

Salt contingencies.

73. The increase of Rupees 40,761 is owing to the large amount expended on salt works, under the head Petty Construction and Repairs, in Fusly 1278.

Village and Talook accounts.

74. The Talook and Village accounts were, as usual, examined and found to be kept in the prescribed forms. It is, however, to be observed that the Curnums in many villages still continue to enter Tamil instead of English figures.

Land acquired by public servants.

75. From the following statement it will be observed that the extent of land acquired during the Fusly by fourteen persons is Cawnies 86-7-8:—

Talook.	Name and rank.	Land acquired by public servants.			
		Talook.	Village.	How acquired.	Extent.
					CS. A. C.
Sydapet.....	Ramanja Pillay, Revenue Inspector.	Sydapet .....	Kunnathur ...	Purchased..	0 8 8
Chingleput .....	Vijiya Runga Moodelliar, Tahsildar.	do. ....	Sydapet. ....	Durkhast...	0 12 10
Do. ....	Munisami Naidu, Revenue Inspector.	Chingleput ...	Karavai .....	Purchased..	0 5 0
Do. ....	Rutnasabapathe Moodelliar, Sub-Magistrate, Tiruporur Division.	Madras.....	Pursawakum..	do. ...	0 9 12
Madurantakum.	Kistna Row, Talook Sheristadar.	Conjeveram ...	Mammungalam.	Durkhast...	17 10 12
Conjeveram.....	Narasimah Charry, Talook Goomastah.	do. ....	Sarapavanjeri.	Court's sale.	27 0 0
Do. ....	Ragava Charry, Talook Goomastah.	Chingleput ...	Chettipunniam.	Mortgage...	2 7 0
Ponneri .....	Mir Ansar Din Saib, Tahsildar.	Wallajah Talook of North Arcot District.	Jaghire Tandlam.	do. ...	9 15 14
Do. ....	Subba Row, Talook Goomastah.	Chingleput ...	Tunjam .....	do. ...	1 8 0
Madras Abkarry Department.	Desika Charry, Deputy Superintendent.	Sydapet .....	Tiruvattur ...	do. ...	2 3 4
Madras Registrar's Department.	Narrainsami Naidu, Goomastah.	Ponneri .....	Siruvayam ...	Durkhast...	6 5 0
Madras Salt Department.	Appasami Moodelly, Clerk	Sydapet .....	Vadasamanjeri	Purchased..	3 0 8
Do. ....	Do. do. ....	Ponneri .....	Puludiwakam.	Durkhast...	2 1 0
Do. ....	Govinda Iyer, Superintendent of Voyalur.	Do. ....	do. ....	Purchased..	1 5 10
Do. ....	Somalinga Moodelly, Superintendent of Vallur.	Sydapet .....	Kuttiwakum.	do. ...	6 8 0
Do. ....	Do. do. ....	Ponneri .....	Methavoil ...	do. ...	4 2 10
					86 7 8

## SETTLEMENT REPORT OF MADRAS.

Reduction of assessment of the old well lands.

76. Owing to the late date on which the Order of Government, dated 17th March 1869,

No. 723, was received the reduction of the assessment of the old well lands therein sanctioned was not carried out at the last settlement. However, orders have been issued to suspend the collection of the difference between the old and new rates. The revised rates will be introduced at the next settlement.

SYDAPET,  
7th October 1869.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,  
Acting Collector.

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# SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

## NORTH ARCOT.

I HAVE the honor to submit, with the returns particularized in the accompanying list, the Settlement Report of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69.)

### Settlement of Talooks.

2. The Jummahbundy of the Principal Division commenced on the 6th January with the settlement of the Gudiattum Talook, and terminated on the 10th July with that of Palmanair. The names of the several places at which the settlement was made in each talook and time so occupied are shown in Statement No. 1. The Jummahbundy of the Gudiattum, Chittoor, and Palmanair Talooks was made by myself, and those of Wallajah and Chendragherry by Messrs. Wilkinson and Gibson respectively. The Jummahbundy of the Chittoor Talook was unusually protracted and difficult, as it involved the settlement of the two "Minor" estates of Bungary and Nurganty.

3. Of the four talooks comprised in the Sub-division that of Wandewash was settled by Mr. Brandt, and the Arcot Talook by Mr. Gordon. Mr. Comyn returned to the district in indifferent health, and having to accompany His Excellency the Governor in his tour of the district it was arranged that Mr. Lee Warner should complete the Jummahbundy of the Vellore Talook which he had already begun, and afterwards settle the Polur Talook. Thus owing to a combination of circumstances the settlement of the Sub-division was subdivided and retarded to a degree which for obvious reasons is much to be regretted.

### Fluctuation in the number and tenure of Villages.

4. The number of Ryotwary villages in the district remains as it was during the previous Fusly, viz., 2,923 villages.

### Puttahs.

Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, No. 1,206.  
Proceedings, dated 3rd January 1867, No. 12.

5. Under the instructions conveyed in the Board's Official Memorandum and Proceedings cited in the margin fresh puttahs in pamphlet form were distributed in all the talooks.

The total number of puttahs thus issued was 1,80,864.

### Season and sanitary state of the District.

6. The season upon which I report was even more disastrous than the previous season, bad as that was. The south-west monsoon, it is true, set in early and brought with it a longer duration of showery weather than the district had had for some years; but there was no heavy continuous rain, and the tanks did not receive their supply of early water. The north-east monsoon failed altogether. In the first week of December there was a short burst on the eastern frontier nearest the coast line, but more inland there fell only light and most unequally distributed showers, which neither filled the tanks nor brought flood water down the streams. Thus the season, which had opened hopefully, again terminated in a disastrous loss of agricultural produce and profits, and in the premature interruption of the ordinary channels of rural industry. The tanks

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fed by anicut and river channels had at no time more than half the average supply, whereas the tanks dependant on natural drainage were for the most part not more than one-fourth full.

7. The harvest of the earlier sown dry grains, such as raggy, kandulu, (red gram,) and cholam was good, but in horse-gram, varagu, samé, and other dry crop cut later in the season, the yield was only from one-fourth to half of an average crop. *In wet land irrigated by river channel*, the first crop turned out well; but the second crop failed very generally owing to the unseasonable drought, and much of it withered at all stages of maturity. In like manner the *early crop under tanks* was tolerably good, but a large proportion of the double crop land could not be cultivated at all in consequence of the total failure of the north-east monsoon. Thus in the wet cereals the yield was only from one-fourth to three-fourths of an average crop; and although the coarser grains and pulses were a fair average along the western side of the district the out-turn of dry crop in other parts was a good deal below that standard.

8. The subjoined statement gives the average rain-fall during the last five years. The Registers from which these important statistics are compiled are probably on the whole well kept, but it is very desirable that the long promised gauges, which are to take the place of those now in use, should be distributed with as little further delay as possible:—

Fuslies.	SOUTH-WEST MONSOON.							NORTH-EAST MONSOON.							Grand Total
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1274.....	0.1	0.4	2.7	3.1	6.5	1.2	12.20	5.5	9.6	0.8	...	0.1	...	14.2	26.4
1275.....	1.2	1.6	2.4	2.4	4.2	1.3	13.1	0.8	6.5	4.3	..	0.1	...	11.7	24.8
1276.....	...	0.4	0.3	1.1	6.0	3.6	11.4	10.9	2.1	6.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	20.3	31.7
1277.....	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.5	4.3	2.1	9.5	3.0	0.9	0.4	2.3	...	...	6.6	16.1
1278.....	0.3	1.1	2.6	3.6	2.1	4.2	13.9	5.7	2.9	4.0	...	...	0.7	13.3	27.2

9. Notwithstanding the adverse character of the season the general health of the district was exceptionally good. There were a few sporadic outbreaks of cholera in the Wallajah, Arcot, and Chendragherry Talooks, but the disease was not of a malignant type, and the returns show only 90 fatal cases from this cause against 374 in the previous year. The mortality from

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Small-pox.....	5,175	2,047	.....	3,128
Fever.....	7,425	7,849	424	.....

* Cows.....	3,019
Bullocks.....	5,663
She Buffaloes.....	1,365
He do. ....	1,308
Sheep .....	8,019
	19,374

small-pox, as may be seen from the statement in the margin, likewise contrasts favorably with the returns of the preceding year, whilst the deaths from fever are somewhat in excess. On the other hand the mortality among farm stock was greater than in 1867-68, and 19,374\* head of cattle were carried off by murrain under the several forms of the disease. Medicines were liberally distributed, and although not uniformly

successful they no doubt contributed, when properly administered, to arrest the spread of disease.

## Prices.

10. Except in the case of paddy of both sorts the prices of all the principal food grains were lower than the market rates of the previous year. The difference in the price of paddy is very small considering that the north-east monsoon failed totally. It will be seen from the subjoined statement that cholam and cumboo excepted the prices of all other grains are still more or less above the decennial average. The yield in some of the dry grains was remarkably good on the western side of the district, and in the adjoining Mysore country the raggy crop was,



I learn, unusually abundant. It is matter of congratulation that, notwithstanding the unfavorable out-turn of the season, there was so little fluctuation in the price of wet cereals.

Grains.	Average prices for ten years, from Fusly 1268 to Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with the average.	Per centage.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with Fusly 1277.	Per centage.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	166	191	197	Increase. 31	16	Increase. 6	3
Do. 2nd do. do. ...	155	176	180	Do. 25	14	Do. 4	2½
Cholum or Javery .....	226	277	206	Decrease. 20	10	Decrease. 71	34½
Cumboo or Bajera... ..	210	250	201	Do. 9	4½	Do. 49	24½
Raggy .....	201	256	214	Increase. 13	6	Do. 42	19¾
Horse-gram.....	232	251	237	Do. 5	2	Do. 14	6

## Ryots' Holdings.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Dry. { Relinquished.....	10,993	15,882
{ Taken up.....	25,897	33,150
Difference...	14,904	17,268
Wet. { Relinquished.....	3,445	19,970
{ Taken up.....	4,448	23,705
Difference...	1,003	3,735
Ryots' holding in Fusly 1277.....	6,40,942	18,01,944
Do. in Fusly 1278.....	6,56,849	18,22,948
Increase in Fusly 1278 .....	15,907	21,004

11. In Statement No. 3 are compared the statistics of land, wet and dry, taken up and relinquished during the year. From Enclosure A. it will be found that the area in "Ryotwary" holding during the year was greater by Acres 15,907, bearing an assessment of Rupees 21,004, than in the preceding Fusly. This increase is ascribable to the large extent of wet, and particularly of dry land taken up for cultivation at the outset of the season, which was most encouraging. A large proportion of the wet land thus taken up was, later in the year, owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon, either put down in dry crop or had to be remitted as waste and shavy.

12. Under the terms of the Government Order, dated 15th May 1868, No. 1,370, Revenue Department, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 19th June 1868, No. 4,561, the

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment RS.
Wet.....	2	7
Dry.....	49	34
Total.....	51	41

ayacut (extent and assessment as per margin) of a deserted village in the Palmanair Talook was made over to Reverend Mr. Chamberlain on a progressive lease of twenty-one years from

Fusly 1277. This item, which ought to have found place in Enclosure C. of Statement No. 3 of the last year's accounts, was by some oversight omitted, but has now been entered in the current year's accounts in column 2 of Enclosure C., headed "As per last year." Of this village ayacut 7 Acres of dry land were cultivated, and as a small part of this was put down in wet crop irrigated from a Government pond a water-rate of 3 Rupees was charged on it.

## Remission.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Wet.....	34,034	1,72,907
Dry.....	34,235	46,810
Total.....	68,269	2,19,717

13. As was to be expected of a season which had so belied its earlier promise the remissions for waste, wet, and dry were necessarily very large. The total loss of revenue under this head was, however, less than that of the previous year by Rupees 47,633, notwith-

standing the very large remissions on waste, wet, and dry in the four talooks of the sub-division, and particularly in those of Arcot and Wandewash. In the talooks of the principal division full

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remission was given on nunjah waste, but on dry land it was very sparingly granted, and the people seemed quite satisfied with the settlement. The Board have already commented on Mr. Brandt's letter, reporting the results of his settlement of the Wandewash Talook, and I now beg to

\* Dated 19th July 1869, No. 275.

enclose copy of a letter\* from Mr. Gordon, who settled the Arcot Talook, giving a brief resumé of his operations in that part of the subdivision.

14. Subjoined is a comparative statement of Ryotwary land revenue and remissions during the last two Fuslies:—

Items.	LAST FUSLY.				PRESENT FUSLY.				INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Wet .....	2,06,724	11,90,689	5	11	2,07,727	11,94,424	14	2	1,003	3,736	...	...
Dry .....	4,34,218	6,11,254	10	4	4,49,122	6,28,522	9	10	14,904	17,268	...	...
Total...	6,40,942	18,01,944	0	3	6,56,849	18,22,947	8	0	15,907	21,004	...	...
Add												
Second crop Assessment .....		32,569	8	3	.....	40,564	0	1	...	7,994	...	...
Additional do. ....		20,551	13	3	.....	22,175	2	1	...	1,623	...	...
Water Tax .....		...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Road Fund .....		1,46,065	2	2	.....	1,25,067	0	11	...	...	...	20,998
Village Service Fund .....		6,237	4	5	.....	7,742	4	7	...	1,505	...	...
Total...	.....	20,07,367	12	4	.....	20,18,495	15	8	...	32,126	...	20,998
Deduct												
Remissions .....		2,67,349	12	4	.....	2,19,716	9	5	...	...	...	47,632
Road Fund .....		1,46,065	2	2	.....	1,25,067	0	11	...	...	...	20,998
Village Service Fund .....		95,603	2	9	.....	99,740	1	10	...	4,137	...	...
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4 .....		2,40,994	7	9	.....	1,69,002	11	8	...	...	...	71,991
Total...	.....	7,50,012	9	0	.....	6,13,526	7	10	...	4,137	...	1,40,621
Balance...	.....	12,57,355	3	4	.....	14,04,969	7	10	...	1,47,614	...	...
Miscellaneous...	.....	1,40,140	12	4	.....	1,37,055	7	10	...	...	...	3,086
Total...	.....	13,97,495	15	8	.....	15,42,024	15	8	...	1,44,529	...	...

15. From the foregoing statement the Board will find that, notwithstanding the exceedingly unfavorable character of the latter part of the season under review, there was an increase of Acres 15,907 in the area, wet and dry, under cultivation, with an additional revenue of Rupees 21,004, as compared with the statistics of the previous year.

16. This result, as also the increase shown in the year's accounts, under the heads "Second crop assessment" and "Additional assessment," are of course in a great measure due to the fact that the year with which comparison is made was itself a very unfavorable one.

17. Having explained in detail in my last report the financial results of the extension of Act III. of 1866 to the several proprietary estates which had up to that time been exempt from the demand of Road Cess I need not revert to the subject.

18. The decrease of Rupees 20,998 under Road Fund is really only nominal, as in the preceding year with which comparison is made large outstanding arrears of the cess in the proprietary estates were brought to account; whereas the present account only shows current income.



19. The increase under the Village Service Fund is consequent on the extended cultivation carried out under the circumstances noticed in paragraph 11 of this report. The instructions conveyed in the Board's Order quoted in the margin, regarding the administration of this fund, were not carried out, pending the Board's answer to my reference of the 24th July, No. 5,359, which was only very recently received. I shall now give effect to those orders so far as they are applicable to this district from Fusly 1279.

Circular Memorandum, dated 12th March 1869, No. 238.

20. Notwithstanding the heavy remissions granted in the southern talooks the total loss of revenue under this head was less by Rupees 47,632 than that of the previous year. This is a mere *pro tanto* improvement on the results of a comparison with a most unfavorable year, as the general beriz of the district is still  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lac below its ordinary standard.

21. Under Miscellaneous and other items of remissions there is the large decrease of Rs. 71,991; the causes which have contributed to this result will be noticed in detail further on.

Actual Cultivation.

Fuslies.	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. Rs.
1277.....	5,52,974	15,34,594
1278.....	5,62,944	15,64,272
Increase.....	9,070	29,678

sions, the year is a gainer from being brought into comparison with the exceedingly unfavorable season which preceded it.

Waste charged and remitted.

Fuslies.	Charged.	Remitted.
1277.....	3,761	2,67,350
1278.....	38,960	2,19,717

22. The area brought under cultivation is given marginally in comparison with the statistics of the previous year. The causes which led to an increase in the acreage under cultivation have already been noticed in paragraph 11 of this report. In this, as in the item of remissions, the year is a gainer from being brought into comparison with the exceedingly unfavorable season which preceded it.

23. The amount of waste charged and remitted is shown in the margin. The amount of waste charged is, it will be observed, very much larger, although lower than the average extent so charged in former years. The waste charged during the year under report is almost wholly dry land, which might have been cultivated in the earlier and more favorable part of the season. The rates on dry land are so light that it is desirable, as well in the interests of the revenue as of a prudent and independent industry, that the old principle should be re-asserted, that remission is not claimable on dry land except under the most exceptional circumstances.

24. There was a decrease in the acreage under sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo. The return is probably not very accurate, as the statistics from the proprietary estates are very incomplete. At the same time the low state of the springs in wells and channels, and the failure of the periodical rains, were peculiarly adverse to the cultivation of the sugar-cane. The subjoined statement shows the extent and assessment of lands cultivated with these special products:—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.		Cotton.		Indigo.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1277.....	5,116	44,451	5,633	11,541	15,552	44,567
1278.....	4,370	34,701	5,062	10,230	9,168	20,370
Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease... ..	746	9,750	571	1,311	6,384	24,197

Occasional Remissions.

25. Statement No. 4 shows the particulars of remissions granted during the year. The more important items in that statement will now be noticed *seriatim*.

No. 1.—Shamlat Banger.

26. The remission of Rupees 926 under this head is trifling, and does not call for remark.

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## No. 2.—Shavy.

Rupees 1,09,829. This though large was less than the previous year's remission under the same head by Rupees 25,796.

## No. 4.—Pani Budthy.

villages which suffer periodically from this cause in proportion as the Kaveripauk tank receives a full or partial supply.

## No. 7.—Cowle Remissions.

Nos. 9 and 10.—Bhoganasty or Fassul Cummy and Chickadpaldi.

“Bhoganasty” as compared with the past year, and the remission for Chickadpaldi was likewise less by Rupees 4,296. This result is attributable to certain advantages of season over that with which it is compared.

## Miscellaneous Items.

seed, parcels of arable land excavated for material, and damage by the conflagration in the Chittapara village, reported in the correspondence noted in the margin. The two first items are very trifling and explain themselves.

Board's Proceedings, 23rd March 1869, No. 1,988.

Loss by fire in the Chittapara village.

this conflagration; and when settling the village a special remission of Rupees 384 was allowed on holdings which had been cultivated, but which would have been sold for the recovery of the dues on them had such indulgence not been shown.

Items allowed from the collections or from the entire beriz of villages.

## Road Fund.

some land fell out of cultivation owing to the failure of the rains.

## Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

No. 1.—Jody on Sundry Inams.  
Personal, Service, and Dasabandam.

entirely made up of arrears of quit-rent due upon Inam lands in the Kangoody and Punganoor Zemindaries, which were included in the demand of that year.

36. In explanation of the remission of Rupees 70-5-9, under item “Service Inams,” I should mention that it is made up of some small items of Jody due on Inam nunjah land left waste by Tofies, Taliaries, and Neerkatties in the more drought-stricken parts of the Chittoor Talook, which were remitted by me as a special case. In my next report I will ask the Board to permit me to write the amount off the accounts.

No. 6.—Land cultivated but not included in the Jummah-bundy.

of certain lands which had been cultivated without formal durkhast, but which have since been included in the accounts.

27. The remission under this item was, as might be expected, heavy, and amounted to

28. Rupees 344 were remitted on account of loss by inundation. It occurred in some

29. The trifling remission under this head of Rupees 42 is due to the cause noticed in paragraph 12 of this report.

30. Under these heads the remissions were respectively Rupees 18,001 and 6,802. There is a decrease of Rupees 3,712 under

31. Under this head are comprised the three following items, namely, Vithupal or loss of

32. My letter to Board, dated 6th March last, No. 48, describes the circumstances of

33. The small decrease of Rupees 64 under this item pertains to the villages transferred from South Arcot to this district in which

34. The details pertaining to these items are given in Statement No. 5.

35. The decrease of Rupees 10,622-4-2 under this head is nominal, as the increase under the head in last year's accounts was

37. The increase of Rupees 6,960-4-10 under this item is made up of the assessment



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No. 15.—Revenue from reverted resumed Inams.

certain Inams, in consequence of the Inamdars having failed to appear before the Commissioner for enfranchisement.

No. 16.—Collection from Village Service Inam for offices vacant.

were fewer vacancies in village office than in the previous year.

No. 17.—Revenue from sequestered Inams.

revenue derived on the Inams, whose proprietors either failed to appear before the Inam Commissioner for settlement, or declined to receive the title deeds. The decrease itself is due to diminished cultivation in some Inams, and to others having been restored to the proprietors under the instructions of the Inam Commissioner.

No. 18.—Revenue from Hill villages.

No. 40.—Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of Land Revenue.

No. 41.—Commission on private estates under Circular management.

No. 45.—Excess collection over the demand.

that, whereas in the previous year there were cases in which the assessment had been fully collected before the demand could be fixed with reference to existing circumstances, no such refunds became necessary in the year under report.

No. 46.—Water tax on Zemindary Inam, etc., lands.

No. 51.—Other items.

proceeds of puttahs and receipt books issued under the instructions of the Board already alluded to in paragraph 5 of this report. The particulars of the several items comprised under this head are explained with other similar details in the Memorandum appended to Statement No. 5.

Sundry sources of Revenue.

revenue brought under this head, with the same statistics for the previous year:—

38. The increase of Rupees 178 under this head is occasioned by the resumption of

39. The decrease of Rupees 177 under this item is explained by the fact that there

40. There is a decrease of Rupees 1,284 under this item. In this is comprised the

41. There is an increase of Rupees 252 in this species of agriculture, which depends principally on the early rain-fall.

42. The increase of Rupees 100 under this item explains itself.

43. The increase of Rupees 186 under this head is consequent on the improvement in the revenues of the Bungary and Nurganty estates.

44. In explanation of the decrease of Rupees 620 under this item I may mention

45. Under this item there is a small increase of Rupees 864 which does not require special notice.

46. The total increase under this head is Rupees 1,091. In this are included the sale

47. Subjoined is an abstract statement in which are compared the several sources of

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry.....	2,92,155	2,92,155	...	...
Miscellaneous.....	579	612	33	...
Total...	2,92,734	2,92,767	33	...
License Tax.....	21,930	14,430	...	7,500
Miscellaneous.....	...	208	208	...
Income Tax.....	...	705	705	...
Total...	21,930	15,343	913	7,500
Stamps.....	1,35,584	1,36,639	1,055	...
Miscellaneous.....	1,988	77	...	1,911
Total.....	1,37,572	1,36,716	1,055	1,911
Grand Total.....	4,52,236	4,44,826	2,001	9,411

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## License Tax.

Tax Act IX. of 1869, which took the place of the old Act IX. of 1868, was only in imperfect operation during the period under review.

## Stamps.

48. The decrease of Rupees 7,500 under this item is due to the fact that the new Income Tax Act IX. of 1869, which took the place of the old Act IX. of 1868, was only in imperfect operation during the period under review.

49. The increase of Rupees 1,055 under Stamps has been caused by the large purchase of stamped paper in connection with arrangements for the conduct of the new Abkarry farms sold within the Fusly under report. The decrease under the head "Stamp, Miscellaneous" is nominal, and is the result of the Accountant General's recent instructions,\* directing that penalties levied by the Courts, which had hitherto been included in this item, should hereafter be shown under "Law and Justice."

\*Circular Memorandum, No. 46, dated 21st February 1868.

50. The subjoined statement exhibits the particulars of Revenue from all sources:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled .....	5,09,845	5,09,845	...	...
Not permanently settled—				
Quit-rent on Shrotriem and entire villages ...	23,634	23,408	...	226
Ryotwar .....	12,57,355	14,04,970	1,47,615	...
Miscellaneous items .....	1,40,141	1,37,055	...	30,086
Tot( ...	19,30,975	20,75,278	1,47,615	30,312
Abkarry .....	2,92,734	2,92,767	33	...
License Tax.....	21,930	14,638	...	7,292
Income Tax.....	...	705	705	...
Stamps .....	1,37,572	1,36,716	...	856
Grand Total...	23,83,211	25,20,104	1,48,353	38,460

51. The decrease under "Quit-rent on shrotriem and entire villages" is Rupees 226. This pertains to two villages. In one, Kalur, a village in the Chendragherry Talook, a permanent reduction of Rupees 15 has been made in the Jody on account of land taken up for local roads. In another, the village of Kaligherry in the Chittoor Talook, still under attachment, there is a decrease of Rupees 211 in the Jody. The causes which have led to this result are explained in paragraph 60 of my last report.

52. The increase of Rupees 1,47,615 under "Ryotwar" has been already noticed. It represents the year's recovery on the previous year's beriz, which had fallen some 3½ lacs below its average standard.



53. There is a decrease of Rupees 30,086 under the head "Miscellaneous items." The causes have been explained in the foregoing part of this report, which treats of the several items comprised under this head.

54. Subjoined is a statement showing the receipts under all items as compared with the figures of the preceding Fusly:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.			FUSLY 1278.			Increase.	De-crease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled.....	1,28,730	2,78,402	4,07,132	1,90,971	3,67,991	5,58,962	1,51,830	...
Jody on Shrotriem, etc., villages ...	3,182	12,245	15,427	8,324	11,064	19,388	3,961	...
Ryotwar.....	2,20,577	7,64,570	9,85,147	3,97,627	8,18,256	12,15,883	2,30,736	...
Miscellaneous....	53,425	40,336	93,761	61,264	39,147	1,00,411	6,650	...
Total...	4,05,914	10,95,553	15,01,467	6,58,186	12,36,458	18,94,644	3,93,177	...
* Abkarry....	38,959	2,19,264	2,58,223	23,470	2,50,484	2,73,954	15,731	...
Salt.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
License Tax.....	...	21,931	21,931	...	14,639	14,639	...	7,292
Income Tax.....	...	...	...	...	705	705	705	...
Sea Customs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Land Customs.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stamp.....	...	1,37,572	1,37,572	...	1,36,716	1,36,716	...	856
Grand Total...	4,44,873	14,74,320	19,19,193	6,81,656	16,39,962	23,20,658	4,09,613	8,148

Permanently settled.

cash paid up by the Zemindars of Punganoor and Kalastry on account of instalments due for

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 28th August 1868, No. 6,188.

Do. do. dated 2nd September 1868, No. 6,275.

Jody on Shrotriem, etc., Villages.

year, of some heavy arrears which were outstanding at the end of Fusly 1277.

Ryotwar.

circumstances adverted to elsewhere in this report, and of more active collection of outstanding arrears.

Miscellaneous.

Abkarry.

License Tax, Income Tax, and Stamps.

55. The increase of Rupees 1,51,830 under this head is made up of certain arrears of peish-  
this head is made up of certain arrears of peish-  
Fusly 1277, which were allowed to lie over under  
the authority cited in the margin, in considera-  
tion of the distressed condition of their estates  
during the preceding year.

56. The increase of Rupees 3,961 under this head is due to the collection, during the

57. The increase of Rupees 2,30,736 under this head is partly the result of the cir-

58. The same explanation applies to the increase of Rupees 6,650 under this head.

59. The increase of Rupees 15,731 in Abkarry is due to greater punctuality in the payment of kists.

60. These three items have been separately noticed in the foregoing part of this report.

STATEMENT showing the recoverable, irrecoverable, and doubtful arrears, Fusly 1278, North Arcot District.

Items.	Fuslies.	PARTICULARS OF COLUMN 5.										
		Balance outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1279.			Amount since collected up to 31st July 1869.			Balance.			Recoverable.	
		Amount recommended to be written off the accounts.									Doubtful.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ryotwar.....	1269	195 0 7	... ..	195 0 7	169 14 9	2 6 3	22 11 7					
	1270	563 7 9	... ..	563 7 9	533 2 10	2 6 3	27 14 8					
	1271	643 11 4	... ..	643 11 0	599 0 0	5 15 3	38 12 1					
	1272	2,305 13 3	... ..	2,305 13 3	1,957 8 4	91 0 7	257 4 4					
	1273	2,346 0 4	... ..	2,346 0 4	1,852 8 1	227 3 3	266 5 0					
	1274	1,055 1 3	2 0 0	1,053 1 3	960 1 9	19 10 1	73 5 5					
	1275	10,579 1 7	33 2 4	10,545 15 3	9,454 0 3	273 3 6	813 11 6					
	1276	19,149 13 8	279 2 3	18,870 11 5	16,708 4 4	191 12 5	1,970 10 8					
	1277	1,05,585 8 2	2,176 1 6	1,03,409 6 8	59,373 4 0	280 14 9	43,755 3 11					
Total.....	...	1,42,423 9 11	2,490 6 1	1,39,933 3 10	91,607 12 4	1,099 8 4	47,225 15 2					
Miscellaneous.....	1269	120 10 8	... ..	120 10 8	120 10 8	... ..	... ..					
	1270	93 15 5	0 8 9	93 6 8	91 12 2	... ..	1 10 6					
	1271	164 12 3	... ..	164 12 3	154 3 10	... ..	10 8 5					
	1272	171 8 7	... ..	171 8 7	163 3 5	... ..	8 5 2					
	1273	521 5 5	... ..	521 5 5	459 7 4	... ..	61 14 1					
	1274	5,204 13 5	... ..	5,204 13 5	4,240 12 7	28 1 3	935 15 7					
	1275	12,934 13 6	20 12 4	12,914 1 2	11,230 3 6	32 13 6	1,651 0 2					
	1276	16,244 15 5	56 4 10	16,188 10 7	15,907 8 2	43 2 7	237 15 10					
	1277	41,654 15 3	130 5 4	41,524 9 11	40,083 2 2	55 6 3	1,386 1 6					
Total...	...	77,111 13 11	207 15 3	76,903 14 8	72,450 15 10	159 7 7	4,293 7 3					
Grand Total...	...	2,19,535 7 10	2,698 5 4	2,16,837 2 6	1,64,058 12 2	1,258 15 11	51,519 6 5					

tion:—

61. Statement No. 8 shows the arrears outstanding against the previous Fuslies.  
62. In the following abstract statement are embodied the items which require explanation:—

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63. In column 6 of the foregoing statement the total recoverable arrears under Ryotwar and Miscellaneous is shown to amount to Rupees 1,64,058-12-2. But if, under the explanation which I shall give a little further on, the Board will be pleased to authorize a further sum of Rupees 6,430-7-0 to be written off the accounts the "Net recoverable arrears" will be reduced to Rupees 1,57,628-5-2. These are large balances, and are partly due to the indulgent policy which has been forced on the Tahsildars by a long series of unfavorable seasons and agricultural distress. Now, however, every effort is being made to bring this balance sheet into a more satisfactory state, and the Tahsildars have been given to understand that, inasmuch as the most liberal remissions have been given on every species of agricultural loss, no more temporising will be permitted, but that they must put the law in force where necessary and realize the balance outstanding against their respective talooks.

	RS.	A.	P.
Ryotwar.....	47,225	15	2
Miscellaneous.....	4,293	7	3
	51,519	6	5

64. The several causes which have led to the remission of Rupees 51,519-6-5 shown in column 5 of the above statement under "Irrecoverable" are explained in enclosure marked A. This amount, Rupees 51,519-6-5, (see

column 8 of statement,) I now solicit authority to write off the accounts as wholly irrecoverable.

65. Besides the Rupees 51,519-6-5 which I have just recommended to be written off the accounts there is a further amount of Rupees 6,430-7-0 under "Ryotwar" and "Miscellaneous" (see subjoined statement) pertaining to old outstanding arrears of five Fuslies from 1269 to 1273, which I beg permission to strike out of the balance sheet:—

Fuslies.	Ryotwar.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1269.....	172	5	0	120	10	8	292	15	8
1270.....	535	9	1	91	12	2	627	5	3
1271.....	604	15	3	154	3	10	759	3	1
1272.....	2,048	8	11	163	3	5	2,211	12	4
1273.....	2,079	11	4	459	7	4	2,539	2	8
Total.....	5,441	1	7	989	5	5	6,430	7	6

66. For years past the most stringent orders have been issued on the subject of these old balances, and the Tahsildars have been urged to realize what portion of them may be yet recoverable, and to return the remainder as irrecoverable. Notwithstanding all the pressure thus exercised with respect to these old balances the state of the collections remains much as it was years ago. It is easy to understand what complications have arisen in this long interval of years to enhance the difficulty of realizing under any form of action these arrears, and I am convinced that as long as the responsibility of recommending their being struck off the balance sheet rests with the Tahsildars no adjustment will or ever can be made. The very fact that balances pertaining to such remote periods remain almost in *statu quo* on the accounts is proof that they are either in their very nature irrecoverable, or if partially recoverable can only be realised at the cost of great suffering and loss to existing interests. I have satisfied myself from minute inquiries made during the Jummahbundy that it is utterly hopeless to look for an adjustment of such balances, and beg, therefore, to recommend that the arrears for Fuslies 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, and 1273, amounting to Rupees 6,430-7-0, may also be struck off the balance sheet, with the Rupees 51,519-6-5 which I have recommended to be written off the accounts in paragraph 64 of this report.

67. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8 shows to what extent coercive measures were adopted for the recovery of revenue during the Fusly under report.

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68. The following abstract statement shows the number of processes issued, the value of property attached, and the amount realised by sale:—

Divisions.	PROCESSES ISSUED.			ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY ATTACHED.			PROPERTY SOLD.					
	No. of villages.	No. of Ryot.	Amount of arrears.	Land.	Personal property.	Total.	Land.		Personal property.		Total.	
							Estimated value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated value.	Value actually sold.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Principal Division.	944	10,564	46,152	704	7,851	8,555	368	374	630	835	998	1,209
Sub-division.....	798	10,453	1,17,694	8,530	6,033	14,563	...	...	838	1,209	838	1,209
Total...	1,742	21,017	1,63,846	9,234	13,884	23,118	368	374	1,468	2,044	1,836	2,418

69. The decrease in the number of processes issued during the year under report is an indication of improvement in the circumstances of the agricultural masses. Whilst on the subject I may observe that the instructions conveyed in the Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 1 of 1869, are being attended to in all such coercive operations.

70. Statement No. 9 shows the gross collections and charges during the year under report. As the details of "Collections" have been elsewhere noticed, I shall now bring under brief review the several items of "Charges."

71. The decrease of Rupees 485, under "Refund of revenue," is trifling, and calls for no remark.

72. There is an increase of Rupees 6,667 in salaries of Collector, Sub-Collector, Head Assistant, etc. This is owing to the salary of the permanent Head Assistant, who was absent on leave in the preceding year, having been disbursed during the period under review.

73. The decrease of Rupees 882, under the head "Huzoor and Talook Establishments," is made up of savings in the salaries of certain posts in the Huzoor and Talooks, which remained vacant at intervals.

74. Under "Medical charges" there is an increase of Rupees 776 occasioned by the augmented rate of pay drawn by Hospital Assistants under the recent orders of Government.

75. There is a decrease of Rupees 658 under the head "Contingent charges."

76. The increase of Rupees 1,868, under "Miscellaneous charges," is made up of certain items of which the two following are the principal:—The first is an item of Rupees 993, being the amount of compensation paid on account of land taken up for public purposes, with reference to Government Order, dated 1st May 1868, No. 3,190. The second is an item of Rupees 816, pertaining to law charges, etc., incurred in connection with the suit filed by Mr. Willix, and including the sum paid to him (Mr. Willix) under the authority conveyed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th November 1868, No. 8,228.



77. Among the other statements which accompany this report will be found one showing the extent, etc., of land transferred from Nunjah to Punjah rates of assessment. The subjoined abstract exhibits the sacrifice of revenue involved in this re-classification:—

Extent.	Nunjah assessment.	Punjah assessment.	Difference.
ACRES. 484	RS. A. P. 2,792 0 10	RS. A. P. 885 4 0	RS. A. P. 1,906 12 10

Topes.

78. Enclosed is a statement showing the area of land made over on-cowle for the formation of private and public topes. This statement will show that, during the year, tracts measuring in the aggregate Acres 204, and lying in 33 villages, were made over on cowle for the purpose of being planted out as private topes. The people are, I am well assured, thoroughly alive to the advantages conferred on this form of industry by existing rules, but the seasons latterly have been so unfavorable as to check and discourage all general enterprise in this direction.

Lands acquired by public Servants.

79. A statement of lands acquired by public servants will be found among the other enclosures forwarded with this report.

80. In no single case was advantage taken of the notification published with the Board's Standing Circular, No. XV. of 1868.

Huzoor, Talook, and Village accounts.

81. The remarks made in last report on the way in which the accounts, Huzoor, Talook, and Village are kept are still applicable, but judging from specimens of the two latter sets of accounts taken at random and examined in my office I may say that there is year by year a perceptible improvement in all the principal requisites in such papers.

82. Subjoined is an abstract statement showing the breadth of arable land with assessment under the Palar, Ponne, and Cheyar anicuts, and the three great tanks of Kaveripauk, Mamandur, and Cheduperi.

Principal sources of irrigation.	No. of Tanks.	No. of Villages.	TOTAL AYACUT.		CULTIVATION.	
			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ponne Anicut with subsidiary channel feeding tanks—						
In Chittoor Talook .....	12	6	1,009	5,881	744	4,388
In Wallajah do. ....	62	55	10,169	46,438	6,594	35,567
In Gudiattum do. ....	3	3	416	2,370	260	1,259
Total.....	77	64	11,594	54,689	7,598	41,214
2. Palar Anicut with channel feeding tanks—						
In Wallajah Talook.....	31	36	7,808	41,782	5,312	29,783
In Arcot do. ....	80	63	9,228	50,837	7,083	39,602
Total.....	111	99	17,036	92,619	12,395	69,385
3. Cheyar Anicut with channel feeding tanks—						
Wandewash Talook.....	42	42	4,550	27,936	3,726	23,858
4. Kaveripauk Tank....	1	23	5,542	28,005	4,623	27,832
5. Mamandur do. ....	1	19	3,085	21,390	2,307	16,944
6. Cheduperi do. ....	1	11	1,551	10,491	1,345	8,112

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83. From this statement the Board will learn that a considerable additional tract of country in the Wallajah Talook has been brought under command of the Ponne anicut by the extension of its system of channels. The decrease in the Ayacut in the same talook, irrigated from the Palar anicut, is nominal, as by an error which has been rectified in the accounts now submitted the ayacut of some villages transferred to the Madras District had been retained on the returns of this district.

- \* 2 in Chittoor Talook,
- 2 in Chendragherry.
- 1 in Wandewash.

84. The number of ruined tanks surrendered during the year to private applicants was five.\* The aggregate registered area under these five tanks is 49 Acres, bearing an assessment at old rates of Rupees 185.

Remarks on the conduct of subordinate Officers.

85. The local staff was, for a great part of the time under review, in a very uncertain position; but it is matter of satisfaction that the district has ultimately regained the services of two officers so really interested in its welfare as Messrs. Comyn and LeeWarne.

In Mr. Gibson I lost a valuable Assistant, on whose cheerful and efficient co-operation I could always count.

Mr. Pearse has not yet qualified for an independent Revenue charge, but conducts his duties satisfactorily.

My Deputies, Mr. Marjoribanks and Iyaloo Naidoo, have my fullest confidence. They are both highly conscientious and useful public officers.

To my Sheristadar's ability and business qualifications I have frequently borne testimony. He continues to afford me entire satisfaction in all respects.

My Office establishment, and the staff of Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, have on the whole been well conducted and attentive to their duties.

† Dated 19th August 1869, No. 329.

86. I enclose the Sub-Collector's Report† of the Settlement of his own Division. There are no points in it beyond the heavy remissions noticed in the earlier part of this report which appear to call for comment.

CHITTOOR,  
28th August 1869.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,  
Collector.



## SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Jummahbundy of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278.

• Settlement by whom conducted.

2. Of the four talooks comprised in the Sub-division the Talook of Wandewash was settled by Mr. Brandt, the late Acting Sub-Collector; that of Arcot by his successor, Mr. Gordon; and the remaining two talooks of Vellore and Polur by Mr. Lee Warner, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, who was placed in charge of the Sub-division upon Mr. Gordon's re-appointment to the Small Cause Court. Personally I took no part in the settlement, having returned to this district at about the close of the Fusly.

Where?

3. The settlement of each talook was conducted entirely in its own Cusbah, or in a village close to the Cusbah. This arrangement was rendered necessary by the scarcity of drinking water, and the difficulty of getting provisions experienced in other stations in each talook.

When?

4. The time occupied for the settlement is shown in the margin.

Wandewash, 23 days, from 17th Feb. to 11th March.	Vellore, 12 days, from 29th May to 9th June.
Arcot, 24 days, from 5th to 28th May.	Polur, 7 days, from 22nd to 28th June.

Puttahs.

5. All the puttahs distributed to the ryots were in the new form, the number being 88,161. This exceeds the number distributed last year by 5,790, and the increase is attributable chiefly to more lands being taken up for cultivation, and to a small extent to the sub-division of puttahs.

Villages.

6. The number and tenure of villages in the Sub-division remain the same as in last year.

Season.

7. The season was extremely unfavorable, the rain-fall was scanty and partial, the north-east monsoon was a failure. A large extent of land, dry and wet, was in consequence left waste; from the same cause dry and wet crops extensively perished, while the out-turn of such crops as came to maturity averaged from quarter to half of the usual harvest. In September, October, and November last year I was on circuit, and made a minute inspection of a great many villages in different parts of the division, and I anticipated that heavy remissions would be required. The nature and effect of the season have been already fully described in the letters from this office noted in the margin, it is unnecessary therefore for me to enlarge upon the subject. It

From Mr. Brandt, No. 118, dated 24th March 1869.  
From Mr. Gordon, No. 275, dated 19th July 1869.  
From Mr. Comyn, No. 313, dated 9th August 1869.

will be sufficient to remark that the ryots having sustained heavy losses from a series of bad seasons and their resources having been nearly exhausted, the large remissions granted this year were found by the Settling Officers to be absolutely necessary.

Remissions.

8. The following statement shows the particulars of all the remissions granted. The total amount under the head of Occasional remission is below that of last year by Rs. 12,407-8-11,





## Cattle.

10. Cattle disease prevailed in all the talooks and carried off 7,159 head of cattle as particularized below:—

Talooks.	PRESENT FUSLY 1278.					Total.	Last Fusly, 1277.	COMPARISON.	
	Cows.	Bullocks.	Shee Buffaloes.	He Buffaloes.	Sheep.			Increase.	Decrease.
Arcot .....	14	276	11	35	...	336	645	...	309
Wandewash ...	121	1,002	140	99	...	1,362	963	399	...
Vellore .....	1,129	1,235	375	208	1,634	4,581	3,477	1,104	...
Polur .....	200	323	157	200	...	880	1,255	...	375
Total...	1,464	2,836	683	542	1,634	7,159	6,340	1,503	684
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	819	...

## Prices.

11. The prices of paddy, rice, and cumboo were higher, while those of the other grains were lower than last year, as shown below:—

Grains.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.....	186	171
Do. 2nd do. ....	170	159
Rice, 1st sort, do. ....	413	378
Do. 2nd do. ....	374	358
Cholum .....	214	265
Raggy .....	214	231
Cumboo .....	300	243
Horse-gram.....	227	248
Varagu .....	123	207

## Ryots' Holdings.

12. The following statement shows the increase and decrease in the ryots' holdings. In spite of the adverse nature of the season there was a net increase of Acres 13,127, assessed at Rupees 18,779-7-9, caused entirely by a strong desire on the part of almost all people to take up land for cultivation. Much more land has been applied for and will be taken up in the next year:—

Items.	LAST FUSLY.				PRESENT FUSLY.				INCREASE.				DECREASE.		
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Ex- tent.	Assessment.			Ex- tent.	Assess- ment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACS.	RS.	A.P.
Dry...	2,08,027	3,15,073	11	3	2,20,139	3,29,527	10	3	12,112	14,453	15	0	...	...	...
Wet...	1,08,200	6,47,206	8	9	1,09,215	6,51,532	1	6	1,015	4,325	8	9	...	...	...
Total.	3,16,227	9,62,280	4	0	3,29,354	9,81,059	11	9	13,127	18,779	7	9	...	...	...

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Cultivation.

13. The following tabular statement shows the increase and decrease in cultivation for the two Fuslies:—

Items.	LAST FUSLY.				PRESENT FUSLY.				INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Ex- tent.	Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assess- ment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACS.	RS. A.P.
Dry ...	1,80,614	2,76,369	1	3	1,87,204	2,84,086	4	3	6,590	7,717	3	0	...	...
Wet ...	89,857	5,47,022	14	2	90,719	5,50,492	7	0	862	3,469	8	10	...	...
Total.	2,70,471	8,23,391	15	5	2,77,923	8,34,578	11	3	7,452	11,186	11	10	...	...

Special Products.

14. Sugar-cane, indigo, and cotton were cultivated to the extent shown below. There is a slight decrease in all these items below last year:—

Fuslies.	SUGAR-CANE.				INDIGO.				COTTON.			
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.		
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
1277.....	576	3,542	2	6	3,521	6,388	2	5	18	21	5	1
1278.....	512	3,069	15	1	2,289	4,589	12	11	7	12	15	6
Total...	1,088	6,612	1	7	5,810	10,977	15	4	25	34	4	7

Demand of this as compared with last year.

15. The following is a comparative statement showing the demand of this year with that of the last:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
LAND REVENUE.												
Jody on Shrotriem and Inam villages .....	7,827	2	4	7,827	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryotwar .....	6,59,350	15	1	6,90,752	10	1	31,401	11	0	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous .....	44,308	9	9	44,513	1	6	204	7	9	.....	.....	.....
Total...	7,11,486	11	2	7,43,092	13	11	31,606	2	9	.....	.....	.....
Abkarry .....	8,396	6	11	12,296	10	8	3,900	3	9	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	6	1	6	6	.....	.....	.....
Total...	8,396	6	11	12,298	1	2	3,901	10	3	.....	.....	.....
License Tax .....	2,983	4	0	3,226	9	5	243	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Stamps .....	40,434	9	3	35,820	13	0	.....	.....	.....	4,613	12	3
Miscellaneous .....	258	12	5	165	3	0	.....	.....	.....	93	9	5
Total...	40,693	5	8	35,986	0	0	.....	.....	.....	4,707	5	8
Grand Total...	7,63,559	11	9	7,94,603	8	6	35,751	2	5	4,707	5	8
Net...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,043	12	9	.....	.....	.....

The increase in the Land Revenue arose from new occupation of lands. The revenue from Abkarry and License Tax entered in the above statement is not the actual amount of demand under these sources in the Sub-division; it only represents the amount collected in the Vellore Talook on account of Abkarry and License Tax.



Items.	Demand of last Fusly.	DEMAND OF PRESENT FUSLY.									Collection at the end of the Fusly.	Remission.	Total.	Remainder.
		Arrears.			Current.			Total.						
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Inam Jody. { Personal .....	4,792 4 1	5,856 5 11	4,664 7 2	10,520 13 1	3,732 2 11	477 9 0	4,209 11 11	6,311 1 2						
{ Service .....	1,665 7 3	3,684 5 4	1,621 11 6	5,306 0 4	1,429 13 0	104 6 11	1,534 3 11	3,771 12 11						
Tax on trees on unassessed lands .....	8,775 8 4	12,310 8 11	8,643 13 10	20,954 6 9	7,356 12 0	737 8 10	8,094 4 10	12,860 1 11						
Assessment of lands not included in the Jummahbundy Settlement ... ..	21,145 7 6	20,445 5 0	20,772 8 1	41,217 13 1	17,870 11 6	565 8 6	18,436 4 0	22,781 9 1						
Revenue from resumed Inams .....	12 2 1	23 6 10	14 4 0	37 10 10	12 2 1	.....	12 2 1	25 8 9						
Do. of Inam lands of Pagodas in which worship is discontinued .....	0 14 0	0 14 0	0 14 0	1 12 0	0 14 0	.....	0 14 0	0 14 0						
Do. from Choultry Inams under attachment .....	58 15 6	69 3 2	36 15 0	106 2 2	13 8 2	.....	13 8 2	92 10 0						
Rent of topes .....	879 9 11	772 9 0	785 1 0	1,557 10 0	916 1 5	.....	916 1 5	641 8 7						
Inam Tuffreeck .....	4 3 10	4 3 10	6 12 1	11 9 11	4 13 10	.....	4 13 10	6 12 1						
Revenue from sequestered Inams .....	470 9 9	3,732 15 4	424 14 3	4,157 13 7	123 13 8	.....	123 13 8	4,033 15 11						
Emoluments of vacant village offices ...	226 6 3	820 14 6	126 11 10	947 10 4	39 5 7	214 8 2	250 13 9	696 12 7						
Revenue of hill tracts .....	1,629 3 6	709 2 6	1,881 4 6	2,590 7 0	1,338 4 9	.....	1,338 4 9	1,252 2 3						
Do. from the slopes of hills cultivated.	553 9 4	554 13 4	543 9 7	1,098 6 11	605 6 7	.....	605 6 7	493 0 4						
Rent of palmyra trees .....	921 6 7	1,028 13 10	899 0 0	1,927 13 10	727 7 7	.....	727 7 7	1,200 6 3						
Tax on fruit trees .....	116 15 11	120 3 11	135 12 11	256 0 10	97 11 0	.....	97 11 0	158 5 10						
Money deposited by a purchaser of land in public auction and forfeited.....	.....	.....	37 10 9	37 10 9	37 10 9	.....	37 10 9	.....						
Revenue fines .....	1,022 4 8	.....	976 10 1	976 10 1	976 10 1	.....	976 10 1	.....						
Saving and refund .....	6 1 7	.....	12 6 3	12 6 3	12 6 3	.....	12 6 3	.....						
Collection in excess of demand .....	6 0 0	.....	205 14 1	205 14 1	205 14 1	.....	205 14 1	.....						
Water tax Inams, etc. ....	480 0 1	1,096 9 5	466 5 3	1,062 14 8	318 1 9	.....	318 1 9	1,244 12 11						
Quit-rent on bungalows and gardens ...	478 2 5	509 9 1	478 2 5	987 11 6	486 15 9	.....	486 15 9	500 11 9						
Cavil Cundayem .....	67 3 2	171 5 4	65 12 7	237 1 11	35 3 13	.....	35 4 1	201 13 10						
Sale proceeds in excess of demand... ..	33 9 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						
Parabari Merah for Fusly 1274 .....	.....	247 13 6	.....	247 15 6	.....	.....	.....	247 15 6						
Kayem or permanent puttah .....	381 7 8	684 8 2	381 7 8	1,065 15 10	233 5 9	.....	233 5 9	832 10 1						

16. The details of Land Revenue and Miscellaneous are given below:—

NORTH ARCOT.

Items.	Demand of last Fusly.	DEMAND OF PRESENT FUSLY.			Collection at the end of the Fusly.	Remission.	Total.	Remainder.
		Arrears.	Current.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Shrotriem Jody.....	.....	398 12 3	.....	398 12 3	.....	398 12 3	398 12 3	.....
Income Tax over-collected.....	.....	13 11 0	.....	13 11 0	.....	13 11 0	13 11 0	.....
Merah for Fusly 1268 .....	.....	111 13 10	.....	111 13 10	.....	80 0 5	80 0 5	31 13 5
Sale proceeds of land given up by the Railway Company and sold by public auction .....	456 15 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amount of compensation recovered from certain parties who have occupied lands given up by the Railway Company ...	196 10 0	.....	27 4 4	27 4 4	27 4 4	.....	27 4 4	.....
Amount of embezzlement recovered .....	.....	.....	94 5 7	94 5 7	94 5 7	.....	94 5 7	.....
Sale proceeds of puttahs and cachayets ...	.....	.....	971 9 8	971 9 8	390 11 3	.....	390 11 3	580 14 5
Assessment of lands transferred from Punjab to Nunjah .....	.....	.....	222 13 6	222 13 6	.....	.....	.....	222 13 6
Rent of sweepings of bandy-stand in Arnee.....	.....	.....	14 15 7	14 15 7	.....	.....	.....	14 15 7
Total...	44,308 9 9	53,368 12 0	44,513 1 6	97,881 13 6	37,087 9 9	2,589 1 1	39,676 10 10	58,205 2 8
Sale proceeds of arrack seized under the Abkarry Act .....	.....	.....	1 6 6	1 6 6	1 6 6	.....	1 6 6	.....
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>								
Penalty levied under Stamp Act ...	48 0 0	.....	0 6 0	0 6 0	0 6 0	.....	0 6 0	.....
Do. do. received from Civil Court ...	840 2 3	.....	803 11 0	803 11 0	803 11 0	.....	803 11 0	.....
Total...	888 2 3	.....	804 1 0	804 1 0	804 1 0	.....	804 1 0	.....
Grand Total...	45,196 12 0	53,368 12 0	45,318 9 0	98,687 5 0	37,893 1 3	2,589 1 1	40,482 2 4	58,205 2 8



Demand, Collection, and Balance at the end of the Fusly.

17. The following table shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance at the end of the

year. The balance is very heavy, but this is solely attributable to the inability of the ryots to meet the demand for the arrears until they get their first crop in the current Fusly 1279. It will be collected as soon as possible:—

Items.	CURRENT REVENUE OF FUSLY 1278.														
	Demand.			Collections within the Fusly.			Balance.			Subsequent collections up to 20th July 1869.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>															
Jody on Shrotriem and Inam villages .....	7,827	2	4	1,567	13	11	6,259	4	5	188	12	3	6,070	8	2
Ryotwar.....	6,90,752	10	1	3,96,234	3	9	2,94,518	6	4	13,079	15	4	2,81,438	7	0
Miscellaneous .....	44,513	1	6	6,672	11	0	37,840	6	6	1,493	7	5	36,346	15	1
Total...	7,43,092	13	11	4,04,474	12	8	3,38,618	1	3	14,762	3	0	3,23,855	14	3
Abkarry.....	12,296	10	8	12,296	10	8	.....			.....			.....		
Miscellaneous.....	1	6	6	1	6	6	.....			.....			.....		
Total...	12,298	2		12,298	1	2	.....			.....			.....		
License Tax .....	3,226	9	5	3,226	9	5	.....			.....			.....		
Stamps.....	35,820	13	0	35,820	13	0	.....			.....			.....		
Miscellaneous .....	165	3	0	165	3	0	.....			.....			.....		
	35,986	0	0	35,986	0	0	.....			.....			.....		
Grand Total...	7,94,603	8	6	4,55,985	7	3	3,38,618	1	3	14,762	3	0	3,23,855	14	3

The Demand, Collection, and Balance of old arrears is given below :—

Items.	Balance at the beginning of Fusly 1279.	Collections up to 20th July 1869.	Difference between Columns 2 and 3.	PARTICULARS OF NET ARREARS IN COLUMN 4.			Doubtful.	IRRECOVERABLE.			Road Fund.
				Recoverable.				According to the accounts furnished in 1868.	According to the accounts furnished in 1869.	Total.	
				Property dis- trained.	Coercive measures to be adopted.	Total.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.	RS.   A.   P.
Ryotwar.....	64,346 10 3	1,327 2 7	63,019 7 8	19,670 7 3	41,209 13 2	60,880 4 5	128 11 1	791 7 7	1,218 15 7	2,010 7 2	3,020 3 4
Miscellaneous.....	20,365 5 1	86 4 6	20,279 0 7	3,065 7 9	15,753 4 7	18,818 12 4	37 9 0	503 5 8	919 5 7	1,422 11 3	160 0 7
Shrotriem .....	1,922 15 9	359 8 6	1,563 7 3	.....	1,563 7 3	1,563 7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	86,634 15 1	1,772 15 7	84,861 15 6	22,735 15 0	58,526 9 0	81,262 8 0	166 4 1	1,294 13 3	2,138 5 2	3,433 2 5	3,180 3 1



The details of irrecoverable balances have already been given in the statement which accompanied my letter, No. 310, dated the 7th instant.

Lands transferred from Nunjah to Punjab.

18. In 40 villages 142 Acres of land, formerly classed as Nunjah, were transferred to Punjab, as it was not possible to irrigate them from any Government source. The reduction of assessment caused thereby is as follows :—

Acres.	Former assessment.			Reduced assessment.			Difference.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
142	878	7	8	250	9	11	627	13	9

Topes.

19. No land was taken up this year for the formation of public topes, but 56 Acres of land, assessed at Rupees 110-13-9, were made over to applicants for planting private topes in eleven villages. The tope rules have been explained to the people, and in favorable seasons there is reason to think that land will be applied for under these rules.

Buined Tanks.

20. Only one application was received this year for the grant of a ruined tank for repair at private cost. After the necessary reference to Department Public Works the tank has been made over to the applicant. The ayacut under the tank, and other particulars, are stated below :—

Number and name of village.	Number of ruined tank.	Number of succeeded Durk-hastdar.	AYACUT UNDER RUINED TANK.		CULTIVATION IN FUSLY 1278.		
			Extent.	Class assessment.	Extent.	Class assessment.	Assessment at 2½ Rs. per acre.
			ACRES.	RS.			
No. 208. Kollankaranai in Wandewash Talook...	1	1	8	35	.....	.....	.....

Talook and Village accounts.

21. These accounts are stated to have been examined and found to be kept with tolerable correctness.

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Statement of lands acquired by Public Servants.

22. The following statement shows the extent of land acquired by the public servants in the Sub-division:—

Name of Public Servants.	Office and Department.	Zillah and Talook where land is situated.	LAND ACQUIRED.		When acquired, and whether prior or subsequent to employment in the public service.	By what means acquired.	Nature of interest possessed by such servant in such landed property.
			Extent.	Assessment.			
Kidambi Kishnier.	Tahsildar of Wandewash Talook.	Arcot Talook in North Arcot.	6	1 6	Subsequent to employment on the 19th August 1868.	By purchase.	Acquired for his own use.
Sholingur Hanumuntha Row.	Goomastah of Polur Talook.	Polur Talook, in North Arcot.	5	6 10 3	Subsequent to employment.	By durkhast.	Do.

Conduct of Public Servants.

23. The conduct of public servants in the Sub-division has, as far as I am aware, been on the whole satisfactory.

VELLORE,  
19th August 1869.

(Signed) W. H. COMYN,  
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,  
Collector.



# SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

## SOUTH ARCOT.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the Settlement of this District for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements, agreeably to the accompanying list.

2. Statement No. 1 gives the stations at which the Jummahbundy was made, the period occupied in settling each talook, and the name of the officer by whom conducted. The Jummahbundy of each talook was partly settled at the Cusbah and partly at other places. It commenced on the 18th January, and was completed before the 15th May 1869.

2nd.—Variations in the number and tenures of villages, with remarks on the distribution of Puttahs.

3. The variations in the number and tenures of villages are given in the following comparative statement:—

Description of Villages.	Number of villages in Fusly 1277.	Number of villages in Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar Villages.....	3,006	3,003	...	3
Shrotriem do. ....	66	66	...	...
Surva Inam do. ....	7	7	...	...
Moturpha do. ....	11	11	...	...
Mootah do. ....	17	17	...	...
Amany do. ....	1	4	3	...
Total...	3,108	3,108	3	3

4. The decrease of three villages under the head of Ryotwar was caused by the transfer of an equal number of villages to Amany in the resumed jaghire of Chekady, in the Trinomallay Talook, owing to nunjah cultivation having been carried on this year in these villages.

5. The new forms of puttahs were introduced in this year, as directed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th August 1867, No. 5,066.

6. The total number of puttahs issued amounted to 2,72,840.

7. The increase of puttahs is 2,159, owing to cultivation by ryots who held no puttah in the previous year.

Season.

8. The season during the year under review was equally unfavorable as that of the year before. The commencement at first promise well. There had been a general fall of rain throughout the district during the months of May, June, and July, and dry cultivation was commenced and carried on for some time; also to some extent wet lands were cultivated with kar paddy, but there was a subsequent failure of rain and a great proportion of the dry crops either withered or yielded very little, and a larger extent of dry land was left entirely waste.

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9. In the months of August, September, October, and November there were slight and partial showers, and nunjah cultivation was attempted in villages possessed of no certain source of water supply, but which depended wholly on the rain; the greater portion of the wet lands, however, were left untouched on account of the insufficiency of the rain, and owing to subsequent failure the crops sown either withered in whole or in part; some only here and there in more favored localities having yielded partial produce.

10. The principal rivers in the district, such as the Coleroon, Pennar, Guddelum, and Vellar received tolerable freshes, and the wet lands depending upon them were more or less cultivated, but the out-turn was not an average one, and in parts the yield was comparatively poor.

11. The following statement exhibits the rain-fall during each month of the past year, and has been prepared from the periodical returns submitted to the Board of Revenue:—

Months.	1867-68.		1868-69.	
	Inches.	Tenths.	Inches.	Tenths.
April 1868.....	0	2	0	0
May „ .....	2	0	1	1
June „ .....	0	1	1	3
July „ .....	1	6	2	7
August „ .....	4	8	2	8
September „ .....	2	9	3	0
Total for 1st half-year...	11	6	10	9
October 1868...	6	4	4	9
November „ .....	2	6	3	2
December „ .....	0	6	0	7
January 1869...	3	9	0	1
February „ .....	0	1	0	2
March „ .....	0	2	0	6
Total for 2nd half-year...	13	8	9	7
Total Rain-fall for the whole year...	25	4	20	6
Decrease...	...	...	4	8

12. Cholera, small-pox, and fever occasionally showed themselves in parts of the district during the year under report, but I am thankful to say the public health on the whole was very good, and there was no serious mortality. The subjoined comparative statement, prepared from the monthly Mortuary Returns sent to the Board, shows the total number of deaths from all causes as far as registered:—

Causes of death.	Population.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cholera....	...	3,343	74	...	2,289
Small-pox...	...	1,500	1,064	...	436
Fever....	...	2,670	2,504	...	166
Other diseases...	...	9,656	10,372	716	...
Total....	12,61,846	16,169	13,994	716	2,891
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	...	2,175



13. Cattle suffered a good deal from Vekkai and other diseases, and especially was this the case in the Northern and Western Talooks of the district.

14. The out-turn of wet and dry crops was considerably below the average.

15. The following abstract statement shows the number and results of cases of Vaccination for the years 1867-68 and 1868-69:—

Fuslies.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.
1277 .....	26,186	3,434	28,620
1278 .....	9,633	1,127	10,760
Decrease.....	16,553	1,307	17,860

16. The Superintendent of Vaccination, in a statement which accompanied his letter of the 9th September 1869, states that the above return comprises only the work performed from September to March 1869, and that the operations conducted from April to August were interrupted by visits to the Tanjore District. Hence the large decrease of 17,860 cases below the past year.

#### IV.—Prices

17. The following abstract statement exhibits the average prices per garce of the principal grains for the past ten years, and the prices for the last two Fuslies:—

Grains.	Average price for 10 years from Fusly 1269 to 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase between columns 2 and 4.	Increase between columns 3 and 4.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce .....	167	173	184	17	11
Do. 2nd „ „ .....	152	154	170	18	16
Cholum or Javary .....	198	206	221	23	15
Cumboo or Bajera .....	184	208	206	22	...
Raggy .....	190	212	215	25	3
Horse-gram .....	234	235	229	...	...
Varagoo .....	.....	143	124	...	...

18. The prices of all grain, except cumboo, horse-gram, and varagoo, were higher in the year under notice than in the year before, the increase ranging from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 per cent., owing to the failure of out-turn through the want of sufficient or seasonable rain. A comparison between the average prices of the preceding ten years, with those ruling during the past revenue year, gives an increase in the latter, except as regards horse-gram, of only from 10 to 13 per cent., which is nothing very great.

19. The average price of the second sort paddy is entered in Statement No. 2, together with the average price of three preceding periods of five years each. The average price\* for the first five years was Rupees 84, the seasons in those years having been very propitious. The average prices for the second† and third‡ five years were 121 and 149 respectively; while in the following Fusly 1276 the prices rose to 209. In Fusly 1277 they again fell to 154, and in the current Fusly 1278 they rose to 170, owing to the character of the season, as just explained.

\* From Fusly 1261 to 1265.

† From Fusly 1266 to 1270.

‡ Do. 1271 to 1275.

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## V.—Ryots' holdings.

including the waste remitted, was Acres 11,96,741, assessed with Rupees 30,75,606. Of this Acres 89,907, assessed at Rupees 1,71,631, were relinquished under various causes; the remainder, or Acres 11,07,644, assessed at Rupees 29,03,975, together with Acres 95,299, assessed at Rupees 1,86,310, being lands newly occupied on durkhast, as well as purchased or obtained by transfer, brings up the total holdings at the close of the past year, exclusive of

	ACRES.	RS.
1277.....	11,96,741	30,75,606
1278.....	12,02,943	30,90,285
Increase...	6,202	14,679

20. The extent of Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly year 1278, fasul or teerwah jastee, to Acres 12,02,943, assessed at Rupees 30,90,285, representing an increase of Acres 6,202, assessed at Rs. 14,679, as compared with the like returns in the year preceding. Explanation regarding this increase is given in the appropriate place.

21. The following table exhibits the holdings at the beginning of the year, the subsequent alterations, the waste remitted and charged, and the actual cultivation:—

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
Holdings of the previous year.....	11,96,741	30,75,606
Deduct land given up, etc.....	89,097	1,71,631
<i>Remainder.</i>		
Add land taken up, etc.....	95,299	1,86,310
Total holdings.....	12,02,943	30,90,285
Waste remitted.....	39,570	1,52,472
Remainder.....	11,63,373	29,37,813
<i>Particulars of the above.</i>		
Cultivation.....	10,70,836	27,69,819
Waste charged.....	92,537	1,67,994

22. The subjoined statement shows the details of lands given up and newly taken in the Fusly under review:—

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
<i>Lands given up.</i>		
1. Lands given up by the Ryots in the fixed period.....	73,819	1,40,631
2. Do. sold or transferred.....	7,238	25,191
3. Do. which became useless or appropriated for some public purposes.....	815	1,933
4. Do. assigned to Devastanums in compensation of the Road cess charged upon Devastanum lands.....	39	96
5. Do. transferred to Amany from Ryotwar.....	1,186	3,780
Total.....	89,097	1,71,631
<i>Additions.</i>		
1. Lands taken on durkhast.....	88,032	1,61,039
2. Do. purchased or obtained by transfer.....	7,267	25,271
Total.....	95,299	1,86,310

Of the aggregate amount of Rupees 1,71,631 on Acres 89,097, under the head "Lands given up," a sum of Rupees 1,40,631 on Acres 79,819 is the assessment of land relinquished by ryots within the prescribed period in consequence of the adverse character of the season at its commencement, but a large portion of the land so resigned was again, as usual, cultivated before the actual settlement, hope being inspired by the subsequent rains; also a large extent of land was cultivated



out of the area relinquished in the preceding years, and which had been left fallow, having been cultivated with varagoo crop, and the extent thus brought under cultivation is included under the head of "Lands newly taken up."

The item "Transfer," under the respective heads of Land given up and taken up, includes dry lands converted into wet and *vice versa*; also lands purchased by Government at a nominal price when sold for arrears of revenue, and which were not purchased by others.

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Total holdings.....	12,02,943	30,90,285
Cultivation.....	10,70,836	27,69,819
Waste.....	1,32,107	3,20,466
Per-centage.....	11	10

23. A comparison of waste land, and of land cultivated, shows that 11 per cent. of the cultivated extent, and 10 per cent. of the assessment, remained uncultivated.

24. The fluctuations in the cultivation and settlement under the several heads will now be noticed.

25. Instituting a comparison between the results of the settlement of Fusly 1277 and 1278 a net decrease of Rupees 78,880 is found in the latter Fusly, as exhibited in the following abstract statement A. This decrease is due to the larger amount of remissions granted this year consequent on the unfavorable season.

Fuslies.	Dry. Acres.	RS.
1277.....	8,96,317	15,68,476
1278.....	9,13,459	15,91,544
Increase...	17,142	23,068

26. The increase in the item of dry cultivation is due to the following causes:—

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
A.—Increase gained in the extension of cultivation.....	5,490	7,205
B.—Increase gained by the higher rates of assessment in consequence of the superior produce raised in the resumed Jaghire villages of Sunkarapuram.....	3	649
Increase gained by the grant of smaller remission on dry Putcut waste lands.....	13,198	19,519
Total Increase...	18,691	27,373
Deduct—		
A.—Loss consequent on the transfer of dry land to wet and <i>vice versa</i> , as well as loss consequent on lands having been taken up for public purposes.....	474	835
B.—Loss in consequence of the assignment of land in compensation of the Road cess charged upon Devastanum lands.....	35	77
C.—Loss consequent on the transfer of three villages to Amany from Ryotwar.....	1,040	3,293
Total...	1,549	4,305
Net Increase...	17,142	23,068

Fuslies.	Nunjah. Acres.	RS.
1277.....	2,59,857	13,94,191
1278.....	2,49,914	13,46,268
Decrease...	9,943	47,923

27. Under this head there is a falling off in the assessment of Rupees 47,923, or acres 9,943 as compared with the Fusly 1277. This is due to the causes hereunder explained; the reasons classified in the preceding paragraph.

		RS.
Loss by A.....	340	1,853
Do. by B.....	4	18
Do. by C.....	146	387
Do. by larger remissions than the past year.....	12,201	59,052
Total...	12,691	61,310
Deduct—		
Increase by A.....	2,723	13,203
Do. by B.....	25	184
Total...	2,748	13,387
Net Decrease...	9,943	47,923

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## A.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry.....	5,96,317	15,68,476	9,13,459	15,91,544	17,142	23,068	.....	.....
Wet.....	2,59,857	13,94,191	2,49,914	13,46,268	.....	.....	9,943	47,923
Total...	11,56,174	29,62,667	11,63,373	29,37,812	Net. 7,199	.....	.....	Net 24,855
<i>Add</i>								
Second crop Assessment.....		38,456	.....	30,596	.....	.....	.....	7,860
Additional do. ....		1,25,599	.....	1,23,968	.....	.....	.....	1,631
Road Fund.....		83,863	.....	81,760	.....	.....	.....	2,103
Village Service Fund.....		1,309	.....	1,216	.....	.....	.....	93
Total...	.....	32,11,894	.....	31,75,852	.....	.....	.....	36,542
<i>Deduct Remission.</i>								
Road Fund.....		84,280	.....	82,144	.....	.....	.....	2,136
Village Service Fund.....		1,309	.....	1,215	.....	.....	.....	94
Other remissions as particularized in account No. 4.....		6,21,706	.....	6,62,195	.....	40,489	.....	.....
Total...	.....	7,07,295	.....	7,45,554	.....	Net. 38,259	.....	.....
Remaining beriz.....		25,04,599	.....	24,29,798	.....	.....	.....	74,801
<i>Add</i>								
Miscellaneous items.....		68,868	.....	64,789	.....	.....	.....	4,079
Total...	.....	25,73,467	.....	24,94,587	.....	.....	.....	78,880

28. The extent of nunjah ayacut and cultivation under the principal sources of irrigation, with the assessment, as well as fasul jastee and teerwah jastee derived therefrom, are given in the abstract appended below:—

No.	Items.	NUNJAH AYACUT.		CULTIVATION IN FUSLY 1278.				
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Total.
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
1	Lower Anicut, Coleroon.....	74,617	4,08,858	71,704	3,85,398	7,442	18,539	4,11,379
2	Vellar do.....	19,134	96,241	17,087	82,998	274	28,244	1,11,516
3	Pennar do.....	30,285	1,83,350	24,328	1,45,133	6,701	8,574	1,60,408
4	Guddelum do. at Trivady...	4,299	29,918	4,051	27,711	1,840	2,188	31,739
5	Ragavien Channel in Pennar.	6,461	33,347	6,121	32,271	966	5,186	38,423
6	Vikravandy Anicut.....	1,352	5,256	832	3,409	74	1,405	4,888
7	Trivandipoorum do. in Guddelum....	1,288	18,082	932	12,627	.....	328	12,955
8	Vanamadevy do. do....	449	5,556	449	5,556	.....	144	5,700
	Total...	.....	.....	1,25,504	6,95,103	17,297	64,608	7,77,008



29. The area cultivated in Fusly 1277 under the influence of these sources of irrigation was Acres 1,23,651, or Rupees 7,63,542; while in Fusly 1278 it was Acres 1,25,504, or Rs. 7,77,008, exhibiting an increase of Rupees 13,466, or Acres 1,853, attributable to increased cultivation under river and channel irrigation.

30. No ruined tanks have been made over to private individuals during the Fusly under review.

2nd Crop Cultivation.	
Fuslies.	RS.
1277.....	38,456
1278.....	30,596
Decrease...	7,860

31. The revenue derived from this item during the year amounts to Rupees 30,596, exhibiting a net decrease of Rupees 7,860, as shown below:—

RS.

Decrease in the second crop cultivation in the Hoolos villages was consequent on the failure of sufficient rain to raise a second crop on lands dependant on rain-fed tanks ..... 8,067

Deduct—

Increase gained under this head by increased cultivation of second crop on lands irrigated by the Coleroon river ..... 207

Net Decrease... 7,860

32. Of the total revenue derived from the second crop cultivation, the charge for second crop on registered double and doubtful double crop land amounted to Rupees 19,525, and a sum of Rupees 3,629 was realized from raising a second crop on single crop land to the prejudice of the registered double crop cultivation; also a sum of Rupees 7,442 was levied on second crop cultivation in the talook of Chellumbrum.

Additional Assessment.	
Fuslies.	RS.
1277.....	1,25,599
1278.....	1,23,968
Decrease...	1,631

Actual Cultivation.		
Fuslies.	Acres.	Assessment RS.
1277.....	10,97,016	28,50,407
1278.....	10,70,836	27,69,818
Decrease...	26,180	80,679

deficiency in the cultivation was, as already explained, the failure of seasonable rains.

Road Fund.	
Fuslies.	RS.
1277.....	84,280
1278.....	82,144
Decrease...	2,136

37. Of the entire amount, Rupees 95,649, collected under this item Rupees 82,144 was levied on Ryotwar villages, and Rupees 13,505 on Surva Maniem, Shrotriem, Mootah, and Inam lands, and on items of revenue under Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

38. The cess at the rate of one Anna per Rupee, under the provisions of Act IV. of 1864,

Merah to Village Servants.	
Fuslies.	RS.
1277.....	1,309
1278.....	1,215
Decrease...	94

33. In this item of revenue there is a net decrease of Rupees 1,631 below Fusly 1277, owing chiefly to the want of seasonable rains.

34. The actual cultivation for the year under reference amounted to Acres 10,70,836, assessed at Rupees 27,69,818, showing a decrease of Rupees 80,679.

35. Of this one-fourth is in poonjah, and the remaining three-fourths in nunjah, depending upon rain-fed tanks. The chief cause for this

36. In this item there has been a decrease of Rupees 2,136 below Fusly 1277, consequent on larger remissions having been granted in this year.

was only levied on the three villages transferred from Odayarpolliem Talook of the Trichinopoly District. This amounted to Rs. 1,215, exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 94 below the past Fusly, accounted for by a proportionate diminution in the beriz of the said villages by remission

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Particulars of Remission.—Statement No. 4.

39. The subjoined abstract exhibits the total waste, the remissions granted, and the waste charged, as well as remissions granted on other grounds:—

Items.	TOTAL WASTE.		REMISSIONS GRANTED.		WASTE CHARGED.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry.....	99,403	1,61,942	12,248	18,821	87,155	1,43,121
Wet.....	32,704	1,58,524	27,322	1,33,651	5,382	24,873
	1,32,107	3,20,466	39,570	1,52,472	92,537	1,67,994
Nunjah Shavy, full remission.	.....	.....	.....	1,58,637	.....	.....
Partial remission for dry crops withered.	.....	.....	.....	60,798	.....	.....
Partial remission for Nunjah short produce	.....	.....	.....	32,617	.....	.....
Partial remission for dry short produce.	.....	.....	.....	1,89,306	.....	.....
Kusser .....	.....	.....	.....	15,691	.....	.....
Fasul Jastee.....	.....	.....	.....	1,535	.....	.....
Total...	.....	.....	.....	6,11,056	.....	.....

40. In consequence of the exceptionally unfavorable character of the past season now under report the ordinary rules laid down for the grant of remissions in the Standing Order, No. 137, were generally relaxed during the settlement throughout the district, as recommended by me and approved by the Board—*Vide* Proceedings, No. 1,596, dated 9th March 1869.

41. Under Rule 2 of the Standing Order above quoted remissions in full were granted as usual on wet lands left waste, and on wet crops totally lost owing to deficiency of water, and arising from no neglect of the ryots. Such loss was considerable in every talook in the past year. The amount so remitted is Rupees 2,93,288, on putcut waste Rupees 1,33,651, and on crops withered Rupees 1,58,637. But besides these two grounds of remission, which are provided for under the rules, there was a heavy loss by the partial failure of crops throughout the district more or less; Tindevanum, Trikalore, and Kullakoorchy suffering less than other talooks, and occasioned wholly by deficiency of water-supply, and in no way attributable to neglect by the land-owners. In all cases of the kind remissions were likewise granted, agreeably to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1,596, in various proportions of one-third, half, and two-thirds to the actual loss ascertained. It will be seen that the total of the partial remissions on wet crops amounted to Rupees 32,617, exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 54,542 below the Fusly 1277, a result which must be accepted as satisfactory when it is remembered that the past was the second bad year in succession.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Decrease.
Kusser.....	19,904	15,691	4,213
Fasul Jastee.....	2,453	1,535	918
Total .....	22,357	17,226	5,131

42. A very similar course was adopted in respect to the treatment of kusser or extra water cess, as well as with second crop. The amount remitted under these two heads during the year under review is given in the margin.



43. As prescribed in paragraph 7 of the Standing Order, No. 137, application was made to the Board of Revenue for remitting the assessment on poonjah or unirrigated land. In their Proceedings, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1,596, the Board were pleased to sanction a remission for poonjah waste shavy and partial failure of crops.

44. The amount so remitted in the year under report is Rupees 2,68,925, and the relief thus afforded to the ryots was, I may say, essential to their very existence in reference to what may be rightly designated, as regards poonjah ryots, the calamitous character of two successive seasons. The rates given were one-third, half, two-thirds, and three-fourths of the loss as in the preceding year.

45. The particulars of remissions from the gross demand are exhibited in Statement No. 4. The following abstract shows the entire amount of remissions under three heads, "Occasional," "Fixed," and "Items allowed on the collection or from the entire beriz of villages." The aggregate amount remitted under these three heads was Rupees 6,62,195, or a net increase of Rupees 40,489 over the previous Fusly:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Occasional.....	4,24,199	4,58,585	34,386	...
2. Fixed.....	9,947	9,942	...	5
3. Items of remission allowed on the collection or from the entire beriz of villages ... ..	1,87,560	1,93,668	6,108	...
Total.. ..	6,21,706	6,62,195	Net 40,489	...

46. The increase of Rupees 34,386 under the head "Occasional" was owing to the larger extent of remissions granted in the year under report on dry and wet crops, including withered and palanustum or loss of produce, as well as also on kusser and fasul jastee.

47. The second item calls for no remark, the decrease in that item being only Rupees 5.

48. Under the third item the increase of Rupees 6,108 is owing to the inclusion of the amount of salary of the Taliaries due for the second half-year of Fusly 1278, under the Circular Memorandum of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1869, No. 238. The Taliaries were formerly paid from the sanctioned Budget fund. The sum so brought to this head from the beriz amounts to Rupees 10,060, but deducting Rupees 3,952, which is a decrease below the past year in the salary of Curnums and Monigars consequent on the fall of beriz on account of remissions, the net increase under this head is Rupees 6,108, as mentioned above.

49. There is a decrease of Rupees 4,079 under this item as compared with the past Fusly, owing chiefly to the transfer of Rupees 1,500 from Jody on personal Inams or Cuttoobady to Village Service Fund, on account of the salary of Taliaries, and also to a less quantity of land having been cultivated in this year in the

heading "Land cultivated but not included in Jummahbundy."

Miscellaneous Items.	
	RS.
Fusly 1277 .....	68,868
Do. 1278 .....	64,789
Decrease...	4,079

Amany.—Statement A.	
	RS.
Fuslies.	
1277 .....	220
1278 .....	1,634
Increase ...	1,414

50. The increase of Rs 1,414 in this item is consequent on the transfer of three villages from Ryotwar to Amany in the resumed Chekady Jaghire.

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51. The following abstract exhibits the extent and assessment of lands cultivated with sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Sugar-cane...	2,044	11,975	1,939	11,620	...	...	105	355
2. Cotton.....	40,842	44,989	40,151	43,064	...	...	691	1,925
3. Indigo.....	41,539	85,781	34,692	68,553	...	...	6,847	17,228
Total...	84,425	1,42,745	76,782	1,23,237	...	...	7,643	19,508

52. The slight decrease in these several products\* is attributable wholly to the season, and that in the cultivation of indigo particularly to the want of seasonable rain in the months of December, January, and February.

\* Sugar-cane.  
Cotton.

53. In the statement submitted last year the cultivation of cotton was entered as Acres 18,726, assessed at Rupees 42,644; but this was subsequently found to be a mistake, and the figures of area, cultivation, and assessment, now given in the foregoing statement for Fusly 1277, are correct.

54. The following abstract shows the extent of land cultivated with ground-nut and gingelly oil seed, as well as the assessment upon each:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Gingelly seed..	27,509	46,100	25,210	43,006	...	...	2,299	3,094
2. Ground-nut ...	10,394	20,605	10,687	21,893	293	1,288	...	...
Total...	37,903	66,705	35,897	64,899	293	1,288	2,299	3,094

55. The decrease\* in the cultivation of gingelly seed in the talooks of Tindevanum, Trinomallay, and Trikalore is owing to the want of rain in the months of December, January, and February, and the slightly increased cultivation of ground-nut is due to the rains in July and August, which fell very seasonably for the maturing of that product.

56. The subjoined statement exhibits the general result of the Land Revenue settlement for the preceding and past Fuslies, including Miscellaneous items. The total amount for Fusly 1278 is Rupees 25,24,914-8-0, resulting in a net decrease of Rupees 78,879-11-9 due, as already explained, to the increased remissions called for by the generally unpropitious character of the season for the second year in succession:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Permanently settled...	8,636	4	1	8,636	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Jody on Shrotriem, etc., villages.....	21,691	7	1	21,691	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Ryotwar .....	25,04,598	11	10	24,29,798	0	0	...	...	...	74,800	11	10
4. Miscellaneous ..	68,867	12	9	64,788	12	10	...	...	...	4,078	15	11
Total...	26,03,794	3	9	25,24,914	8	0	...	...	...	78,879	11	9





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1. Permanently settled.

Mootahdars of the current year's demand within the Fusly year consequent on the adversity of the season. A large proportion of this has been since collected.

3. Ryotwar.

62. The decrease under this head is to be attributed partly to the remissions and partly to the impoverished circumstances of the ryots consequent on a second bad year in succession, but of this a large amount has since been collected.

2. Shrotriem.

4. Miscellaneous.

63. The increase in the second and fourth items, as noted marginally, is owing to the collection of large arrears which were outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1278.

Abkarry.

64. The decrease of Rs. 75,728 is owing, first, to the small amount of arrears outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1278; and, secondly, to the reduction of Rupees 54,000 in the rent.

Salt.

65. The increase of Rupees 53,003 under this head is explained below:—

1st.—Increase of sales, Rupees 28,176.

2nd.—The selling the salt at Rupees 24,827, the fixed rate, while in the previous year the price of 99,308 Maunds of salt manufactured in the pans, called Coopum, was reduced to 4 Annas per maund in view to speedy sales, it having been determined to abandon the said locality as a place of manufacture.

66. The following comparative statement shows the sales at all the salt pans in the district during the year under report:—

Places.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Merkanjūm.....	4,27,091	4,63,647	36,556	.....
2. Killay.....	68,604	49,487	.....	19,117
3. Goondalum.....	1,13,000	1,48,488	35,488	.....
	6,08,695	6,61,622	72,044	19,117
Miscellaneous.....	2,474	2,550	76	.....
Total...	6,11,169	6,64,172	72,120	19,117
Net Increase...	.....	.....	53,003	.....

67. The decrease in Killay pans was occasioned by the want of salt in store, while the large increase at the other pans was owing in part to the quantity in store, in part to increased consumption, and lastly to the absence of any reduction in the price of any of the salt sold, and which had been exceptionally permitted.



68. The quantity for Home and Inland consumption, and that supplied to the French Government, as well as exported to other places by sea, will be found in the following abstract statement:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
1. Home consumption.....	2,08,660	2,47,249	38,589	.....
2. Inland do. ....	1,63,393	1,42,183	.....	21,210
3. Exportation by sea .....	9,060	.....	.....	9,060
4. Supply to French Government.....	40,889	41,170	281	.....
Total...	4,22,002	4,30,602	38,870	30,270
Net Increase..	.....	.....	8,600	.....

69. The increase in the first head is accounted for by a larger Home consumption. The decrease in the second item is consequent on less demand for the inland trade, and the deficiency under the third head is attributable to the prohibition to sell for exportation, as explained in my separate letter, No. 239, of the 22nd instant. The trifling increase under the head French Government calls for no particular remark, the demand always fluctuating somewhat.

70. The Statement No. 11 gives 21,535 Maunds, valued at Rupees 4,096-8-0, as the wastage. This amount equals about 5 per cent. on the sales, and I solicit sanction to write it off in the accounts.

71. The total quantity of salt in store on the 1st July 1869 is 3,47,721 Maunds, the quantity measured up to 20th October 1869 out of the total quantity manufactured according to dittum was Maunds 5,20,148, and the quantity remaining for measurement was estimated at Maunds 72,968½.

Stock on hand on the 1st July 1868 .....	3,40,353
Manufactured during Fusly 1278... ..	4,59,505
Total.....	7,99,858

• Deduct—

Quantity sold in Fusly 1278 .....	4,30,602
Wastage .....	21,535
	<u>4,52,137</u>

Net quantity remaining in Store on the 1st July 1869, including 24,165 Maunds supplied to French Government .....	<u>3,47,721</u>
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Sea Customs.

72. The decrease of Rupees 21,332 in this item is attributed chiefly to the less exportation of paddy, rice, indigo, and hides tanned, as well as to the less importation of nuts.

Land Customs.

73. The increase of Rupees 31,748 in this item of revenue is owing to the larger exportation of indigo, indigo leaves, gingelly seed, oil, cloth, as well as to the larger imports in indigo, liquor, and cocoanut, and also to increased exertion and vigilance on the part of the Executive in the prevention of smuggling.

Stamps.

74. The revenue from stamps exhibits an increase of Rupees 4,186, attributable to increased sales over the previous year.

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## License Tax.

75. This item exhibits a decrease of Rupees 5,530, attributable mainly to the change introduced by the Certificate Act IX. of 1868, by which incomes under Rupees 500 are exempted from tax.

## Income Tax.

76. This tax was substituted only in April by Act IX. of 1869 for the late Certificate or License Tax, and the collection during the three months of the Fusly year, or April, May, and June, amounted to Rupees 587 only.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all Sources of Revenue.—Statement No. 7.

77. Out of the entire demand of Rupees 36,75,579-14-10 Rupees 30,38,466-5-5 were collected within the Fusly year, leaving a balance of Rupees 6,37,113 9-5, which was further reduced to Rupees 1,15,463-8-6 within the 30th of September 1869, a result which, I submit, is very creditable to the collecting officers when the character of the season is taken into account.

78. The above balance of Rupees 1,15,463-8-6 is standing only in the item of Land Revenue, and the needful measures are in progress for the realization of these arrears.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of Arrears.

79. The arrears on the 1st July 1868 amounted to Rupees 3,21,576-11-9, of which Rupees 2,21,334-3-1 was collected within the revenue year just closed. Including a sum of Rupees 59,434-11-5, which had been sanctioned to be written off, there remained only Rupees 40,807-13-3 on the 1st July 1869, and since that date Rupees 2,433-3-5 has been collected, leaving a net balance on the 1st October 1869 of Rupees 38,374-9-10.

80. The Statement No. 8 exhibits the details of the accumulated arrears, embracing a period of six years, or from Fusly 1272 to 1277.

81. Of these outstanding arrears, amounting to Rupees 40,807-13-3 on the 1st July 1869, Rupees 35,324-0-3 are reported to be recoverable, and a sum of Rupees 5,483-13-0 to be irrecoverable, in consequence of desertions, deaths, and poverty of the defaulters, as well as other special causes. In the subjoined abstract the Fuslywar particulars of the latter are given:—

Fuslies.	Revenue.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1272 .....	106	2	4
1273 .....	252	6	7
1274 .....	19	3	9
1275 .....	81	12	6
1276 .....	146	8	4
1277 .....	4,877	11	6
Total...	5,483	13	0

and I desire sanction to write off the above sum of Rupees 5,483-13-0 in the accounts. I beg to offer a few remarks in explanation.

	RS.	A.	P.
Mandagapet Mootah in Cuddalore Talook.....	37	7	5
Keenanoor shrotriem in Virdachellum Talook...	12	6	7
For Fusly 1277.....	49	14	0

82. The collection of the amount, Rupees 49-14-0, from the peshcush and jody of the villages noted in the margin is suspended in compensation for lands taken up by public roads and irrigation channels respectively.

83. In paragraphs 84, 85, and 86 of my Settlement Report for Fusly 1277, I entered into some detail on these subjects, and asked for sanction for a permanent reduction of the above sum of Rupees 37-7-5 and 12-6-7 from the peshcush and jody respectively, but I have received no orders, which I now again solicit in order to avoid the repetition of this item in my future Annual Reports.

## Taliaries.

84. Rupees 2,346-10-2 is the assessment for Fusly 1277 of rent-free land assigned for the pay of Taliaries of the late Chellumbrum and Manargoody Talooks, and its collection has been in abeyance for several years under orders of the late Collector.



85. As stated in paragraph 87 of my last Settlement Report the proposed revised statements for the salary of these Village Officers are not yet completed. I will endeavor to submit them for sanction at an early date.

From Fusly 1275 to 1277.

86. Rupees 192-7-1 is the assessment of certain lands, the village to which they belong being in dispute, and the teerwah of which has been brought to account in both villages by the Curnums. The question of boundary will be settled in due course; meanwhile the assessment in one village having been levied this sum of Rupees 192-7-1 is a double charge on the same land, and is to be remitted.

87. Rupees 2,056-6-0 is the amount which has been improperly charged or brought to account. About half of this amount, or Rupees 1,080, is the tax charged irregularly upon young and unproductive trees in the Sub-division in Fusly 1277; while the other sum is comprised of different small items, the chief being double charge on certain lands. All these charges were since ascertained to be improper, and the suspension of their collection was ordered by Divisional Officers.

88. Rupees 839-7-9 is reported to be irrecoverable owing to deaths, desertions, and poverty of the defaulting ryots, as ascertained during the course of the settlement, and I therefore recommend that the amount may be remitted. The total sum irrecoverable from the various causes as above explained, and which it is now sought to strike off, amounts to Rupees 5,483-13-0, as above stated.

89. The extent of coercive measures resorted to for the collection of revenue is shown in the subjoined table.

Description of property.		Value of property attached.	Value of property actually sold.
		RS.	RS.
Fusly 1277.—Personal property .....		8,266	120
Real do. ....		8,535	8,018
Total...		16,801	8,138
Fusly 1278.—Personal property .....		13,326	863
Real do. ....		6,352	4,244
Total...		19,678	5,107

The attachment and sale of real property although somewhat more than in the previous Fusly, yet that of real property is very low. These coercive measures have mainly taken place in Chellumbrum, Villapuram and Tindevanum Talooks, consequent on failure of the ryots to pay their kist. I am not of opinion that there has been a single instance of real oppression arising out of the enforcement of the Government dues.

Standing Order No. 277-2

90. The fees realised from revenue defaulters for the service of process, etc., under Madras Act II. of 1864, amounts to Rupees 8,400-6-8 during the past Fusly, and Rs. 7,835-7-2 were paid up to the end of Fusly to persons who served the processes. The balance of Rupees 564-15-6 will be paid to the respective individuals on their appearance. A large proportion, or Rs. 224-5-5, is reported to have been since distributed.

Statement No. 9.

91. The gross collections amounted to Rupees 32,59,800-8-6, while the disbursements were Rupees 3,21,023-0-2, leaving a surplus of Rupees 29,38,777-8-4; the percentage of charges in this year has been ten per cent.

92. The various items of charges, showing increase and decrease under each head, are given in the following table. Many of these necessarily fluctuate and call for no remark. Some of the more important items of charges I will proceed to explain:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Refund of Revenue .....	135	6	7	2,735	15	3	2,600	8	8	...	...	...
2	Salary of the Collectors, etc.	93,482	10	4	73,352	2	3	...	...	...	20,130	8	1
3	Tent allowance and house- rent.....	4,844	11	9	4,968	4	5	123	8	8	...	...	...
4	Huzoor and Talook Estab- lishments .....	1,14,137	10	2	1,17,005	8	7	2,867	14	5	...	...	...
5	Saderward.....	2,379	9	6	2,114	8	11	...	...	...	265	0	7
6	Medical charges .....	1,083	1	3	1,999	15	8	916	14	5	...	...	...
7	Contingencies .....	10,594	3	1	13,160	11	10	2,566	8	9	...	...	...
	<i>Abkarry.</i>												
8	Contingencies .....	113	8	0	473	0	0	359	8	0	...	...	...
	<i>Sea Customs.</i>												
9	Salary of Establishment ...	3,027	0	0	3,042	13	2	15	13	2	...	...	...
10	Saderward.....	50	6	6	46	11	10	...	...	...	3	10	8
11	Contingencies .....	...	...	...	16	7	6	16	7	6	...	...	...
12	Drawback.....	19,127	4	7	13,426	7	8	...	...	...	5,700	12	11
	<i>Land Customs.</i>												
13	Establishment .....	3,997	9	9	3,998	0	0	0	6	3	...	...	...
14	Saderward.....	152	7	0	149	12	0	...	...	...	2	11	0
15	Contingencies .....	28	13	0	172	11	6	143	14	6	...	...	...
	<i>Salt.</i>												
16	Salary of the Deputy Col- lector .....	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Establishment .....	11,143	14	0	11,084	15	4	...	...	...	58	14	8
18	Saderward.....	105	1	3	113	11	2	8	9	11	...	...	...
19	Travelling allowance and batta .....	766	11	0	773	0	0	6	5	0	...	...	...
20	Manufacturer's share ...	35,814	2	9	46,820	0	7	11,005	13	10	...	...	...
21	Charges for conveying and storing salt.....	4,493	1	5	4,718	12	7	222	11	2	...	...	...
22	Export and Import charges.	7,805	12	0	6,193	11	3	...	...	...	1,612	0	9
23	Contingencies .....	386	11	3	77	11	4	...	...	...	308	15	11
	<i>Stamps.</i>												
24	Commission to Stamp Ven- dors .....	4,162	3	2	4,244	15	10	82	12	8	...	...	...
25	Contingencies .....	54	8	6	52	3	6	...	...	...	2	4	10
26	Refund of Stamp duty.....	1,099	4	0	2,428	1	0	1,328	13	0	...	...	...
27	Do. of License Tax.....	4,343	8	0	2,222	11	0	...	...	...	2,120	13	0
	<b>Total...</b>	<b>3,26,329</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3,18,393</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>Net.</b> <b>7,936</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>



## 1. Refund.

93. The increase of Rupees, 2,600-8-8 under this head is consequent on repayment of Rupees 2,487-2-4 to two individuals as per orders of Government and Board, dated 12th December 1868 and 17th June, respectively. The remaining amount has been refunded to different individuals by me under the Standing Order of the Board, No. 33 of 1868, for sums erroneously credited to Government, as well as to informants of embezzlement of land, etc., agreeably to the occasional orders of the Board of Revenue, as applied for in such cases.

## 2. Salary of Collectors, etc.

94. The decrease here of Rs. 20,130-8-1 is accounted for; Mr. Cadell, the late Acting Judge, having drawn only three months' salary as Collector of South Canara in my Treasury in the Fusly under review, while in the preceding year he had drawn the full year's salary.

## 4. Huzoor and Talook Establishments.

95. The increase in this item of Rupees 2,867-14-5 is mainly owing to the disbursement of Rupees 2,320-7-8 to Mr. Dique, the late Tahsildar of Cuddalore, and to a Goomastah, being the balance of full salary undrawn by these servants for the time they were under suspension—*Vide* Government Orders, dated 13th May 1869, No. 1,341, and 5th August 1869, No. 2,271.

## 8. Contingencies.

96. The increase of Rupees 2,566-8-9 shown under this heading is accounted for in several ways:—1st, the increased rate of travelling allowance to Covenanted Officers; 2nd, the longer continuance on circuit of the Divisional Officers; 3rd, increased payments of batta to the establishments accompanying Divisional Officers on circuit, and for cost of conveying records, etc.; and, lastly, the payment of batta to Talook officials, as per Order of Government, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 276.

## 12. Drawback.

97. The decrease of Rupees 5,700-12-11 in this item is due partly to the less exportation of piece goods, etc., to Pondicherry, and partly to the discontinuance of the drawback system during a portion of the year, as per orders of Government.

## 20. Manufacturer's share.

98. The increase of Rupees 11,005 is consequent on the larger manufacture of salt in the past as compared with the previous year.

## 22. Export and Import charges.

99. The decrease of Rupees 1,612 is owing to the non-exportation of salt by sea in the year under notice.

## 26. Refund of Stamp duty.

100. The increase of Rupees 1,328-13-0 in this item of revenue is owing to larger payment agreeably to Court certificates.

## 27. Refund of License Tax.

101. The increase of Rupees 2,120-13-0 is owing simply to the grant of refunds on appeal, and to refunds in cases improperly or over-taxed.

## Working of the Village, Talook, and Huzoor Manuals.

102. These accounts have been generally found correct, and are kept agreeably to the prescribed forms, except in a few instances. The necessary orders have been given to the officers concerned.

## Register of lands acquired by public servants.

103. The usual register, in accordance with the Board's Circular Order, dated 13th October 1863, No. 6,843, is kept in my office, and all public servants have been duly warned to furnish a statement of land acquired by them; but during the Fusly under report lands so acquired amount to only 37.18 Acres, assessed at Rupees 143-4-4, as particularized by the Sub-Collector in his report accompanying.

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104. *Pro formâ* I suppose I am called upon to say something of the various officers associated with me in the administration of the district. All I have to report is in the main favorable. My late efficient Sub-Collector, Mr. Hathaway, has been replaced by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Lister continues my Head Assistant, and I have nothing to alter in the testimony borne in my last year's Report on this officer's qualifications. I have to speak equally well of Mr. Gribble, whose labors have been principally directed to improvements and reform in the detailed administration of the land customs, and he has ably discharged this duty, and to his personal zeal and energy of management much of the favorable results (financially) of this branch of the revenue for the year under review may with truth be attributed.

105. I will add nothing to all I have written in previous years of Vardah Charry, my Treasury Deputy Collector. Sree Baliah, Deputy Collector in charge of a division of the district, is an officer of considerable ability, and I feel myself fortunate in having under me a Deputy Collector of his qualifications and attainments.

106. I would again ask attention to paragraph 107 of my last year's report regarding the service of old and incompetent Tahsilârs. One of the two officers of this grade ascertained by me has since applied for a pension, but the other I fear must drag on for some years to come, either until he has served thirty years, or until he is qualified by sickness for a pension, whichever event may first happen.

107. Of the ministerial servants of my office I regret to notice the displeasure and cloud under which my Head Sheristadar is at present placed. He was suspended on the 5th instant for supposed fraudulent conduct in connection with the settlement, and I fear from all that has transpired, with little prospect of reinstatement, if he escape a criminal prosecution, but the inquiry has not yet closed, and therefore it would be premature to add more on the subject, as it will be separately reported on in due course. In Kistniah's place I have nominated for the time Vencata Soobiah, Tahsildar of Cuddalore, whom I selected to succeed as Sheristadar from the very high character he has always borne for integrity and efficiency. He certainly ranks the first amongst the Tahsildars of this district, and the able and energetic manner in which he had invariably discharged the onerous and complex duties of the head of several talooks will, I am sanguine, fully attest the propriety and wisdom of my choice, although as yet I have had very little experience personally of this officer. With the exception of the Sheristadar I may repeat the testimony I recorded last year on the general efficiency and ability with which the rest of the ministerial servants of my office performed their allotted duties.

108. The report of my Sub-Collector on the settlement of his talooks accompanies this. There is nothing in it requiring particular notice or remark.

CUDDALORE,  
30th October 1869.

(Signed) C. W. READE,  
Collector.



## SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit eight Statements and Enclosures in Nos. 3, 7, and 8, connected with the Revenue Settlement of Fusly 1278, in the forms prescribed by the Board of Revenue in their Circular Memorandum, No. 787, of the 14th August 1866.

2. The settlement was conducted by my predecessor Mr. Hathaway at the stations noted in the margin, as shown in column 8 of Statement No. 1, and it occupied one month and twenty-five days, commencing from 18th January 1869, as entered in column 9.

Virdachellum.  
Tittagudi.  
Manargudi.  
Ammapettai.  
Porto-Novo.

## Distribution of Puttahs.

3. As shown in column 7 of the Statement No. 1 the total number of puttahs distributed in this year amounted to 69,718, which is less than those distributed in the last Fusly by 4,506. This decrease is attributable partly to the addition of miscellaneous items in the permanent puttahs instead of issuing separate ones, as was the case hitherto, and partly to the relinquishment of entire holding entered in puttahs.

4. There was no alteration in the number and tenure of villages during the Fusly under review.

## Price of Grain.

5. Statement No. 2 exhibits the average prices of the principal kinds of grain during Fusly 1278, as compared with 1277 and the past ten years, from 1268 to 1277 inclusive. The comparative abstract exhibits a fall in prices in this Fusly when compared with last—*Vide* column 7. Thus prices have continued to decrease, though not to the same extent they did in Fusly 1277 from those of the previous years. On comparing the prices of Fusly 1278 with the average of the previous ten years (*vide* column 5) we find a slight increase in the items of cholom, cumboo, and raggy, and a small decrease in those of horse-gram and first sort paddy.

## Ryots' holding and alteration.

6. Statement No. 3 treats of the Ryots' holding and cultivation, with the alterations subsequently effected, and the annexed Memorandum is entered to show increase or decrease under each item in comparison with the results of last Fusly.

## Comparative Abstract.

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Items.	FUSLY 1277.				FUSLY 1278.				INCREASE.				DECREASE.			
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	ACRES.		RS.	A. P.	ACRES.		RS.	A. P.	ACRES.		RS.	A. P.	ACRES.		RS.	A. P.
Ryots' holdings.....	3,15,034		9,48,915	8 9	3,28,590		9,76,762	9 0	13,556		27,847	0 3	...		...	...
<i>Deduct</i>																
Land resigned .....	13,288		28,088	0 5	15,363		31,990	14 10	2,075		3,902	14 5	...		...	...
Do. transferred .....	650		2,584	5 3	434		2,162	4 3	...		...	...	216		422	1 0
Do. became useless or appropriated to some public purpose .....	449		1,269	7 1	516		1,288	9 10	67		19	2 9	...		...	...
Total...	14,387		31,941	12 9	16,313		35,441	12 11	1,926		3,500	0 2	...		...	...
Remainder...	3,00,647		9,16,973	12 0	3,12,277		9,41,320	12 1	11,630		24,347	6 1	...		...	...
<i>Add</i>																
Land taken on durkhast .....	27,293		57,999	10 11	16,581		35,220	3 0	...		...	...	10,712		22,779	7 11
Do. obtained by transfer.....	650		1,789	2 1	434		1,391	6 1	...		...	...	216		397	12 0
Total...	27,943		59,788	13 0	17,015		36,611	9 1	...		...	...	10,928		23,177	3 11
Total holdings...	3,28,590		9,76,762	9 0	3,29,292		9,77,932	5 2	702		1,169	12 2	...		...	...
Deduct waste remitted .....	2,418		10,512	10 3	2,159		9,184	11 5	...		...	...	259		1,327	14 10
Remainder...	3,26,172		9,66,249	14 9	3,27,133		9,68,747	9 9	961		2,497	11 0	...		...	...
Actual cultivation.....	3,00,378		9,16,243	0 11	3,00,642		9,11,785	12 6	264		...	...	...		4,457	4 5
Waste charged .....	25,794		50,006	13 10	26,491		56,961	13 3	697		6,954	15 5	...		...	...



7. The extent of holding at the commencement of the Fusly was Acres 3,28,590, assessed at Rupees 9,76,762-9-0, from which deducting the land resigned, transferred from one head to another, and that appropriated for public purposes, amounting to Acres 16,313, bearing an assessment of Rupees 35,441-12-11, as detailed below, and adding thereto the fresh lands taken up, the result observable at the close of the Fusly was Acres 3,29,292, assessed at Rupees 9,77,932-5-2, which is shown in columns 31 and 32 of Statement No. 3. This amount is exclusive of second crop and water-rate assessment and road cess, which all amount to Rupees 89,596-2-1, as exhibited in columns 49, 51 and 52:—

	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Land relinquished.....	15,363	31,990	14	10
Do. sold for arrear of revenue, but purchased by Government....	296	686	1	10
Do. become useless, and set aside for public purposes... ..	203	516	14	5
Do. transferred from Nunjah to Poonjah, and <i>vice versa</i> .....	434	2,162	4	3
Do. transferred as Devastanum Inam in lieu of land taken up....	17	85	9	7
Total.....	16,313	35,441	12	11

8. In the comparative statement in paragraph 6 increase is observable in the item "Land resigned" and decrease in the item "Land taken on durkhast" to the extent of Rupees 3,902-14-5 and Rupees 22,779-7-11, respectively. This was, of course, owing to the bad state of the season. The decrease under the head "Waste remitted" and increase under "Waste charged" was caused by withholding remissions for portions of fields left waste, and chiefly by refusing remission in those portions of Chidambarum Talook which were settled seven or eight years ago by the Revenue Settlement Department.

Cultivation of Sugar-cane, etc.

9. Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3 shows the extent of cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo, and the subjoined comparative Memorandum shows a decrease of Rupees 809 in the cultivation of sugar-cane and cotton, while an increase is observable in that of indigo to an extent of Rupees 472:—

*Memorandum.*

Products.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane... ..	211	910	183	807	...	...	28	103
Cotton... ..	38,626	41,021	38,596	40,315	...	...	30	706
Indigo.....	1,848	3,932	1,932	4,404	84	472	...	...

10. Enclosure C. in Statement No. 3 is blank, since there were no progressive cowles granted for the last four or five years.

Principal sources of Irrigation.

11. I annex a Memorandum to show the principal sources of irrigation in the Sub-division, extent of ayacut and cultivation under each source, as compared with the results of the preceding Fusly.

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## Memorandum.

Sources of Irrigation.	Ayacut.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Coleroon Lower Anicut.....	74,616	71,810	4,06,328	71,704	4,11,379	...	5,051	106	...
Vellar, Shetiya-tope do.....	13,661	12,770	84,094	12,999	89,532	229	5,438	...	...
Manimuttannadi, Kinanoor Anicut.....	1,956	1,558	9,340	1,536	10,530	...	1,190	22	...
Total .	90,233	86,138	4,99,762	86,239	5,11,441	229	11,679	128	...

*Virdachellum Talook.*

Thevangudi.  
Kilapalaiyur.  
Thozhur.  
Sathappadi.  
Tharmanallur  
Kavanur.  
Kodumanur.

*Chidambarum Talook.*

Valayamadevi.  
Yerumlur.  
Thuringikollai.  
Nellikollai.  
Ulkadai.  
Sinnu Nerkunam.  
Krishnan Covil.

12. The anicut across Manimuttannadi was only completed last year, and at present supplies water to the 14 villages marginally noted. Some work remains to be done on the channels and to some tanks dependant on them. In the above statement, under the head "Extent actually cultivated," only the nunjah land is entered, but in the amount of assessment second crop and water assessment are included to show the total revenue derived from each anicut.

## Season and Health.

13. The season of Fusly 1278 was unfavorable, and it was felt more pressing especially as this was the second year of drought. The rain-fall in Virdachellum town was about 12 inches only, which of course is very little. In Chidambarum the fall was 21 or 22 inches, but in many parts of both talooks the rain was still more scanty than it was in the principal towns. The heat was excessive, and scarcity of drinking water was experienced almost throughout Virdachellum Talook and the Srimushtam section of Chidambarum Talook. The adverse state of the season was brought to notice by Mr. Hathaway in his letter to you, dated 1st February 1869, No. 29, paragraph 2, and Government were pleased to sanction at once 1,000 Rupees for sinking wells and procuring a supply of drinking water for the inhabitants and their cattle—*Vide* Government Order, dated 13th March 1869, No. 687. The dry crops in Virdachellum Talook failed to a great extent. There was no cholera or small-pox in Virdachellum, but there were a few cases in Chidambarum. Cattle disease prevailed to a large extent in Virdachellum Talook at the close of the Fusly, and does not seem to have died out yet. Reports were sent in the prescribed form to J. Thacker, Esq., Veterinary Surgeon, and he has arrived and is prosecuting inquiries regarding this epidemic. The disease is called "Vekkai," and assumes two or three forms. It is infectious, but it will take a long time to impress on the ryots the value of segregation. They raise objections about the great difficulty of carrying out the principle. The disease is attributed to various causes.

## Remissions.

14. In Statement No. 4 the particulars of remissions granted under different heads in comparison with the last Fusly are given. Under the head "Occasional remissions" granted with reference to the state of the season" the increase of Rupees 25,443-8-4 observable in the amount of remission for shavy or withered crops, and of Rupees 51,625-8-3 for loss of produce on poonjah



lands, and of Rupees 223-5-6 for second crop not cultivated, has been caused in Virdachellum Talook, where the year under notice appears to have been most unfavorable, as already observed. Remissions on poonjah lands were granted with reference to Government Order, 13th March 1869, No. 687. Remissions on nunjah waste are entered talookwar in column 38 of Statement No. 3, from which it will be seen that the decrease of Rupees 1,327-14-10, exhibited in Statement No. 4, was caused in Chidambarum alone. In Virdachellum there was an increase of Rupees 3,936-13-8 over the past Fusly. In Chidambarum the decrease, Rupees 5,265-2-6, was caused by withholding remission in the irrigated portions of the talook which have undergone re-settlement by the Settlement Department. Explanation was submitted to you on this point by Mr. Hathaway in his letters, Nos. 109 and 127, dated 19th and 30th April 1869, respectively, wherein he states that in consideration of the permanent reduction allowed at the new settlement remission for wet, waste, etc., was not required. The decrease of Rupees 359-15-9, under the head Cowle remission, was caused by bringing to account portions of the grants not planted according to the rules conveyed in the Board's Circular No. III. of 1865. The items of fixed and other remissions do not require any remarks.

## Miscellaneous Items.

Miscellaneous items. The demand for Fusly 1278 was Rupees 22,224-0-5, as entered in column 60 of Statement No. 2, or Rupees 4,220-9-11 less than the demand of Fusly 1277. The revenue brought to account under the heads of Fasul jastee on one crop Inam Nunjah, and Teerwa jastee on Inam Poonjah, was Rupees 4,067-2-10, as entered in Item No. 46 in Statement No. 5, and in the annexed comparative statement:—

Talooks.	Items.	AMOUNT BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT IN						Increase.	Decrease.	
		Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.					
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Virdachellum...	Fasul Jastee.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Teerwa Jastee....	936	9	0	496	10	3	...	439	14 9
Chidambarum ...	Fasul Jastee.....	146	11	5	838	11	0	691	15	7
	Teerwa Jastee ...	2,315	12	9	2,731	13	7	416	0	10
	Total...	3,399	1	2	4,067	2	10	1,108	0	5
	Deduct Decrease.	...	...	...	...	...	...	439	14	9
	Net Increase.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	668	1	8

## Collection in Shrotriem Villages.

16. Statement No. 6 gives the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Shrotriem villages for Fusly 1278. The balance left at the close of the Fusly against Shrotriemdars was Rs. 636-6-6. Subsequent collections reduced this amount to Rupees 383-11-11, of which Rupees 24-15-2, forming a portion of arrear of Kinanur in Virdachellum Talook, is to be struck off the accounts as usual, as this amount represents a portion of the peshcush for Fuslies 1277 and 1278 on land taken up for a Government channel. In paragraph 13 of last year's Jummahbundy Report Mr. Hathaway proposed the permanent reduction of the sum of Rupees 12-7-7 by reckoning the peshcush at Rupees 217-8-5 instead of 230. This must, however, be represented in a separate letter.

## Collections.

Talooks.	Current.			Arrears.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Virdachellum...	13,583	12	10	2,335	1	6	15,918	14	4
Chedambarum.	5,330	5	6	3,897	13	0	56,228	2	6
	65,914	2	4	6,232	14	6	72,147	0	10

17. Statement No. 7 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue, current and arrears. The balance to be collected for Fusly 1278 was, on 1st September 1869, Rupees 65,914-2-4, as entered in column 6, and arrear balance for previous Fuslies on the same date was Rupees 6,232-14-6, as entered in column 13. The very large balance of Rupees 2,09,020 at the close of the Fusly, with the rapid reduction to Rupees 65,914 on the 31st August, is due to the following causes:—Much difficulty was experienced by Talook authorities in collecting revenue, when precluded by Board's Standing Circular No. I. of 1869 from employing batta Ameens for the service of processes and the sale of property. This encouraged defaulters

to hold back their payments, and the Village Officers having no expectation of profit in serving processes as previously, were of course perfectly indifferent about compelling those to pay who stood on the defensive. The village authorities were, in many cases, defaulters themselves, and the Tahsildars reported the trouble which they experienced in the work. However, on the 20th of July a Circular Order was issued by you to all Tahsildars, directing that as the ryots, notwithstanding the remissions they had received, were withholding payment in all cases where it was impossible to collect by the Village Officers batta Ameens might be employed, and the fees collected paid to them. Upon this a great stimulus was given to the work of collection, and it is probable that by the end of the month the remaining balance will be reduced to a very small amount.

Fusliwar balance.

Fuslies, the balance to be collected, and the amount to be remitted under three heads of Ryotwar,

	RS.	A.	P.
Collection .....	43,717	2	11
Remission .....	7,333	12	9
	51,050	15	8

sum was reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 6,232-14-6, as entered in column 12. Of this balance the amount ascertained to be recoverable is only Rupees 1,997-1-0, as entered in column 9; the remaining sum of Rupees 4,235-13-6 being recommended, as entered in column 11, for remission for reasons mentioned below. Coercive measures are being employed for the realization of the amount of recoverable arrear:—

18. Statement No. 8 will show the collections made on account of the arrears of former Jody on Shrotriem, and Miscellaneous. The arrear at the beginning of the Fusly 1278 was Rupees 57,466-15-6, of which Rs. 51,050-15-8 was collected and remitted within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 6,415-15-10, which

No.	Items.	Fusly 1274.			Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Pesheush on land taken up from Shrotriem villages for an irrigation channel of Government.	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	7	7	12	7	7
2	Assessment on land in boundary dispute improperly charged in two villages.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	14	1	91	14	1
3	Do. on lands proposed as emoluments for Taliary office.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,346	10	2	2,346	10	2
4	Do. on land sold for arrear of revenue, but not realised.....	...	...	...	22	3	3	48	8	8	70	11	11
5	Do. on lands in the bed of tanks improperly charged.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	10	7	18	10	7
6	Do. on land included in the Cowle granted to the Zemindar of Parur, but improperly entered in the puttahs of others and charged.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	203	12	4	203	12	4
7	Do. on land included in puttah by mistake in excess of the proper extent.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	0	8	7	0
8	Do. on land improperly included in the puttah of two different individuals, but should be excluded from one.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	298	11	4	298	11	4
9	Assessment remitted after Jum-mahbundy.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	10	4	100	10	4
10	Tax improperly charged on young and unproductive trees of Devastanum in Virdachellum ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,079	6	2	1,079	6	2
11	Tree tax charged in excess of proper demand in Kokkarasan-pettai village before it was transferred from Trichinopoly.	4	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	0
	Total...	4	8	0	22	3	3	4,209	2	3	4,235	13	6



Coercive measures for recovery of arrears.

19. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8 shows how far it was found necessary to employ coercive process in the collection of revenue during Fusly 1278, under Act II. of 1864. Process was issued against 667 defaulters in 256 villages for an arrear of Rupees 9,338, and property, personal and real, estimated at Rupees 8,894, was attached; but the value of property actually sold was only Rupees 3,466, of which real property amounted to as much as Rupees 2,786.\*

* Chedambarum .....	RS. 2,625
Virdachellum .....	161
Total...	2,786

20. As directed in paragraph 7 of Board's Standing Circular Order, No. I. of 1869, I beg to annex a Memorandum showing the fees collected and paid to persons employed under Act II. of 1864 during the year under notice, from which it will be seen that there was no balance left in hand:—

Talooks.	Fees collected.			Fees paid to process servers and distrainers.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Chedambarum.....	1,843	11	5	1,843	11	5
Virdachellum .....	376	7	6	376	7	6
Total...	2,220	2	11	2,220	2	11

Topes.

21. The total extent of land occupied for the plantation of public and private topes under the Tope Rules of 1848 amounts to Acres 553-18, assessed at Rupees 1,276-7-1, as shown below:—

Talooks.	PUBLIC TOPES.			PRIVATE TOPES.			TOTAL.		
	Extent.		Assessment.	Extent.		Assessment.	Extent.		Assessment.
	A.	D.	RS. A. P.	A.	D.	RS. A. P.	A.	D.	RS. A. P.
Virdachellum .....	52	33	115 12 11	377	36	915 15 11	429	69	1,031 12 10
Chedambarum.....	19	87	57 6 0	103	62	187 4 3	123	49	244 10 3
Total...	72	20	173 2 11	480	98	1,103 4 2	553	18	1,276 7 1

22. This total extent comprises land granted for public and private topes by my predecessor in the year under report to an extent of Acres 112-59, bearing an assessment of Rupees 304-15-6. There is a decrease of Acres 154-60 observable in this year, as compared with the total extent entered in the last year's report. This is because some of the lands granted for private topes having run their course of twenty years were brought to account in Fusly 1278 in Virdachellum Talook, and also some lands not planted under the rules were charged in the year.

Acquisition of land by public servants.

† Assessed at Rupee 0-9-9.

23. Under this head there does not appear much change. The Sub-division Sheristadar, Kanaksabai Moodelliar, has been allowed four annas† of a cawnie of assessed dry land for

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building purposes adjoining his garden, already reported in paragraph 20 of last year's report. The undermentioned servants have acquired land to the extent mentioned during the year under consideration:—

No.		Extent.		Assessment.		
		ACS.	DEC.	RS.	A.	P.
	<i>Chidambarum Talook.</i>					
1	3rd Class Revenue Inspector Ramasamy Iyer .....	29	99	111	15	4
2	2nd Goomastah Kristna Row .....	1	19	6	5	0
3	Goomastah Chokalinga Moodelliar.....	2	0	2	0	0
	<i>Virdachellum Talook.</i>					
4	Coopooosamy Iyer, Goomastah of Tittagudi Sub-Magistrate's Office .....	4	0	23	0	0
	Total.....	37	18	143	4	4

Number 1 acquired the land by purchase and durkhast in Amlipuram and Senthrakillai in his own division. Full inquiry will be made into this. Nos 2 and 4 were acquired by purchase. No. 3 was acquired by getting the original Durkhastdar resign in his favor.

Vaccination.

24. A statement of children vaccinated in the Fusly is entered below, as furnished by my Office Hospital Assistant, who was on circuit with the office:—

STATEMENT of Children vaccinated during Fusly 1278.

Villages.	NUMBER VACCINATED.		Total.	Remarks
	Successful.	Unsuccessful.		
Virdachellum .....	17	6	23	
Yerumanur .....	10	2	12	
Manargudi .....	14	6	20	
Tittagudi .....	5	1	6	
Porto-Novo .....	8	7	15	
Total...	54	22	76	

Talook and Village accounts,

25. The Talook accounts of Chidambarum and Village accounts were examined at Jummahbundy. Some of the Durkhast Registers, Form C., and No. 4, Village accounts, were incomplete. The Curnums were warned against the recurrence of such neglect. I have examined the Talook accounts of Virdachellum and found them to be correctly kept.

VIRDACHELLUM,  
12th September 1869,

(Signed) P. L. ROBERTS,  
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,  
Collector.



# SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

## TANJORE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Settlement of the Revenues of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69.) The prescribed Statements, as per list enclosed, accompany.

Places at which the settlement was made.

2. The settlement of the several talooks was conducted by the officers, and at the places, named in the subjoined table :—

Names of the Officers.	Name of the Talook.	Stations where Jumma- bundy was made.	Period occupied for the settle- ment of each Talook.
G. Lee Morris, Esq., Collector .....	Pattukottai...	Chetubava Chuttrum... Pattukottai .....	From 18th April to 7th May 1869.
J. W. Best, Esq., Acting Sub-Col- lector .....	Negapatam...	Negapatam .....	From 1st March to 21st May 1869.
		Tevur .....	
		Trivalore .....	
		Puntottam .....	
	Nannilam ...	Tirumarugal .....	From 1st March to 10th April 1869.
		Koradacheri .....	
		Kulikkarai .....	
L. R. Burrows, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector ... ..	Mayaveram...	Mayaveram .....	From 19th February to 7th May 1869.
		Tiruvadudorai .....	
		Tranquebar .....	
	Shealli .....	Cauveripatam .....	From 16th February to 19th April 1869.
		Shealli .....	
		Anikaren Chuttrum ...	
A. Tagg, Esq., Assistant Col- lector .....	Combaconum.	Combaconum .....	From 16th March to 12th June 1869.
		Kapistalam .....	
		Valingaman .....	
		Madhiarjunam .....	
A. Ramachendra Row, 2nd Class Dy. Collector...	Tanjore .....	Trivadi .....	From 20th February to 12th May 1869.
		Milattur .....	
		Vallam .....	
A. Srinivasa Row, 4th Class Deputy Collector .....	Munnargudi..	Munnargudi .....	From 28th January to 18th May 1869.
	Tritrapundi...	Tritrapundi .....	From 20th January to 31st May 1869.

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## Puttahs.

3. The total number of Land Revenue puttahs under Ryotwar Settlement, inclusive of Mottamfaisal villages, was 1,23,089 against 1,12,606 in the preceding year; the difference, viz., 10,483, being made up of 5,650 puttahs given for the first time in such of the Mottamfaisal villages as remained to be brought under the puttah system,\* and of 4,833 issued for new holdings arising in the ordinary course of Sub-division from sale, partition, and other similar causes. Out of the 1,12,606 old puttahs 61,106 have remained unaltered; 38,052 have been re-issued, with the changes which took place during the past year noted therein; and the remaining 13,448 have been renewed in consequence of the changes which took place having been too numerous to be noted in the old puttahs, or the latter having become otherwise unavailable.

\* Vide Board's Proceedings 10th April 1865, No. 1,911.  
Do. 29th June ,, ,, 3,615.

## Puttahs introduced in Mottamfaisal Villages.

4. Of the 86 villages under Mottamfaisal settlement in which puttahs remained to be introduced, as intimated in my last Settlement Report, 79 have been brought under the puttah system during the year under report, and the remaining 7 will be brought under it this year.

## Variations in the number and tenures of Villages.

5. The number of villages under the different heads of Settlement stood exactly as they did during the preceding year, no variations having taken place in them. The annexed list shows the number under each head :—

	No. of villages.	No. of hamlets.
<i>Taraff or Government Villages.</i>		
Field assessed ... ..	772	725
Mottamfaisal ... ..	1,585	1,664
Olungu rented, affected by price ...	.....	1
Olungu rented, but not affected by price ...	54	104
Grain rented ... ..	.....	1
Amany ... ..	.....	1
Total Taraff or Government Villages...	2,411	2,496
<i>Inam, etc.</i>		
Poliput ... ..	251	.....
Survamaniem ... ..	453	.....
Shrotriem ... ..	600	.....
Fixed money rented ... ..	46	.....
Permanently grain rented ... ..	11	.....
Ardhamaniem or half assessed ... ..	6	.....
Mokasa... ..	139	.....
Total Inam, etc...	1,506	.....
Towns not paying any revenue to Government...	17	.....
Sudhappal or entirely waste ... ..	.....	5
Jungle... ..	1	.....
Grand Total...	3,935	2,501



# TANJORE.

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Season.

6. The season was on the whole favorable.

The north-east monsoon was a light one, while such rain as fell during the whole year was unequally spread over the district; but in the Delta, excepting such portions as are dependant for their irrigation on sources of a precarious nature, it was generally sufficient to supplement the freshes, of which there was a moderate but steady supply throughout the cultivation season. As regards the upland portion of the district, the southern and south-eastern talooks of Pattukottai and Tritrapundi received a much larger share than usual of local rains, which enabled the ryots to realize a fair out-turn of both the wet and dry crops. It was thus only the unirrigated portion of the Tanjore Talook which suffered from want of rain. The subjoined table shows the quantity of rain-fall during the past and the preceding five years:—

Months.	1863-64.	1864-65.	1865-66.	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.
April ... ..	5.61	1.39	1.9	0.16	0.38	0.05
May ... ..	1.37	3.02	3.1	0.4	3.92	0.78
June ... ..	3.0	0.5	0.15	1.35	0.12	2.82
July ... ..	3.92	1.7	2.55	0.53	0.99	4.39
August ... ..	3.1	4.5	1.53	2.3	1.95	1.78
September ... ..	2.04	2.4	3.4	1.9	3.17	4.06
	19.04	13.51	12.63	6.64	10.53	13.88
October ... ..	13.03	15.9	5.0	6.4	4.7	6.42
November ... ..	10.07	3.5	4.35	6.15	4.44	3.17
December ... ..	13.29	2.0	0.7	8.6	1.28	3.55
January ... ..	.....	1.0	.....	0.07	3.4	1.31
February ... ..	.....	.....	0.5	.....	0.01	0.37
March ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	36.39	22.4	10.55	21.22	13.83	14.82
Total...	55.43	35.91	23.18	27.86	24.36	28.7

Sanitary condition.

	Fusly	Fusly	Fusly
	1276.	1277.	1278.
Cholera ... ..	9,425	5,617	261
Small-pox ... ..	1,741	3,350	2,684
Fever ... ..	4,838	4,833	6,670
Other diseases ... ..	19,547	17,803	24,072
Total...	35,551	31,638	33,687

7. The year under report may be reckoned a healthy one, though the aggregate amount of mortality was slightly in excess of that of the preceding year. Cholera was almost unknown, but owing to the lightness of the monsoon, and the consequent increased severity of the hot season, fever prevailed to a large extent and produced a considerable amount of mortality.

Owing to the same cause small-pox also prevailed though not so much as it did during the preceding year, and this comparatively, but by no means absolutely, satisfactory result is attributable no doubt to the more extended operation of the Vaccine Department. The comparative table entered in the margin exhibits the number of deaths severally from cholera, small-pox, and fever, as well as from all other diseases during the past three years.

8. In consequence of the drought, which more or less prevailed during the latter part of the year, cattle suffered more than men, and in parts of the district their loss from diseases incidental to the hot season was rather considerable.