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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th November 1875.

Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1875, No. 258:—

I HAVE the honor to report upon the progress made in the construction and repair of public works in this district during the official year 1874-75.

2. The annexed statement exhibits the expenditure incurred under the different heads as compared with the amount allotted in the budget and the expenditure of the preceding year:—

Description.	CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED WITH THE BUDGET ALLOTMENT.				CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.			
	Budget Allotment.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Decrease.	Last Year.	Current Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>New Works.</i>								
Agricultural	4,000	3,758	..	242	4,851	3,758	..	1,093
Buildings { Military ...	26,341	25,315	..	1,026	15,279	25,315	10,036	..
{ Civil ...	1,16,915	1,07,071	..	9,844	34,585	1,07,071	72,486	..
Total New Works..	1,47,256	1,36,144	..	11,112	54,715	1,36,144	82,522	1,093
			..	11,112	..	..	81,429	..
<i>Repairs.</i>								
Agricultural	1,14,000	1,13,682	..	318	51,632	1,13,682	62,050	..
Buildings { Military ...	17,451	12,827	..	4,604	13,240	12,827	..	413
{ Civil ...	3,067	2,452	..	615	2,012	2,452	440	..
Total Repairs ...	1,34,498	1,28,961	..	5,537	66,884	1,28,961	62,490	413
Net ...	..	..	..	5,537	..	..	62,077	..
Grand Total ...	2,81,754	2,65,105	..	16,649	1,21,599	2,65,105	1,43,506	1,506
Net ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,43,599	..

3. The total expenditure fell short of the budget allotment by Rupees 16,649 and exceeded the expenditure of the preceding year by Rupees 1,43,506.

4. NEW WORKS—AGRICULTURAL.—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 3,758. This sum was utilized in the construction of waste weirs, sluices, head sluices, distribution sluices, or regulating dams and surplus weirs, &c., for tanks and channels.

5. BUILDINGS—MILITARY.—The expenditure under this head, amounting to Rupees 25,315, was laid out chiefly in the execution of the undermentioned works:—

- (a.) Quarters for one Sub-Conductor and two Staff Sergeants of Ordnance Department completed. Estimate Rupees 14,400. Expenditure during the year Rs. 9,111.
- (b.) Latrine of eight seats for the families of the detachment of British Infantry.

Estimate Rupees 1,840, and expenditure during the year Rupees 962. The work is completed.

(c.) Punkahs for Staff Sergeants and family quarters, Royal Artillery. Estimate Rupees 800. Expenditure Rupees 800. The work is completed.

(d.) Recreation and coffee rooms for the detachment of British Infantry. Estimate Rupees 6,062. Expenditure Rupees 5,541. The work is in progress.

(e.) Enclosing back verandah behind each quarter to form a separate bath-room for each family of the detachment, British Infantry. Estimate Rupees 520. Expenditure Rupees 519. The work is completed.

(f.) Reroofing surgery building at Trichinopoly. Estimate Rupees 630. Expenditure Rupees 300. The work is in progress.

(g.) Stop and marker's butts for a new rifle range at Trichinopoly and altering the line of present range. Estimate Rupees 670. Expenditure during the year Rupees 157. The work is completed.

(h.) Recoil butts. Estimate Rupees 240, and expenditure Rupees 240. The work is completed.

(i.) Erecting flagstaff on the rock fort at Trichinopoly. Estimate Rupees 380. Expenditure Rupees 376. The work is completed.

6. BUILDINGS—CIVIL.—The sum of Rupees 1,07,071 was expended under this head. The following are the principal works executed during the year:—

(a.) Sub-Magistrate's cutcherry and jail with out-houses at Kulitalai. The estimate was Rupees 28,621, and expenditure up to the end of the year Rupees 28,616. The work was completed and handed over to the Revenue Department.

(b.) Alterations to the Nawab's palace at Trichinopoly for the Tahsildar's cutcherry and certain other public offices. The work was commenced in December 1874. Revised estimate Rupees 56,200, and expenditure up to the end of the year Rupees 33,705. The work has almost been completed, the restoration of the buildings has proved a great success, and the offices will be extremely commodious.

(c.) Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry and sub-jail at Tiraiyur. Estimate Rupees 11,826, and expenditure up to the end of the year Rupees 10,232. The work has been completed.

(d.) Sub-jail and lock-up at Kilapalur, Deputy Tahsildar's station in the Udaiyarpalayam Taluq. The work was commenced in January 1874 and completed in March 1875 at an aggregate cost of Rupees 4,533.

(e.) Deputy Collector's cutcherry at Arivalur. Estimate Rupees 4,100, and expenditure Rupees 3,937. The work has almost been completed.

(f.) Two small and two large wards, together with a Police guard-room, &c., at Jeyankondasolapuram, head-quarters of the Udaiyarpalayam Taluq. Estimate Rupees 4,700, and expenditure Rupees 4,739. The work has been completed.

(g.) Block No. 6 in the central jail at Trichinopoly was enlarged at a cost of Rupees 3,397.

(h.) A portion of the district jail formerly used as workshops was converted into a sub-jail at an outlay of Rupees 2,566, and further partition walls have been raised separating the sub-jail from the district jail at an expenditure of Rupees 470.

(i.) Two large and two small wards, together with a Police guard-room, at Arivalur. Estimate Rupees 8,450. Work executed amounts to Rupees 8,130.

7. The works repaired during the year were of the following character:—

Agricultural.

Irrigation channels	31
Tanks	106
Embankments or dykes	8
Anicuts (weirs)	9
Distributaries	29

Buildings.

Military, repaired and maintained	30
Civil, do. do.	10

8. The outlay of Rupees 1,13,632 on agricultural repairs was utilized in repairing and improving sluices, irrigating dams, dykes, groynes, calingulaks, anicuts, and stone revetments, clearing the silt, cutting new channel heads, closing breaches, widening channels, replacing and repairing shutters, raising, widening, and repairing channel and tank banks, planting nanul, wild cane, and nir nochi stalks, removing islands formed in river beds, removing projecting portions of padugias, and altering river banks so as to improve the set of the current.

The accompanying statement, giving the description of each work and the amount expended on it, is herewith submitted for Board's information.

The usual statement, showing the irrigation works in this district, is appended. Out of 4,502 works only 348 are reported to be out of order. This shows an improvement on last year, where the number was 419:—

Description.	In Repairs.	Out of Repairs.	Total.
Large Tanks	343	80	422
Small do.	590	14	604
Irrigating Channels	827	53	880
Supplying do.	768	43	809
Dams	59	7	66
Bridge	274	5	279
Tank Sluices	594	74	668
Channel Sluices	455	41	496
Calingulaks	246	22	268
Total	4,154	348	4,502

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The total expenditure on public works from Imperial and Provincial Funds during the year 1874-75 amounted to Rupees 2,65,105 against an allotment of Rupees 2,81,754, or ninety-four per cent., which is satisfactory. The outlay exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 1,43,506 owing mainly to increased expenditure under the heads of New Civil Buildings and Agricultural Repairs. The statement prescribed by Circular Memorandum, No. 1,678, dated 14th October 1874, has not been furnished.

3. The expenditure on Agricultural New Works was only Rupees 3,758, but Rupees 1,13,682 were laid out on repairs, a sum, Rupees 62,050, in excess of the previous year's outlay. A large number of irrigation channels and tanks were cleared, weirs improved, and sluices put in order; the allotment seems to have been well utilized, and out of 4,502 irrigation works in the district only 348 are reported to be out of order.

4. On Military Buildings Rupees 25,315 were expended on New Works chiefly in connection with the improvement of family quarters and provision of recreation rooms, and Rupees 12,847 on Repairs. The outlay on Civil Buildings, New Works, was Rupees 1,07,071, or Rupees 72,486 in excess of the previous year's expenditure.

1. Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and Jail at Kulitalai.
2. Alterations to the Nawab's Palace.
3. Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Toraiyur.
4. Sub-Jail and Lock-up at Kilapalur.
5. Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Ariyalur.
6. Provision of Police and Jail accommodation at Jeyemkondasolapuram, Ariyalur, and District and Central Jails, Trichinopoly.

Several important works are reported to be either complete or approaching completion. The outlay on repairs was inconsiderable.

5. There was no expenditure from Imperial or Provincial Funds on Communications, and the Collector has not noticed the outlay from Local Funds. His attention is drawn to G.O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, Financial Department, in accordance with which some information on the subject should have been afforded.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with original statement to be returned.
the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.
Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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