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No. 107. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th October 1864, No. 7,088.

Read the following letters :—

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 2nd September 1864, No. 201.

1. I have the honor to report on the Public Works undertaken during the year which terminated on the 30th April last.

2. The Board will find on referring to paragraph 10 of my report of last year, dated 22nd July (Board's Proceedings 21st September 1863), a list of the principal requirements of the District, quoted from a letter specially requesting the attention of the Government to the same. Foremost in this list stand two proposed lines of road which are likely to be of peculiar value to the district trade. The first mentioned leads from the port of Ganjam through Poorshottapur to the vicinity of Aska, opening the country along the north bank of the Rooshkooliah river to the port and salt pans of Ganjam. The second project was to connect the port of Sonepore and the adjoining salt pans at Itchapore with a considerable tract of productive country which is now without the means of easy communication. I would now invite the attention of the Board to the Budget of the year. Its allotments are as follows :—

	RS.
Road from Mojagudda to Sunkerkole (in Boad) ...	16,900
Repairs of all description...	60,000
Establishment	22,000

Of the sum allotted from the Sunkerkole road, 9,464 Rupees were expended, leaving 7,000 and odd unspent. The result has been that we have opened access for carts to the table land above ghats and are approaching the limits of the District; we have thus gained all that is to be gained by the opening one extremity only of a line which is intended to extend to Sonepore through Boad. No good results consequently can follow from further expenditure on this line until steps are taken to work out that portion of the road which has to be executed by the Bengal Government, and which must be completed before the chief end for which this project was undertaken can be reached; pack cattle in large numbers already traverse the passes, but cart traffic between the coast and the Nagpore provinces will be impossible for some years to come, as the Sonepore end of the line has not yet been even begun.

3. As much of the time of the Range Officer in that part of the District has been devoted to this line, it seems now advisable that his services should for a time at least be made available on objects of more direct local advantage.

4. The 60,000 Rupees allotted for repairs were expended as usual on the works of irrigation, communications, and on the buildings to which they were destined. These sums, together with salaries (Rupees 22,508) exhaust the Budget allotment, and would leave me nothing for

further remark had it not been that after close of the Budget the following roads and buildings were sanctioned and commenced :—

		Rs.
Road to Darungabadi from Aska *via* Sooradah...	...	5,000
„ „ Russelcondah from Aska *via* Sooradah ...	...	8,000
„ „ Curcholy from Aska	...	
Jail at Berhampore	...	17,730
Court House at Berhampore	...	8,400
Lock-up at Chetterpore	...	2,382
Cutcherry at Darungabadi	...	1,420

Fair progress was made on these three roads, and the three first buildings which follow in the list were also carried on with remarkable despatch.

5. The Board will observe that the projects which are noticed at the commencement of this letter are not in the list, having been postponed to the two lines leading from Aska to Russelcondah and to Curcholy. On what grounds this preference has been given to works of secondary value, I have never been able to learn, and with this Budget before me, and one of nearly similar time for 1864-65, in which also they find no place, it would almost appear that little advantage can result from my troubling the Board and Government with recommendations on projects of this nature.

6. I think it will strike the Board however that the Budget amounts allotted for Public Works in Ganjam are inadequate to the growing requirements of the District, and to the rapid increase of its revenue and trade,* and that the distribution of funds among the different provinces of the Presidency might be more favorably adjusted as regards Ganjam.

* Value of Exports for 1863-64, Rupees 37,45,622-12-10.

7. I mentioned in last year's report that we eventually spent nearly double the Budget allotment; in the year 1863-64 there was also a large excess of expenditure over Budget Estimate, and such will probably be the case this year, the surplus allotments of Districts which have been too liberally treated in the Budget arrangement being hastily and sometimes at the eleventh hour handed over to us for an expenditure which has to be conducted as a race against time.

8. I think it right to point out also the inefficiency of the present system, which deprives the Executive Engineer of any control over Range Officers, and yet renders impossible any supervision by the Superintending Engineer who lives at Waltair and has charge of all the Godavery works. We have just lost a most efficient Officer in Colonel Chambers who retires from this date, but since his appointment to the Division I have but once seen him for a few hours, nor was it possible for him to manage otherwise. The experience and capacity of the Executive Engineer are thus in a great measure lost to the Government, and a very serious addition is made to the responsibilities of subordinate Officers who are virtually left to themselves in the conduct of their work.

From the same Officer, dated Chetterpore, 28th September 1864, No. 222.

1. With reference to your telegram of the 15th instant, I have the honor to enclose two Statements, viz., one showing the expenditure incurred in 1863-64 from "Imperial funds," and another showing that from "Income-tax Funds."

2. In the form given in Board's Circular, No. 4,412, dated the 27th September 1860, certain works are entered without any explanation; consequently in the Statement of Imperial Funds prepared in this Office, all works completed in 1863-64 under the head "Communications" are exhibited with the total cost of each.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

IMPERIAL FUNDS.

COMPARATIVE *Abstract of Estimates and Expenditure during the years* 1862-63 *and* 1863-64.

Works.	Expenditure of 1862-63.	Expenditure of 1863-64.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.	Estimate of 1863-64.
IMPERIAL FUNDS.					
NEW WORKS.					
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Irrigation	7,671 1 2	959 8 8	... ...	6,711 8 6	... ...
Communications	67,684 0 4	39,428 4 2	... ...	28,255 12 2	... ...
Buildings	16,714 14 3	36,146 8 3	19,431 10 0	... ...	... ...
Total ...	92,069 15 9	76,534 5 1	19,431 10 0	34,967 4 8	80,390 0 0
REPAIRS.					
Irrigation	26,659 5 1	16,055 5 1	... ...	10,604 0 0	... ...
Communications	52,952 7 8	39,860 9 0	... ...	13,091 14 8	... ...
Buildings	2,101 14 11	8,640 9 2	6,538 10 3	... ...	... ...
Total ...	81,713 11 8	64,556 7 3	6,538 10 3	23,695 14 8	65,853 0 0
Grand Total ...	1,73,783 11 5	1,41,090 12 4	25,970 4 3	58,663 3 4	1,46,243 0 0
Works completed in 1863-64 under the head Communications at a total cost shown opposite each.					
Road from Heeramundulum to Nowpada	6,181 11 0				
Bridge across Mahendra river ...	17,403 6 3				
Throwing out four groins in Nongoolia river	2,894 14 9				
Road from Nowpada, via Bomally to Jugganathpur	36,158 3 4				
17 Tunnels on Trunk Road No. 6 ...	1,768 6 2				
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Total ...	86,972 1 5				

CHETTERPORE,
28th *September* 1864.

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Irrigation	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
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Buildings	4,053 2 11	516 13 0	... ...	3,536 5 11	... ...
Total ...	54,119 5 4	13,806 2 6	... ...	40,313 2 10	... ...
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No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1864, No. 2853.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.
„ J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Read, 1864. Department

No. 2802.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 27th October 1864.

No. 7,988.

Submitting letters from the Collector of Ganjam reporting on the progress of Public Works in that District during the year 1863-64, and forwarding Statements showing the expenditure incurred from "Imperial Funds" and "Income tax Funds."

RECORDED.

Exd. J. Wright.