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No. 484. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1865, No. 4,948.

Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1865, No. 162 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the progress of Public Works in this District during the official year 1864-65.

2. The following is the Comparative Statement of expenditure :—

Description of works.	Expenditure in 1863-64.	Expenditure in 1864-65.	Increase.	Decrease.
NEW WORKS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Irrigation works... ...	12,574 4 5	9,642 11 0	... ...	2,931 9 5
Roads	17,398 8 3	5,992 14 8	... ...	11,405 9 7
Buildings	10,059 13 3	13,395 5 1	3,335 7 10	... ...
Total ...	40,032 9 11	29,030 14 9	3,335 7 10	14,337 3 0
REPAIRS.				
Irrigation works	81,813 9 4	93,078 7 6	11,264 14 2	... ...
Roads	47,362 1 6	56,713 15 6	9,351 14 0	... ...
Buildings	2,898 2 8	1,779 3 4	... ...	1,118 15 4
Total...	1,32,073 13 6	1,51,571 10 4	20,616 12 2	1,118 15 4
Grand Total...	1,72,106 7 5	1,80,602 9 1	23,952 4 0	15,456 2 4

3. NEW WORKS.—IRRIGATION.—The outlay under this head amounts to Rupees 9,643, and the principal works executed are as follows :—

First.—Extension of the Calingula in the south bank of the Weyacondum in the limits of Sholamadavi.

Second.—Do. do. on the left bank of the Covalla channel.

Third.—Do. do. of the Tank in Sholamadavi.

4. These works were necessary to provide for additional water-way for the purpose of preventing the recurrence of breaches. They were undertaken in the preceding year, and a sum of Rupees 1,250 was spent on them in the aggregate up to the 30th of April 1864 ; they have all been completed during the season under review on a further outlay of Rupees 8,222-12-6, distributed as below shewn :—

		RS. A. P.
Extension of the Weyacondum Calingula		3,730 5 11
Do.	Covalla Calingula	2,566 13 5
Do.	Calingula of the Tank in Sholamadavi ...	1,925 9 2

5. Communications.—A sum of Rupees 5,993 was expended under this head, the greater portion thereof, viz., Rupees 3,270, was laid out in extending a bridge, and building a six feet culvert on the road from Trichinopoly to Tanjore, and Rupees 2,620 were spent for increasing the water-way of the bridges and culverts on the road from this to Dindigul. These works were commenced in the year preceding, and an expenditure of Rupees 5,957 was incurred on them up to the end of April 1864.

6. Buildings.—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 13,395. The required alterations to the old Jail in the fort for the purpose of converting it into a Lunatic Asylum have been completed at an expense of Rupees 10,564, of which Rupees 8,565 were spent during the year under review, and the balance, viz., Rupees 1,999, in the year preceding. The building can accommodate sixty-three patients, and is in every way well adapted for the purposes for which it was designed.

7. I have referred to the principal works executed during the year. The balance of expenditure was laid out on sundry works under the above three heads.

8. Repairs.—Irrigation.—Ninety-three channels, seventy-six tanks, and seventy-five dykes were repaired during the year, at an expense of Rupees 93,078-7-6.

9. Communications.—Roads to the extent of 292¼ miles were kept in repair, on an outlay of Rupees 56,714.

10. The large expenditure in the preceding two cases is chiefly owing to the considerable damage caused by the extraordinary high floods that came down the Cavery and Coleroon in July 1864.

11. Buildings.—The sum spent for the repair of buildings amounts to Rupees 1,779. The number of works thus repaired is fifteen.

12. I would here also mention the fact of the following important Military works being under construction. Many of them have been completed. The sums entered opposite to these were laid out during the year under report.

			Rs.
1.	Constructing a wash-house and urinary for the Artillery	...	3,283
2.	Do. a Racket and Fives Court for do.	...	5,525
3.	Do. twenty-six family quarters for do.	...	12,625
4.	Do. a Magazine for do.	...	3,010
5.	Do. a Grand Magazine	...	16,772

13. The main roads in the District are in very fair order; a portion of the road leading to Caroor is bad, this is owing to the great traffic there has been on this part, much of the materials for making the line of rail to Errode has been carted along this road, and the consequence is it is much cut up. There are two roads leading to Tanjore, one of these is not in good order, but I doubt the necessity of maintaining two roads, as we have direct Railway communication also with Tanjore.

14. Our District communications, if they can be called such, are in very bad order, but now that we have a Road Fund, great attention shall be paid them, and in a short time, I hope to report more favorably on them.

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15. Below is given a Statement shewing the whole irrigation works in the District distinguishing those in repair from those out of order. Measures are being taken for putting in order the works which need repair.

Description.	In repair.	Out of repair.	Total.
Large tanks	424	12	436
Small do.	417	185	602
Irrigating channels	802	19	821
Supplying do.	676	133	809
Dams...	213	3	216
Bridges	111	...	111
Tank Sluices...	603	35	638
Channel do.	440	27	467
Calingulas	254	2	256
Total ...	3,940	416	4,356

Submitted to Government. Attention is requested to the Collector's remarks regarding the roads to Caroor and Tanjore, and regarding the large number of tanks and supplying channels said to be out of repair.

No. 485. Order thereon, 29th August 1865, No. 2,017.

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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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17*th August* 1865.
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No. 4,048.

Submitting report of the Collector of Trichinopoly on the progress of Public Works during 1864-65; and drawing attention to the remarks made regarding the roads to Caroor and Tanjore and the large number of tanks and supplying channels requiring repair.

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