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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th December 1866.

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings, submitting, with remarks, Report on the Public Works in Salem District for 1865-66. } (Here enter 8th December 1866, No. 3,880.)

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1866, No. 3,387.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1866, No. 8,431:—

Read the following letter from the 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 showing the expenditure on New Works, and the other on Repairs.

2. The annexed abstract will show 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.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
New Works.				
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, Rs. 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 Dovatiputti on Trunk Road No. 5, and the Ahtur Railway Station; 2, cart road between Thara-

mungalum and Suroomungalum; out of an estimate of Rupees 11,300, sanctioned for the construction of this road, Rupees 4,340-15-7 were 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.

Oossoor Range.

Bridges.

7. The important works under the head Bridges are,

First.—On Trunk Road No. 5, near Darampury, on which Rupees 950-12-4 were spent during the year, out of an estimate of Rupees 7,255.

Second.—Across a jungle stream near Sashiem Choultry, on the Salem and Cuddalore road, Rupees 1,162-15-8 were spent out of an estimate of Rupees 3,622.

Third.—On the road from Morapur to Darampury, a sum of Rupees 873-12-0 were expended out of an estimate of Rupees 1,450.

Fourth.—On the road from Salem to Shervaroys, Rupees 759-12-10 were spent out of an estimate of Rupees 1,460.

Fifth.—On the road between Oossoor and Admancottah near Mahandramungalum, Rupees 383-14-5 were expended out of an estimate of Rupees 3,570.

Sixth.—On the road from Salem to Cuddalore near Ahtur, Rupees 964-14-6 were spent out of an estimate of Rupees 3,390. Of these bridges, the first five were completed during the year, and the sixth was under progress.

Buildings.

8. Under the head Buildings Rupees 8,741-13-5 were spent on new works, and Rupees 1,575-1-11 on repairs. The important works under this head are, first, the construction of an upper story to the Salem Jail, which was completed at a cost of Rupees 43,120-13-6; a sum of Rupees 4,042 was laid out on the construction of workshops, &c., in the Jail during the year; second, the construction of a Post Office on the Shervaroys, which was completed at a cost of Rs. 2,949-3-6.

9. With reference to the wants of the district in regard to irrigation works, I beg to draw the attention of the Board to my letter, dated 7th December 1864, No. 221.

10. On my suggestion the Board, in their Proceedings dated 16th December 1864, No. 8,061, requested Government to make special arrangements, in the Public Works Department, to enable Assistant Engineer Mr. Paynter, to devote himself to the complete examination of the irrigation projects brought to the Board's notice, and the preparation of the necessary estimates. But I regret the Government, in their Proceedings of the 21st January 1865, declined to entertain Board's 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 and Government, the importance and desirableness of carrying out the proposed works, the execution of which will prove highly remunerative.

12. The wants of the district in regard to communications are but few.

13. In my letter No. 71, dated 7th May 1866, I pointed out the benefits that would result from the construction of a bridle-path from the summit of the Kollimallay Hills to the foot near Sundamungalum, in the Namkul Táluq, and the Government, in their Proceedings of 31st May 1866, No. 1,284, accordingly sanctioned Rupees 1,280 for the work, which is now in progress.

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8th December 1866.

14. The irrigation works, roads, and public buildings in this district were in good condition during the year.

Enclosure No. 1, A.

Abstract.—Expenditure upon New Works during the year 1865-66.

Enclosure No. 2, B.

Abstract.—Expenditure upon Repairs during the year 1865-66.

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.

No. 120. Order thereon, 8th December 1866, No. 3,880.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.

2. The subject of paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings will receive consideration in the preparation of the Budget for 1867-68.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue, with two Statements.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings in the
Supr. Court of Nova Scotia

Dated 8th December
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No. 3880

Passing orders
on Wks Pro. submitting,
with remarks, report
on the Public Works
in Salem Dist for 1865-
66.—

No. 3387.

RECORDED.

15th December 66.

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