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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st December 1866.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, for information, report of Collector of Salem on operations of Public Works Department for 1865-66, and awaiting Collector's further communication regarding the execution of certain irrigation works. } (Here enter 22nd November 1866, No. 8,431.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1866, No. 3,273.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 8,431.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd November 1866.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1866, No. 218:—

1. I have the honor to submit my Report, on the operations of the Department of Public Works in this District, for the official year 1865-66, together with two Statements, the one shewing the expenditure on New Works, and the other on Repairs.

2. The annexed abstract will shew the total expenditure on Public Works under the several heads, during the year under review, compared with the preceding year:—

Description of Works.	Expenditure of 1864-65.	Expenditure of 1865-66.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Irrigation	2,660 14 9	1,087 8 6	... ...	1,573 6 9
Communications ...	17,745 6 1	15,334 14 10	... ...	2,410 7 3
Buildings	34,445 3 9	12,307 12 3	... ...	22,137 7 6
Total...	54,851 8 7	28,730 3 7	... ...	26,121 5 6
Repairs.				
Irrigation	24,049 5 10	19,862 9 0	... ...	4,186 12 10
Communications ...	60,751 15 9	52,278 8 8	... ...	8,473 7 1
Buildings	2,671 2 9	1,656 1 5	... ...	1,015 1 4
Total...	87,472 8 4	73,797 3 1	... ...	13,675 5 3
Grand Total..	1,42,324 0 11	1,02,527 6 8	... ...	39,796 10 3

Irrigation.

3. Under this head, no new works of any importance were executed. Rupees 1,087-8-6 were laid out on the construction of a few petty works: a sum of Rupees 19,862-9-0 was expended on repairs.

Communications.

4. Under the head Communications, Rupees 15,334-14-10 were spent on new works and Rupees 52,583-14-10 on repairs. Out of the former item, Rupees 9,004-0-6 were expended during the year on works in the Salem range, Rupees 964-14-8 in the Ahtur range, and Rupees 5,365-15-8 in the Oossoor range.

5. Out, of the sum of Rupees 52,268-8-8 laid out on repairs, Rupees 18,908-2-0 were expended in the Salem range. Rupees 12,804-11-4 in the Ahtur range, and Rupees 20,555-11-4 in the Oossoor range.

Salem Range.

6. The important new works under the head Communications are—1, improving the road between Devatiputti on Trunk Road No. 5, and the Ahtur Railway station; 2, cart road between Tharamungalum and Suroomungalum; out of an estimate of Rupees 11,300, sanctioned for the construction of this road, Rupees 4,340-15-7 were

Ossoor Range.

spent during the year under report; 3, constructing the road from Oossoor to Maloor. This is an important Railway feeder on which a sum of Rupees 4,477-11-3, out of an estimate of 8,320, were spent during the year.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board await the Collector's further communication promised in paragraph 11.

3. They trust that the additional grant, promised by the Supreme Government for new Irrigation works in the coming year, may allow of the Salem projects being taken up.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, with two Statements.

,, the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

First.—On Tank Road No. 5 near Dharmapuri, on which Rupees 950-12-4 were spent [illegible] the year, out of an estimate of Rupees 7,255.

Second.—Across a jungle stream near Sathiar Choultry, on the Second Cauliflower [illegible] Rupees 1,162-15-8 were spent out of an estimate of Rupees 3,822.

Third.—On the road from Mayavaram to Devakottai, on the Rupees 37,612-[illegible] were expended out of an estimate of Rupees 1,150.

Fourth.—On the road from Salem to [illegible] Rupees 1,410-12-11 were expended on account of an estimate of Rupees 1,450.

Fifth.—On other Unclassed Roads and Avenues in the Revenue Districts [illegible] Rupees 3,770-12-11 were expended out of an estimate of Rupees 3,770.

Sixth.—On the [illegible] Rupees 3,[illegible] were spent out of an estimate of Rupees 3,211. Of these [illegible] the sixth was under [illegible] rupees.

Buildings.

8. Under the head [illegible] Rs. 8,741-13-1 were spent on new works, and Rs. 1,975-5-1 on repairs. The most important work carried out [illegible] the Salem Jail, which was completed at a cost of Rupees 19,121-14-5, against Rupees [illegible] laid out on the construction of workshops, &c. Rupees [illegible] were expended on the erection of a Post Office at the Salem [illegible] which was completed at a cost of Rupees 2,[illegible]-5.

9. With reference to the wants of the district in regard to Irrigation works, I have to call the attention of the Board to my letter, dated 17th December 1854, No. 223.

10. On my suggestion the Board, in their Proceedings dated 19th December 1854, No. 3067, requested permission to make special arrangements for the Public Works Department, to enable Assistant Engineer Mr. Paynter, to devote himself to the consideration of the [illegible] projects brought to the Board's notice, and the preparation of the [illegible] regret the Government, in their Proceedings dated the 23rd January 1855 declined [illegible] request, on the ground of insufficiency of funds to carry out the projects.

11. I shall, however, once more submit, for the consideration of the Board, [illegible] the importance and [illegible] of carrying out the proposed works, [illegible] prove highly remunerative.

12. The wants of the district in regard to new roads are [illegible].

13. In my Letter, No. 71, dated 7th May 1855, I proposed four new roads [illegible] from the construction of a bridge-path from the summit of the Kanakkanmalai [illegible] Sankaramangalam, in the Namakkal [illegible] No. 1,281, was originally sanctioned [illegible] Rupees 1,280 for the work, which is now in progress [illegible] during the year.

Enclosure No. 1. A

Abstract.—Expenditure upon New Works, during the year 1855-[illegible]

Enclosure No. 2. B.

Abstract.—Expenditure upon Repairs, during the year 1855-[illegible]

1863 Department.

No. 8,131.

Submitting for information Report of Collector of Salmon operations of Public Works Department for 1863-64, and awaiting Collector's further communication regarding the excavation of certain Irrigation works.

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