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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd September 1876.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chingleput, 15th August 1876, No. 462 :—

I HAVE the honor to report on the progress of public works in this district during 1875-76.

2. From the subjoined abstract, in which the expenditure of the past two years is compared, it will be seen that there has been a net increase of Rupees 62,720, due chiefly to the large outlay on irrigation works :—

Abstract showing the Expenditure on Public Works.

Particulars.		Expenditure in 1874-75.	Expenditure in 1875-76.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.	Remarks.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Irrigation... ...	New Works ...	24,044	62,643	38,599	...	Exclusive of the outlay from Local Funds.
	Repairs	85,374	1,23,060	37,686	...	
Communications	New Works ...	52,787	21,210	...	31,577	
	Repairs	17,[illegible]	47,486	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Buildings... ...	New Works ...	35,043	21,130	...	13,913	
	Repairs	14,518	16,185	1,667	...	
Total	New Works ...	1,11,874	1,04,983	38,599	45,490	
	Repairs	1,17,120	1,86,731	69,611	...	
	Total...	2,28,994	2,91,714	1,08,210	45,490	
	Net Increase...	...	...	62,720	...	

3. IRRIGATION—*New Works.*—The amount expended on new works of irrigation was Rupees 62,643, of which two-thirds were absorbed by the Chembrambaukam and Red Hill Tanks projects, the expenditure having been chiefly on the Casaveram, Korattur, and Damarpakum anicuts, and in improving and strengthening the weirs of the former tank. Of the remaining one-third, a greater portion was spent on minor new works, such as sluices and waste weirs, of which, out of 93 undertaken, 46 were completed.

4. *Repairs.*—The repairs of irrigation works cost Rupees 1,23,060. 307 tanks have been repaired, the damaged portions of Damarpakam and Casaveram anicuts restored—the latter partly, and the bed of the old Bungaroo channel cleared and the breaches therein closed.

5. COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works.*—Exclusive of the outlay on Local Fund works, only Rupees 21,210 have been spent on new works of communication, such as clearing salt and boat channels, raising bunds at salt stations for the protection of pans from inundation, and providing bridges across boat channels for the use of the

manufacturers. Two lic-byes were also excavated on the south canal—one beyond the 60th, and the other beyond the 63rd furlong stones. None of the other works are of any importance to need special mention.

6. *Repairs.*—The expenditure under this head has been Rupees 47,486, of which the ordinary and special repairs of the canals consumed Rupees 39,607 of the balance; Rupees 6,868 were laid out on the Salt Roads from Alathur to Thenpakam and from Puthuput to Chunampet and on the roads at Madras, Attiput, and Covelong stations; and Rupees 734 on the roads in Guindy Park.

7. There is nothing worthy of mention as regards expenditure on Local Fund works of communication. Out of an allotment of Rupees 1,28,196 for new works and of Rupees 1,35,104 for repairs, only Rupees 65,061 of the former and Rupees 1,25,452 of the latter were utilized. No miles have been completed anywhere during the year owing, the Superintending Engineer states, to the drought which prevented the spreading of gravel. The amount for repairs includes Rupees 25,464 appropriated in making good the damages caused by the heavy rains of the preceding year. The roads are generally in fair order.

8. Buildings—*New Works.*—Rupees 21,130 were expended under this head—Rupees 13,477 from Salt Funds, and Rupees 7,653 from Provincial Funds. Out of the former were undertaken the additions and improvements to the Salt Cutcherry at Madras and the construction of the Salt Superintendent's Cutcherry at Athiput and Police huts, &c., at some of the stations, costing in the aggregate Rupees 5,077. The balance constitutes the estimated cost of the Police Inspector's quarters at Ennore, Covelong, and Cheyur. Of the amount spent from Provincial Funds, while Rupees 2,250 was laid out on Government house at Guindy and Rupees 740 on ecclesiastical buildings at Trivellore, a dead-house at the Mount, and a Police station at Uvary, in rebuilding the cook-room attached to the sub-jail at Home's Gardens, in making additions to the Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Poonamallee, and in furnishing the Collector's Office at Home's Gardens with matting, chicks, &c.

9. *Repairs.*—The expenditure under this head has been Rupees 16,185. Of this sum Rupees 3,610 were spent in repairing the cutcherries at Saidapet, Trivellore, Conjeveram, Poonamallee, and Sathiavedu, the sub-jails at Tiruporur, Utramerur, Mount, Palaveram, and Conjeveram; and the Overseer's bungalow and Government School-house, &c., at Tirupasur, and in supplying Begum's Bungalow at the Mount with the required fittings for the accommodation of the Superintending Engineer's and Mount Range Officers. The salt platforms at Madras, Home's Gardens, Covelong, and Cheyur were repaired at a cost of Rupees 1,352. Of the balance, Rupees 3,780 were spent in repairing the fresh-water ponds at Kattur and Cheyur, the Police huts and the guard-room at the various salt stations, and the masonry drains at the Madras Cottaur, and Rupees 8,447 on the works in Guindy Park and on the ecclesiastical buildings at the Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee.

10. The statements prescribed in the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 2,044, dated 7th December 1875, are herewith enclosed duly filled in.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2—Statements.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The proportion of expenditure to allotment is 88·3 per cent., the short outlay was chiefly on New Works, Communications (Local Funds). The Board are glad to notice that so large a number of tanks were repaired during the year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with two original statements to be returned.

„ the Collector of Chingleput.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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