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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th December 1875.

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to
H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
Bramhannayerragudi, 15th November 1875, No. 238:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on public works in this district for
the official year 1874-75.

2. The following abstract statement exhibits the outlay on imperial and
provincial works in 1874-75 compared with the budget grants for the same year:—

Class of Works.	GRANT FOR 1874-75.										COMPARISON BETWEEN GRANT AND OUTLAY.			
	As revised by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation (vide G.O. No. 114, dated 18th January and Memorandum, No. 244, dated 29th February 1875.)										OUTLAY IN 1874-75.			
	Original.			New Works.			Repairs.			Total.	New Works.			Repairs.
	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.		New Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
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IMPERIAL.														
Agricultural														
Original Works	4,000	65,000	69,000	7,470	60,000	67,470	6,630	54,273	60,903		840	50	890	5,723
Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
New Supplies	150	100	250	150	100	250	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Civil Buildings	...	70	70	...	70	70	...	30	30		...	...	...	40
Post Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Total	4,150	65,170	69,320	7,620	60,170	67,790	6,780	54,384	61,114		890	...	...	5,783
PROVINCIAL.														
Civil Buildings														
Original Works	35,733	...	35,733	...	...	...	33,720	...	33,720		...	...	...	...
Repairs	3,980	...	3,980	...	...	...	3,505	...	3,505		...	...	...	...
Tools and Plant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Total	39,713	6,715	46,428	...	...	...	37,225	8,097	45,322		...	...	...	...
Grand Total	23,863	71,885	95,748	7,620	60,170	67,790	41,345	62,481	1,06,826		925	...	...	5,886
Provincial Grant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Net Increase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...

3. The Board of Revenue will observe, from entries as per margin, that the expenditure in the year under review exceeded the grant by Rupees 2,608 and is above the outlay of 1873-74 by Rupees 41,981.

4. The new agricultural works consisting of the construction of waste weirs and sluices are of no importance. The Idupulapai Channel, which I noticed as an unfinished work last year, is in the same state. After the floods in October 1874, water remained for an unusual length of time in the river Papagni and prevented any work being done.

5. Three taluk cutcherries are, as they were last year, in progress. The Sidhout Cutcherry has been handed over, and is now occupied. I trust that the building in Kadiri will be completed this year, as, since the rains in October 1874, it has been discovered that the old cutcherry is not as stable a building as it was hitherto supposed to be. Cutcherries are very much required at Pulivendla and Voilpaud, but as yet nothing has been done in spite of my remarks on this subject last year. The Budwail Taluk Cutcherry has also been discovered to be a very inferior building, and a new cutcherry should be built. Money is thrown away when employed in patching up these old buildings.

6. Several tanks were breached and damaged by the rains last year. Some of them have been repaired. With others, such as the Chintakunta Tank, it is a question whether their repairs can profitably be undertaken. The Chintakunta Tank, I am afraid, must be abandoned. The river channels destroyed by the floods have nearly all of them been restored by tahsildars and villagers, the work being afterwards examined and paid for by the Public Works Officers. The amount of repair-work which has been got through in this way has been very large, and it has been very economically done. Work of this description cost Rupees 12,445.

7. From what I have seen during the past year I am more than ever convinced that the present system of entrusting agricultural works to contractors, whose sole object is to make as much money as they can and who take no interest in the character and stability of their work, is a mistake. The contractor spends as little as he can on the work, and pockets the rest. The villagers would put all the money in the work in order that their lands might derive every possible benefit from the work, and the result would be advantageous to the Government and the ryot. If this system were followed, rates would be very much reduced, and there would be a still greater saving. At present a contractor has not only to leave a margin for himself, but he has to provide for payments to overseers and maistries, and this he cannot manage at rates representing the actual cost of the work. That the rates are now unnecessarily high has become very apparent since the practice has been introduced of entrusting petty local works to tahsildars.

8. No alteration has been made in the size of the ranges. Until a smaller extent of country is placed under each officer, supervision cannot be otherwise than defective. I have alluded to this subject before, but nothing has been done owing, I believe, to want of money.

The expenditure in the year under review was Rupees 1,06,826. It exceeded the grant by Rupees 2,608 and the outlay of the previous year by Rupees 41,981. This indicates very satisfactory general activity. The Collector has omitted to furnish a statement of expenditure in the form prescribed in Circular Order, dated 14th October 1874, No. 1,678.

2. None of the new agricultural works were of much individual importance. The outlay amounted to only Rupees 6,630. In repairs there was a total expenditure of Rupees 54,278. The Collector gives little information as to particular works, but states that much tank and channel repair-work was done in an economical way by the rayuts.

3. The outlay on civil buildings was Rupees 45,712. The Sidhout Cutcherry was taken over for occupation, and the Kadiri Cutcherry is expected to be finished in the current year. New cutcherries are stated to be urgently required at Pulivendla, Voilpaul, and Budwail. The want of accommodation at the two first places was brought to notice in last year's report.

4. The report might have been fuller with advantage, and it should have been submitted much earlier. The expenditure under Local Funds should have been noticed. The Collector's attention is called to G.O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1,174, Financial Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

C. H. S. S.
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
,, the Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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