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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 549. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1865, No. 4,957.

Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1865, No. 129:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report as follows on the operations of the Department Public Works during the past official year 1864-65.

New Irrigation Works.

2. A sum of Rupees 1,517 has been expended, from Imperial Funds, in the construction of new works of irrigation; the principal of which are the widening and extending of the Hora Calvah at Sirguppa, the construction of a rough stone dam and head sluice to the irrigation channel at Chaganur, and of an aqueduct to the Rungasamudram tank. These works are reported to have been completed at the close of the last official year.

3. The works specified in the margin were not complete on that date, owing to the difficulty in obtaining workmen, and to some of the works having been commenced late in the year: delay in the execution of works of irrigation arose from similar causes, and the additional one of submergence by water.

Twenty-four Tanks.
Two Anicuts.
Three Irrigation Channels.

4. The irrigation works noted in the margin have been repaired at a cost of Rupees 38,551.

Eighty-seven Tanks.
Eight Calingulahs.
Twelve Sluices.
Four Anicuts.
Twenty-one Channels.
One Aqueduct.

5. The expenditure on Public Works amounts to Rupees 2,40,989-10-6, as shewn below, which, with the cost of supervision, Rupees 55,521-11-0, makes a total expenditure of Rupees 2,96,511-5-6:—

Class of Works.	New.	Repairs.	Total.	Remarks.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Irrigation	1,517 0 0	38,551 0 4	40,068 0 4	
Communications ...	20,550* 8 3	55,710 1 3	76,260 9 6	* Imperial Funds 3,147 3 9
Buildings	93,698 8 1	30,962 8 7	1,24,661 0 8	
			2,40,989 10 6	
Fixed Establishment including Travelling Allowance and Contingent charges			55,521 11 0	
			2,96,511 5 6	

Roads.

6. There have been 600 miles of road repaired in this District, at a cost of Rupees 57,420-13-7; of which Rupees 55,710-1-3 have been disbursed from Imperial Funds, and the balance, Rupees 2,189-4-3, from Local Funds.

7. The construction of new roads during the year under report has cost Rupees 18,361-4-0; of which Rupees 3,147-3-9 have been disbursed from Imperial Funds; Rupees 11,097-11-11 from Income Tax Funds; and the balance, Rupees 4,116-4-4, from Local Funds.

8. The only road that has been constructed from Imperial Funds is the road across the sand drift at Moka, in the Bellary Talook.

9. The principal roads that have been repaired from Imperial Funds are Trunk Road No. XII., from Joladarasy to Anantapur, a distance of 46¾ miles. The road from Bellary to the Cuddapah frontier seventy-four miles; and the one passing through Hospett, Ramandrug, Humpasagur, and Herehall, being a distance of 100 miles. Owing also to the great scarcity which prevailed in the District it was thought necessary to employ the poor in the repair of roads; and the following famine roads have been repaired at a cost of Rupees 23,579-9-1, viz.,

Road from Bellary to Madaveram	75	miles.
Do. from Alur to Asperi and Adoni	25	,,
Do. from Gooty to the Kurnool frontier... ...	7	,,
Do. from do. to Jormagherry	7	,,
Do. from do. to the Bangalore frontier ...	100	,,
Do. from Bellary to Gooty	25	,,
Anantapur pass	0¾	,,
Total..	239¾	,,

Fourteen roads also have been repaired from Discretionary Funds, making a total of Rupees 55,231-9-4 disbursed on repairs; while eight roads and two buildings have been repaired from Local Funds, at a cost of Rupees 2,189-4-3.

10. From Income Tax Funds 10,000 Rupees have been spent in making three and metalling five miles of a new road from Bellary to the Cuddapah frontier, in addition to thirteen tunnels and three road dams Rupees 999-9-4 have been expended, out of the Estimate for Rupees 39,910, on the road from Anantapur to Tadpatry, and Rupees 98-7-2 on the Bellary ghát road, forming a total expenditure, from this sum, of Rupees 11,097-11-11.

11. A portion of the road from Bellary to Sirguppa has been constructed at a cost of Rupees 2,009-4-4, being a portion of the amount allotted as Local Funds. The bandy stand at Bellary has also been constructed at a cost of Rupees 2,107, making a total of Rupees 4,116-4-4.

12. The Trunk road from Kurnool to Bangalore is a good metalled road, for the maintenance of which there was an allowance of Rupees 100 per mile, which has lately been increased to Rupees 150. On it is conveyed a heavy traffic of Cotton, which is brought from Puttikonda and Adoni, and from Gooty and Tadpatry for conveyance to the Presidency. The same remark is applicable to the line of road extending from Anantapur to the Mysore frontier.

13. The road towards Dhurmavaram is described as nothing better than a track, and, in places where it passes over rocks, dangerous. It is connected with the Trunk Road between Marur and Dhurmavaram, which may well be improved. The direct road from Anantapur to Dhurmavaram is very bad.

14. The line of road between Dhurmavaram and Chennacottapally has merely been marked out; so also the road leading to Bukkapatnam. With regard to the latter, it may be observed that it passes through irrigated land, which would have been obviated had the line been taken, as it ought to have been, from the Dhurmavaram and Chennacottapally road a little further on. The road to Chennacottapally, as far as Payadindy, is level; but heavy on the other side of the latter place; in some

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places it is so bad as to be dangerous to conveyances driven thereon. Of the sum of Rupees 7,778¾, sanctioned for the repair of this road, I would suggest that Rupees 300 may be expended on the repair of this part.

15. The road from the Mysore frontier to Hindupur is nothing better than a track; though the route is an important one as passing between the large trading villages of Hindupur, Kodikonda, and Chilmatur, at each of which a weekly market is held. I would suggest that the repairs of this road be met from Local Funds.

16. The District road from Hindupur to Penkonda is an important one. The sum of Rupees 399-13-1 has been spent thereon in last year, making the total amount disbursed thereon Rupees 3,958-7-5. A portion of this road passes over swampy ground in several places, which may be raised and metalled at a cost of Rupees 50 per mile. It would also be a great improvement, if the nullahs crossing the road at several places could be bridged.

17. The Dharwar road in the western-most part of the District is reported to be in tolerably good order. It is crossed by the Huggry near Bellahoonsi, where I would suggest the river should be bridged, as it is frequently unfordable after two or three nights heavy rain.

18. The road between Hurdupanhalle and Durgavatti is rough and unsatisfactory, and would require a large expenditure to put it in good order. At the latter place the road is but a track, and from thence to Hurryhur a foot-path. As there is much traffic between Hurryhur and Hurpanhulli, with the likelihood of increase in case the Toombudra is bridged, as contemplated by the Mysore Government, it would be of much advantage to both Districts if this road could be put in thorough order. The distance between Durgavutti and Hurryhur is only five miles, three and half of which are within the Mysore territory. The Hospet, Kampli, and Ramandrug roads, as also the road between Naglapur and Kudlighi, and the one between Naglapur Ghát and Bellahoonsi are broken up.

Tanks.

19. The Dhurmavaram tank is reported to be in a leaky condition, from the earth on the bund not being settled, while the Ryots cultivating under the Royalchervu tank complain, that the supplies of water therefrom are stopped by the calingulahs being raised.

20. The tank at Purghi is one of the most important in the District next to the Bukkapatnum and Singanamala tanks. The former has been improved considerably. The anicut across the Jaiamangali river, by which the tank is supplied, has been raised and levelled at a cost of Rupees 750, of which only Rupees 50 were spent in the last official year. The work is reported to be badly executed. Since 1856-57, Rupees 15,801 have been spent on the repairs of this tank; of which Rupees 773 were spent this year. The revenue under this tank has risen from Rupees 7,594 to Rupees 11,404, shewing an increase of Rupees 3,810, or twenty-five per cent. on the expenditure.

21. The inhabitants of Palasamudrum (a hamlet of Heerasamudrum) in the Talook of Hindupur are anxious that the surplus channel of their tank should be bridged. It would be of much public advantage if their request could be complied with, as the channel is impassable when full, and the nullah is very deep. The inhabitants of Mathody, in the same Talook, propose to repair the supply channel of their tank,

if the cost thereof were remitted to them in their Puttahs. I would recommend this proposal of their's for favorable consideration. The Singanamallay tank is not full by a yard; if the project, with regard to the reservoir at Bukka Cherla, were carried out, it would ensure a constant supply of water to this tank, as well as to the one at Anantapur. The Camlapore tank is in good order; but its supplies are allowed to run waste, owing to misunderstanding between the Ryots and the officials of the Department of Public Works.

Public buildings.

22. The new Talook Cutcherry at Hospet is in a most unsatisfactory condition, and requires a new roof, though repaired only a short time back. This building, it is to be observed, was only finished in July 1864; and the cause of the uselessness of the roof is said to be, that while it took three years to erect the walls, the roof was put on in about as many months. The Travellers' Bungalows are in good order.

Channels.

23. The Toongabadra channels are described to be in a condition such as fully to justify the complaints made by the Ryots. The cleaning of the channels is doubtless in many instances most negligently performed, and the repairs of the sluices are neglected, or imperfectly executed. The anicuts were breached last year, and have not as yet been repaired.

24. The total amount expended in the construction of new buildings is Rupees 93,698-8-7; of which Rupees 82,043-6-6 have been spent in the construction of Military buildings, and the balance in the erection of new Civil buildings; the principal of which is the Talook Cutcherry at Hospet, which was completed in July 1864. Huts for the accommodation of the Police have, in October last, been erected at Gotur, Palasamudrum, and Goodibunda, in the Penkonda Range.

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2. The Collector should have omitted from the present report notices of the works carried out from Local Funds, for such works should find a place in the Local Fund Report. The Board regret to receive so unfavorable a report on the irrigation works, and the attention of Government will be drawn to the Collector's remarks regarding roads in paragraphs 13 to 18 of his letter, and also to the statements made in paragraph 21.

No. 550. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1865, No. 2,050.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Dated 17*th August* 1865.

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No. 4,957.

Submitting for information report of the Collector of Bellary on the operations of the D. P. W. during 1864-65; and observing that works carried out from Local Funds should not have been noticed in this report.

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14 Feb Board's Ord. dated 5th Sept

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, D. P. W.
„ W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
„ A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.

Extd. J. Wright.

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