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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd August 1872.

Read the following letter from A. Mc C. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1872, No. 150:—

I HAVE the honour to report upon the progress made in the construction and repairs of Public Works within this district during the last official year 1871-72.

2. The annexed statement shows the expenditure incurred under the different heads as compared with the amount allotted in the Budget, and the expenditure of the preceding year 1870-71:—

Description.	CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET ALLOTMENTS.				CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.			
	Budget allotment.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Last year.	Current.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Agricultural	7,633	7,270	...	363	11,888	7,270	...	4,618
Buildings... {Military ...	1,318	1,271	...	47	1,706	1,271	...	435
Buildings... {Civil ...	27,791	22,604	...	5,187	19,352	22,604	3,252	...
Total New Works...	36,742	31,145	...	5,597	32,946	31,145	3,252	5,053
Repairs.								
Agricultural	88,604	85,255		3,349	70,483	85,255	14,772	...
Buildings... {Military ...	11,268	10,748	...	520	10,636	10,748	112	...
Buildings... {Civil ...	1,911	1,947	36	...	1,166	1,947	781	...
Total Repairs...	1,01,783	97,950	36	3,869	82,285	97,950	15,665	...
Grand Total...	1,38,525	1,29,095	36	9,466	1,15,231	1,29,095	18,917	5,053

3. The expenditure has fallen short of the Budget allotment by Rupees 9,430 and is in excess of the expenditure of the preceding year by Rupees 13,864.

4. NEW WORKS—*Agricultural.*—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 7,270, of which Rupees 4,885 were laid out on the undermentioned two works, and the remainder, viz., Rupees 2,385, was spent in minor improvements to the sluices and calingulahs of the existing irrigation works.

(1.) *Improvement of the Nanga Voikal.*—Amount of estimate, Rupees 12,500. The work was commenced last year and a sum of Rupees 4,700 was spent up to 31st March 1871. During the year under report, Rupees 2,999-14-11 were expended against an allotment of Rupees 3,000. All the earth-work except the straight cut from the new surplus weir was completed. The improvements to the old surplus weir have been completed, the foundations of the head sluice were laid, and the superstructure is in progress.

(2.) *Providing the Sand Sluices of the Wyacondan Channel with Baulk Shutters.*—Amount of estimate, Rupees 2,850. Of this sum, Rupees 856-7-11 were spent last year and Rupees 1,885-6-7 were expended during the year under report.

5. Buildings—*Military*.—The expenditure under this head, amounting to Rupees 1,271, was incurred on sundry small works, such as constructing stop and markers butts, putting new shelves in Barrack-rooms in European temporary barracks, and constructing screen walls to privies of family quarters, Artillery, &c.

6. Buildings—*Civil*.—Rupees 22,604 were expended under this head, the following being the principal works executed during the year:—

(1.) Constructing a new Central Jail at Trichinopoly at an estimated cost of Rupees 3,79,297. The expenditure during the year was Rupees 11,856 against an allotment of Rupees 11,971, bringing up the total amount expended on the work from its commencement to Rupees 3,79,182. The work was commenced in December 1866 and completed during the year under report.

(2.) The alterations made to St. John's Church amounted to Rs. 4,468-3-2 against the estimate of Rupees 4,620.

(3.) Constructing out-houses to the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Manaparay. The estimate amounted to Rupees 2,730, of which Rupees 1,292 were expended. The work is reported to have been completed.

(4.) Re-roofing the Jailor's quarters attached to the District Jail at Trichinopoly at a cost of Rupees 1,099-3-6.

(5.) Constructing two double huts at Padalur for the use of the Police at a cost of Rupees 1,024.

7. Repairs.—The description and number of works repaired during the year were as follows:—

Agricultural.

Irrigation channels	53
Tanks	125
Dykes	56
Drainage	11

Buildings.

Military, repaired and maintained	83
Civil, do. do.	21

8. The usual statement showing the irrigation works in this district is appended. Out of 4,487 works only 320 are reported to be out of order:—

Description.	In repair.	Out of repair.	Total.
Large Tanks	366	64	430
Small do.	570	34	604
Irrigating Channels ...	826	47	873
Supplying do.	772	36	808
Dams	62	4	66
Bridges	276	...	276
Tank Sluices	580	76	656
Channel do.	462	35	497
Calingulahs	253	24	277
Total...	4,167	320	4,487

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. This report calls for no particular remark. It is observed that the Central Jail which has been under construction since 1866 was completed during the year.

3. It is matter for regret that, when there are so many Taluq Cutcherries and other Civil Buildings throughout the country remaining unfinished, no less than Rupees 5,187 of the allotment for Civil Buildings in Trichinopoly should have been allowed to lapse.

4. The state of the irrigation works as shown in paragraph 8 is highly satisfactory.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government, R. D.
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