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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

20th January 1879, No. 240 W.

General
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No. 190. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1878, No. 3,445.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 19th November 1878, No. 4,204.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the state of Public Works in this district for the official year 1877-78, accompanied by the usual statements.

2. It will be seen from the Statement No. 1 that a sum of Rupees 18,500 was originally allotted for new works under Agricultural which was subsequently reduced to Rupees 4,360. The difference between the original and revised allotments is due, partly to the surrender of some allotment on account of the great delay in obtaining the necessary sanction, and partly to the transfer of allotments to other more important works. The actual expenditure on Agricultural New Works was Rupees 5,128, or Rupees 768 over and above the allotment. This excess is owing to the fact that when a sum of Rupees 6,000 out of the original allotment for the first of the following works was surrendered the actual expenditure, already incurred by the Taluk Overseer, was not taken notice of by the Range Officer.

3. The following are the new Agricultural works executed during the year :—

	RS.
1. Constructing works on the Kodamurutty and Trimalrajanar ...	4,769
2. One sluice for tanks	100
3. One surplus sluice or weir for channels	260
Total ...	5,129

4. For Agricultural Repairs a sum of Rupees 1,59,737 was originally allotted which was subsequently raised to Rupees 1,67,897. The difference is due to the same cause as was stated with reference to new works. The actual expenditure during the year under report was Rupees 1,60,362, or 95 per cent. of the allotment. The heads of this expenditure are as follow :—

	RS.
1. Revenue, Extensions and Improvements	8,086
2. Revenue, Maintenance and Repairs	75,158
3. Repairs, Irrigation	15,259
River Conservancy	26,199
River Embankments	35,306
Drainage	78
Miscellaneous	6
4. Investigation of Irrigation Projects	279
Total ...	1,60,362

5. Under Revenue, Extensions and Improvements a sum of Rs. 8,086 was, as will be seen from the above, spent on fourteen head-sluices, ten surplus sluices or weirs, seven distributaries, and some other minor new and miscellaneous works. The statement

appended shows the details of expenditure of Rupees 75,158 under Revenue, Maintenance and Repairs :—

	No. repaired.	Outlay. RS.	A.	P.
1. Head-works	1	75	15	9
2. Main Canals and Branches	15	6,592	4	0
3. Distributaries	353	65,728	7	2
4. Drainage	19	2,761	13	9
Total ...		75,158	8	8

It will be seen that during the year under report great attention was paid by the Department Public Works Officers to the repairs and maintenance of the irrigation works and river embankments. But there is still a good deal to be done towards their improvements. The District Engineer writes thus on the subject :—

> "Great improvements, however, are needed in the alignment of the embankment, the positions and circumstances of which in many localities and indeed, as a rule, are anything but consistent with requirements or the course and direction of the rivers to which they appertain—a matter which places not a little difficulty in the way of inspection of the embankments and of the rivers by the members of the Public Works Department. A proposal regarding the method to be adopted relative to dealing with this subject in connection with the question of taking up land for conservancy purposes conjointly with that of reducing the several rivers to a normal width by nanal planting has been laid before the Chief Engineer for Irrigation."

6. Although the complaints of ryots regarding the irrigation works being out of order or defective are comparatively fewer than in the previous year, still I should repeat that the same difficulty has been experienced as was mentioned in the concluding part of paragraph 6 of the last year's report from this office (*vide* Board's Proceedings of 12th November 1877, No. 4,973) regarding the short-handedness of the Department Public Works staff to meet the requirements of this district.

7. A sum of Rupees 5,939 was spent in the construction of new buildings during the year against an allotment of Rupees 6,152. The difference calls for no remarks.

The following are the important civil buildings undertaken during the year under report. The public buildings are generally in fair order. The Court-house at Tanjore needs looking to, as there are some cracks here and there in it. It would be better also of white-washing :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Addirion to the Range Office at Negapatam	2,021	3	3
Alterations to the Taluk Cutcherry at Tiruturaipundi ...	420	5	6
Constructing an office for the Sub-Registrar at Nannilam ...	638	13	0
Constructing Police Guard-room and Out-houses to Sub-Jail at Nannilam	225	5	6
Constructing a second-class Police Station-house and four Constables' huts at Minpessal	500	0	0

There were twenty civil buildings maintained in good order during the year under report at a total cost of Rupees 5,346.

8. The roads in this district are generally in good order. There are 1,177½ miles of made roads and 27 miles of water communication by salt canal. There are in this district 30½ miles of village roads formed during the year under report at a total cost of Rupees 6,656.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The aggregate allotments for Public Works of all kinds—Imperial, Provincial and Local Fund—amounted to Rupees 3,97,563, of which Rupees 3,38,754 or 85 per cent. was expended.

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3. The progress made in agricultural repairs is satisfactory. The allotment for the year was Rupees 1,67,897, of which Rupees 1,60,362 or 95 per cent. was expended; and the maintenance of the irrigation works and river embankments of the district appears to have been carefully looked after during the year.

4. The expenditure from Local Funds on Communications, New Works and Repairs, was Rupees 1,47,166, out of a provision of Rupees 1,81,804. All the work was carried out by the Department of Public Works, with the exception of "New Works" executed by "Other Agency," costing Rupees 652. The Collector should have explained why the provision of Rupees 6,765 for Communications, Repairs, to be executed by "Other Agency," was not utilised during the year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
for Acting Secretary.

No. 191. Order thereon, 20th January 1879, No. 240 W.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Board of Revenue.
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