanks, 3½ miles of the Siroogoopah channel are now nearly completed, and provided with subsidiary masonry works.

55 Tanks.
17 Channels.
2 Dykes.
6 Sluices.
8 Calingulas.

3. The repairs executed during the past official year, on account of Irrigation works, are those noted in the margin.

4. The expenditure on Public Works in this District during the official year is exhibited in the following statement :—

Class of Works.	New.			Repairs.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Irrigation	10,584	11	1	31,758	15	7	42,343	10	8
Communication... ...	34,690	9	0	55,186	14	6	89,877	7	6
Buildings	73,676	4	4	13,147	8	3	86,823	12	7
Total ...	1,18,951	8	5	1,00,093	6	4	2,19,044	14	9

5. Of the sum of Rupees 89,877 shown in the margin, as having been expended on roads, Rupees 31,878, in round numbers, were laid out chiefly in gravelling the road between Bellary and Gooty. About 2½ miles between Goontacul and Gadacul, and about 15½ miles of road between Gooty and the Cuddapah frontier, require gravelling. Numerous tunnels, road-drains, and irrigation drains have been built.

6. Trunk road No. 12 is almost completed, from Anantapur to Joladarasy, on the road from Bellary to Gooty, at a cost of about Rupees 876.

7. Besides the above, 471 miles and 5 furlongs of other roads have been repaired ; while 17½ miles of road have been made, and 10½ miles of road were metalled and gravelled ; 350 cubic yards of earth have been excavated ; and 100 cubic yards of gravel collected ; while 4,360 cubic yards of side drains have been cut, and 28 tunnels, of about 1 to 3 vents built; and two bridges repaired.

8. A sum of Rupees 23,400, from the Income-tax collections, allotted for the purpose, was expended on the road leading from Bellary to the Cuddapah frontier.

9. Of the amount of Rupees 86,823 expended on buildings, as shown in the above statement, a sum of Rupees 61,124 was chiefly laid out on new military buildings ; while the remainder (Rupees 25,699) was expended on the construction and repair of other Military, Revenue, Public, and Judicial buildings.

10. The new Talook Cutcherry at Hospett was commenced in November 1862, and at the commencement of the year just expired the walls were raised about eight feet, the progress having been slow, owing to the difficulty in procuring labour. On the 30th April last, however, the building was nearly completed, and will very probably be ready for occupation by the end of next month. On inspection lately, I found the ventilation provided for the female prisoners' ward to be very defective, and that sufficient wards had not been provided for the proper classification of prisoners ; this will be duly brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer.

11. The Head Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at Hospett was commenced, and the foundations have been laid ; but the progress of the work has been suspended, partly in consequence of the simultaneous erection of the Talook Cutcherry, and partly in consequence of the high rates

of labour. The Estimate (Rupees 1,910) for erecting the above building, which was sanctioned within the year, has to be revised and re-submitted for sanction.

12. The Sub-Magistrate's Court house at Kumply has been enlarged by the addition of a verandah to it; and general repairs were also executed to this building. The old Talook Cutcherry at this station is at present occupied as a station house.

13. The bund of the Camlapoor tank has been raised, and improved, and the Calingulas widened. The work was completed about the end of April last, as reported by the Head Assistant Collector. The appearance of the tank bund was rather rough, and the level was by no means uniform.

14. The portions of the Toombadra Channels which have been inspected by the Head Assistant Collector at different times, are reported to be in good repair. The channel from the anicut across the Jagalli nullah constructed in 1862, for the supply of the Naraindevarakera tank, is likewise in good order. This tank, however, has been dry for many months in the year; and the supply channel is not sufficiently wide.

15. The metalled roads from Hospett to Ramandroog and Humpasagur, are in tolerably good order; and is also the road leading from Hospett to Camlapoor. The road from Harpanhully to Hurryhur, as far as Doogvutty, on the Mysore frontier, was inspected by Mr. St. Clair, my Head Assistant on the 29th March; and is stated to be in some places almost impassable; and, considering the large amount (Rupees 2,000, I believe) which was expended on it, its state reflects little credit on the department. The road from Hospett to Harpanhully is generally good; though in some parts, especially near the latter place, indifferent, owing, it is said, to the nature of the ground, which renders it difficult to keep it in repair. The road leading from Hospett to Cooditany, on which there is much traffic, is in pretty good order.

16. The roads from Anantapur to the Bangaloro frontier, and from Penkonda to Madakasira, and from the former Talook (Penkonda) to Hidupoor, were inspected by the Acting Sub-Collector, who states that the first mentioned road "is a metalled one of various degrees of excellence, as regards repair," and that the two last named have not been metalled, except in some parts. I may add, in conclusion, that not having been in the district, save but for a small portion of the past official year, I am unable to speak of much, from my own observation; while the Acting Sub-Collector has failed altogether to inspect works of irrigation, &c., in his charge, an omission which he has been requested by me to rectify in future.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.
2. The state of the road from Harpanhully towards Hurryhur calls for attention.
3. The Collector will also request the Engineer Officer of the Division to estimate for the improvement of the supply channel to the Naraindevarakera Tank from the Jagulli Nullah Anicut.
4. The Board trust that the Acting Sub-Collector will not fail to inspect the irrigation works of his Division carefully in the current year.

No. 398. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1864, No. 1,315.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Submitting for information with remarks letter from the Collector of Bellary reporting on the operations of the Public Works Department for the past Official year 1863-64. 8L-1315.

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