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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th October 1877.

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1877, No. 451:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the usual annual report on the progress of Public Works in the district of Madura during 1876-77 with the statements prescribed.

2. The total outlay on Public Works during the year under review from Imperial and Provincial Funds is Rupees 1,10,530 or Rupees 9,450 more than the previous year's outlay. This small increase is the result of a net increase of

	Imperial.	Provincial.	Short Expenditure. Rs.
Irrigation—Repairs	...	...	6,513
Civil Buildings—New Works	...	...	1,540
Buildings—New Works	...	...	4,034

Rupees 16,025 under the Provincial expenditure and a net decrease of Rupees 6,575 under the Imperial expenditure. The percentage of expenditure to the revised allotments is 90 against 89 last year. The short expenditure occurs chiefly under the items noted in the margin. The short expenditure under Irrigation Repairs is spread over a great many works, and is also due to the fact that sundry small grants for the year for about twenty works were not utilized at all. That under Civil Buildings, New Works is owing to certain salt works provided for under Petty Construction and Repairs and entered in the original programme of expenditure for the year having been subsequently abandoned with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,636, dated 23rd October 1876. The short expenditure under Buildings, New Works—Provincial is chiefly in the following works: viz., restoring Tirumal Naick's Palace and the construction of the Taluq Cutcherry at Pulni and of certain Police station-houses.

3. IMPERIAL, IRRIGATION—*New Works*.—A sum of Rupees 6,783 was spent under this head against Rupees 3,479 in the previous year and an allotment of Rupees 7,092 for the year under report. The increase in the expenditure is Rupees 3,304. Nearly the whole of the expenditure was in connection with the improvement of existing irrigation works by the construction of calingulahs and sluices to tanks, of anicuts across supplying channels, and of tunnels under existing roads. A list of the important irrigation new works executed during the year is subjoined:—

	Rs.
Constructing a calingulah in Pothumbu Keela Commoy tank...	750
Do. a calingulah in the Perikolam tank of Tenkarai	580
Do. a sluice in Kurayoor tank	443
Excavating a new surplus channel for drainage of water from Annapa-pangolam	468

4. *Repairs*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 40,895 or Rs. 6,448 less than that of the previous year. One hundred and eighty-four irrigation works, such as tanks, channels, &c., received attention during the year; nine of these are works the estimated cost of which exceeds Rupees 2,500. The repairs in the case of 14 of these works were completed during the year. Irrigation works which were repaired out of Famine Relief Funds during the year are not included

enditure. The Public Works Department have been able to
cent of the allotment. The corresponding percentage for the
nd there has therefore been some improvement during the year
e utilization of the allotment by the Public Works Department.
expenditure to allotment in the Revenue Department was 77·3.
rtment spent in the year under report Rupees 20,329 against
875-76.

CATION—*New Works.*—The expenditure under this head was in the Public Works Department and Rupees 3,050 in the Revenue Department at Rupees 1,15,370 and 526 respectively in the previous year: 1895-96. The sum of Rs. 1,15,896 was expended in the Revenue Department was for the construction of tunnels from Nevagunah to Tirupattore. The work was done in the Public Works Department, but the money was drawn by the Revenue from that department for the Contractor of the work. The expenditure by the Public Works Department was on the roads from Madura to Ramnad, Madura to Sayelgudi, Jalandi, Madura to Allipagaram, and Pulni to Darapuram, &c.

The total expenditure under this head was during the year against Rupees 1,11,772 during 1875-76. The sum of Rupees "ther Agency" was laid out on the maintenance of the road from r on the repair of the Race-course out of the Madura Town and e of the Pulni Hill road and of the road from Periakolum to of the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department upees 5,940 were spent on repairing the town roads at Ramnad caused by heavy rains on the road from Tirumangalam to Stridry repairs to some other roads, and on some petty masonry ce (Rupees 1,01,797) was devoted to the maintenance of existing

AND MISCELLANEOUS.—*New Works*.—A sum of Rupees 12,110 was paid during the year. The expenditure fell short of that of the Rupees 2,091. The principal works on which there was outlay was at Tiruchūly, Periakolam, and Uttamapaliem, the Travellers' bazaar at Tiruchūly, the granary at Narikudi Chuttram, and the Medical Dispensary at Tiruchūly and Uttamapaliem. All these have been completed except the dispensary and the medical officer's quarters which are under progress.

—Under this head there is a total expenditure of Rupees 21,702 248 in the year previous. The sum of Rupees 7,002 spent by Department was in connection with the maintenance of avenues, repair of the chuttram at Sholavandan (Rupees 1,298) which, and certain sundry repairs executed to existing chuttrams, It will be observed that the amount spent by "Other Agency" Rupees 14,700 against Rupees 929 during 1875-76. Out of this spent on the maintenance of avenues, the repairs of the bandy-Tiruppattur, and Singampunari, and of certain Local Fund mangalam, Kilangolam, and Melur. The balance of Rs. 8,970 Revenue Department in repairing and cleansing tanks and wells. of water in villages large sums of money were allotted from the improvement of the water-supply and placed at the disposal

gress and condition of the Local Fund Works are noticed in Fund Reports which have already been submitted to the Board

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

table compares expenditure with allotments generally. The
the outlay on Local Fund Works has improved :—

	RS.
Dindigul Taluk Cutcherry and Subsidiary Jail	96
Dindigul District Munsif's Court	394
Sub-Collector's Cutcherry, dwelling-house, and out-buildings	708
Taluk Cutcherry at Tirumangalam	600
Collector's Cutcherry at Madurai	307
Civil Court Record-room, Tirumal Naick's Palace	291
Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Ramnad	315
Bethatching Government House at Paumben	210
Dindigul Range Office	404
LOCAL FUNDS	

12. LOCAL FUNDS.—The total expenditure on Public Works was during the year Rupees 2,36,183 against an allotment of Rupees 2,83,608 and an expenditure of Rupees 2,53,117 in the previous year. There is thus a decrease of Rupees

Headings.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Percentage.
<i>Imperial.</i>			
	RS.	RS.	
Irrigation { New Works	7,092	6,783	95.6
... .. { Repairs	47,408	40,895	86.2
Communications { New Works	...	...	...
... .. { Repairs	300	60	20.0
Civil Buildings { New Works	4,040	2,850	75.4
... .. { Repairs	65	1,160	1,784.6
Salt Works not included in any of the above heads ... { New Works	...	...	...
... .. { Repairs	...	...	...
Total ...	58,905	51,748	87.8
<i>Provincial.</i>			
Communications { New Works	24,540	24,853	101.3
... .. { Repairs	7,760	7,067	91.1
Buildings { New Works	25,109	21,075	83.9
... .. { Repairs	6,053	5,787	95.6
Total...	63,462	58,782	92.6
<i>Local Funds.</i>			
Communications { New Works	1,12,986	92,634	81.9
... .. { Repairs	1,18,429	1,09,737	92.7
Educational { New Works	...	...	...
... .. { Repairs	...	...	...
Sanitary and Miscellaneous { New Works	20,147	12,110	60.1
... .. { Repairs	32,055	21,702	67.7
Total	2,82,608	2,36,183	90.3
Grand Total ...	4,05,975	3,46,713	85.4

2. The amount spent on agricultural repairs was Rupees 40,895 against Rupees 47,343 in 1875-76.

3. The following statement shows the relative amounts spent by the Public Works Department and the Revenue Department:—

Budget.	Spent by P.W.D.	Spent by Other Agency.	PERCENTAGE.	
			P.W.D.	Other Agency.
	RS.	RS.		
Imperial	48,028	3,720	92.8	7.2
Provincial	58,782	...	100.0	...
Local Funds	2,15,864	20,329	91.4	8.6

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Additional Sub-Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Madura.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.