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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th August 1872.

Read the following letter from G. VANBAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nclabally, 23rd July 1872, No. 1,725:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Public Works executed in this district during the past official year 1871-72.

2. The following Statement exhibits the expenditure incurred during the year under report, as compared with that during the year preceding:—

Particulars of works.		Expendi- ture in 1870-71.	Expendi- ture in 1871-72.	DIFFERENCE.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
<i>New Works.</i>		rs.	rs.	rs.	rs.
1. Irrigation	...	74,104	81,866	10,762	...
2. Buildings	...	12,917	2,017	...	10,900
Total...		87,021	86,883	...	138
<i>Repairs.</i>					
1. Irrigation	...	50,087	54,260	4,173	...
2. Buildings	...	1,506	1,977	471	...
Total...		51,593	56,237	4,644	...
Grand Total...		1,38,614	1,43,120	4,506	...

1. From the Statement it will be observed, that the aggregate expenditure was larger than in the year preceding. Every item shows an increase of outlay except the original, for which the Budget grant was Rupees 7,080, but the only works on which expenditure was incurred were the Kanuparti Salt Cut, improvements to the Taluk and Huzar Catcherries at Ongole and Nellore, and the Highways Survey at Nellore.

2. The original allotment for Civil Buildings, both Original and Repairs, was Rupees 2,331, but by subsequent changes a net allotment of Rupees 2,636 occurred, of which sum Rupees 2,304 only were expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 332 unexpended at the close of the year.

3. The budget grant for the year was as follows:—

Work.	Grant.	Expenditure.	Remarks.
Original Works.			
Buildings, Civil	Rs. 7,080	Rs. 5,017	
Improvements	1,01,000	84,865	
Total	1,12,080	89,882	
Repairs.			
Buildings, Civil	2,331	1,977	
Improvements	75,000	54,260	
Total	77,331	56,237	
Total	1,89,411	1,46,119	Total Expenditure.
Balance at 1st Jan.	1,71,000		
Balance at 31st Dec.	1,871		
Total	1,72,871		
Grants.			
Transferred to other Divisions	1,000		
Unexpended	20,000		
Total	21,000		
Balance of grant available	1,51,871		

4. The grant originally sanctioned for the year in the Imperial and Provincial Estimates was Rupees 1,71,000, but by subsequent changes, the allotment was reduced to Rupees 1,51,871, which cannot be considered a large one. The entire expenditure incurred was only Rupees 1,46,119, leaving a balance of Rupees 25,752 unexpended for reasons that will be explained under each head.

5. **Expenditure.**—In consequence of the introduction of the Local Fund Act during the year with effect for the last eight months, the sums allotted for

works, both Original and Repairs, under this head, have been credited to Local Funds, and all such works executed during the year appear as Local Fund transactions, and as such are omitted from this report.

6. **Irrigation Works, (a) Original.**—The provision under this head in the budget was Rupees 5,000 for Ordinary Works and Rupees 1,00,000 for Extraordinary Original Works, the latter amount being the allotment for the year for the Survapully Project, and the former for Minor New Works. No provision was made in the budget for the Sangam or Northern Delta Irrigation Project.

For the repair of the Pennair Anicut, the allotment sanctioned was Rs. 12,874, but Rupees 13,073 were spent in repairing the damages done to the anicut by the heavy freshes of October 1870.

7. The aggregate expenditure on Agricultural New Works was Rs. 84,866, of which Rupees 80,000 were spent on improvements to the Survapully channel in connection with the Pennair Anicut, and Rupees 4,866, on Ordinary New Works. On the former, fair progress was made, but in the November rains, the bund slipped most dangerously in five places, and there was as near being a complete catastrophe as possible. The latter sum was spent chiefly in the construction of sluices and calingulas to 19 tanks, and of 11 irrigation sluices to certain channels in the delta, 10 of which were completed.

8. **Irrigation, (b) Repairs.**—The expenditure on Repairs amounted to Rupees 54,260. The number of works repaired was as follows:—

Works.	No.
Tanks	103
Main canals	1
Branch channels	30
Sluices	20
Calingulas	11
Anicut	1
Embankment	1

The irrigation repairs in the Pennair delta amounted to Rupees 23,953, of which Rupees 13,073 were expended on the Pennair anicut in repairing the heavy damages sustained by it in October 1870, already alluded to, towards which Rupees 54,630 were sanctioned by Government, in G. O., No. 544, dated 24th February 1871, the Original Estimate having been Rupees 59,500.

9. Of the expenditure on repairs, the proportion which fell to the several Revenue Divisions was as follows:—

	Expenditure
	Rs.
Sub-Division	3,251
Head-Assistant's Division	4,405
Naidupett do.	2,691
Collector's do.	43,913
Total	54,260

12. The subjoined is a Comparative Statement, showing the aggregate expenditure for new works and repairs under the head of "Irrigation" compared with the Revenue—

Name of Taluq.	Area irrigated and the assessment as adjusted for 1871-72.		Expenditure under the Public Works Department during 1871-72 on works of Irrigation.		Total.	Comparison of expenditure with revenue.	
	Area.	Assessment.	New works.	Repairs.		On repairs.	Total.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Gudur	39,025	1,86,332	1,695	10,100	11,801	5½	6½
Rapur	5,186	21,951	...	2,631	2,631	12	12
Nellore	1,06,789	3,83,253	2,297	14,719	17,016	4	4
Amatur	12,614	81,629	536	3,516	4,052	7	7
Kandur	21,001	87,055	338	4,464	4,802	5	5½
Udayagiri	1,886	9,970	...	...	...	...	...
Ongole	3,312	19,504	...	357	357	3	3
Kandukur	11,203	56,991	...	2,580	2,580	4½	4½
Kanigiri	592	3,289	...	114	114	3½	3½
Total	2,07,630	8,49,975	4,866	40,687	45,553	4½	5½
Expenditure on the Repair and Distribution of water in the Taluqs over two taluqs	...	...	...	13,073	13,073	...	...
Expenditure on improvements to the Survapully channel in connection with Nellore's Tank	...	...	80,000	...	80,000	...	...
Water supply channel	...	...	...	500	500	...	...
Remuneration	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	80,000	13,573	93,573	...	...
Grand Total	...	...	84,866	54,260	1,39,126	6½	16½

13. As in the previous year, it will be observed that in several instances, the allotments available for new works and repairs were not fully utilized, a balance of Rupees 4,200 nearly, having been left unexpended. In some instances, allotments were not utilized at all, as for example, the provision of Rupees 693 sanctioned in G. O., dated 7th July 1871, No. 1,803, for the construction of the channel from the Venkatagiri river to the Chennur Tank. In others, as in the repair of the supply channel to the Nellore Tank, for which the allotment was Rupees 1,140, the work was completed with a balance of nearly 300 Rupees left on hand.

14. Considerable progress appears again, however, to have been made on the Survapully Irrigation Project with the funds allotted, the whole of which were expended. All the Masonry Works connected with the project, with the exception

of one irrigation sluice, were completed. The Idagalli, Ipur, and Padiparti channels, the Vallur branch and the Survapully high level channels were opened for irrigation. A little work still remained to be done in deepening the Survapully New Cut, and in improving the old Rami Reddi channel. The rubble pitching of the slopes of the main feeder was also commenced. The earth-work to the tankbund was nearly completed to the full section.

15. The grant of Rupees 1,500 from Provincial Funds, sanctioned in G. O., dated 16th August 1871, No. 334, for the completion of the Udayagiri Aqueduct was fully utilized within the year. The grant was insufficient to complete the work, and as I presume the Government will not make a further special grant, I propose asking the Local Fund Board to grant funds for the purpose.

16. *Civil buildings, (a) Original.*—The expenditure on Buildings amounted to Rupees 3,994, viz., Rupees 2,017 on Original Works, and Rupees 1,997 for Repairs against a net allotment of Rupees 9,636 provided for the year.

17. The first sum, Rupees 2,017, was laid out on the construction and improvement of the following works, or in adjusting payments for materials collected:—

	Expenditure.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1. Improvements to the Collector's Cutcherry	61	4	7
2. Extension of compound wall of the Engineer's storeyard, Nellore	220	0	0
3. Tiled Verandah for the Machinery in the Storeyard at Nellore	1,250	0	0
4. Salt Cutcherry at Kanuparti	203	9	0
5. Taluq Cutcherry at Ongole (floor and slight improvements)	212	5	7

The second and fifth were completed, and the other three nearly so.

18. On the Rapur Taluq Cutcherry referred to in last year's report, a small sum of Rupees 108 was spent on the repair of the Record-room. The progress of other sanctioned works was deferred for want of money, no allotment having been made for the following:—

Sub-Jail at Venkatagiri.	
Do. at Salurpet.	
Taluq Cutcherry at Rapur.	
Cutcherry and Jail at Udayagiri	
Do. do. at Atmakur.	
Do. do. at Kandukur.	
Do. do. at Kanigiri.	
Improvements to the Taluq Cutcherry at Ongole.	
Do. Sub-Magistrate's do. at Podila.	
Do. do. do. at Darsi.	
Do. do. do. at Addanki.	

19. (b) *Repairs*.—The amount expended under this head during the year was Rupees 1,977 on the repairs of the following thirteen works, most of which, including the Christian Burial ground at Ongole, were completed :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Sub-Magistrate's Catcherry at Salurpett	50	0	0
2. Engineer Storeyard at Nellore	200	0	0
3. Civil Court House at Nellore	587	6	2
4. Hutting allowance of Hospital Assistant, C. Singaravaleo Moodetty.	12	0	0
5. Collector's Catcherry at Nellore	161	2	10
6. Roof of the Nellore Taluq Catcherry	20	0	0
7. Sub-Magistrate's Catcherry at Allur	305	0	0
8. Rapur Taluq Catcherry Record-room and Tahsildar's office	107	8	0
9. Sub-Magistrate's Catcherry at Magallur	20	0	1
10. Range Office at Ongole	267	3	4
11. Christian Burial ground at Ongole	195	0	0
12. Hutting money to Civil Dispensary Dresser, Ongole	12	0	0
13. Soldier's shed at Velampalli	40	0	0
Total	1,977	4	5

The repairs of the two following buildings only of those enumerated above were not completed, the work of the first being reported to have been stopped by the Superintending Engineer, and the second having the verandah and floor of the Treasury room unfinished :—

1. Civil Court House, Nellore
2. Collector's Catcherry.

20. Rupees 1,094-4-0 were collected by private subscription for the construction of the Civil Dispensary at Ongole, for which an estimate of Rupees 1,362 was sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,449 of 12th September 1870. To make up the difference the Government contributed Rupees 500, and the Famine Relief Fund Committee Rupees 375. The walls of the main building, bath-room, etc., were raised 6 feet high. The latrine was completed, and materials prepared. The work was stopped pending further consideration, which was delayed by the prolonged absence of and difficulty in communicating with the Deputy-Inspector of Hospitals.

21. *State of Season, Prices and Labour*.—The season was favourable on the whole. The early rains were scanty and partial; but in November there was twice the usual rain-fall throughout the district. The Pennair freshes in June enabled cultivators to commence cultivation early in the delta, and nearly all the tanks were full towards the end of the Calendar year. The outturn of wet crops may, on the whole be said to have been but moderate.

22. The prices of all agricultural products, except Indigo, fell steadily, apparently owing to the good harvest in 1870-71, until the latter part of the year when the harvest of the year under report having been comparatively a poor one, prices began to rise again.

23. It is reported by the Superintending Engineer that the rates of labour and materials are much the same throughout the Division as in the year before, but that they are generally found to be insufficient and much difficulty is experienced

in procuring labour. As applied to this portion of the Division, I do not admit this to be a correct description. The Officers in charge of the Northern and Southern Ranges, comprising the greater part of the district, both reduced their rates. The reduction in the rate of cartage of road material in the Southern Range was from 25 to 33 per cent. Such a reduction in the heaviest item of expenditure represents a great deal of money. It resulted from the unusual introduction of the simple element of genuine competition. While duly thankful for the thousands of Rupees thus saved last year, I find it hard to stifle my regrets for the many more thousands that in past years have been paid away without resort to genuine competition to so-called contractors at office estimate rates, the difference between which and true market rates has now been so happily gauged.

24. The usual Statement of Mileage on roads, directed to be furnished in G. O., No. 2,831, dated 11th November 1868, is enclosed.

25. Copies of the reports of the Sub and Head-Assistant and Deputy-Collectors are forwarded as usual.

26. Mr. Hughesdon's report is altogether more favourable than that of the preceding year, and he states that the work of the Department, taken altogether, has been well done in his division. The charge of the Northern Range was entrusted to another officer at the beginning of the year.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. C. HUGHESDON, Esq., Officiating Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 17th May 1872, No. 188.

I have the honour to submit the following report on Public Works for the past year :—

27. *Communications*.—*Original works*.—Allotment Rs. 42,520; Expenditure Rs. 11,912-6-9. *Repairs*.—Allotment Rupees 16,910, Expenditure Rupees 16,224-3-10.

3. The trunk road has been kept in very good order, and for a considerable part of its length will now compare favourably with that portion which extends from Karali to Nellore, the contrast heretofore having been matter of constant complaint against the Officers of the Sub-division. That it is in perfect order I do not pretend to say; that it will even be so in a short time I do not think; the difficulties to be contended with are very considerable: the nature of the soil does not favour road-making; good material is not usually procurable within easy distance; the line is intersected by four large rivers (the Mannair, the Palac, the Musi, and the Gundlaemma) and by innumerable streams and water courses, for bridging which, funds are not available; as a cheap substitute for bridges, however, causeways are proposed and some will probably be constructed in the current year.

The road from Kottapatam via Ongole and Podile to Cumbum has for the greater part of its length been kept in good order. The last 18 miles of it, however, on the Cumbum side has never been completed as a metalled road.

5. The road from Ramapatam to Tattoc is in good order.

6. So is the road from Oolapalliem via Kandukur and Ponnalar to Kanigiri.

7. Good progress has been made with the fair-weather road from Kanigiri to Padile, and with that from Kanigiri to Vamalapud pass.

8. The reason for the small expenditure on original works as against allotment seems to be that a large grant was made for the construction of a new line of trunk road, north of Ongole, the old line having been abandoned, but it came too late for expenditure.

9. The department have been busy laying out, surveying and levelling new lines; namely, from Podila to Vinukondah; and to meet this two lines from Addanki to Darsi and Nuzzela; from Vallampalli via Patakamur, Darsi, and Kocherlakota to the Kurnool frontier; from the trunk road near Vallur to Etamukkala; from the trunk road near Tetu to Kundukur; and from the Oolupalliem road to the Binginipalli Salt platform, estimate for which last has been sent in.

10. Other lines are in course of survey.

11. CIVIL BUILDINGS—*Original works*.—Allotment Rupees 450; expenditure Rs. 416-2-9. Repairs. Allotment Rupees 600, expenditure Rupees 534-3-5.

12. The expenditure was on the male prisoners' ward, Ongole; the European burial ground, Ongole; the soldier's shed, Velampalli; the Department Public Works Range office, Ongole.

13. *Agricultural*.—Repairs allotment Rupees 4,300. Expenditure Rupees 3,251-4-9.

14. Eleven tanks have been repaired; emergent repairs have been made to three; and two tanks have been partly repaired. Altogether both as regards roads and tanks there has been a marked increase in the activity of the Department over the preceding year, and so far as I have been able to judge, the work has been well done. The Range Officer seems to be unremitting in his attention to the requirements of the Range, and his tours of inspection are constant. Progress is being made towards some sort of co-operation between the Revenue and Public Works Departments in the selection of works for agricultural allotments, and it is hoped that thus in the course of a short time, the complaints of the ryots as to the decay of their sources of irrigation, will become less frequent than now.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. WEIR,
Acting Head Assistant-Collector, for Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

From N. MURUGESAM MUDALIAR, Acting Deputy Collector of Naidupett, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 20th May 1872, No. 143.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on Public Works for the past official year 1871-72.

2. Subjoined is a comparative abstract showing the expenditure incurred during the year as compared with that of the preceding one—

	Description of work.	1870-71.	1871-72.	Difference.	Remarks.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	
Rayur Taluq.	<i>New Works.</i>				
	1. Buildings	3,306	...	...	(a) Local.
	2. Communications	18,400	(a) 19,712 +	1,312	
	3. Irrigation	...	...	...	
	Total ..	21,706	19,712 +	2,084	
Vestnagari Division.	<i>Repairs.</i>				
	1. Buildings	...	103	...	(b) Local.
	2. Communications	3,326	(b) 4,410 +	1,084	
	3. Irrigation	1,436	2,641 +	1,205	
	Total ..	4,762	7,209 +	2,447	
Polar Division.	<i>New Works.</i>				
	1. Buildings	...	...	...	
	2. Communications	4,850	...	...	
	3. Irrigation	...	...	...	
	Total ..	4,850	...	...	
	<i>Repairs.</i>				
	1. Buildings	...	...	...	
	2. Communications	900	...	...	
	3. Irrigation	...	...	...	
	Total ..	900	...	...	
	<i>New Works.</i>				
	1. Buildings	...	...	...	
	2. Communications	...	...	...	
	3. Irrigation	...	...	...	
	Total ..	...	...	...	
	<i>Repairs.</i>				
	1. Buildings	...	...	...	
	2. Communications	...	...	...	
	3. Irrigation	...	...	...	
	Total ..	...	...	...	
	Grand total ..	32,308	26,921	5,387	

3. From this it will be seen that the aggregate expenditure was less than in the preceding year, the ratio of the decrease being about 10 per cent.

4. "Communications" under "New Works" and every other item under "Repairs" show an increase of expenditure in the Rapur Taluq, while no work whatever seems to have been done in the other two divisions of Venkatagiri and Polur.

5. *Civil Buildings*.—None during the year under report. A small sum of Rupees 108 seems to have been laid out in the repair of the Record-room of the Taluq Cutcherry at Rapur.

6. *Agricultural Repairs*.—Taking the number of tanks out of repair to be sixty-five as

1 Molakalapondia tank.
2 Kauparti large tank.

* 7 of 1870-71
8 of 1871-72.

reported last year in the Rapur Taluq, it is gratifying to note that the two tanks marginally named have been fully completed during the year, thereby showing an increase of expenditure under this item, leaving however 15* incomplete as may be seen from the subjoined abstract:—

Year.	Number of tanks out of repair.	Number in repair.		Total.	The irrigable area of the taluq.	Assessment.	Expenditure.	Ratio of expenditure on the revenue.
		Complete.	Incomplete.					
1870-71	65	1	9	10	5,020	25,558	1,436	54
1871-72		2	8	10			2,691	104
Total...	65	3	17	20	5,020	25,558		
Deduct from last year's incomplete								
			15					

7. Although so far back as May 1870, a sum of Rupees 360 would appear to have been sanctioned for the repair of the Pillalacheruvu, in the village of Chukavolu, Rapur Taluq, nothing seems to have been done towards the work as yet, and the Range Officer in explanation of the delay, apparently makes a remark in the Statement furnished to this office, that the apathy of the villagers was the chief cause for the sanctioned amount not being utilized, they having failed to procure to the Overseer labour and materials. Orders have been sent to ascertain the truth of this allegation and the result will be duly communicated to you.

8. *Communications*.—From the abstract given under paragraph 2, it will be seen that the aggregate expenditure under this head during the year under review was about Rupees 24,122, viz. Rupees 12,712 under "New Works" and Rupees 2,410 under "Repairs" there being an increase under both the items over last year. Detailed information was afforded under this head in last year's report printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 3,367, of 10th August 1871.

9. Having but newly joined the division, I regret I have not been able to give a more detailed report on the state of the Public Works in this division.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. WEIR,
Acting Head Assistant Collector, for Collector

Enclosure No. 3.

From S. T. McCARTHY, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Nellore, date 20th May 1872, No. 226.

I HAVE the honour to report on the Public Works (including Civil Buildings, Agricultural Works and Communications).

I. *Civil Buildings*.—No allotment or expenditure under this head, with the exception of a sum of Rupees 156-15-2, in converting Mr. Dyke's Bungalow at Kavali into a Traveller's Bungalow. I have been lately to Udayagiri. There are some materials, bricks, etc., purchased long ago for the construction of a new Cutcherry at that station in the place of the old and inconvenient building now used. It is to be regretted that no funds have been provided to commence the work at once. I think I may safely say there are few places so badly in want of a proper Cutcherry. No body knows when the work will be undertaken if it ever is. I do not understand why the materials are still left lying there instead of being disposed of. The Tahsildar it appears asked to have some of the bricks given to him for the aqueduct work, but this was declined. I do not know what objection there could have been in disposing of some for that purpose.

II. *Agricultural, (a)—Original allotment*.—The statement furnished to this office by the Range Officer shows that a sum of Rs. 337-15-10, was expended on the 3 minor new works noted in the margin in the Kavali Taluq.

(b). *Repairs*.—Under this head the budget contains a general provision for the whole district. Rupees 4,404-8-10 were expended in executing repairs to some 19 works in the same taluq. Rupees 1,000-2-8 were spent on account of the Tallapalem tank. The last incurred in each of the remaining cases varies from Rupees 22-5-4 to Rupees 401.

As regards Udayagiri, I have to observe as my predecessor had done last year, that the Department Public Works, have not paid due attention to the works of irrigation in that taluq. I see that nothing has been done in this taluq whether in the shape of new works or in the form

of repairs, however, have executed partial repairs to the tank, which can scarcely be of an effectual nature. For failure of water in the tank, dry crops were raised in the wet lands under this source and the Tahsildar promised to submit a full report about Tiruvakami remission. Again the state of the Udayagiri Ancient tank calls for attention. It is in want of an under sluice, as the present one is rather elevated and irrigation is impracticable when the storage of water in the tank-bed comes down to 2 or 3 risams.

Remission had to be granted under this tank also at the last Jumbandy.

Communications—Original works.—In Kavali Taluq, a sum of Rupees 11,377-9-0, was spent in new works. The bulk of this, Rupees 10,240-14-0 was expended on the road from Kavali to Kaligiri via Jaladanki and Chinakraka. A sum of Rupees 1,000 was spent on the great northern road, and small sums of Rupees 40-10-7 and Rupees 37-5-0, respectively in survey, etc., of new roads from Bogolu to Chinakraka, and Sangam to Kandukur. In Udayagiri Taluq a sum of Rupees 24,435-9-4 was spent on the new road from Udayagiri to Kaligiri, and a sum of Rupees 84 in survey operations of road from Kaligiri to Nandavaram.

Repairs.—In Kavali, a sum of Rupees 999-12-6 was expended in repairing the Kaligiri road, and Rupees 2,799-15-3 in the repair of the Great Northern road. In Udayagiri Taluq, a sum of Rupees 3,079-4-5 was spent in the repairs of the Udayagiri and Kaligiri Road, that from Sangam to Kaligiri, and from the Dornal road to Udayagiri.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. WEIR,
Acting Head Assistant Collector, for Collector

Enclosure No. 4.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. From the statement in paragraph 2, it appears that, except under the head of New buildings, the expenditure under each head exceeded that of the previous year.

3. Out of an allotment of Rupees 9,636 for new buildings, Rupees 3,994 only were spent, although, as shown in paragraph 16, there were no less than 5 Taluq Outcherries and 2 Subjals waiting construction and 4 buildings awaiting improvements all of them sanctioned works on which not a rupee was spent. No allotment having been made for them as stated by the Collector this might perhaps have been remedied by transfers from other estimates and the Board trust that Government will issue such orders as to prevent a similar occurrence in future. There is a crying want for public buildings all over the country; for several years, no funds were available and no where money is forthcoming; it is found that even a moderate grant cannot be expended.

4. Under Irrigation New Works. Considerable progress seems to have been made and the entire allotment for the delta works was expended.

5. It is however matter for regret that of the allotment for Minor New Works upwards of Rupees 4,000 were left unspent.

6. The Collector too brings to notice that owing to the heavy rains in November, the Survapully channel narrowly escaped most serious damage.

7. The attention of Government is specially requested to the Collector's remarks on the very great reduction in

Paragraph 23, which followed the introduction of the system of genuine open competition for contracts. The reports of the Divisional Officers are chiefly taken up with remarks on the roads in their divisions. These works should be treated of in the Local Fund Reports and not in the Public Works Report.

(True Copies and Extract)

W. G. A. Tait
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, P. W. D., with one Enclosure.

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Ed. G. A. Tait.

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