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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd October 1876.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 8th August 1876, No. 1,573 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Department of Public Works in this District during the past official year 1875-76.

2. The enclosed statement (A) shows the progress of public works in the district prepared in the revised form prescribed in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 2,044, dated 17th December 1875, with which is also submitted a list (B) of all original works, the estimates for which exceed Rupees 1,000, and all repairs, the estimates for which exceed Rupees 2,500, called for in the same Circular.

3. IMPERIAL.—As in the previous official year no Imperial works were undertaken during the year under review.

4. PROVINCIAL.—The outlay on Provincial works was less than that incurred in 1874-75, and was restricted entirely to 9 civil buildings, there being no communications in this district, the cost of which is borne by Provincial Funds.

5. The original allotment was Rupees 12,235, which was subsequently increased to Rupees 20,282. With the exception of Rupees 1,005 out of this allotment (which represents the funds placed at the disposal of the Revenue Department for the execution of the ~~sanctioned~~ sanctioned repairs to revenue buildings, the rest was placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

6. Under "New Works" Rupees 15,169 were expended on the following works :—

7. The new Court godown at Mangalore, the construction of which was commenced in previous years, was fully completed during the year under report, the whole building costing Rupees 18,724-7-4, which is within the amount of the sanctioned estimate. Of this amount Rupees 1,237-11-11 were expended during the year.

8. The improvements to the District Court House, which were commenced in 1874-75 under a sanctioned estimate of Rupees 12,700, were completed for Rupees 14,118, of which half the outlay was incurred in the year under report.

9. Simultaneously with the improvements to the District Court House, the removal of the roof of the Sub-Court which adjoins the former building was commenced under an estimate amounting to Rupees 2,960, of which Rupees 2,308-4-3 were expended during the year. The work is nearly completed.

10. Among minor works carried out the more important are, the reconstruction of the Sea Custom House at Cannery, at an estimate of Rupees 2,280; certain alterations to the Harbour and Sub Jail attached to the Police Cantonment at Kunnapur, estimate Rupees 400; construction of a Tiffin-room for the Hindoo servants of the Collector's Office, estimate Rupees 500; partial reconstruction of the Police Superintendent's Office at Mangalore, estimate Rupees 1,000; and re-roofing the Town Hall, estimate Rupees 300; and enlarging the Deputy Tahsildar's Office to provide accommodation for the special Sub-Registrar under an estimate of Rupees 700.

11. REPAIRS.—The sum expended on repairs amounted to Rupees 2,963-0-2, which includes Rupees 500 spent by the Revenue Department for white-washing and

annual monsoon repairs to revenue buildings. The outlay incurred by the Public Works Department was entirely on works of a petty nature estimated to cost less than Rupees 500 each, with the exception of the repairs to the District Jail at Mangalore, the estimate for which amounts to Rupees 10,330. Of this amount Rupees 2,800-10-0 were expended in 1874-75, and a further outlay of Rupees 2,218 was incurred in the year under report. The work is in progress.

12. Local Funds.—I now beg to notice briefly the outlay incurred upon Local Fund works, which constitute the bulk of the work carried out by the Public Works Department.

13. As will be seen from the marginal statement the funds allotted for the different works amounted to Rs. 1,44,429, of which 72 per cent were utilized during the year.

14. The unexpended balance contrasts unfavorably with that of the previous year being more than double of that which remained unutilized in 1874-75. The amount expended is traceable to various causes, which will be duly noticed in the Special Annual Report on the administration of Local Funds, but I may here remark that the complaint I made in last year's report that the District was under-estimated, and that the charge of a large range was thrown upon the District Engineer, was not negatively remedied until December 1875.

15. New Works.—Communications.—The allotment for this item was Rupees 57,126, of which Rupees 4,458 were allotted for expenditure by "Other Agency."

16. The following were the principal works executed during the year:

MANGALORE RANGE.

(1.) Construction of a bridge of two arches across Dramakuttam stream on the Mangalore and Maraim road. Estimate Rupees 8,800, of which Rupees 7,500 were allotted. Of this sum only Rupees 2,130 was expended, and for the foundation of the eastern abutment and pier was laid, and the superstructure built up to 1½ feet in height. The District Engineer states that it was impossible to commence the work before December owing to the quantity of water in the river, and therefore the grant could not be fully utilized.

(2.) Construction of a masonry bridge over the Sango river on the road from Mangalore to Mysore by the Agency ghaut. Estimate Rs. 11,920. This work was completed for Rupees 12,031-15-3, of which Rupees 2,026-12-3 were expended in the year under report. The bridge appears to be solidly and well built with granite piers, wooden beams, and iron and asphalt roadway.

(3.) Repairing and widening the branch line to Barkur by the road from Channarayana ghaut. Estimate Rupees 11,210. A further outlay of Rupees 1,000 was incurred upon this road, Rupees 2,215 having been spent in the previous year. The work is in progress.

(4.) Widening portions of the Mangalore and Maraim road. Estimate Rupees 800.

An allotment was made for this very necessary improvement. The work, however, was not carried out, the District Engineer stating that a revised estimate was necessary.

(5.) Constructing a single arched bridge over the Chantamar stream on the Kodikal ghaut road. Estimate Rupees 5,000.

The whole of this sum was allotted for expenditure, but only Rupees 2,612-10-11 or one half appears to have been expended. A portion (Rupees 2,000), however, of the funds was allotted so late as December 1875.

	Estimate.	Allotment.	Expenditure.
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(6.) Construction of an iron latticed girder bridge across the Peringapett river.	15,300	7,400	2,219 12 3
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Rupees 10,000, or two-thirds of the estimate, were at first allotted for this bridge in July, but in the course of the year the District Engineer intimated his inability to expend the whole of this sum, as the iron work ordered from Madras could not be received in the district in proper time and transfers were therefore made to other works.

PUTHUR RANGE.

Metalling the two roads viz.,—

(1.) From Mangalore to the Mysore frontier by the Sampoys ghaut. Estimate Rupees 27,250.

(2.) From Munerabad ghaut to Mani via Upperangady. Estimate Rupees 24,100.

Of these the former has a balance of estimate amounting to Rupees 16,910, to be worked out, of which Rupees 3,878-7-2 were expended during the year. On the second work the outlay during the year was Rupees 3,535-3-9, the previous expenditure being Rupees 3,702-0-3, leaving Rupees 3,863 as the balance of the estimate to be worked out hereafter.

(3.) Construction of an iron girder bridge over the Nalladi stream on Road No. 2 from Munerabad ghaut to Mani. Estimate Rupees 10,000.

This has been completed for Rupees 9,854-11-1, of which Rupees 2,378-0-3 were expended in the year.

(4.) Construction of an iron latticed girder bridge over the Benglar stream on the above road. Estimate Rupees 3,700.

The whole of this amount was allotted for expenditure, of which, however, Rupees 1,000 were not utilized during the year. The work is still in progress.

The expenditure on new works by "Other Agency" was insignificant and calls for no special remark.

17. Repairs.—Under this head the aggregate allotment for special works of repair, and for the annual maintenance of roads, &c., amounted to Rupees 70,131-8-0, of which Rupees 66,152 were expended. The difference is either the short expenditure or savings accrued on individual works.

18. The special repairs consisted principally of the renewal or partial reconstruction of the timber platforms and other repairs to timber bridges on different lines of road, often of inconsiderable size or cost, and most of which were commenced in the previous year. The cost of keeping up these structures absorbs a large portion of the Local Funds available for "Communications," and the Local Fund Board have therefore resolved to limit the expenditure on these works as much as possible, and only on bridges and other obstacles to the traffic in the trading season. They are using their best endeavors to erect iron bridges as rapidly as the funds at their disposal will allow.

19. The usual maintenance of roads cost the Circle Rupees 55,610, the mileage under repair being 794½ miles, which gives an average of Rupees 70 per mile against Rupees 69* in the preceding year.

20. EDUCATIONAL WORKS.—The only educational work of importance was the construction of a school-house at Puttur, estimated to cost Rupees 3,100. The estimate for this building was not sanctioned till December 1875, so that much progress could not be made. Only Rupees 706-0-6 were expended in the collection of materials.

21. SANITARY AND MISCELLANEOUS.—The following are the only works that call for notice under this head:—

	Estimate.
Construction of a Dispensary at Kankal	2,500
Do. of a Chattram at Subramania	2,350
Do. of a do. at Someshwar	2,500
Do. of a do. at Guruvankere	2,550

The estimate for the first work was sanctioned in January 1876, so that the Public Works Department had only time to collect some materials. No more than Rupees 345 therefore appears under expenditure on account of this work.

The Subramania Chattram was commenced in the previous year and was completed during the year under report.

An allotment of Rupees 4,950 was sanctioned in December 1875 for the construction of a Dispensary at Buntwal, but the work could not be commenced owing to difficulties in acquiring possession of the site on which it is proposed to erect the building, part of which is private property. The Local Fund Board have lately resolved to obtain the land under the Land Acquisition Act.

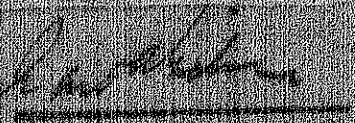
Funds were allotted to "Other Agency" for the Chattrams to be built at Someshwar and Guruvankere, and the work was entrusted to contractors, who were, however, unable to complete the works within the official year. The Chattram at the latter place was completed and that at Someshwar erected in within the working season, though not before the close of the official year.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. It is observed that the outlay upon "New Works" was only 33.5 per cent. of the allotment; various reasons are given for this short expenditure which must be regarded as sufficient. The Board trust, however, that the Engineering establishment being now complete, better results will be shown at the end of the current year.

(A true Copy and Extract)



Acting Sub-Secretary.

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

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

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