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No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1866, No. 7,676.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1866, No. 204 :—

1. I have the honor to transmit the Administration Report of the Public Works Department in this district, during the past official year, 1865-66.

New Irrigation Works.

2. The only new works executed in last year from Imperial Funds, are the construction of three aqueducts at Budimapully across the Huggry river channel, at a cost of Rupees 264, and of a well at Bulasamudrum, at an outly of Rupees 230; making the total expenditure on acount of New Works, Rupees 494. These works were completed before the close of the official year.

3. The Irrigation works noted in the margin were repaired at a cost of Rupees 63,848, showing an outlay above the amount expended last year on the same account of Rupees 25,297. Nearly the whole of this sum, or Rupees 23,734, has been expended in the repair of two anicuts and eight channels in the Toombadra river, and the balance, Rupees 1,563, on minor repairs.

62 Tanks.	2 Anicuts.
8 Callingulahs.	21 Channels.
6 Sluices.	21 Aqueducts.

4. A sum of Rupees 2,20,407-8-9 has (as per Comparative Statement accompanying) been expended on Public Works, being less by Rupees 19,482 than the expenditure on that account in last year.

Roads.

5. A road from Bellary to Cuddapah frontier has been constructed at a cost of Rupees 7,716. Seven miles of road have been gravelled, and six miles of made road (five of which were made last year) have been metalled this year.

6. Of the sum, Rupees 7,716-5-2, expended in the construction of New Communications, Rupees 3,977-1-3 have been expended from Imperial Funds, and Rupees 3,739 from Income Tax Funds.

7. Six hundred and fourteen miles of road have been repaired at a cost of Rupees 77,534, a portion of which, viz., Rupees 10,776, has been expended on the following roads :—

	Rs.
Dharwar Road	10,376
Antapur Pass	50
Naglapure Ghat Road...	350
	10,776

8. A portion, viz., Rupees 6,732, of the balance has been expended in maintaining the following roads, viz.:—

	RS.
Road from Guttur to Mysore frontier ...	5,147
Do. from Hindupur to Madaksera	463
Do. from Penkondah to do.	598
Do. from Somandapully to Hindupur ...	524
	6,732
From the above amount of Rupees 77,534, is also paid the annual allowance for the maintenance of the road from Bellary to Madavarum	11,235
Annual allowance for the maintenance of the Road from Alur to Asperi and Adonie.	2,997
Do. Bellary to Herahal	2,999
Do. do. to Coodatany	3,000
Do. do. to Joladarasy	1,949

and the balance, Rupees 37,846, has been expended on general repairs of the following roads:—

	RS.
From Bellary to Cuddapah frontier, which has cost	12,058
Trunk Road No. XII., from Joladarasy to Anantapur, at a cost of	5,177

and other roads.

Extract from an Autograph Report sent by Mr. Reid after he left the district. Remarks will be communicated to Superintending Engineer.

9. There has been no improvement in the road between Marur and Dharmaverum. It still continues to be the track referred to in paragraph 13 of the last Report. A small expenditure from Local Funds might improve it, so as to make at least one nullah on the Marur side safe to pass over. The District road from Dharmaverum to Damajipulli, on the Kurnool and Bangalore roads, is in a better condition than it was last year. It is now passable, and at least, safe for a bullock coach, which it was not last year. The Kurnool and Bangalore road is, with exceptions here and there, more or less rough. A good deal of work seems to have been done, or to be in the course of execution, in the portion of it which runs through the Hindupur Talook. The District road from Penkonda to Hindupur is not as good as it ought to be, considering the traffic which passes along it to Hindupur, a place in which a very large trade is carried on. One bridge on this road near Tumgodi is described by Mr. Reid, late acting Sub-Collector, as being in positively a dangerous condition, and another near Manasamudrum is stated to have been built in such a way, that the earth which was on it was loose and heavy. Besides none of the bridges have parapets.

Mr. Reid's Report.

10. The District road from Hindupur to Madaksera, viâ Pargy, is pretty good, except that the surplus channel of the tank ought to be bridged, as it is impossible to cross it when it is flowing. Even if it were not bridged, it ought at least to be levelled in such a way, so that a cart might easily cross over when dry.

11. The District road from Madaksera to Penkonda is near Madaksera in good order, but after some six miles, very heavy. It crosses the Mysore territory for about two or three miles, and then passes along the bund of a tank which is very narrow and dangerous. The road in some places is described to be pretty good, and very heavy and stony in others. It would be of some advantage if the Mysore authorities could be induced to make this portion of the District road from Penkonda to Madaksera, which runs through the Penkonda Talook by Oomittamany, passable, which could be done were there two roads, one from Toomkur to the Madaksera frontier, and the other from the Madaksera frontier to Penkonda, joined by a good road through the Madaksera Talook.

Mr. Lilly's Report.

12. Of the roads in the western portion of the district, the improvement that is said to have taken place in that portion of the Dharwar road which runs between Hospett and Dhurmasangur, is more than compensated by the bad condition of the road between Tornagul and Bellary, on the Ramandrug road. The number of European officers and soldiers passing between Bellary and Ramandrug is very considerable, and it is felt to be a source of great inconvenience that the portion of the Dharwar road which has to be traversed is so bad, that it is hazardous to drive or ride on it, except a slow pace, and with the greatest caution.

This has been brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer, who does not admit the road to be as bad as stated. It appears, however, that it is in much want of graveling, the high winds having blown off the surface material, and the want of water preventing repair.

13. The road between Hurpunhully and Hospett, when inspected in September last, was in tolerable order, except the portion between Gowripuram and Narrainderkerry, which did not seem to have been repaired for some time, although this portion receives more traffic than the rest of the road. There is a decided improvement in the road between Hurpunhully and Dugguvutti, and that between Hospett and Kumpli. The other roads in this division are also reported to be in a good state, excepting that between Yettinhutty and Tornagul *en route* to Ramandrug, which is less satisfactory.

Tanks.

Mr. Reid's Report.

14. The Dhurmaverum tank, which in paragraph 19 of the last Report was said to leak, still continues to leak. It is reported that the Inámdars, whose duty it is to attend to the repairs of the tank bund scarcely do so, and it would be a matter for the consideration of Government if the Ináms had not better be

The present Acting Sub-Collector has been directed to cause the "Buffaloe Inám" proprietors to perform their duty, or to attach the Inám.

The above remarks were at once communicated to the Superintending Engineer.

taken under Government management, or rented out, and the tank bund be repaired from time to time from the sale proceeds of the produce, or from the proceeds of the rent.

15. Of the tanks in the western part of this district, that at Narraindeverkerry is reported to stand very much in need of repair, its supply channel is said to be almost useless. The sluices of the Chornoor tank are also in bad order.

This has been communicated to the Superintending Engineer.

16. The Traveller's Bungalows* in the district are reported to be in good order, one however has since been reported as unsafe by the Department of Public Works.

Buildings.

*1. Bellary.
2. Gootty.
3. Kudatani.
4. Gadigaroor.
5. Bell hoonshi.
6. Paramadavenhully.
7. Gadakull.
8. Rayelchervoo.
9. Palavanudrum.
10. Chemacotapully.
11. Anuntapur.
12. Faundi.
13. Yettinahutti.
14. Hospett.
15. Humpasagur.
16. Alur.
17. Palacottachervoo.
18. Tadipatri.
19. Penkondah.
20. Maroor.
21. Garladimi.
22. Herahull.

17. The new buildings which cost ... ... 55,540 Rs.
are chiefly Military, viz., ... 51,736

and call for no remark. Rupees 3,804 were expended on the Police Huts and Police Hospital, and Head Assistant's Cutcherry at Hospett.

18. The new Talook Cutcherry at Hospett, of which mention was made in the last Report, has been re-roofed at a cost of Rupees 1,205. The work is rapidly progressing, and it is expected to be completed in a month or two. The Talook Cutcherry of Kudlighi and Hurpunhully are reported to be in a leaky and decayed state, utterly unfit for the purpose for which they are used.

Note by the Collector.—That of Hurpunhully is past improvement; a new Cutcherry has been planned and estimated for, but funds are not allotted.

19. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the Toongabadra channels are in fair order, and better cleaned now than formerly.

20. The above reports are from the Division Officers. I cannot speak personally, having arrived in this district by Bangalore, of which but a short portion of road, which however was in good order, was traversed, and having been detained in Bellary by the critical state of the district from famine and distress which greeted my arrival, which was, moreover, subsequent to the conclusion of the year under report.

21. With the view of interesting the Division Officers in the improvements of their charges, and of obviating the imperfections adverted to in their reports, I have requested the Superintending Engineer to cause the Range Officers to communicate with the Officer of the Division, estimates for new works and repairs being submitted to them, and forwarded on with their remarks to the Superintending Engineer and Collector. With more inter-communication between the local subordinate Officers of both departments, a better state of things would be arrived at.

Comparative Statement shewing the amount expended on Public Works.

Class of Works.	1864-65. New.	1864-65. Repairs.	1864-65. Total.	1865-66. New.	1865-66. Repairs.	1865-66. Total.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				494 9 1	63,848 9 4	64,343 2 5	24,275 2 1	.....
Irrigation..	1,517 0 0	38,551 0 4	40,068 0 4				8,989 13 0	.....
Communication ...	20,550 8 3	55,710 1 3	76,260 9 6	7,716 5 2	77,534 1 4	85,250 6 6	.....	53,847 0 10
Buildings..	698 8 1	30,962 8 7	1,24,661 0 8	55,540 5 5	15,273 10 5	70,813 15 10	33,264 15 1	53,847 0 10
	1,15,766 0 4	1,25,223 10 2	2,40,989 10 6	63,751 3 8	1,56,656 5 1	2,20,407 8 9	.....	33,264 15 1
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(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

BELLARY,
25th September 1866.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. From the Collector's remarks on District roads, the Board infer that he has improperly mixed up Local Fund works, and Imperial works in one report.

3. If so, he must understand for the future that the two must be kept perfectly distinct, and reported on separately, and that he himself, and not the Department of Public Works, is responsible for the proper administration of the Local Fund; although the Department of Public Works is, of course responsible for the due execution of the works to be done with Local Funds entrusted to them.

ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1866, No. 3,033.

No. 186. Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
„ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 24th October 1866.

No. 7,676.

Submitting with remarks letter from Collector of Bellary forwarding Administration Report of the Public Works Department for 1865-66.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,