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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st September 1868.

No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, with remarks, report of Acting Collector of Nellore on Public Works executed during 1867-68. (Here enter 16th July 1868, No. 5,209.)

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1868, No. 2,441.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Statement of expenditure on Roads, new and repairs, in Nellore District for the last Ten Years from 1857-58 to 1866-67 taken from the Administration reports for those Years.

	1857-58	1858-59	1859-60	1860-61	1861-62	1862-63	1863-64	1864-65	1865-66	1866-67	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
New works											
Communications	26,061	19,040	33,728	11,255	33,795	35,601	40,228	57,044	41,881	43,017	3,41,650
Repairs											
Communications	40,910	35,127	56,931	41,931	48,757	39,521	45,004	43,425	39,340	44,376	4,35,322
Total	66,971	54,167	90,659	53,186	82,552	75,122	85,232	100,469	81,221	87,393	7,76,972

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No. 5,209.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th July 1868.

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June 1868, No. 1,645:—

1. I have the honour to submit the annual report on Public Works executed in this district during the past official year 1867-68.

2. The following statement exhibits the expenditure incurred during the past year in comparison with the previous year:—

Works.	Expenditure of 1866-67.	Expenditure of 1867-68.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works.				
1. Communications	48,458	35,944	...	12,914
2. Irrigation	24,843	88,691	63,848	...
3. Buildings	5,977	3,990	...	1,987
Total... ...	79,678	1,28,625	63,848	...
Repairs.				
1. Communications	44,376	44,311	...	65
2. Irrigation	27,408	42,883	15,475	...
3. Buildings	1,775	1,214	...	561
Total... ...	73,559	88,408	15,475	...
Grand Total... ...	1,53,237	2,17,033	79,323	...

3. COMMUNICATIONS.—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rupees 35,944, or Rupees 12,914 below that of the previous year. Out of this sum Rupees 11,002 were laid out in prosecuting the construction of an embanked road and masonry works across the Musunur valley, referred to in paragraph 3 of the last report. During the year under report the Pillavagu, Mungamur, and Musanur bridges have been completed; the metalling laid on more than half of the embankment; and the foundations of the Ubbalivagu bridge have been dug. The work, it is supposed, will be completed in 1868-69. The bridge across the river Paideru on Trunk Road No. VI. at the one hundred and nineteenth mile, has been completed, during the year under report, at an expenditure of Rupees 4,176.

4. For improving the portion of Trunk Road No. VI. between the forty-ninth and ninety-fifth miles Rupees 4,952 were expended, whilst Rupees 4,079 were laid out in constructing masonry works on the same line of road, and Rupees 710 on similar works on the road from the foot of the Rapur Ghaut.

5. On Salt roads Rupees 11,025 were laid out, of which Rupees 9,047 was on the road from the Dornal Pass viâ Nellore to the beach at Kristnapatnam; Rupees 1,475 on the road from Dugarazupatnam to the Salt Kotar; and Rupees 503 were laid out in constructing a portion of the road and three tunnels between Koppolu to the Vinayakuni salt platforms near Bitramgunta.

6. REPAIRS TO COMMUNICATIONS.—Under this head Rupees 44,311, or only Rupees 65 less than last year was expended. This consisted chiefly of the usual annual grants allowed by Government at a certain rate per mile. For the repairs on Trunk Roads Nos. VI. and VII. Rupees 28,750 were laid out; and the remainder Rupees 15,561 for the repairs on the road from Ongole to Cumbum; the road from Ongole to Kottapatnam; the road from Dornal Pass viâ Nellore to Kristnapatnam; the road from the foot of the Rapur Ghaut to Gudur; and the road from Gudur to Dugarazupatnam besides minor repairs.

7. IRRIGATION WORKS.—In the year under report Rupees 88,691 were laid out on new works of irrigation, being Rupees 63,848 more than in the previous year. On the Sarvepalli Irrigation Project alone Rupees 57,168 were laid out. On repairs the expenditure amounted to Rupees 42,883, or an increase of Rupees 15,475 over the previous year.

8. The subjoined is a comparative statement showing the aggregate expenditure both for new works and repairs on works of irrigation compared with the revenue:—

Name of Talooks.	Area irrigated and the assessment as adjusted for, 1867-68.		Expenditure under the Public Works Department during 1867-68 on works of irrigation.		Total.	Comparison of expenditure with revenue.	
	Area.	Assessment.	New Works	Repairs.		On Repairs.	Total.
	Acres.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.		Per cent.	Per cent.
Gudur	45,127	1,77,254	10,656	3,661	14,317	2	8
Rapur	7,447	13,994	984	2,526	3,510	19	25
Nellore	92,854	3,18,017	6,270	15,674	21,944	5	7
Atmakur	24,245	75,318	705	5,731	6,436	8	9
Kavali	18,717	77,890	632	5,974	6,606	8	8
Udayagiri...	2,093	3,474	28	192	220	6	6
Ongole	2,907	16,360	203	1,712	1,915	10	12
Kandukur	12,543	69,084	2,237	2,419	4,656	4	7
Kanigiri	346	2,893	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	2,06,279	7,54,284	21,715	37,889	59,604	...	...
Expenditure on the Pennair Anicut distributed over two talooks	...	...	91	1,787	1,878	...	...
Do. do. Jafer Saheb's Channel...	...	...	...	2,757	2,757	...	...
Do. on improvements to Sarvepalli Channel in connection with Nellore Anicut.	...	...	57,168	...	57,168	...	...
Krishnapatnam Canal.	...	...	5,125	450	5,575	...	...
Pennair embankments	...	...	4,592	...	4,592	...	...
Total.....	...	...	66,976	4,994	71,970	...	...
Grand Total...	2,06,279	7,54,284	88,691	42,883	1,31,574	6	17½

9. Buildings.—The expenditure on buildings amounted to Rupees 3,990. This sum was laid out towards completing the improvements to the Nellore Jail; completing the new Talook Cutcherry at Ongole; constructing lightning conductor to the Nellore Police Magazine; constructing Salt Cutcherries at Kristnapatnam and Kanuparti, and Sea Custom-house at Kottapatnam; and constructing a Range Office at Buchireddipallem.

10. The outlay on repairs to buildings was Rupees 1,214. Repairs were done to the Engineer Storeyard at Nellore, to the Nellore Jail, and Session Court, and to the Record-room of the Munsiff's Court at Gudur; repairs were also done to the Nellore Collector's Cutcherry, Udayagiri Talook Cutcherry, Sub-Magistrate's Court at Venkatagiri, and the Ongole Barracks used as Police Office and Hospital.

11. With reference to the Board's Standing Circular, No. LXXXI., dated 7th November 1865, the reports received from the Sub-Collector, and Acting Head Assistant Collector, of the progress of Public Works in their respective ranges, during the year under report, are herewith forwarded.

12. The state of communications in this district is far from satisfactory. I have personally inspected nearly all the roads throughout the district myself. The only roads to be retained as Imperial lines are Trunk Roads Nos. VI. and VII., and the road from Nellore to Cuddapah over the Dornal Pass and certain salt roads. I trust that the large grant made this year for Trunk Road No. VI. will go a good way in putting it into a good condition. The bridge across the Kalinganadi, at Sulurpett, is about to be commenced immediately; the Musunur valley works are in fair progress, but the northern portion of the road is very bad. The District Road Fund will probably provide about Rupees 50,000 a year. Estimates have been sanctioned and put in hand for several important roads, andthese will afford labour to a good number of coolies in this time of distress.

13. The present system of Range Offices does not work satisfactorily, and requires revision. All work should be under the supervision of experienced Executive Officers.

14. The Irrigation works of the district are generally in a tolerable state of repairs. The Sarvepalli Irrigation Project is being vigorously prosecuted, and during the past year Mr. R. Smith, Executive Engineer, has been engaged entirely in developing the Sangam scheme to irrigate a large extent of country from the northern bank of the Pennair. These works will be of the utmost benefit to the country. The extension of the East Coast Canal from Dugarazupatnam to Krishnapatnam has also been commenced.

Enclosure No. 1.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 13th May 1868, No. 104.

I have the honour to report upon the Public Works in my division.

1. Roads.—The Trunk Road No. VI. in the Kavali talook is in fair order, except about a mile and a half near Rudrakota, at the northern boundary of the talook. This portion is in a shameful state, and is so cut up as to be almost impossible for vehicles on springs. Repairs are also much wanted between Musunuru and Kavali. The road at the Musunuru valley is not yet completed; but as more than half of it is now metalled the inconvenience to the traffic has been lessened. The new road to the Dornal Pass through the Udayagiri talook is in the same state as when I last reported, nothing having been done since. The ghaut itself is of course worse. Very little traffic follows the new line; the main reason being the scarcity of water. From Cheruvapalli to the foot of the ghaut at Kadirinelipadu, a distance of about eighteen miles, there is no water to be got for nine months of the year within a mile of the road on either side. It would almost seem that the line had been marked out with the express object of avoiding the villages and so creating the special difficulty. I do not think that, even if the new line were completely metalled, the traffic would wholly forsake the old line to the southward which has villages and consequently water every four or five miles. Money devoted to sinking a few good wells and planting a few trees round them, on the piece of road abovementioned, would be well spent.

2. Irrigation Works.—The monsoon not having been heavy, the tanks were not subjected to extraordinary pressure, and very few injured. On the other hand about a dozen important tanks have been repaired, and the condition of the irrigation works is, therefore, much better than last year. Much, however, still remains to be done.

3. Buildings.—The Cutcherry at Udayagiri has been put into as good repair as an old building like it could be. It has been re-roofed, and other needful repairs have been executed. That at Kavali is in good order. The Salt Cutcherry at Tummalpenta is tumbling down. The Public Bungalow at Mamilladoruvu wants some slight repairs, regarding which I have addressed the Range Officer.

4. Annexed is a statement of the Public Works expenditure to 31st March in my division according to the Progress Reports. I cannot include the expenditure for maintenance of the Kavali portion of the trunk road, and it is not shown separately from that on the Nellore portion in the Range Progess Report:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Communications.—*New Works.*				
Kavali talook....	Trunk Road No. VI., Musunuru valley ...	11,002	5	11
Udayagiri. ...	Nandavaram and Udayagiri road...	7,537	2	10
Irrigation.—*Minor new Works and Repairs.*				
Kavali		6,606	5	6
Udayagiri		220	0	1
Buildings.—*Repairs.*				
Udayagiri Talook Cutcherry...		162	5	6
	Total...	25,528	3	10

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Acting Collector.

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