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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th September 1868.

No. 124. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting to Government, with remarks, report of Collector of Ganjam on Public Works of district for 1867-68. } (Here enter 31st August 1868, No. 6,233.)

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1868, No. 2,352.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 6,233.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 31st August 1868.

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 11th June 1868, No. 541:—

1. I have the honour to submit my report, on the Public Works of the district, for the past official year 1867-68.

2. ROADS.—During a tolerably extensive tour in the late cold season, I travelled over the principal roads in the district. I found them in fair condition, with the exception of the Chicacole Range, where, save in the immediate neighbourhood of the town of Chicacole, the maintenance allowance *cannot* have been fairly spent for some years past. The Supervisor, A. Ramiah, has lately joined; he appears an excellent officer, and is doing his best; but a *special* outlay is required to put the roads on a good footing.

3. THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD.—The Grand Northern Trunk road from the Chicacole bridge up to the Bengal frontier is, under recent sanction of the Supreme Government, about to be widened, and otherwise improved, to make it fit for rapid wheel-traffic. Estimates have been sent in. It is hoped that the river Vamsadhara at Byree, and the Rushikulya at Ganjam on this line of road, will now at length be bridged. The obstruction to the general traffic of the district, presented by these two unbridged rivers, has been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government, by the several Collectors and Engineers of the district.

4. THE DARANGABADY ROAD.—The earthwork of twenty-one miles of the road from Aska to Darangabady, viâ Suradah and Pippalaponka, has been completed.

5. THE SUNKERCOLE ROAD LEADING INTO THE BENGAL TERRITORY.—The road (a continuation of the line from Russelkondah) from Mojagadda to the Doorghapersaud Ghaut en route to Kalingiah and Sunkercole has been brought to a standstill for want of funds. This road is intended to meet the Bengal line of road which is supposed to be coming down from Sonepore. I would recommend an appropriation of funds this year for carrying on the work; and would suggest that the Bengal Government be reminded of their promise to complete the road in their territory.

6. WORKS OF IRRIGATION.—The whole of the allotment, Rupees 16,000, for minor repairs to irrigation channels, tanks, river embankments, etc., has been usefully spent. The most important works of irrigation in the Government talooks of this district are the Boary Reservoir in Gumsoor; the Iayamungala channel and the Koratholi Tampara works in the Berhampore, and the Julmoor channel in the Chicacole talook. These are all in good condition. Among the many works that were either executed or repaired during the past year, the following are the chief:—A head sluice to the supply channel of the Koratholi Tampara in the Berhampore talook completed at a cost of Rupees 1,181; repairs at a cost of Rupees 400 to the Julmoor main channel in Chicacole, and cutting a new river course at Bullisay, in Gumsoor, at a cost of Rupees 360.

7. All the Officers of the Public Works Department are fully sensible of the duty of conserving to the utmost all works of a productive character.

8. NEW WORKS OF IRRIGATION.—A scheme for improving the Cotapetta Tampara Gara channel from Keertipore to Yakasinghee Gayie, at a cost of upwards of Rupees 18,000, is now before the Superintending Engineer.

9. CHILKA CANAL.—During the past year upwards of Rupees 42,000 were spent on the canal to connect the Chilka or Rumbah lake with the Ganjam river. Nine miles and 600 yards of the first step, nine miles of the second step, and 1,656 yards of the third step have been excavated, and 7½ miles of the banks dressed on both sides. Ferry-boats are being built.

10. CIVIL BUILDINGS, (*Repairs*).—The alterations and additions to the Zillah Jail at Berhampore are still going on; Rupees 9,555 were expended on the work during the past year.

11. The whole of the Subsidiary Jails have undergone thorough repair; and, wherever necessary, trifling additions were made to the buildings.

12. During the past year the Huzoor, Talook, Sea Customs, and Salt Cutcherries, together with the buildings of the Judicial and Postal Departments, have all been whitewashed and otherwise repaired.

13. All the travellers' bungalows have also been repaired so far as the state of the buildings would admit.

14. New Buildings completed.—The Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Russelcondah; a "Ryots' shed" at the Berhampore Talook Cutcherry; the Zillah School and the English Church at Berhampore have been completed and made over for use. The roof of the last mentioned edifice leaks after the slightest shower, and continues to drip for days together.

15. Masonry pillars in suitable positions for securing the new muster rain-gauges have been erected at those stations where gauges are in use.

16. The new Court House of the Aska District Munsiff is almost completed.

17. New Buildings wanted.—Estimates have been submitted for an office at Berhampore for the Senior Assistant Collector, and for a new Cutcherry at the same station for the Berhampore Tahsildar. Estimates for Sea Customs Offices, at the rising Ports of Barwah and Bavanapadu, have also been sent in.

18. The Superintending Engineer has already been addressed on the subject of the annual maintenance grants for the roads throughout the district. The present grants were made years ago, when labour and road materials were, at least, twenty-five per cent. cheaper.

19. No works of public utility were constructed by private individuals during the past year.

20. I beg to annex the report of the Principal Assistant on the public works in the Sub-division:—

"I. Buildings.—1. The Salt Cutcherry at Nowpada is completed, and is a substantial building. "This is the only new building constructed during the past year.

"2. The following buildings have been repaired, and are in a satisfactory state:—

"Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole.
"Protestant Church at do.
"District Munsiff's Court at do.
"Principal Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at do.
"The Sea Customs House at Calingapatam.

"3. The Narsanapetta Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry is under repair. This work would have been "ere now completed had it not been for the partial allotment of funds. Half of this building, as "you are aware, is used as a Police station, and this portion has been put in repair, while the rest "of the building has remained as it was, in consequence of funds not being available.

"4. The building till lately used as a Post-office at Chicacole is unoccupied. The Supervisor "has no hopes of being able to repair it in its present position, and he proposes using some of its "materials for the construction of another building for the Post-office on a better site.

"5. Part of the building formerly used as Jail Hospital is at present occupied by the Jailor. "The whole building, however, has been for some time condemned, and I do not think its demolition "should be longer delayed. I understand it will "soon be decided whether the Jail in Chicacole is "to continue in use or not. Should Government "resolve to continue its use, a portion of the materials of the Jail Hospital might be used for the "construction of a house for the Jailor on a better site than the present building. The number of "prisoners within the Jail being limited to fifty, there is sufficient accommodation in the Jail itself "for the Hospital.

Decided not to keep it up.
D. F. C., Collr.

"6. The Poondy and other Police Stations in the talook are in good repair.

"7. The Byree* Tahsildar's Cutcherry is of "no further use, and should be sold by auction "before it is entirely in ruins. The same remark "applies to the Palasa† District Munsiff's Court, "unless the Tarla Zemindar thinks fit to purchase "it.

* This building was offered to the Revenue Survey Dept., but was declined on the ground of its being too small for this office.

† The building was presented by Govt. to the Tarla Zemindar.—Vide G. O., dated 14th June 1866, No. 1,455, R. D.

"8. The Munsiff's and Sub-Magistrate's Courts at Raghunadapore are both in good order.

"II. Agricultural Works.—9. Under the head of Agricultural works, good progress seems "to have been made during the past year. Besides three calingulahs and seven sluices constructed in "the course of the year, (and all reported to be in porper order,) a large number of repairs has been "completed. The Purshottapoor main channel has been entirely cleared. The Nagarikatkam and "Julmoor main channels have been partially cleared and water admitted.

"III. Communications.—10. I have gone over nearly all the roads in the talook, and have found "them in tolerably good order. The Supervisor "considers that the present maintenance grants "for the roads is insufficient to keep them in a "satisfactory state. On this point I do not feel qualified to give a decided opinion; but I may state "that the annual allowances allotted out of Local "Funds for the maintenance of the Kimedy roads "joining on to the Chicacole roads, are nearly "double the grants sanctioned for the latter, as "shown in the margin.

The Suptg. Engr. has been already addressed on the point.

	Miles.	Allotment Rs.
Kimedy and Narsanapett road via Sarvacotta	22½	2,900
Kimedy and Tekkali road via Maliputti and Malapetta	14	1,800
Roads in Chicacole Range ... ... per	1	75

"IV. Travellers' Bungalows.—11. The Pata Tekkali and Kasibugga bungalows have been "repaired, and are in good order. The bungalows at Gopalpore and Harripore will soon be in a "dangerous state, unless early steps are taken to repair them."

21. The Comparative Statement of Estimates and Expenditure during 1866-67 and 1867-68, with the Budget allotment, is enclosed as called for in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings of the 26th July 1867.

22. The report on the roads and buildings in the Maliahs has been already submitted to Government and that on Local Funds, together with the information required in the Board's Proceedings of the 16th March, No. 1,897, and 3rd April, No. 2,457, will be submitted on receipt of the new forms, etc., the despatch of which was advised in the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 28th April, No. 483.

23. The Salt Deputy Collector promises to submit, on an early date, his Annual Report on the Salt Roads of the district.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement.

Enclosure No. 2.—List of works.

1. The foregoing letter containing a report from the Collector of Ganjam on the Public Works of his district, for the year ending 31st March last, will be submitted to Government.

2. From a Statement which accompanies the foregoing report, it is observed that the actual expenditure, in 1867-68, on New Works and Repairs, was in excess of the Budget allotment of that year by nearly 3,000 Rupees, and was greater than the expenditure of the previous year by more than 60,000 Rupees.

3. In paragraph 2, the Collector reports that the roads in the Chicacole Range are not in a fair condition, and infers that the maintenance allowance cannot have been fairly spent for some years past. The Board observe that this complaint is not peculiar to Ganjam. Past experience must have afforded sufficient data for determining what system best secures the efficient expenditure of this allowance, and it is desirable that the most approved system should be enjoined for uniform adoption in all districts. At present the practice varies in different districts, and there seems reason to fear that the allowance is far less effective in some localities than in others.

4. In paragraph 5, the Collector reports that the progress of the Sunkercole road leading through the province of Boad to Sumbulpore has been stopped, and recommends that funds may be appropriated this year for completing the work.

5. The Board observe that the allotment for this line of road was transferred to other objects, because it was not considered desirable to incur further expenditure on the Madras portion only of the line, while nothing was being done to carry it forward beyond the frontiers of this Presidency. The Bengal Government engaged many years ago to bring a line of road from Sumbulpore through

Boad to meet the Russulcondah, Kalingiah, and Sunkercole roads just mentioned. Mr. Carmichael now suggests that the Bengal Government should be reminded of this engagement. The Board, however, observe that the provinces of Sumbulpore and Boad have been transferred from the Bengal administration to that of the Central Provinces. The Board accordingly request that the Chief Commissioner may be informed of this engagement, and that he may be told that our part of it (including the Kalingiah Ghaut now practicable for wheel carriages) is in a great measure performed.

6. Mr. Carmichael's report on the works of Irrigation contained in paragraph 6 is highly satisfactory.

7. In paragraph 14, the Collector reports that the roof of an English Church at Berhampore, a new building just completed, leaks after the slightest shower, and continues to drip for days together. This defect will be brought to the notice of the Government.

8. The attention of the Government is solicited for the remarks contained in paragraph 3, regarding the obstruction to traffic occasioned by the unbridged rivers of Vamsadhara and Rushikulya.

9. The Board concur in the Collector's observation regarding the insufficiency of maintenance allowance, and they are of opinion that these allowances should be increased.

10. Some of the buildings under the charge of the Principal Assistant Collector are reported to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, and special attention is drawn by the Collector to the travellers' bungalows at Gopalpore and Harripore, which are stated to need repair in order to prevent them from soon becoming dangerous. He should report on the necessity for the retention of these buildings, and on the probable sums required to repair them, to admit of the Board deciding whether surplus funds can be allotted from other districts, in accordance with paragraph 14, Government Order, dated 20th June 1868, No. 2,850.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Dept. Public Works.
" the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 31st August 1868.

No. 6,232.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 18th August 1868.

No. 2889.

Public Department.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, report of Collector of Ganjam on Public Works in district for 1867-68.