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No. 228. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting, for information of Government, report of Collector of Bellary on Public Works expenditure for 1866-67. } (Here enter 1st August 1867, No. 4,927.)

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1867, No. 1,863.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will instruct the Collector to state generally in these reports his opinion of the condition of the Public Works in his district, the progress in their improvement, and the further needs of the district.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 4,927.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August 1867.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1867, No. 118:—

1. I have the honour to report on the Public Works expenditure of the past official year.

2. The following is a comparative Statement of the years 1865-66 and 1866-67:—

Class of work.	Expenditure in 1865-66.	Expenditure in 1866-67.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works.				
Irrigation	495	1,323	828	...
Communication	7,716	3,683	...	4,033
Buildings	55,540	1,13,578	58,038	...
Total	63,751	1,18,584	58,866	4,033
Repairs.				
Irrigation	63,849	46,364	...	17,485
Communication	77,534	68,985	...	8,549
Buildings	15,274	20,771	5,497	...
Total	1,56,657	1,36,120	5,497	26,034
Grand Total	2,20,408	2,54,704	64,363	30,067
Net Increase	...	...	34,296	...

3. As usual, the chief expenditure on irrigation works is in repair.

4. Rupees 46,364 were expended in repairing 61 Tanks, 14 Calingulas, 3 Sluices, 1 Anicut, and 6 Channels (supply). The most important expenditure was Rupees 14,841 on repairs to the Toongabadra channels, that is, in clearing them and in slight repairs of their anicuts.

5. The Coragul, a continuation of the Wallabapur anicut, was repaired at a cost during the year of Rupees 2,627. I inspected the work in progress, and am glad to say, that since the end of the official year, and before freshes came, it has been made safe.

6. Rupees 72,668 were spent on the communications; Rupees 68,985 were spread over the repair of 523 miles of road, and 7 miles were newly made at a cost of Rupees 3,683.

7. Rupees 1,948 were spent on the Bellary and Cuddapah road. Judging by results, it appears insufficient. I doubt if a road over cotton soil never fully made can be kept up to bear a heavy traffic under 500 Rupees a mile, and this for 100 miles would come to Rupees 50,000, but the future Railway will obviate such heavy expenditure.

8. The most important improvement in communications to be noticed is a bridge over the Bunhappah Nulla on the Bellary, Ramandrug road; this was to cost Rupees 3,080, of which Rupees 1,978 were spent within the year. I subsequently inspected the work, which is now nearly finished.

9. A road dam on the Bellary and Anantapur road costing Rupees 750 was completed, as also a road way over the Purghee tank Calingula Rupees 260. This was a useful adjunct to the road connecting Hindupur with Madakera Cusbahs.

10. The large sum of Rupees 1,13,578 appears under the head of construction of Public buildings. More than 90 per cent., however, of this was for Military buildings, and Rupees 8,501 for Civil buildings.

11. I have not been furnished with the detailed expenditure on Military buildings by the Superintending Engineer, and cannot consequently report on them.

12. As regards Civil buildings constructed, the chief items are the roofing of the Hospett Taluk Cutcherry Rupees 894, and improvements so much required in extending accommodation and ventilation to the Central Jail at Bellary, Rupees 5,046. The work appears properly done.

13. It appears that Military buildings were repaired at a cost of Rupees 19,437, of which I have no detail.

14. The Civil buildings repaired amounted to Rupees 1,256, of which the principal items are repairs to Alur Cutcherry, Rupees 308, for flooring with stone slabs, repairing a room attached to Bellary Burial-ground, Rupees 295; Police Station-house at Penkonda, Rupees 164, and nineteen other smaller items.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of Government.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 1st August 1867.

No. 4,927.

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