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No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1866, No. 5,058.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1866, No. 117 :—

1. I have the honor to submit my Report on the progress of Public Works in this District during the past official year 1865-66.

2. The following is a Comparative Statement of expenditure on Public Works :—

Description of Works.	Expenditure in 1864-65.	Expenditure in 1865-66.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Irrigation works	9,642 11 0	10,079 12 6	437 1 6	... ...
Roads	5,992 14 8	5,741 2 1	... ...	251 12 7
Buildings	13,395 5 1	20,745 8 2	7,350 3 1	... ...
Total...	29,030 14 9	36,566 6 9	7,787 4 7	251 12 7
Repairs.				
Irrigation works	93,078 7 6	54,673 13 6	... ...	38 404 10 0
Roads	56,713 15 6	55,063 13 9	... ...	1,650 1 9
Buildings	1,779 3 4	779 5 6	... ...	999 13 10
Total...	1,51,571 10 4	1,10,517 0 9	... ...	41,054 9 7
Grand Total...	1,80,602 9 1	1,47,083 7 6	7,787 4 7	41,306 6 2

3. New Works—*Irrigation.*—The amount expended under this head was Rupees 10,079-12-6, of which Rupees 7,095-10-11 were expended in the execution of the two principal works particularized below :—

	RS. A. P.
(1.) For the construction of six surplus sluices on the south bank of the Coleroon, between the Trunk Road Bridge and the Grand Anicut...	4,675 3 7
(2.) For the construction of ten surplus sluices on the north bank of the Coleroon, from Pachampaittay to Coadaly	2,420 7 4
	7,095 10 11

4. The balance of expenditure under the above head was laid out in the execution of sundry works.

5. *Communications.*—Under this head was spent Rupees 5,741-2-1, of which Rupees 5,320 was laid out in increasing the water-way of certain bridges, and constructing a new bridge and culverts on the road from Trichinopoly to Tanjore. The remaining portion of the expenditure was used on works of minor importance.

6. *Buildings.*—The outlay under this head amounts to Rupees 20,745-8-2, distributed as follows:—

		RS.	A.	P.
(1.)	Military buildings	14,583	9	4
(2.)	Additions to the Collector's Cutcherry, to provide accommodation to the Paper Currency Department...	4,748	5	3
(3.)	Alterations to the old abandoned Jail in the Fort, to convert it into a Lunatic Asylum	1,413	9	5
	Total...	20,745	8	2

The necessary alterations to the old Jail in the Fort, for the purpose of converting it into a Lunatic Asylum have, during the year under review, been completed at an aggregate cost of Rupees 11,980.

7. Repairs—*Irrigation.*—Fifty-eight channels, fifty tanks, sixty-eight dykes, and two drainages were repaired during the year under report, at an expense of Rupees 54,073-13-6, falling short by Rupees 38,404-10 0, as compared with the previous year's expenditure. This decrease is mainly attributable to the increased expenditure during the last year, consequent on the heavy damages caused by the extraordinary high floods both in the Cauvery and the Coleroon, in July 1864, and partly to the restrictions imposed on Public Works expenditure owing to the want of sufficient funds.

8. The Waycondam, one of the chief irrigating channels in the Trichinopoly Talook, has long been in an inefficient state, and has become silted up in many places. These siltings have been cleared to some extent in the eastern limit of the channel. A few sluices on the north bank of the channel have been repaired. A great deal of correspondence has taken place regarding the state of this channel. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the channel may shortly be thoroughly cleared and put into an efficient state; and unless this is done, as early as the commencement of the ensuing season, I am afraid that a considerable loss will be entailed on public revenue. I am sorry to say that complaints are constantly being made as to the useless style of repairs that are made to this channel, (Waycondam,) and I must say with some ground. Though the freshes are at this minute in the river, yet the clearing out of the channel is going on. Of course, the want of water causes complaints to be preferred. These complaints would not have occurred, had the Department of Public Works taken the clearing of the channel in hand at an earlier period, *i. e.*, in January or February, or even March. The Aiyen and Paruvalayvoikal channels, in the Trichinopoly Talook, are silted up in several places.

9. *Communications.*—Roads to the extent of 320 miles were repaired at an expense of Rupees 55,063-13-9. The main roads in the District are in tolerable order. Many of the District communications are not in a good condition, and arrangements will be made for repairing the latter out of the District Road Fund.

10. *Avenue.*—I am sorry to say that the avenue trees throughout this District in general are in a bad condition. The amount derived from clippings, fallen trees, &c., (all of which should have shown a fair sum by this time,) is only Rs. 903. On inquiry I find that the subordinates have entertained the idea that the avenues

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are entirely under the Department of Public Works. I have, however, divested them of this opinion, and hope that, for the future, a better report will be able to be sent on this head.

11. *Buildings.*—A very small sum of Rupees 779-5-6 has been expended under this head.

12. As the usual Statement showing the whole irrigation works in the District is not ready for delivery, I am unable to send it. It shall be despatched shortly.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector will in future contrast the actual expenditure with the Budget provision or other estimated outlay, by adding appropriate columns to the Statement appended to paragraph 2.

3. The Board beg attention to paragraph 8, in which the Collector refers to the silted state of the Waycondam channel, the unsatisfactory and inopportune repairs made to it, and the necessity of putting it into thorough order at an early date to save the public revenue. The Aiyen and Paruvalayvoikal channels are stated to be in a similar condition.

4. The Collector should have reported whether nurseries are kept up, from which to replace the avenue trees stated, in paragraph 10, to be in a bad condition throughout the District. The Board observe from the Collector's monthly Statements that Rupees 363 have been expended in forming new plantations, and Rupees 1,113 in maintaining and improving existing topes.

No. 2. Order thereon, 1st August 1866, No. 1,911.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Public Works Department in which the requisite Orders, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Collector's letter, will be passed.

2. The state of the avenues, and the oversight which has occurred with respect to them, reflect great discredit on the revenue Officers of the District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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