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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th March 1878, No. 1,392 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 265. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1878, No. 314.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 15th December 1877, No. 352 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the public works executed in the district during the official year 1876-77, together with two usual statements, No. 1 being prepared by the Superintending Engineer and No. 2 by me from the Progress Reports of the Range Officers.

2. The Budget allotments for the works were Rupees 7,26,015 and the revised allotment was Rupees 7,35,995, while the expenditure amounted to Rupees 6,26,133 as particularized below :—

Items.	Budget Allotments.	Revised Allotments.	Expenditure.	Difference of Columns 3 & 4.
1	2	3	4	5
Imperial	RS. 4,79,525	RS. 4,65,709	RS. 4,01,994	RS. — 63,715
Provincial	35,600	51,030	39,087	— 11,943
Local	2,10,890	2,19,256	1,85,052	— 34,204
Total ...	7,26,015	7,35,995	6,26,133	— 1,09,862

3. The percentage of the expenditure to the revised Budget allotments is 85 and odd, considerably less than last year. I cannot help thinking that the officers of Public Works Department have too much account and other office work to attend to, and that this prevents them exercising as much supervision as they otherwise might.

4. An abstract of Statements given below showing the expenditure incurred during the year as compared with the preceding year.

Items.	Expenditure 1875-76	Expenditure of 1876-77.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
NEW WORKS.					
Irrigation	Rs. 3,96,311	1,36,761	...	1,99,550	
Communications	1,34,764	1,32,565	...	2,199	
Civil Buildings	5,855	7,987	2,132	...	
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	6,069	5,607	...	462	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	6,297	1,798	...	4,499	
Total by Department Public Works	5,49,430	3,34,718	2,132	2,16,844	Net Decrease 2,14,712.
Civil Buildings	638	632	...	6	
Educational	...	...	...	...	
Total by Other Agency	638	632	...	6	
Total, New Works	5,50,068	3,35,350	2,132	2,16,850	Net Decrease 2,14,718.
REPAIRS.					
Irrigation	2,15,277	2,01,391	...	13,886	
Civil Buildings	2,402	4,072	1,670	...	
Communications	60,824	68,927	6,103	...	
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,337	1,841	504	...	
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	11,977	13,301	1,324	...	
Total by Department Public Works	2,91,817	2,87,532	9,601	13,886	Net Decrease 4,285.
Civil Buildings	389	3,127	2,738	...	
Educational	197	124	...	73	
Total by Other Agency	586	3,251	2,738	73	Net Increase 2,665.
Total, Repairs	2,92,403	2,90,783	12,339	13,959	Net Decrease 1,620.
Grand Total	8,42,471	6,26,133	14,411	2,20,809	Net Decrease 2,16,238.

5. NEW WORKS, IRRIGATION.—There is a decrease of Rupees 1,99,684 under this head, but last year some large works, such as the Bank Canal and Taki drain and the Western Delta Works, caused a larger expenditure than usual.

6. NEW WORKS, COMMUNICATIONS.—The falling off in the expenditure on Communications is Rupees 12,199 as shown in the above abstract, which is due to larger expenditure in the year 1875-76 on certain roads, such as the road from Amalapur to Yedurulanka, from Dowlashweram to Samaleotta, from Cocanada to Kotipalli, &c.

7. NEW WORKS, CIVIL BUILDINGS.—The increase in the Civil Buildings is consequent on the construction of a Range Office at Chettipetta; this office was also the cause of a considerable increase last year.

8. NEW WORKS, MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.—The decrease under this head is small to call for any explanation.

9. NEW WORKS, SANITARY AND MISCELLANEOUS.—The large decrease under this head is owing to there having been no expenditure during the year under report on account of the ... for which a large amount was expended in last year.

10. REPAIRS, IRRIGATION.—The decrease under irrigation is chiefly due to the large expenditure for 1875-76 on the repairs of the anicut themselves and on the execution of other works for the safety of the anicut as stated in last year's report.

11. REPAIRS, CIVIL BUILDINGS.—There is an increase of Rupees 1,670 under this head. This is due chiefly to repairs having been made to certain buildings belonging to Hope Island at a cost of Rupees 3,08-12-2.

12. REPAIRS, COMMUNICATIONS.—The increase of Rupees 6,103 in the communications is owing to extensive repairs having been executed to the Northern Trunk Road, &c., in the year under report.

13. REPAIRS, CIVIL BUILDINGS, OTHER AGENCIES.—The increase of Rupees 2,738 under this head is due to several buildings of various departments being repaired during the year.

14. The Sub-Collector says, as regards irrigation works, that these have been satisfactorily attended to and the period of closure made as short as possible, and he further remarks in speaking about the roads that he has seen them all at different times in the past year and on the whole that they are in good condition.

15. The irrigation works are being carried out, and as they are extended, fresh land is continually being taken up for cultivation; roads are also progressing, the new light-house north of Cocanada will soon be finished.

16. The District Engineer's office is approaching completion; the Range Office at Chettipett is completed.

17. Some of the Taluk Cutcheries are new and in good order; some, on the other hand, very much require renewing. The late Sub-Judge's Court has been turned into an office for the Sub-Collector; the Head Assistant sadly wants a better office; my own office requires additions; these have been sanctioned, but no allotment has been made. I shall be glad when some allotment can be made; the presses must deteriorate kept as they are in a little bit of a verandah, and the Assistant and Deputy Collectors have most miserable rooms for offices.

18. I am glad to say the bandakattu referred to in my letter, No. 256, dated 12th September 1877, is nearly finished, and remission will not be much longer required.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The proportion of expenditure to total allotments was not so satisfactory as in the preceding year, the ratio being only 85 per cent. The short outlay occurred chiefly under the head of Irrigation. The large decrease in expenditure on New Works, Irrigation, is accounted for by the reduction of allotments. The outlay on Communications from Local Funds was 86 and 93 per cent. of the grants under New Works and Repairs respectively.

3. With reference to paragraph 17, the Board observe that an allotment for the additions to the Collector's Office was promised at the earliest possible date in G.O., dated 26th May 1876, No. 1,326; they trust that funds will be provided soon, the

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urgency of the case having been
dated 10th May 1876, No. 1392 W.
the provision better accommodated
made; the subject can be brought

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brought to notice and admitted (vide G.O.
appears that my representations regarding
the Hon. Assistant Collector have been
dissipated if the need is pressing.

and Extract.)

(Signed)

G. A. CALTON
Acting Secretary.

No. 266.

ORDER HERON,

March 1878, No. 1392 W.

Communicated to the Superintendent Engineer, Godavery.

2. The Government regret that they see no likelihood of funds being available
next year for the Collector's Office.

(True Extract.)

Edmnd Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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

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To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
GODAVERY.
&c. &c. &c.

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