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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th September 1877.

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 24th August 1877, No. 201:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the expenditure incurred on Public Works in this district during the past official year 1876-77.

2. Subjoined is a general comparative statement showing the expenditure for the year under report and for the preceding five years, arranged according to the sources from which the funds were derived.

The grants from Imperial Funds for Military Works were less than in the two previous years and the withdrawal of the Provincial grant to Local Funds curtailed the expenditure under that heading.

	EXPENDITURE IN						Difference between figures of 1875-76 and 1876-77.	Allotments for 1876-77.	Percentage of expenditure to allotments in 1876-77.
	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.			
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Imperial Funds	36,558	32,047	32,773	28,572	77,101	33,693	— 43,408	38,020	88.61
2. Provincial Funds	1,09,144	56,361	33,622	35,084	32,614	40,261	+ 7,647	45,048	89.37
3. Local Funds	2,95,737	3,04,163	3,47,844	3,48,127	3,17,881	2,13,465	— 1,04,416	2,37,664	89.81
Total	4,41,439	3,92,571	4,14,239	4,61,783	4,27,586	2,87,419	— 1,40,177	3,20,732	89.26

3. *Provincial and Imperial Funds.*—The following abstract statement exhibits the expenditure from Imperial and Provincial Funds on new works and repairs for the year under report and for the preceding five years:—

Particulars.	EXPENDITURE IN						VARIATIONS BETWEEN 1875-76 AND 1876-77.	
	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation. { New Works	818	1,648	1,733	1,829	1,707	2,069	362	4,599
{ Repairs	..	..	6,540	1,871	4,599	..	..	436
Communication. { New Works	..	..	..	6,136	2,383	1,947	..	29,478
{ Repairs	..	..	..	67,744	70,520	41,343	..	442
Buildings. { New Works	1,14,407	52,274	31,796	23,861	25,779	25,337	..	..
{ Repairs	26,716	28,989	21,786	..	..	..	..	..
Total Ex- penditure. { By P.W.D.	1,41,941	82,911	61,905	1,01,441	1,04,988	70,396	362	34,955
{ By R.D.	3,761	5,497	4,450	12,215	4,727	3,559	..	1,168
Grand Total	1,45,702	88,408	66,395	1,13,656	1,09,715	73,954	362	36,123

It will be seen by the above statement that the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department during the year amounted to Rupees 70,395 and comes to about two-thirds of the outlay of the preceding year. This falling off is attributable to the order of the Government of India directing the stoppage of all works that were considered to be not of an emergent nature, as a financial crisis was apprehended. The outlay under each head of work will be noticed below.

4. IRRIGATION—*New Works*.—Expenditure—*Nil*.

5. IRRIGATION—*Repairs*.—The year's expenditure under this head amounted to Rupees 2,069 against Rupees 1,707 of the previous year, and represents a small increase of Rupees 362. It refers to the cost of annual repairs to the Yenamakel and Veatil dams.

6. COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works*.—No new works of this description were started during the year.

7. COMMUNICATIONS—*Repairs*.—Under this head a sum of Rupees 1,947 was spent on the marginally-noted work during the year against Rupees 2,383 in the previous year.

8. BUILDINGS—*New Works*.—The outlay under this head during the year amounted to Rupees 41,042, and, when contrasted with the preceding year's expenditure, exhibits a falling off of Rupees 29,478. This large decrease is explained by the fact that in the previous year several important military and civil buildings were completed and none of any considerable magnitude were commenced.

9. In the margin are noted the more important of the new works on which considerable sums were spent during the year under notice.

1. Improving drainage of European Infantry Barracks, Cannanore ...	4,302
2. Constructing Deputy Collector's Office, Manantoddy ...	3,989
3. Constructing Police Inspector's house, Manantoddy ...	2,679
4. Constructing two rooms and verandah for Sub-Registrar's Office, Nadapuram ...	2,630
5. Constructing Police Station, Panamaram ...	1,100

Item No. 1 has been almost completed.

Item No. 2 has had Rupees 15,374 spent on it up to end of last official year (1875-76). This, together with Rs. 3,989 spent in 1876-77, raises the outlay to Rupees 19,363. This building has not yet been handed over to the Revenue

Department although it was reported as almost completed at the close of the year under report.

Item No. 3 is in progress. Masonry has been laid up to the basement.

Item No. 4 is a new work taken in hand during the year. It has been completed with the exception of painting and asphaltting.

Item No. 5 is nearly complete and has cost a good deal more than was estimated.

10. BUILDINGS—*Repairs*.—The expenditure during the year under "Buildings—Repairs" amounted to Rupees 25,337 against Rupees 25,779 in the preceding year. The falling off, which is inconsiderable, calls for no special remark.

11. *Petty Construction and Repairs*.—The expenditure incurred by the Revenue Department on Petty Construction and Repairs aggregated during the year Rs. 3,559 against Rupees 4,727 in the preceding year. The falling off is inconsiderable.

12. *Local Funds*.—The following statement exhibits the expenditure from Local Funds during the past year and for the five years preceding it. The total outlay in both circles for the year will be found to have amounted to Rupees 2,13,465 and represents a net decrease of Rupees 1,04,416 when contrasted with the actuals of the previous year. This decreased expenditure is due to the curtailment of allotments owing to the withdrawal of the Provincial grant:—

	EXPENDITURE IN						Variations between the figures of 1875-76 and 1876-77.	
	1871-72.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Calicut Circle.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Communications—By D.P.W.	80,581	94,017	99,070	1,06,702	75,025	23,237	..	51,788
Works—By Other Agency	215	3,080	..	39	..	..	..	22,231
Communications—By D.P.W.	98,834	96,278	1,17,225	1,07,937	1,14,970	92,739	..	3,303
Repairs—By Other Agency	11,093	5,919	..	14,892	8,042	4,734	..	134
Communications—New Works—By D.P.W.	..	..	1,060	247	134	..	..	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	..	20	..	950	..	..	..	238
Communications—Re-By D.P.W.	..	..	1,817	1,309	1,215	1,058	..	157
Repairs—By Other Agency	2,372	541	..	7,381	5,113	..	..	5,113
Communications—New Works—By D.P.W.	1,224	338	2,315	52	..	..	..	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	1,944	902	..	742	..	..	..	..
Communications—Re-By D.P.W.	428	1,302	4,084	2,976	1,817	2,107	290	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	194	820	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,96,885	2,03,217	2,25,391	2,43,227	2,06,554	1,23,875	290	82,969
<i>Tellicherry Circle.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Communications—By D.P.W.	34,682	39,797	52,592	36,560	47,740	30,710	..	17,030
Works—By Other Agency	1,209	150	..	..	..	..	..	3,847
Communications—By D.P.W.	66,918	57,433	66,166	65,293	59,604	55,757	337	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	2,868	400	..	202	1,300	1,637	..	544
Communications—New Works—By D.P.W.	..	1,137	2,081	1,035	..	..	..	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	90	278	..	..	..	..	..	..
Communications—Re-By D.P.W.	..	..	497	187	164	192	28	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	126	..	..	..	977	66	..	911
Communications—New Works—By D.P.W.	1,475	977	65	181	..	..	..	..
Repairs—By Other Agency	..	150	..	..	..	264	264	..
Communications—Re-By D.P.W.	304	419	1,052	1,442	998	964	..	34
Repairs—By Other Agency	380	205	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	98,052	1,00,946	1,22,453	1,04,900	1,11,327	89,590	629	22,366
Grand Total ..	2,94,937	3,04,163	3,47,844	3,48,127	3,17,881	2,13,465	919	1,05,335
Net Decrease ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,04,416

13. COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works*.—A sum of Rupees 53,947 was spent in the Calicut and Tellicherry Circles under this head during the year on works, principal of which are enumerated below with the year's outlay entered opposite

	RS.
1. Peria Road to Manantoddy and Mysore ...	11,732
2. Tambercherry Ghant and Road ...	11,127
3. Road from Taliparamba to Irkur ...	6,857
4. Renewing superstructure of Nuradi Bridge ...	5,403
5. Improvements to road from Cannanore to Coorg ...	5,080
6. Renewing wood-work of bridge on road from Edwana to Tirur ...	2,445
7. Road from Teriote to Achur ...	1,560

Of the above works No. 6 was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 2,563 against an estimate of Rupees 2,590. The other works were all in progress, but, with exception of No. 4, which is being carried out under contract, the progress made was inconsiderable owing to want of funds.

14. COMMUNICATIONS—*Repairs*.—The expenditure charged to this head represents maintenance grants utilized for the upkeep of roads and amounted to Rs. 1,54,867 during the year.

15. EDUCATIONAL—*New Works*.—*Nil*.

16. EDUCATIONAL—*Repairs*.—An aggregate sum of Rupees 1,250 was spent under this head during the year, of which Rupees 1,058 appertain to the Calicut Circle and represent the cost of repairs to twenty-seven elementary and middle class schools. The balance of Rupees 192 was disbursed in the Tellicherry Circle in sundry repairs to eight middle-class schools.

17. **SANITATION—New Works.**—Rupees 66 were spent during the year under "Sanitation—New Works" in the Tellicherry Circle in reconstructing the roof of the Manantoddy Hospital. The estimate for the work amounted to Rupees 1,000, of which Rupees 977-7-1 were expended in the previous year, thus making the total cost to amount to Rupees 1,043-7-1.

18. **SANITATION—Repairs.**—The expenditure of Rupees 3,335 under this head is the cost of annual repairs to thirty-one travellers' bungalows, twenty-two musaferkhanas, and two hospitals.

19. **GENERAL COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**—Annexed is a comparative statement of expenditure from all sources incurred during each of the past three years classified according to the objects on which spent:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Irrigation	1,829	1,707	2,069
Communications	3,39,632	3,13,663	2,10,761
Buildings	1,03,820	1,01,026	69,938
Sanitation	12,774	8,905	3,401
Education	3,728	2,295	1,250
Total	4,61,783	4,27,596	2,87,419

20. The aggregate expenditure during the year on all kinds of public works in this district was for—

I. New Works	RS. 95,055
II. Repairs	1,92,364
Total	2,87,419

21. The prescribed statements are herewith submitted.

22. Reviewing the operations of the Public Works Department generally, I have the honor to observe that the operations in the Cannanore, Calicut, and Ernad ranges have been carried out to my entire satisfaction. I consider, however, that the department is badly organized, and that good work can only be got out of it by the most extreme vigilance and the most untiring attention on the part of the Range Officers. This is not the place, nor is the time convenient for entering on a discussion of the kind, but I shall be prepared when asked to state fully my reasons for condemning the present system of organization.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

THE Board have little to add to this very exhaustive report.

2. The percentages between work done by the Public Works and Revenue Departments may be compared as follows:—

<i>Imperial.</i>		RS.	
Public Works Department		33,693	
<i>Provincial.</i>			
Public Works Department		36,702	91.2 per cent.
Revenue Department		3,559	8.8 "
Total		40,261	

Local Funds.

Public Works Department	RS. 2,02,773	95 per cent.
Revenue Department	10,692	5 "
Total	2,13,465	

Total.

Public Works Department	2,73,168	95.1 per cent.
Revenue Department	14,251	4.9 "
Grand Total	2,87,419	

1,707 in 1875-76.

4. The following statement compares expenditure with allotments:—

Major Head.	Minor Head.	Budget Allotment for 1876-77.	Expenditure in 1876-77.	Percentage of Expenditure.
<i>Imperial.</i>		RS.	RS.	
Irrigation	New Works	...	...	...
	Repairs	1,980	2,069	104.5
Buildings	New Works	21,366	16,643	77.9
	Repairs	14,674	14,981	102.1
Total		38,020	33,693	88.6
<i>Provincial.</i>				
Communication	New Works	...	...	...
	Repairs	1,980	1,947	98.4
Buildings	New Works	24,527	24,399	99.2
	Repairs	18,471	13,915	75.3
Total		45,048	40,261	89.4
<i>Local Funds.</i>				
Communication	New Works	93,070	53,947	57.9
	Repairs	1,79,490	1,54,867	86.3
Education	New Works	...	...	...
	Repairs	870	1,250	143.7
Sanitation	New Works	...	66	...
	Repairs	3,000	3,335	111.2
Total		2,76,430	2,13,465	77.2
Grand Total		3,59,498	2,87,419	79.9

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Additional Sub-Secretary.

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