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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th June 1873.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 8th May 1873, No 138 :—

I HAVE the honour to report on the Public Works executed in this district during the official year 1872-73, and to forward the usual Statement of expenditure.

2. The following is an abstract of it :—

Items.	Actual expenditure in 1871-72.	Actual expenditure in 1872-73.	Increase.	Decrease.
New Works.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Irrigation	1,63,934 5 8	2,47,733 7 1	83,799 1 5	... ..
Communications	251 14 10	16,711 2 4	16,459 3 6	.....
Buildings	14,983 14 2	32,408 2 8	17,424 4 6	.....
Total...	1,79,170 2 8	2,96,852 12 1	1,17,682 9 5	.....
Net...	.....	.....	1,17,682 9 5	... ..
Repairs.				
Irrigation	1,59,676 6 7	1,76,478 14 1	16,802 7 6	.....
Communications	1,544 1 4	4,967 12 6	3,423 11 2	.....
Buildings	4,911 8 7	4,050 11 1	.....	860 13 6
Total...	1,66,132 0 6	1,85,497 5 8	20,226 2 8	860 13 6
Net...	.....	.....	19,365 5 2	.....
Total new Works and Repairs.	3,45,302 3 2	4,82,350 1 9	1,37,908 12 1	860 13 6
Tools and Plant	5,559 3 0	.....	.....	5,559 3 0
Total...	3,50,861 6 2	4,82,350 1 9	1,37,908 12 1	6,420 0 6
Net...	.....	.....	1,31,488 11 7	.....

3. The expenditure during the year exceeds the last year's by Rupees 1,31,488-11-7.

4. NEW WORKS—*Irrigation.*—There is a remarkable increase in the irrigation under New Works, consequent on the extension of the Eastern and Western Delta irrigation. The Tossipudi and Medapad locks, referred to in my last report, and the calingulahs at the places have been completed with one or two exceptions, the Cocanada canal has been much improved, and the side channels at Tossipudi have been completed, all in connection with the Eastern Delta. In the Western Delta, the locks at Peravalli and Itempudi, the weirs at these places and at Godicherla,

and the Neggipudi and Konteir channels have been finished, as also some other sluices and tunnels. Several works are in progress in connection with the different canals in the delta, and the progress of each work will be found stated in the column of remarks in the accompanying Statement. The Cocanada canal was closed throughout the year for navigation, and boats could only go by the Samulcottah canal as before. The expenditure on the Eastern Delta works in the year under report is Rupees 1,18,853-1-1, against Rupees 95-233-1-0 in the preceding year, and that in the Western Delta is Rupees 1,19,844-11-6 in the year, against Rupees 66,995-4-10 in the last.

5. New Works—*Communications.*—The only roads constructed during the year from the Imperial funds are those from Rajahmundry to Rahitapore and from Vizheswaram to Polaveram. These works were estimated at 46 and 80,000 Rupees, respectively, in round numbers, and had to be executed from the Local Funds; but as both the roads are also the embankments of the river on the rigth and left sides of it, and as they were intended both as works of communication to a part of the district wholly destitute of such accommodation at present, and as a protection from inundation by the Godavery of an extensive tract of Government and Zemindary land, Rupees 23,150 and 50,000 have been contributed by Government from the Imperial Funds, as sanctioned in their orders of the 14th May 1872, Nos. 1,251 and 1,286, Public Works Department. All the other roads in the district are local, and were so last year, in consequence of which there was no expenditure in the latter year. The amount spent this year under this head is

6. New Works—*Buildings.*—The Taluq Cutcherries at Rajahmundry, Ramachandrapuram, Peddapuram, Tuni, Yellamanchili, Narsapur, Amalapuram, Ramachandrapuram, Rajahmundry, and Prattipad are being proceeded with. Hence the increase in the sum expended.

7. Repairs.—There is an increase of Rupees 16,802-7-6 in irrigation under this head, owing to the necessity of repairing several irrigation works injured by heavy rains and unusual floods in parts of the district. The increase in the Communications is consequent on the dredging the Cocanada Harbour. The decrease in Buildings is too small to call for any remark.

8. The number of Irrigation and other works repaired during the year under report is as follows :—

	No.
Irrigation canals, etc.	376
Tanks	35 besides several minor ones in the Ellore taluq.
Drainage channels...	29
Buildings	39
Total...	479

9. State of the Works.—All the new works on the Cocanada canal are nearly finished. Considerable progress has been made in excavating the Talligabhaga drain, which is calculated to confer a great benefit on a considerable part of the Eastern Delta.

10. From what I have seen of the district, I think that the works are executed satisfactorily. Mr. Stuart, the Sub-Collector, is of the same opinion so far as his division is concerned.

Enclosure No. 1.—Return of Public Works executed by the Public Works Department for 1872-73.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There was a large increase in the expenditure on Public Works in the year 1872-73, as compared with 1871-72. Great progress was made in the improvements to the works of Irrigation in the Eastern and Western Deltas by the completion of several locks and weirs.

3. The sum charged to Communications is due to a grant having been made from the Imperial allotment towards the construction of roads on the embankments on either bank of the river Godavery. Three Taluq Cutcherries being under construction, has caused an increase under the head of Buildings, and the amount expended on Agricultural Repairs was increased by the injury done to tanks by the unusually heavy rains of the year.

4. The Collector and Sub-Collector offer no remarks on these works.

5. The Board observe that the Cocanada Canal was closed throughout the year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with one original Return.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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