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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Public Works in Coimbatore District—Board's Proceedings relinquishing Collector's report for 1867-68, recorded.

No. 7,552.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st October 1868.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coonoor, 8th August 1868, No. 221:—

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the Public Works carried out in this district during the official year 1867-68.

2. The following Comparative Statement exhibits the several classes of works performed, and the amount of expenditure incurred on them, during the years 1866-67 and 1867-68:—

		Provision in the Budget for 1867-68.	Expenditure in 1866-67.	Expenditure in 1867-68.	Comparison between 1866-67 and 1867-68.	
					Increase.	Decrease.
	New Works.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.	Irrigation	45,965	17,295	44,923	27,628	...
II.	Communication...	1,00,226	91,979	1,00,272	8,293	...
III.	Buildings	2,70,469	3,00,176	2,63,609	...	36,567
IV.	Miscellaneous Public Improvements...	...	872	...	...	872
	Total...	4,16,660	4,10,322	4,08,804	35,921	37,439
	Repairs.					
I.	Irrigation {By the D. P. W. ... ... / By the Collector's Dept...	46,528	24,398	35,871 / 8,341 = 44,212	19,814	...
II.	Communication	72,549	65,356	72,846	7,490	...
III.	Buildings. {By the D. P. W. ... ... / By the Collector's Dept...	11,854	10,405	11,452 / 18 = 11,470	1,065	...
IV.	Miscellaneous Public Improvements...	400	494	400	...	94
	Total...	1,31,331	1,00,653	1,28,928	28,369	94
	Grand Total...	5,47,991	5,10,975	5,37,732	64,290	37,533
	Deduct Decrease...	...	...	...	37,533	...
	Net Increase...	...	...	...	26,757	...

3. The expenditure during the year under report shows an increase of Rupees 26,757 upon that for 1866-67.

4. *Item No. I.*—NEW WORKS.—Item I. consists chiefly of masonry sluices and aqueducts constructed in Suttimungalum, Caroor, Perindoray, and Dharapooram talooks, on which an increased charge of 160 per cent. over last year was incurred. These works, though classed as new, are for the purpose of maintaining and improving the existing irrigation, a most necessary and useful expenditure, tending to the economical use and regular supply of water.

5. *Item No. II.*—A sum of Rupees 1,00,272 was expended during the year under the head "Communication" upon the construction of roads and bridges, as detailed below:—

		Rs.
1.	Coonoor Ghaut new Trace	50,021
2.	New Goodaloor Ghaut	10,000
3.	Burgoor Ghaut new Trace	8,029
4.	New road connecting Kotagherry and Wellington with the new Coonoor Ghaut	7,000
5.	New road from Ootacamund to the head of the new Goodaloor Ghaut...	11,000
6.	Vodai Bridge at Errode	1,516
7.	Chinnanavakaray Bridge	812
8.	Tracing and opening the Bridlepath from Yeddagadoo by Nunjanad...	3,500
9.	Tracing and opening do. from Kartery to Mailoor	1,505
10.	Do. do. from Pykarra to the Chinchona Plantations.	2,000
11.	Constructing a road from the junction of the old Ootacamund and new Coonoor road *viâ* Nunjathala	1,306
12.	Opening a road from Coonoor Bridge to the public Bungalow at Coonoor.	1,082
13.	Constructing a Bridge over the Seegoor river	1,613
14.	Reconstructing the Kanchunhulla Bridge on the road between Ootacamund and Mysore	888
	Total...	1,00,272

It will be observed that ninety per cent. of the outlay on new communication was spent on the Neilgherry Hills.

Works Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 13 are still in progress. The rest have been completed.

6. *Item No. III.*—The actual expenditure during the year 1867-68 under the head "New Buildings" is Rupees 2,63,609, against Rupees 3,00,176 for 1866-67. Of this amount the largest item, Rupees 1,02,280, was spent on the Lawrence Asylum works, which are in progress. A sum of Rupees 1,26,961 was expended on certain Revenue, Judicial, Ecclesiastical, and general buildings, as particularized below:—

		Rs.
	Revenue.	
1.	Talook Cutcherry at Dharapooram	1,609
2.	New Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore	2,606
3.	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Avenashy	1,188
4.	Do. do. at Kongiem	1,581
5.	Constructing a Latrine near the Talook Cutcherry at Ootacamund ...	380
6.	Alterations to the Head Assistant Collector's Office	119
	Judicial.	
7.	Central Jail at Coimbatore	45,021
8.	Improvement and additions to do.	2,633
9.	Civil Jail at Ootacamund, and alterations and additions to the Zillah Jail	24,638
10.	Moonsiff's Court at Errode	1,796
11.	Alterations to the Joint Magistrate's Court at Ootacamund	645
12.	Moonsiff's Court at Caroor	2,685
13.	Enclosing the compound wall of the Civil Court-house at Coimbatore with iron-fencing	205
14.	Converting a portion of the Verandah of the Moonsiff's Court-house at Colligal into a Store-room...	80
	Ecclesiastical.	
15.	Construction of a Church at Ootacamund	28,961
16.	Grant-in-aid towards the construction of a Roman Catholic Church at Ootacamund	4,000
	Police.	
17.	Constructing a Police Station at Goodaloor	1,148
18.	Converting the Kulhutty Chuttrum into Police Station and quarters...	1,291
19.	Stables, Cook-room, etc., for the Police Inspector at Wellington ...	904
20.	Constructing a Police Station at Kowdully	329
	General.	
21.	Converting the Travellers' Bungalow at Coonoor into a Post-office, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, and Police Station	2,519
22.	Accommodation for the Caroor and Colligal Range Offices and for Bhowany and Perindoray Talook Offices	450
23.	Sub-Office and Overseer's shed at Pollachy	515
24.	Office for the Overseer at Suttimungalum	250
25.	Do. do. at Colligal...	251
26.	Do. do. at Caroor	250
27.	Do. do. at Dharapooram	520
28.	Improvement to the Engineer's Office at Ootacamund	387
	Total...	1,26,961

Of these, besides the Lawrence Asylum, I have inspected Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 23, and 28. Progress, at time of inspection appeared good, and work well-executed. The remaining portion of the aggregate amount was spent on certain buildings and works of minor importance. The Central Jail has been completed.

7. *Item No. IV.*—No expenditure was incurred during the year under the head "Miscellaneous Public Improvement:" a sum of Rupees 74,000 was sanctioned in the Government Order, No. 3,652, of 25th November 1867, for constructing a main sewer for the drainage of Ootacamund, but no allotment of funds was made. The expediency of this drainage sewer as a complete sanitary measure is understood to be still under consideration.

8. Repairs of Irrigation Works.—A sum of Rupees 44,212 was expended on the repairs of anicuts, channels, and tanks; while the expenditure under the same head, in 1866-67, was Rupees 24,398, showing an increase of Rupees 19,814, or eighty-one per cent. during the year under notice. Out of this amount 35,871 and 8,341 were spent by the Public Works Department and Revenue Department, respectively, on the repairs of anicuts, tanks, and channels; nearly half of the total amount was spent in the annual clearance of the river-channels.

9. Repairs of Communication.—Under this head a sum of Rupees 72,846 was spent in repairing roads, etc., against Rupees 65,356 of last year. This amount is chiefly the maintenance on mileage allowance on important trunk roads, such as the Trichinopoly, Dindigul, Mysore, Salem, Malabar, and other important lines of communication. Some of these though superseded by the Railway are yet useful, as feeders.

10. Repairs of Buildings.—Rupees 6,141 and Rupees 5,329 were spent on the repairs of Military and Civil buildings, respectively, making in all Rupees 11,470, against Rupees 10,405 in 1866-67. This expenditure does not call for remark.

11. As regards the requirements of this district, I must premise that I have been too short a time in it, a few months, to be fully acquainted with all its needs. The first requirement, however, is obvious. It is the improvement of the existing sources of irrigation from the rivers of the district. Of these the Noyel and the Amravutty are extensively utilized within the district; the former indeed not sufficing for all its requirements. There is a possibility of increasing its supply by the diversion of some hill drainage, otherwise falling into the Bhowany valley, into it, at its source; but the scheme has not been as yet communicated to this office. The Bhowany river has more water than is at present utilized in the district. The extension of one of its channels, the Calingaroyen, is under contemplation. A new anicut on the Cauvery near Nerinjipett is under consideration, which will, if carried out, newly irrigate a large tract of land, about 9,000 acres, between the Chavery and Bowany. I believe that it will return a good per-centage, and as the

water is only to be taken during the time of the south-west monsoon, or for one crop, it is anticipated that the proposed works will not interfere with the existing interests of the lower irrigation. As regards the Sub-Division of the district, the restoration of an anicut over the Ambravutty is undergoing investigation.

12. The next subject of importance is that of communications. Fortunately for the district, it is traversed from east to west, and partly from north to south by a Railway. The whole trunk roads are kept up at Imperial cost, while short railway-feeders will come under the head of Local Fund Works, and will be adverted to in that report. A tramway or light rail to the foot of the Neilgherries from the Pothanoor Station would be very desirable in facilitating the existing traffic to, and furthering the convenience and comfort of, parties visiting the Hills. It is understood to be under consideration.

13. The transmission of this report has been delayed with the view of receiving the reports of the Sub-Division Officers; but as these had not been received up to date, it is now forwarded.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The sum of Rupees 1,00,272 was expended on new works of communication; but, as pointed out by the Collector, ninety per cent. of this amount was expended on the Neilgherries. Of the balance Rupees 8,929 fell to the Burgoor Ghaut; a work for opening out the Colligal talook, leaving only Rupees 2,328 for the rest of the district.

3. The expenditure for repairs to Imperial communications, however, was much more general, and amounted to 72,846 Rupees.

4. The expenditure on Irrigation repairs was 44,212 Rupees, showing an increase over last year of Rupees 19,814.

5. That the sum is still very much below the needful amount is shown by the fact that the ryots supplemented it by cash payments to the extent of 23,111 Rupees.

6. As the average consolidated Nunjah assessment of the district is Rupees 7-10-6, compared with Rupees 6-11-5 in Godavery, and Rupees 4-15-3 in Tanjore, the extra cess, necessitated by deficient Imperial allotments, bears heavily on the cultivation.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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