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No. 2,992.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th June 1877.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pennakondah, 16th April 1877, No. 280 :—

I HAVE the honor to report on the Public Works executed in this district during the year 1875-76, and to submit herewith the two statements prepared in the form prescribed in the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 7th December 1875.

2. The Budget allotment for the year as revised amounted to Rupees 3,43,988, and the expenditure therefrom was Rupees 3,28,220 as particularized below :—

	1874-75.		1875-76.	
	Allotment.	Expendi- ture.	Allotment.	Expendi- ture.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Imperial	69,400	81,679	67,822	74,669
Provincial	37,353	30,832	23,747	22,528
Local Funds	2,93,068	2,35,602	2,52,419	2,31,023
Total ...	3,99,821	3,48,113	3,43,988	3,28,220

3. The allotment during the year fell short of the previous year's grant by Rupees 55,833, or more than half a lakh, and the actual expenditure was Rupees 19,893 below that of the preceding year, or 95.41 per cent. on the Budget allotment of the year under report.

4. The progress towards completion of all original works, the estimates for which exceed Rupees 1,000, and of all repairs the estimates for which exceed Rupees 2,500, is given in the list prepared according to the form prescribed, and I shall now briefly refer to those requiring especial notice in the order in which they are exhibited in the abstract statement of expenditure under the heads of "Imperial," "Provincial," and "Local Funds."

5. *Imperial—New Works.*—The original allotment for new works under Irrigation was reduced from 7,300 to 2,016, in consequence of the allotment having been in excess of the balance of estimates remaining unspent. The grant for minor new works was reduced to four-fifths of the original sum to 8,000 Rupees, the total revised allotment being Rupees 10,016 against Rupees 25,900 in the preceding year. The expenditure was Rupees 8,566 against Rupees 29,305

last year, of which Rupees 1,078 was expended on the Gooloor Tank referred to in my last and previous years' reports. The work on the supplemental estimate for closing the breaches of this tank was commenced in the latter part of the year 1874 and completed during the year under report at a total cost of Rupees 86,282 *

6. Another estimate of Rupees 5,260 for re-building part of the revetment of this tank was sanctioned as a repair, and the work is in progress.

7. There was also an expenditure of Rupees 608 towards securing the lands of the Cullumady Village in the Gooty Taluq from damage by flood waters, likewise referred to in my report of last year. It was undertaken in 1873-74. The channel has been excavated, the embankment raised and rivetted to the required height. The whole project has now been completed at an outlay of Rupees 4,424.

8. The outlay on minor new works was Rupees 6,880 and was laid out in the construction of waste weirs and sluices to tanks and channels, of which eight were completed and nine in course of construction at the end of the year. The expenditure falls short of the allotment for such works by Rupees 1,120 which is owing to the sudden outbreak of cholera in the Hospett and Pennakondah Ranges which interfered considerably with the progress on these works.

9. *Imperial—Repairs.*—The outlay on repairs of irrigation works during the year was Rupees 63,345 against Rupees 45,374 in the antecedent year; it exceeded the allotment for the year by Rupees 8,345 owing to the extensive repairs required to three large tanks in the district which were injured by the rains of October 1874, the nanal grant for repairs was therefore found inadequate to meet the requirements of irrigation works during the year under report.

10. The expenditure, however, such as it was, compares favorably with the grant, and it exceeds that of the three preceding years, and was 7.37 per cent. upon the revenue of the year 1874-75, viz., Rupees 8,58,867. Considering that so much of the wet revenue chiefly depends upon the up-keep of the large number of tanks, spring-channels, anicuts and weirs, besides the conservancy of the Tungabhadra channels of the district, the above percentage of outlay can hardly be said to be much, and I would advocate a still larger sum being granted for the agricultural works of the district.

	RS.	RS.
1872-73	51,500	43,963
1873-74	37,000	39,539
1874-75	36,500	45,374
1875-76	55,000	63,345

11. The important tanks under repair during the year are those of Singanamalla in the sub-division, and Dharmaveram and Bookapatnam in the Head Assistant Collector's Division. These are the tanks which suffered considerable damage during the rains of 1874, referred to in paragraph 9 *ante*. The expenditure during the year on the two former was respectively Rupees 15,075-5-1 and Rupees 4,599-11-6; the repairs to them have been almost completed, the total expenditure towards completely restoring them having been Rupees 15,894-15-9 and Rupees 8,349-1-7 respectively. The work further is reported to have been satisfactorily turned out. The repairs to the Bookapatnam tank came to a stand-still after an expenditure of Rupees 2,955-4-4 against an estimate of Rupees 13,505 owing to a severe outbreak of cholera in that vicinity. The repairs to the Cottoor, Cotnur, and Cumbadur tanks including the calingulah of the latter are in progress, the expenditure upon them during the year having been Rupees 935, Rupees 2,023-5-6, and Rupees 2,140-0-5 respectively.

12. The annual clearance of the Tungabhadra channels has been carried out at a total expenditure of Rupees 13,592-12-0 and the repairs to the anicut at the head of the Rampur-Tungabhadra channels is in progress; the expenditure in the year having been only 255 Rupees against an estimate of Rupees 4,510.

13. *Imperial—Civil Buildings.*—The allotment for Civil Buildings was Rupees 2,431 against Rupees 7,000 in the preceding year. The expenditure was Rupees 2,384 against Rupees 7,000 in the previous year, and consisted of Rupees 2,180-12-2 in the completion of the Signallers' quarters for the new Telegraph Office at Bellary which was pointed, plastered, and finished only in the year under report and handed over to the Telegraph Department for occupation, and in the building of a small latrine at a cost of Rupees 204 in the compound of the Telegraph Office for the use of the Natives. There was a small expenditure of Rupees 375 in the repairs of Telegraph and Postal buildings in the district during the year under report.

14. *Provincial.*—The grant from Provincial Funds was Rupees 23,747 and the expenditure Rupees 22,528 against an allotment and expenditure of Rupees 37,353 and Rupees 30,832 respectively in the preceding year.

15. The expenditure on repairs to roads amounted to Rupees 3,744 in the year under report against Rupees 3,800 last year, and calls for no remark.

16. *Buildings—New Works.*—Rupees 16,284 were expended on new works against Rupees 21,801 last year, of which there was an outlay of Rupees 10,000-10-5 towards improvements to the Jail at Bellary against an expenditure of Rupees 78,487 in the previous year when the original estimate for this work was in progress. The Inspector-General of Jails suggested certain changes which were approved of by Government, and a revised estimate of Rupees 1,10,287 was sanctioned. In addition to the marginally-noted works carried out on the original estimate, the revised estimate provided for the erection of ten wards to accommodate 200 male and 76 female prisoners with out-buildings for them, such as cook and bath-rooms and latrines, and for making certain other alterations and additions. In the year under report two wards were entirely completed. The walls of four other wards have been raised 11 feet high and a portion of the compound wall was raised 11 feet high.

Five new wards.
Two work sheds.
One latrine.

One work shed.
Female Hospital and Contagious Disease Ward, besides alteration to the condemned cell.

17. The original allotment of Rupees 7,500 for the Taluk Cutcherry and out-houses at Hurpanhully was withdrawn by Government in order to provide funds for incomplete works of 1874-75. The small outlay incurred during the year was in connection with preliminary operations for beginning the work.

18. The outlay on the Yemmiganur Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry was Rupees 2,674 against Rupees 5,970 last year. The work is completed. Its non-completion during the year was owing to the prevalence of cholera and fever at Yemmiganur.

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No. 803.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

THE Presidents of Local Fund Boards are reminded that their Local Fund Reports for 1876-77 will be due in this office on the 1st June next, the date prescribed in No. LXXIII of the Local Fund Rules, which date has been ordered to be maintained in G.O., Financial Department, dated 13th July 1876, No. 1,238, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 19th July 1876, No. 1,858.

2. As directed in the Government Order quoted above the figures to be adopted in the report will be the figures for the year as ascertained by the Presidents previous to audit. The audited figures, which will not be available till late in the year, are not to be awaited, but they will be stated as a prescript in the subsequent year's report.

3. In drawing up the report the instructions contained in the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 5th August 1875, No. 1,250, should be carefully attended to, and the statements called for in G.O., Financial Department, dated 20th November 1875, No. 2,250, and 28th August 1876, No. 1,537, should also be forwarded.

4. The nuisance fines ordered to be credited to Local Funds in G.O., Financial Department, dated 2nd October 1875, No. 2,115, should be shown separately from other fines in the statement of receipts.

5. The length and cost of village roads constructed and repaired should be

	Length.	Cost.
	NO. OF MILES.	RS.
New Works		
Repairs		
Total		

6. As regards Local Fund Schools information in the following form should be embodied in the report.

3. The Revenue Department spent Rupees 7,331 on Local Fund new works against Rupees 1,26,179 spent by the Public Works Department, or 5·81 per cent. On Local Fund repairs they spent Rupees 3,251 against Rupees 1,91,047 spent by the Public Works Department, or 1·70 per cent. The Board fully concur in the Collector's views expressed at paragraphs 25 and 26, but fear that there are great obstacles under the present organization of the Department Public Works in the way of putting them in practice.

4. The principal works in progress or completed during the year were the restoration of the Gotaloor tank now completed, the improvement of the Bellary Jail in progress, the construction of new taluq cutcheries at Harpanhully and Pennakondah completed, the construction of a road from Bellary to Raidrug in progress, and the construction of dispensaries at Hospett, Tadputri, and Alur in progress.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Chas. M. ...
Additional Sub-Secretary.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

.. to all other Collectors.

Exd. A. Grubert,

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7. In the above statement the Local Fund Schools and those conducted on the Combined System alone should be shown, the private schools merely aided from Local Funds by Salary or Results Grants being excluded. Particulars of the number, attendance, and cost to Local Funds of such schools should be separately given.

(By Order.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

11th May 1877.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. SIVASANKARA MOODELY,
for First Assistant.

To all Presidents of Local Fund Boards.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

1877.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 25th JUNE 1877, No. 2,992.

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5 September

JUNE.
No. 2,992.

Public Works—executed in Bellary District
1876-76.—Reviewing Collector's report on—
and issuing instructions as to what points should
be noticed in such reports.

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19. The new Taluq Cutcheries at Pennakondah and Raidrug were completed during the year under report at a total cost of Rupees 22,330 and 22,780 respectively, the expenditure during the year being only Rupees 601-10-1 and Rupees 30-8-8. Rupees 762-15-9 was expended in the improvement of the Travellers' Bungalow at Pennakondah during the year, and the building which has now been converted into a residence for the Head Assistant Collector has been completed at a total cost of Rupees 5,218-8-1. The five Police huts at Ramandrug were also completed during the year, the total expenditure up to the year having been Rupees 1,995-13-6, the outlay during the year having been only Rupees 16-2-2.

20. A station-house near the band-stand in the cantonment of Bellary was completed and handed over to the Police Department during the year at a cost of Rupees 900, and the super-structure only of three Police huts at Garladinna was completed during the year at a cost of Rupees 491 against an estimate of Rupees 770. The roofing remains to be done.

21. A sum of Rupees 477 was expended on account of minor improvements to Civil buildings.

22. The expenditure on repairs of buildings was Rupees 2,500 against Rupees 5,231 last year. Sixteen Civil buildings were repaired during the year.

23. *Local Funds.*—The expenditure on Local Funds was Rupees 2,31,023 against an allotment of Rupees 2,52,419, the expenditure and allotment of the preceding year being Rupees 2,35,602 and 2,93,066 respectively. Upon New Works under Communications there was an expenditure of Rupees 84,443 against Rupees 99,077 last year, the bulk of the expenditure, viz., Rupees 83,040 having been incurred by the Department of Public Works, Rupees 1,403 only being spent by the Revenue Department.

24. There was an expenditure of Rupees 21,833 on sanitary and miscellaneous works against Rupees 10,337. The greater portion or Rupees 15,905 having been incurred by the Department of Public Works and Rupees 5,928 by the Revenue Department. The list of works in progress contains the principal Local Fund Works carried out in the three Circles under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

25. The reports of the Division Officers generally speak well of the works in progress in their respective charges. There are, however, certain matters alluded to by the Deputy Collectors of Hurpanhully and Bellary, and I beg to enclose an extract from each of their reports. In doing this, I would express my firm conviction that the execution of *petty* repairs to irrigation works will never be carried out satisfactorily to the ryots or to the Revenue Department till they are entrusted to that department.

26. The present famine has taught us what a number of petty repairs can be effected by the Revenue Department, and that speedily when in many cases for want of an estimate or in consequence of the weary mode of procedure entailed by the Rules in force in the Department of Public Works, they have been standing over in some cases for years. It would be well if such works were always carried out by the Revenue Department under the *supervision* of the Public Works Department.

27. The state of communications generally is good.

28. I have to apologize for the delay in submitting this report. It is owing to the famine.

From V. VENKATACHELLUM, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hospett, 26th May 1876, No. 127.

2. It appears from the Progress Reports that Rupees 11,129-13-8 were expended in this year on irrigation works in the three taluqs of his division.

Taluqs.	Allotment for the current year.			Amount expended during the year.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Harpunhully	970	0	0	485	2	10	484	13	2
Hadgally	91	0	0	59	15	0	31	1	0
Hospett	10,631	6	6	10,584	11	10	46	10	8
Total	11,692	6	6	11,129	13	8	562	8	10

1877.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Dated 11th May 1877.
Received

Rupees 6-9-7/100
Rs 3902/7/100

MAY.
No. 803.

Local Fund Reports—for 1876-77.—Issuing instructions to Presidents for preparation and submission of—

3. The following memorandum shows the amounts expended on irrigation works in these taluqs since these five years, and that the expenditure of this year is less than that of last year which was far below those of the preceding three years :—

Taluqs.	EXPENDITURE.									
	In 1871-72.		In 1872-73.		In 1873-74.		In 1874-75.		In 1875-76.	
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
Harpunbully	2,470	5 5	379	4 10	44	9 0	463	0 1	485	2 10
Hadgally	14	0 0	523	14 10	295	4 2	131	15 6	59	15 0
Hospett	25,097	4 7	16,092	15 10	16,923	3 11	10,732	4 11	10,584	11 10
Total	27,581	10 0	16,996	3 6	17,263	1 1	11,337	4 6	11,129	13 8

11. Three works have been sanctioned in Hadgally Taluq. Of these the repairs to Ohalaparam and Belhall tanks are completed, while the third one is not commenced at all. The Tahsildar reports that the Ohalapur tank is well repaired.

12. Last year the Department Public Works spent only Rupees 131-15-6 on irrigation works in this taluq. This year only Rupees 59-15-0 are expended. It is plain that the irrigation works of a taluq cannot be in an efficient state with such an annual outlay as remarked in my report for the last year.

From N. MURUGESAM, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 24th June 1876, No. 181.

8. In the Kudlighi Taluq the works of irrigation generally do not appear to have received that attention which they demand—a fact apparent from the marginally-noted letters that I have had to address you at the repeated applications of the Tahsildar during the year. In many cases in which the irrigation works were in a state of disrepair, the lands under such works have had their assessment remitted on that score.

Letter No. 86, dated 4th April 1876.

Do. " 89, " 6th " "
Do. " 102, " 24th " "
Do. " 168, " 19th June "
Do. " 173, " 20th " "
Do. " 180, " 23rd " "

9. A large sum of Rupees 5,570 has been sanctioned for repairs to the several irrigation works specified in the statement referred to above in the Kudlighi Taluq, but most of the works still remain incomplete. The whole of the allotment, however, made for the year appears to have been expended. The lower subordinates concerned in the execution of repairs, &c., in this taluq seem to have had it all in their own way as evident from a series of misappropriation charges pending before me against one of the Overseers of that taluq.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Statements.

The proportion between total expenditure and total allotment under Imperial, Provincial, and Local Funds, was higher in 1875-76 than in 1874-75, being 95.41 per cent. as against 80.39 per cent.

2. The amount spent on agricultural repairs was Rupees 63,345 against Rupees 45,374 in 1874-75. The repairs were entirely executed by the professional department.