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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st August 1876.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ranipett, 21st June 1876, No. 299 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the operation of the Public Works Department for the official year 1875-76, and to transmit two statements in the form prescribed in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 2,044, dated 7th December 1875.

2. The total expenditure of the year as compared with that of the preceding year, 1874-75, is shown briefly in the following statement :—

Works.	Expenditure in 1874-75.	Expenditure in 1875-76.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.	Estimate of 1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
New.					
Irrigation	47,453	2,08,982	1,61,529	...	
Buildings	49,161	40,201	...	8,960	
Total ...	96,614	2,49,183	1,61,529	8,960	
Repairs.					
Irrigation	1,34,274	1,34,627	353	...	
Buildings	15,393	8,553	...	6,840	
Total ...	1,49,667	1,43,180	353	6,840	
Grand Total ...	2,46,281	3,92,363	1,61,882	15,800	3,91,110
Net Increase ...	...	...	1,46,082	...	

3. IRRIGATION WORKS, NEW.—The expenditure under this head amounts to Rupees 2,08,982. The principal new works which were in progress during the greater portion of the year under report but completed before its close are—

(1.) Extending south weir, constructing a sluice, and raising revetment of Poloor tank.

(2.) Reconstruction of anicuts across the Palar and Ponney rivers.

(3.) Improvement of Thorappadi tank and its supply channel.

The following is a list of other important new works which were also completed during the year :—

		Rs.
1.	Constructing surplus weir to Sarinthamungalam tank	541
2.	Do. do. and new stone revetment to Valurpuram tank	1,887
3.	Constructing surplus weir and new stone revetment to Thoppoor large tank	1,225
4.	Constructing calingulah of 80 feet to Jambucolam tank ...	550
5.	Do surplus weir and high level sluice to Kumanoor tank	1,980
6.	Constructing waste weir to Nelvoy tank	598
7.	Do. surplus weir to Conjeveram tank	746
8.	Do. revetment and escape from Poodoopadi tank ...	1,090
9.	Do. new revetment and additional escape for Velapakam tank	945

	Rs.
10. Constructing extension and improvement of escape to Atheanam tank	746
11. Constructing do. do to Thayavoor tank	487
12. Do. new surplus weir and improving calingulah to Kavanoor Madara Puthur tank	876
13. Constructing Valloor tank sluice	3,662
14. Do. Kannattoor tank escape	469
15. Do. surplus weir to the Vellimalai tank	695
16. Extending surplus weir to the Calunyoor tank and also revetment	1,735
17. Constructing new stone revetment and extending escape weir to Bommi Naiken Polliem tank	571
18. Constructing new revetment and escape weir to Voolundakal tank	449
19. Constructing new stone revetment and two surplus weirs to Cattaminchi tank supply channel	956
20. Constructing an under tunnel to Agraharam tank supply channel at the crossing of a hill stream	629

4. Irrigation Repairs.—A sum of Rupees 1,34,627 was laid out on repair of irrigation works. Of these the repair of the Kaveripauk tank, which was commenced in the preceding year, was completed during the year under report except the sluice and the calingulah works which are stated to be in rapid progress. A list of the principal irrigation works repaired during the year is enclosed.

5. Buildings, New.—Rupees 40,201 were spent on both Civil and Military buildings. The Deputy Tahsildars' Cutcherry buildings at Venkatagirikota and ...der report. The former building, however, has not yet been taken charge of by this department as, when it was examined after the District Engineer had reported it as finished, I had to draw his attention to various points in which its construction was faulty. The alterations and improvements to the Taluq Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail at Palmanair, and the construction of the out-houses connected therewith, are now in progress. The repairs and improvements to the Collector's bungalow at Chittoor were completed and the building handed over for occupation towards the close of the year 1875. The following are among the important works completed during the year :—

	Rs.
1. Improving the Taluq Cutcherry at Chittoor	1,035
2. Bell and belfry to the English Church at Chittoor	403
3. Constructing a latrine attached to the Native Infantry barracks at Vellore	85

6. Buildings, Repair.—A sum of Rupees 8,553 was laid out in the repair of the Civil and Military buildings in the district during the year.

7. The roads of the district generally are in very tolerable condition ; the short length of road between the Vellore town and Railway station has been reconstructed *de novo*, and is now in excellent order. Owing to the long continued drought, and the consequent very great scarcity of water, considerable difficulty has been experienced in carrying out the required occasional repairs.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 3.—Statements.

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Submitted for the information of Government. The statement shows that of the total sums allotted for (1) New Works and (2) Repairs the expenditure has been 96·92 and 99·90 per cent. respectively, giving a general average of expenditure to allotment of upwards of 98 per cent.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with three original enclosures to be returned.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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