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Dated 27th October 1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th October 1865.

No. 542. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on a Report from the Collector of North Arcot on the operations of Public Works in that District during 1864-65. } (Here enter 23rd October 1865, No. 3,175.)

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1865, No. 2,644.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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6. The works connected with the Cheyar anicut project are reported to be progressing. I am not so well acquainted with this as with the two other anicut projects, but there can be no question that it admits of being further developed with most remunerative results.

7. The minor new works executed during the year were the ordinary sluices, calingulahs, dams and channels, upon which the maintenance and improvement of the revenue so mainly depend.

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8. On irrigation repairs, Rs. 71,654 were laid out. This will always be a heavy but most necessary item of expenditure in this District, where the revenue so largely depends on the good order of the numberless small tanks with which it is studded. I regret that I am not yet in a position to render any precise information respecting the actual profits resulting from such outlay, but statistics are being collected, and these, when compiled, will show the results with some fair degree of accuracy.

9. The year shows an increased expenditure of Rupees 36,831 over that of the preceding season. This is due to increased activity in the Department of Public Works, and in some degree to the character of the season, which, closing with an unusually heavy monsoon, necessitated a good deal of emergent and other precautionary work. But still, notwithstanding all this, a vast amount of work still remains to be done in this direction; and in making the distribution of the inadequate Budget allotment, Rupees 61,000 for the current year, my attention has been painfully drawn to the long list of requirements which must stand over from mere lack of funds.

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10. The subjoined statement shows the progressive growth of the revenue under the Palar, Poiney, and Cheyar anicuts during the year under review:—

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13. The Zemindar of Kalahastry made a donation of Rupees 1,600 towards the improvement of the road between Tripatty and his own Capital, which was placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department for that purpose. On referring to the Progress Reports, I observe that a sum of Rupees 1,600 has been debited under the head "Imperial Fund" on account of that portion of the line which lies between Tripatty and the Railway station. This contribution would, with more propriety, have been laid out on that part of the road east of the station, which passes through the donor's own estate; nor do I understand how it has been entered in the Departmental accounts as a debit under Imperial Fund. I observe there are similar items of debit in the accounts rendered of repairs executed to certain tanks of some Inam villages. The Superintending Engineer has been requested to explain on what principle these items have been so entered.

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14. A sum of Rupees 49,083 was laid out during the year on the repair of roads. Of this amount, Rupees 70 were appropriated to the repair of public Bungalows, and the item has been brought to account in my Local Fund Report for 1864-65. The balance was expended to good purpose, on the maintenance and improvement of the trunk and other imperial roads.

Dated 28th July 1865, No. 137.

15. Under the instructions conveyed in the Board's Circular, No. XVII., dated 7th March last, the subjoined local lines have been transferred to the list of imperial communications. This transfer was only actually effected from the beginning of the current official year. The roads thus transferred are—

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16. I have had an opportunity of seeing all the roads of importance in the principal Division, and was pleased to observe a very marked improvement upon their state in the previous year.

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17. A sum of Rupees 13,484 was spent in the construction of new buildings during the year; of these, the additions to my Huzur treasury building, the Punganur Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police station, and the Subsidiary Jails at Chittoor, Palmanair, and Vellore are the most important.

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18. A further sum of Rupees 4,235 was laid out in the repair of buildings, of which Rupees 2,300 were appropriated to Military, and the balance to Judicial buildings, &c. The decrease under this head of expenditure, as compared with that of the previous year, does not appear to call for remark.

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Submitted for the information of Government. The progress of the there Anicut projects is satisfactory. The Collector should have entered more at length into the wants of his District. Attention will be requested to his remarks in paragraphs 12 and 13 of his Report. The Order referred to in paragraph 12 has not been communicated to the Board.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

No. 564. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1865, No. 3,175.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 48.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

2. Adverting to paragraph 12 of the Collector's letter, it is observed that the sum of Rupees 28,100, authorized to be paid to the Indian Tramway Company in Proceedings No. 933, dated 5th April 1865, was for bridges which were required to complete the road from Arconum to Conjeveram which the Government agreed to give the Company the use of fully bridged.

3. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Collector's report, the Board of Revenue will be informed that, under existing rules, contributions received from private parties or others, in aid of Imperial works, are entered, when specifically appropriated, as an increase to the total Imperial grant and to the appropriations for the specific class of works to which the money is applied. It is in conformity with this rule that the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division debited the outlay from the contribution for the road from Tripatty to Calastry (which is an Imperial work), to the head "Imperial Fund."

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Ed T. O'Connor.

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