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No. 533. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1865, No. 4,157.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Muddenpully, 7th June 1865, No. 69 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the Public Works of this District for 1864-65.

The expenditure has been as follows :—

	Irrigation.			Communication.			Buildings.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
New Works ...	2,063	5	9	60,446	8	1	8,725	6	5
Repairs	29,975	5	3	82,050	8	8	1,291	10	11
Total... ...	32,038	11	0	1,42,497	0	9	10,017	1	4

and on generally as far as I have seen the works have been well executed, and I have inspected the following :—

Road from Cuddapah as far as Chagulmurry about 36 miles.

2. This work is being carried out very satisfactorily, and is very fair as far as Duvur, but I think in many places it is too narrow, and raised too much in the centre, which forces bandies into one track in the middle of road.

Road from Cuddapah to Reddypully about 40 miles.

3. The traffic on this road is very great as all the Cotton, &c., from Bellary comes by it. From Cuddapah to Ontimitta when I inspected it in August was very bad, but material was being collected, and I was in hopes that it was now in good order, but the report of my Head Assistant enclosed shews that it is not so. From Ontimitta to Reddypully it was very fair in October, and material was being collected, and repairs were going on.

Road from Cuddapah to Gandlur, Bellary frontier, about 50 miles.

4. This road where it is made is very good, but it is too much raised in the centre, and is too narrow, for it is almost impossible to pass heavily laden bandies, and the slopes are so straight that cotton bandies going the least to one side, are very likely to turn over, which is highly dangerous to the drivers. It is a pity also, I think, that the work is not continuous instead of places of sometimes more than a mile being left without anything being done.

Road from Cuddapah to Sidhout about 12 miles.

5. I inspected the road in December, and from the 2nd mile (up to which the work ought to have been done by the prisoners, but they were taken away for Railway purposes, and consequently this part of the road is rapidly wearing out) to the 8th the road is in very good order, and I hope this year the road will be completed.

From Cuddapah to Vempully.

6. I inspected about 7 miles of this road, and it is for this that the inhabitants of Vempully subscribed 1,000 Rupees, and to which I added a similar sum from the Discretionary allowance. It is progressing very well.

Trunk road No. XI. for 40 miles.

7. This road is in admirable order, and the new Bridges and Tunnels built over it last year make it most easy for traffic.

Road from Royachoty to Sanepoy about 15 miles.

8. A great deal of work has been well done, and I think in future it will not be necessary to keep up a broad bandy track, as the traffic over the ghát will in future only be on pack bullocks, and I would rather see a good road made from Royachoty to Galivaid into the Cudree Talook, from which and the sub-division of Bellary there is a greatly increasing traffic.

Road from the 33rd mile of Trunk Road No. XI. to the Punganoor frontier, about 78 miles.

9. This is a splendid road, and does very great credit to the executive officers. There is a great traffic on it which it bears right well. If I exempt the road from the 41st to the 43rd mile, and a broken tunnel at the 50th mile, there is scarcely a fault to find, and I have no doubt that this will be remedied during the current year. It might also be widened without difficulty.

Road from Muddenpully to Siglebyle.

10. This road is in very good order, and the work is well done.

Reddichervoo Tank.

11. Work well executed.

Hastnapuram Tank.

12. This was repaired last year by an emergent estimate of 800 Rupees, and while repairing, the supply Channel came down and breached it a second time which appeared well done. A most unusual and sudden fresh came down very suddenly, and breached it again in the same place, which has been duly reported to the Superintending Engineer. It is now being repaired again.

13. The Sub-Collector only having joined a short time and being employed the whole time on Jammahbundy, has been unable to send in any Inspection Report, but I feel quite confident that all the works have been executed by Major Palmer with his usual care and economy.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. L. ROBERTS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, to H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated Muddenpully, 3rd June 1865, No. 27.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the state of the road between Wontimitta and Cuddapah as I saw it on the 4th ultimo. In many places it is sadly out of repair being blocked up with huge stones that offer the greatest obstruction to travelling. It is quite a risk to take a spring vehicle from one town to the other, and a four-wheeled conveyance could scarcely be got along without the aid of coolies to push or lift it through the most dangerous places.

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1. Ordered that the above Report be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's remarks on the formation of the road from Cuddapah as far as Chagulmurry, and of that from Cuddapah to Gundlur, as well as his suggestion that a new road is desirable from Royachoty to Galivaid appear worthy of consideration in the Department Public Works.

3. The Collector does not state what prevents the road between Wontimitta and Cuddapah (on which the Acting Head Assistant has reported) from being repaired.

4. Compared with the expenditure in the year 1863-64, that now reported on is less under each of the heads, "Irrigation," "Communication," and "Buildings," as may be seen in the following abstract :—

	New Works.			Repairs.		
	1863-64.	1864-65.	Difference.	1863-64.	1864-65.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation	1,861	2,063	+ 202	32,098	29,975	2,123
Communication ...	1,05,425	60,446	44,979	83,189	82,050	1,139
Buildings	11,783	8,725	3,058	1,995	1,292	703
Total ...	1,19,069	71,234	—47,835	1,17,282	1,13,317	—3,965

5. The aggregate expenditure in 1864-65 would thus appear to have been Rupees 51,800 below that in 1863-64, viz., 47,835 Rupees under New Works, and Rupees 3,968 under Repairs. The total Budget grant for this District was, in 1864-65, Rupees 1,57,250, and in 1863-64, Rupees 1,10,770, exclusive of Establishments each year.

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Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1865, No. 1,766.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th July 1865.

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No. 4,157.

Submitting for information of Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of Cuddapah reporting on the operations of the Public Works in that District during 1864-65.

Rs. 1766.

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