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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th September 1876.
Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Melagaram, 29th July 1876, No. 469 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of Public Works in this District for 1875-76 with the statements prepared in the forms prescribed in the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 2,044, dated the 7th December 1875.

2. Rupees 36,621 were spent this year on the Striviguntum Ancient Project, while Rupees 40,557 were spent on fifty-four minor irrigation works, of which forty-one works were completed during the year and thirteen were in progress. Of this sum, Rupees 26,548 were spent on the construction of head sluices to the five principal irrigation channels of the Tambrapurni river and in clearing and otherwise improving the Manur channel; good progress was thus made in these useful additions to the irrigation system of the district.

3. Rupees 1,08,403-7-1 were spent on repairs of irrigation works; of this amount Rupees 52,586 were expended on estimates above 2,500 Rupees on twenty-four works. There can be no doubt that these works when completed will be in first rate order, but that half a lakh is required for twenty-four irrigation works out of a total of upwards of 2,000 irrigating more than 10 acres on our irrigation registers is a fact eloquent in support of the pressing need of still larger allotments for irrigation repairs.

Road No. 2, between Ottapidaram and Vypar, Estimate Rupees 78,000.—The allotment of Rupees 6,320 has been spent in building five road dams and the metalling of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road; the road may now be considered complete up to junction with road No. 27-A at Kolattur, which is fourteen miles from Ottapidaram.

Road No. 8, Tinnevelly to Rajapalayam, Estimate Rupees 70,900.—Expenditure in 1874-75 Rupees 14,156-2-6 and that in 1875-76 Rupees 8,587-5-7. In the Tinnevelly Range, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles were this year metalled and completed; several small masonry works have been built, and materials collected for metalling more than two miles. The road in the Tinnevelly Range is now complete for three miles and earthwork and masonry are complete for $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles further. In the Northern Range, one masonry work was built, and a large quantity of stone and gravel collected, and the former spread for a length of three miles. No portion of the road in this range is to be considered complete, as rail is still required to allow of the road being rolled.

Road No. 23, Striviguntum to Armugamangalam, Estimate Rupees 26,500.—Expenditure up to 1874-75 Rs. 22,770-10-6 and that in 1875-76 Rs. 3,129-2-11 except the gravelling of about one mile; this road is now complete. The gravelling cannot go on now, as the road, where gravelling is wanted, runs along a channel bank which requires raising.

Road No. 27, Vypar to Sattur, Estimate Rupees 1,52,000.—The Local Fund Board hesitate to proceed with this work till the effect of the Railway on traffic is known; Rupees 1,000 were given to gravel a portion of the road metalled last year and for completing the earthwork on two miles.

Road No. 27-A, Kolattur to Vilatikulam, Estimate Rupees 39,200.—Expenditure up to 1874-75 Rupees 26,790-0-4 and that in 1875-76 Rupees 2,038-4-8. The allotment was expended in the construction of four culverts and metalling a quarter of a mile of road; nearly six miles of this road are now finished, and the remainder requires only metalling.

Road No. 7-A, Athiyuthu to Surandai, Estimate Rupees 18,140.—Expenditure up to 1874-75 Rupees 10,999-7-1 and that in 1875-76 Rupees 2,085-15-5. One-half of the allotment was expended in completing four miles of the road, the remaining half of the allotment was transferred to "Other Agency" by the Local Fund Board.

Road No. 16, Ambasamudram to Panagudi, Estimate Rupees 9,000.—Expenditure up to 1874-75 Rupees 2,960-7-0 and that in 1875-76 Rupees 4,907-7-5. This road would have been entirely completed had there been rain to allow of its being rolled. All masonry, &c., works are complete. Rupees 10,000 under Local Fund New Works and Rupees 3,000 under Repairs remained unspent on account of the late date on which sanction was received for the estimates.

Rupees 5,602 were spent in improvements to the Chuttram at Tirukurangudi and Rupees 12,430-14-4 on public buildings. The Post office building at Virudupatti and the District Munsif's Court-house at Striviguntum, which were in progress last year, and the Police huts at Sattur were completed this year with the exception of a small portion of the compound wall of the last work. The house for the Shermadevi Range officer is an excellent and very cheap piece of work.

So far as I have been able to judge, I consider the work done by the department very good in design, quality, materials, and workmanship.

That executed by the Revenue Department is on the whole fair in quality and considerably cheaper than work executed by the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

The report is on the whole satisfactory. Of a total revised allotment, amounting to Rupees 3,99,187, the sum of Rupees 3,81,142 or 95½ per cent. has been expended.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

E. J. Lewis

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

with original statement, to be returned.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

" to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Public Works—in Tinnevely District—Submitting to Government Collector's report on progress of — for 1875-76.

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