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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th August 1867.

No. 123. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, for information, report on Public Works of Ganjam District for 1866-67, requesting attention of Government to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the report, and intimating to Collector that future reports should contain statement showing Budget allotment, actual expenditure, and expenditure in previous year. } (Here enter 26th July 1867, No. 4,795.)

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1867, No. 1,817.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,795.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th July 1867.

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 9th May 1867, No. 1,357:—

1. I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Public Works of this district for the past official year ending 31st March last.

2. Of the Budget grants for the year, the expenditure and progress have been as follows:—

The Russelcondah Taluk Cutcherry, Rupees 2,000.

In March last when I visited the station the building was in a very forward state, and I expect the Tashildar's establishment will be able to move into it shortly.

The road from Aska *via* Surada to Darangabady, Rupees 10,000 allotted.

During the prevalence of the famine, earthwork on a part of the line between Surada and Piplaponka was carried on under the supervision of the Sub-Magistrate of Surada, but little was accomplished owing to the physical weakness of the people employed. Fair progress has this year been made on the portion of the line below Aska and Surada by the Officer of the Department of Public Works in charge.

Mojagudda and Sunkerkole road, Rupees 10,000.

The Rupees 10,000, allotted to the Mojagudda and Sunkerkole road, were diverted to the road between Berhampore and Aska, and that between Palconda and Nowpada, both which required gravelling and metalling, as the usual maintenance allowance was found to be insufficient.

Bullepudra and Kurcholy road, Rupees 10,000.

The Bullepudra and Kurcholy road has been rapidly pushed forward, and the Range Officer announced that this line has been opened for traffic through its whole length since 1st April last. A part of the grant was expended on the road from Aska to Russelcondah *via* Bullepudra, Vistnoochuckrum, &c. Up to 31st January last, sixteen miles of earthwork were completed on this latter line, 3¼ miles in progress, and 2¼ miles of the road metalled and gravelled; four timber bridges and twenty eight tunnels have been constructed, and thirteen drains and fifteen road dams finished.

Road from Aska to the Ganjam Port, Rupees 17,000.

This road was reported last year completed with the exception of two bridges. Preparations have been made, and foundations laid for these bridges over the Bagoova and Koracory streams, and the difficulty experienced in procuring workmen in the neighbourhood has delayed the latter of these works: projected alterations in the plan of the former are under reference to the Superintending Engineer.

Civil Buildings, viz.,	Rs.
Minor repairs to salt pans, &c.	4,790
Do. to Revenue, &c., Buildings	600
Do. to Police Stations	400
Total...	5,790

The Rupees 5,790, under the head of Civil buildings, were expended on the objects specified in the Budget.

	Rs.
* New roads	47,000
Irrigation works	14,600
Repairs of roads	46,4.7
Total...	1,08,027

Rupees 1,08,027, comprising the items of the Budget noted in the margin, * were expended on roadwork and irrrigation repairs during the year. A great part of the amount for irrigation repairs had been expended by the Department of Public Works, when it was resolved to place the unexpended part of the allowance at the disposal of the Revenue Department. A sum of Rupees 5,786 was received by me for expenditure, and, with the exception of a small balance, this amount was spent on irrigation repairs, in the Berhampore and Gumsur taluks, during the four months, from May to the end of September 1866.

3. ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—Among the additional grants made under Government Order of the 20th June 1866, No. 1,919, for incomplete and other works for which no provision had been made in the Budget, were sums for the Church at Berhampore and for additions and improvements to the Berhampore Jail. The former is nearly finished, and the latter are in progress. It was found impossible to expend the whole of the Jail grant, because bricklayers and other labourers could not

be got at Berhampore. The grant for the demarcation of fields was raised in Government Order of the 1st October 1866, No. 2,630, from Rupees 2,500 to Rupees 5,000, in consequence of the great distress then prevailing, and the inability of the ryots, for whom these sums were expended to repay the advances readily. The demarcation is making rapid progress.

4. TRANSFERS.—Transfers of allotments were applied for in the course of the year, chiefly to provide for extensive damages to embankments, tanks, roads, bridges, and tunnels, by the heavy monsoon floods. Rupees 5,000 were taken for these repairs from a sum of Rupees 10,000, sanctioned for Maliah village roads, and out of this 5,000, Rupees 1,770 were required for the repairs of the Aska and Russelcondah road alone in addition to the usual maintenance allowance; the road sustained extensive injuries from the Mahanuddy embankment having given way. From a sum of Rupees 4,500 assigned for clearing and enlarging four tanks in the town of Berhampore, but which work was subsequently given up, Rupees 624 were transferred for completing a well in that town.

A portion of the Great Northern trunk road between Itchapore and Nowpada passes through a swamp in the neighbourhood of Nowpada, and is always submerged during a heavy monsoon: the Superintending Engineer proposed to raise the road here to a sufficient height to remedy this inconvenience, and at the same time form an embankment to prevent the water from running to waste. With this object, and because some parts of this road had never thoroughly been finished, an estimate was framed, amounting to Rupees 9,000, towards which Rupees 6,000 were made over, with the sanction of Government, from the Rupees 12,593 allotted for additions and improvements to the Berhampore Jail.

5. I have already reported to Government on the special Famine grants made for Public Works, and have nothing, therefore, to add regarding the works executed from these sources in this report.

6. The Budget grants for the buildings at Baliguda, and for village roads in the Maliahs, have been duly noticed in my annual Report to Government as Agent to the Governor.

7. I subjoin extract of a report from my Principal Assistant on the state of Public Works in the Sub-division:—

BUILDINGS.—2. "In the town of Chicacole the Cutcherries (Taluk and Huzoor) and Mun-"siff's Court and School-house lately built are in good order. The roof of the building used formerly "as a Jail Hospital has slipped, and the building is reported dangerous. I have recommended that "the wood necessary for the repairs of that part of the Jail now in use be saved, and the rest of the "building materials sold. It is of no use to Government.

3. "The Post-office is at present unused. I believe it is intended to repair it.

4. "The Sub-Magistrate's Jail will require repairs before the monsoon if possible, as the "Overseer reports the roof to be dangerous, the couples having been eaten by white ants.

5. "In the taluk the Sea Customs-houses at Calingapatam and Poondy are in good order, as "are the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Narasanapetta and Rugoonadpore. The Munsiff's Court at "the latter place has just been repaired.

6. "The bungalows on the road I have not personally inspected, but those at Gopalpore and "Hurripore require some repairs. The Teckally Bungalow has been repaired.

7. "Of the unused buildings the Poondy bungalow has been sold, and it would be well to sell "the Bairi Cutcherry and Palasa* Munsiff's Court before they "tumble down.

* The Turla Zemindar has taken this.

8. "The roads are not generally in good order. From Chicacole to Bairi, seven miles along "the Palconda road, and the greater part of the Calingapatam road are good, but on the other side "of the river Vumshadara to Cassecboogah and to the Kimedy boundary, the roads have been much "used and are in a very bad state of repair. I am not aware, however, that the traffic has been greater "than in ordinary years, and I am inclined to think that the maintenance allowance is not fairly "spent on the roads.

9. "I have inspected all the Government channels this year. The head sluice of one, the "Dusi channel, was washed away last rains by a fresh in the river, and an estimate has been prepared "for replacing it; both that channel, however, as well as the others have given a good supply of water "to the villages dependent on them, and need no repairs. The usual clearing will be required, and "there are some minor works here and there to be done, but none of any great consequence, or "involving a large outlay."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Comparative Statement of estimates and expenditure during 1865-66 and 1866-67.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board beg to request the attention of Government to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the foregoing letter.

3. They regret to learn from paragraph 8 that the road to the Kimedy boundary is in so bad a state.

4. Future reports should contain a Statement showing the Budget allotment, the actual expenditure, and the expenditure in the previous year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Carmichael
Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Ganjam.

Ed. J. Wright.

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