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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th September 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1875, No. 264:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual report on public works for 1874-75, accompanied by an abstract of outlay in the form prescribed in Revenue Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 1,678, of 14th October 1874.

1 Statement.

2. The aggregate outlay during the year amounted to Rupees 90,679 or 33,361 less than in the previous year.

	1873-74.	1874-75.
	RS.	RS.
Imperial	83,269	65,661
Provincial... ...	40,771	25,018
Total ...	1,24,040	90,679

It fell short of the sanctioned allotment by Rupees 1,416. As compared with the expenditure of the previous year, there was a decrease under "New Civil Buildings," as several Cutcherries previously undertaken were finished in 1873-74, and none were newly taken in hand in the year under report. There was also a decrease under Irrigational Repairs.

3. The expenditure is classed as follows:—

	RS.
1. Buildings, New	14,840
2. Repairs	3,121
3. Irrigational New Works	5,425
4. Repairs...	57,882
5. Communications, New	9,411
Total ...	90,679

4. *Buildings.*—A record office and out-offices for the Travelling Post Office at Erode were sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rupees 3,100; of which Rupees 2,199 were spent, and the work is nearly finished. The house and office for the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Erode, commenced in the previous year, was completed in 1874-75 at an aggregate cost of Rs. 8,291.*

	RS.
* In 1873-74	4,000
1874-75	4,291

A sum of Rupees 4,000 was advanced to the Superintendent of the Central Jail, Coimbatore, for providing accommodation for the Police guard at the jail. It is, I think, to be regretted that these huts were not built nearer the jail. These are nearly a mile from it. Three Police huts were built at Velliannay† in Caroor Taluq, and three at Coonatoor‡ in Erode. The burial-ground at Bhowany was enclosed at a cost of Rupees 230, and a dead-house was built at Sattiamungalum at a cost of Rupees 227. The other items of expenditure under New Buildings were works of additions and improvements to the existing buildings.

	RS.
† Three huts	480
‡ Three huts	480

5. The cost of maintaining civil buildings in repair was Rupees 2,966, and it appears that Rupees 86 of the repair allotment were allowed to lapse. Rupees 136 were laid out in maintaining military rest-houses in repair.

6. *Irrigational Works.*—No new works of importance were carried out during the year. The Vanipoottoor and Mungamary Aqueducts over the Arkencotta Channel were at last, after several breaches, provided with calingulahs at a cost of Rupees 580, and the head sluice of the channel was improved at a cost of Rupees 1,696; and the rest of the expenditure was in several minor improvements.

7. The maintenance of the irrigation works has cost Rupees 57,882 from the allotment of Rupees 60,000. The principal works of repair were —

(1.) Repairing the Kaniyoor and Kullapuram Anicuts and colvoys (sand sluices) in Oodumulpettah Taluq; the works were commenced in 1873-74, and were a little more than half done at the end of the year under report. The estimated cost was Rupees 5,740, and the outlay in the two years was Rupees 3,287,* leaving a balance of Rupees 2,453 of the estimate still to be carried out.

	Rs
*1873-74	1,200
1874-75	2,087
Total ...	3,287

(2.) The Kundadoothamanikem Tank, another irrigation work of the Oodumulpettah Taluq, was improved and strengthened at a cost of Rupees 2,453; a small portion of the estimate, *viz.*, Rupees 387, remained unworked out at the end of the year.

(3.) A commencement was made to provided several channels in Caroor and Dharapuram Taluqs, with improved sand sluices and shutters which they lacked hitherto; such improvements were taken in hand on six channels in 1873-74, and completed in four cases, and nearly finished in two others. The estimated cost was Rupees 10,047; the outlay was Rupees 6,543 in 1874-75, and Rupees 3,413 in 1873-74, making a total of Rupees 9,956.

1. Pallapolliem Channel.
2. Alanghiem do.
3. Nunjacalacoorchy Channel.
4. Chinnadarapuram do.
5. Nunjatalayoor do.
6. Dharapuram. do.

	Rs.
Calingarayen	9,200
Thadapully	8,442
Arkencotta	3,405
Total ...	21,047

(4.) The three important irrigation channels of the district cost Rupees 21,047 for annual clearance and maintenance.

(5.) Rupees 3,813 were laid out in planting Nanul in the river and channel banks in Caroor Taluq; and Rupees 4,372 in repairing the groynes in the Cauvery bank. The cost of these protective works aggregated Rupees 8,185.

8. The aggregate† of the irrigational repair items above enumerated is 70 per cent. of the total agricultural repair outlay; the residue, *viz.*, 30 per cent., having been laid out in maintaining fifty-one different irrigation works in repair.

† Rupees 40,315.

9. *Communications.*—The expenditure of Rupees 9,411 under this head was the outlay on the Ponachy Ghaut opened to bridle-path up the Ponachy Saddle. The aggregate expenditure on this work up to the end of the year was Rupees 16,514. I inspected this work in January, and reported thereon in my letter printed with G. O., No. 1,087, of 19th May 1875.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement showing progress of Public Works.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report calls for no particular remark. Out of a total allotment of Rupees 92,095, only Rupees 1,416 were left unutilized. The decrease in expenditure as compared with the previous year is under the heads of Irrigational Repairs and New Civil Buildings. The bulk of the outlay from Imperial Funds was incurred on the repair of old irrigation works.

3. The only expenditure from Provincial Funds on communications was in connection with the Ponachy Ghaut. No information is given as to the allotments and expenditure from Local Funds. The Collector's attention is drawn to G. O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, Financial Department, which clearly contemplated some notice being taken of outlay from Local Funds in the Public Works Report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,

" Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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