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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to the Officer concerned Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting, with remarks, the report of the Collector of Madura on the progress of public works during 1867-68. } (Here enter 17th October 1868, No. 3,290.)

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1868, No. 2,683.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Public Works in Madura District.—Order on the Public Works Department on the progress report for 1867-68, recorded.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th October 1868.

No. 408. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1868, No. 6,679 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1868, No. 175.

1. I have the honor to submit my Public Works Report for the official year 1867-68, with the usual detailed Statement exhibiting the particulars of works on which the Budget allotment has been spent.

2. I beg also to enclose the Reports of the Sub-Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector, submitted by them under the Standing Circular, No. XXXI. of 1865.

3. It will be seen from the annexed abstract that the expenditure of the year under review exceeds that of the previous year by Rupees 45,427-8-11 ; thirty-five per cent. of the allotment has been spent on buildings, thirty-nine per cent. on roads ; and twenty-three per cent. on Irrigation works. The whole of the allotment has been spent within the year :—

	Amount of allotment for the year 1867-68.	Expenditure of 1866-67.	Expenditure of 1867-68.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Buildings.	85,032 0 0	56,558 11 7	84,988 5 3	28,429 9 8	.....
Communications	29,227 0 0	32,399 10 1	29,459 4 9	.....	2,940 5 4
Agricultural ...	5,903 0 0	1,854 12 3	5,906 15 4	4,052 3 1	.....
Salt Works ...	.....	426 0 0	.....	426 0 0	.....
Tools and Plants	1,561 0 0	1,695 0 0	1,561 0 0	.....	134 0 0
Total...	1,21,793 0 0	92,934 1 11	1,21,915 9 4	32,907 12 9	3,074 5 4
Repairs.					
Civil Buildings.	3,285 0 0	1,444 12 10	3,315 3 6	1,870 6 8	.....
Communications	63,823 0 0	51,731 0 9	64,254 3 4	12,523 2 7	.....
Agricultural...	52,350 0 0	36,825 5 9	52,495 10 11	15,670 5 2	.....
Salt Works ...	538 11 6	891 11 8	538 11 6	.....	353 0 2
Tools and Plants	1,750 7 0	1,866 12 9	1,750 0 0	.....	116 12 9
Total...	1,21,746 11 6	92,759 11 9	1,22,353 13 3	16,063 14 5	469 12 11
Grand Total...	2,43,539 11 6	1,85,693 13 8	2,44,269 6 7	48,971 11 2	3,544 2 3
Net increase .	.....	.....	.....	45,427 8 11	.....

4. Besides the above Imperial grant a sum of Rupees 1,40,278-3-6 has been spent from Local Funds on the Improvement of the District roads, and several of the communications formerly maintained by Imperial Funds have been repaired from this source. I enclose a Memorandum of the roads and tunnels on which the Local Funds have been laid out.

5. Original Works.—*Civil Buildings.*—The sum expended under this head exceeds that of the previous year by Rupees 28,429-9-8 ; this is caused by the construction of a new Court-house and Jail which have been completed within the year under report. The other works executed are Subsidiary Jails, Police Station-houses, Police huts, &c. The Post-office at Madura has been improved at a cost of Rupees 1,050.

6. *Communications.*—There has been a less expenditure from Imperial Funds on roads, but this is more than compensated for by the large sums spent from the District Road Funds.

7. Rupees 22,662 of the allotment for "Communications" was laid out on the road from Tirumangalam viâ Cunnivadi to Palany, which further received a maintenance grant of Rupees 3,840. Rupees 31,500 have been sanctioned for this work in the present year's Budget.

8. A small sum of Rupees 688 has been laid out on the Shumuganadi bridge, which is now fully completed.

9. The Trunk Road No. IV, between Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly, has been repaired at a cost of Rupees 17,070, and is in a very good condition.

Salt Road No. 13, from Vuttanum and Tondi via Cottamputty to Dindigul.
Salt Road No. 14, from Tondi via Shevagungah to junction No. 15.
Road No. 15, from Pambem and Ramnad via Madura to Dindigul.
Salt Road No. 16, from Sayelgudi to Madura via Tiruchuly and Camudy.
Cotton Trunk Road No. 27, from Madura to Tuticorin.
Road from Caroor to Dindigul.

10. The roads noted in the margin have received a share of the maintenance grant. They are in many places unmade, and almost impassable in rainy whether.

11. Road No. 13 has been constructed at an outlay of Rs. 44,329-13-0 from Local Funds, besides being repaired from the Imperial maintenance grant of Rupees 5,400.—(*Vide* preceding paragraph 4, and my report on Salt roads.)

12. I have alluded to Roads Nos. 14, 15, and 16 in the Report on salt lines, and they need not be noticed here separately.

13. On the Cotton road, a sum of Rupees 2,050 has been expended for repairs, and it is in fair condition.

14. The road from Dindigul to Caroor is a railway-feeder, besides being an important district communication; it is almost entirely unmade. The soil over which the line passes is generally hard and gravelly, so that a tolerable road might be constructed at a small expense. Its construction would be of great use to the district.

15. Under the head "Miscellaneous Improvements," a sum of Rupees 5,650 has been spent on cutting the inner angle of the Pambem Reef Channel and deepening it. Out of an estimate of Rupees 43,350 for the former work, 33,084 Rupees have been expended since 1862.

16. The road from the Pambaur, at Periakolum, to the Pallaputty junction on Road No. 15, is under construction from Local Funds on an estimate of Rupees 52,563, of which Rupees 46,919-2-5 have been already spent. This important line leads to the Hill sanitarium, and opens up the Cumbum valley. The portion between Periakolum and Buttulgoonta is still in a bad condition. Measures are being adopted for its improvement.

17. On Road No. 25, between Tirumangalam and Andiputty, in the Periakolum talook, a sum of Rupees 34,826-6-11 has been spent up to last year; a portion of it was made by the Department of Public Works, and the remainder by the Revenue Department. This is an outlet to the Cumbum valley, and tolls are collected on it near the Andiputty Pass.

18. The road between Allinagarum and Chinnamanur in the Cumbum valley is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rupees 33,680.

19. The allotment for the repair of the Salt branch roads, amounting to Rupees 2,164, has been made over to the Salt Deputy Collector who executed their repairs.

20. The Travellers' bungalows in the District have been kept in repair both from the Imperial and Local Funds.

21. *Irrigation.*—There is an increase of Rupees 4,052-3-1 in the expenditure on new Agricultural works. They are of a petty description, consisting chiefly of sluices to tanks.

22. The Conservancy Establishment of the Nelyore Channel is working satisfactorily, and the advantages derived by the ryots cultivating under it have induced those of Madakolum village to offer to pay for a similar establishment for conserving their channel. They have subscribed Rupees 681 for the purpose, and an establishment will be entertained on their account from the 1st July next.

23. *Salt works.*—No money has been spent on new Salt works, as no sanction for their execution was received within the year.

24. Repairs.—*Civil Buildings.*—The sum expended is Rupees 3,315-3-6, against Rupees 1,444-12-10 laid out during the preceding year. The repairs are of ordinary character, and call for no special remark.

25. *Communications.*—The expenditure on roads has been greater than in the previous year by Rupees 12,523-2-7.

26. *Irrigation.*—Agricultural works have been repaired at a cost of Rupees 52,495-10-11, which exceeds the preceding year's expenditure by Rs. 15,670-5-2. It will be seen that the allotment has been distributed in small sums over many works according to their requirements.

27. *Salt works.*—Only the small sum of Rupees 538-11-6 was laid out on the repairs of Salt works. They are in urgent need of improvements, but no work has yet been put in hand in consequence of the non-receipt of sanction for the expenditure of the sums allotted by the Board.—*Vide* letter to Board, dated 24th April 1868, No. 105.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Detailed Statement of Public Works, showing amount of expenditure on them and the progress made during the year 1867-68.

Enclosure No. 2.

From the Sub-Collector of Dindigul, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 9th May 1868, No. 73.

1. In submitting the year's Statement of expenditure on account of Public Works carried on in the Sub-division during the past year, I have the honor, with reference to your letter, No. 498, dated 30th of March 1868, to offer the following report:—

2. A total sum of Rupees 49,685 (28,484 from Local, and 21,202 from Imperial funds,) has been expended during the past year on Irrigation works, Buildings, and Roads in the Sub-division. Of this sum Rupees 40,50) have been laid out under the superintendence of the Department of Public Works, and the balance 9, '8 6 by the Revenue officials.

3. Of the total expenditure, * Rupees 32,721 has been spent on roads, 5,259 on repairs of Irrigation works, and 705 on new Irrigation works. The remainder 1,815 Rupees has been spent in repairing and constructing public buildings. I enclose a list of the various works on which the outlay has been made, and you will see by it that the repairs executed in Irrigation works are all of a petty description, and further that but little money has been available for the improvement of local communications.

* 40,500.

4. The latter are, I am sorry to say, in a very backward state, and unless the funds to be used for their improvement are much increased, any change for the better must necessarily be extremely slow. You will see from the report of the year under discussion, that but a small sum has been expended under the supervision of the Revenue authorities during the year 1867-68. I think it would be a step in the right direction to increase the amount of public money to be laid out under our superintendence, and would gladly undertake the outlay of at least one-third of the money available for the general improvement of the Sub-division during the current year.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Madura, dated Tiruppuvanam, 13th May 1868, No. 85.

1. I have the honor to report on the state of the Public Works within my Range, as called for in your letter, dated 30th March 1868, No. 497.

2. *Road No. XV.*—This is a trunk road leading from Madura to Pambem and Rameswaram. With the exception of a few miles near Madura the road throughout its whole length, which is nearly 104 miles, is in an exceedingly bad state; indeed in rainy weather it is in many places quite impassable for bandies. The portions between Tiruppuvanam and Madura and Pogalur and Ramnad are under repair at present.

3. *Road No. XIV.*—This road, which runs from Tondi to Manaloor where it joins Road No. 15, is hardly so bad as Road No. 15. Repairs are being carried out in several places, chiefly between Manaloor and Shevaganga and Tondi and Tiruvagumputt. The Tiruvadanay Sub-Magistrate states that a new tunnel is necessary near the Manganathen tank, a little west of Tiruvadanay.

4. *Road No. XIII.*—The portion within the Tiruvadanay division appears to be in tolerable condition, that between Kundathevy and Singampunary, a distance of thirty-five miles is being repaired.

5. *Road No. V.*—Is in a very good state, with perhaps the exception of five or six miles near Tirpattur. During the rains this part is difficult for bandies.

6. *Road No. XXII.*—Runs from Melur to Tiruchuly by Tiruppuvanam. The part between Tiruppuvanam and Tiruchuly is in very bad order, but it is seldom or ever used; between Tiruppuvanam and Puvandy it is better.

7. The new branch Cotton road running from Madura to Tuticorin by Arappukottai is, at least, between Arappukottai to Punthalagudy in good order; repairs are needed between Aruppukottai and Aviyur.

8. Coast Road No. 8 runs from Tondi to Tuticorin by Ramnad; it is sandy throughout, and can never be made a good road without great expense.

9. Road (No. 9) from Ramnad via Mudukulattur to Kannudy and Tiruchuly and thence to Madura. This road is reported by the Sub-Magistrates of Mudukulattur and Tiruchuly to be in very bad condition. Most of the avenue trees have decayed.

BUILDINGS.

10. *Mudukulattur Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Police Station.*—A report has already been submitted for a new building.

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11. *Pambem Sub-Magistrate's Office, Sea Custom-house, and Police Station.*—The repairing and modifying of the present building are under consideration.

12. *Subsidiary Jail at Shevagunga.*—One of the walls of the female ward requires plastering.

13. *Subsidiary Jail at Tirpattur.*—The present building, such as it is, is in good condition; but it is wholly inadequate for Tirpattur. A new Jail, I believe, is to be shortly erected.

14. There are no Irrigation works in my division deserving notice.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—List of Roads and Bridges constructed from Local Fund works in the district of Madura, during the year 1867-68.

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1. Resolved that the foregoing paper be submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the year under review nearly the whole allotment was taken advantage of, and the actual expenditure, which amounted to Rupees 2,44,269-6-7, was more than that of the preceding year by nearly 46,000 Rupees. There has, however, been a slight decrease under the head of Communications, (New Works,) but the decrease was more than counterbalanced by the large sum of Rs. 1,40,278 spent from the District Road Fund. The Board remark that the increased expenditure from the District Road Fund should not in any way interfere with the allotment of Imperial Funds necessary for maintaining the Imperial works in an efficient condition.

3. The Collector reports that the roads mentioned in the margin are "in many places unmade and almost impassable in rainy weather." These are very important works, and the first four being the main salt arteries, the fifth being a section of the only line of communication of any importance enjoyed by the Port of Tuticorin, and the sixth being a link connecting the Railway system with the districts of Madura, Tinnevelly, and Southern Travancore. The Board are of opinion that no time should be lost in putting these lines into good working order; and accordingly bring the subject prominently to the notice of Government. With reference to No. 6, which is a local line, the Board observe that provision has been made for the immediate commencement of work on a rough estimate of 15,000 Rupees.

1. Salt Road No. 13, from Vuttanum and Tondi via Cottamputty to Dindigul.
2. Salt Road No. 14, from Tondi via Shevagungah to junction No. 15.
3. Road No. 15, from Pambem and Ramnad via Madura to Dindigul.
4. Salt Road No. 16, from Sayelgudi to Madura via Tiruchuly and Camudy.
5. Cotton Trunk Road No. 27, from Madura to Tuticorin.
6. Road from Caroor to Dindigul.

4. The Board would draw the attention of the Government to the sad condition in which the Salt roads are stated to be in the Head Assistant Collector's report. They remark that the absence of means of transit operates to tax a commodity already, in the opinion of most, sufficiently burdened by the monopoly.

5. All experience goes to show that the annual loss of Salt revenue sustained from the absence of facilities of transit exceeds the cost of providing the necessary roads.

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No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1868, No. 3,290.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division whose attention will he drawn to the remarks in paragraphs 3 and 4.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Board of Revenue.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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Dated October, 17*th*

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