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No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1875, No. 2,309 :—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 24th July 1875, No. 1,406.

I HAVE the honor to report on the operations of the Public Works Department in this district during the past official year 1874-75.

2. A statement of the progress of public works in the form prescribed in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 1,678, dated 14th October 1874, is enclosed.

IMPERIAL.

3. No Imperial public works were executed in this district during the year under report in connection with "Irrigation" or "Communication."

PROVINCIAL.

4. As shown in the margin, the funds available for Provincial works for 1874-75 amounted to Rupees 31,861, the whole of which was allotted to the Public Works Department. Of this, Rupees 29,543 were expended within the official year, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,318 unutilized. The total expenditure was double that of the previous* year.

		Rs.
Original Works.		
Buildings		22,991
Repairs.		
Buildings		8,870
	Total ...	31,861

* Rupees 14,823.

5. *Communications.*—No expenditure was incurred on account of Communications on Provincial Funds, the cost of construction and repair of all roads and bridges in the district (except a few short lines maintained by the Revenue Department exclusively as salt roads) being charged to Local Funds.

6. *Buildings—Original Works.*—A sum of Rupees 21,525 was expended on new works, of which the following are of most importance :—

7. *Coir Godown at Mangalore.*—Rupees 8,723 were expended on the construction of this building under a revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,010. The masonry work and planking of the stories were completed at the close of the official year. The building has since been roofed, and will probably be made available for storing coir during the next season.

Sanctioned in G. O., 13th April 1874, No. 958, Public Works Department.

8. The diagonal work connected with the enclosure of the burial ground at Mangalore was completed at a total cost of Rupees 4,795, of which Rupees 586 were paid during the year.

9. Rupees 6,606 were laid out in improvements to the District Court-house, for which an estimate, amounting to Rupees 13,700, appears to have been sanctioned in G. O., 30th July 1874, No. 2,073, Public Works Department. The walls of the building have been raised, and a new roof has been put on. The work is in progress.

10. The decayed roof of the Head Assistant Collector's office at Mangalore was renewed, and some repairs executed to it during the year. The work was completed within the estimate of Rupees 1,065, and the building is now reoccupied.

11. The additions and improvements to the travellers' bungalow at Cundapur, to adapt it for the residence of the Head Assistant Collector, were finished at a total outlay of Rupees 2,522, including charges incurred in 1873-74. A rent of Rupees 40 per mensem has since been fixed for the building in the marginally noted orders of Government. I cannot report favorably of that portion of the work consisting of the addition of a thatched verandah to the western side of the building. The northern verandah is well built and has masonry pillars, while the western verandah alluded to is a very temporary erection with timber posts, and even these are not straight. The effect is not harmonious and might have been avoided at a very slightly additional cost.

G. O., 5th May 1875, No. 1,276, Public Works Department.

12. A Police station was constructed at Puttur on contract for Rupees 1,820.

13. Among minor works the small sea custom-house, commenced at Naikinkatta in the previous year, was completed at a cost of Rupees 346 or Rupees 46 in excess of the estimate, which sum the District Engineer proposes to recover by the sale of the materials of the old building.

14. Most of the work connected with the reconstruction of the sea custom-house at Gangolly was also carried out during the year, and Rupees 1,876 were expended out of the revised estimate for Rupees 2,230. The work will be completed soon after the monsoon.

15. The terraces of the towers of the Upperangadi Taluq Cutcherry being found to be unequal to stand the heavy rain of this district were replaced with tiled roofs under an estimate for Rupees 410.

16. *Repairs.*—The total outlay on repairs amounted to Rupees 8,018, of which Rupees 430 were expended on repairs to the roof of the Saint Paul's Church at Mangalore, Rupees 2,800 on repairs to the District Jail, Rupees 622 on repairs to the roof and record-room of the Upperangadi Taluq Cutcherry, Rupees 524 on the construction of new record shelves and improvements to the record-room of the Udipi Taluq Cutcherry, and Rupees 80 on repairs to that of the Kasargode Taluq. The improvements and repairs to the record-rooms at the several Taluq Cutcherries were found necessary for proper arrangement and protection of the records.

17. The other repairs were of a petty nature and call for no remark.

18. The annual monsoon repairs to public buildings were, as usual, executed partly by the Department of Public Works, and partly by the departments occupying them.

Local Fund.

19. Local Fund works form by far the greatest portion of the operations of the Public Works Department in this district. I shall, however, briefly notice them here, with reference to G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, Financial Department, leaving a full review thereof for my Local Fund report.

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7th September 1875.

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20. The subjoined statement shows the public works allotment and expenditure during the year under report :—

——	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Communications	1,26,257 0 0	1,13,797 0 0	12,460 0 0
Education	230 0 0	216 0 0	14 0 0
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	15,470 0 0	12,066 0 0	3,404 0 0
Total ...	1,41,957 0 0	1,26,079 0 0	15,878 0 0

Rupees 32,701.

21. The unappropriated balance, though still somewhat large, compares favorably with that of the previous year.

22. *Communications.*—Under this head Rupees 38,331 were spent on original works, and Rupees 75,466 on repairs.

23. The more important new works constructed during the year are—

Road No. 18, from the foot of the Hyderghur Ghaut to Shenkranarayan, fully completed and opened for traffic.

Tracing and opening to bridlepath Tarpady and Bajape road.

Metalling further portions of roads No. 1 from Mangalore to Mysore frontier by the Sampaji Ghaut, and No. 2 from Munzerabad Ghaut to Mani *viâ* Upperangady.

Construction of two iron girder bridges at Budolly and Nellyadi on road No. 2, which were not, however, completed at the close of the year, and of another timber bridge over the Sanur river, which is now being finished.

24. Of the expenditure, Rupees 75,466, on repairs, more than Rupees 20,000 was absorbed by the renewal, &c., of timber platforms of bridges. The structures, especially when constructed of unseasoned wood, rapidly deteriorate in this climate and require frequent renewal. The Local Fund Board is now insisting on the use of none but seasoned timber, and greater durability is expected.

25. During the year under report, 780 miles of road were kept in repair at a cost of Rupees 53,887, which gives an average of Rupees 69 per mile.

26. The expenditure on *Educational* works is too small to require notice.

27. *Sanitary and Miscellaneous.*—Under this head four chuttrums have been constructed at an average cost of about Rupees 2,500 at the following places where accommodation for travellers was most wanted :—

Hossangady.	Charmady.
Punjalkatta.	Subramanya.

The building at the last-mentioned place has not yet been completed.

28. Extraordinary repairs were also executed to the travellers' bungalows at Feringapett, Kirmanjeshwar and Kumbla, Bekal-kan and Panemangalore.

29. In conclusion, I beg to bring to the notice of the Board that the full complement of Public Works Officers in this district, for which the Local Fund Board's contribution is about Rupees 31,000, has not been maintained during the year, that the district is consequently under-officered, and that the District Engineer has had to take charge of a range.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. There was no expenditure from Imperial Funds, and the expenditure from Provincial Funds was confined to buildings. The outlay under this head was double that of the previous year, and amounted to Rupees 29,544 out of allotments aggregating Rupees 31,861, leaving only Rupees 2,317 unutilized, which is satisfactory. The large increase of expenditure was due to the fact that the allotments were twice as large as those for the previous year.

The chief items of expenditure under the head of New Works were the construction of a coir godown at Mangalore, improvements to the District Court-house, and the construction of a Police station at Puttur. The outlay on "Repairs" amounted to Rupees 8,018.

3. The expenditure from Local Funds amounted to Rupees 1,26,079 out of allotments aggregating Rupees 1,41,95[illegible], the unutilized balance being about half that of the previous year. The bulk of the expenditure was on "Communications," to which the Local Fund Board appear to be paying judicious attention.

4. The Collector brings to notice that the full complement of Public Works Officers was not maintained during the year, and the Board request that the matter may receive consideration with a view to the staff being strengthened if possible.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1875, No. 2,533.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

RECORDED, with remark that an Assistant Engineer was posted to the district in G. O., No. 644, dated 5th March 1875.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Canara.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

SOUTH CANARA.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 7th.

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