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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st February 1876.
Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st January 1876, No. 25 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the annual statements called for in the Board's Proceedings, No. 208, of 3rd March 1873, showing the minor irrigation works requiring repair in the several taluqs of this district and the outlay proposed to be made thereon during the official year 1876-77.

2. The statements show that of the 3,082 minor irrigation works in the district 537 require repair, and that the amount of outlay proposed by the Tahsildars is Rupees 1,80,362. The following is a Taluqwar abstract of the statements :—

Taluq.	Total number of work.	No. of Works entered in the Statement.	Outlay proposed by Tahsildars.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cuddalore.....	247	45	31,603
Trickalore.....	517	59	23,583
Villapuram.....	415	87	26,440
Tindivanam.....	800	115	27,050
Trinomally.....	421	17	2,711
Virdachellum.....	210	94	15,560
Chidambaram.....	96	21	5,770
Kullacurehy.....	376	99	47,647
Total ..	3,082	537	1,80,362

3. The outlay proposed is within 10 per cent. of the beriz in the case of all the works in the Chidambaram Taluq, but in the other taluqs it is, in the case of most of them, in excess of that percentage. The Tahsildars consider that the excess outlay proposed by them is necessary to put the works into a thoroughly efficient condition, as several of the works have not been repaired for a number of years. The outlay proposed by them not only provides for the repair of the works as they exist, but also for the construction of new sluices and calingulahs and stone revertments, as to the necessity for which I am unable to offer an opinion without placing myself in communication with the District Engineer. I believe that in several cases the Tahsildars have acted on the suggestions of the Revenue Inspectors, and it is not improbable that some of the new sluices proposed are for the ~~reparation~~ of punjah lands, to which the punjahs might take objection. The estimates for the repair of bunds is in some cases very high. As, however, it appears from G.O., No. 313, of 3rd March 1875, Public Works Department, communicated in Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,151, of 17th March 1875, that the chief object of the present return is to secure an annual record of the state of the works in each district as ascertained by the Revenue Department, and as these returns will in due course be transferred by Government to the District Engineer for consideration, I do not delay their submission pending inquiry into the necessity or otherwise of the outlay proposed on each work.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 8.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th
January 1876, No. 24.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. J. Lewis
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with eight original Statements.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

" to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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*Mine Navigation Works — requiring repair
in South Arcot District during 1876-77, —
submitted to Government statements forward-
ed by Collector showing —*

*22.2.1876
W. J. Lewis*