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Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rumbha, 11th June 1874, No. 116 :—

I HAVE the honor to report on the Public Works of this district for the past official year 1873-74.

2. The amount allotted for expenditure on Public Works, from Imperial and Provincial Grants during the year under report was Rupees 65,092, of which sum only Rupees 60,386 were spent under all the heads, against Rupees 61,904 during the year 1872-73. The subjoined Comparative Statement shows the actual expenditure during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74, with the Budget allotment under each head :—

——	Expenditure in 1872-73.	Expenditure in 1873-74.	Increase.	Decrease.	Budget allotments or Estimates for 1873-74.
New Works.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.
Irrigation	947	1,475 14 5	528 14 5	.....	1,500
Communications.. ..	5,350	5,658 3 0	308 3 0	.....	5,665
Buildings	19,091	28,873 3 4	9,782 3 4	.....	32,517
Repairs.					
Irrigation	26,620	16,317 12 5	.....	10,302 3 7	16,000
Communications ..	5,200	5,200 0 0	.....	.....	5,200
Buildings	4,696	2,860 11 4	.....	1,835 4 8	4,210
Total ..	61,904	60,385 12 6	.....	1,518 3 6	65,092

3. NEW WORKS.—*Irrigation.*—During the year under report Rupees 1,476 were expended in the construction of sluices for tanks, etc., as shown below :—

		RS.
1	Drainage sluice.....	692
1	Waste weir of tanks.....	306
6	Sluices for tanks.....	447
3	Miscellaneous works.....	31
11		1,476

4. The first of these works is the reconstruction of a sluice for draining some lands above Aska into the Mahanuddi, and which was destroyed by floods in 1872. The other works are improvements to irrigation tanks. The District Engineer remarks that "more could have been spent both on minor new works and repairs. Rupees 1,700 would have been spent easily on the former, and were applied for, but not granted for want of funds."

5. Communications.—Besides the construction of roads shown under the head of Maliah Works, at a cost of Rupees 5,000, the only other works executed under this head are the following:—

	Rs.
1. Removing cross banks in the bed of the Chilka Canal.....	658
2. Road from Sea Customs House to Merchants' godowns at Ganjam which is paid for from the Port Funds.....	1,106

6. Buildings.—The subjoined Statement shows the works both completed and in progress at the close of the year under report, distinguishing each work, which cost 500 Rupees and upwards from those which cost less than Rupees 500 each. The amount actually expended in the year was Rupees 28,873 against an allotment of Rupees 32,517:—

Names of Buildings.	Estimated amount.	Amount of expenditure during the year.	Total expenditure up to 31st March 1874.
Works costing 500 Rupees and upwards each.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Completed.			
1. Construction of a Police Station House at Barudah..	710	243	611
2. Construction of a Sea Custom House at Barwah.....	2,040	1,036	2,036
3. Additions to Subsidiary Jail at Ganjam	975	198	974
4. Construction of Police Station House at Hiramandalam	800	799	799
5. Conversion of the abandoned Powder Magazine into a Dead House at Chicacole	565	565	565
6. Purchase of a building for the use of the Berhampore Tahsildar's office	5,000	5,000	5,000
7. Construction of a Flag Staff at Barwah, (Port Funds)..	561	538	538
In Progress.			
8. Construction of a Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Sompeta	5,200	2,143	3,928
9. Additions to Subsidiary Jail at Purshottapore.....	2,400	1,850	2,348
10. Do. do. at Aska	3,300	963	2,598
11. Do. do. at Surada.....	3,420	1,605	1,901
12. Do. do. at Itchapore.....	641	109	255
13. Do. do. at Chetterpore.....	1,188	515	1,186
14. Additions and alterations to Hill Jail at Russelkondah	9,880	1,321	1,321
15. Construction of a Police Station House at Jagannadhaprasaud.....	816	511	511
16. Do. do. at Bodagada.....	816	384	384
17. Construction of Subsidiary Jail with out-houses to Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Raghunadhapore	3,300	2,381	2,381
18. Construction of Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole.	3,500	2,000	2,904
19. Improvements to the District Munsif's Court House at Raghunadhapore	1,030	629	829
Works costing less than Rupees 500 each.			
20. Construction of a female Latrine to Subsidiary Jail at Kemedy (completed).....	196	196	196
21. Construction of an additional Verandah to the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Purshottapore (in progress)..	144	117	117
Total ..	46,482	23,103	31,415

7. The chief works on which the entire amount of allotment was not spent are those numbered 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, and 19. The non-completion of Nos. 10 and 11 is said to be owing to the scarcity of labor in local markets owing to the increased exportation of rice to Bengal and elsewhere; Nos. 15 and 16 to the inaccessible nature of the country where they are situated; in No. 17 the non-receipt of timber from the Kemedy Forest Department is assigned as the cause; and No. 19 the tenants are said not to have vacated.

8. Most of the works in progress are approaching completion while the others will, it is expected, be completed by the end of May 1874.

9. Repairs.—*Irrigation.*—The amount spent on repair of tanks, nullahs, and other irrigation works was Rupees 16,318 against an allotment of Rupees 16,000.

10. The District Engineer reports that work to the value of Rupees 24,000 has actually been done, and will be paid for out of the grant for the current official year. He also says that the original grant of Rupees 30,000 could no doubt have been easily spent. Applications for funds were repeatedly made, but refused on the ground that the average of expenditure up to December was so much less than had been anticipated, that eventually the grant was reduced to Rupees 16,000. He "deprecates the action taken in this matter that of cutting short the grant at so early a period as January. The only months to get work done in this district are from January to June." I strongly recommend that the grant may not for the future be reduced, in reference to the expenditure up to December, as the best working season is from January to June.

11. In the principal division, consisting of the Berhampore and Gumsur Taluqs, included in the No. 1 Range, repairs to eighty-four agricultural works have been made at a cost of Rupees 11,925 while Rupees 4,395 were spent in the Sub-Division which consists of the Chicacole Taluq, included in No. 2 Range on repairs to thirty-three works as detailed below:—

In the Principal Division.

		Rs.	
1	Anicut (weir).....	251	
3	Waste weirs or calingulahs.....	448	
13	River embankments.....	3,320	
54	Ghayees, tanks and tamparas.....	2,739	
1	Head sluice (shutters and shed).....	39	
11	Channels.....	1,608	
2	Reservoirs.....	3,520	
85			11,925

In the Sub-Division.

		Rs.	
17	Tanks.....	1,548	
16	Main and branch channels.....	2,845	
		4,393	
	Total..	16,318	

12. Communications.—Besides the Maliah roads the expenditure on which will more conveniently come under review in dealing with that portion of the report which is allotted to "Maliah Works," the only road to which repairs were executed from the Imperial Funds was the Cantonment Road at Berhampore, at a cost of Rupees 118.

13. Buildings.—The amount expended on repairs to Buildings during the year under report was Rupees 2,861 out of an allotment of Rupees 4,210.

14. In the Principal Division the following buildings have been repaired :—

	Rs.
Military buildings at Berhampore.	
1. Hospital	57
2. Barracks	801
3. Magazine	17
Civil Buildings.	
4. Post Office at Chetterpore	47
5. Do. at Berhampore	37
6. Zillah Jail at do.	456
7. Gumsur Tahsildar's Office at Russelkondah	300
8. Sub-Magistrate's Office at Aska	256
9. Sea-Customs House at Gopalpore	394
10. Hill Jail at Russelkonda	182
11. Burial ground at Ganjam	58
12. Do. at Itchapore	29
13. Do. at Russelkonda	7
14. Zillah Court House at Berhampore	96
15. Cook-room to Sub-Magistrate's Office at Berhampore	29
16. Police Station House at Ganjam	66
17. District Munsif's Court House at Aska	118
18. Well at Sea Customs Office at Ganjam	12
19. Sub-Magistrate's Office at Ganjam	34
20. Do. do. at Suradah	15
21. District Engineer's Office at Chetterpore	85
22. Range Office at Berhampore	33
In the Sub-Division.	
23. Range Office at Chicacole	100
24. Dead House at Kemedy	18
25. Police Station House at Varanasi	73
26. Grave-yard at Chicacole	25
27. Flag Staff at Poondy (Port Fund)	99

15. Salt Works.—A sum of Rupees 12,045 was expended on Petty Construction and Repairs executed during the year under the supervision of the Salt Deputy-Collector. The amount was debited in the Treasury Accounts under "9 Salt" out of which Rupees 7,987 were expended on the following nine larger works, and the rest on miscellaneous minor works :—

	Rs.
1. *At Ganjam.*—For widening and deepening the trenches around the platforms	499
2. For clearing channels, for repairing an embankment, and for securing tide water	444
3. *At Itchapore.*—For widening and deepening the trenches around the platforms	1,608
4. For clearing No. 1 channel and twelve branch channels, and for completing communication between the old and new channels	490
5. For clearing No. 2 channel for making two banks at the mouth of the main channel, and thirty watch sheds, and for securing tide water	469
6. *At Nowpadah.*—For widening and deepening the trenches round the platforms	2,937
7. For clearing channels	500
8. *At Womeravilly.*—For constructing three watch towers and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 stations for repairing and closing the breaches of the Bedabondo embankment and for repairing the Mohanagulter and Tipa Parra embankments	540
9. For repairing the approaches of the Salt platforms	500
Total	7,987

16. Maliah Works.—The following remarks have been recorded by the Special Assistant Agent in regard to the expenditure of the advances made to him for the construction of Maliah works during the year under report.

17. Of the excess of Rupees 968 over the allotment of Rupees 2,000 spent on the construction of a Sub-jail, Sub-Magistrate's office, and Lock-up at Oodayagiri, in the Pedda Kemedy Maliahs, Rupees 600 were sanctioned by Government, in their Order No. 686, of the 18th April last, Judicial Department, and for the remainder viz., Rupees 368, sanction of Government has been applied for. The increased expenditure is partly owing to the construction of Police Station and Lock-up which were not included in the original estimate, and partly owing to the sickness among the workmen and coolies who had to be got up from the low country.

"The subjoined Statement shows the sums allotted and expended on each description of work :—

Nature of Work.	Amount allotted.	Amount expended on each work.	Total.	Balance remitted to the Treasury.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
New Buildings.					
Alterations of existing building for Special Assistant Agent's bungalow at Baligudah	1,000	1,000			
Constructing a house for Assistant Superintendent of Police at Baligudah	3,500	3,500			
Conversion of existing Police building at Baligudah into a Sub-Magistrate's Office and Lock-up and Sub-Jail	2,000	2,000			
Constructing Sub-Jail, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Lock-up at Oodayagiri, in the Pedda Kemedy Maliahs	2,000	2,968			
Constructing Sub-Jail, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Lock-up at Udigiri, in Gumsur Maliah	2,000	1,032			
			10,500	None	Incomplete.
Repairs of Buildings.					
Kalingia	500	10			
Birkote		10			
Udigiri		40			
Raikia		10			
Teangia		10			
Tentlegudda		10			
Padanpore		10			
Deegee		10			
Kurthuli		10			
Sarangudda		10			
Baligudah		260			
Nowgam		20			
Darampore		20			
Simmanbady		10			
Jirpany		10			
Chorakia		10			
Chandragiri		20			
Chendiput		20			
			500	None	
New Roads.					
Extending road from Baminigam to Oodayagiri in Pedda Kemedy Maliahs and road from Nowgam to Sunkushully, in Chinna Kemedy Maliahs	5,000	5,000			
			5,000	None	
Repairs of Roads.					
Road from Baminigam to Budaguda *vid* Chorakia and Daringabadi and from Calingia to Baliguda *vid* Udigiri, Raikia, Darampore, Nowgam, Mahasingi, and Sarangudda	5,200	5,200			
			5,200	None	
Grand Total ..	21,200	....	21,200	....	

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Repairs of Bungalows.—"I received the annual grant of Rupees 500 for this purpose. The money has been expended as shown in the Statement, and all the bungalows are in good repair now.

New Buildings. "In my last year's report, I stated that up to the end of the official year 1872-73, I had only been able to spend Rupees 5,000 of the total sum of Rupees 10,500 granted me for New Buildings. During the past official year I have spent the balance. The repair and alteration of the Special Assistant Agent's house at Baligudah has been completed. The new house for the Assistant Superintendent of Police has also been completed, as also has been the Magistrate's Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Baligudah. These buildings stood the test of the last monsoon very well. Before the last monsoon, I collected materials for the Cutcherries and Sub-jails at Udigiri, in Pedda Kemedy, and at Udigiri, in Gumsur Maliahs. The collection of the materials at Udigiri, in Gumsur, has cost Rupees 1,032. The balance of the grant of Rs. 4,000 for the two buildings, viz., Rupees 2,968 has been spent in erecting the Cutcherry and Sub-jail at Udigiri, in Pedda Kemedy. In my letter, No. 68, I explained to you how the building cost Rupees 968 more than my first estimate, and my reasons for taking this sum from the money granted for the other building. The Cutcherry and Sub-jail at Udigiri has been completed and is being used now. The only building I have on hand now is the Cutcherry and Sub-jail at Udigiri, in Gumsur, for the completion of which, after the next monsoon, I hope shortly to receive funds.

New roads.—"I received a sum of Rupees 5,000 for new roads. This has been spent on the main road we are making from Udigiri, in Pedda Kemedy, through the centre of the Maliahs to Baliguda. With this sum about thirty-five miles of road has been cleared of all jungle, stones, and serious obstacles to bandies. Several nullahs have been bridged and some four miles of good road made. Next year the clear part will be gone over and detached on each side to form a perfect road.

Repairs of roads.—"I received Rupees 5,200 for the repairs of roads. This sum has been spent in keeping the forty-eight miles of road from Kalingia to Baligudah, forty miles of road from Udigiri to Baligudah *vid* Sarangudda, and the forty-two miles of road from Baminigam to Baligudah *vid* Chorakia and Daringabadi in good repair."

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Out of a total allotment of Rupees 65,092, Rupees 60,385 have been spent.

3. The principal outlay was on new buildings and repairs to Irrigation works; Rupees 28,873 having been expended on the former and Rupees 16,317 on the latter.

4. The allotment for repair to irrigation works are originally Rupees 30,000, but it was reduced to Rupees 16,000 on the ground that the average expenditure up to December was so much less than had been anticipated as to warrant the belief that the larger amount would not be required during the year.

5. The Collector however states that the District Engineer reports that work to the value of Rupees 24,000 has been done (the cost to be met out of the grant for the current year), and it appears that the whole amount of the original grant could have been expended as the only months to "get work done in the district are from January to June" with the exception of repairs to buildings the outlay on other works appears to have been proportionate to the allotments. On repairs to buildings only Rupees 2,800 were spent out of a grant of Rupees 4,200.

6. Rupees 12,045 were expended on Salt works, Rupees 15,414 having been expended under this head during the previous year.

7. The reduction of the grant for repairs to irrigation at the very time of year when expenditure was called for seem to the Board to have been an unfortunate measure.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

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Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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