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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th September 1876.
 Read the following letter from N. A. ROUPELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1876, No. 1,252 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the Public Works in this district executed during the official year 1875-76, accompanied by the Reports received from the Range Officers as well as the statements prescribed by the Board in their Circular Memorandum, No. 2,344, dated 7th December 1875.

2. A comparative statement showing the expenditure incurred on New Works and Repairs during the past two official years is given below :—

Items.	Expenditure in 1874-75.	Expenditure in 1875-76.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
<i>Imperial.</i>				
Irrigation { New Works	497 11 11	1,881 5 3	1,383 9 4	533 0 0
{ Repairs	17,450 4 0	16,917 4 0	2 10 8	...
Communications { New Works	2,057 4 6	2,059 15 2	...	...
{ Repairs	...	...	...	...
Total ...	20,005 4 5	20,858 8 5	853 4 0	...
<i>Provincial.</i>				
Buildings { New Works	15,613 1 6	13,806 11 1	553 8 8	1,806 6 5
{ Repairs	2,431 15 6	2,985 8 2	...	17,506 10 11
Communications { New Works	32,645 15 11	15,139 5 0	1,619 10 11	...
{ Repairs	2,885 15 11	4,505 10 10	...	17,139 13 9
Total ...	53,577 0 10	35,437 3 1	...	...
<i>Local Funds.</i>				
Communications { New Works	57,561 0 0	56,854 13 8	2,500 10 7	706 2 4
{ Repairs	84,091 0 0	86,591 10 7	1,489 11 4	...
Educational { New Works	...	1,489 11 4	...	...
{ Repairs	...	...	...	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous { New Works	2,045 0 0	9,347 14 0	7,302 14 0	...
{ Repairs	269 0 0	442 15 8	174 15 8	...
Total ...	1,43,965 0 0	1,54,727 1 3	10,762 1 3	...

3. IMPERIAL IRRIGATION—*New Works*.—A sum of Rupees 12,000 was originally allotted for New Works under this head for the two Government Taluqs of Surva-siddi and Golconda, but it was subsequently reduced to Rupees 2,000 against Rupees 500 in the previous year; Rupees 1,881-5-3 were expended during the year under report in constructing certain calingulahs and sluices.

Repairs.—The grant for repairs was the same as for the preceding year, viz., Rupees 17,500. Of this amount, Rupees 16,917 were utilized during the year in repairing fifty-nine tanks, forty-two channels, and other minor irrigation works. Nothing has yet been finally settled regarding the Kondakirla Ava Scheme.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.—A sum of Rupees 2,060 was provided in the Imperial Budget for repairing certain Cantonment roads in Vizianagram and Vizagapatam. The whole allotment appears to have been spent during the year. The roads are in good order.

5. COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works*.—A sum of Rupees 20,000 was originally sanctioned in the Budget for the Pottinghy Ghaut Road, the only New Work under construction from Provincial Funds; but the allotment was subsequently reduced to Rupees 11,500, and the whole amount was spent according to the Progress Reports. Seven hundred and twelve cubic yards of boring and blasting rocks and 5,858 cubic yards of stone revetment have been done, besides some widening and excavation of catchment. The road was not visited during the year either by the Agent or his Special Assistant. Mr. Nordmann informed Mr. Goodrich in April last that it was at that time passable for elephants.

Repairs. The Peechipenta and Tadivalsa roads were kept under repair at a cost of Rupees 1,500 out of the grant of Rupees 2,000. The District Engineer being unable to utilize the remaining sum of Rupees 500, he placed the same at the disposal of the Agent for use elsewhere, but the amount was subsequently refunded to the District Engineer at his request.

7. ROADS IN THE JEYPORE COUNTRY.—Rupees 13,000 were provided in the Provincial Budget for expenditure by the Revenue Department on account of New Works and Repairs in the Jeypore country. Owing to the late period at which funds were placed at the disposal of the Agent by the Accountant-General, only Rupees 6,579-14-6 were utilized as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
By the Special Assistant Agent...	3,579	14	6
Do. Senior do. do. ...	3,000	0	0
	6,579	14	6

A statement showing the particulars of expenditure is herein enclosed.

8. PROVINCIAL CIVIL BUILDINGS—*New Works*.—The Budget provision for the year under report at the disposal of Department of Public Works was Rupees 29,880, but it was subsequently reduced to Rupees 16,074. Of this amount Rupees 12,679-11-1 were expended during the year. The principal works executed during the year were: (1) the Special Assistant Agent's Bungalow at Koraput, (2) Subsidiary Jail at Koraput, and (3) the District Munsif's Court at Yellamunchilly. The works at Koraput have made very little progress during the year owing to the officer in charge having neglected to provide stocks of materials. The bungalow was not completely tiled before the monsoon set in, and it was expected that the building would be damaged in consequence. The tiling of the range of buildings designed as a Hill Jail has not been even begun. The remarks made by the District Engineer in his Progress Report that the work was stopped in April owing to all cooly labor having been taken up for carrying the baggage of troops on their way to Bustar is not well founded. Mr. Goodrich has remarked that not a single cooly had joined from the District. The District Munsif's Court at Yellamunchilly was completed and handed over to the District Munsif.

9. A sum of Rupees 1,577 was placed at the disposal of the Revenue Department for completing the Cutcherry and Sub-jail at Rayaghada, for building three bungalows in the Gudem Hills, and for adding three sheds to the Gunapur Jail and the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Gajapatinagram. The first two works are in progress and the last completed.

10. *Repairs*.—The original grant for minor repairs was Rupees 2,000, but it was subsequently raised to Rupees 3,000. A sum of Rupees 2,935-8-2 was spent by the Public Works Department in making necessary repairs to certain buildings. The Revenue Department spent Rupees 50 in improving the Sub-jail at Navarangapur under G.O., No. 2,354, dated 5th November 1875.

11. LOCAL FUNDS COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works*.—The allotment in the Budget under New Works was Rupees 40,980, but it was subsequently raised to Rupees 69,462. Of this amount, Rupees 56,855 were utilized during the year under review against Rupees 55,565 in the previous year. The whole expenditure was incurred by the Public Works Department.

12. *Repairs*.—Under Repairs Rupees 80,050 were provided in the Budget, but it was subsequently raised to Rupees 83,289. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 86,591 against Rupees 84,091 in the preceding year. The District Engineer has been requested to explain the cause of this increased expenditure over that of the allotment. The expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department was Rupees 82,136 and that by the Revenue Department Rupees 4,456. Of the latter amount Rupees 3,000 were expended in maintaining the existing country cross roads, thirty-one in number, extending over 75 miles and 710 yards. These works were executed under the control of Sri P. Jaganadharaj Garu, a Member of the Local Fund Board, to whom the supervision was entrusted as usual. Rupees 1,327 were spent by the Salt Deputy Collector in repairing certain salt roads and in planting a tope near the Bimlipatam salt-pans. The Senior Assistant Collector spent Rupees 550 in repairing the roads from Parvatipur to Chollapadam, fourteen miles, and to Kurpam, twelve miles.

The roads are in good order.

The District Engineer failed to utilize a large portion of the grant for the Great Northern Trunk Road which the Local Fund Board desire to see completed without further delay. The condition of a considerable portion of this road is very unsatisfactory. For many miles to the north of Yellamunchilly its surface is rough and uneven, and constantly broken by dips (Irish bridges) in no state of repair. To the south in the neighbourhood of Nukkapilli the road is hardly passable.

The northern portion of the road from Costa to Chicacole is quite impassable. The desirability of completing this end of the road has lately engaged the attention of the Local Fund Board, and they have requested the District Engineer to devote his special attention to this work, and it is hoped that the Public Works Department will take prompt measures in fully utilizing the allotments made in the current official year.

The road from Vizianagram to Palconda via Chepurupilly is in fair order as far as Rajamand; the metalling has been well laid down. The other portion is very much out of repairs.

The important road from Palconda to Parvatipur lost Rupees 2,000 of its allotted grant for want of arrangements for expenditure. This road has been greatly cut up in several places by the salt traffic and is much out of repair. The road from Vizianagram to Parvatipur is in very bad order, and a special report on the state of the road was submitted to the Board in this office letter, No. 1,070, 28th June 1876.

ROAD FROM PALCONDA TO CHICACOLE.—A portion of this road as far as the Ganjam frontier at Uppinavala, twelve miles, was kept under repairs by the Public Works Department of this district. The first half of the way as far as Burja is in a shoking state, but beyond that village the road is in much better order owing to the higher level and more gravelly nature of the soil through which it passes. The traffic on this road is very heavy.

13. EDUCATION—*Inam Works*.—The original grant in the Budget for New Works was Rupees 1,000, but it was subsequently enhanced to Rupees 1,560. This amount was placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department for constructing a school-house at Parvatipur. The walls of the building were completed but the roof is not yet on. The original estimate was revised for providing a verandah to the building which was not at first contemplated. The work will be finished during the current year.

14. *Repairs*.—Nothing has been spent under this head during the year under report.

15. SANITARY AND MISCELLANEOUS—*New Works*.—The allotment for New Works under Sanitary and Miscellaneous was Rupees 2,000, but it was subsequently raised to Rupees 2,987. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 2,348 against Rupees 2,045 in the previous year.

The following Dispensaries were under construction during the year under notice:—

Names.	Allotment.	Amount expended.			Remarks.
		RS.	A.	P.	
Parvatipur	617	639	13	4	Completed.
Bobbili	1,780	1,280	0	0	In progress.
Srungavarapucota	1,780	1,478	10	2	Do.
Ankapilly	1,780	1,738	6	1	Completed.
Yellamunchilly	1,780	1,776	4	2	In progress.

16. *Repairs*.—A sum of Rupees 1,000 was allotted for repairs but only Rs. 443 were spent in repairing the Travellers Bungalows at Waltair, Konada, Kottapadu, and Chittivalsa.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 6.—Statements.

THIS report will be submitted for the information of Government. It is not altogether satisfactory. Very little progress has been made with the Pottinghy Ghaut Road, although the work is an important one, and ample funds (Rupees 20,000) appear to have been originally allotted. This allotment was reduced in the course of the year; the reason for the reduction is not given, but it is presumed that there was no prospect of the whole sum of Rupees 20,000 being utilized within the year. The works at Koraput too are said to "have made very little progress", and neglect is imputed to the officer in charge. On the other hand there has been an excess of expenditure over allotment in the case of repairs to local roads. The District Engineer has been asked to explain the matter. The condition of the "Great Northern Trunk

Road" is described as very unsatisfactory, and the Public Works Officers are blamed for not spending the whole of the allotment. The state of the road from Vizianagaram to Parvatipur recently formed the subject of a special report by the Collector which has lately been disposed of by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with six Statements, to be returned.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

" to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

