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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *3rd September* 1869.

No. 52. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting to Government, with remarks, Collector's Report on Public Works operations in Bellary District during 1868-69.	(Here enter 9th August 1869, No. 5,844.)

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1869, No. 2,491.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue will be requested to obtain and submit the information called for in the G. O., under date 31st August 1869, No. 2,460, in regard to the Bellary District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of (1869) Madras

REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 1869.

Read.

G. O., 3rd September 1869, No. [illegible]

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 52-53.

Public Works in Bellary District—Collector's report for 1868-69—Board of Revenue to submit information regarding Imperial [illegible]

No. 5,844.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1869.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1869, No. 160:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the operations in this district of the Public Works Department for the past official year.

2. The following extract from the Administration Report of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, shows the allotments from Imperial and Local Funds and the outlay on new works and repairs; also the allotment and expenditure under each head of service and the amount of work done.

1. The Imperial allotment on account of Public Works for Bellary District was as follows:—

Imperial.	Private Contribution.
RS.	RS.
3,97,561	...

2. The aggregate outlay in this district was as follows:—

New Works.		Repairs.		Total.		More than grant.	Less than grant.
Grant.	Outlay.	Grant.	Outlay.	Grant.	Outlay.		
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2,21,959	2,03,697	1,75,602	1,79,426	3,97,561	3,83,123	....	14,438
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3. The grant and outlay from Local Funds was as follows:—

New Works.		Repairs.		Total.		More than grant.	Less than grant.
Grant.	Outlay.	Grant.	Outlay.	Grant.	Outlay.		
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
78,368	32,950	38,552	38,465	1,16,920	71,415	....	45,505
78,368	32,950	38,552	38,465	1,16,920	71,415	....	45,505

4. The following table gives the outlay and allotments on original works and repairs under each head of service:—

Head of Service.	Grants.	Outlay.	More.	Less.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Original Works.				
Military	1,47,124	1,43,311	....	3,813
Civil Buildings	29,430	24,597	....	4,833
Agricultural	39,705	32,695	....	7,010
Communications	4,000	2,680	....	1,320
Tools	1,700	414	....	1,286
	2,21,959	2,03,697	....	18,262
Repairs.				
Military	23,060	27,479	4,419	....
Civil Buildings	1,735	1,787	52	....
Agricultural	55,769	50,729	....	5,040
Communications	94,713	99,246	4,533	....
Tools	325	185	....	140
	1,75,602	1,79,426	9,004	5,180
	3,97,561	3,83,124	9,004	23,442

CIVIL BUILDINGS.

[illegible] Item No. [illegible].—*Improvements to the Jail at Bellary.*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS. A. P.
[illegible]	[illegible]	20,000	19,030 15 8

[illegible] in the frame-work of 4th and 5th was completed [illegible] nearly completed; male and female labours' wards [illegible] in progress.

[illegible] of which sanctioned from the five-lac grant for [illegible] have been commenced; the little work [illegible]

	Grant.	Expenditure.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
[illegible] Court Bazaar	40 0 0	62 10 4
[illegible] ward in the compound of Collector [illegible]	[illegible]	144 0 0
[illegible] Standard plan No. 1 [illegible]	300 0 0	209 13 0
[illegible]		28 0 0
[illegible]	100 0 0	....
[illegible]	100 0 0	....
[illegible] Standard plan No. 1 [illegible]	500 0 0	600 1 9
[illegible]	500 0 0	215 0 0
[illegible]	1,000 0 0	
[illegible]	1,100 0 0	77 11 6
[illegible]	2,000 0 0	....
[illegible]	300 0 0	183 10 1
[illegible]	400 0 0	157 12 11
[illegible] Standard plan No. 1 [illegible]	1,000 0 0	1,009 8 0
[illegible]	100 0 0	6 8 6
Total	[illegible]	2,616 10 1

37. Six minor new works have been executed at a total cost of Rupees 1,981-9-8 against a grant of Rupees 1,930.

AGRICULTURAL.

39. *Improving the supply channel of Narraindevarakerra tank.*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
12,700	6,527 9 11	6,192 0 0	4,134 12 0

Completed with the exception of some earth-work and tamping to the second and third bunds and coping to the calingulahs of the same.

40. *Constructing Calingulah to the Raggy Moosalawada tank*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1838-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
3,165	56 4 6	3,109 0 0	2,528 1 2

Completed with the exception of small quantity of masonry work to the wing walls and apron.

41. *Restoration of Gottoor tank*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
60,500	18,548 8 11	20,851 0 0	
		Reduced to 19,348 0 0	16,498 3 0

Three-fourths of the breach-work has been finished, and almost all the stone and earthwork to the bund completed.

42. *Anantapoor Tank Sluice*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1,703	303 13 8	1,290 0 0	1,290 5 2

The work has been completed.

43. *Pathacotha Chervoo tank*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
4,800	1,951 12 11	2,848 0 0	2,237 11 2

A sluice has been built, and filling in the breach three-quarter finished; at the same time the south calingulah has been extended 100 feet with apron, etc., at a cost of Rupees 1,652; this sum has to be recovered from the Madras Railway Company.

44. *Restoration of Yerrabommanahully tank*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
8,010	3,451 15 3	4,558 0 0	4,503 2 2

The work has been nearly completed.

Seven minor new works have been executed at a total cost of Rs. 1,480-3-9, against a grant of Rupees 2,351.

COMMUNICATIONS.

49. *Road dam on the road from Coodaling to Gumply*—

Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Allotment for 1868-69.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
1,600		1,600	1,522 1 4

The work has been completed.

Road dam across the Moothlaparum Vunka on Trunk Road No. XVIII.—

Estimate.	Grant.	Expenditure.
RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
1,100	1,100	478 5 3

ne-half of the work has been completed.

4. The following repairs have been executed during 1868-69:—

81 Tanks repaired.
23 River, spring, and supply channels cleared and repaired.
11 Sluices repaired.
9 Anicuts repaired.
24 Calingulahs repaired.
512 Miles Road repaired.
420 Yards metalled.
2 Road dams repaired.
,500 Square yards tamped.
116 Military Buildings repaired.
18 Civil Buildings repaired.

The expenditure in clearing the nine Toongabuddra river channels has been Rupees [illegible] against a grant of Rupees 15,200.

The other principal works were:—

	Estimate.	Previous expenditure.	Grant.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS. A. P.
I. Coragul Anicut ...	13,080	10,102 6 5	1,935	1,834 9 10
II. Purghi Tank ...	3,100	1,316 0 0	1,684	1,554 13 10

Civil Buildings.—The improvements and additions to the jail at Bellary are being [illegible] and substantially carried out. The construction is of the style known as coursed rubble pointed, [illegible] to the old system whereby innumerable defects were concealed [illegible]. The extra accommodation afforded was much needed, and will enable [illegible] the classification of criminals, and will completely [illegible] of the prison.

[illegible] for commencing the new Talook Cutcherries and Subsidiary [illegible] report, Rupees 2,610 have been [illegible]

[illegible] that the expenditure both for new [illegible] This is to be regretted. The new works are [illegible] state of progress. I had an opportunity of [illegible] the sub-division last year. [illegible] from a French design. It is so [illegible] that it ought, I think, to be adopted [illegible] at different levels which are [illegible] of the plug thus becomes a [illegible] and never has to dive, some[illegible] old primitive sluices which we found in [illegible] and which, despite the improvements in [illegible]

[illegible] communications of the [illegible] a defective system, and as [illegible] with the Public Works Department on [illegible] during my tours through the [illegible] and I am happy to be in a position [illegible] the roads of the Sub-division are, as a rule, very good. My [illegible] Talook which I have not yet had an opportunity of visiting. With the exception of the Bellary and Cuddapah road, which except in the driest weather is very bad in many places, the main roads in the Gooty, Aloor, and Adony Talooks are in very fair order, though susceptible of much improvement in the way of bridging.

5. There have been constant complaints from the ryots with reference to the annual clearing out of the Toongabudra river channels which they averred was not properly done by the officers of the Department of Public Works. The reason alleged for this was that sufficient labour could not be procured. On this being inquired into by the Revenue Department it was ascertained that in comparison with the market price of labour obtaining at the time of clearance, the rates offered by the Public Works Department were not remunerative, and when it was suggested that the rate of hire should be raised, I was met by the objection that the grant for clearing the channels would not admit of an increase. In one of the channels in the Hospett Talook a few months ago the ryots pointed out to me that the bed had not been cleared of silt for a distance of upwards of two miles. I referred to the Superintending Engineer, who referred to the Range Officer who replied that the silt had not been cleared last year because the funds would not admit of it. But I notice that the grant for this particular purpose is in excess slightly of the expenditure. However, I am convinced that the grant is insufficient for the clearance of these channels, inasmuch as it is carried out at a time of year when the labouring population in the part of the country traversed by them are earning double wages in carrying the cane harvest and the manufacture of sugar. This grant should be increased so as to enable the Public Works Department to compete fairly in the labour market, and considering that these channels irrigate 7,362* acres in the Bellary, Hospett, and Adony Talooks, yielding a revenue of Rupees 71,128, I think that an annual maintenance allowance for the proper conservancy of the banks and sluices should be granted. At present the wastage is enormous especially at the surplus sluices which, I speak with diffidence, the question being of a professional nature, appear to me to be of a primitive and faulty construction.

6. If I am asked what are the urgent requirements of this district, I answer in one word—Water. Communications by the iron and ordinary roads are extending in every direction, and may be left to develope themselves; but the great want of the district has yet to be supplied, and I trust that ere long one of the Irrigation Company's projects for distributing the waters of the Toongabudra over a portion of the district will receive official sanction.

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* Besides 4,027 acres of Inam land.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's report on the Public Works carried out in his district, during the year 1868-69, is generally favourable. The Cuddapah and Bellary road is the only one he speaks of, as being in bad condition. The Collector speaks with great satisfaction of the new pattern of sluice adopted for the Anantapur tank.

3. It is scarcely necessary for the Board to ask the serious attention of Government to th Collector's remarks with regard to the grant for clearing the Toongabudra channels. The importance of this work in so arid a district cannot be over-rated.

4. The Board remark, however, that presuming that the Public Works Department was prevented from clearing out the channels by the difficulty in procuring labour, they do not consider the complaints of the ryots well founded, nor do they agree with the Collector in thinking wages should be raised. They consider that the labour of the ryots connected with the land which the channels irrigate, should be given freely at the ordinary rates.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH AUGUST 1869, No. 5,844.

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AUGUST.
No. 5844.

Public Works operations in Bellary District during 1868-69. Collector's report on, submitted to Government, with remarks.

No. 2491 Revl. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd Septr. 1869

Read the following Pro. of the Board of Revenue
(A.E.) 9th August 1869 No. 5844

The Board of Revenue will be requested to obtain and submit the information called for in the G.O. under date 31st Augt 1869 ~~[illegible]~~ in regard to the Bellary District

& calling for information abt roads in Ganjam

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