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***17th July* 1867.**

No. 291. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, with remarks, report of Collector of Tanjore on operations of Public Works Department in district for 1866-67. } (Here enter 9th July 1867, No. 4,276.)

No. 292. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1867, No. 1,594.

Miscellaneous.

1. The stated necessity for additional width to t' Vedarniem canal will be duly considered in the Depa ment Public Works.

2. The Government note with satisfaction that the established syster of "Kudi maramut," or customary labour for clearing channels and making minor repairs to irrigation works, has been effectively worked in the Mayaveram and Sheali talooks.

3. They attach much importance to the regular requirement of this duty.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

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No. 4,276.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th July 1867.

Read the following letter from G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Negapatam, 31st May 1867, No. 99 :—

1. I have the honour to submit the usual report on the operations of the Department of Public Works in this district, during the past official year 1866-67.

2. The following tabular abstract shows the expenditure during the past year under the several heads in comparison with the preceding year:—

Works.	Expenditure of 1865-66.	Expenditure of 1866-67.	Difference. Decrease.	Difference. Increase.
New Works.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
Civil Buildings	19,429	6,540	...	12,889
Agricultural	45,505	62,655	17,150	...
Communication	11,913	11,844	...	69
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	122	...	...	122
	76,969	81,039	17,150	13,080
Repairs.		Net...	4,070	
Civil Buildings	8,181	3,245	...	4,936
Agricultural...	99,954	91,991	...	7,963
Communication...	60,505	59,020	...	1,485
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	1,048	678	...	370
	1,69,688	1,54,934	...	14,754
Total...	2,46,657	2,35,973	...	...
Allotment.				
New Works... ... ... Rs. 83,961				
Repairs... ... ... ,, 1,62,256				
		2,46,217		
	Difference...	10,244		

3. It will be seen, from the above statement, that out of the total allotment of Rs. 2,46,217, Rupees 2,35,973 have actually been expended. This expenditure compared with that of the preceding year exhibits an increase of Rupees 4,070 under "New Works," with a decrease of Rupees 14,754 under the head of "Repairs."

4. A list of the more important works, with the outlay thereon, is appended hereto :—

Names of works.	Amount of estimate.	Expenditure up to the end of the preceding year.	Expenditure during the year.	Total.
	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.
I. The Vedaranyam Canal...	70,410	3,797	11,922	15,719
	24,165	20,745	3,603	24,348
Total...	94,575	24,542	15,525	40,067
II. Rebuilding the fallen portion of the Lower Coleroon Anicut...	90,000	28,523	50,025	78,548
III. Improving Vadavar Head	5,184	1,900	3,284	5,184
IV. Improvements to the new Salt-pans at Tranquebar	5,720	1,925	2,152	4,077
V. Forming approach to the new Salt-platform at Tranquebar	2,590	...	1,452	1,452
VI. Metalling road from Negapatam Railway station to Nagore...	25,730	23,289	913	24,201
VII. Constructing road from the Railway station to the town of Kivalore	3,690	3,028	597	3,625

5. The second of the estimates under the Vedarniem Canal, viz., Rupees 24,165, is for the Junction Canal between Negapatam and Tirupundi, and it has been completed at a cost of Rupees 24,348. Under the other estimate of Rupees 70,410, for completing the entire line between Negapatam and Vedarniem, the sum of Rupees 15,719 only was spent including the previous year's expenditure. The work is being proceeded with vigorously. At the request of the Superintending Engineer the excavation of earthwork has been undertaken by the Revenue Department. Most of the work in the Negapatam taluk has been completed; in the Tritrapundi taluk it is in rapid progress; and the entire work will be completed shortly. The subject of this canal has been so often before the Board and Government, that I think it needless for me to dilate upon the usefulness and importance of the project. I must, however, add that I am afraid that the present width is not nearly sufficient to allow of boats plying up and down which can each carry a garce of salt, and that if this is the case, the use of the canal will be so much diminished as to render it almost next to nothing. Colonel O'Connell, the present Acting Superintending Engineer, is, I believe, now reporting on the canal, and will, doubtless, remark on this point amongst others, as I have brought it to his notice.

6. The expenditure on rebuilding the fallen portion of the lower Colercon Anicut has been under two different estimates of Rupees 76,000 and 16,000. The total amount spent including previous year's expenditure is Rupees 78,548.

7. *Improving the head of the Vedavar, estimate Rs.* 5,184.—The work was commenced in March 1866, and completed in March 1867, at the total cost of Rupees 5,184.

8. *Improvements to the new Salt-pans at Tranquebar.*—Out of an estimate of Rs. 5,720, Rupees 4,077 were expended up to 31st March 1867, leaving still something to be done towards completion.

9. An approach to the new Salt-platform at Tranquebar from the main road is under progress under an estimate of Rupees 2,590. The work was commenced in June 1866, and the expenditure up to 31st March 1867 amounts to Rupees 1,452. The road has been completed except two tunnels and a bridge which are in progress. In carrying out this and the last-named work every assistance was contributed by the Revenue Department.

10. *Metalling road from Negapatam to Nagore, estimate Rupees* 25,730.—The length of this road is six miles, of which 5½ have been completed, and gravel is being collected for the remaining portion.

11. *Railway-feeder from the station to the Town of Kivalore.*—This work was commenced in March 1864, under an estimate of Rupees 3,600, and completed in March 1867, at a total cost of Rupees 3,625.

12. The total outlay on "Repairs" during the past year amounted to Rupees 1,54,934. Of this, the largest expenditure* has been under the head "Agricultural" as usual. The number of irrigation works repaired during the past year is shown below:—

* Rupees 19,991.

	Nos.
Irrigation Canals	83
Tanks	36
Dykes	346
Drainage	14

13. The amount laid out on communications, during the year under report, was Rupees 59,020; 627 miles of roads and three navigable canals were kept in repair. The expenditure on Civil Buildings was Rupees 3,245, the number of buildings repaired being 22.

14. I must not omit to mention that the Mirasidars holding lands under the lower course of the Cauvery have, during the past year, cleared the silt in the bed of that river to a length of six miles from Mayaveram, as well as in channels branching therefrom, by Kudimaramat or village labour. This result the Head Assistant Collector reports has been favourable to the cultivation in the eastern portion of the Mayaveram and Shealli talaks.

15. In conclusion it is satisfactory to notice that the report of Captain Mead on the state of the Cauvery and its branches, and the proposed project for improving them, has been laid before Government, and received their approval in Government Order, No. 775, dated 14th March 1867. I have only to express a hope that the several works as sanctioned by Government will be carried out, and the irrigation works of Tanjore thus restored to an efficient condition.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board observe, with regard to the progress of the Canal between Negapatam and Vedarniem, reported on in paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter, that though only one-sixth of the estimated expenditure for the past year has been spent, vigorous measures have been taken with the aid of the Revenue Department, by which it is hoped the work will be completed within the current year.

3. Mr. Morris states that the Canal is too narrow, and that unless this defect is remedied, it will materially diminish the usefulness of the project. The Board request the attention of Government to this point. It seems highly desirable that the Canal should be made as complete and efficient as possible while it is still in progress.

4. The Collector in paragraph 14 reports that the Mirasidars holding lands under the lower course of the Cauvery have, during the past year, cleared the silt in the bed of the river to a length of six miles, with most favourable results to the cultivation of the eastern portion of the Mayaveram and Shealli taluks.

5. The Board consider this very satisfactory; and they concur in the hope expressed by Mr. Morris in paragraph 15, that the works sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 14th March 1867, No. 775, "will be carried out shortly, and the irrigation works of Tanjore be thus "restored to an efficient condition."

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Cockerell
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works.
,, the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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