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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 4,499 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 294. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1878, No. 2,972.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 2nd October 1878, No. 252.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of public works in this district for the year 1877-78 and to forward the prescribed statements.

2. The subjoined abstract exhibits the expenditure during the year as compared with that of the one preceding it :—

—		Expenditure in 1876-77.	Expenditure in 1877-78.	Difference.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Irrigation	New Works	35,872	12,672	...	23,200
	Repairs	1,01,046	85,252	...	15,794
Communication ...	New Works	2,43,657	1,08,914	...	1,34,743
	Repairs	1,43,290	49,379	...	93,911
Buildings	New Works	7,513	41,853	34,340	...
	Repairs	9,187	8,217	...	970
Sanitary and Miscellaneous.	New Works	930	...	...	930
	Repairs	2,817	2,218	...	599
Total ...	New Works	2,87,972	1,63,439	34,340	1,58,873
	Repairs	2,56,340	1,45,066	...	1,11,274
	Grand Total ...	5,44,312	3,08,505	34,340	2,70,147
	Net Decrease ...	...	...	...	2,35,807

3. The net decrease of Rupees 2,35,807 as shown above was due to a falling off in expenditure, caused by the famine, on Agricultural New Works and Repairs and also on Communications.

4. IRRIGATION—*New Works.*—The allotment under this head was Rupees 16,300. Of this Rupees 12,672, or Rupees 23,200 less than in the preceding year, were spent. This decrease was attributable to effect being given to G.O., No. 801-W, dated 28th September 1877, directing that all estimates were to be carried out as Famine Relief-works. Of the outlay referred to Rupees 10,103 were spent in providing waste weirs, escapes, sluices, &c., for several tanks throughout the district. The remaining amount, viz., Rupees 2,569, was expended as follows.

	Rs.
For compensation disbursed on account of lands taken up for the Madras Water-works Project	1,792
For petty improvements to the abovementioned project	524
For do. do. Chembrumbakum Project	253
Total ...	2,569

5. *Repairs.*—The grant for irrigation repairs was Rupees 89,000. Of this an outlay of Rupees 85,252 or 95·78 per cent. was incurred on the following works :—

	Rs.
For ordinary repairs to tanks, &c.	69,550
For repairs to works connected with the Madras Water-works Project	14,680
For repairs to works connected with the Chembrumbakum Project	1,022
Total ...	85,252

During the year under report the repairs of 375 tanks, 10 river-supply channels, 2 anicuts, and 3 embankments were completed.

6. It may here be mentioned that as in 1876-77 large grants were made during the year from Famine Relief Funds for the execution of agricultural works in view to affording employment for the distressed poor. The most important of these were—(1) the formation of the embankments of the Naranaveram River; (2) the improvement of the Utremerur Tank channel; and (3) the improvement of the Cortelliar embankments. On the first Rupees 34,341 were expended, and it was completed with the exception of the masonry works. The outlay on the second and third was Rs. 42,968 and Rupees 5,287 respectively. No. 2 has been completed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS—*New Works.*—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rupees 1,08,914 as shown below :—

	Rs.
Under the head "Imperial"	36,711
Do. "Local Fund"	72,203
Total ...	1,08,914

The former item was spent in opening the bars at Ennore and Covelong, constructing a groyne at the former place, and clearing and deepening boat and water channels at the different Salt divisions.

As regards the second item, I would observe that out of the allotment of Rs. 76,720 Rupees 72,203, or 94·11 per cent. were expended. This would have fallen to 76·95 per cent. had it not been for an expenditure of Rupees 13,163 incurred by the Public Works Department at the requisition of the Local Fund Board on account of asphalting the roadway over the Cortelliar bridge. The amount which was left unexpended was, therefore, Rupees 4,517, which was due to the allotment made on account of the bridge in question not having been fully utilized within the year, as the work was not examined and certified to by the Superintending Engineer. The only important work needing special mention was the completion of the iron girder bridge across the Cortelliar.

8. *Repairs.*— The outlay on this account is made up of Rupees 1,500 under the heads "Provincial" and "Imperial" and Rupees 47,879 under the head "Local Funds," aggregating Rupees 49,379.

The great disparity existing between the former item (Rupees 1,500) and the amount expended under the same heads in 1876-77 (Rupees 25,586) was due to the on account of the ordinary and special repairs of the Northern and Southern Canals to the head of "Famine" under the ruling conveyed in G.O. (Public Works Department), dated 22nd October 1877, No. 1,156-W.

As regards the expenditure of Rupees 47,879 for Local Fund Works, I beg to state that after deducting this amount from the allotment of Rupees 55,440 there remains a balance of Rupees 7,561. The reason why this amount was not appropriated was that, in consequence of the great falling off in the collections due to the disastrous state of the season, the expenditure in the Chingleput Circle was very much curtailed, in view to avoid a deficit balance at the close of the year.

9. *Condition of Roads.*—The state of the roads in the district was not as satisfactory as could be wished, especially in the Saidapet Circle. The insufficiency of the allotments made for their maintenance, the heavy traffic and the excessive drought, all contributed to damage them. Allotments were, however, sanctioned towards the latter part of the year from Famine Funds, and the defects found were to some extent remedied.

10. BUILDINGS—*New Works.*—Out of the expenditure of Rupees 41,853 incurred on this account, Rupees 10,182 were spent from Provincial Funds, Rs. 21,898 from Special Funds, and Rupees 9,533 from Salt Funds.

The works upon which the first of these three items was expended were (1) addition of three rooms to the Taluk Cutcherry building at Saidapet for the accommodation of the Special Registrar; (2) improvements to the Taluk Cutcherries at Madhurantakam, Chingleput, and Saidapet at a cost in the aggregate of Rupees 8,495. The balance Rupees 1,687 was spent on Ecclesiastical buildings, such as providing seats, &c., in the Roman Catholic Church at Poonamallee.

The only work executed from Special Funds was the construction of quarters for the Superintendent of Government Farms at Saidapet.

The amount from Salt Funds was utilized for the construction of temporary platforms at Covelong and Vada Sammenjeri and sentry huts, &c., in the several Salt Divisions.

11. *Repairs.*—The outlay under this head (Rupees 8,217) was made up of Rupees 4,592 spent from Provincial Funds, of Rupees 177 from Local Funds, and of Rupees 3,448 from Salt Funds.

The first of these was utilized for the repairs of the District Jail at Chingleput, the Sub-jails at Madhurantakam, Chingleput and Poonamallee, the Collector's Office at Homes' Gardens, Saidapet, and the Ecclesiastical buildings at the Mount, Poonamallee, and Pallavaram.

The expenditure of Rupees 177 under Local Funds (Educational) was too insignificant to be worthy of notice.

The charges of Rupees 3,448 met from Salt Funds were expended in carrying out ordinary repairs to the salt platforms, Police huts, and other buildings.

12. The other items of expenditure call for no special remarks.

The state of the public buildings throughout the district is, I believe, fair, but I have not seen them all.

I regret that my meagre knowledge of the district prevents my making any observation on the subject of requirements in the way of roads, irrigation works, &c. I must also apologize for the delay in the submission of this report, which has arisen from my having had Jamabundi work and the questions of the Famine Commission to attend to, and also from the illness and subsequent death of my Acting Sheristadar.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Comparison of the expenditure with the allotment, or with the expenditure of the preceding year, is rendered impossible in some cases by the charges having been debited to famine and not adjusted before the returns were submitted, but good work appears to have been done.

3. The bad state of the roads reported by the Collector is due to causes over which the local officers have no control.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 4,499 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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