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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th September 1867.

No. 484. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting, for information of Government, report of Collector of Coimbatore on the Public Works carried out in district during 1866-67. } (Here enter 23rd September 1867, No. 6,105.)

No. 485. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1867, No. 2,279.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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		Rs.
X.	Superseding by a new line that portion of the Coonoor and Kotagherry road at and on both sides of the peat bog	500
XI.	Trace and bridle-path from the Coonoor ghaut by Wellington to Kotagherry.	500
XII.	Improving road from Coorchy to the Railway-feeder	482
	Total... ...	91,979

6. The lower four miles of the Coonoor new trace, that is, from Kullar to Burliar, have been completed, and are used by carts and carriages. The upper four and a half miles of the ghaut were opened for wheeled-traffic in November last, and it is hoped that the rest of the trace will be completed before long. Nos. 2 and 3 are in progress, and No. 4 has been completed. No. 5, the Pothanoor Bungalow, is now used as a Travellers' Bungalow, and is a great convenience to the travelling-public halting there, adjoining, as it does, the Railway station. The Chinnaikavakarai bridge, which, as stated in my last report, fell down within three months from the date of its completion, and whose (?) reconstruction was sanctioned by Government in Proceedings, dated 11th May 1866, No. 1,521, is now almost ready.

7. The Burgoor ghaut new trace is in rapid progress, and its completion will facilitate traffic from Southern India to the western parts of Mysore. Nos. VIII., IX., XI. and XII. are completed, and No. X. is in progress.

8. Under the head "Miscellaneous Public Improvements," Rupees 708 and 164 were expended respectively on the aqueduct across the Elk Hill cutting, and in excavating and removing earth behind Pestonjee's Cottage at Ootacamund. Both these works have been completed.

9. New Buildings.—The total expenditure under this head, during the year under notice, is Rupees 3,00,176, of which Rupees 1,12,240 were expended on the Lawrence Asylum at Ootacamund. This work is still in progress. Rupees 1,33,627 have also been laid out on the undermentioned Revenue, Postal, and General Buildings :—

		Rupees.
1.	Constructing Police Constables' Huts at Ootacamund	2,258
2.	Do. a new Civil Hospital, do.	18,499
3.	Making certain improvements and additions to the Post-office at Ootacamund.	4,774
4.	Constructing a new Church at Ootacamund	15,000
5.	Do. Talook Cutcherry at Coimbatore	6,950
6.	Do. Central Jail at do.	75,213
7.	Do. Post-office at Pothanoor	1,848
8.	Do. Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Avenashy	404
9.	Do. do. do. Annamalay	158
10.	Do. Post-office at Errode	147
11.	Do. Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Kongiem	4,830
12.	Converting the Travellers' Bungalow at Coonoor into Post-office, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, and Police station	1,615
13.	Compensation for land taken up for Police station at Pothanoor	418
14.	Do. Police station at Errode...	1,486
15.	Making and fixing two new windows to the Talook Cutcherry at Oodoomalapettah...	27
	Total... ...	1,33,627

The remaining portion of the aggregate sum were spent on certain Military buildings and works of minor importance. With respect to No. 12, I beg to observe that a sum of Rupees 1,000 was paid to Mr. Smith under the sanction of Government, dated the 28th January 1867, No. 256, being the compensation for improvements done by him to the Coonoor Bungalow. The Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Congiem has been completed, and is ready for occupation. The new Central Jail at Coimbatore has almost been completed. The new Talook Cutcherry building at Coimbatore has been finished, and the Tahsildar now holds his office in it. Of the other works, some are in progress and some have been completed.

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10. Repairing Irrigation Works.—Under this head, a sum of Rupees 24,398 was expended on the repairs of anicuts, channels, and other chief sources of irrigation, against Rupees 34,543 during the last year.

11. Repairing Communications.—A sum of Rupees 65,356 was spent in repairing the existing roads, &c.

12. Repairs of Buildings.—Rupees 6,263 and 4,142 were spent on the repairs of Military and Civil buildings respectively, making in all Rupees 10,405, against Rupees 13,275 in the year 1865-66, showing a decrease of Rupees 2,870 in 1866-67.

13. As directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 3rd September 1866, No. 6,246, I have entered the Budget provision in the Statement subjoined to paragraph 2 of this report.

14. Copy of the Progress report received from the Superintending Engineer's office, is enclosed for the Board's information.

Enclosure No. 1.—Progress Report for 1866-67.

Submitted for the information of Government. The Collector should have explained why the commencement of the works, referred to in paragraph 4, were so long delayed as to render it impossible to complete them within the year. Mr. Grant should also have entered briefly into the public works wants of his district both in regard to irrigation and communications, and should have stated to what extent those wants have been met in the year under report, and what still remains to be done.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works,
with enclosure.

" the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" the Collector of Coimbatore.

Rad. J. Wright.

Rev. 1867. Department

No 2572.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd September 1867.

No 6,105.

Submitting for information of Government report of Collector of Coimbatore on the Public Works carried out in district during 1866-67.

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