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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th October 1866.

No. 148. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, for information, letter from Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Godavery District, reporting on public works executed during 1865-66. (Here enter 24th September 1866, No. 6,840.)

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1866, No. 2,695.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,840.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th September 1866.

Read the following letter from E. F. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th September 1866, No. 210:—

1. I have the honor to submit a Report on the Public Works executed in this District during the past official year, with a Statement showing the expenditure on those works, compared with that of the previous year.

2. The expenditure during 1865-66, under the two general heads of New Works and Repairs, amounts to Rupees 3,12,300-12-5, which is less than that of 1864-65 by Rupees 1,57,465-0-7.

3. The following abstract exhibits a comparison between the expenditure of the past official year and that of the year under report:—

Items.	Actual expenditure in 1864-65.	Actual expenditure in 1865-66.	Increase or Decrease.
New Works.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation...	1,15,640	21,808	— 93,832
Communications	47,127	35,678	— 11,449
Buildings	82,497	47,361	— 35,136
Total New Works...	2,45,264	1,04,847	— 1,40,417
Repairs.			
Irrigation...	1,51,163	1,59,312	+ 8,149
Communications	65,372	35,351	— 30,021
Buildings	4,658	4,967	+ 309
Forests	664	131	— 533
Total Repairs...	2,21,857	1,99,761	— 22,096
Total New Works and Repairs...	4,67,121	3,04,608	— 1,62,513
Stores and Tools...	2,645	7,693	+ 5,048
Grand Total...	4,69,766	3,12,301	1,57,465

4. I proceed to notice, briefly, some of the important works carried out during the year.

5. The raising of the Godavery Annicut is in progress, and will, it is hoped, be soon completed.

6. The construction of a Calingulah to Byana river, in the Lakaveram estate under the management of the Court of Wards, is in progress, and the advantages likely to be derived from the work, when completed, are stated in the preceding year's Report.

7. The improvements to Cocanada Harbour, Light-House, Flag-Staff, &c., are progressing, and the early completion of these works will prove beneficial to the port.

8. The estimated cost of improving the Trunk Road No. VI has been nearly spent, as appears from the Progress report of the Range officer; but much further improvement is still necessary to put the road in good order. Captain Robertson, the Superintendent of Police, has recently brought to my notice, at length, the wretched condition of this road. He states "that many of the "bridges over the nullahs are in a dangerous state, having been seriously damaged for want of "timely attention, while in other places the rain has worn away the earth-work round the water-"ways, permitting the water to find its own way across the road". Captain Robertson strongly

advocates the expediency of taking steps to prevent further danger to the road, and concurring in his opinion, I have called the attention of the Superintending Engineer to the subject in a letter from this office, dated 18th ultimo, No. 63. I consider it necessary to have the road thoroughly repaired with as little delay as possible, because it is perhaps the most important one in the District.

9. The work of the Iron Screw Pile Bridge at Cocanada is in progress, and the completion of this very important work will be a great boon to the inhabitants of the towns of Cocanada and Jaganaikpuram.

10. The construction of a Lock and Calingulah in the Mandapetta Canal, in the Eastern Delta, having been completed during the year, a large extent of land was brought under wet cultivation in several villages under the influence of this channel.

11. The Taluk Cutcherry at Amalapur has been completed, while that at Ramachendrapur is in progress. It appears the latter work was given out, for contract, by the Public Works Department, and consequently, the expenditure incurred in the year was not shown in the Progress report of the Range officer. In Mr. Fraser's letter, dated 12th April 1866, No. 65, recorded in the Board's Proceedings of 14th June, No. 4,074, he pointed out the necessity of making some modification in the plan, according to which the Cutcherry at Ramachendrapur is being proceeded with, and solicited the Board's instructions. Orders were accordingly issued, directing him to consult with the Superintending Engineer on the subject. In paragraph 3 of his letter to the Board, dated 4th ultimo, No. 185, with which copies of the Superintending and Executive Engineers' letters were forwarded, Mr. Fraser recommended that the alteration proposed to be made in the Standard Plan, as stated by the Executive Engineer, should be made applicable to the Cutcherries at Ramachendrapur and Amalapur.

12. The completion of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry is advancing slowly.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Return of Public Works Expenditure for 1865-66.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with a Statement.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ to the Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Submitting for information letter from Acting Sub Collector in charge of Godavery district reporting on Public Works executed during 1865-66.

Dated 24th September 1866.

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