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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th November 1877.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 27th October 1877, No. 3,668:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on Public Works for the past year 1876-77.

2. The following tabular statement shows the outlay under all heads as compared with 1875-76:—

Works.	Expendi- ture of 1876-77.	Expendi- ture of 1875-76.	DIFFERENCE.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
<i>New Works.</i>				
Civil Buildings .. { Imperial	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
{ Provincial... ..	1,597			
	3,230			
Agricultural ... { Ordinary	4,327	7,318		2,491
{ Extraordinary	11,934	3,608	8,326	
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	...	26		26
	...	...	...	...
Total ...	16,761		8,326	
Net ...	...	...	5,809	
<i>Repairs.</i>				
Civil Buildings ... { Imperial... ..		2,696		2,696
{ Provincial	...			
Agricultural, Imperial	1,45,860	1,80,634		34,824
	1,45,860	1,83,380		37,520
Total ...	1,45,860	1,83,380		37,520
Net ...	...	...		37,520
Grand Total ...	1,62,621	1,94,332		31,711
<i>Allotment.</i>				
Allotment ... { New Works	RS.			
{ Repairs	30,725			
	1,53,100			
	1,83,825	1,71,280	12,545	
Saving ...	21,204	23,052	12,545	

3. The allotment for the year was Rupees 1,83,825 against Rupees 1,71,280 in the previous year, while the outlay was Rupees 1,62,621 against Rupees 1,94,332 in the year preceding. The difference between the allotment and the expenditure during the year under report is stated to be due to the failure of contractors to complete the proper quantity of work. The season has been on the whole favorable for the operation of the Public Works Department. The fall of rain was about 29.60 against 30.62 in the preceding year.

4. The subjoined statement shows the important works executed during the year under report.

Works.	Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure up to 31st March 1876.	Expenditure during the year 1876-77.	Total.
	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
No. 1.—Constructing in two blocks huts for one Head Constable and 14 Constables of the Salt Police at Adrampatam	7,950	...	1,597 2 0	1,597 2 0
No. 2.—Constructing Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry and Sub-jail with out-houses at Vadaraniem...	11,556	11,148 10 6	370 2 10	11,461 13 4
No. 3.—Constructing Police guard-room and out-houses to the Sub-jail at Nannelum	2,295	2,059 11 8	...	2,059 11 8
No. 4.—Alterations and improvements to the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and constructing out-houses to the Sub-jail at Tirupundi	4,235	3,702 10 2	243 10 3	3,946 4 5
No. 5.—Constructing an office for the Sub-Registrar at Nannelum..	2,100	...	1,407 13 11	1,407 13 11
No. 6.—Additions and improvements to the Provincial College at Combaconum	58,000	55,267 7 10	1,208 12 5	56,476 4 3
<i>Local.</i>				
No. 7.—Constructing road No. 57 from Tirucattupalli to the South Indian Railway at Boodalore ..	96,600	66,465 15 0	12,072 11 3	78,538 10 3
No. 8.—Constructing				
... connect road No. 15 with No. 14 in the Combaconum taluq	5,900	1,900 0 0	4,000 0 0	5,900 0 0
No. 9.—Constructing a road from Sembanar Cevil on road No. 31 to Nallady on road No. 12 in the Mayaveram taluq	40,200	744 15 0	10,053 12 3	10,798 11
No. 10.—Constructing a road from Palavady on road No. 47 to Parithyore on road No. 14 in the Nannelum taluq	18,600	1,931 13 7	7,152 5 2	9,084 2
No. 11.—Constructing a bridge of three arches of 40 feet span each across the Cauvery on road No. 81 in the Tirumangalagudi limits, Combaconum taluq	10,200	7,569 15 9	2,500 0 0	10,261 2
No. 12.—Constructing a bridge of two arches of 30 feet span each across the Mudecondanar on road No. 14 at Nannelum	7,250	...	1,705 15 8	1,705 15

No. 1.—Foundations for eight of the Police huts at Adrampatam have been laid out and the materials are in course of collection. The slow progress of this work is attributed to the difficulty in getting skilled labour and good materials. The new building for the Deputy Tahsildar's Office at Vadaraniem (No. 2) which has been completed in last year is now occupied by the Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherry. The Police guard-room and out-houses to the Sub-jail at Nannelum (No. 3) were nearly completed and will be ready for use shortly. Alterations and improvements to, and the construction of, out-houses for the Sub-jail

Tirupundi (No. 4) have been completed with the exception of the tiled shed and the compound wall which are in progress. The building for the Sub-Registrar of Nannelum (No. 5) is in course of construction, and the additions and improvements to the Provincial College at Combaconum (No. 6) which had been completed with the exception of a few miscellaneous works at the beginning of the past official year were fully completed, but some glass panels for windows are still required to be fixed.

The construction of road No. 57 from Thirukattupalli to Boodalore (No. 7) has been completed, and the bridge over the Vennar in connection with the road is in rapid course of construction, and it will be opened for traffic before the close of the calendar year 1877. The construction of the road to connect road No. 15 with 14 in the Combaconum taluq (No. 8) has been completed, and the road was opened for traffic. The new road from Sembanarcovil to Nallady (No. 9) is in progress, and the materials for the construction of culverts and bridges are being prepared. The construction of a road from Pilavady on road No. 47 to Parithyore on road No. 14 in Nannelum taluq (No. 10) is in rapid progress. The construction of a bridge across the Cauvery in the Tirumangalagudi limits, Combaconum taluq (No. 11), which was almost completed before the end of last official year, has been finished, and the materials for the construction of a new bridge of two arches across Mudecondanar on road No. 14 in Nannelum taluq (No. 12) are being collected.

5. The following is a list of new works and repairs carried out during the year 1876-77:—

<i>Revenue Extensions and Improvements.</i>			
Tanks ...	Sluices ...	...	1
	Head sluices ...	...	14
Channels ...	Surplus sluices or weirs ...	...	18
	Distribution sluices ...	...	...
	Miscellaneous works ...	...	...
<i>MINOR NEW WORKS.</i>			
<i>Ordinary Agricultural.</i>			
Tank ...	Waste weir ...	...	1
Channels ...	Surplus sluices or weirs ...	...	4
<i>Revenue Maintenance and Repairs.</i>			
Head works ...	...	...	2
Main canal and branches ...	...	...	36
Distributaries ...	...	...	287
Drainage ...	...	...	23
<i>ORDINARY AGRICULTURAL.</i>			
<i>Repairs.</i>			
Irrigation ...	...	...	52
River conservancy ...	...	...	104
River embankments ...	...	...	70
Drainage ...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...

6. In his report, dated 5th July 1877, No. 814, the Sub-Collector remarked that the slow progress made in the execution of Irrigational New Works and Repairs in his division has led to several complaints on the parts of Mirassidars. I have urged on the District Engineer the necessity of carrying out these works without delay, but I believe he has been very short-handed indeed on account of the drafts of subordinates to the famine duties.

7. A statement showing the progress of Public Works and a list of original works, the estimates for which exceed Rupees 1,000, and repairs, the estimates for which exceed Rupees 2,500 accompany.

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8. In the Tanjore Local Fund Circle the outlay on original works has exceeded the allotment in consequence of a sum of Rupees 1,686 having had to be spent on the bridge on road No. 57, but the expenditure on repairs in the Circle as well as on the original works and repairs in Nogatam Circle has fallen short of the allotment. The short outlay noticed is accounted for by the late sanction of funds in some cases and the failure of contractors in others to work up to the full amount on account of the difficulties in procuring coolies who did not care to go to the places where the works were being carried on.

ENCLOSURES Nos 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The allotment for repairs of Irrigation works was fairly utilized, but there was short outlay under New Works, Agricultural, and the Local Fund grant was not properly utilized, the expenditure by the Public Works Department on New Works being only 58 per cent. of the allotment and by "Other Agency" on New Works and Repairs only 50 and 43 per cent. respectively. This is explained to be due partly to late sanction of funds and partly to the failure of contractors owing to the difficulty of procuring labor. Moreover, the Public Works Department staff was reduced by transfers to famine duties.

3. The statement in paragraph 2 does not tally with the enclosure as regards expenditure on Civil Buildings and the amount of the allotment for New Works; such discrepancies should be avoided.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]
Sub-Secretary.

Public Works Department,

with two original enclosures to be returned.

Collector of Tanjore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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