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Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kanalamudgu, 30th September 1874, No. 227 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual Report on Public Works in this district for the past official year 1873-74.

2. Subjoined is a comparative Abstract Statement showing the outlay on Imperial and Provincial Works in 1873-74, with reference to the Budget grants for that year.

GRANT FOR 1873-74.															Comparison between Grant and Outlay.			
Class of Works.		Original.			As revised by the Chief Engineer—vide G. O., 16th December 1873, No. 2,972.			Outlay in 1873-74.			New Works.				Repairs.			
		New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.				
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14				
IMPERIAL.																		
Agricultural.																		
Original Works		4,000	...	4,000	3,000	...	3,000	3,291	...	3,291	291	...	...	...				
Repairs		...	65,000	65,000	...	20,000	20,000	...	28,667	28,667	...	...	8,667	...				
Tools and Plant.		150	...	150	812	...	812	724	...	724	...	88	...	...				
New supplies		...	100	100	...	480	480	...	758	758	...	...	278	...				
Repairs		...	150	150	...	1,061	1,061	...	1,030	1,030	...	...	...	31				
Civil Buildings.		4,150	65,250	69,400	3,812	21,541	25,353	4,015	30,455	34,470	291	88	8,945	31				
Postal and Telegraph Departments.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Total...		30,860	7,655	30,860	...	...	...	23,792	5,320	23,792	...	7,068	...	...				
Provincial.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Civil Buildings.		3,149	610	3,149	...	...	...	667	...	667	...	2,482	...	...				
Original Works		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Repairs		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Police Buildings.		34,009	8,265	42,274	...	...	...	24,459	5,916	30,375	...	9,550	...	2,349				
Original Works		38,159	73,515	1,11,674	3,812	21,541	25,353	28,474	36,371	64,845	291	9,638	8,945	2,380				
Repairs		...	...	...	...	...	42,274	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Grand Total...		...	...	...	...	...	67,627	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Provincial Grant...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Total...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				

	Revised Grant.	Outlay.	
	RS.	RS.	
Imperial Works	25,353	34,470	
Provincial do.	42,274	30,375	
Total...	67,627	64,845	
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	1872-73.	1873-74.	Increase
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Imperial Works.	20,462	34,470	14,008
Provincial do. .	9,576	30,375	20,799
Total...	30,038	64,845	34,807

3. The marginal entries exhibit the total grant and expenditure under the two major heads. The expenditure during the year under report compares favorably with that of the previous year. The increase of Rupees 34,807 shows that much more work has been done.

4. The allotment for Imperial works was reduced from Rupees 60,000 to Rupees 25,000. The stoppage of works could not take place at once without seriously interfering with those in

progress, consequently there was an unavoidable expenditure of Rupees 9,000 in excess of the revised allotment. The necessity of the reduction of the grant is very much to be regretted, as no doubt more money could have been spent with great advantage to the agricultural works of the district. If original allotments are not to be allowed to stand, the revision should take place earlier in the year than the month of December. By taking place so late in the year the arrangements of the District Engineer are completely upset, work commenced is left half finished, and naturally deteriorates before it can be completed in the next year. This latter evil has been partly obviated this year by spending money in excess of the revised allotment.

5. A decrease of Rupees 11,899 in the outlay under Provincial works against an allotment of Rupees 42,274 has reduced the total expenditure on Imperial and Provincial works to Rupees 64,845 against a total revised grant of Rupees 67,627. But for the short work under the head Provincial the total outlay would have exceeded the revised grant.

6. The grant as it stood originally was no doubt larger than was necessary, but the reduction was made too suddenly, too late in the year, and was excessive.

7. The new agricultural works are of no importance, consisting of the construction of waste weirs and sluices to tanks, and small works connected with spring and irrigation channels.

8. Under repairs the Kamalapur tank, the bund of which was very weak, has been completed. The Utukur tank which breached a few years ago has been restored. Two important tanks at Budwail and Kamasamudrum require further repairs, the completion of which has been stopped by the tanks having filled while work was in progress. The Idupalapai spring channel was badly repaired some years ago. The work to be done, though slight, is not easy of execution, as the smallest fresh in the river Papagni not only stops the work but destroys what has been partially done. This work has not yet been commenced.

9. There has been a small outlay on Imperial buildings, the Post Offices at Cuddapah and Madanapalle having been repaired.

10. Under Provincial Civil Buildings there are four Taluq Cutcheries in course of construction. The main building at Sidhout, the ryot's shed and cook-room have been completed. It appears to me that the Cutcherry might be occupied, but it has not yet been handed over as completed. The latrines and

compound wall are not yet finished, owing to the irregularities of the contractor. The Cutcherry at Jamalmadugu is in fair progress; the walls are not yet quite finished. The Cutcherry at Kadiri has not progressed quite so satisfactorily. This, I think, may be explained by the difficulty which exists in procuring skilled labor in so remote a place as Kadiri. The walls of the Madanapalle Cutcherry have not been commenced, and the foundation and basement are nearly finished. Though not to so great extent as in Kadiri, skilled labor is not readily procurable in Mandanapalle, and what there is is of inferior quality. The grants for these buildings have not been worked out, but the sum, Rupees 7,169, not utilized is small considering the number of buildings on hand and the difficulties regarding labor.

11. None of the Civil buildings in this district are of a good description, and Rupees 5,916 have been spent in repairs against an allotment of Rupees 8,265. This short expenditure is scarcely to be regretted, as many of the buildings at Head-quarters and in the taluqs are so old, and so utterly unsuitable for public offices that it is not desirable that much money should be spent in repairing them. Patching up old buildings is unsatisfactory work.

12. Public Works in this district have improved this year in the quantity and in the quality of the work done. Great credit is due to Mr. Sage, the late District Engineer, for this improvement. He had, however, a good system to aid him in his work, as he was, as a District Engineer, in a far better position to judge of the wants of the district, to inspect the work done, and to control his subordinates than he would have been in the position of a Superintending Engineer with three large districts to look after. There is still a great deal to be done in repairing agricultural works, but there is some prospect now of the neglect of past years being remedied.

13. The wants of the district in public offices are so great that it would be useless to bring them all to notice as the requisite money could not be granted. Four Taluq Cutcheries are now being constructed, but unfortunately three of these buildings are not in places where new offices are most required: for instance, the Tahsildars' offices at Sidhout, Jamalmadugu, and Kadiri, though not by any means suitable as offices, new buildings are not absolutely necessary; whereas at Voilpaul and Pulivendla the want of suitable accommodation is very much felt, while at Royachoti the office is not as good a one as the buildings occupied by the Jamalmadugu and Kadiri Tahsildars. I trust that funds will be available for the commencement of new Cutcheries at Voilpaul and Pulivendla during this year.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board consider the report satisfactory especially when contrasted with that of the previous year.

3. The total grant was Rupees 67,627, of which Rupees 64,845 were expended or more than double what was expended in 1872-73.

4. It appears from paragraph 3 that the original allotment of Rupees 69,000 for Imperial works was reduced to Rupees 25,000, the actual expenditure exceeding the revised allotment by Rupees 9,000.

5. The Collector rightly observes that such revisions of original allotments, if made late in the year, entirely upset the arrangements of the District Engineer by causing the stoppage of works already commenced.

6. The Board would bring to notice the favorable report in paragraph 11 on the general state of Public Works—a result, in their opinion, of the new system to which the exertions of Mr. Sage, as a District Engineer, have largely contributed.

7. The Board would urge the expediency of carrying out the repairs of the Idupalapai spring channel. The work is said to be "slight," and the rarely occurring freshes of the Papugni river should not stop its execution.

8. In paragraph 12 the Collector observes that the want of public offices is much felt, and states that of four Taluq Cutcheries now being built, three are not in places where such buildings are most required.

9. It is a pity that the wants of the district in this particular were not sooner brought to notice. The Voilpaul, Pulivendla, and Royachoti Cutcheries come first in the Cuddapah part of the list printed with G. O., dated 24th June 1874, No. 1,691.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. G. G.
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ to the Collector of Cuddapah.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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