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No. 456. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting to Government letter from Collector of North Arcot, reporting on operations of Public Works Department during 1866-67. } (Here enter 12th August 1867, No. 5,186.)

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1867, No. 1,973.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,186.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th August 1867.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 27th July 1867, No. 198:—

1. I have the honour to submit my report on the operations of the Public Works Department during the past official year 1866-67.

2. The subjoined abstract Statement shows the expenditure of the year under review as compared with that of the previous year:—

Works.	Expenditure in 1865-66.	Expenditure in 1866-67.	Difference.		Estimate of 1866-67.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
New Works.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Irrigation	34,372	26,518	.....	7,854	
Communication	4,306	4,057	.....	249	
Buildings	6,740	31,686	24,946	.....	
	45,418	62,261	24,946	8,103	
Repairs.					
Irrigation	68,967	62,112	.....	6,855	
Communication	55,177	53,638	.....	1,539	
Buildings	4,846	4,623	.....	223	
	1,28,990	1,20,373	.....	8,617	
Total...	1,74,408	1,82,634	24,946	16,720	
Net increase...	.....	.....	8,226	.....	

3. IRRIGATION WORKS, NEW.—A sum of Rupees 26,518 was, as shown above, laid out on new irrigation works. Of this Rupees 19,774-13-6 were spent in raising the body, and enlarging the masonry works of the Cheyar anicut, and in widening its main channel. This work had been commenced during the previous year, and the improvements provided for in the estimate have now been completed.

4. The balance of the Budget allotment, Rupees 6,743-2-6, was laid out on a variety of minor works, such as the improvement of channels, the construction of dams, head sluices and such like operations too unimportant to deserve particular notice in this place.

5. The decrease in this year's expenditure under this head is principally due to the larger portion, Rupees 18,182, of the entire estimate, for the improvement of the Palar and Cheyar anicut projects, having been spent during 1865-66.

6. IRRIGATION REPAIRS.—Rupees 62,112 were laid out on repairs. This, for reasons given in previous reports, will always be a heavy item of expenditure in this district. A list of the more important works of this kind is enclosed. This expenditure is less by Rupees 6,855 than that of the previous year. Large sums, however, were allotted for repairs from the Famine Relief Funds, and thus operations of this class were conducted, during the year under review, on a far more extensive scale than the ordinary annual Budget allotment will admit of.

7. The subjoined statement shows the progress in growth of revenue under the three anicuts during the year under report:—

Anicuts.	Taluk.	Increase of Revenue.		
		Up to Fusly 1275.	In Fusly 1276.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Palar anicut	Wallajah	9,456 1 4	2,477 5 0	11,933 6 4
	Arcot	36,458 5 5	4,403 15 6	40,862 4 11
	Total...	45,914 6 9	6,881 4 6	52,795 11 3
Ponne do.	Wallajah	11,920 2 1	2,742 15 5	14,663 1 6
	Gudiatham... ...	....	9,293 9 3	92 9 3
	Chittoor	....	535 0 0	535 0 0
	Total...	11,920 2 1	3,370 8 8	15,290 10 9
Cheyar do.	Wandiwash	45,864 1 1	4,626 8 7	50,490 10 6

8. *Under the head "Irrigation,"* the principal requirements of the district are the following:—

1st.—The extension of the Anicut Channels on the south bank of the Palar, and of those on both banks of the Cheyar river.

2nd.—The network of Channels from the Ponne anicut, east and west, may be said to be complete, or very nearly so, as are also the Palár Anicut Channels on the northern bank of that river.

Third.—Restoration of the Purunjicuppam and Kalasamudram high level reservoirs, and of the Allibabad dam in the Polur taluk.

Fourth.—Restoration of the high level reservoir of Nagapatla and Malleswaram, in the Chendraghiri taluk. The former project was taken up and partially completed years ago. These, with the projects immediately preceding in the Polur taluk, will find place in the list which I am called on to submit in Proceedings, dated 29th May 1867, communicating Order of Government, dated 17th May 1867, No. 1,490, Public Works Department.

Fifth.—An anicut and channel to feed the tanks at and around Palamanair, where the want of water for even drinking purposes is an almost annual calamity.

Sixth.—The construction of a new anicut at Ellathur or Mambakam, in the Polur taluk, some 20 miles higher up the Cheyar river than the present one. Surveys are now being made for the purpose of determining which of these two points is the more eligible. The Polur talak has suffered so grievously for years past from drought that I regard this, as perhaps, the most important project in the district.

9. Communication, New.—The amount expended on the formation of new roads during the year, falls short of the outlay of the previous year, amounting only *to Rupees 4,057. The only new works of this class executed from* the Imperial Funds were those shown in the margin. But here again large sums were spent from Relief Funds in forming several *new lines*, and pushing forward to completion roads already under execution.

Road from Tirpatur to Tirpathi Railway station and to Kalastri ... ... Rs. A. P. 2,608 13 11

Constructing tunnels on the Arcot and Arni roads... ... ... 772 13 8

10. Communication, Repair.—Rupees 53,638 were laid out on the repair of roads during the year. This figure represents the total annual allowance assigned for the maintenance of the several roads throughout the district. I have been over most of the roads during the year, and found them, with the exception of portions here and there, in fair working order.

I can note a marked improvement in all of them during the last two years.

11. The most important wants under this head are the improvements of the Mogli Ghaut on the road to Bangalore, and the completion of the new gradients on the Syragunta Pass.

12. New Buildings.—A sum of Rupees 31,686 was laid out in the construction of new buildings during the year. The most important item is the construction of a Central Jail at Vellore which is in full progress. The expenditure on this amounted, at the end of the year, to Rupees 19,248-15-8.

Officer's quarter at Arni Fort used as Range Office.
Repairing Sub-Magistrate's Cutchcherry at Tirpathi.
Repairing District Munsiff's Court at Tirpathi.
Improving the Subsidiary Jail at Narrainavanam.
Improving Police Look-up at Tirpathi.
Do. do. do. at Naggeri.

The new Civil Dispensary at Chittoor, which I reported last year as well advanced, has been completed and opened for the reception of patients.

13. Repair of Buildings.—Rupees 4,623 were laid out on the repair of public buildings during the year. Of this expenditure Rupees 1,973-11-10 pertain to Military buildings, the balance having been spent on other buildings, the more important of which are specified in the margin.

Enclosure No. 1.

List of principal Irrigation Works repaired by Department of Public Works, in the North Arcot district, during the official year 1866-67.

No.	Name of Work.	Amount of estimate.	Amount spent in 1866-67.
		Rs.	Rs. A. P.
1	Repairing the Sluices in the body of the Ponney Anicut ...	1,200	1,127 5 6
2	Do. do. Mambakam, first class Tank...	2,150	1,544 13 4
3	Do. do. Boodoor large Tank	1,380	295 15 9
4	Do. do. Mambakam Supply Channel ...	1,060	1,044 12 6
5	Do. do. Torappadi first class Tank ...	2,200	2,100 0 0
6	Do. do. Oonavanicmbody Anicut and Channel	2,960	1,099 15 1
7	Do. do. Sathupari Tank and Sluice ...	5,330	2,216 4 1
8	Widening and deepening the Tatny branch of the Cheyar Channel	1,500	1,499 11 0
9	Repairing Mardadoo large Tank	2,500	2,496 5 0
10	Do. Nedungunam Tank and Supply Channel	1,060	1,059 6 9
11	Do. Valayar second class Tank	1,100	1,099 0 0
12	Do. Polur Tank	1,070	1,068 7 0
13	Do. Cheyar main Channel	1,250	1,249 9 9
14	Do. Tappur Condun and Channel	2,080	2,080 0 0
15	Do. Kelattur Tank	4,000	4,000 0 0
16	Do. Moodoor tank	3,600	3,600 0 0
17	Do. Keelnedy Peryery Tank	2,640	2,640 0 0
18	Do. Polloor large Tank	1,480	1,480 0 0
19	Emergent work to Palar Anicut and Channel's Head Sluice.	2,500	1,600 0 0
20	Repairing the breach of Rendady Avasam Tank	1,010	810 0 0

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

Chittoor,
27th July 1867.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's remarks in paragraphs 8 and 11 are deserving of the special attention of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
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Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

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