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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th January 1875.
Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 3rd November 1874, No. 1,776 :—

REFERRING to paragraph 7 of my letter No. 1,590, dated 21st September 1874, I have the honor to inform you, that the Superintending Engineer reports that the bridge at the Kankipad Lock was not required, as the line of the village road was altered and taken over the Pullair Head Sluice.

2. The new channel at Pamarru appears to have been carried out separately before the Pullair project was sanctioned, and therefore the sum allowed for it was not required.

3. In the letter above quoted, the usual information regarding the results of the anicut and other irrigation works was not given, as the necessary particulars had not then been collected. The usual statement, showing the land taken up year by year since the anicut channels were open, is given below :—

Faslis.	Extent.	Collection.	Increase due to the year.	Decrease due to the year.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1265	2,449	4,235	...	...
1266	10,150	39,702	35,467	...
1267	17,076	72,566	32,864	...
1268	25,570	1,21,464	48,898	...
1269	35,504	1,82,826	61,362	...
1270	33,643	1,73,754	...	9,072
1271	38,539	1,97,590	23,836	...
1272	45,971	2,27,834	30,244	...
1273	61,039	2,93,744	65,910	...
1274	64,113	3,18,220	24,476	...
1275	65,546	3,45,175	26,955	...
1276	62,911	3,60,547	15,372	...
1277	68,963	3,94,226	33,679	...
1278	58,941	3,38,081	...	56,145
1279	56,311	3,14,226	...	23,855
1280	57,395	3,21,735	7,509	...
1281	60,913	3,41,231	19,496	...
1282	65,294	3,65,801	24,570	...
1283	76,165	4,61,251	95,450	...
Total...	...	48,74,208	...	...

4. The increased dry land converted into wet during last year was Acres 10,871, assessed at Rupees 95,450, against Acres 4,381, assessed at Rupees 24,570 in 1872-73.

5. The settlement rates were introduced in the Guntoor portion of the district in last year : hence the increase over the figures of the previous year.

6. Including what is known as the mamool wet, the total acreage under wet cultivation irrigated by channels was in the year 137,014 Acres, assessed at Rupees 8,14,734, which may be sub-divided as below :—

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
(1.) Mamool Wet	60,849	3,53,483
(2.) Dry land which has been converted into wet...	76,165	4,61,251
	<u>137,014</u>	<u>8,14,734</u>

7. The remissions of the year amounted to Rupees 14,396, and were of an ordinary character.

8. Referring to G. O., No. 1,174, dated 16th July 1874, Financial Department, I beg to append the following remarks :—

The Local Fund Works undertaken by the Engineer Officers were of the following classes :—

	RS.
Communications—Expenditure... ..	2,49,188
Educational... ..	282
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	11,141
	<u>2,60,611</u>

9. The following table shows in one view the allotment and expenditure for the year :—

Name of Item.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
<i>New Works.</i>		
Communications	1,37,000	1,77,626
Educational	1,000	282
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	6,500	3,004
<i>Repairs.</i>		
Communications	63,850	71,562
Educational		
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	9,600	48,137
Total...	<u>2,17,950</u>	<u>2,60,611</u>

10. The Board have already been addressed regarding the excess expenditure under Communications, and the necessary steps to be taken for its adjustment pointed out, *vide* No. 156, dated 24th September 1874.

11. The following are the principal of the roads on which work was done :—

1. Road from Ibrahimpatam to Mylavaram.
2. Do. from Nuzvid to Perikeed.
3. Do. from Voleru to Nizampatam.
4. Do. from Iyalur to Guntoor.
5. Do. from Pier-head to Anderson's Bridge, Masulipatam.
6. Do. from Masulipatam, *via* Challapalli to Kottapalem.
7. The Great Northern Road.

8. Road from China Palakalur to Narsarowpett.
9. Do. from Ponnur to Bapatla.
10. Do. from Guntoor to Amaravaty.
11. Do. from Chilakalurpetta to Nekarikallu, *via* Narsarowpetta.
12. Do. from Guntoor to Sattenapalli.
13. Do. from Sattenapalli to Pidugurala.

12. Of the above, the fourth or rather the Guntoor portion of it was completed. The rest made good progress.

13. Several masonry works required on the Argole Road were executed.

14. The following statement shows the mileage of road maintained, completed, and under construction, etc. :—

Number of roads.	Total length in miles.	Number of miles which have been maintained in good order during the year.	Number of miles of new road completed during the year.	Number of miles under construction.	Number of miles not yet commenced.
50	723	561	69	108	50

15. Rupees 282 were spent on account of the Avanigadda School-house, which was undergoing repairs. The work will be finished this year, and has been provided for in the list of incomplete works for 1874-75.

16. The drainage in the town of Bezwada was improved by the construction of a flood-bank to keep the water of the tank to the north out of the town.

17. The most part of the money provided against Sanitary and Miscellaneous *Repairs* went towards maintaining road avenues.

The foregoing letter, conveying information regarding the results of irrigation works omitted in the Collector's previous letter of 21st September 1874, No. 1,590, is submitted for the information of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th November 1874, No. 3,334.

2. The Board observe that it is satisfactory to find that, notwithstanding a large increase in the assessment of the Guntoor portion of the district, consequent on the introduction of the new settlement rates, the *area* under occupation, as shown in the statement attached to paragraph 3, is greater than in any preceding year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. C. Mee
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
.. to the Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. W. H. French

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Irrigation Works—of Kistna District.—
Letter from Collector, furnishing information
regarding results of —, submitted for informa-
tion of Government. Increase in the area
under cultivation and increase in the assess-
ment of the Guntur portion of the district,
considered satisfactory.

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