

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2128	Press ~~Mis~~
144-145	
Dated	7-9-1865

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th September 1865.*

No. 144. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the Report from the
Collector, Trichinopoly District, on
the operations of Public Works in that
District during 1864-65. } (Here enter 1st Sept. 1865, No. 2,550.)

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1865, No. 2,128.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.
(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

✓

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st September 1865.*

No. 15. 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.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
NEW WORKS.												
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	3	1,80,602	24	1	23,952	4	0	15,455	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 shown :—

	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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st September 1865.*

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 292½ 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.

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 Erode 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.

15. Below is given a Statement showing 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 ...	011	...	111
Tank Sluices ...	603	35	638
Channel do. ...	410	27	437
Calingulas ...	254	2	256
Total ...	3,940	416	4,356

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st September 1865.*

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.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 1st September, 1865, No. 2,550.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

Appendix A, page 65 of Imperial Budget.
Rupees 2,265.
1,080.

G. O. No. 1,177, dated 25th April 1864.
Do. " 1,698, " 10th June
Do. " 2,132, " 25th July

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, who will be requested to report, with reference to paragraph 13 of the Collector's letter, from which of the two roads leading to Tanjore the maintenance allowance may be withdrawn.

2. An estimate of Rupees 28,000 was sanctioned in the Orders marginally noted for metalling the road from Trichinopoly to Caroor, but the Government have been unable to allot funds to submit of its being carried out this year.

3. As respects the Collector's remarks regarding the works and channels in the Trichinopoly District, the Government observe that out of a total number of 4,356 works of irrigation only 416 require repair. It is possible that some of these are of an insignificant character, or so deteriorated by the deposition of silt as not to be worth repair, but the Superintending Engineer will give his attention to them, and, in communication with the Collector, take such measures as may be necessary for their improvement.

(True Extract.)

Charles A. Dalrymple

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

2/10/44 (17/45)

Also 1865. O/S
1000 of the first 2483
Proceedings of the
Court in the 19th
October 1863
Revised 297
No 1
2550 S/O
Drawing Garden
on the West from the
Colt's building at
the operations of 1863
that it during 1864/5

RECORDED

8-2228

10/10/63/65