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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th September 1874.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., *Account Collector* of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1874, No. 204:—

I HAVE the honor to report upon the progress made in the construction and repair of Public Works in this district during the official year 1873-74.

2. The annexed Statement exhibits the expenditure incurred under the different heads as compared with the amount allotted in the Budget and the expenditure of the preceding year.

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 year.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>								
Agricultural	5,399	4,851	...	548	4,235	4,351	616	...
Buildings. { Military ...	17,122	15,279	...	1,843	10,693	15,279	4,586	...
{ Civil ...	40,973	34,585	...	6,388	22,554	34,585	12,031	...
Total New Works...	63,494	54,715	...	8,779	37,482	54,715	17,233	...
Net...	...	...	...	8,779	...	...	17,233	...
<i>Repairs.</i>								
Agricultural	48,000	51,632	3,632	...	64,500	51,632	...	12,868
Buildings. { Military ...	11,788	13,240	1,452	...	11,375	13,240	1,865	...
{ Civil ...	2,223	2,012	...	211	2,361	2,012	...	349
Total Repairs...	62,011	66,884	5,084	211	78,236	66,884	1,865	13,217
Net...	...	...	4,873	...	...	...	...	11,352
Grand Total...	1,25,505	1,21,599	...	3,906	1,15,718	1,21,599	5,881	...

3. The total expenditure fell short of the Budget allotment by Rupees 3,906 and exceeded the expenditure of the preceding year by Rupees 5,881.

4. *NEW WORKS—Agricultural.*—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 4,851. Of this Rupees 2,994 were laid out in improving the channel known as Nanga Vayekal, and the balance (viz., Rupees 1,857) was expended on minor improvements to the head sluices of the existing irrigation works.

5. The improvement of the Nanga Vayekal was commenced in 1870-71 and completed during the year under review. The estimate was Rupees 12,500 while the total expenditure amounted to

Rupees 13,095. The Mirasidar interested contributed the sum of Rupees 2,400, and the work is doubtless a great improvement, and of considerable advantage to him.

6. *Buildings Military.*—The expenditure under this head, amounting to Rupees 17,122, was laid out chiefly in the execution of the undermentioned works.

(a.) Alterations to the quarters occupied by the Hospital Serjeants attached to the European Hospital, Trichinopoly, estimate Rupees 750 and expenditure Rupees 787.

(b.) Privy for the Detachment of the British Infantry in accordance with the Dodger's system of dry earth closet, estimate Rupees 3,000 and expenditure Rupees 3,377. This excess is attributable to the air-tight receptacles constructed on the standard plan being found to be too heavy, and lighter ones having to be substituted.

(c.) Converting the Native Garrison Hospital into Quarters for an Apothecary, estimate Rupees 790 and expenditure Rupees 710.

(d.) Additions to the Guard Room of the Grand Magazine with a view to its being used for a European guard, estimate Rupees 1,180 and expenditure Rupees 1,183.

(e.) New expense for the use of the 26th and 38th Regiments, estimate Rupees 2,750 and expenditure Rupees 2,817.

(f.) Re-roofing the 52nd Regiment N. I. Hospital, estimate Rupees 2,750 and expenditure Rupees 1,793.

(g.) Providing cut stone flooring to the verandah of No. 4 and 5 blocks of the European barracks, estimate Rupees 2,200 and expenditure Rupees 2,255.

(h.) Quarters for one Sub-Conductor and two Staff Serjeants of Ordnance Department, estimate Rupees 10,800 and expenditure during the year 5,119. The work is in progress.

(i.) Converting the old Cavalry Saddle rooms into quarters for Staff Serjeants, estimate Rupees 3,770 and expenditure Rupees 4,132.

(j.) Latrine of eight seats for the families of the Detachment of British Infantry, estimate Rupees 1,840 and expenditure Rupees 956. The work is in progress.

(k.) Stop and Markers' Butts for a new Rifle Range at Trichinopoly, and for altering the line of the present range, estimate Rupees 670 and expenditure Rupees 511-6-0.

7. *Building Civil.*—The sum of Rupees 34,585 was expended under this head. The following are the principal works executed during the year:—

(1.) Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Lalgudi. The estimate was Rupees 13,680 and the expenditure amounted to Rupees 15,063. The excess expenditure occurred in wood work which the District Engineer states could not be carried out at the rates allowed in the estimate. The work was completed.

(2.) Alterations to the Nabob's Palace so as to provide accommodation to the Tahsildar's Cutcherry and certain other Public Offices, Sub-Jail, etc., in Trichinopoly. The work was commenced in December 1873, materials are being collected, demolition completed, and the alterations for the required accommodation are in rapid progress. The sum of Rupees 6,543 was expended during the year against the allotment of Rupees 10,000.

(3.) Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, Jail, and Out houses at Kulitallay, at an estimated cost of Rupees 27,990 of which Rupees 26,198 were expended up to the end of the year reported on. The work has since been completed, and the buildings have been handed over to the Revenue Department.

8. The works repaired during the year were of the following character:—

Agricultural.

Irrigation Channels...	28
Tanks	58
Embankments or Dykes	19
Anicuts (Weirs)	8

Buildings.

Military, repaired and maintained	76
Civil do. do.	17

9. The usual Statement showing the Irrigation works in this district is appended. Out of 4,503 works only 419 are reported to be seriously out of order; but very many more are capable of great improvement.

Description.	In Repair.	Out of Repair.	Total.
Large Tanks	320	112	432
Small do.	558	46	604
Irrigating channels... ..	817	63	880
Supplying do.	760	49	809
Dams	63	3	66
Bridges	279	..	279
Tank Sluices	590	78	668
Channel Sluices	460	37	497
Calingula	237	31	268
Total...	4,084	419	4,503

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2. During the past official year the total expenditure in the Trichinopoly District fell below the Budget allotment by Rupees 3,906, although the outlay exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 5,881. The Agricultural grant was exceeded by Rupees 3,632 in the case of Agricultural "Repairs," but there remained a sum of Rupees 548 unexpended in the other item of new works.

3. Nearly two-thirds of the outlay on new works was expended upon improving the channel from the Cauvery to the large village of Nungaveram; the work was completed, and the influential Mirasidar who mainly benefitted by the improvement contributed Rupees 2,400 during the progress of the work. The rest of the expenditure under this head comprised minor repairs to channels and sluices.

4. Under the head Civil Buildings, the Cutcherry for the Deputy Tahsildar at Lalgudi was completed, and progress was made in converting the old Nabob's palace into a suitable receptacle for the Tahsildar's Cutcherry, and other public offices. The Acting Collector states that this work for conversion was not commenced until December 1873, but that rapid progress was made, and that Rupees 6,543 were expended out of an allotment of Rupees 10,000. In addition to the above the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, Jail and Out-houses at Kulitallay have been completed and handed over to the Revenue officers; the estimated cost was Rupees 27,990 of which Rupees 26,198 were expended within the year.

5. Under Agricultural repairs, as already mentioned, the outlay exceeded the allotment by Rupees 3,632, but fell below that of the year preceding by Rupees 12,868. The Board would have been glad if Mr. Pennington had given them a few more details as to the repairs and improvements executed. The Board believe that the extension of the Wyacondan channel even beyond the Kutapar tank, successfully engaged the attention of the District authorities.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

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