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G. O., 2nd December 1868, No. 3,020.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 23-24.

Public Works in Kurnool District.—Order on the Board's Proceedings reviewing the Progress Report for 1867-68, recorded.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th November 1868.

No. 567. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th October 1868, No. 7,532:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1868, No. 209.

1. I have the honor to report on the progress of Public Works in this district for the official year 1867-68. The subjoined detailed statement shows the amount sanctioned for the Public Works, and the expenditure thereon during the year:—

Works.	Expenditure of 1866-67.	Expenditure of 1867-68.	Difference.		Estimate of 1867-68.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
"New Works."	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Irrigation	1,211 6 4	289 3 4	... ...	922 3 0	... ...
Communications ...	12,024 15 1	... ...	... ...	... ...	58,500 0 0
Buildings	4,618 1 7	607 2 11	... ...	4,010 14 8	6,700 0 0
"Repairs."					
Irrigation	17,475 5 1	16,941 10 3	... ...	533 10 10	22,000 0 0
Communications ...	33,758 14 4	3,550 9 0	... ...	30,208 5 4	37,710 0 0
Buildings	1,697 12 3	695 0 11	... ...	1,002 11 4	950 0 0

2. New Works.—*Irrigation.*—No work of any great magnitude was undertaken this year. The amount sanctioned for minor new works was Rupees 3,000, of which Rupees 289-3-4 only were spent during the year.

Repairs.—The sum of Rupees 16,941-10-3 has been expended on repairs to the following works:—

Forty-five tanks, four river spring and supply channels, three sluices, two anicuts, and three calingulahs.

3. New Works.—*Communications.*—The allotment under this head was Rupees 58,500, but no money was spent on this account this year owing to the non-preparation of plans and estimates.

4. *Repairs.*—The sum of Rupees 3,550-9-0 was spent in repairing 289½ miles of road.

5. New Works.—*Buildings.*—The sum of Rupees 607-2-11 has been expended this year on three minor Civil buildings, and the new Talook Cutcherry at Koilkuntla, the completion of which has, however, been suspended pending the submission of a revised plan and estimate.

Repairs.—Eight Civil buildings have been repaired at a cost of Rupees 695-0-11.

6. The Division Officers report favorably on the state of public works in their respective Talooks. The Head Assistant Collector, however, urges the necessity for the early completion of certain roads in the Markapur and Cumbum talooks, as well as the erection of parapet walls in certain parts of the Nandikanama Pass, for the safety of the travellers.

7. The Assistant Collector at Nandikotkur, and the Deputy Collector at Nandial, recommend more extensive repairs to tanks; but the funds allotted would

not allow any greater outlay. The Deputy Collector, at Pyapally, recommends certain repairs to the Public Bungalow, and other Civil buildings, which are urgently required.

8. During the year I have seen every road in the district. Their general condition is good. But there is a very great want of bridges and road-dams. Between this and Asperi the Hindri in two places is unbridged, making communication very imperfect, for in the dry months the sand is so deep that bullocks can only pull bandies through it with great difficulty, and during several days in the wet season, the depth and the force of the water must render these roads at those places quite impassable.

9. Bridges and road-dams are also wanted on that portion of the Ghooty and Adoni road which is in this district. In the Local Fund Budget, money has been sanctioned for this road; but Major Moberly is anxious that it should be retained as an Imperial road, and I have, therefore, entered it as such in the list lately forwarded to the Board. An estimate for a large road-dam, amounting to Rupees 15,000, was sanctioned; but nothing has yet been done.

10. Between Kurnool and Ghooty, a great many more road-dams are necessary. Particularly near Takur, where a bridge was formerly built but abandoned, on account of the expense of the approaches, for the bridge is so high, that to make it useful for bandy-traffic very long and expensive approaches were necessary. Now the stream is passed at the side of the bridge where there should be a road-dam. Another is wanted a few hundred yards north of the Yeldurty Bungalow. One near the Udamalpad tank-bund, and one between Udamalpad and Dhone.

11. On the road from Kurnool to Cumbum, a bridge should be built on the road near Paniem; one was apparently commenced, but deserted before completion. Several road-dams, for which the roadway has been prepared, should be made between Ayalur and Gugapalle.

12. From Nandial to the Cuddapah frontier the road is in a wretched state. Money has been provided in the Budget, and I trust the Executive Engineer will see that Mr. Howell, the Range Officer, exerts himself in having this road put into thorough working order.

13. I do not perceive that round pebbles are so much used for road repairs as last year; but some portions of the roads are in a very bad state for want of proper repairs. Comment, however, is unnecessary, for Captain Hunter so far acknowledges that portions of the roads are bad, that he has sent in heavy estimates for having them metalled in parts which are bad.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board observe that, with the exception of the estimate for "New Irrigation works," (amounting to Rupees 289 only,) all the estimates are greatly in excess of the expenditure.

3. No less than Rupees 58,500 is given by the Collector as the amount of the estimate for "New Communications," whereas the Budget shows only Rupees 17,500. Whatever be the correct amount, it appears that not a single Rupee has been spent; although the wants of the district, in this respect, appear to be very great.

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4. The estimate for repairs to roads is Rupees 37,710, and the expenditure only Rupees 3,550.

5. The total expenditure during the year appears to have been Rupees 22,082, or rather less than the pay of the Establishment, according to the list of 1866.

6. Such a state of affairs seems to the Board to require special notice at the hands of Government.

No. 568. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1868, No. 3,704.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 56.

1. With their Proceedings above recorded the Board of Revenue submit the Annual Report of the Collector of Kurnool on the operations of the Public Works Department in that district for the year 1867-68.

2. From information obtained from the Controller, the Government observe that there are several inaccuracies in the Statement appended to paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter. The following is a correct return of the original and modified Imperial allotments, and of the outlay actually incurred in Kurnool from that source during the past official year.

Budget heads.	Original grant.	Grant as modified.	Actual expenditure.	Short outlay.	Excess over grant.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
New Works.					
Irrigation	3,000	3,000	289	2,711	...
Communications ...	...	60	...	60	...
Buildings	6,700	682	1,086	...	404
Repairs.					
	22,000	17,921	16,942	979	...
Irrigation	37,710	35,990	35,950	40	...
Communications ...	1,150	2,064	1,108	956	...
Buildings				4,746	404
			Deduct excess	404	
			Net short outlay	4,342	

3. On a comparison of the modified grants with the expenditure of the year, the Government observe that the outlay in Kurnool fell short of the available funds by only Rupees 4,342, of which Rupees 2,711 under the head New Works "Agricultural" were surrendered* in time by Major Moberly, but, as the amount could not be utilised in any other district, it remained as a portion of the allotment for Kurnool. Deducting this latter sum, the amount which lapsed on the 31st March last was Rupees 1,631.

* *Vide* G. O., No. 962, dated 24th March 1868.

4. There is no information before Government to account for the short outlay on repairs to buildings in Kurnool, and the Superintending Engineer will accordingly explain the causes which led to a sum of Rupees 956 being left unexpended out of an allotment of Rupees 2,064.

5. The Board have fallen into an error in stating that Rupees 17,500 were the assignment to Kurnool under New Works "Communications." That amount represents the Budget provision for the Kurnool District from local funds, the expenditure from which is not included in the annual reports of Collectors on the progress of Public Works.

Items Nos. 236, 237, Part II.

6. The Government do not understand how the Collector makes out that the expenditure on Communications, Repairs, amounted to Rupees 3,550-9-0, when the outlay recorded under that head by the Range Officers and in the Controller's books is Rupees 35,950-0-9, or, only Rupees 40 less than the modified grant of the year.

7. A review of the present report shows that unnecessary correspondence would be avoided if care were taken to communicate fully with Superintending Engineers before statements relating to the administration of the Public Works Department are submitted by Collectors for the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated November, 26th.

Recd. 27th —

Encl.

G. O., 26th November 1868, No. 3,704.

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NOVEMBER.

Nos. 567-568

Progress of Public Works.—Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting, with remarks, the report of the Collector of Kurnool on the progress of Public Works during 1867-68.

No 3020

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