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No. 367. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1865, No. 4,788.

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 17th July 1865, No. 1,158:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the Public Works of this District for the past official year ending 30th April 1865.

2. The Budget allotments for that period are as follow:—

	RS.
Road from Mojaguddah to Sunkerkole...	13,000
Do. ,, Heeramundalum to Nowpada salt pans ...	1,460
Repairs	69,913
Establishments...	21,180

3. The apportionment first mentioned above, it was however afterwards found necessary to allot to another more emergent work as detailed below. The several works I shall consider under the heads of Buildings, Communication, and Irrigation.

4. Under the head of BUILDINGS, I have to notice, as occupying the first place of importance, the Court House and Jail of Berhampore. The construction of these buildings, which were sanctioned under the Orders of Government of the 31st July 1863, No. 2,148, and 26th September 1862, No. 1,504 respectively, consequent on the transfer of the Zillah Court of Chicacole to Berhampore, as being more centrical, was estimated at Rupees 8,400 for the former, of which Rupees 7,576-10-5 had been spent during the previous official year, and Rupees 1,613 in the year now closed, being in excess of the sanctioned estimate by Rupees 1,000 and odd, and for the latter Rupees 17,730 had been sanctioned, and the amount expended is Rupees 14,923. These buildings were completed respectively in August and February 1864.

A Hospital for the Police at Chetterpore, which was estimated to cost Rupees 1,680, was commenced on the 11th November last, and finished on the 30th April of this year, at a cost of Rupees 1,679-12-3.

In lieu of the scanty accommodation that was afforded to prisoners brought up for trial, and to those sentenced for short terms of imprisonment, cooped up as they used to be in a room of very limited dimensions attached to what was the Hospital of the place, a roomy and well-ventilated lock-up was begun and finished at Chetterpore during the year, and has afforded ample accommodation to those that have hitherto been committed.

The District Moonsiff's Court at Russelcondah, the construction of which was sanctioned by Government in their Orders of the 6th June 1864, No. 960, was begun by Mr. Supervisor Lever under authority from my predecessor who considered it a work of great emergency, and a sum of Rupees 393-6-11 had been expended upon the work, when he was directed by the Superintending Engineer to put a stop to further progress, as no funds had been provided for the project. Nothing has been since done to it.

A Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Darangabadi, for which no estimate had been submitted, was begun under the direction of Captain Magnay, and a sum of about Rupees 400 had been expended (which includes an expenditure of Rupees 80 in the previous year) up to July 1864, when it was found necessary to apply for additional funds for carrying on this work, and the Aska and Darangabadi road, which was also under the special charge of that Officer. The work is in progress.

A sum of Rupees 7,000 was sanctioned on the 1st December 1864 for the erection of a Church in the Military Cantonment of Berhampore. This work is in rapid progress, the walls having been raised up to the springing line of the arches of the windows.

Thirty sheds for the Berhampore Jail Guard, besides a number of huts to afford accommodation to Constables of the Police Force, were begun and completed in the course of the year.

A second class Police Station House at Casseeboogah, in lieu of the one sanctioned to be erected at Palasah, was recently begun, and from the last report was expected to be finished in May last. The amount sanctioned is Rupees 1,030, which was to be disbursed from the Budget allotment of Rupees 9,000 above-mentioned under the head of Police. Some alterations were made to the Police Station House at Aska to adapt it for the purposes of a Hospital, and out of a sum of Rupees 420 allotted for this work, Rupees 110-11-0 had been expended up to the 30th April last. Some alterations were made in the Police Station House at Russelcondah.

A second class Station House is under construction at Aska; a sum of Rupees 683-4-4 has been spent up to the close of the year. Estimated cost, Rupees 970.

5. Communications come next under review. It will be observed that a sum of Rupees 13,000 was allotted for the road distinguished as the Mojaguddah and Sunkerkole road, or as it is more commonly known, the Sohnpore road. This line, which was sanctioned in 1861, has been carried as far as Tentelaguddah, is opened for general traffic, and the unmade track beyond this point is said to be practicable for pack cattle; but as the Bengal portion of the line has not as yet been commenced, my predecessor thought it expedient to recommend a diversion of the funds allotted for this project to a work of a more emergent nature, and in consequence, under the Orders of Government of the 12th December 1864, No. 3,518, Rupees 10,000, being the unexpended surplus of the grant, were made available for the construction of the road from Aska to the Ganjam port, the trade of which is increasing. The estimated amount for this road, which was begun in December last, is Rupees 62,700, and the net expenditure, up to the close of the official year, is Rupees 22,406-2-0. The line has been expeditiously carried out; earth-work for thirty miles, the entire length of the road having been thrown up, and five miles of the road bridged. Large quantities of metal and gravel have been collected, and are ready to be spread. The other communication urgently required, and which is now being prosecuted with vigor, is the road from Aska to Darangabadi. This road, which was under the special charge of Captain Magnay, had a grant of Rupees 5,000 allotted to it, but in the course of the first two months or so, the

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amount was well nigh exhausted, and a grant of additional funds, as an exceptional case, was urged upon the Government, and a sum of Rupees 15,000 was appropriated from grants made to other Districts for the carrying out of this very important line. Captain Magnay having been in the meanwhile obliged to retire from ill-health, the work has been entrusted to the officer in charge of the Range subject to the control of the Executive Engineer. Thirteen miles of earth-work have been completed from Aska to Nowguddu, and over a distance of five miles several masonry works have been constructed, and two miles of the line from Aska to Sooramany have been gravelled and turfed. The sum laid out, up to 30th April last, is Rs. 13,311-11-1. Taking Aska as a starting point, three roads were recommended by my predecessor as tending materially to develope the resources of that part of the country, and being equally of importance in a political point of view. These are the one just reviewed, viz., the Aska and Darangabadi line, a road from Aska to Russelcondah viâ Bullepudra, and a road branching off from this at Bullepudra, and leading to Kurcholy.

The road from Aska to Russelkondah viâ Bullepudra, Vistnoochuckrum, Belloogoontah along the north bank of the Rooshkoorlea river, was begun on the 7th March 1864; five miles of earth-work from Aska to Pothropolly have been finished and between Bullepudra and Bodacoly several masonry works have been constructed; the amount expended during the year under review is Rupees 2,164-14-3.

The branch road from Bullepudra to Kurcholy, which has been estimated at Rupees 22,470, was begun on the 7th March 1864, and is in fair progress: earth-work has been thrown up for a distance of nine miles from three different points, the jungle has been cleared for four miles in addition, and masonry works are in progress along the whole line.

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No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1865, No. 1957.

Miscellaneous. 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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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.,

Copy to W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
,, to E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

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