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General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 180. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23th October 1878, No. 2,886.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 27th September 1878, No. 2,084.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Public Works of this district for 1877-78.

2. The following is an abstract of allotment and expenditure:—

Item.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Percentage of Allotment in 1877-78.	Expenditure to 1876-77.
	RS.	RS.		
Imperial	2,35,785	1,94,044	82.29	84.9
Provincial	11,898	10,591	88.91	100.
Local Funds	1,84,832	1,72,914	93.55	90.3

3. *Eastern Delta.*—The anicut and channel works were improved at an expenditure of Rupees 38,615 under "Extraordinary."

The head sluices were in course of alteration and strengthening; the widening of the main canal would have been completed had it not been kept open for navigation the whole year in consequence of the exceptional character of the season. The Ryves' new cut is an important part of our canal system; cholera frightened away the coolies from the work, and not so much progress was consequently made as had been contemplated.

4. *Western Delta.*—The outlet and other work intended to be done on the Commamur Canal made creditable progress notwithstanding that the storm of 1877 destroyed the materials collected.

5. No efforts were spared in making water available for irrigation generally and as long in the season as possible.

The works were maintained in efficiency.

The delta completion scheme has been submitted, and is expected to be taken in hand before long.

The tanks in the uplands have been as usual kept up.

6. *Civil Buildings.*—Beyond improving or otherwise altering the existing buildings, no work of any importance was done in this direction. The Collector's Cutcherry has not been commenced.

7. *Local Funds.*—The following table shows the road-work of the year:—

Total Length of Miles.	Number of Miles which have been maintained in good order during the year.	Number of Miles of new roads constructed during the year.	Number of Miles under construction.
725	581	24	85

8. FAMINE WORKS—*Eastern Delta*.—The East Coast Canal afforded labor to the famine-stricken of the neighbourhood and of Divi and was continued up to the end of February last, when, in common with other works, it was left incomplete under orders of His Grace the Governor in Council.

The next important famine work that was done in the year was the Kotta Majeru Drain. This was intended for the special benefit of the Masulipatam town laborers. This likewise is incomplete.

9. *Western Delta*.—The Commamur Extension played the most important part in the famine administration of the year. Out of an estimate of Rupees 2,01,260, Rupees 1,29,159 were spent on it, giving labor to famine-stricken coolies in the south of Kistna and north of Nellore during the whole dry weather. Work was pushed on as vigorously as possible, the cyclone of May 1877 notwithstanding.

In January last, in expectation of His Grace's visit, the canal was made available for navigation, but when it became known that he was not coming there the temporary locks that had been built were removed and the canal run dry. The earthwork has been nearly finished. It is expected that the Commamur Canal will be open for through-traffic as part of the Buckingham Canal next July.

10. Owing to cholera and floods but little was done on the Romperu Drain, and the very large number of coolies that had congregated there were drafted off to other works.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

THE report on the Public Works of the Kistna District for 1877-78 will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The allotments under Provincial and Local Funds were well worked out. Under Imperial the proportion of outlay to allotment was only 82.29 against 84.9 in the preceding year, but there appears to have been good reason for the short expenditure.

3. Good work seems to have been done with famine labor, and it is reported that it is expected that the Commamur Canal will be opened for through-traffic in July next as part of the Buckingham Canal.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 181.

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(True Extract.)

Ed. Ford Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. J. W. Fisher.

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