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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th October 1866.

No. 341. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings, reviewing Public Works Report of Vizagapatam District for 1865-66. } (Here enter 6th October 1866, No. 3,184.)

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1866, No. 2,782.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 150. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866, No. 6,767 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector and Agent to the Governor, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 21st August 1866, No. 661.

1. I have the honor to submit the Annual Report on Public Works executed in this District, during the past official year 1865-66, together with three Statements of the Progress of Works received from the Range Officers.

2. These Progress Reports have been sent to the Assistant Collectors in the different Ranges for their remarks, as directed in Standing Circular, No. LXXXI. (Board No. 7,134,) dated 7th November last. Some of these have been copied into the Progress Reports opposite to the work referred to, in red ink, for facility of reference.

3. The annexed is a general comparative Statement of the expenditure incurred by the Department of Public Works during the past two years, showing a large decrease in all but two items, or a net decrease of Rupees 66,176, on a comparison with the previous year :—

Items.	Expenditure in 1864-65.	Expenditure in 1865-66.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
New Works.				
Irrigation	6,450 1 9	1,501 13 0	... ...	4,948 4 9
Communications	91,309 10 1	39,718 12 8	... ...	51,590 13 5
Buildings	38,441 3 1	29,582 10 6	... ...	8,858 8 7
Total...	1,36,200 14 11	70,803 4 2	... .	65,397 10 9
Repairs.				
Irrigation	10,572 10 4	5,643 4 3	... ...	4,929 6 1
Communications	36,364 12 4	40,125 13 6	3,761 1 2	... ...
Buildings	5,573 13 2	5,963 0 1	389 2 11	... ...
Total...	52,511 3 10	51,732 1 10	4,150 4 1	4,929 6 1
Grand Total...	1,88,712 2 9	1,22,535 6 0	4,150 4 1	70,327 0 10
Net...	... ...	... ...	... ...	66,176 12 9

4. *Irrigation Works.*—The most remarkable contrast is in Irrigation Works. In last year the amount sanctioned for New Works was Rupees 6,450 ; in the past only Rupees 1,501.

For Repairs last year the expenditure was Rupees 10,572, in the past about one-half. Such being the case, can it be wondered that our settlement results are so very discouraging, and that our works are declared to be of little or no use ?

5. In my letter of the 25th June last, No. 490, this matter was fully brought before the Board, showing that at least a sum of 25,000 Rupees would be required to restore the works so as to secure in future the present revenues.

6. *Communications.*—The expenditure under this head is Rupees 39,718, or a decrease of Rupees 51,590 on the previous year. About one-fourth of the above sum was laid out in the "Jeypore road," between Vizagapatam and Kasipur, which will complete the communication from the foot of the ghauts to with both Vizagapatam and Vizianagram.

A sum of Rupees 5,000 of the above amount was allotted by Government to roads and jungle clearing in the hills under the supervision of the Agency Officers, which was distributed as follows:—

(a.)	The Sub-Magistrate of Royagedda...	500
(b.)	The Principal Assistant	1,500
(c.)	The Assistant Agent...	3,000

(a.) Has been spent in smoothing down a difficult ghaut near Royagedda. Some years ago a bullock track was constructed, by the Department of Public Works, from Parvatipore to Royagedda; the first improvement removes the principal obstacle to traffic between the two places by carts.

(b.) I mentioned in my Local Fund Report for 1864-65, that upwards of 100 miles of jungle paths had been cleared and smoothed in the Golgondah Hills, under the directions of the Principal Assistant; this was paid for from Local Funds.

From the present advance, in the year under review 150 additional miles were made, and the former clearings re smoothed.

These roads will connect all Police stations in the hills.

(c.) Lieutenant Smith has employed his grant in opening out a difficult ghaut near Jeypore much frequented by Brinjaries. The whole line of work done is a fraction above ten miles.

In the plains the roads, with few exceptions, are in an incomplete state, many require both metalling and gravelling as well as bridging.

7. *Buildings.*—The outlay during the year has been Rupees 29,582 against Rupees 38,441 of the previous year. The principal buildings erected are the Jail at Parvatipore, and the Principal Assistant Collector's Cutcherry, Nursapatam.

Much inconvenience is experienced from the want of a Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Yellamunchelly. The Government, in their Proceedings of 31st July, have directed immediate attention to this work.

8. *Repairs.*—The expenditure under this head amounts in the gross to Rupees 51,732, against Rupees 52,511 of the previous year. I have no observations to make in reference to these.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—First Division, No. I. Range, Progress Report of Works for the month of April 1866.

Enclosure No. 2.

Abstract.—First Division, No. II. Range, Progress Report of Works for the month of April 1866.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract.—First Division, No. III. Range, Progress Report of Works for the month of April 1866.

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1. Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. The Board share the Collector's regret at the very insufficient provision to meet the requirements of the District.

3. His letter of 25th June last, to which he refers, is under the Board's consideration.

No. 151. Order thereon, 6th October 1866, No. 3,184.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

2. Adverting to the remarks in the second clause of paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter, the attention of the Board of Revenue will be drawn to the Order of Government No. 1,587, dated 17th May 1866, which has not yet been replied to.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with three Enclosures.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Rad. S. T. Augustin.

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