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Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 15th May 1875, No. 240:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the operations of the Public Works Department for the official year 1874-75 and to transmit a statement in the form prescribed in Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 14th October 1874, No. 1,678.

2. The total expenditure of the year as compared with that of the preceding year 1873-74 is shown briefly in the following statement:—

Works.	Expenditure in 1873-74.	Expenditure in 1874-75.	Difference.		Estimate of 1874-75.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
<i>New.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Irrigation	12,947	47,453	34,506		
Buildings	57,243	49,161		8,082	
Total ...	70,190	96,614	34,506	8,082	
<i>Repairs.</i>					
Irrigation	1,47,670	1,34,274		13,396	
Buildings	17,045	15,393		1,652	
Total ...	1,64,715	1,49,667		15,048	
Grand Total ...	2,34,905	2,46,281	34,506	23,130	
Net Increase ...			11,376		2,51,348

3. *Irrigation Works, New.*—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 47,453. The principal new works in progress during the year under report are—(1) the reopening of the Seeshamangalam Channel in the Wandewash Taluq; (2) the provision of screw-gearing shutters to the head sluices of the Cheyar Anicut; (3) the improvement of the Thorapudi Tank near Vellore; and (4) the reconstruction of anicuts across the Palar and Ponnei, which were seriously injured by floods in those rivers during October last. The first work has been almost completed, and the second was carried out in order to avoid the inconvenience and difficulty of working the ordinary planked shutters. The third work will, in addition to improving the irrigation under the tank, intercept a large quantity of water, which formerly flowed through the town of Vellore, doing much damage during the heavy floods. The work done towards the restoration of the fourth item, viz., the Palar and Ponnei anicuts, is as yet only preliminary, and it is hoped that a considerable progress will be shown during the current year.

The other important works which were completed or in progress during the year, are given below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Improving Bapanutham Tank Sluice	490	0	0
Constructing a Flush Escape for the Pasamathoor Large Tank ...	209	15	9
Do. Sluice to Melmah Chittary	589	6	6
Do. a New Surplus Weir to the Vapambut Tank ...	574	8	6
Do. a New Surplus Weir to the Nelvoy Tank ...	530	0	0
Do. a Calingulah to Chenglepattam Tank ...	460	0	0
Do. a Waste Weir to Palloor Large Tank ...	416	0	0
Do. a Surplus Weir in Carai Surplus Channel ...	462	5	8

4. *Irrigation Repairs.*—A sum of Rupees 1,34,274 was laid out for the repair of irrigation works, the principal of which are given in the enclosed list. The only work calling for special notice under this head of expenditure is the Kaveripank tank, the estimate for the repair of which amounts to Rupees 53,000, and out of which Rupees 36,053 were expended in the year under review.

5. *Buildings, New.*—Rupees 49,161 were spent on civil and military buildings. The new Taluq and Sub-Magistrate's Cutcheries and Subsidiary Jails at Kalastri, Tripati, Cuppam, Gudiatham, Wandewash, and Poloor have been completed and handed over to the Revenue Department. The work of the cutcherry buildings at Venkatagirikota, Punganur, and Palmanair is in slow progress owing to the unhealthy nature of the climate and the difficulty of obtaining labor. The following works were completed during the year:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Constructing a Verandah to the Cook-room of 1st or Sergeant Bald's Quarters in the Vellore Fort...	37	0	0
Constructing a Bath-room to the Native Infantry Hospital at Vellore ...	294	10	1
Altering a portion of the Public Works Stores Godown in the Vellore Fort for the accommodation of the Postmaster ...	1,029	15	5

6. *Building Repairs.*—Rupees 15,393 were laid out on civil and military buildings.

7. Every effort is being made to restore to order the irrigation works damaged by the heavy rains of October last.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Progress Report of Public Works.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—List of Irrigation Works.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with two original enclosures to be returned.

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

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
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Per J. W. Fischer

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