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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th April 1873.

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq, Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pullampett, 8th March 1873, No. 26 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on Public Works in this district for 1871-72.

2. Annexed is an abstract statement showing the expenditure on Imperial and Provincial works compared with the Budget grants of the year 1871-72 :—

Class of Works	Budget Grant of 1871-72.			Expenditure in 1871-72.			Comparison between Grant and Expenditure.			
							New Works		Repairs.	
	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
Imperial.										
Civil Buildings	...	510	510	...	540	540	...	...	...	...
Agricultural	8,792	43,500	46,592	1,651	39,671	41,323	...	1,141	...	6,129
Tools and Plant	277	173	450	13	127	140	...	264	...	46
Total...	8,069	44,013	47,582	1,664	40,339	42,003	...	1,405	...	6,175
Provincial.										
Civil Buildings	10,080	3,569	13,648	8,998	2,203	11,201	...	1,092	...	1,365
Grand Total ..	13,149	48,081	61,230	10,662	42,541	53,203	...	2,497	...	5,540

	Rs.
1870-71	1,04,900
1871-72	53,203
	51,697

3. The total expenditure in the year 1871-72 under the various heads as above detailed was Rupees 53,203, or Rupees 51,697 less than that of 1870-71, as shown in the margin.

4. The expenditure on account of Imperial Civil Buildings was incurred in robuilding the Post Office at Cuddapah. There was apparently something very faulty in its construction which rendered it necessary to pull it down.

5. The largest item under, "Agricultural New Works" is the Gunganapalle Mullappa Tank in the Cuddapah Taluq. This work was mentioned in my report of last year. By the construction of an additional calingulah it is to be hoped that the tank will not breach again. This work has taken up Rupees 1,200. The remaining Rupees 400 and odd have been spent in constructing tank sluices and such minor works.

6. Under the head "Agricultural, Repairs" there are no works of any magnitude or importance. Work does not seem to get on in the sub-division taluqs. Seven new sluices were sanctioned but only one was completed within the year. Repairs to 27 tanks were estimated for, but the allotments in 13 were reduced by the Superintending Engineer. The total amount expended on agricultural works is only Rupees 1,709-6-9 in three large taluqs. The grant for the year amounts to Rupees 2,686, that is, after deducting the 13 allotments reduced. The officer in charge of the sub-division is not altogether to blame for this. He has great difficulty in finding contractors and is apparently in want of good subordinates, and this prevents him getting work done departmentally. Mr. O'Ratigan is energetic and, I should say, thoroughly efficient, but his predecessor, as Government have already noticed, did not leave the range in such a state as to enable his successor to do justice to it. Mr. O'Ratigan has certainly had great difficulties to contend with.

7. Under "New Works, Civil Buildings" appears an expenditure of Rupees 2,220 connected with the taluq cutcherry at Pulivendla. A suit was filed by the contractor for materials supplied up to the date on which the building of the cutcherry was stopped. A compromise was effected and the contractor accepted the above sum. This payment was sanctioned by G. O., No. 3,150, dated 14th December 1871. Rupees 690 were spent on the new taluq cutcherry at Sidhout. The building is not yet completed, but I believe the work is being now taken in hand.

8. The repairs to civil buildings consist of a number of petty works which require no notice.

9. I regret the delay which has taken place in forwarding this report. I did not know till the close of last year that the report was now required. It is besides quite out of the question that I can attend to reports when I have the original work—criminal and revenue—of two large taluqs on my hands. This district has not been for years without an Assistant till about twelve months ago. I have still no aid whatever to enable me to get over arzis and cases as the present Assistant has only the powers of a 3rd Class Magistrate. At the commencement of the present year my labours were added to by the absence of the Deputy Collector and Magistrate, whose two taluqs I had to take up in addition to the two I already had. My magisterial file at the end of last month numbered 25 cases, and the total number of petitions—magisterial and revenue—which I have already disposed of this year is 318. These figures explain better than anything that I can say the position in which I am placed.

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2. The total allotment for the year was Rupees 01,230, but of this sum Rupees 8,027 remained unspent.

3. In paragraph 4 the Collector alludes to the fact of the Post Office building having had to be pulled down owing to faulty construction; the details of this transaction have doubtless been communicated to Government.

4. The agricultural allotment was not large, and no works of any magnitude were in progress; but the state of affairs in the sub-division, as pointed out in paragraph 6, is much to be lamented.

5. It appears that out of the very insignificant sum of Rupees 2,686 allotted for expenditure in three taluqs more than one-third remained unspent. The only reasons which the Collector can assign are that difficulty was experienced in getting contractors and that the late Range Officer had left the range in an unsatisfactory state.

6. The cause of the reduction of allotments by the Superintending Engineer in 13 out of 27 estimates for the repair of tanks is not explained.

7. The delay in submitting a report of this nature is not satisfactorily accounted for.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" to the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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