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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th October 1865.*

No. 281. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, for information, letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting on the operation of the Public Works during 1864-65. } (Here enter 4th October 1865, No. 6,234.)

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1865, No. 2,509.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector should obtain reports from his subordinate Officers, in separate charge, on the state of the Public Works in their respective ranges. It is of course not possible for him personally to see every work in the District; but the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant, in regard to their charges, should furnish the Collector with the same information as the Collector forwards to the Board for the whole District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,234.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th October 1865.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th August 1865, No. 172:—

1. I have the honor to submit my Report on the works executed from the general funds during the past official year 1864-65.
2. The subjoined statement shows the several sums expended under the heads of Irrigation, Communications, Buildings, and Miscellaneous, as well as the increase and decrease in expenditure as contrasted with the outlay of the preceding year:—

Works.	Expenditure during 1863-64.			Expenditure during 1864-65.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
IRRIGATION.												
New works	...	...	...	1,706	10	5	...	...	...	1,898	6	4
Repairs	3,605	0	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COMMUNICATIONS.												
New works	1,76,885	10	9	1,99,255	0	10	22,369	6	1	...	...	...
Repairs	20,295	4	10	49,817	7	5	29,522	2	7	...	...	...
BUILDINGS.												
New works	1,39,855	14	3	1,15,938	6	2	...	...	...	13,917	8	1
Repairs	23,157	12	5	29,556	2	8	6,398	6	3	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	9,944	3	0	9,944	3	0	...	...	...
Total...	3,53,799	11	0	4,06,217	14	6	68,234	1	11	15,815	14	5
				Net increase.....			52,418	3	6			

3. IRRIGATION.—No new works of irrigation were undertaken during the year under report. The charge of Rupees 1,706, entered in the statement, is on account of annual repairs to the Yenamakel and other minor existing dams.

New works	...	...	...	RS.
Repairs	...	...	...	49,817
				2,49,072

4. COMMUNICATIONS.—On communications there was an outlay of Rupees 2,49,072* principally on the lines of road and the two bridges noted below:—

	RS.
1. Kalpatti bridge near Palghat...	24,735
2. Road from Malapuzha to Ponani ...	11,169
3. Road from Calicut to Palghat via Mundur ...	8,130
do. do. do. ...	6,436
4. Karkur ghaut and road below (earth-work) ...	13,202
5. Karkur ghaut and road above earth-work, &c. ...	31,448
6. Opening up the trace of the new Gudalur ghaut ...	13,000
7. Tambracherry ghaut road ...	34,553
8. Irritty Thode bridge ...	11,616

5. BUILDINGS.—In the construction and repair of buildings, Rupees 1,45,494 were expended. This sum was laid out on the various headings indicated in the subjoined statement :—

Description.	New Works.			Repairs.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Military buildings...	93,175	0	11	17,304	2	1	1,10,479	3	0
Revenue do. ...	9,067	7	9	8,158	5	6	17,525	13	3
Public do. ...	700	14	11	1,371	0	3	2,071	15	2
Judicial do. ...	8,072	5	7	2,056	2	8	10,128	8	3
Ecclesiastical do. ...	3,622	3	11	311	12	2	3,934	0	1
Marine do. ...	905	15	0	54	12	0	960	11	0
Forest do. ...	394	6	1	...	...	...	394	6	1
Total...	1,15,938	6	2	29,556	2	8	1,45,494	8	10

The following are the works on which the largest expenditure was incurred :—

1. Recreation room of the European Regiment at Cannanore... 14,753
2. Constructing married quarters at Cannanore ... 13,222
3. Regimental school at do. ... 13,081
4. Assistant Apothecary's quarters at do. ... 7,672
5. Staff Serjeant's quarters at do. ... 6,271

6. MISCELLANEOUS.—Besides the outlay on the three heads* above adverted to, a charge of Rupees 9,944 was incurred in buying tools, &c., for the use of the Department Public Works.

* Irrigation, Communications, and Buildings.

7. A list of the principal new works, executed during the past official year, is forwarded for the information of the Board, with such remarks as the Progress Reports received from the Department Public Works enable me to afford. These are, it will be seen, somewhat meagre ; but as I have no general reports giving a review of progress effected during the year, and showing the state of the works at its close to refer to, it is difficult either to form or convey a very accurate opinion on the state of works that have not come under my own notice at a late period of the year.

Kalpatti bridge.

8. It was hoped the Kalpatti bridge would have been finished before this monsoon, but a good deal remains to be done on this very important communication, which lies between Palghat town and the Railway station.

Calicut to Mundur road.

9. I saw a great part of this road in March, and consider that the Range Officer, Mr. Smithers, deserves credit for the progress of the work upon it. The trace has been greatly improved in parts, and the masonry works are excellent.

It is to be hoped the fine bridge at Kutlangadi will be speedily finished.

Karkur ghaut and roads, above and below.

10. I saw the greater part of these works in December last when good progress was being made. I believe that from the Mysore frontier to the head of the ghaut the road is passable for bandies, and certainly a great deal of work has been done.

The work below was much impeded towards the end of the year by fever. A great deal remains to be done before this communication is properly opened to Mambat, and it must be opened to Areakod, some twelve miles further west before it can be looked on as complete.

Coast road.

11. Several of the bridges on this important road require renewal. The subject will be brought to notice separately in due course.

Tambracherry ghaut and approaches.

12. The road to the foot of the ghaut from Calicut has been greatly improved. A good deal has been done towards opening the lower part of the new trace for cart traffic ; but though

it was confidently hoped this part of the ghaut would be open for carts last February or March, a great deal remains to be done before wheels can use the upper two miles out of a total length of about seven. Very little has been actually done on the approaches to Lakadis at the head of the ghaut, and I regret to say, that since the close of the official year, the communications have suffered great damage from the heavy rains.

Wynaad plateau.

13. I believe that a good deal has been done about Gudalur, south-east Wynaad. I

am unable to say that much has been done in other parts.

14. I have not very definite information regarding the roads in the north of the District.

P. S.—This Report has been submitted for the perusal of the Superintending Engineer, Seventh Division. He has perused and returned it with the endorsement, that no remarks appear to be called for.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of important new works executed during the year 1864-65, in the District of Malabar.

1. Submitted for the information of Government. The Report is satisfactory ; but the Collector should have stated whether the whole of the Budget provision had been expended during the year.

2. The works in connection with the Tambracherry and Karkur ghauts should be pushed on as rapidly as the available funds will admit.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

G. A. Ballard

Acting Secretary.

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

W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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