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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th August 1873.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1873, No. 215:—

I HAVE the honour to report on the public works in this district for the past official year 1872-73.

2. The Imperial allotment on account of public works in this district during the above period was Rupees 1,31,516, of which Rupees 51,766 was allotted for Original Works and Rupees 76,750 on Repairs. Of these sums, Rupees 41,313, or seventy-five per cent. on the grant, has been laid out on Original Works, and Rupees 67,357, or nearly eighty-eight per cent., on Repairs. The total disbursements, which amount to Rupees 1,08,670, are less than the grant by Rupees 22,846.

3. The grant for Provincial Works amounted to Rupees 43,757, of which Rupees 41,030 was allotted for Original Works and Rupees 2,727 for Repairs. Of these sums, Rupees 30,622, or nearly seventy-five per cent. of the allotment, has been expended on Original Works, and Rupees 2,752, or a little in excess of the allotment, has been laid out on Repairs. The total outlay is Rupees 33,374, or nearly seventy-seven per cent. on the allotment. Of the total expenditure under "Imperial" nearly nine per cent. represents Original Works, nearly thirty-four per cent. has been expended on Repairs, and the balance on Military Buildings; nearly six per cent. have been expended on Original Civil Buildings, two per cent. on Agricultural Works, and 0.1 per cent. on Tools and Plant. With regard to Repairs, nearly 90 per cent. of the total amount has been spent on the repair of Agricultural Works. The other items call for no special remark. Of the total amount of grant towards Provincial fifty-nine per cent. represents the outlay on Original Civil Buildings; the charges incurred in Repairs do not call for special remark.

4. The restoration of the Gootloor Tank is still in progress: the expenditure in the year under report is stated to be Rupees 1,584-7-6 out of an original allotment of Rupees 8,633. The tardiness in its completion is stated to be the difficulty in proceeding with the stone work, owing to the alleged insufficiency of the rate of Annas 8 provided in the sanctioned estimate. The short expenditure of funds by the Range Officer, even after the surrender of Rupees 5,200, the District Engineer remarks, has not been explained. I am now in communication with that officer on the subject of extending the area of cultivation and increasing the storage of water in this, one of the most important irrigation works in this district.

5. The only other work of importance is the diversion of the flood-waters, which now pass over and injure the lands of Cullamuddy, in the taluq of Gooty. A sum of Rupees 4,750 has been sanctioned for this work, and Rupees 1,000 allotted late in the year for expenditure during 1872-73 on the assurance, as it seems, of the Range Officer that the funds would be utilized, but apparently no expenditure has been incurred. The Range Officer reports that the work has been put in hand, but he does not explain how it is he has allowed the allotment to lapse.

6. Of the civil buildings now in progress I would specify the new Telegraph Office, for which an estimate of Rupees 17,890 was sanctioned. This building is in a fair way of completion, the superstructure in the main building being carried up to the roof and part of the verandah roof being laid. The out-houses also are completed, with the exception of flooring and pointing.

7. The compound wall and latrines of the Civil Court-house, referred to in paragraph 10 of my last report, are nearly completed. The gate and well yet remain to be made.

8. The improvements to the Jail mentioned in paragraph 11 of my last year's report are still in progress. (This statement is based upon the District Engineer's report, but is not quite correct. Some of these buildings were completed before 1872-73). The work completed during the year consists of—(1), five wards to contain 130 convicts; (2), two work-sheds; (3), one latrine; (4), one cook-shed; (5), Female Hospital, and Contagious Disease Wards excepting doors and windows. The delay in the completion of this work is said to be due to the tardy preparation of plans and estimates, which, however, have since been approved of by the Inspector-General of Jails. Arrangements are being made for these works being completed in 1873-74.

9. A sum of Rupees 6,384-1-9 has been disbursed towards an office for the Sub-Collector in this district. As the estimate was but lately sanctioned much progress cannot be reported. The foundation and basement are, however, reported to be completed, the walls have been run up to a height of 7½ feet, and wood-work and other materials collected. There has been some delay in connection with this work also, which is ascribed to the timber provided by the Government being rejected as unsound, which has prevented the allotment of timber being fully utilized.

10. Cutcheries for the Tahsildars of Raidrug and Pennakondah are under construction. The estimates for these buildings are under preparation, but Rupees 9,626-10-10 and Rupees 6,000, respectively, have been expended towards their erection up to the close of the past official year. With regard to the one at Raidrug, it is stated that more than half the work is done including the wood-work, and it is hoped that it will be completed by June or July next. The expenditure up to the close of the official year has exceeded the allotment by Rupees 2,126, so that it was found necessary to utilize the unexpended allotments of other works to this as the progress of the work admitted of this additional expenditure. With regard to the building at Pennakondah, on which a sum of Rupees 6,000 has been expended in last year, it is stated that the foundations and basement are complete, walls built up to the height of three feet, and materials collected. I would remark that the Head Assistant Collector, the Deputy Collector on General Duties, the Tahsildars of Adoni and Hurpunhully, and the Deputy Tahsildar of Yemmi-ganur are still without any office accommodation whatever.

9 Tungabadra channels.

60 Tanks.

25 Spring and river channels cleared and repaired.

6 Anicuts.

1 Aqueduct.

11. The marginal agricultural works are reported to have been repaired.

12. One thousand three hundred and sixty miles of road are reported to have been repaired.

13. I beg to annex copies of the reports of the Divisional Officers on the state of the public works in their respective divisions.

14. The District Engineer has been addressed on the subject of the fifth paragraph of the Head Assistant's letter, and also with regard to the statements made by the General Deputy Collector about entries of payments when it is reported no work was done.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 22nd May 1873, No. 173.

WITH reference to your docket, No. 561, dated the 25th ultimo, I have the honour to submit a report upon the public works of this division.

2. AGRICULTURAL WORKS.—*Alur Taluk*.—The Tahsildar of Alur reports that no new works or repairs have been executed in his taluk during the last official year, and that there are, in fact, a very small number of agricultural works in his taluk. The sluice and bund of the tank at Moogamanigundi are said to need repairs that would cost some Rupees 100. The inner stone-facing of the tank at Pedda Kotoor is said to require an expenditure of Rupees 47.

3. *Adoni Taluk*.—One sluice and the bund of the Issevee Tank in the Adoni Taluk are said to require an expenditure of somewhere about Rupees 160. Rupees 53 were for the last official year allotted, but the work was deferred till the current official year. The inner and outer facings of the Nursapuram Tank-bund as also the sluice are in a bad state, and it will cost some Rupees 434 to put them right. The tank of Chickka Toombalam is also in a bad state; the stones of the outer facing are loose in parts, and on the northern side the tank-bund will have to be rebuilt; the estimated cost is about Rupees 600. The sluice of the Sooltanpuram Tank is out of order; the chuman-work is broken and the water-way obstructed; in fact, the sluice should be built anew; the cost is estimated at some Rupees 80. The Enigabala Tank, too, will require a considerable sum to make it water-tight. The repairs required for the Halhurvi Tank were estimated last year by a Revenue Inspector at Rupees 1,039; only Rupees 50 were expended upon it by the Public Works Department. The tank is much silted, and the stones of the inner facing are loose.

4. *Gooty Taluk*.—The Gooty Tank-bund was repaired to some extent by the Public Works Department during the past official year; but the bund leaks and the inner revetment has in certain places given way slightly, and a Department of Public Works estimate is under preparation for the thorough repair of the tank. The supply-channel of the Jakkulchervu Tank has been satisfactorily repaired during the past official year, also the supply-channel of the Appechervu Tank. The Nelaconda Tank has also been satisfactorily repaired.

The following works require repair:—

	RS.
Supply-channel of the Goolimiconda Tank	378
Wankamadi Channel and Naranappa Channel of Cullamuddy	3,000
The largest sluice of the Ramgiri Tank	36
The sluice of the Kurumpulli Tank	106
Penuar Channel, called Konda Calva of Koppulagunda	808
Tank of Yerragoonta	300
Do. of Patacottachervu	100
The bund and the supply-channel of the tank at Tondapaud	677
The sluice and bund of the Yerragudi Tank	200
A breach in the bund of the Venkatampully Tank	422

The Cullamuddy Channels are now under repair, but the work is said to be at a stand-still owing to certain objections raised by the ryots of Illoor, who complained to me that the Public Works Department had entered upon their lands without their consent to dig the channels. The work is said to be of an emergent nature, and I have, therefore, directed the Tahsildar to promise the ryots any reasonable compensation. The department ought not to have commenced the work without taking steps to ascertain whether, or not, compensation would be necessary, and having it settled if found to be so.

5. *Tadpatri Taluq*.—The tank at Talarichervu, in the Tadpatri Taluq, is in a ruined state. It breached in Fasli 1277, and it will cost Rupees 200 to restore it. The Boppepulli, Vanganur, Poothoor Comaticoonla (here there are two tanks), and Chintalapully Tanks are in good order. The tank at Daditola was breached in Fasli 1260, and is still in the same state; the tank at Devanuppulapund has been repaired during the past official year and is in good order, as is also that at Pooppala. For the tanks at Royalchervu, Poosalpand, and Toorallapully the Department of Public Works Overseer has prepared an estimate of Rupees 36 for petty repairs to the outer facings of the bunds in some parts. They are otherwise in good order. The Pennar Channel and the spring-channel at Tadpatri are also in good order. The dam constructed by Government to prevent the latter channel from being damaged by the drainage of the adjacent fields requires to be raised, and a Department of Public Works estimate has been prepared for that purpose. The Chuttravati River-channel at Ellanur is silted, and in three or four places breached; it needs repair. The Chuttravati River-channels at Aravedu Chilamakoor, Godumurri, Chintakayamanda, Singavaram, Kallor, Nittoor, Kodomoorti Daditola (here there are three), are in good order. In the latter village there are also four other channels, which are in good order. The spring-channel at Ellurtla is also in good order. At Devanuppulapund an aqueduct has been constructed by the Department of Public Works to convey the water of a Pennar Channel branch across the Yeccalur Channel. It is in good order. In the same village there is another Pennar Channel called Kotta Calva, which is also in good order. A Department of Public Works estimate for Rupees 210 has been prepared for the construction of a head to the Pennar Channel at Garlachinna. It requires nothing else. The Pennar Channel at Chinna Yeccalur is in good order, as also that at Pedda Polamuda. For the construction of a head to the latter a Department of Public Works estimate for Rupees 654 has been prepared. The Pennar Channel at Chookkaloor is in good order, and for the construction of a head an estimate of Rupees 854 has been made by the Department of Public Works. The Pennar Channel at Egadoor is also in good order, as also the two Pennar Channels at Jootoor and that at Chagalloo and Coommetta. The Public Works Department have prepared an estimate for Rupees 990 for pavement and the construction of a head to the latter. The Pennar Channel at Tabzula and spring-channel at Pendicul, Yemalpund (here there are two), and Poosalpund require no repairs, nor does that at Pasalur. For the latter a head is about to be constructed at a cost of Rupees 280. The two river-channels at Pedda Yeccalur and a spring-channel at Timhapuram are in good order.

6. *Anantapur Taluq*.—The tanks at Bommaparti, Brahanayaleroo, Alampur, Singanamala, Siddurampuram, Pasoloor, Kodimi, and Pottichervu are in good order. The tank at Kammoor has during the last official year been satisfactorily repaired. Those at Ipperu, Mortand, Jambuldinna, Pomaray, and Salorkamchervoo are reported to require nothing.

7. *CIVIL BUILDINGS—The Travellers' Bungalow at Anantapur*.—The windows of this building are being eaten away by white-ants, and it is practically uncared for. The bungalow at Maroor is in good order. The old Travellers' chavadi, in the heart of the village of Maroor, has fallen in ruins; that at Garladinna is in good order. The Taluq Cutcherry and the Police Hospital at Anantapur are in good order, and the repairs executed to them during the last official year have been satisfactory. The Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Gooty has been in progress now for six months, and will, I hope, be completed in a few months more. The repairs required for the building (old Travellers' Bungalow), now occupied as my office, have been executed. The new

Civil Dispensary building at Gooty has been completed but not occupied. Neither out-houses nor compound wall have as yet been provided; the Revenue Department has not, therefore, taken charge of it.

8. The Public Works Department have furnished me, at my request, with a list of works constructed during the past official year; but, as neither I nor the Tahsildars were apprised of their execution or progress during the year, I have confined myself to those which have fallen under my or their observation.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Pennakondah, 2nd May 1873, No. 83.

I HAVE the honour to submit the usual report upon the public works in this division for 1872-73.

2. This report will confine itself to Civil Buildings and Irrigation Works only in accordance with your memorandum, No. 1,108, of 12th July 1872, Communications being omitted, which will be treated of in the Local Fund reports.

3. *CIVIL BUILDINGS—New Works*.—The only new work which was on hand in the year under report was the new Taluq Cutcherry at Pennakondah. Last year some Rupees 6,000 were allotted for the work. The whole sum has been expended. All the walls have been half-raised. The work is expected to be finished by the end of the current year.

Repairs.—Nothing worth remark has been executed during the past year under this head. In the report for 1871-72 my predecessor remarked that sanction had not been accorded to the estimate for enlarging the Travellers' Bungalow at Pennakondah occupied by the Head Assistant. I regret to have to reiterate the same now. The bungalow in question requires enlargement, for, in fact, it contains but one living room, which serves the Head Assistant for Cutcherry, bed-room, dining-room, and sitting-room. I trust that the matter will receive early attention and sanction will be soon obtained.

4. *IRRIGATION—New Works*.—Last year some Rupees 2,600 were allotted for the restoration of Gootloor Tank. Up to the end of March last only Rupees 1,580 have been spent upon it. This would show that this work did not receive as much attention as it deserved. This work was under the direct supervision of Mr. O'Leary, the Supervisor in charge of the sub-division. He is to blame for this. Now that he has been recently removed from the charge and the present Range Officer has taken it under his immediate supervision, I think the tank will receive every attention it requires.

Repairs.—Almost all the tanks for whose repairs allotments were made in the past year appear to have been well attended to. The allotments have been almost fully expended except where the water in the tanks would not admit of the repairs estimated for being executed.

5. I beg to call your attention to certain items in the Progress Report for March, wherein nothing having been spent for the previous eleven months the whole allotment, or the greater part of it, is disposed of in the last month of the official year. I refer particularly to the items Lepukshi Tank, Sivaram Tank, Codoor Tank Supply-channel, Calpee Supply-channel, Pedapully Upper Channel, but there are others.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From V. VENKATACHELLUM PUNTULU, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hurpunhully, 28th June 1873, No. 187.

AGREEABLY to your dockets noted in the margin I have the honour to submit my report upon public works in my division for the official year ending 31st March 1873.

No. 561, dated 25th April 1873.
" 905, " " June "

2. The Progress Reports show that Rupees 17,929-12-0 were spent on Irrigation Works and Civil Buildings in the four taluqs under me during the official year 1872-73 :—

Taluqs.	ALLOTMENT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.			AMOUNT EXPENDED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.		
	For Civil Buildings.	For Irrigation Works.	Total.	For Civil Buildings.	For Irrigation Works.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Koodligi ...	...	1,664	1,664	...	839 0 9	839 0 9
Hospett ...	40	18,345	18,425	37 2 0	16,092 15 10	16,120 1 10
Huvinhadgally.	...	761	761	...	523 14 10	523 14 10
Hurpunhully ...	69	571	640	57 5 10	379 4 10	436 10 8
Total...	109	21,381	21,490	94 7 10	17,835 4 8	17,929 12 1

3. The following memorandum shows that according to Progress Reports there is a decrease of Rupees 12,428 in repairing the Irrigation Works on the outlay incurred in the preceding year, 1871-72 :—

	EXPENDITURE IN 1871-72.			EXPENDITURE IN 1872-73.			COMPARISON.	
	Civil Buildings.	Irrigation Works.	Total.	Civil Buildings.	Irrigation Works.	Total.	Decrease.	Increase.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Koodligi ...	45 10 10	2,301 0 11	2,346 11 9	...	839 0 9	839 0 9	...	1,507 11 0
Hospett ...	131 15 11	25,097 4 7	25,229 4 6	37 2 0	16,092 15 10	16,130 1 10	...	9,099 2 6
Huvinhadgally.	...	14 0 0	14 0 0	...	523 14 10	523 14 10	509 14 10	...
Hurpunhully.	297 13	2,470 5 5	2,768 2 6	57 5 10	379 4 10	436 10 8	...	2,332 7 10
Total...	475 7 10	29,882 10 11	30,358 2 9	94 7 10	17,835 4 8	17,929 12 1	509 14 10	12,428 2 8
Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,428 2 8

4. KOODLIGI TALUQ.—The reports for May and June 1872 show that 132 Rupees were expended in repairing this tank. The Tahsildar reports* that no repairs were made to this tank subsequent to April 1872, and that the tank is in need of repair as water is going out.

8. Sasalarada Tank ...
* Arzi, dated 31st May 1873, No. 239.

5. The reports for July and September 1872 show that Rupees 40-14-8 were expended on this work.

6. This supply-channel was repaired at a cost of Rupees 502 in the year 1871-72. The Tahsildar reported on 8th June 1872 that the repairs were not properly made, and he reported on 10th idem that the rain of 27th June (by which the tank received a supply of one month's water)

caused a breach in the place where the former breach had occurred. I informed this to the Assistant Engineer in my letter of 18th June 1872, No. 198. I think these Rupees 40-14-8 were expended on this account; but on the night of 6th September 1872, there being rain, a fresh breach took place, and the whole of the water of the tank is gone. The Tahsildar reports† that no repairs have been made to this channel.

† Arzi, dated 31st May 1873, No. 239.

10. Belladuva Tank, Rupees 165-14-0.

7. The reports show that the following sums were expended in the repairs of this tank :—

	RS.	A.	P.
June 1872 ...	11	12	10
September 1872 ...	30	0	0
November ...	60	0	0
December ...	64	2	0
Total...	165	14	10

The report for March 1872 having shown that Rupees 266-2-4 were expended in repairing this tank and that a part of the repairs to the restment and calingulah remains to complete the work, and the report for June 1872 having shown that Rupees 11-12-10 were expended on this tank and the work has been completed, I required the Tahsildar to report on the repairs which were made, and he reported in his Arzi of the 6th August 1872 that the repairs were properly made. As the reports for September, November, and December showed that a further sum of Rupees 154 were expended on this tank (the repairs of which were completed in June last), I required the Tahsildar

to inspect the tank and report on it. He went and saw, and reports* that nothing has been repaired or expended on this tank since his last inspection, which he reported in his Arzi of 6th August 1872, and that the Revenue Inspector and villagers stated that no repairs were made.

8. I think that this matter requires thorough inquiry. If there be direct correspondence between the Tahsildar of this taluq and myself in the same manner as a Division Magistrate, with the Taluq Police Inspectors in my division, I would have ascertained the matter and reported it in detail.

9. It appears that 650 Rupees were sanctioned for repairing this tank; that Rupees 68-12-0 were expended in December for collecting materials, and no further work was done in

January, February, and March, and the grant was surrendered.

10. The Progress Report for April is nil.

11. I having gone to Hanisi Village on the 14th instant to inspect the tank ayaout, saw that repairs are being made to the tank-bund. The villagers represented that it will be proper to repair tanks in the hot weather as the work done in rainy season is liable to be weakened by rains.

12. HOSPETT TALUQ.—Twenty-four irrigation works are to be inspected in this taluq; of these, twelve only have been seen. The Tahsildar reports that, as water is running through the channels, it is not practicable to ascertain the repairs done to them. He reports that the repairs made to the tanks noted in the margin were properly made.

	RS.
Iyanahully ...	85
Anipunacutta ...	49
Chilakanahatty ...	78

13. The sluice of the Jembayana Tank was in need of repair in October last. As it has not been repaired, the lands which are cultivated under it have been waste, so I was obliged to grant a remission of Rupees 55-14-0.

14. Civil Buildings.—The Cutcherry of the Deputy Tahsildar of Ramandroog was repaired at a cost of Rupees 37-2-0. The Deputy Tahsildar reported that the work was properly done.

15. HUVINHADGALLY TALUQ.—Four irrigation works were repaired in this taluq; of

Esapuram Tank	rs. 19
Koolicutti Tank Supply-channel ...	125
Magimavinahully Channel ...	123
Halagapur Channel	258

these, the first two were inspected. The work performed is properly done, but the Tahsildar states that, although the sluice of Esapuram Tank is shut, still the water is going out, and that the same requires good repair.

16. The Tahsildar reports that the tanks noted in the margin require urgent repair as the water is going out through the sluice although it is shut. I reported in my letter of the 25th June 1872 regarding the repair of three of these tanks.

1. Harada.	4. Ankasamoodrum.
2. Chintrapulli.	5. Balahal.
3. Moodanoor.	
† 1. Moodanoor.	
2. Ankasamoodrum.	
3. Balahal.	

1. Chiratahully Taluq	rs. 49
2. Bagali Tank Supply-channel ...	330

17. HURPUNHULLY TALUQ.—The Tahsildar reports that these repairs were properly made.

18. He further reports that he has inspected the Police Station at Manair Masalavada and that it is well built.

19. In the three taluqs of Huvinhadgally, Hoodligi, and Harpunhully there are several irrigation works requiring repairs; but 4, 3, and 2 works were repaired in the last official year. The Overseer and his staff are on one scale at all these three taluqs. Seeing the paucity of the works repaired annually I think it will take several years to complete all the repairs now urgently required. I submit that, unless the tanks are repaired as soon as the necessity for the repair is manifest, the ryots and the Government will sustain loss. The more the delay in making the repairs, the more will be the increase in the cost required to repair the breach or other cause which ruined the tank.

20. I beg to report that I received the report of the Harpunhully Tahsildar on the 27th instant, hence the delay in submitting the report.

21. I beg to enclose copies of the Arzis of the Tahsildars referred to in this letter.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It is to be regretted that so large a proportion of the allotment to the district should have been allowed to lapse. In the Imperial grant, out of Rupees 1,31,516 allotted Rupees 22,846 remained unspent.

3. In the case of the Gootloor Tank restoration, Rupees 1,584 only were spent out of Rupees 8,633. This is very much to be lamented in a district like Bellary, where the value of water is almost incalculable.

4. The Collector states that he is in communication with the District Engineer regarding certain occurrences noted by the Head Assistant and Deputy Collectors. It would appear that the Progress Reports are not so carefully prepared as they might be.

5. The Sub-Collector remarks that he was prevented from inspecting many works by not being informed that they were in progress.

6. This want could no doubt be remedied for the future by personal communication with the District Engineer.

7. The Head Assistant Collector justly complains of the great want of accommodation for his office at Pennakondah.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
.. to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH AUGUST 1873, No. 1,547.

Supd 25/8/73.
Encl.

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AUGUST.
No. 1,547.

Public Works—in Bellary District.—Collector's report on —, submitted to Government with remarks.

18/73
10/8/73