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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th August 1872.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 23rd July 1872, No. 225:—

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the progress of Public Works executed from Imperial and Provincial funds in this district, during the official year 1871-72.

2. The expenditure in the year, as compared with that preceding it, is given below:—

	Expenditure in 1870-71.	Expenditure in 1871-72.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
New Works.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation	81,004	51,818	...	29,186
Communications	16,176	...	...	16,176
Buildings	1,425	2,316	891	...
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	...	...	...	...
Total...	98,605	54,134	891	45,362
Repairs.				
Irrigation	93,233	1,01,682	8,449	...
Communications	54,490	...	...	54,490
Buildings	2,498	3,546	1,048	...
Military	...	490	490	...
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	..	...	...	...
Total...	1,50,221	1,05,718	9,987	54,490
Grand Total...	2,48,826	1,59,852	10,878	99,852
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	88,974

3. The total allotment was Rupees 1,80,511, of which Rupees 1,59,852 were expended by the Department Public Works up to the close of the year on Public Works, and Rupees 230 on Tools and Plant, while Rupees 4,965 were paid for works to be executed by Civil Officers. It will be seen that, compared with 1870-71, there was a decrease of Rupees 88,974 in the expenditure in 1871-72. This is large, but is satisfactorily accounted for, by the entire charge for Communications being now defrayed from Local Funds. I now notice the principal Public Works executed.

4. NEW IRRIGATION WORKS.—*Anicut across the Vellar river at Palanduray, in the Verdachellum Taluq.*—The expenditure in the past year was Rupees 31,356, which added to the sum of Rupees 36,834 spent in the previous year, makes a total of Rupees 71,190 laid out on the work, leaving a balance of Rupees 27,045 of the

estimate to be spent on it. The Superintending Engineer reports that there has been no improvement in the past year in the rate of progress or the general management of this work. The executive has been repeatedly changed; contracts have been given to incompetent persons; and the whole thing has been muddled. The anicut body has been extended from both sides, and both wings have been raised. The head sluice has been partly built. A little has been done over the whole length of the channel, but no portion has been completed.

5. *Anicut across the Manimuttanady at Mahmattur.*—Rupees 3,341 were laid out on this work in the year under review, making in all a sum of Rupees 52,255 spent on it since its commencement. The Superintending Engineer reports that the channels are still incomplete, but during the past year, the rough apron of the anicut was finished and two tunnels, two head sluices, one syphon sluice, and one bridge built.

6. *Anicut across the Myoornuddy.*—The total expenditure on this project up to the end of the past year was Rupees 12,054, of which Rupees 2,237 were spent in 1871-72. During the past year, about nine-tenths of the earth-work was completed, but there is a great deal of rock to be removed. The anicut has been completed with the exception of the rough stone apron, and a nine feet tunnel has been built.

7. *Allungal Channel from the Puniar river.*—The expenditure to the end of past year was Rupees 13,042. The original estimate which amounted to Rupees 12,620 was afterwards revised and raised to Rupees 15,330. Three division sluices and four syphon sluices have been built.

8. *Pombay Channel.*—Only Rupees 177 were spent on this work in the past year, making the total expenditure Rupees 51,634 spent on the work.

9. The other Irrigation Works call for no remarks.

10. New Buildings.—The Cuddalore Subsidiary Jail buildings were completed, the expenditure on them during the year being Rupees 307-8-7. Improvements to the Police barracks at Munjacooppam were also executed at a cost of Rupees 749, and 390 for a Police Station at Kilianoor.

11. Repairs.—The Superintending Engineer states, that of Irrigation works, 278 tanks, 44 channels, and 14 embankments have been repaired, and 59 sluices 18 anicuts and 22 Calingulahs have been repaired or re-constructed. Civil buildings have also been repaired at an outlay of Rupees 3,546.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Statement which accompanies this report shows a very large decrease in the sum spent on New Works of Irrigation as compared with last year, and the Collector states in paragraph 3, that some Rupees 15,000 of the allotment was not spent.

3. How far this is the result of the very unsatisfactory state of affairs said to exist in connection with the Vellar Anicut is not apparent but paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter implies that matters are not progressing as they should be in the construction of that work. The other works mentioned do not appear to require special notice.

4. The large number of tanks reported as repaired in paragraph 11 is no of due to injuries caused by the Cyclone in November 1871.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

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

" to the Acting Collector of South Arcot.

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