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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th September 1866.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings reviewing Tinnevelly Collector's Report on the operations of Public Works in the District for 1865-66. } (Here enter 31st August 1866, No. 2,769.)

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1866, No.. 2,389

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. ~~270~~ 720. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th August 1866, No. 5,903 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1866, No. 263.

1. I have the honor to report on the progress and effect of Public Works in this District, for the past official year 1865-66.

2. The following Abstract Statement shows that 1,24,638 Rupees were expended during the year, or 49,306 Rupees less than during the preceding year :—

Works.	Expenditure of 1864-65.	Expenditure of 1865-66.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation	1,978	3,548	1,570	...
Communications	40,672	3,773	...	36,899
Buildings	3,806	4,418	612	...
Miscellaneous public improvements ...	6,776	...	...	6,776
Total...	53,232	11,739	...	41,493
Repairs.				
Irrigation	51,783	46,770	...	5,013
Communications	62,272	63,178	906	...
Buildings	4,048	2,951	...	1,097
Miscellaneous public improvements ...	2,609	...	...	2,609
Total...	1,20,712	1,12,899	...	7,813
Grand Total...	1,73,944	1,24,638	...	49,306

3. *Repairs to irrigation works.*—The sum expended upon ordinary and emergent repairs to irrigation works was Rupees 46,770, or Rupees 5,013 less than during the preceding year.

4. *New irrigation works.*—Rupees 3,548 were expended on minor works of irrigation. No works of any importance were carried out during the year. These minor works are reported to have been satisfactorily executed.

5. The minor irrigation works in this District are very numerous, and require constant attention. The late Collector, Mr. Wedderburn, estimated the amount required for expenditure on agricultural improvements during the current official year at Rupees 1,23,000; but only Rupees 58,445 have been sanctioned in the Budget.

6. *Roads.*—The total outlay on the improvements of roads during the past year amounted to Rupees 66,951, of which Rupees 3,773 were spent on new works, and Rupees 63,178 on repairs.

7. *Vypar Salt Road.*—The only new work requiring notice is the Vypar salt road, for widening and extending which, Rupees 4,900 were sanctioned by Government on the 16th August 1864. Of this, Rupees 3,000 were spent in 1864-65, and Rupees 1,875-4-2 in the year under report.

8. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department states, that only three out of sixteen miles of this road have been constructed, that the road is not

much used in consequence, and, until the whole road is completed, the sale of salt for the inland trade will remain at its present minimum.

9. Throughout the District there are only two made roads, viz., Trunk Road No. 4, and the Cotton Road. The others are only partially made, or altogether untouched.

10. *No.* 1.—Nine miles of Road No. 1 from Courtallum viâ Strivilliputtur to Madura has been kept in order, and a short distance embanked and metalled.

11. *No.* 4.—The metalled portions of Trunk Road No. 4 from Madura to Palamcottah and thence by the Arambuli lines to Trivandram are in tolerable order; but tunnels in the place of Irish bridges are greatly needed.

12. *Cotton Road No.* 5.—The Cotton road between Strivilliputtur and Sattur and Covilpatty and Ettiapuram is in excellent order, but near Tuticorin, where the road was laid with coral, it has been much cut up by the traffic. Rupees 200 a mile are allowed for maintaining this road, and the worst portion is now being re-laid with broken granite.

13. *Palamcottah to Tuticorin, No.* 8.—Eighteen miles of the new road from Palamcottah to Tuticorin have been completed. The old road is almost impassable, and the completion of the new road is very urgently required; the traffic between the two towns is considerable, but at present communication is almost impossible in wet weather.

14. *Tinneveily to Courtallum, No.* 9.—Thirteen miles of the road from Tinnevelly to Courtallum have been kept in order, but the greater part of this line is unsafe for wheeled conveyances.

15. *Kalladakurchi to Tenkasi, No.* 10.—Ten miles of the road from Kalladakurichi to Tenkasi were kept in order, though nothing has been done towards extending that portion already made. Some places previously embanked were levelled, metalled, widened, and revetted; the line is said to be in fair order, with the exception of four miles.

16. *Kalladakurchi to Tinnevelly, No.* 11.—Portions of the road from Kalladakurchi to Tinnevelly via Shermadevi, have been metalled, and the line is in good order.

17. *Palamcottah to Trichendur, No.* 12.—The road from Palamcottah to Trichendur is in very fair order as far as Alwartirunagari. This leads to the principal salt pan, and carries a heavy traffic.

18. *Tuticorin beach road.*—The beach road at Tuticorin is in good repair; but the maintenance allowance is insufficient. This road will shortly be transferred to the Municipal Commission.

19. *Arasadi and Cailpatam Salt Roads.*—The salt roads to Arasadi and Cailpatam have been completed, and an allowance is sanctioned for their maintenance; they are, however, too narrow for the traffic, and a supplementary estimate has been sanctioned for widening them at a cost of Rupees 3,500 and 3,650 Rupees respectively; the Arasadi road is already out of order in many places, as it is most difficult to keep up a road laid over loose land.

20. *Tuticorin Salt Road.*—The Tuticorin salt road has only been partially made, and a sanctioned estimate for its completion will be entered in the next Budget. There are no sales at this station for inland trade, nor will there be until the road is completed.

21. *Viziapati Salt Road.*—An estimate has been sanctioned and passed in the Local Fund Budget for the Viziapati salt road, and the work is now in progress.

22. *Buildings.*—Under the head of Buildings, the only new work of any importance is the District Munsiff's Court House at Ambasamudram. This is progressing satisfactorily.

23. *Pearl Nursery.*—The Pearl Oyster Nursery at Tuticorin has been completed at a cost of Rupees 25,000. I have lately visited the work which is in good order; the coral is growing under water and consolidating; it is, however, liable to damage in a heavy sea, and will require some annual repairs.

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

2. The Collector does not show the estimated expenditure in contrast with the actual expenditure in the Statement appended to paragraph 2. This omission will be supplied in future.

3. Adverting to paragraph 8, the Board observe that, in their Proceedings* on the Annual Progress Report of the Salt Roads in Tinnevelly, they have specially noticed that the road to the Vypaur salt pans should be speedily completed.

* 4th August 1866, No. 5,363.

4. The Board request attention to paragraph 13, representing the urgent necessity of completing the new road from Palamcottah to Tuticorin.

No. 721. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1866, No. 2,769.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 77.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings Captain Prendergast is requested to expedite the submission of the report called for in G. O. No. 2,578, dated the 16th August 1866.

3. Adverting to paragraph 4, the Government note that a sum of Rs. 15,000 has been provided in the current year's Budget for the new road from Palamcottah to Tuticorin.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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