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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th July 1867.

No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, with remarks, for information report of Collector of Kurnool on operations of Public Works Department for 1866-67. } (Here enter 22nd July 1867, No. 4,616.)

No. 561. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1867, No. 1,725.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will instruct the Collector to preface his remarks in future by a comparative tabular Statement of expenditure, such as is furnished from the other districts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,616.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd July 1867.

Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1867, No. 170:—

1. I have the honour to report on the progress of Public Works in this district, for the official year 1866-67.

2. NEW WORKS.—*Agricultural.*—The only work undertaken under this head is a calingula in the Nandikotkur taluk, which is reported to be completed, with the exception of the shutters, flooring and pointing work. The estimate for this work was 1,500 rupees, of which 1,211-6-4 were spent during the year under review.

3. *Repairs.*—The estimate under this head was Rupees 20,500, of which Rupees 17,475-5-1 have been expended, and repairs to the following works carried out:—

31 Tanks, 4 Calingulas, 5 Sluices, and 4 Channels.

4. NEW WORKS.—*Communications.*—The chief work was the road from Nundial to Chagalmarry. The allotment for it in this year was Rupees 11,893, of which 11,842-15-5 has been expended. This is a very useful road being on the main line between this district and Cuddapah on the way to Madras. It is much used, and during the dry weather is good, but being on black cotton soil, it requires metal to make it serviceable during the wet season; for this a sanction has been granted of Rupees 44,029. I regret that it was not carried through the two largest towns in the taluk, Sirwell and Alamur. It is a curious thing that, throughout the road from Kurnool to Chigulmurry, the large principal towns have been apparently shunned on purpose; for, besides the ones above mentioned, are Kalva about two miles from the road, Panem about a mile from the road, and Nandial, itself, about four or five miles from Ayalur, the village near which the Cuddapah portion branches off.

5. Rupees 33,708-14-4 were expended in repairing the following works:—32¼ miles of road, 5 road cross, and 28 tunnels.

6. I am sorry to see that round pebbles are constantly used for road repairs. These pebbles will not bind, but only become displaced by the traffic. My query why such bad metal is not by me reply, what can be done with only Rupees 100 per mile; and that the roads are good enough for the traffic. This is to be regretted, for no part of India is better provided with good road material than this district, in which a fine hard black stone like whin stone, the best material in the world, abounds; and surely it would be better to make some small but really first rate repairs to the roads, than to make such repairs to a great extent as is at present the case, and the better the roads become, the better will become the conveyances that are constantly on the roads. These remarks apply particularly to the roads under the charge of Captain Hunter, R. E.

7. I have been over nearly the whole of this district, with the exception of Cumbum and Markapore, but on where have I found the road so bad as in that part of the Kurnool and Cuddapah road which runs through the pass of Kalva, between about the 33rd mile-stone and Tamarazpalle. The pass is at places very precipitous, with a precipice at the side, and very seldom is there a parapet wall built for protection. The road is so bad there, just where it ought to be the best, that I hardly think it safe, for should a horse or buffalo slip, or stumble, the consequences would be fatal. On the same road is another very bad bit, from about the 10th to the 12th mile-stone, near which also the parapet wall has fallen into a culvert, and so filled it up that I fear the road will breach if repairs are not quickly carried out, regarding which I shall at once write to Major Mobray.

8. NEW WORKS.—*Buildings.*—The Taluk Cutcherry at Koilkuntla is the chief work under this head; it has been suspended pending the submission of a revised plan and estimate. An allotment of 2,000 rupees was made for the current year's expenditure, of which Rupees 1,930-15-4 were laid out on the collection of materials. The estimate for this building is Rupees 7,700.

9. *Repairs.*—Six Mahanty buildings, three Revenue, five Judicial, and one Public building have been repaired, at a cost of Rupees 1,607-12-3.

10. The Division Officers not yet having reported on the progress of Public Works in their taluks, the Deputy Collector of Pattamanda would be glad to see more extensive repairs made to tanks, but the funds allowed would not allow any greater outlay.

11. The subjoined statement shows the amount sanctioned for each item, and the expenditure thereon.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the amount sanctioned for Public Works and the expenditure therefrom.

	Estimate.			New works.			Repairs.			Total.			Remarks.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Agricultural	20,206	0	0	1,211	6	4	17,475	5	1	18,686	11	5	
Communications...	46,890	0	0	12,024	15	1	33,758	14	4	45,783	13	5	
Buildings...	8,976	0	0	4,618	1	7	1,697	12	3	6,315	13	10	

KURNOOL,
14th June 1867.

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board do not understand why, as stated in paragraph 2, the entire estimate for repairs has not been expended, as, according to the list enclosed, there are several tanks requiring repairs, and the Deputy Collector in charge of Patticonda complains of want of funds for that very purpose.

3. The Board beg to draw the attention of Government to the Collector's remarks in paragraph 4, concerning the road from Kurnool to Chagulnurry. The avoidance of towns entails much discomfort on travellers who are obliged to resort to such places for shelter and supplies.

4. The attention of Government is also requested to the report in paragraph 6 of the bad materials (viz., round pebbles) used in the repair of the roads.

5. It appears from paragraph 7, that a portion of the road from Kurnool to Cuddapah running through the pass of Kalva is in so bad a state as to be dangerous, and that, unless speedy repairs are effected, it will become worse. The Board trust that the necessary orders will be issued to the Superintending Engineer.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Kurnool.

Erd. J. Wright.

Dated 22nd July 1867.

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No. 4,616.

Submitting with remarks for information report of Collector of Kurnool on operations of P. W. D. for 1866-67.

Read letter of Collector of Kurnool, dated 14th June 1867.

No. 1968.

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