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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd October 1866.

No. 499. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating to Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, Board's Proceedings, on Report upon Public Works in the Madras District for 1865-66. } (Here enter 12th October 1866, No. 3,251.)

No. 500. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1866, No. 2,851.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 283. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1866, No. 6,911 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapett, 11th September 1866, No. 280.

1. I have the honor to submit my Report upon the progress of the Public Works in this District for the past official year.

2. The total expenditure has been, as per the subjoined abstract Statement, Rupees 2,83,617. It fell short of the expenditure in the previous year to the extent of Rupees 1,98,537 :—

Particulars of Works.		Expenditure of 1864-65.	Expenditure of 1865-66.	Difference.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation ...	New Works	45,422	19,226	.....	26,196
	Repairs	99,446	77,079	.....	22,367
Communications	New Works	59,736	17,867	.....	52,021
	Repairs	1,35,791	97,807	.....	37,984
Buildings ...	New Works	1,09,588	46,738	.....	52,698
	Repairs	32,171	24,900	.....	7,271
Total ...	New Works	2,14,746	83,831	.....	1,30,915
	Repairs	2,67,408	1,99,786	.....	67,622
Grand Total...		4,82,154	2,83,617	.....	1,98,537

3. Irrigation.—*New Works.*—Rupees 19,222 have been spent on New Works this year. Rupees 10,001 has been the outlay upon the Palar anicut and subsidiary works, and the balance has been expended upon minor works, such as calingulahs and sluices, &c. The important new works required in the District are the following :—The solid construction of an anicut in the Cortilliar river at Vallur, now a mere bank of sand, which is yearly washed away in the monsoon, and re-formed by the Ryots benefiting from the water it obstructs, and who cultivate a part of an ayacut of 8,000 Rupees depending upon it. The cost of the conversion is now being estimated. The completion of the work will extend the ayacut cultivation, and render large remissions which are now granted every year unnecessary. An anicut upon the Cheyar river to obstruct the freshes and divert them to the Ootramallur tank, and in connexion therewith an anicut in the Killiar river to catch the surplus water from the Madurantakam tank. The Ootramallur tank depends entirely upon the Cheyar. Its surplus flows on to the Madurantakam tank, and the surplus of this reservoir runs off to the sea by the Killiar stream. The anicuts would cost about 2½ lacs of Rupees. They would be remunerative works, and would afford water, not only to the Ootramallur and Madurantakam, but to a chain of minor tanks. The raising of the bund of the Streepermatoor tank at a cost of a lac of Rupees. A similar improvement to the Chembrambaukam tank at a cost of 1,50,000 Rupees. Both these works would be highly remunerative; especially the latter, which would enclose a volume of water sufficient to irrigate land up to Sydapett.

4. *Repairs.*—The sum expended upon repairs has been Rupees 77,079. None of the repairs were of a character to call for special remark. They were simply restorations absolutely required to maintain the revenue. The majority of the tanks throughout the District are in want of repairs. In Chingleput alone, the

immediate repairs wanted are estimated at Rupees 25,000. In the other Táluqs, they will not be less numerous.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.—*New Works.*—The expenditure in the past year under this head has been Rupees 17,867. Rupees 6,017 have been laid out in fresh metalling a part of Trunk Road, No. VIII., and Rupees 1,698 in completing the road between Connathoor and the Mylapore tank, and that from Cheyoor to Chottupaukam. Neither of these roads is metalled, and in the monsoons they are so heavy that traffic is impeded and almost stopped. Rupees 10,152 have been expended upon the Guindy water works. The new roads required especially in the District are :—Road from Streepermatoor to Trivallore Railway Station. From No. VIII. Trunk Road to Ootramallur and Tetrey. From Konnattur to Streepermatoor. From Chingleput to Kelumpaukam. From Conjeveram to McLean's Choultry. The Ootramallur road would cost about 20,000 Rupees, and would be a great boon to the Ootramallur villagers who have the produce of land paying a large sum annually to Government, to export.

6. *Repairs.*—Under this head Rupees 97,807 have been spent. Rupees 68,334 by the outlay on trunk, and Rupees 29,473 the expenditure on cross roads. The road from Terukalikoondrum to Sadras requires metalling to be of service in the monsoon.

7. BUILDINGS.—*New Works.*—Under this head the expenditure has been Rupees 46,738, of which, 38,292 have been laid out upon Military buildings at Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee. Rupees 4,720 were expended on buildings in Guindy Park, and Rupees 2,752 in completing the Cutcherry at Madurantakam. The balance of the expenditure has been incurred upon Police Huts and the Latrine at Home's Gardens. A Cutcherry at Trivalore and one at Sydapett is much wanted. With these exceptions no buildings are urgently needed in the District.

8. *Repairs.*—The expenditure on this head has been Rupees 24,900. Military buildings have absorbed Rupees 17,564 of the sum. The Guindy works have employed Rupees 4,195, and Rupees 3,141 have been spent at Poonamallee on the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and on the Collector's office at Sydapett.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board presume that the Collector has taken steps for the preparation of plans and estimates for the works he advocates.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1866, No. 3,251.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. 1866. Dispatch No. 8 Collector No. 1837/99
No. 3616.
Forwarding for the Sanction of Government the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated 12th October 1866.
Rs. 8251-
Received 15th October 1866.
Communicating Sanction to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Dated 12th October 1866 No. 3251 for Rs. 8251 for Repairs to Roads in the Chingleput District.
66.— Rs. 2 8251.
Chingleput
Rupees 8500
RECORDED.
23rd October 66.