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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th August 1875.

Read the following letter from J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 15th July 1875, No. 289 :—

I HAVE the honor to report on the public works executed in the district during 1874-75, and to forward the usual Statements (I.) of works executed, and (II.) of the progress of works called for by the Board's Circular Memorandum of 14th October 1874, No. 1,675. The first has been prepared from the quarterly progress reports, and does not, therefore, include expenditure under the control of other departments than Public Works.

2. The total expenditure during the year from Imperial and Provincial Funds was Rupees 5,37,545 according to No. I., and Rupees 5,41,864 according to No. II. The difference, Rupees 4,319, is thus explained :—

	RS.	RS.
New works by Police Department	3,400	
Repairs by Do.	805	
		4,205
Jail Superintendent for constructing workshop		115
		4,320
Difference by not counting fractions of rupees		1
		4,319

3. The returns from the District Engineer have only recently been received, and I am not able at present to explain in the same way the difference for the previous year 1873-74.

4. The total budget allotment for Imperial and Provincial works was Rupees 5,32,987, and the revised allotments were Rupees 5,45,376, and the expenditure was Rupees 5,41,864. So small a sum as Rupees 3,512 was unexpended, is creditable to the Public Works Department.

5. The following is an abstract of Statement No. I:—

Items.	Actual Expenditure, 1873-74.			Actual Expenditure, 1874-75.			Increase.		Decrease.	
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>										
Irrigation	2,42,049	14	7	3,44,730	7	4	1,02,680	8	9	
Communications	17,321	8	1							17,321 8 1
Buildings	32,924	2	11	3,722	12	8				29,201 6 3
Miscellaneous Public Improvements				2,790	9	3	2,790	9	3	
Total	2,92,295	9	7	3,51,243	13	3	1,05,471	2	0	46,522 14 4
Net							58,948	3	8	
<i>Repairs.</i>										
Irrigation	1,86,100	5	8	1,76,978	9	0				9,121 12 8
Communications	7,373	14	7							7,343 14 7
Buildings	4,790	7	4	4,119	15	11				670 7 5
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	48	11	4	5,203	4	2	5,154	8	10	
Total	1,98,313	6	11	1,86,301	13	1	5,154	8	10	17,166 2 8
Net										12,011 9 10
Grand Total	4,90,609	0	6	5,37,545	10	4	46,936	9	10	

The very large increase of expenditure on new works when compared with that of last year, amounting to more than a lakh of rupees, is owing to the new works carried out in connection with the eastern and western delta completion projects. Statement No. I. shows how the money has been apportioned and the progress of each work. I have so recently been appointed to act as Collector that, personally, I know nothing of that part of the district. The only other important new work was the embankment round the Polavaram Island, of which about ten miles have been completed. On this subject, I submitted a separate report on 19th June 1875. All roads belong to Local Funds, and there has been no expenditure on them from Imperial or Provincial Funds. In 1873, however, contribution from Imperial Funds for the roads from Rajahmundry to Rahitapur, and from Vizeswaram to Polavaram along the west bank of the Godavery, amounting to Rupees 17,321, were charged.

6. *Buildings*.—The Taluq Cutcheries at Rajahmundry and Peddapur have been finished, and a ryot's shed built at the Collector's Cutcherry. Some alterations to the Telegraph Office at Cocanada are also charged under this head.

7. The Rupees 2,790 for Miscellaneous Public Improvement is the expenditure by Mr. King and Mr. Vanstavern on their coal-boring experiments near Biddadavole. Mr. King spoke hopefully to me of the chance of finding coal there, such quantities and of such quality as to repay the working.

8. *Repairs*.—Rupees 20,000 were spent on the Godavery Anicut, and the Samalcotta, Amalapur, Bendamurlanka and Narsapur Canals have been put in good order. There has also been some progress in investigating and, to some extent, carrying out a system of drainage for villages in the western delta.

9. The Bayana River-work specially commented on by Government last year has not been put in hand, but I see that there is some expenditure incurred in clearing away jungle for survey purposes.

10. Under the head of Miscellaneous Public Improvements, the chief item of expenditure is Rupees 4,973 for dredging the Cocanada Harbour.

11. I have received no complaint, and the works that I have seen in the Sub-division, the only part of the district I know, have satisfied me.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1. and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The total outlay from Imperial and Provincial Funds amounted to Rupees 5,41,864 out of allotments aggregating Rupees 5,45,376, the unappropriated balance being only Rupees 3,512, which is very satisfactory.

3. Under the head of "Irrigation" the expenditure on new works amounted to Rupees 3,44,730, or more than a lakh in excess of that for the previous year, viz., Rupees 2,42,050, the increase being explained to be due to the new works carried out in connection with the eastern and western delta completion projects. The expenditure in connection with the former section appears to have amounted to Rupees 1,44,299, and on the latter to Rupees 1,64,962. The only other new work of importance was the Polavaram Island Embankment, of which ten miles have been completed, the expenditure from Imperial Fund having amounted to Rupees 12,040, in addition, apparently, to the sum of Rupees 6,040 advanced from

the funds of the Kesanakurru Estate (*vide* Court's Proceedings, dated 8th July 1875, No. 1,892). The balance of the outlay on new works, viz., Rupees 23,430, was expended on minor irrigation channels.

Repairs to irrigation works cost Rupees 1,76,978, the principal item being Rupees 20,000 for repairing the Godavery Anicut.

4. There was no expenditure from Imperial or Provincial Funds on "Communications," and the Acting Collector has not noticed the outlay thereon from Local Funds. His attention is called to G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, communicated with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 21st August 1875, Miscellaneous No. 5,720.

5. The outlay on new works "Buildings" appears to have been Rupees 7,238, of which Rupees 3,400 were expended by the Police Department; but the Acting Collector has not stated the works on which the latter sum was spent, and the item is not included in Statement No. I.

The Taluq Cutcheries at Peddapur and Rajahmundry were reported complete last year, but a small expenditure of Rupees 275 appears to have been incurred in connection with the former, and of Rupees 1,474 on a supplemental estimate in the case of the latter. It was pointed out last year that the Collector

Paragraph 6, Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd July 1874, No. 1,670. should have stated whether these buildings fulfil their requirements, but no

report has been received. The Collector will report on this point.

The Telegraph Office at Cocanada was completed, the outlay during the year on this work being Rupees 2,433. The other items do not call for notice.

Under the head of "Repairs," Rupees 3,471 were expended by the Public Works Department, and Rupees 805 by the Police.

6. Under the head of Miscellaneous Public Improvement, Rupees 2,790 were expended in coal-boring experiments, and Rupees 4,973 in dredging the Cocanada Harbour.

7. The Collector reports that some preliminary work was commenced in connection with the Bayana Calingulah in respect to which there has been great delay. The Government having in their Order of the 9th January 1875, No. 53, Public Works Department, directed that the necessary measures for rendering the irrigation efficient should be determined at once and carried out, the work will doubtless be proceeded with promptly.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Calcutta
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with two original Statements to be returned.
,, the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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