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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd September 1865.

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, for information, report from Collector of Coimbatore on operation of Public Works during 1864-65. (Here enter 22nd Aug. 1865, No. 5,108.)

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1865, No. 2,077.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 5,108.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd August 1865.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1865, No. 154 :—

1. With reference to the Circulars noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit my Report on the Public Works carried out during the Official year 1864-65, together with copy of the detailed Statement of their progress received from the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division.

Dated 2nd April 1860, No. 1,668.
Dated 27th September 1860, No. 4,412.

2. The following Statement shows the amount of expenditure on Public Works during the present official year as compared with the past year :—

	Expenditure of 1863-64.	Expenditure of 1864-65.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.				
Irrigation...	27,899	9,537	...	18,362
Communications	53,712	74,989	21,277	...
Buildings...	1,07,556	1,92,032	84,476	...
Total...	1,89,167	2,76,558	1,05,753	18,362
Repairs.				
Irrigation...	39,147	44,247	5,100	...
Communications	80,038	55,953	...	24,085
Buildings...	12,892	12,992	100	...
Nurseries...	1,284	...	...	1,284
Works below 500 Rupees	...	901	901	...
Total...	1,33,361	1,14,093	6,101	25,369
Grand Total...	3,22,528	3,90,651	1,11,854	43,731
Deduct Decrease...	...	...	43,731	...
Net Increase...	...	...	68,123	...

Construction of a groyne and prolongation of another one at Meravapollium for the preservation of the Nunjah Pongalloor channel.

Construction of a groyne in the Ambravatty river for the protection of the Caroor, Balambapooram, and Punjamadavy channel.

3. Rupees 9,537 have been expended on new irrigation works; with the exception of the two completed works marginally noted, all the other works are in progress, they consist of supplying and surplus water sluices.

4. The following works, ranged under the head "Communication," have had expended on them Rupees 74,989 :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Coonoor ghat new trace	40,781	5	10
2.	Burgoor ghat new trace	11,101	4	3
3.	Forming road from Coorchy Railway bridge to Railway station at Pothanoor...	1,359	6	2
4.	Poongan Cadavoo bridge	1,417	5	2
5.	Chinnamowkaray bridge	1,521	1	0
6.	Vettilicaulipolliem bridge	120	6	5
7.	Sunnasypolliem bridge...	948	4	4
8.	Timber bridge across the upper Sunganoor stream on Coimbatore and Coonoor road...	950	4	9
9.	For completing do. do.			
10.	Timber bridge across the Goodaloor stream on Coimbatore and Coonoor road	3,131	2	6
11.	For completing do. do. do...			
12.	Do. Tunnypundal stream do. do...	718	4	4
13.	Do. Toolookanoor bridge do. do...	871	13	5
14.	Four completed bridges on do. do...			
15.	Andyoor bridge on Coimbatore and Ambrawaty road	1,399	15	0
16.	Constructing a tunnel on the road between Coorchy Railway bridge and Railway station at Pothanoor...	178	4	5
17.	No. 1, Rough stone Tunnel on 7th mile of Pullachy and Anamalay road...	116	0	0
18.	No. 2, do. do...	90	0	0
19.	Constructing Chuttrums between Ootacamund and Coonoor, and between Ootacamund and Neddivuttum	5,366	15	5
20.	Travellers' Bungalow and out-houses at Pothanoor	4,239	8	2
21.	Do. Goomchee at Colligal...	136	14	8
22.	New Cook house to the small Travellers' bungalow at Metapolliem.	210	9	6
23.	Building a bridge of one arch over the surplus water channel on			

5. Nos. 1 and 2 are the most important works; on the completion of the former, wheeled vehicles will go up and down the Coonoor ghat with ease; before the close of the year, the upper four miles of the new ghat will, it is hoped, be opened to the public. The Burgoor ghat line of road goes through the centre of the Colligal Taluk; some 1,200 miles square, at present a sealed country so far as roads are concerned, when finished, not only will the Taluk benefit, but a large trade from Mysore will come along the line.

6. Nos. 6 to 14 are bridges on the road between the Coimbatore Railway station and the foot of the hills. This road has been open for some time to the advantage of traffic, and the comfort of all who have to go to the Neilgherries.

7. Nos. 4, 15, 17 and 18 are bridges over the road to Madura from Coimbatore vid Oodamalacotta.

8. No. 19 embraces three Chuttrums, one between Coonoor and Ootacamund, and the others between the latter station and Pykara and Neddivuttum. These buildings have contributed much to the comfort of the many coolies travelling along the roads on which they are situated, and have no doubt preserved some from perishing during the late inclement weather.

9. The other items are of minor importance, and do not require separate notice. The Travellers' Bungalow at Pothanoor must, however, be excepted from this category; its construction is a matter of importance to all parties travelling to the hills, as the Railway station affords indifferent accommodation, and the locality has of late been very unhealthy. It would be well if funds for its completion could be supplied by Government.

New Buildings, Rupees 1,92,032.

10. Under this head, the large sum of Rupees 93,380-6-2 has been laid out in the construction of Military buildings at Wellington, Rupees 75,922-9-1 and Rupees 22,730 have been expended respectively on the Central Jail at Coimbatore, which is now in progress, and in the preparation of materials for the Court house at Ootacamund, the upper room of the Collector's Cutcherry at Coimbatore, and for police huts and other minor works.

Repairing Irrigation works.

11. A sum of Rupees 44,247 has been laid out this year in repairing anicuts, clearing channels, and in other works of an ordinary nature, for the maintenance of the revenue.

Repairs of Communications.

12. Repairs to communications amount to Rupees 55,953. The expenditure under this head consists for the most part of the annual maintenance allowances for roads.

13. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order of the 13th November 1860, No. 2,855, Public Works Department, I beg to state that the annual allowance of Rupees 1,500 for 1864-65, for the repair of the bridle paths and cross roads on the Neilgherry Hills, was provided for by the Superintending Engineer in the revised Local Fund Budget for that year, instead of in the Imperial Fund Budget, as per original sanction this mistake was pointed out, and Government in their Order of the 19th October 1864, No. 3,008, Public Works Department, ordered the necessary transfer to Imperial Fund Budget for the year 1865-66. Of the sum of Rupees 1,500 thus provided for in the Local Fund Budget for 1864-65, a small sum of Rupees 267-9-0 was laid out in repairing the cross roads noted in the margin, and the balance was appropriated on new traces between Coonoor and Kotagherry, and between upper Coonoor and Wellington, as shown in the Statements of expenditure submitted to the Board with my report on the Local Funds, dated 12th July 1865, No. 138.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Cross roads at Ootacamund...	100	0	0
Cross roads at Coonoor	100	0	0
Kasari road on the Neilgherries	67	9	0
Total...	267	9	0

14. The condition of the cross roads and irrigation works in the District generally is not satisfactory, but I do not see how they are to be much improved, unless funds are liberally supplied. Our Local Funds do not exceed a few thousand Rupees, and what are they when distributed which the revenue depends are suffering.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

Submitted for the information of Government. Attention is requested to the Collector's remarks in the concluding paragraph of his letter, and regarding the Poothanoor Bungalow.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. Hudleston

Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

" to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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