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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th October 1873.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1873, No. 187 :—

I HAVE the honour to report upon the progress made in the construction and repair of public works in this district during the official year 1872-73.

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 1871-72 :—

Description.	Current year's expenditure as compared with the Budget allotment.				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	5,081	4,235	...	846	7,270	4,235	...	3,035
Buildings. {Military ...	11,417	10,693	...	724	1,271	10,693	9,422	...
{Civil ...	36,821	22,554	...	14,267	22,604	22,554	...	50
Total, New Works...	53,319	37,482	...	15,837	31,145	37,482	9,422	3,085
Net	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,337	...
Repairs.								
Agricultural	65,000	64,500	...	500	85,255	64,500	...	20,755
Buildings. {Military ..	12,028	11,375	...	653	10,748	11,375	627	...
{Civil ...	2,600	2,361	...	239	1,947	2,361	414	...
Total, Repairs...	79,628	78,236	...	1,392	97,950	78,236	1,041	20,755
Net	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,714
Grand Total...	1,32,947	1,15,718	...	17,229	1,29,095	1,15,718	...	13,377

3. The expenditure has fallen short of the budget allotment by Rs. 17,229-5-8 and of the expenditure of the preceding year by Rupees 13,377.

4. NEW WORKS—*Agricultural.*—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 4,235, of which Rupees 2,400 were laid out in improving the Nanga Vaikal, and the balance, viz., Rupees 1,835, was spent in minor improvements to the sluices and calingulahs of the existing irrigation works.

5. The improvement of the Nanga Vaikal, above referred to, was commenced in 1870-71 at an estimated cost of Rupees 12,500, and a sum of Rupees 4,700 was spent in that year. In 1871-72 Rupees 2,999-14-0 were expended, and the aggregate expenditure up to 31st March 1873 amounted to Rupees 10,100. All the earthwork except the straight cut from the new surplus weir, the improvements to the old surplus weir, and the new head-sluice, were completed. Foundations to the new surplus weir have been laid and materials for superstructure are being collected.

6. *Buildings, Military.*—The expenditure under this head, amounting to Rupees 10,693, was incurred chiefly in the execution of the under-mentioned works:—

(*a.*) Privy for the detachment of British Infantry. The work was commenced in June 1872 and completed in March 1873. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 2,937 against the estimate of Rupees 3,000.

(*b.*) The new Expense Magazines for the use of the 26th (now 32nd) Regiment Native Infantry and 38th Regiment Native Infantry respectively, the construction of which was estimated to cost Rupees 2,750, have been almost completed.

(*c.*) Cut-stone flooring to the verandah of the European Barracks at an estimated cost of Rupees 2,200.

(*d.*) Reroofing the (26th and now 32nd) Regiment Native Infantry Hospital, the estimate for which amounted to Rupees 2,340.

(*e.*) Additions to the guard-room of the Grand Magazine with a view to its being used for an European guard, estimate Rupees 1,180.

(*f.*) The Native Garrison Hospital was converted into quarters for an Apothecary at an estimated cost of Rupees 790.

(*g.*) The existing latrine of the 26th Regiment Native Infantry (now the 32nd Regiment Native Infantry) was converted into one on the Coimbatore plan at a cost of Rupees 650, and alterations to the quarters occupied by the Hospital Serjeant attached to the European Hospital are under progress, the estimate amounting to Rupees 750.

7. *Buildings, Civil.*—Rupees 22,554 were expended under this head. The following are the principal works executed during the year:—

(1.) The new Central Jail at Trichinopoly, the estimate for which amounted to Rupees 3,79,297, was thoroughly completed during the year under report. The work was commenced in December 1866, and the total expenditure up to 31st March 1873 amounted to Rupees 3,79,297-0-7.

(2.) Constructing Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Lalgudi.—The estimate for this work amounts to Rupees 13,680, of which Rupees 11,324 were expended by 31st March 1873. The work is approaching completion. Out of Rs. 4,800 allotted during the year under report only Rupees 2,495 were expended. This the District Engineer attributes to the unusual rains during the working season and to the scarcity of carpenters and bricklayers, who were attacked with dengue.

(3.) Constructing Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Kulitalai at an estimated cost of Rupees 27,990, of which Rupees 19,936 were spent up to 31st March 1873. The expenditure during the year was Rupees 12,080 against an allotment of Rs. 12,090. The work is almost completed.

8. The description and number of works required during the year were as follow:—

Agricultural.

Irrigation channels	20
Tanks	48
Dykes	34
Drainage	1

Buildings.

Military—Repaired and maintained	77
Civil— do.	14

9. The usual statement showing the irrigation works in this district is appended. Out of 4,364 works only 453 are reported to be seriously out of order:—

Description.	In repair.	Out of repair.	Total.
Large tanks	369	61	430
Small do.	570	42	612
Irrigating channels	670	67	737
Supplying do.	758	50	808
Dams	64	7	71
Bridges	275	1	276
Tank-sluices	537	119	656
Channel-sluices	455	42	497
Calingulahs	213	64	277
Total...	3,911	453	4,364

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There is not much to call for remark. A large proportion of the allotment for Civil Buildings has again been allowed to remain unspent, which is to be regretted. The allotment for Irrigation Repairs, which is the principal item, was fully expended, and it is remarked that in Trichinopoly, as distinguished from most districts, the irrigation works are generally in good repair.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

A Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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