

SETTLEMENT REPORT OF

Prices.

	Per Tanjore Kalam of paddy.	Per Madras Garce.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Standard price	0 7 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 12 11
Commutation price of Fusly 1277	1 3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	144 12 5
Do. of do. 1278.	1 4 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	148 12 5
Increase above the standard	0 12 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
Per centage	166 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
Increase above last Fusly ...	0 9 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
Per centage	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....

9. The average rate of the retail sales of paddy grain in villages during the year under report was Rupees 1-4-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ per Tanjore kalam, or Rupees 148-12-5 per Madras garce, being, as shown in the margin, slightly in excess of the similar average rate of the preceding year, and no less than 166 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. above the fixed commutation rate, which is Rupees 0-7-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ per Tanjore kalam, and Rupees 55 12-11 per Madras garce.

10. The market selling price above mentioned, though decidedly high, has been only in keeping with what has been more or less maintained for the last ten or twelve years, and being the necessary result of the progressive state of the population and trade I do not imagine that any considerable falling off therein is within the bounds of probability.

Wages of labor.

demands from Ceylon and other Colonies have been unceasing, and their condition, therefore, has not been injuriously affected by the high prices of food.

11. The laboring classes have had ample employment within the district, while the

Ryots' holdings.

holdings during the year under report was 10,13,824 Acres, assessed at Rupees 39,36,003. This exhibits an increase of Rupees 9,306 over the preceding year, being the result of lands assessed at Rupees 5,826 given up or rendered unavailable for cultivation, against those assessed at Rupees 15,132 taken up :—

12. As will be seen from the following comparative table the aggregate of the ryots'

						FUSLY 1278.	
						Extent.	Assessment.
						ACRES.	RS.
Ryots' holdings as they stood at the beginning of the year						10,09,394	39,26,580
Add on account of Amany villages						18	117
						10,09,412	39,26,697
Lands given up						2,823	5,826
						10,06,589	39,20,871
Lands taken up						7,235	15,132
						10,13,824	39,36,003
Deduct waste, consisting of whole survey fields, the assessment of which was remitted						7,084	26,283
						10,06,740	39,09,720
Particulars.	{ Actual cultivation					9,18,264	37,27,962
	{ Waste charged					88,476	1,81,758

Waste remitted, waste charged, and actual cultivation.

13. In waste remitted there is a decrease of Rupees 19,190 compared with the preceding year, which, as well as the increase of Rupees 68,967 in actual cultivation, is due to the generally more favorable character of the season. In waste charged there is also a decrease of Rupees 40,354.

Settlement of Land Revenue.

14. The result in the aggregate of the settlement of the land revenue of this district, under the head "Ryotwar," for the year under report is, as will be seen from the annexed statement, a decrease of Rupees 3,989 below the preceding year, arising from variations in the different component items, as particularized below.

	RS.
Increase in holdings, as shown in paragraph 12	9,306
Do. by diminished remission of waste, vide paragraph 13	19,190
Do. in second crop assessment and water tax, viz., Rupees 10,021, less a decrease of Rupees 239 in Teerwah Jasty	9,782
Do. by diminished remission on account of Shavy, etc.	49,629
Total Increase...	87,907

Amount deducted in the gross, and credited to the Village Service Fund,
being the salary of the Village establishment for four months, from March
to June 1869—Vide Board's Proceedings, 29th October 1868, No. 7,727. 91,896

Difference or net Decrease... 3,989

Items.	LAST FUSLY.			PRESENT FUSLY.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Ex- tent.	Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assess- ment.	Ex- tent.	Assess- ment.
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	2,79,519	3,49,248	2 0	2,82,400	3,53,466	13 11	2,891	4,219	...	...
Wet	7,17,447	35,31,976	9 11	7,24,330	35,56,253	5 10	6,883	24,277	...	...
Total...	9,96,966	38,81,224	11 11	10,06,740	39,09,720	3 9	9,774	28,496	...	...
Second crop Assessment	56,861	3 7	...	63,322	12 10	...	6,462	...	...
Additional do.	82,331	14 8	...	82,093	1 0	...	...	...	239
Water Tax	34,805	9 1	...	38,304	2 0	...	3,559	...	...
Road Fund	82,320	14 6	...	1,98,876	15 6	...	1,16,556	...	...
Village Service Fund
Total...	...	41,37,544	5 9	...	42,92,377	3 1	...	1,55,073	...	239
<i>Deduct Remissions.</i>										
Road Fund	82,320	14 6	...	1,98,876	15 6	...	1,16,556	...	...
Village Service Fund	91,896	0 0	...	91,896	...	...
Other remissions as particu- larized in Statement No. 4.	76,064	11 5	...	26,435	1 1	...	...	...	49,629
Total...	...	1,58,385	9 11	...	3,17,208	0 7	...	2,08,452	...	49,629
Remaining beriz	39,79,158	11 10	...	39,75,169	2 6	...	...	...	3,989
Add Miscellaneous items	1,17,133	9 4	...	1,18,703	15 6	...	1,569
Total...	...	40,96,292	5 2	...	40,93,873	2 0	...	1,569	...	3,989

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15. It will be thus seen that, but for the deduction made on account of the cost of the Village establishment, the settlement of the year under report, under the head "Ryotwar," would exhibit an increase of Rupees 87,907 instead of a decrease as it does now.

* In second crop Assessment...	RS. 6,462
In Water Tax...	3,559
	<hr/> 10,021
Deduct decrease in Teerwah Jasty...	239
Net Increase...	<hr/> 9,782

16. Of the four items of increase above enumerated the first two have been already explained. The increase* in second crop assessment and water tax, and the decrease in shavy, etc., remissions (to be more particularly noticed hereafter) which comprize respectively the third and fourth items above specified, are likewise

attributable to the generally more favorable character of the season.

17. In the Road Fund, which also finds place in the statement appended to paragraph 14, there is an apparent increase of Rupees 1,16,556, which, however, is due partly to the fact that in the preceding year's statement the road cess on ryotwar lands alone was erroneously entered; while in this year's statement the whole demand, including the cess on Inams, etc., is exhibited. It is due partly also to the demand for the preceding year having, under the Board's Proceedings

marginally noted,† been diminished by as much as had been collected in the year before over and above half the annual tax.

† 12th November 1867, No. 7376.

18. Under the head "Land Revenue, Miscellaneous," last entered in the statement above referred to, there is a small increase of Rupees 1,569. The variations in the several component items, of which this increase is the result in the aggregate, have been fully explained in statement No. 5, and no special notice here under this head seems, therefore, necessary.

Special products.

19. The extent to which special products were cultivated during the past year is shown in the subjoined table in comparison with the year preceding, from which it will be seen that there is an increase in cotton and indigo, with a decrease in sugar. The cultivation of these products, however, is carried on in this district to such a limited extent that these variations, in themselves unimportant, call for no particular remark.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1276.		INCREASE		DECREASE.	
	Extent	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Cotton...	3,067	3,800	3,712	4,925	645	1,125	.....	.....
Indigo...	898	2,645	1,159	3,011	261	366	.....	.....
Sugar...	417	2,318	331	2,143	.....	.....	86	175
Total...	4,382	8,763	5,202	10,079	906	1,491	86	175

Irrigation.

Board's Circular Memorandum, 14th August 1866, No. 787.

20. Agreeably to instructions marginally noted I annex a statement showing the total irrigable Ayacut and actual cultivation under each main branch of the Cauvery, as also under tanks.

Names of Rivers or principal sources of Irrigation.	Total irrigable Aya-cut.	Assessment.	Actual cultivation.	Assessment.	Add for waste charged.	Total of actual cultivation and waste charged.	Deduct Shavy, etc., as actually remitted.	Net Revenue as actually derived.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cauvery... ..	88,184	4,65,584	82,576	4,43,471	13,837	4,57,308	9,601	4,47,707
Kodamurty... ..	58,347	3,62,490	57,501	3,59,230	3,260	3,62,490	.....	3,62,490
Tirumalairajan... ..	8,311	46,493	8,047	45,397	1,096	46,493	.....	46,493
Mudikondan... ..	32,556	1,80,309	31,624	1,76,270	4,039	1,80,309	.....	1,80,309
Arasalar... ..	52,855	2,80,138	52,133	2,76,612	3,526	2,80,138	26	2,80,112
Virasholan... ..	51,955	2,53,858	50,091	2,47,600	3,667	2,51,267	2,000	2,49,267
Vinnar... ..	76,275	4,11,054	74,505	4,04,708	6,346	4,11,054	.....	4,11,054
Vettaur... ..	80,538	4,34,805	77,409	4,22,891	11,752	4,34,643	204	4,34,439
Pamani... ..	28,939	1,15,278	27,225	1,09,459	5,461	1,14,920	.....	1,14,920
Koraiyar... ..	85,383	3,40,538	76,145	3,07,374	27,216	3,34,590	1,026	3,33,564
Vellaiyar... ..	30,876	1,38,991	27,938	1,26,866	9,641	1,36,507	32	1,36,475
Pandavayar... ..	23,302	1,26,769	22,454	1,23,214	3,394	1,26,608	20	1,26,588
Manniyar... ..	46,807	2,64,481	45,709	2,58,775	4,854	2,63,629	1,275	2,62,354
South Rajan Voikal	14,462	64,607	14,086	63,096	1,334	64,450	8	64,442
Palavar, and 11 other drainage streams...	37,036	1,94,822	35,333	1,87,712	5,297	1,93,009	1,750	1,91,259
Total under River Irrigation...	7,15,846	36,80,217	6,82,776	35,52,675	1,04,740	36,57,415	15,942	36,41,473
Under Tank Irrigation...	41,143	1,31,762	34,562	1,18,175	10,107	1,28,282	10,493	1,17,789
Grand Total...	7,56,989	38,11,979	7,17,338	36,70,850	1,14,847	37,85,697	26,435	37,59,262
Add— For land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy and also water tax on Inam, etc., included under the head "Miscellaneous."...								16,361
Total...								37,75,623

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With reference to the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated the 23rd October 1866, No. 1,064, I beg here to state that no tanks, ruined or otherwise, were made over to the ryots during the past year on the terms sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government.

Remissions.

21. The amount remitted under the head of Shavy was Rupees 25,798, which, *plus* the small sum of Rupees 637 remitted on account of Fassul Cummy and Rupees 26,283 for waste remitted, makes up a total of Rupees 52,718 against Rupees 1,21,538, which was the amount of remissions granted in the preceding year. This satisfactory result of the settlement of the year under report is due to the generally favorable character of the past season compared with the year preceding, which was exceptionally bad for the upland parts of the district, and in which, therefore, special measures of relief were accorded with respect to dry lands.

General Abstract of all heads of Revenue.

22. The following general abstract shows in one view the result of the settlement under the several heads of Land Revenue, as well as Extra Sources, in comparison with the year preceding :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>				
Permanently settled... ..	31,434	31,434	.....	.....
Jody or Shrotriem, etc., villages... ..	1,21,651	1,21,645	.....	6
Ryotwar... ..	39,79,159	39,75,170	.....	3,989
Miscellaneous items... ..	1,17,134	1,18,703	1,569	.....
Total...	42,49,378	42,46,952	1,569	3,995
Abkarry... ..	4,94,239	4,97,964	3,725	.....
Salt... ..	11,36,545	10,93,698	.....	42,847
Sea Customs... ..	3,99,784	4,31,966	32,182	.....
Land Customs... ..	78,699	86,427	7,728	.....
Stamps... ..	4,14,949	4,73,754	58,805	.....
Income Tax... ..	182	2,147	1,965	.....
Certificate Tax... ..	31,535	44,002	12,467	.....
License Tax... ..				
Grand Total...	68,05,311	68,76,910	1,18,441	46,842

Land Revenue.

23. The variations under the two heads of Land Revenue, viz., "Ryotwar" and "Miscellaneous," have been already noticed; the Peshcush is an item not liable to any variation, and the decrease of Rupees 6 under the head of Jody is too small to need any explanation.

Abkarry.

24. The increase of Rupees 3,725 under the head of Abkarry is the result of higher bids obtained for some of the farms sold in consequence of the expiry of previous leases.

Income Tax.

25. The amount which appears under the head of Income Tax consists only of deductions made from the salaries of Government officials under Act IX. of 1869, since that Act, as regards other incomes, was not brought into actual operation before the close of the Fusly.

License Tax.

26. The increase of Rupees 12,467 under the head of License Tax, as compared with the preceding year, is due to the fact that, owing to the Certificate Tax Act of 1868 having been brought into operation at a later date in the year than was the License Tax Act of 1867 during the preced-

ing year, a larger proportion of assessments under the Act first mentioned were made during the Fusly year or subsequent to 30th June 1868.

Sea Customs.

27. The increase of Rupees 32,182 under the head of Sea Customs is the net result of a gross increase of Rupees 54,519 in exports against a gross decrease of Rupees 20,531 in imports, plus a further decrease of Rupees 1,756 under the head "Miscellaneous." The increase first mentioned arises chiefly from the increased exportation of rice and paddy to Ceylon, while the decrease in imports is due to the diminished importation of various articles of import trade, (of which the most important are betel-nuts,) as also to the exemption of timber from import duty by Act XI. of 1868, counter-balanced by a small increase in the importation of piece goods and sundry other articles.

Land Customs.

28. The increase of Rupees 7,728 under the head of Land Customs is due to the increased exportation of rice and grain to the French Settlement of Karikal and thence by sea to Ceylon, counter-balanced by a falling off in sundry articles of import.

Salt.

29. The falling off of Rupees 42,847 in the Salt revenue is due partly to the fact that the sales in the southern and northernmost depôts in the preceding year were exceptionally large, and were, as a necessary consequence, followed by a corresponding falling off during the year under report, and partly to the Great Southern of India Railway having to compete with the Madras Railway at a disadvantage with regard to the cost of carriage of salt to Western Districts. It is in a measure due also to illicit manufacture of earth salt and theft of salt spontaneously produced on the coast, both of which practices there is reason to fear are to some extent carried on in certain out-of-the-way localities. I have adopted all practicable measures with a view to the detection and suppression of these practices.

Stamps.

30. The increase of Rupees 58,805 in Stamp revenue is due chiefly to increased litigation arising out of the ordinary contingencies of society, as also to stricter compliance with the requirements of the Stamp law in private transactions under the operation of its penal provisions now generally more rigidly enforced. The suits which have been filed during the year under report for the recovery of arrears of rent due to the estate of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, and which had accumulated to a considerable extent in consequence of the neglected state of the affairs of his family, are alone computed to have cost about Rupees 25,000 for stamps, and the Abkarry engagements, renewed in consequence of the resale of the farms, have on a rough calculation contributed about Rupees 8,500 to this branch of the public revenue.

Demand and Collection.

31. The entire demand, comprising all Sources of revenue, amounted to Rs. 68,76,910 against Rupees 68,05,193 in the preceding year, thus exhibiting an increase in the aggregate of Rupees 71,717. Of the total demand Rupees 67,85,368 were realised within the year, leaving at its close a balance of Rupees 91,542 distributed between the two heads of Land and Abkarry, as shown in the margin. The balance

	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	78,986	0	0
Abkarry	12,556	0	0
	91,542	0	0

under the head last mentioned has since been collected, and the Land Revenue balance has, by subsequent collections up to the 20th instant, been reduced to Rupees 19,971—a result which I am sure will be deemed satisfactory, considering that it is the balance of a demand amounting to very nearly forty-two and a half lacs, and bears to it a percentage of less than half. The balance last mentioned is in course of realization, and will be realised with the exception of such a small portion as may have to be written off by reason of its being absolutely irrecoverable.

Arrears.

* 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200.
11th May 1869, No. 1,313.

	Amount.
† Fuslies.	RS.
1275	14
1276	69
1277	297
Total...	380

† Marked No. 19.

32. The arrears of Land Revenue for previous years, as they outstood at the beginning of the year under report, amounted to Rupees 1,80,720, of which Rupees 1,68,752 have been collected up to the 20th instant, and a further sum of Rupees 3,524 has been remitted under the sanction* of Government marginally noted, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 8,444. Of this last mentioned sum Rupees 8,064 are recoverable, and the remaining balance, viz., Rupees 380,† as per separate explanatory statement,† being irrecoverable I beg that sanction may be obtained for its being remitted.

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Coercive Process.

Fuslies.	Estimated value of property attached.			Value of property actually sold.		
	Real.	Personal.	Total.	Real.	Personal.	Total.
1277...	RS. 10,164	RS. 23,264	RS. 43,428	RS. 7,198	RS. 5,773	RS. 12,971
1278...	13,497	18,792	32,289	9,443	3,421	12,864

nevertheless thus really testifies to the efficiency of the generality of Revenue Officers of the district.

Receipts and Charges.

annexed comparative table, from which it will be seen that the total receipts amounted to Rupees 69,69,767, while the total charges amounted to Rupees 6,68,682, being about 9½ per cent. on the former :—

	Receipts.		Charges.		Percentage of charges on Receipts.	
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>						
Current, including Miscellaneous...	40,84,878	41,67,966	5,13,071	5,05,093	11.92	11.65
Arrears, including do.	2,19,554	1,68,336				
Total ...	43,04,432	43,36,302				
<i>Sundry sources of Revenue.</i>						
Abkarry ...	5,06,885	5,01,471	8	1,060	.....	0.21
Sea Customs ...	3,99,784	4,31,966	19,404	14,996	4.85	3.47
Land Customs ...	78,699	86,427	2,481	2,473	3.15	2.86
Salt.....	11,36,545	10,93,698	1,09,074	1,10,693	9.59	10.12
Stamps...	4,14,949	4,53,754	21,621	27,367	5.21	5.78
Income Tax...	182	2,147	.....	.....	.....	.....
License Tax...	31,535	44,002	8,357	7,000	26.47	15.91
Total...	68,73,011	69,69,767	6,74,016	6,68,682	9.8	9.59

Receipts—Land Revenue.

notwithstanding that the amount of arrears which outstood at the beginning of the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was slightly below that of the preceding year. This is due entirely to the more punctual realization of the demand.

Abkarry.

for by the fact that the amount of arrears which remained to be collected on account of the previous years was smaller than in the year preceding.

Other heads of Revenue.

explained under the head of Settlement need no recapitulation here.

Charges—Land Revenue.

gross decrease of Rupees 17,507, made up of the items enumerated below, against a gross increase of Rupees 9,529.

33. The marginal table shows the extent to which coercive process was employed in the realization of arrears of revenue during the past and preceding years, and calls for no special remark. I must, however, here add that in those parts of the district which are either indifferently irrigated or are dependant entirely on falling rains, and where, therefore, owing to the generally scanty yield of the harvest the ryots have been unable to realize the benefits of high prices, some difficulty has been experienced in collecting the Government demand, and that the very satisfactory state of the collections

34. The actual receipts and charges under each head of Revenue are exhibited in the

35. The receipts under the head of Land Revenue show an increase of Rupees 31,870,

notwithstanding that the amount of arrears which outstood at the beginning of the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was slightly below that of the preceding year.

36. Under the head of Abkarry there is a decrease of Rupees 5,414, which is accounted

37. The variations in the receipts under other heads of Revenue having already been

38. In Land Revenue charges there is a net decrease of Rupees 7,978, arising out of a

Particulars of the gross decrease.

Salaries of Collector, etc. ... Rupees 11,135

Arises from numerous variations in the disbursement of salaries and allowances to officers of several grades.

Huzur and Talook Establishment, ,, 3,766.

Arises chiefly from one Tahsildar on leave not having drawn his salary, and another Tahsildar, who was employed on other duty elsewhere, having drawn a moiety of his salary in another district.

Miscellaneous ... ,, 2,379

In Fusly 1277 certain Pagoda allowances were paid with arrears for the previous year, while in the past year the payment was restricted to current allowances; hence the decrease.

Saderward Charges... ,, 227

Too small to need any explanation.

Total... 17,507*

Particulars of the gross increase.

Extra Tent allowance ... Rupees 1,407

From increased rates, as also from increased movements of the Covenanted Officers on duty.

Medical Charges ... ,, 4,429

From the increased scale of the salary of Medical subordinates.

Contingent Charges ... ,, 3,437

From increased travelling of the establishment, as also from batta paid to Native Revenue Officers and land-holders for visiting Madras in connection with the Public Works Commission.

Refunds... ,, 256

Too small to call for any notice.

Total... 9,529

Abkarry.

39. The increase which appears under this head consists of fees paid for the registration of new Abkarry engagements.

Sea Customs.

40. The decrease under the head of Sea Customs is due to diminished payment of drawback—an item of a contingent nature.

Land Customs.

41. The decrease in Land Custom charges is too inconsiderable to require any notice.

Salt.

42. In Salt charges there appears on the whole a net increase of only Rupees 1,619; the

gross increase of nearly Rupees 17,000 arising chiefly from enlarged expenditure on "Petty Construction and Repair," and the transportation of Vedarniem salt to Negapatam on Government account, being nearly counter-balanced by the saving effected in consequence of the charges of shipping salt sold for export trade having ceased to be borne by Government, and by diminished expenditure for kudiwaram, consequent on a diminished out-turn of salt.

Stamps.

43. The increase of Rupees 5,746 in Stamp charges consists of Rupees 1,798 in the item of

discount allowed to vendors, (which bears a corresponding proportion to the sales,) and Rupees 3,990 in that of refunds—an item of a contingent nature—counter-balanced by a small decrease of Rs. 42 in contingent expenses.

License Tax.

44. The charges under the head of License Tax represents merely refunds made on objection

petitions and appeals, and the item being in its nature variable the decrease of Rupees 1,357, which appears under this head, needs no remark.

Landed property acquired by Public Servants.

45. The subjoined table shows the amount of landed property acquired by public servants

during the year under report. The rules on the subject of returns being rendered for such acquisitions have been duly observed by all persons concerned, though in some few instances those holding inferior appointments on the Talook and Village establishments have, from mis-

apprehension of the rules, not kept to the prescribed date. Due notice has been taken of mistakes thus made, and the rules have been again re-published, with instructions calling the prominent attention of all public servants thereto.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.			FUSLY 1278.		
	Number.	Extent of land.	Assessment.	Number.	Extent of land.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS.		ACRES.	RS.
Acquired by purchase and mortgages..	8	95	310	15	163	670
Do. by inheritance	1	1	1	1	3	12

Village and Talook Accounts.

46. The Village and Talook accounts have been examined by officers in charge of the respective divisions during the Jummahbundy, and have been found to be generally correctly kept. I myself examined the accounts of one talook, viz., Pattukottai, of which the Jummahbundy was settled by myself, and found them in a satisfactory state.

Mr. L. R. Burrows, Acting Head Assistant Collector.

Mr. A. Tagg, Assistant Collector in charge of the Combaconum Talook.

Seshiah Sastry, Treasury Deputy Collector.

Mr. E. G. Ricketts, Salt Deputy Collector.

Srinivasa Row, General Deputy Collector.

Venkasamy Row, Huzur Sheristadar.

47. My warmest acknowledgments are due to the officers whose names are enumerated in the margin for the admirable manner in which they have performed their duties, and the great assistance they have been to me.

VALLAM,
31st August 1869.

(Signed) G. LEEMORRIS,
Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Settlement of Land and extra sources of Revenue in the Sub-division of Tanjore for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) together with the several Statements and their enclosures prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. In the year under report an attempt was made to get through the Jummahbundy earlier than usual. Petitions for remissions on account of waste and shavy were received up to the end of January, and were forwarded to the Tahsildars for examination about the beginning of February. They were reported upon in the early part of March, and the distribution of puttahs commenced soon after and continued to the 21st of May; whilst in the Fusly preceding the distribution of puttahs did not begin till the 4th of May. The settlement of both the talooks of the Sub-division was conducted by my predecessor, Mr. Best, at the places noted in the margin.

Nannilam Talook.

Puntottam.
Tirumarugal.
Koradacheri.
Kulikkarai.

Negapatam Talook.

Negapatam.
Tevur.
Trivalore.

3. The total number of puttahs issued during the year under report was 25,146 against 24,368 of the preceding year, the increase of 778 being the result of separate registration of sub-divisions of holdings and similar causes. The number of puttahs that remained unaltered is 16,815. Of the remaining 8,331 the alterations required were in 6,554 cases made in the old puttahs, and in 1,777 cases fresh puttahs were given.

4. The arrangement of villages held on various tenures was the same as in the previous Fusly, and is as follows:—

Description of Villages.		Number of Villages.	
		Villages.	Padagairs.
Government villages {	Ryotwary (Mottamfysal inclusive)	627	731
	Olungu unaffected by price	9	9
	Do. affected by price .....	...	1
	Amany .....	...	Hamlet 1
Total...		636	741
Inam villages {	Shrotriem	9	...
	Survamaniem	79	...
	Given at a fixed money rent	19	...
	Given at a permanent grain rent	11	...
Total...		118	...
Grand Total...		754	741

5. Under the head of Amany there was in Fusly 1277 one hamlet of 29 Acres, but in Fusly 1278 one of its Merassidars came forward and signed the Izara Muchilka for his particular holdings, thus converting it from Amany to Mottamfysal. With this exception there was no alteration in the area of the different villages.

Season.

6. The rain-fall was good, amounting to 35 inches, which was a great improvement on the scarcity of the previous year, as will be seen from the enclosed statement:—

Months.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Inches.	Tenths.	Inches.	Tenths.				
April .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
May	2	5	2	5	...	...	...	...
June .....	...	...	1	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	...	...
July	3	3 $\frac{5}{8}$	1	3	...	...	2	0 $\frac{1}{8}$
August	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	...	...	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
September	2	0 $\frac{1}{8}$	6	5	3	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	...	...
October	3	0 $\frac{1}{8}$	10	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	7	8 $\frac{3}{8}$	...	...
November	8	3 $\frac{1}{8}$	3	5 $\frac{5}{16}$	...	...	4	7 $\frac{1}{16}$
December .....	...	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	2 $\frac{7}{16}$	4	4 $\frac{3}{16}$	...	...
January	2	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
February .....	...	...	...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	25	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	4 $\frac{5}{8}$	9	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	...	...

Sanitary.

7. The sanitary condition of the Sub-division during the past Fusly was decidedly good, and even better than that of Fusly 1277. There has been no cholera to speak of during the year under report, whilst 1,286 deaths took place in the previous Fusly by this disease. Considerable attention was paid to the arrangements directed to be made by the late Sanitary Committee in anticipation of the attendance of crowds at the festivals which are annually celebrated at Nagore, Valangany, and Trivalore, and it appears that not a single death was reported in any of these occasions last Fusly. There are also great facilities now for the use of European medicine and treatment, and they are more made use of by the native community in the large towns of Nagore and Negapatam.

8. There appears to have been more deaths last Fusly than in the preceding one from small-pox and fever. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Vaccination establishment will soon visit this district. Mr. Best did attempt last Jummahbundy to get the ryots to subscribe funds for maintaining a Vaccinator at their own expense, but this they were unwilling to do, and I am afraid cannot be expected. The deaths which occurred by other causes do not require any remarks. Cattle appear to have been altogether free from disease.

Prices.

9. The following statement shows that prices of all kinds of grain have considerably fallen during the year under report:—

Description of Grain.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce	183	175	.....	8
Do. 2nd do. do.	154	153	.....	1
Cholum	226	175	.....	51
Cumboo .....	.....	152	.....	.....
Horse-gram	566	253	.....	313
Raggy	210	152	.....	58

In the year under report the average price of paddy was 1½ per cent. below that of the previous Fusly, though 169 per cent. above what is called the standard price. Prices, therefore, are still high, though slightly easier than what were caused by the indifferent harvests and scanty rain-fall of the previous years.

Ryots' holdings.

10. The annexed table exhibits the operations of the year with regard to Ryots' holdings:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	
Holdings at the beginning of the year.	2,27,230	10,65,621	2,27,587	10,79,254	352	13,646	.....	.....
Deduct lands given up	3,847	17,584	4,296	19,482	449	1,911	.....	.....
Remainder.....	2,23,383	10,48,037	2,23,291	10,59,772	.....	11,735	97	.....
Add lands taken up	4,186	31,100	5,162	22,046	981	.....	.....	9,054
Total holdings.....	2,27,569	10,79,137	2,28,453	10,81,818	884	2,681	.....	.....
Deduct waste remitted.....	2,372	9,174	575	2,359	.....	.....	1,797	6,815
Remainder.....	2,25,197	10,69,963	2,27,878	10,79,459	2,681	9,496	.....	.....
Particulars. {	Actual cultivation	2,06,662	10,19,587	2,11,631	10,37,782	4,969	18,195
	Waste charged	18,535	50,376	16,247	41,677	2,288	8,699

11. The extent of ryots' holdings at the end of Fusly 1277, as entered in the last Jummah-bundy Report, was Acres 2,27,569, assessed at Rupees 10,79,137. These figures would usually be entered as the ryots' holdings at the beginning of the next Fusly, but as some Amany land was converted into Mottamfysal last Fusly this extent was transferred from Amany to Ryotwary, and produces the differences observable.

12. Besides the addition of these Acres 18, assessed at Rupees 117, Acres 5,162, assessed at Rupees 22,046, were newly taken up, and Acres 4,296, assessed at Rupees 19,482, relinquished during the year under report, thus causing on the whole a net increase of Acres 884, assessed at Rupees 2,681, in the aggregate of ryots' holdings, as compared with that of the year preceding.

13. With regard to the entry "Waste remitted Acres 575, assessed at Rupees 2,359," it may appear strange that there was any remission at all in such a favorable season; but the fact is that there is a great deal of land (especially in the Negapatam Talook) rated as Nunjah, which seldom has a chance of a fair supply of water. It is said that the supply channels are in bad order and silted up, but I do not think that this is the case to any large extent. If this were really all that was wanted the ryots would probably take the matter in hand forthwith and clear out the channels themselves, if thereby they could secure a crop. The real fact seems to be that this land is incapable of being irrigated, owing to its being on too high a level, and all the water is drawn off to the lower lying land which secures its two crops, while this land has none. Properly speaking two crops ought not to be allowed until all the land has had one crop, and the owners of low-lying land ought to abstain from taking more water than what they want for their first crop; but this is not attended to, and there is no one to enforce it, the consequence of which is that practically this higher land is incapable of wet cultivation, as nothing short of a deluge would irrigate it. This last year proves the point conclusively; the rain-fall was large, amounting to 35 inches, and the freshes were plentiful and seasonable. It is clear, therefore, that if the land could not be irrigated this year it *never* can be irrigated, and it will be better, therefore, at once to transfer it to the head of Poonjah. This would be in accordance with the principles laid down by the Board of Revenue, No. 134, of Dalyell's compilation; for although the irrigation work may not have been destroyed or injured, yet it may fairly be said that it is incapable of irrigating this land. This course would be far better than the present system of keeping it classed as Nunjah and then remitting the assessment regularly year by year, however good the season may have been. I therefore propose to look into these cases, and wherever remission has been given for five years at once to rate the land as Poonjah, so that at any rate that assessment may be secured regularly in future instead of, as at present, the land being kept permanently waste. If in any year the rain-fall or the freshes are so excessive as to allow of paddy being grown on this land it would be very easy to charge the *kasr* or water-rate for that one exceptional year, but such an occurrence is not to be expected; and even by that arrangement the ryots would gain, as the charge is particularly low in this district, being only Rupees 1-14-3 an Acre, whereas in other districts it is 5 Rupees a cawny, or Rupees 3-12-6 the Acre. As it is many ryots would willingly grow Poonjah crops on such land, but are prevented from doing so by the present rules, which make the ryot liable for the full Nunjah assessment if any kind of crop is raised, even a Poonjah one. As, therefore, it would not pay them well to raise a Poonjah crop and pay the Nunjah assessment they prefer to leave the whole waste, and get the whole assessment remitted. The transfer after all would only do what is being aimed at in the present Survey and Settlement Department, namely, put into a proper class land which has been incorrectly rated before.

Actual cultivation.

14. In the extent of cultivation there is an increase of Acres 4,969 and Rupees 18,195. This arises from the decrease of Acres 1,797 and Rupees 6,815 in waste remitted, *plus* the decrease Acres 2,288 and Rupees 8,699 in waste charged being added to Acres 884 and Rupees 2,681, which is the excess of land taken up over lands given up during the year under report.

15. The following remissions were also granted during the year under report :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Shavy	16	29	13	.....
Remission for second crop	96	230	134	.....
Remission for the Katgutgai Kadarambam villages in the Negapatam Talook	2,678	.....	.....	2,678
Total...	2,790	259	147	2,678
Net Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	2,531

16. The increase in the amount of remission granted for shavy and second crop is so small that it requires no explanation here. The decrease in the amount of remission granted for the Katgutgai Kadarambam villages of the Negapatam Talook is owing to the special privilege of a percentage remission allowed by the Board of Revenue last year for the above villages not having been granted in the year under report.

17. The following abstract statement shows in one view the particulars of cultivation and settlement of Fusly 1278, as compared with those of the year preceding:—

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.
Unirrigated or dry land.....	24,125	33,864	24,531	34,323	406	459	...	...
Irrigated or wet do.	2,03,444	10,45,273	2,03,922	10,47,495	478	2,222	...	...
Total...	2,27,569	10,79,137	2,28,453	10,81,818	884	2,681	...	..
<i>Add</i>								
Second crop Assessment ...	.....	5,841	.....	6,957	...	1,116	...	...
Additional do. ....	.....	11,895	.....	11,861	...	...	...	34
Water Tax.....	.....	7,418	.....	8,446	...	1,028	...	...
Road Cess .....	.....	34,537	.....	34,986	...	449	...	...
Total...	.....	11,38,828	.....	11,44,068	...	5,240	...	...
<i>Deduct Remission.</i>								
Waste remitted .....	.....	9,174	.....	2,359	...	...	...	6,815
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4 .....	.....	2,790	.....	259	...	...	...	2,531
Road Cess .....	.....	12,067	.....	.....	...	...	...	12,067
Total...	.....	24,031	.....	2,618	...	...	...	21,413
Remainder .....	.....	11,14,797	.....	11,41,450	...	26,653	...	...
<i>Deduct</i>								
Salary of the Village establishment .....	.....	.....	.....	23,096	...	23,096	...	...
Remainder .....	.....	11,14,797	.....	11,18,354	...	3,557	...	...
<i>Add</i>								
Miscellaneous.....	.....	26,426	.....	27,034	...	608	...	...
Grand Total...	.....	11,41,223	.....	11,45,388	...	4,165	...	...

18. The settlement of land revenue, it will be observed, has resulted in a nominal net increase of Rupees 4,165, but in the statement two items appear under the heads of "Increase" and "Decrease," which are brought in merely to balance accounts and do not constitute any part of the actual increase or decrease in the revenue as settled during the year under report. These two entries must, therefore, be noticed in the first instance.

Road cess.

19. One of these is the remission on account of road cess. This was given in Fusly 1277, simply because an over-collection was made in the preceding Fusly by mistake. In the past Fusly, however, no remission was given in this way, and consequently the very large sum of Rupees 12,067 appear under the head of "Decrease."

Village establishment.

20. So also there is a large increase of Rupees 23,096 under the head of Deduction on account of the salary of the village establishment: this is owing to that sum having been deducted from the Jummahbundy of the past Fusly and carried to the credit of "Village Service Fund" under a Circular Order issued by the Board of Revenue, whilst such was not done in the year preceding.

21. Hence excluding these two amounts it will appear that there has been a real increase of as large a sum as Rupees 15,194. This is principally owing to the large decrease in remissions for waste and shavy.

22. The increase in the assessment of the ryots' holdings, and the decrease in the different kinds of remissions granted, have been fully explained. The slight increase in Fasul jasti and Water tax is owing mainly to the favorable character of the season. The increase in the Road cess is the amount charged on the additional land brought under cultivation during the year under report. The excess of Rupees 608 in Miscellaneous items consists of various small sums which call for no remark.

Special products.

23. Special products are not cultivated in this district to any great extent. The annexed tabular statement shows the extent to which sugar-cane, indigo, and cotton were cultivated in this division during the past and preceding years:—

Products.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
Sugar-cane	42	182	14	65	...	...	28	117
Indigo	114	143	24	28	...	...	90	115
Cotton	1	1	.....	.....	...	...	1	1
Total...	157	326	38	93	...	...	119	233

24. The following statement exhibits the result of the settlement of all the sources of revenue in the Sub-division:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	10,679	10,681	2	.....
Ryotwar	10,92,327	10,83,368	.....	8,959
Miscellaneous	26,426	27,034	608	.....
Total...	11,29,432	11,21,083	.....	8,349
Abkarry	1,23,391	1,23,590	199	.....
Sea Customs	3,99,857	4,32,514	32,657	.....
Land Customs	79,088	86,506	7,418	.....
Stamps	96,134	1,15,635	19,501	.....
Total...	18,27,902	18,79,328	51,426	.....
<i>Road Cess.</i>				
Ryotwar	34,537	34,986	449	.....
Inam	22,673	10,102	.....	12,571
Total...	57,210	45,088	.....	12,122
License Tax	9,495	.....	.....	9,495
Certificate Tax .....	.....	12,646	12,646	.....
Inam Tax .....	.....	370	370	.....
Total...	9,495	13,016	4,521	.....
Grand Total...	18,93,607	19,37,432	43,825	.....

25. The only item of land revenue which requires an explanation is that of "Ryotwar," wherein there is a decrease of Rupees 8,959. This arises from an increase of Rupees 15,194 in the settlement of the past Fusly, (paragraph 21,) *minus* excess of Road cess (Rupees 449) and of Miscellaneous (Rupees 608) being counter-balanced by Rupees 23,096, which is the pay of village establishment deducted from the Jummahbundy and carried to the credit of Village Service Fund.

*Abkarry.

26. The increase of Rupees 199 under Abkarry is accounted for by an increase in the fees paid on account of licenses for selling English liquors, etc.

Sea Customs.

27. Under the head of Sea Customs there is an increase of Rupees 32,657 observable.

The chief causes of this increase are given in the table following:—

Articles.	Increase.	Decrease.	Articles.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Imports.</i>	RS.	RS.	<i>Exports.</i>	RS.	RS.
Piece goods	6,000	.....	Grain	54,000	.....
Tobacco	1,186	.....	Oils	500	.....
Coir and Yarn	325	.....	Chillies	300	.....
Betel-nut .....	.....	18,000	Piece goods .....	.....	670
Timber .....	.....	4,926	Dregs of Gingely oil .....	.....	700
Railway stores .....	.....	2,000	Total...	54,800	1,370
Kernel .....	.....	3,766	Grand Total...	64,311	31,502
Benjamin	940			
Liquors	500			
Sundries	2,000			
Total...	9,511	30,132	Net Increase...	32,899

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28. The falling off in the Import duty on betel-nut is owing, firstly, to a Board's order of 1868, directing that the value of this article should be estimated according to the Tariff rate of 7 Rupees per cwt., and not according to the market price as formerly; and, secondly, to the still further reduction of the rate from 7 Rupees to 5½ in the Tariff of 1869: that on Timber is on account of the exemption of that article from duty by Act XI. of 1868: that on Railway stores is owing to the completion of the railway line from Negapatam to Erode: the increase on Grain, export duty, arises from an increased demand in, and consequent exportation to, Ceylon. The other items require no notice.

Land Customs.

29. There is an increase of Rupees 7,418 in the Land Customs. Almost the same causes which operated to bring about a rise in the Sea Customs collections have contributed to bring about this result in the Land Customs.

Stamps.

30. The increase of Rupees 19,501 in the Stamp revenue is due partly to the sale of the Abkarry farm and the consequent renewal of shopkeepers' Muchilkas, partly to the stricter enforcement of the provisions of the Stamp Act, and partly to increased litigation.

License Tax, Certificate Tax, and Income Tax.

31. The collections under these heads call for no remark. The collections under the Income Tax Act (IX. of 1869) had only just been commenced when the Fusly closed.

Road cess.

32. The decrease of Rupees 12,571 under Inam Road Cess arises from the fact of the cess due for Fusly 1266, together with certain penalties awarded under Act III. of 1866, having been included in the demand for Fusly 1277; whilst the tax due for Fusly 1278 only has been entered in the demand for that Fusly.

33. The annexed statement exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the current Fusly, as also the further collections up to 1st August:—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Further collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	10,681	10,557	124	58	66
Ryotwar	10,86,368	10,66,062	17,306	11,130	6,176
Miscellaneous	27,034	26,964	70	14	56
Total...	11,21,083	11,03,583	17,500	11,202	6,298
Abkarry	1,23,590	1,23,590	.....	.....	.....
Sea Customs.....	4,32,514	4,32,514	.....	.....	.....
Land Customs	86,506	86,506	.....	.....	.....
Stamps	1,15,635	1,15,635	.....	.....	.....
Total...	18,79,328	18,61,828	17,500	11,202	6,298
<i>Road Cess.</i>					
Ryotwar	34,986	34,910	76	47	29
Inam	10,102	9,109	993	21	972
Total...	45,088	44,019	1,069	68	1,001
Certificate Tax.....	12,646	12,646	.....	.....	.....
Income Tax.....	370	370	.....	.....	.....
Total...	13,016	13,016	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total...	19,37,432	19,18,863	18,569	11,270	7,299

34. It will be observed from the above statement that the proportion between the demand and balance on 31st July is $\frac{3}{4}$ ths per cent., the greater part of the revenue remaining to be collected being in the Negapatam Talook. The necessary measures will be at once adopted for the collection of the balance.

35. A comparative statement of all kinds of receipts, including current and arrears, is also appended:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.			FUSLY 1278.			In-crease.	De-crease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	358	10,314	10,672	366	10,557	10,923	251	...
Ryotwar	34,093	10,65,557	10,99,650	27,256	10,66,062	10,93,318	...	6,332
Miscellaneous.....	1,515	25,948	27,463	478	26,964	27,442	...	21
Total...	35,966	11,01,819	11,37,785	28,100	11,03,583	11,31,683	...	6,102
Abkarry	3,257	1,23,391	1,26,648	.....	1,23,590	1,23,590	...	3,058
Sea Customs .....	.....	3,99,857	3,99,857	.....	4,32,514	4,32,514	32,657	...
Land Customs .....	.....	79,088	79,088	.....	86,506	86,506	7,418	...
Stamps .....	.....	96,134	96,134	.....	1,15,635	1,15,635	19,501	...
Total...	39,223	18,00,289	18,39,512	28,100	18,61,828	18,89,928	50,416	..
<i>Road Cess.</i>								
Ryotwar	2,074	22,306	24,380	164	34,910	35,074	10,694	...
Inam .....	.....	17,134	17,134	5,539	9,109	14,648	...	2,496
Total...	2,074	39,440	41,514	5,703	44,019	49,722	8,208	...
License Tax .....	.....	8,495	8,495	.....	.....	.....	...	8,495
Certificate Tax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,646	12,646	12,646	...
Income Tax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	370	370	370	...
Total...	.....	8,495	8,495	.....	13,016	13,016	4,521	...
Grand Total...	41,297	18,48,224	18,89,521	33,803	19,18,863	19,52,666	63,145	...

Arrears collection.

36. The arrears outstanding at the close of the Fusly 1277 amounted to Rupees 28,100. Of this Rupees 27,778 have been collected, and Rupees 322 have been struck off the accounts. There is still an irrecoverable balance of 2 Annas, being the quit-rent of a certain piece of land for Fusly 1277 by mistake included in the demand, although it had been converted into a free-hold from the beginning of that Fusly. It is, therefore, requested that permission may be granted to strike off the said sum of Annas 2 from the accounts.

37. The extent to which coercive process was employed in the realization of arrears of land revenue during the past and preceding years is given below. It should be stated here that no money was collected on account of batta for process servers, as all notices issued under Act II. of

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1864 are in this division served by means of Vattam Vetties, and not by temporary Peons appointed for the purpose:—

Fuslies.	ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY ATTACHED.			VALUE OF PROPERTY ACTUALLY SOLD.		
	Real.	Personal.	Total.	Real.	Personal.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277	487	4,212	4,699	649	5,146	5,795
1278	268	1,791	2,059	306	2,871	3,177

Landed property acquired by public servants.

38. The extent of landed property acquired by public servants during the year under report is 83 Acres, assessed at Rs. 406 against 277 Acres, assessed at Rs. 1,149, in the preceding year.

Talook and Village accounts.

39. The village and talook accounts were carefully examined in the late Jummahbundy tour, and the accounts were, generally speaking, kept correctly.

NEGAPATAM,
16th August 1869.

(Signed) L. R. BURROWS,
for Sub-Collector.

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OF

TRICHINOPOLY.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Revenue Settlement of this District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) with the prescribed Statements.

Officers by whom, and stations where, the settlement was conducted.—Statement No. 1.

2. This statement shows the Officers by whom, and the stations where, the settlement of each talook was conducted, the period occupied by the settlement, and the number of puttahs distributed.

3. I settled the talooks of Trichinopoly, Kulitallay, and Perambaloor; the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Martin, settled the talook of Moosery; and Mahomed Esuf, the Deputy Collector, settled the Woodiarpolliem Talook.

Variations in the number and tenure of Villages.

4. No variations took place during the Fusly in the number and tenure of villages.

5. Puttahs and kutchats in the new book-form were issued to the ryots this year, agreeably to the instructions contained in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 1,206, dated 3rd December 1866, and Board's Proceedings, No. 5,811, dated 10th August 1868.

The expenditure incurred in preparing and issuing puttahs and kutchats in the above

Items.	No.	Amount.	
		RS.	A. P.
Puttahs. { At 2 Annas each.....	1,491	186	6 0
{ At 1 do.	31,231	1,951	15 0
	32,722	2,138	5 0
Kutchats. At 6 Pies each.....	32,722	1,022	9 0
		3,160	14 0

form, exclusive of the value of paper and paste-board supplied from the stationery, was Rupees 414-9-11, and the price realized by the issue of these puttahs and kutchats amounted to Rupees 3,160-14-0. This satisfactory result is owing to all the lower Cutcherry servants having lent a hand in sewing, cutting, and binding; and to Captain Walters, the Jail Superintendent, having greatly aided me with convict labor.

The annexed statement shows the number and other particulars of the puttahs for the year :—

Total number of puttahs for Fusly 1277.....	1,34,716
Deduct puttahs cancelled on relinquishment, transfer of lands, etc.....	2,690
	1,32,026
Add newly issued puttahs for fresh holdings, etc.....	3,231
Total number of puttahs for Fusly 1278.....	1,35,257
Of these—	
Puttahs modified by additional entries.....	38,118
Do. not modified do. do.	93,908

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The number of puttahs issued in book-form was 32,722, and the remaining 1,02,535 puttahs were on loose sheets.

Rain-fall.

6. The average rain-fall during the Fusly under report, as compared with that in the preceding season, is shown in the annexed statement:—

Months.						1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
July	1868.	...	...	...	...	2.17	4.77	2.60	.....
August	,,	...	...	...	...	2.73	2.64	.....	0.09
September	,,	...	...	...	...	0.86	5.83	4.97	.....
October	,,	...	...	...	...	11.44	8.13	.....	3.31
November	,,	...	...	...	...	0.89	0.35	.....	0.54
December	,,	...	...	...	...	0.23	0.35	0.02	.....
January	1869.	...	...	...	...	5.70	0.43	.....	5.27
February	,,	...	...	...	...	0.25	0.44	0.19	.....
March	,,	...	...	...	...	0.04	0.07	0.03	.....
April	,,	...	...	...	...	0.13	3.22	3.09	.....
May	,,	...	...	...	...	4.27	2.92	.....	1.35
June	,,	...	...	...	...	1.76	0.73	.....	1.03
						30.47	29.88	11.00	11.59

Although the statement exhibits a small decrease in the average rain-fall during the Fusly, yet the rains were on the whole more evenly distributed throughout the year, whereas one or two heavy down-pours during the preceding Fusly tended to raise the average of that season.

Season.

7. The season was very favorable for the early crops, but not so with regard to those of later date. The failure of the looked-for rains in November and December was much felt. Fortunately, however, the river springs, nourished by the plentiful south-west monsoon, afforded a bountiful supply, which, when diverted from the river beds by the coramboos or temporary dams, caused a good flow of water to be kept up in the irrigation channels until the very close of the cultivating season. The beneficial effects of these ancient native methods of irrigation were never more clearly manifested than during the last year.

Sanitary condition.

8. In a sanitary point of view the twelve months under report were unusually fortunate. The district was remarkably free from all epidemics, and only a very few cases of cholera have been reported during this period. Not a single instance of cholera occurred within the densely populated municipality, and the thickly crowded festival at Sreerungum was totally free from this disease. The cattle also were healthy and their numbers undiminished by any murrain or disease.

Emigration.

9. The number of emigrants during the year was only 169. Owing partly to the facilities now afforded to the poorer classes to become land-holders on their own behalf, in consequence of the lightened assessment and the proper working of the Durkhast rules, and owing also to working people finding sufficient labor near home, especially on the Railway and in the Public Works Department, very few people were seduced away from this province by the legalized crimps or maistries.

Prices.—Statement No. 2.

10. The prices of all food grains ruled much lower than during the preceding Fusly. The 1st and 2nd sort paddy fell 7 and 8 per cent. respectively, as compared with the preceding Fusly, although these prices were still 8 and 10 per cent. higher than the averages of the last ten years. Dry grains fell from 2 to 7 per cent. below last Fusly, being nevertheless 2 to 8 per cent. higher than the averages of the last ten years. This is attributable partly to the increase

in the out-turn of the early crops in the upland parts of the district,* and partly to the large importations of paddy from Tanjore, which more than compensated for the exportations to the southwards from this province. When the prices actually realized during the year are compared with the commutation rate upon which the new settlement was based, we find that wet grains averaged thrice and dry grains between twice and thrice this settlement standard, thus most amply compensating the cultivating classes for any deficiency in out-turn, owing to diminished rain-fall during the close of the season.

The average prices of paddy and rice of the 1st sort, as given in this statement, do not tally with the averages of those prices as given in the monthly Demand, Collection, and Balance Statements submitted to the Board. The prices of 1st sort paddy and rice were being erroneously entered as prices of 2nd sort paddy and rice in the Price Returns of the Woodiarpolliem Talook from month to month. This mistake was subsequently discovered, and is rectified in this statement. Hence the difference.

Ryots' Holdings. —Statement No. 3.

11. The aggregate extent of land in the ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly was 9,31,897 acres, assessed at Rs. 12,94,616, of which 25,473 acres, assessed at Rs. 24,959, were relinquished, and 44,343 acres, assessed at Rupees 42,122, were newly brought under the plough. Thus the actual extent of land under this head at the close of the Fusly was 9,50,767 acres, with an assessment of Rupees 13,11,779, or 18,870 acres, assessed at Rupees 17,163, in excess of the preceding Fusly.

The Board are doubtless aware that though they have prohibited the "Podoogal" or "Fallow" system it still goes on merrily in an indirect way; the holder gives Razeenamah one year for the land he elects to retain as fallow, and takes it up the next. Most frequently no one else in the village knows of this relinquishment but the Curnum, and in order to stop this arrangement to some extent I have ordered the Razeenamahs to be published in the village, thus letting the neighbours know what has been given up, and what is consequently available to their hands; hitherto all has been kept dark.

Land transferred. —Statement 3 A.

12. This statement shows that out of the 25,473 acres of land entered under the head of "Lands given up" 15 acres, assessed at Rupees 78, have been transferred to that of "Inam." This is caused by certain lands having been purchased and made over partly as compensation for certain Inams taken up for the Railway, and partly for Inams allotted to the Potmakers and Arryars of the Sreerungum Devastanum.* The remaining extent of land

under the above head consists chiefly of the following items:—

A.—Lands relinquished on Razeenamahs.

B.—Lands taken up by Government for the Lunatic Asylum, and for the construction of certain roads.

C.—Lands purchased on behalf of Government in consequence of there having been no bidders for them at the sales held for the realization of the arrears of revenue.

The lands forming the last item are utterly unfit for cultivation, and are lying waste. Hence they are included under the head of "Lands given up."

Remissions necessary only to the sum of Rupees 400.

13. The actual concessions granted this year were next to nothing, only about Rs. 400. Fortunately for this district the ryots have been given firmly to understand that one of the objects of a lightened assessment was the abolition of these annual alleviations. Thus during the present season remissions were neither asked for by the ryots, nor proffered by the native officials. I only trust that when both the revised settlement and those that took part in it have become things of the past that the old system of remissions, so dear to the hearts of the native subordinates, will not again be brought into existence with all its attendant iniquities.

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Waste remitted.

14. The sum of Rupees 418 was remitted in the Moosery Talook by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, after he had ascertained that the lands in question had suffered from want of water, owing to breaches in the banks of the tanks upon which this cultivation was depending. This item of Rupees 418 was the total amount of actual land revenue foregone at the annual settlement. The other remissions are merely comparative deficiencies between this Fusly and last, and they speedily changed into large augmentations of revenue when examinations regarding them were strictly made.

Waste charged.

15. Waste land to the amount of acres 87,833, assessed at Rupees 72,223-13-0, was charged during the Fusly under report. This, compared with the extent charged in the previous Fusly, shows an increase of acres 11,713, assessed at Rupees 17,024, which is attributable to the causes detailed in paragraph 13 of this report, and to the fact that with a light assessment the ryot, if left to himself, is perfectly willing to pay for what he really elects to hold, without making any trouble or solicitations for remission. Again, with our present low rates of Poonjah assessment large tracts of waste dry land are retained in the puttahs of the ryots for pasturage for their cattle, and for these acres of grass land the owners are only too happy to pay.

Abstract A.—Statement No. 3.

16. The following is the comparative statement showing the extent of cultivation and settlement:—

	FUSLY 1277.				FUSLY 1278.				INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assessment.	
			RS.	A. P.			RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.
Dry.....	8,05,111		7,59,335	12 8	8,23,267		7,74,057	8 8	18,156	14,721	12 0	...	...	...
Wet	1,22,268		5,22,968	2 0	1,27,500		5,37,303	6 0	5,232	14,335	4 0	...	...	...
Total...	9,27,379		12,82,303	14 8	9,50,767		13,11,360	14 8	23,388	29,057	0 0	...	...	...
Add														
Second crop As- sessment.....			82,074	8 6	.....		85,771	12 0	...	3,697	3 6	...	...	...
Additional do. ...			3,304	4 0	.....		3,708	10 0	...	404	6 0	...	...	...
Water Tax			17,193	14 0	.....		21,269	3 0	...	4,075	5 0	...	...	...
Road Fund			20,990	10 5	.....		33,874	11 0	...	12,884	0 7	...	...	...
Village Service Fund .....			...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	.....		1,23,563	4 11	.....		1,44,624	4 0	...	21,060	15 1	...	...	...
Deduct														
Road Fund			47,333	4 1	.....		61,667	9 9	...	14,324	5 8	...	...	...
Village Service Fund			552	5 3	.....		581	14 1	...	29	8 10	...	...	...
Other remissions particularized in Statement No. 4			55,950	2 0	.....		16,549	3 6	...	...	...	...	39,400	14 6
Total...	.....		1,03,835	11 4	.....		78,798	11 4	...	14,363	14 6	...	39,400	14 6
Remaining Beriz. Add Miscellane- ous items.....			13,02,031	8 3	.....		13,77,186	7 4	...	75,154	15 1	...	...	...
			46,711	9 3	.....		61,051	7 11	...	14,339	14 8	...	...	...
Total...	.....		13,48,743	1 6	.....		14,38,237	15 3	...	89,494	13 9	...	...	...

The actual cultivation exhibits an increase of 23,388 acres, assessed at Rupees 29,057. This is attributable partly to the favorable nature of the season at its outset, and partly to the steady increase in the extent of land taken up for cultivation consequent on the lightened assessment under the new settlement. Nevertheless much remains to be done to effect the fulfilment of Mr. Puckle's prediction, that the 4 lakhs foregone at the settlement would ere long* be made good to the State. I annex a brief statement

* In five years from time of settlement.

showing how matters stand regarding this most interesting subject :—

						RS.	A.	P.
Beriz of Fusly 1273, previous to new settlement.	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	16,19,404	14	9
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	27,092	6	1
		Total...				16,46,497	4	10
Beriz of Fusly 1274, the year of new settlement.	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	12,20,006	13	0
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	38,202	1	0
		Total...				12,58,208	14	0
Amount thus relinquished		...	...	...	...	3,88,288	6	10
Beriz of subsequent Fuslies—								
1275	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	12,52,237	14	0
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	46,127	3	0
		Total...				12,98,365	1	0
1276	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	13,03,997	12	9
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	49,125	15	6
		Total...				13,53,123	12	3
1277	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	13,02,031	8	3
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	46,711	9	3
		Total...				13,48,743	1	6
1278	{	Ryotwar ...	...	...	...	13,77,186	7	4
		Miscellaneous	...	...	...	61,051	7	11
		Total...				14,38,237	15	3
Amount still remaining to be made good to fulfil Mr. Puckle's prediction		...	...	...	...	2,08,259	5	7

17. There is an increase in the cultivated area under indigo and sugar-cane. This is attri-

Cultivation of special Products.—Statement No. 3, Enclosure B.

butable partly to the season having been more favorable for the cultivation of those products, and partly to the increased demand for them. The cultivated area of cotton, as shown in the statement now submitted, is less by 3,008 acres, assessed at Rupees 3,587, than the aggregate area made up from the monthly statements submitted to the Board. This is owing to the cultivation of "Ottadum," or cotton sown together with other crops having been included under this head in the aforementioned monthly statements, whereas it is altogether excluded from the present return.

Irrigation Works.

18. The subjoined statement shows the principal sources of irrigation with the extent of cultivation and assessment dependent upon each.

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Talooks.	Sources of Irrigation.	AYACUT.		CULTIVATION.	
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
			RS.		RS.
Trichinopoly.	Wyacondan	19,437	1,14,401	18,475	1,10,132
	Ramavoitallay	978	5,462	976	5,451
	Yelundavoitallay	1,824	10,509	1,817	10,495
	Poodoo Iyen Voikal	3,386	19,791	3,379	19,767
	Vadakien Voikal	3,581	25,775	3,565	25,700
	Therkien Voikal	2,988	20,018	2,982	19,983
	Paroovala Voikal	8,312	40,001	8,308	39,842
	Nauttoo Voikal	3,145	18,564	3,132	18,095
	Malatar	2,583	12,272	2,575	12,272
	Pangoony	5,744	24,178	5,712	23,931
	Total...	51,978	2,90,971	50,921	2,85,668
Moosery.	Moosery Nauttoo Voikal	1,924	11,514	1,911	11,450
	Totiem Parea Voikal	1,340	8,491	1,336	8,473
	Totiem Chinna Voikal	1,622	10,498	1,606	10,427
	Iyar	2,277	8,682	2,201	8,309
	Total...	7,163	39,185	7,054	38,659
Kulital-lay.	Maradoor Nauttoo Voikal	3,908	28,486	3,875	28,280
	Kristnaroyapuram Voikal	1,130	6,887	1,105	6,798
	Nunga Voikal	1,885	9,961	1,836	9,776
	Ambravatty	2,350	6,036	2,266	5,801
	Total...	9,273	51,370	9,082	50,655
Woodiar-polliem.	Ponairy Voikal	3,609	20,883	3,356	12,635

Ruined Tanks.

19. Only one ruined tank was asked for under the Board's rules, and the applicant afterwards repented of his request and cried off; the fact is the present Nunjah assessment is so light that the indulgent standard of Rupees 2 per acre for the tax under these privately restored reservoirs is no indulgence at all in the eyes of our Cultivators.

Remissions.—Statement No. 4.

20. As already mentioned in paragraph 13 no remissions were granted this year on account of waste or shayy. A sum of Rupees 4 is entered under the head of "Tarum Cummy." This is owing to a certain field which was erroneously entered in the accounts as "Permanently improved Punjab" having been now brought under the head of Ordinary Punjab. It will appear from this statement that the remissions under the heads of "Fasal Cummy or second crop not cultivated," and Water Tax," exceeded those of the preceding Fusly under the corresponding heads by Rupees 2,657 and Rupees 2,254 respectively. This naturally attracted my attention, and inquiry speedily showed that the Curnums had been committing wholesale frauds in keeping back from the accounts both wet lands cultivated with second crops, and dry lands irrigated by Government water. The scrutiny very soon more than compensated for the amount thus said to be deficient under these heads, and the examinations thereby inaugurated have already recovered Rupees 65,000 otherwise lost to Government, as will be detailed hereafter.

Statement No. 5.

21. This statement shows the demand, collection, and balance of the "Land Revenue Miscellaneous items." In the item "Jody on sundry Inams" the amounts of demand on account

of Personal and Service Inams, under the head of Arrears, do not tally with the corresponding amounts entered under the head of Balance in the statement for the preceding Fusly. This is owing to a sum of Rupees 189, which ought to have been brought under the item "Personal," having been erroneously included under the item of "Service" in the statement submitted last year. This mistake has been corrected in this statement.

The aggregate amount of demand was Rupees 61,051, or an increase of Rupees 14,340, as compared with that of the preceding Fusly. The causes of this augmentation are as follow:—

The increase of Rupees 12,008, under the item "Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy," is attributable partly to the settlement having been made very early this year, but mainly to the commencement of the investigations after the settlement, which so frightened some of the Curnums into propriety that they hastened to bring to account what they had wittingly left out, lest their fraudulent omissions should be detected by the Examiners.

The increase of Rupees 1,397, under the head of "Revenue fines," is owing to the fines imposed on village servants under Regulation IX. of 1822 for frauds brought to light by the present Azmaish.

Similarly the increase of Rupees 1,534, under the head of Inam Water-rate, is owing to this subject having been taken in hand by the Azmaishdars, who have also, subsequently to the close of the Fusly, discovered large tracts of Inam lands annually watered from Government sources free of charge. The balance of Rupees 2,364 is almost entirely due upon the Inam village of Daranelloor. I have already addressed the Board upon this matter, and they have submitted it to Government with recommendation for realization by sale of the lands concerned.

The differences under the remaining items being comparatively slight call for no remarks.

Zemindaries, Mootahs, etc.—Statement No. 6.

22. This statement exhibits a balance of Rupees 8,882 at the close of the Fusly, of which Rupees 3,747 have been since realized, and the balance of Rupees 5,135 is under collection.

Abstract.—Statement No. 7.

23. Subjoined is the comparative abstract of collections—

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	6,974	45,862	52,836	4,027	45,522	49,549	.....	3,287
Quit-rent on Shotriem, etc., Villages.	2,225	9,331	11,556	2,718	9,763	12,481	925	.....
Ryotwar...	13,505	12,63,589	12,77,094	36,852	13,60,605	13,97,457	1,20,363	.....
Miscellaneous...	4,536	38,602	43,138	8,524	50,698	59,222	16,084	.....
Total...	27,240	13,57,384	13,84,624	52,121	14,66,588	15,18,709	1,37,372	3,287
Abkarry...	10,545	1,16,463	1,27,008	3,789	1,17,465	1,21,254	.....	5,754
License Tax...	.....	7,100	7,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,100
Profession and Trade Tax...	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,958	5,958	5,958	.....
Income Tax...	.....	.....	.....	.....	943	943	943	.....
Stamps...	.....	93,685	93,685	.....	1,09,340	1,09,340	15,655	.....
Grand Total...	37,785	15,74,632	16,12,417	55,910	17,00,294	17,56,204	1,59,928	16,141

Permanently settled.

24. The decrease of Rupees 3,287, under the head of "Permanently settled," is owing to the collection under this head in the preceding Fusly having included the realization of the arrears of the previous Fusly.

Ryotwar and Miscellaneous.

There is an increase of Rupees 1,20,363 under the head of Ryotwar, and of Rupees 16,084 under that of Miscellaneous. This must be attributed to an earlier settlement, and to greater exertions having been made in realizing the kists with punctuality. I had at one time hoped to

have collected all the land revenue within the Revenue year, but the Woodiarpolliem Tahsildar failed me, although the others did right well, particularly the Moosery Tahsildar. But the Board's orders,* preventing our acting in accordance with the provisions of the law for the realization of arrears, tends to prevent any remarkably satisfactory collection result at the close of the year.

*Circular Order No. I of 1869.

Abkarry.

The decrease of Rupees 5,754 in the item of "Abkarry" is due to the fact that there were less arrears to be collected than during the preceding Fusly.

License Tax.

There is a decrease of Rupees 7,100 under the head of "License Tax," and an increase of Rupees 5,958 under that of "Profession and Trade Tax." This is owing to Act XXI. of 1867 having been repealed, and Act IX. of 1868 having come into force in May 1868.

Income Tax.

A sum of Rupees 943 was collected during the Fusly on account of Income Tax, which came into force in April last.

Stamps.

The increase of Rupees 15,615 under "Stamps" is the result of the Stamp law being more correctly understood by the people, and more strictly carried out by the authorities. Notice is, moreover, taken of deficient stamps brought for registration, and an additional Moonsiff's Court has lately been opened at Trichinopoly itself.

Statement No. 7.

25. There is a balance of Rupees 42,726 on account of all sources of revenue at the close of the Fusly. Of this sum Rupees 14,358 were realized up to 31st July last, and the balance, viz., Rupees 28,368, is under collection. A statement showing the Talookwar particulars of the demand and collections of land and other sources of revenue is submitted agreeably to the instructions contained in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 689, dated 30th June 1869. The Enclosure A. of Statement No. 7 is not forwarded, as the Board consider it to be unnecessary.

Arrears.—Statement No. 8.

26. There was a balance of Rupees 63,119-9-3 on account of all sources of revenue at the beginning of the Fusly. Of this sum Rupees 57,911-15-1 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 5,207-10-2, of which Rupees 4,261-11-5 are recoverable, Rupees 372-5-3 are doubtful, and Rupees 573-9-6 are irrecoverable, in consequence of death, desertion, and poverty of the defaulting ryots.

A sum of Rupees 1,860-9-4 was recommended for remission in last Fusly, and sanction was received only for Rupees 1,727-4-10. The remaining sum of Rupees 133-4-6 consisted, as stated in paragraph 40 of the Jummahbundy Report for the last Fusly, of trifling sums over-collected up to Fusly 1276 from certain ryots, and erroneously credited to the balance due by other ryots, and is irrecoverable. I beg, therefore, to request the sanction of the Board for the remission of Rupees 706-14-0 in the aggregate.

Coercive Process.—Statement No. 8 A.

27. The number of cases in which coercive process had to be employed this year was 1,533, and the amount of arrears, for the recovery of which such measures were resorted to, was Rupees 18,472. The value of property, both real and personal, attached amounted to Rupees 11,116, while the value of property actually sold amounted to Rupees 4,737, or Rupees 2,322 less than the value of property sold last year.

Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 62, dated 8th January 1869.

28. A sum of Rupees 4,888 was realized from revenue defaulters for the services of processes, etc., under Madras Act II. of 1864, of which Rupees 4,291 were paid to persons deputed under the Act. There is thus a balance of Rupees 597 under the head of "Process Service Fund."

Statement No. 9.

29. The gross collections from all sources of revenue amounted to Rupees 17,56,204, and the aggregate charges to Rupees 1,58,006, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 15,98,198 at the close of the Fusly.

There is an increase of Rupees 24,327 in item "Salary of the Collectors, etc." This is owing to the salary of Mr. Cadell, the Acting Civil and Session Judge of this district, and the permanent Collector of the district of South Canara, having been debited under this item.

The decrease of Rupees 1,450 in the item "Huzoor and Talook establishments" is owing to the salary of the Tahsildar of Kulitallay having not been drawn during the Fusly owing to his absence on leave.

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The increase of Rupees 1,885 in the item "Miscellaneous" is attributable to the batta paid to the Tahsildars and Merassidars who attended the Public Works Commission at Madras from this district.

The differences in the other items call for no special remarks.

Talook and Village Accounts.

30. The Village and Talook accounts were in most instances found to be correctly kept.

Land acquired by public servants.

31. No lands were acquired by public servants during the Fusly under report.

Remarks regarding the Revenue investigations now in progress.

32. In conclusion, I must bring to the Board's notice that I found the annual examinations of cultivation were but nominal, and that the only result was the realization of small illicit gains by the examining officers. I finished the settlement very early this year, and called upon the Curdums to furnish within a fixed time correct accounts of concealed cultivation, and of such Poramboke lands as are referred to in paragraph 63 of Mr. Puckle's report, dated 30th May 1865. I also deputed as many Cutcherry servants and Talook Goomastahs as could be possibly spared for the purposes of examining into the above items, but these hands were manifestly insufficient for such a task.

Mr. Master was kind enough at this juncture to place at my disposal the services of the settlement party at Salem, and a strict examination which is still progressing was set on foot.

Vide Board's Proceedings, 24th March 1869.

The result was the discovery of annual defalcations in the following instances:—

- (1.)—Lands improperly deducted at the new settlement as "Uncultivable," when in reality they are and always have been double crop wet lands.
- (2.)—Dry lands irrigated by Government water without being charged the proper waterrate.
- (3.)—Lands annually capable of bearing two crops, but entered at the settlement as one crop, owing to the false representations of the owner, aided by the village officers, whereby the former thus quietly obtained a second crop free of assessment year after year.
- (4.)—Garden lands irrigated by baling from river channels not charged.

Again, in cases of Inam lands water-tax was not regularly collected when dry Inam lands were irrigated from Government sources, nor was the second crop regularly charged when registered. One crop Inam lands were a second time cultivated with wet produce. Orders issued upon this point had been grossly neglected, and the existence of the preliminary register, which was the foundation upon which these charges should be made, was practically ignored.

Subjoined is a statement showing the amount of annual losses sustained by Government, and hitherto brought to light by the present examination on the foregoing items:—

Items.	Iyen.			Inam.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Cultivation on Poramboke lands	6,939	9	0	.....	...	...	6,939	9	0
Do. on Waste	4,600	0	0	.....	...	...	4,600	0	0
Dry converted into Wet... ..	1,089	10	0	.....	...	...	1,089	10	0
Do. do. into Woojaperi... ..	895	5	0	.....	...	...	895	5	0
Water Tax... ..	4,249	0	0	2,399	6	0	6,648	6	0
Second crop cultivation, Nunjah... ..	2,493	15	0	3,474	3	0	5,968	2	0
Do. do. Woojaperi... ..	1,734	6	0	.....	...	...	1,734	6	0
Tax on Trees... ..	153	6	0	.....	...	...	153	6	0
Sevoy Jummah... ..	912	9	0	.....	...	...	912	9	0
Total...	23,067	15	0	5,873	9	0	28,941	8	0
From Fusly 1274 to 1277. {Iyen							26,880	0	0
{Inam							9,622	9	0
Total...							36,502	9	0
Grand Total...							65,444	1	0

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These examinations are still continuing, and will, I apprehend, result not only in the recovery of a lakh of Rupees otherwise lost to the State, but also form a permanent augmentation to the yearly land tax, by bringing to light the true amounts which these hitherto concealed sources of revenue should annually yield.

TRICHINOPOLY,
18th August 1869.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Collector.

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I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the Settlement and collections of the Revenue of the Madura District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69,) together with the explanatory Statements particularized in the accompanying list.

2. The Report of the Sub-Collector on the Settlement of his Division is also submitted.

Places at which Settlement was made.

3. Statement No. 1 shows the officers by whom, and the places at which, the settlement was made.

4. Of the four talooks comprising the Collector's Division I settled the talook of Periacolum; Mr. LeFanu, the Assistant Collector, the talook of Melur; and Devasikamany Pillay the other two talooks, Madura and Tirumungalum.

5. The distribution of puttahs was commenced on the 8th April 1869, and finished on the 25th June.

6. The following abstract shows the number of villages and their description in comparison with those of the preceding year:—

Items.	In Fusly 1277.	In Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar.....	781	780	...	1
Amany.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...
Inam and Shrotriem	570 $\frac{7}{16}$	570 $\frac{7}{16}$	...	...
Poliaput, etc., Villages	4,099 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,099 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...
Total...	5,459 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,458 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1

Variations in the number and tenure of Villages.

7. The transfer of the village Nallampoliem from the Palany Talook to that of Darapuram, in the Coimbatore District, under the Notification published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, dated 17th July 1868, caused the decrease of one village under the head Ryotwar.

Remarks on the number of Puttahs.

Fusly.	Number of Puttahs.
1277.....	1,38,853
1278.....	1,38,272
Increase.....	4,419

8. The new form of puttah received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, was adopted during the settlement of the year under report. The number of puttahs issued during the year under notice was 1,38,272, as entered in the margin, showing an increase of 4,419 over those of Fusly 1277. As

new puttahs were issued to all there were no renewals.

Season.

9. The season during the year under review have on the whole been favorable, and the rain-fall above the average, consequently the supply of food has been sufficient for the people, and cheaper than last year.

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10. A statement of the monthly rain-fall is annexed. I do not myself believe in the accuracy of the calculations, but I hope next season to be able to furnish more reliable statistics:—

Sections.	1868.										1869.				
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	Grand Total.
Northern } Section.	1 74.5	11 84.0	7 6.5	14 47.5	3 21.5	7 83.0	46 17.0	11 98.5	4 60.5	1 32.0	1 52.5	1 10.5	0 22.5	75 20 54.5	66 71.5
Southern } Section.	2 25.0	9 91.5	4 35.0	7 70.5	3 4.5	7 65.0	34 91.5	20 44.5	14 6.5	...	1 56.0	...	0 45.0	36 52.0	71 43.5
Eastern } Section.	...	0 70.0	2 88.0	10 93.5	1 70.0	3 87.5	20 9.0	17 70.5	3 25.0	...	2 50.0	...	...	23 45.5	43 54.5
Western } Section.	...	4 55.0	2 49.0	0 22.5	0 33.0	5 78.5	13 38.0	4 24.5	4 83.0	0 25.0	2 56.0	1 32.0	...	13 20.5	26 58.5

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Sanitary condition of the District.

11. The sanitary condition of the district has been on the whole better than in the past year; there were some cases of small-pox and fever in Melur and other places, but they were not generally of a virulent type. Cattle generally have been healthy, but there were a good many cases of murrain in Dindigul in August. During the latter part of the year cattle have suffered a good deal from want of drinking water in the Melur and Dindigul Divisions, but there has been no serious mortality amongst them. The money placed at my disposal for the improvement of the supply of drinking water has, I am glad to say, been judiciously and economically expended, so that though the amount is small the outlay has done a great deal of good.

Fusly.	No. of persons emigrated.
1276.....	42,168
1278.....	33,594
Decrease.....	8,574

Prices.

12. The figures noted in the margin show the number of persons who emigrated to Ceylon. I attribute the decrease partly to the fact that prices were lower than in the preceding year, and partly to the employment which was afforded to the poorer classes.

13. Annexed is a short abstract showing the price of agricultural produce during the year under notice, compared with that of Fuslies 1276-77, as well as the commutation prices on which the land revenue of the district was originally assessed:—

Description of grain.	Commutation rates.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.....	59 {	322	254	226
Do. 2nd do. do.		290	231	202
Cholum or Javary	35	295	228	185
Cumboo or Bagira.....	45	301	227	195
Raggy.....	50	314	222	186
Horse-gram.....	55	418	274	259
Harrack or Varagu.....	38	168	168	100

14. This statement shows that grain generally was about 17 per cent. cheaper this year than last, and there has been no distress arising from want of food.

Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3.

Fusly.	Ryots' holdings. Acres.
1277.....	8,32,690
1278.....	8,75,356
Increase.....	42,666

Actual Cultivation.—Statement No. 3.

15. The large increase in holdings is mainly attributable to "Enclosed waste" having been included in the ryots' puttahs in the Dindigul Division under the orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,129, dated 24th February 1865. The increase in the actual cultivation contributed to this result.

16. I append an abstract showing the actual cultivation after deducting the waste charged:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.	FUSLY 1278.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
	Extent.	Extent.	Extent.	Extent.
Dry.....	6,19,256	6,45,118	25,862	...
Wet.....	1,25,019	1,31,941	6,922	...
Total...	7,44,275	7,77,059	32,784	...

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ABSTRACT A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry...	6,66,575	8,74,698 5 11	6,65,735	8,78,239 14 4	.....	3,542	840	...
Wet...	1,25,572	5,40,031 3 9	1,37,977	5,84,385 7 6	12,405	44,354	...	...
Total.....	7,92,147	14,14,729 9 8	8,03,712	14,62,625 5 10	12,405	47,896	840	...
Net.....	...	...	...	...	11,565	...	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assess- ment.....	...	44,183 12 0	.....	45,688 5 5	.....	4,504	...	...
Additional Assess- ment.....	...	230 3 9	.....	342 5 7	.....	112	...	...
Water Tax .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Road Fund.....	...	...	...	1,23,973 15 3	...	1,23,974	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	2,753 12 4	...	...	...	...	...	2,753
Total.....	...	14,61,897 5 9	...	16,35,630 0 1	...	1,76,486	...	2,753
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund .....	...	...	...	1,23,973 15 3	...	1,23,974	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	2,753 12 4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4...	...	2,75,835 3 6	...	1,52,969 4 6	...	...	...	1,22,806
Total.....	...	2,78,588 15 10	...	2,76,943 3 9	...	1,23,974	...	1,25,619
Remaining Beriz.....	...	11,88,308 5 11	...	13,58,686 12 4	...	1,75,378	...	...
Add Miscellaneous items.....	...	56,711 5 1	...	47,316 6 9	...	...	...	9,395
Total.....	...	12,40,019 11 0	...	14,06,003 3 1	...	1,65,983	...	...

17. The large increase in the dry and wet cultivation, as entered in the above statement, is owing to the general favorableness of the season; it does not, however, represent a proportionate increase of revenue, as a large sum was necessarily expended in granting remissions on lands that were left waste, and in cases where the yield was below the average.

Waste remitted with reasons.

Fully.	RS.
1277.....	1,13,331
1278.....	1,12,623
Decrease	708

18. The remissions granted on account of waste are shown in the margin. About two-thirds of this sum, or Rupees 73,031, were granted in the Dindigul Division where the whole Pun-
jah waste was remitted under the orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings of the 1st March last, No. 1,341.

Cultivation of special products, such as Cotton, Indigo, etc.

19. The increase in cotton cultivation is due to the nature of the season. The decrease of 364 Acres in the cultivation of indigo is owing to the heavy rain that fell in May and June.

ABSTRACT.

Item.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cotton.....	86,919	90,180	3,261	...
Indigo.....	434	40	...	394
Sugar-cane.....	162	188	26	...

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Principal sources of Irrigation.

20. Subjoined is an abstract showing the principal sources of irrigation, with the extent of Ayacut and the cultivation under them:—

Name of irrigation works.	AYACUT.		CULTIVATION OF FUSLY 1278.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Actual revenue derived.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.
Madakolam Channel	2,497	12,209	1,902	9,465	12,018
Nelayore do.	7,202	32,429	5,430	24,660	29,995
Vadagarai do.	4,052	22,092	3,718	20,220	25,717
Thengarai do.	2,198	11,598	2,065	10,821	13,552
Uthamathakal.....	2,255	12,226	2,190	11,974	11,974

Ruined Tanks:

21. No ruined tanks were made over to the ryots in the year under report.

Amany Villages.

22. The Amany revenue of the year under report exceeds that of the preceding year by Rupees 752. This is owing to the increase in cultivation.

Fusly.	RS.
1277.....	878
1278.....	1,630
Increase.....	752

Shamilat Bunder.—Statement No. 4.

23. Nearly the whole of the remissions granted on account of "Shamilat Bunder," or portions of fields left waste, occurs in the Dindigul Division. The Sub-Collector observes that the remission was necessitated by the exceptional character of the season in that part of the district.

Fusly.	RS.
1277.....	3,912
1278.....	22,195
Increase.....	18,283

Withered Crops.

24. The greater portion of the remission under this head was granted in the Madura Talook, where the rain-fall was insufficient.

Fusly.	RS.
1277.....	99,134
1278.....	16,272
Decrease.....	82,862

25. The percentages remitted, and the number of villages in which they were granted, are given below:—

	Percentage.	Number of villages.	Remissions.		
			RS.	A.	P.
Principal Divisions.....	20	...	2,490	0	0
	12½	84	5,748	0	0
	20		10,563	0	0
	Total...	84	18,801	0	0
Sub-Division.....	...	10	...	...	...
	15	87	13,566	15	7
	20	28	5,757	1	3
	25	34	11,192	5	8
	30	35	11,900	3	6
	35	36	19,086	11	11
	40	2	1,008	12	4
	50	10	8,638	3	3
	75	9	8,258	5	0
	Total...	251	79,408	10	6
Grand Total...		...	98,209	0	0

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Remissions.—Rupees 893.

26. Remission was granted as usual on the cultivated lands submerged by the water of certain tanks in the Madura and Tirumungalum Talooks.

Rupees 9,564.

27. The next item to be noticed is Teerwah Cummy or remission of part of the tax on Nunjah lands, which were cultivated with those kinds of produce which require less than the full complement of water. The bulk of this remission occurs in the Dindigul Division, where it was necessitated by the dryness of the season.

28. In concluding this branch of my report I have much pleasure in remarking on the judicious and liberal spirit which the Divisional Officers have displayed in dispensing the remissions that were required in their several charges.

Miscellaneous items under Land and other heads of Revenue.—Statement No. 5.

Fusly.	Rs.
1277.....	67,023
1278.....	51,289
Decrease.....	15,734

29. The revenue under this head amounts to Rupees 51,289, falling short of last year's revenue by Rupees 15,734. The main cause of this decrease is the transfer from this head to "Land Revenue, Ryotwar proper" of the assessment on the enclosed waste in the Sub-

Division, alluded to in paragraph 38 of last year's report.

General result of the Land Revenue Settlement.

30. I shall now pass on to the general result of the revenue settlement for the year under review. It is on the whole satisfactory, and, as shown by the annexed tabular statement, exhibits a net increase of Rupees 1,63,711 on the revenue of the preceding year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Permanently settled.....	7,85,160	7,85,160	...	...
Jody of Inams and Shrotriem villages.....	26,896	26,896	...	...
Ryotwar.....	11,83,308	13,58,686	1,75,378	...
Miscellaneous	62,506	50,839	...	11,667
Total .	20,57,870	22,21,581	1,75,378	11,667
Net Increase...	...	...	...	1,63,711

Ryotwar.—Increase Rupees 1,75,378.

31. The large increase under this head is chiefly owing to the generally favorable character of the season.

Miscellaneous items under Land Revenue.—Decrease Rupees 11,667.

32. The decrease under this head is accounted for in paragraph 29, and seems to call for no further comment.

Sundry sources of Revenue.

33. The following statement shows the settlement of the "Sundry sources of Revenue"

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during the year under notice, it exhibits an increase of Rupees 15,630 over that derived from these sources in Fusly 1277:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Abkarry.....	1,37,541	1,32,890	...	4,651
Salt.....	6,17,736	5,95,884	...	21,852
Sea Customs	25,835	28,307	2,472	...
Stamps.....	2,44,638	2,92,724	48,086	...
License or	38,792	29,712	...	9,080
Income Tax.....	...	655	655	...
Total...	10,64,542	10,80,172	51,213	35,583
Net...	...	...	15,630	...

Abkarry.—Decrease Rupees 4,651.

34. The Abkarry leases expired at the close of the past Fusly; the farms were, therefore, put up to auction, they sold extremely well, although the total sum realised was less by Rupees 4,651 than the amount quoted at the preceding sale.

Salt.—Decrease Rupees 21,852.

35. The principal cause of the decrease in this item was (as explained in my Administration Report) the closing of the two salt stations of Sholiakudy and Manakudy and the insufficiency of the supply at Vattanum to meet the increased demand produced thereby. The increase of cultivation during the year helps to account for the decrease.

36. The particulars of the salt transactions are as follow:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Quantity in store in the beginning of the Fusly.....	5,54,158 39	5,12,820 30	...	41,338 9
Quantity manufactured during the Fusly.	3,45,600 0	2,69,732 0	...	75,868 0
Given by measurement.....	455 15	589 0	133 25	...
Spontaneous salt .....	...	...	...	...
Total...	3,46,055 15	2,70,321 0	133 25	75,868 0
	9,00,214 14	7,83,141 30	133 25	1,17,306 9
Deduct sales...	3,81,154 20	3,57,900 0	...	23,254 20
Remainder...	5,19,059 34	4,25,241 30	...	93,818 4
Wastage written off under sanction of Government	6,239 4	13,438 30	7,199 26	...
Remainder...	5,12,820 30	4,11,803 0	...	1,01,017 30
Wastage recommended to be struck in the Settlement Report for Fusly 1277.	13,438 30	...	...	13,438 30
Wastage now recommended to be struck off	11,942 25	11,942 25	...
	...	11,942 25	...	1,496 5
Balance...	4,99,382 0	3,99,860 15	...	99,521 25

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37. Statement showing the details of Home and Inland consumption, as well as the quantity imported to Tinnevely:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.	Quantity received from Tinnevely.
Home consumption	3,80,986 20	3,57,506 0	... ..	23,480 20	38,585 0
Inland consumption—					
Coimbatore.....	... ..	107 0	107 0	... ..	... ..
Trichinopoly... ..	147 0	127 0	... ..	20 0	... ..
Salem.....	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..
Tanjore.....	21 0	... ..	... ..	21 0	... ..
Tinnevely.....	... ..	160 0	160 0	... ..	... ..
Total...	168 0	394 0	267 0	41 0	... ..
Grand Total...	3,81,154 20	3,57,900 0	267 0	23,521 20	38,585 0

Sea Customs.—Increase Rupees 2,472.

Stamps.—Increase Rupees 48,086.

License Tax.—Decrease Rupees 9,080.

40. The decrease in this item is owing to the exemption from assessment (under the Certificate Act) this year of persons whose incomes ranged from Rupees 200 to 500, and who were assessed last year under Act XXI. of 1867, and also to the Certificate Tax having been abolished in the month of April 1869.

Income Tax.—Increase Rupees 655.

41. The Income Tax, Act IX. of 1869, was only brought into operation in this district in the month of April 1869, so that the collections had only commenced at the close of the year.

Abstract showing the total Land Revenue.

38. The increased exportation of grain this year accounts for the rise in the Sea Customs revenue.

39. The increased sale of stamps is principally due to the institution of two suits regarding the Shevagungah Zemindary.

42. A statement showing the revenue from all sources this year, as compared with that of the previous Fusly, is given below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.....	20,57,870	22,21,581	1,63,711	...
Sundry sources of Revenue.....	10,64,542	10,80,172	15,630	...
Total...	31,22,412	33,01,753	1,79,341	...

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Collections.

43. The following abstract shows the collections of the year under reference in comparison with those of last year:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.			FUSLY 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>								
Permanently settled.....	2,64,184	3,24,488	5,88,672	3,43,182	2,99,211	6,42,393	53,721	...
Jody on Shrotri- em villages ...	4,014	18,214	22,228	8,783	24,360	33,143	10,915	...
Ryotwar.....	1,07,319	9,49,165	10,56,484	2,24,872	11,89,245	14,14,117	3,57,633	...
Miscellaneous ...	18,401	18,343	36,744	43,471	27,939	71,410	34,666	...
Total...	3,93,918	13,10,210	17,04,128	6,20,308	15,40,755	21,61,063	4,56,935	...
Abkarry... ..	46,017	1,05,842	1,51,859	18,892	1,21,213	1,40,105	...	11,754
Salt.....	...	6,17,735	6,17,735	...	5,95,883	5,95,883	...	21,852
Sea Customs.....	...	25,835	25,835	...	28,307	28,307	2,472	...
Stamps.....	...	2,44,637	2,44,637	...	2,92,724	2,92,724	48,087	...
License Tax.....	...	38,791	38,791	29,713	...	29,713	...	9,078
Income Tax.....	...	...	...	...	655	655	655	...
Grand Total...	4,39,935	23,43,050	27,82,985	6,68,913	25,79,537	32,48,450	5,08,149	42,684

Permanently settled.—Rupees 53,721.

44. The increase in the collection under this head is owing to the fact that a large amount of arrears due at the close of the last Fusly were collected during the year under reference.

Jody on Shrotriern and Inam villages.—Increase Rupees 10,915.

45. The large amount of collection this year of arrears due at the end of the last Fusly, and the more punctual payment of the current kists, account for the increase under this head.

Ryotwar Collections.—Increase Rupees...3,57,633.

46. This large increase is attributable to extended cultivation, and to the collection of large balances that were outstanding at the commencement of the Fusly.

Miscellaneous.

47. The increase in Miscellaneous collections is accounted for in the preceding paragraph.

Abkarry.—Decrease Rupees 11,754.

48. The decrease under this item is mainly due to the fact that the arrears at the beginning of the Fusly under review were smaller than in the preceding year.

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49. The balance at the close of the Fusly under notice, inclusive of both "Current" and "Arrears," amounted to Rupees 8,39,063, which has been reduced by the collections made up to the end of July to Rupees 5,68,682; of this sum Rupees 4,22,442 is "Current" and Rupees 1,46,240 "Arrears."

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	RS.
Zemindary Peishcush..	3,60,982
Ramnad.....	2,12,904
Shevagungah.....	1,14,760
Kannivady.....	29,695
Velliagundom.....	1,854
Ayagudy.....	1,769

Government are at present considering his proposition, to place his estate under our management, I have not resorted to coercive measures for its realization.

52. I anticipate no difficulty in collecting the balance due by the lessee of Shevagungah; it has resulted from the unsettled state of the Zemindary, owing to the litigation as to the validity of the sub-lease.

To Board, 17th April 1869, No. 145.
From do., 27th May 1869, No. 3,766.
To do., 6th July 1869, No. 216.

* The Board have since granted the concession.—Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 12th August 1869, No. 5,958.

cush, and the subject is now under the consideration of the Board.

54. The small balance of 1,769 Rupees outstanding against Ayagudy will soon be collected.

Quit-rent on Inam, etc., villages.—Rupees 1,559.

	RS.
Ryotwar.....	45,917
Tirumungalum.....	534
Madura.....	6,900
Melur.....	11,244
Dindigul.....	909
Periacolum.....	24,076
Palany.....	2,254

veyed to me by the Board in their Proceedings of the 1st March 1869, No. 1,341, and have exercised great forbearance in granting extra time where it was required. This is shown by the fact that coercive process for the recovery of land revenue arrears has only been resorted to throughout the district in 41 cases during the entire year. I am of opinion that this consideration for the people (who, as a rule, are willing though often unable to meet their liabilities) will financially be productive of good results, and now that the season has assumed so favorable an aspect I expect that the balance will be speedily realised.

58. More than half of the Ryotwary balance is outstanding in the Periacolum Talook, and I cannot help attributing it to the want of energy on the part of the present Taksildar. Moreover, the talook is a difficult one to manage, and I am thinking of transferring him to an easier charge.

59. The collection of a balance of Rupees 1,712 in the Madura Talook is stayed, pending the disposal of certain claims for remissions on account of withered crops raised in March.

Miscellaneous.—Rupees 6,360.

Abkarry.—Rupees 8,095.

sent for Rupees 1,419 in favor of the Treasurer of the Madras Bank; the remainder will be collected soon.

62. I have classed the outstanding balance of Rupees 1,46,240 under the item "Arrears," as follows:—

	RS.
Recoverable.....	1,17,266
Doubtful.....	7,451
Irrecoverable.....	21,523
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	1,46,240

50. The current balance under this head is due by the estates noted marginally.

51. More than half of this sum has to be collected from the Ramnad Zemindar, and as the

53. With regard to the balance due by the Kannivady estate, I beg to refer the Board to the correspondence noted in the margin; the renter of the estate prays for the concession of a little extra time for the payment* of his peish-

55. The balance under this head is rapidly being collected.

56. The balance under this head is particularized in the margin.

57. There has been some difficulty in collecting this money, (notwithstanding remissions,) especially where the rain-fall was deficient, but I have acted in the spirit of the instructions con-

60. The balance under this head is scattered over all the talooks in petty sums, and is in course of collection.

61. Out of this balance Rupees 5,754 have since been paid, and a hoondie has been

	RS.
Peishcush.....	1,12,202
Shrotriem.....	473
Ryotwar.....	1,195
Miscellaneous.....	833
Abkarry.....	2,563
	<hr/> 1,17,266

63. The items composing the recoverable arrears are shown in the margin. The arrears of peishcush are due by the Zemindar of Ramnad, they are payable in the month of March 1870 as arranged, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 25th August 1868, No.

2,221, communicated by the Board on the 12th September following.

64. Of the Ryotwar balance Rupees 228 relate to the village of Nallampoliem transferred to the district of Coimbatore.

65. Orders have been issued for the early collection of the remaining balances.

Miscellaneous.

66. The small balance under this head is in course of collection.

67. The Abkarry balance is due by the late renter of the Madura Talook; his property has been attached, and the money will be collected.

68. Of the balance classed as "Doubtful arrears," Rupees 5,287 is due by certain Inamdars in the Shevagungah Zemindary, to whom title deeds have not been distributed. The collection of this balance is stayed, pending the delivery of these deeds. The deeds originally issued to these persons have been returned to the Inam Commissioner as requested by him, with a view to their re-issue in a proper and legal form.

69. Rupees 2,002 constitute the rent of certain lands, the boundaries of which are disputed. I am taking measures for the settlement of these boundaries, and when that has been done there will be no difficulty in collecting the arrears.

70. Rupees 162 is the tax due by certain ryots in the village of Kongampatty, in the Melur Talook; a charge has been brought against the Nattamgar of the village of having collected the money and embezzled it, and the case is under inquiry.

71. The "Irrecoverable balance" amounts to Rupees 21,523. It is composed of the following items, and I request sanction for writing it off:—

Recommendation of Irrecoverable arrears for Remission.

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount recommended for remission by the Sub-Collector, under the circumstances stated in paragraph 33 of his report, exclusive of interest.....	3,412	15	11
Amount of tax to be remitted on account of withered crops in the Periacolum Talook— <i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1868, No. 7,103.....	7,445	11	0
Do. on account of withered crops in the Madura Talook, examined after the settlement.....	367	2	4
Tax charged on lands submerged by the water of certain tanks..	47	12	8
Do. on the land involved in a boundary dispute between two villages in the Tirumungalum Talook, and entered in the accounts of both.....	1	10	9
Tax on lands entered in the accounts twice by mistake.....	14	11	4
Amount due by certain defaulting ryots who have no property, etc.	26	13	9
Fine imposed upon a Curnum since dismissed, who has absconded...	1	0	0
Do. imposed upon a Nattamgar, and since remitted.....	5	0	0
Amount due by the late Abkarry renter of the Madura Talook to be remitted under the Board's Proceedings, dated 30th April 1869, No. 2,921...	10,200	0	0
Total...	21,522	13	9

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Coercive Process.

72. Statement No. 8 shows that coercive process has only been resorted to in forty-one cases. The property sold realised Rupees 807.

Charges.

Salary of the Collector and his Assistants.—Increase Rupees 2,578.

73. This increase results from the disbursements of salaries to Head Assistants Messrs. Bliss and Daniel for eleven and twelve months respectively in this Fusly.

Tent and house-rent allowance of the Collector and his subordinates.—Increase Rupees 1,057.

74. The increase under this item is chiefly owing to the payment of house-rent to Messrs. Daniel and Bliss for twelve and eleven months this year.

Hoozum and Talook Establishments.—Increase Rupees 1,443.

of a moiety of his pay, as Sub-Collector's Sheristadar of Tinnevely, for twelve months in this year.

75. This increase is mainly attributable to the disbursement to the Salt Deputy Collector

Saderward charges.—Decrease Rupees 230.

76. The falling off in the expenditure under this head is ascribable to the observance of the rules laid down on the subject.

Medical charges.—Increase Rupees 897.

*26th June 1868, No. 240.

77. The increase in the rate of the salary of the Dresser attached to the Collector's department, sanctioned by Government* in the

year under review, has caused the increase in the expenditure under this item.

Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 8,521.

78. The payment of deputation allowance to the Acting Collector for eight months, and to the Acting Sub-Collector for eleven months

during this Fusly, accounts for the increase under this head.

Miscellaneous.—Decrease Rupees 97.

79. The slight decrease in this item calls for no remark.

Abkarry.—Increase Rupees 108.

See Custom 73.

80. The trifling variation in the charges under this head requires no special notice.

Salt charges.

Salary of the Deputy Collector.—Decrease Rupees 1,807.

Moodelliar, the Acting Salt Deputy Collector; whereas last year the Salt Deputy Collector Ram Row was paid Rupees 350 a month.

81. This decrease is owing to the disbursement of 175 Rupees a month to Ramasawmy

Establishment.—Decrease Rupees 1,112.

this year is the chief cause of the decrease in this item of expenditure.

82. The discontinuance of the establishment for the salt pan of Sholiagudi abolished

Travelling allowance and Batta to Establishment.—Decrease Rupees 145.

83. This trifling decrease calls for no remark.

Purchase of Salt and Manufacturers' share.—Decrease Rupees 7,113.

Charges for exporting Salt.—Decrease Rupees 244.

Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 6,566.

Stamp Commission, etc.—Increase Rupees 3,033.

Working of Village and Talook Accounts.

84. The decrease in this item is mainly due to less salt being manufactured this year under the circumstances stated in paragraph 35.

85. The diminution in the quantity of salt manufactured has occasioned a decrease in the charges for exporting it.

86. During the year under report repairs to the salt platforms, etc., were executed on a larger scale than in Fusly 1277.

87. This difference has been caused by the increased amount of refunds on account of certificates from the Courts.

88. The Village and Talook accounts were scrutinized during the settlement, and were regularly and well kept, (generally.)

89. I agree with the Sub-Collector in considering that the accounts would be much cleaner and more tidy if a better quality of paper were used.

90. With reference to the Board's Circular Order of the 13th August 1859, I beg to annex a short abstract showing the lands acquired by public servants during the Fusly under reference:—

Names of Public Servants.	Extent acquired in Acres.	Mode of acquisition.
P. Subbier, Sub-Division Sheristadar	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	By purchase.
Narainasamy Naick, English Head Clerk, Collector's Office	5 $\frac{3}{16}$	By mortgage.
A. Ramanjulu Naidu, Acting Sheristadar, do.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	By purchase.
Raja Ram Row, Vernacular Head Clerk, do.	0 $\frac{11}{16}$	By do.
Appavu Pillay, Vernacular Clerk, do.	7 $\frac{9}{16}$	By mortgage.
Kristnasamy Naick, do. do.	1	By do.
Subaroya Iyer, do. do. General charge, Deputy Collector's Office...	5 $\frac{2}{16}$	By do.
Moottoosamy Iyer, Madura Town Sub-Magistrate	{ 8 $\frac{1}{8}$	By do.
	{ 7 $\frac{10}{16}$	By purchase.
Govinda Row, Talook Goomastah of Madura	2 $\frac{10}{16}$	By do.
Rajarulla Sheriff, Revenue Inspector, Madura Talook	5	By do.
Devapuram Pillay, Sub-Magistrate, Nelacottah do.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	By do.
Sundararajengar, Goomastah, Sub-Magistrate's Office, Muducoluttur...	6 $\frac{9}{16}$	By mortgage.
Sundaram Chetty, Shroff, Tirumungalum Talook	0 $\frac{9}{16}$	By purchase.
Palavanum Pillay, Shroff, Periacolum Talook	{ 6 $\frac{1}{16}$	By do.
	{ 2 $\frac{11}{16}$	By mortgage.
Daswara Iyen, Goomastah, Palany Talook	3 $\frac{7}{16}$	By purchase.

91. My Covenanted subordinates have been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; Messrs. Bliss and McWatters are especially deserving of credit for the ability and energy they have displayed in conducting the administration of their divisions. These qualities have had full scope this year, for the settlement of the Sub-division demanded great personal care and labor which were freely and efficiently rendered, and the work of the Zemindaries, which is at all times heavy, was increased and complicated by numerous disputes arising from the litigation which has taken place with regard to the Shevagungah Zemindary.

92. Deputy Collectors Ram Row, Devasikamany Pillay, and Ramasamy Moodelliar, have done their work zealously and efficiently, and I have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the valuable assistance they have rendered me.

93. I have had every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the Hoozur Native officials, and Talook Officers have, as a rule, behaved well and done their work efficiently.

MADURA,
21st August 1869.

(Signed) J. R. ARBUTHNOTT,
Officiating Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278, and to forward eight Statements according to the prescribed forms:

Statement No. 1

2. The settlement was made by myself, with the exception of the five hill villages which were settled by Messrs. Arbuthnott and Wilkinson during my absence on leave.

3. The transfer of four villages from the talook of Melur to that of Dindigul, and of the village of Nallampoliem from the Pulni Talook to that of Dharapuram in the Coimbatore District, caused the increase and decrease in the number of Ryotwary villages of the Dindigul and Pulni Talooks respectively.

4. In the accompanying detailed statements the changes caused by these transfers have been particularly shown, but in the statements which are embodied in this letter general results only are shown, to avoid occupying undue space. This will account for some apparent discrepancies between the figures entered in this report and that for Fusly 1277, the reasons of which will be clearly discernible on reference to the particulars given in the enclosures.

5. The new form of puttah according to the specimen copies forwarded with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, was adopted during the settlement of the year under report. The number of puttahs as compared with Fusly 1277 is given in the margin.

Fusly.	No. of new Puttahs.
1277.....	37,504
1278.....	38,509
Increase	1,005

I attribute the increase to the net increase of three villages in the Sub-division. As all new puttahs were issued there were no renewals.

6. I have so fully reported on the season in my letters embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,341, dated 1st March 1869, that it is not necessary for me to say more here than that its general character was very unfavorable. A seasonable and copious fall of rain in the months of May, June, and July 1868, gave the best hopes of a prosperous harvest and induced a considerable increase of cultivation, but this favorable opening of the season was not followed by a continuance of timely rains. In the month of August the rain-fall was but slight, and in the three subsequent months but scanty in Dindigul and very inadequate in Pulni, and in every part of the division partial and uncertain in the extreme. The general result was that the dry crops (which in these talooks form the bulk of the cultivation) suffered very considerably in almost every village, and in some to an extent which may be called disastrous.

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7. By the Board's orders marginally noted I was authorized to make liberal remissions for loss of produce, particulars of which are given below. This aid has prevented any general distress up to this time, but I fear that if we

No. 1,341, dated 1st March 1869.

do not have rain soon the effects of the short out-turn of last Fusly's crops will not be long in showing themselves.

8. The health of man and beast was generally good during the year, notwithstanding the scarcity of rain and the scant supply in some places of water to drink. There was at no time any important epidemic outbreak of disease. Cattle have suffered considerably for want of fodder.

9. A statement of the rain-fall according to the several gauges kept in the Sub-division is subjoined:—

Months.	Sub-Collector's office.		Dindigul Talook.		Pulni Talook.	
	Inches.	100ths.	Inches.	100ths.	Inches.	100ths.
July 1868	4	17	3	88	...	...
August „	1	14	...	28	...	33
September „	3	88	3	74½	2	41½
October „	5	70	6	49½	2	60
November „	3	15	2	94	1	5
December „ .....	...	18	...	12	...	25
January 1869 .....	...	82	...	85½	...	55
February „ .....	...	67	...	78½	1	...
March „ .....	...	46	...	43½	...	...
April „	1	31	2	17	3	67½
May „ .....	...	94	1	41	...	55½
June „	1	9	1	34½	...	...
Total.....	23	51	24	46	12	42½

Statement No. 2.

10. From this statement it would appear that grain of every description sold at moderate prices throughout the present as compared with the past year. On an average grain food was 8 per cent. dearer than in the ten years, Fuslies 1267-76, but 7 per cent. cheaper than in Fusly 1277.

Statement No. 3.

11. The large increase entered for Fusly 1278, under the head of “Lands taken up,” is chiefly attributable to the “Enclosed waste” having been included in the ryots' holdings under orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,129, dated 24th February 1865, and as mentioned as being intended in last year's Settlement Report. The increase in holdings does not, therefore, represent a proportionate increase in actual cultivation.

12. The holdings, as compared with those of the last year, are given below:—

Fuslies.	HOLDINGS.		LANDS GIVEN UP.		LANDS TAKEN UP.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
1277... ..	3,34,609	4,83,110	11,266	14,640	29,148	33,111
1278... ..	3,66,778	5,20,507	16,726	20,356	47,703	55,131

13. A comparative statement of actual cultivation (after deducting the waste remitted, Acres 56,729, assessed at Rupees 73,031, and waste charged, Acres 2,329, assessed at Rupees 5,821,) is subjoined:—

Items.	FUSLY 1277.				FUSLY 1278.				INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.				
Dry	2,62,120	3,07,803 12 3	2,80,559	3,26,393 5 11	18,489	18,590	.....	...		
Wet	26,685	1,12,924 10 9	27,161	1,15,261 3 14	476	2,337	.....	...		
Total...	2,88,805	4,20,728 7 0	3,07,720	4,41,654 14 10	18,915	20,927	.....	...		
<i>Add</i>												
Second crop Assessment	247 4 11	...	195 6 7	.....	...	.....	52				
Additional Assessment	67 13 9	...	221 2 7	.....	153	.....	...		
Water Tax				
Road Fund	20,725 4 8	.....	20,635 4 1	.....	.....	.....	90				
Village Service Fund				
Total...	4,41,768 14 4	.....	4,62,706 12 1	.....	21,080	.....	142				
Net Increase...	20,938	.....	...		
<i>Deduct Remission.</i>												
Road Fund	20,725 4 8	.....	20,635 4 1	.....	.....	.....	90				
Village Service Fund				
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4	1,13,100 6 10	.....	1,07,688 4 8	.....	.....	.....	5,412				
Total...	1,33,825 5 6	.....	1,28,323 8 9	.....	...	.....	5,502				
Remaining Balance	3,07,943 8 10	.....	3,34,383 3 4	.....	26,440	.....	...		
Add Miscellaneous items, Statement No. 5	30,707 4 11 3	.....	19,122 4 7	.....	...	.....	11,585				
Total...	3,38,651 4 1	.....	3,53,505 7 11	.....	26,440	.....	11,585				
Net Increase...	14,854	.....	...		

14. From the above statement it will be seen that the cultivation was 18,915 Acres, assessed at Rupees 20,927, above that of Fusly 1277. This increase is mainly nominal, and attributable to the "Enclosed waste" having been included under the head of Cultivation, though remitted again under the heads of "Waste" (Statement No. 3), or "Shamilat Bungar" (Statement No. 4), in compliance with the Board's order to conduct the settlement in a liberal spirit.

15. Enclosures A., B., and C. to Statement No. 3 require no remark.

Statement No. 4.

16. This shows the particulars of remission granted for the Fusly under report, as compared with that of the previous Fusly. It would appear from this that the remission of this Fusly falls short of that of the previous one by a net amount of Rupees 5,412. This account, however, does not include the remission on entire waste which is shown in Statement No. 3, and amounts to Rs. 73,031.

In Fusly 1277 the remission on waste was Rupees 26,639. Adding together the remission shown in the two accounts, Nos. 3 and 4, the totals stand thus:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1278... ..	1,80,719	7	10
„ 1277... ..	1,39,739	8	2
Increase...	40,979	15	8

I proceed to notice the items of Statement No. 4.

Shamilat Bonger.

17. The increase of Rupees 19,513 under this head is owing to the exceptional character of the season and the Board's orders noticed above.

Teerwa Cummy.

18. The increase of Rupees 2,749-13-2 under this head is owing to the increase of dry

cultivation on lands classed as wet for which no water was this year available, and on which I charged only dry rates, as dry crops only had been cultivated owing to the adverse nature of the season. It includes also some cultivation of garden produce for which Government supplied no water, but which was dependant entirely on the ryots' own wells.

Special Remissions on dry Cultivation.

19. By the Board's orders above adverted to I was authorized to grant remissions on dry cultivation, as a special case, to the extent of 75 per cent. in certain specified villages, and of 50 per cent. in the rest of the Sub-division; discretion being allowed me to grant various rates not exceeding the above maxima, as might seem necessary at the time of the Jummahbundy. After careful inquiry I came to the conclusion that the only way of fairly apportioning the remission was to arrange the villages in groups according to the reported rain-fall, the known nature of the soil and rate of assessment, the out-turn of the crops, and other particulars as ascertained by inquiry at the time. If it had been possible a more detailed inquiry might have been better than the plan I adopted; but it was manifestly not in my power to make separate investigations into the individual losses of more than 38,000 persons, and I am quite satisfied, from the *very few* complaints I received, that on the whole the people were contented with the proportions of the demand remitted in their respective villages. The percentages remitted, and the number of villages to which each was applied, are given below:—

Percentage.	Number of Vil- lages.	Remission.
		RS. A. P.
...	10	.....
15	87	13,566 15 7
20	28	5,757 1 3
25	34	11,192 5 8
30	35	11,900 3 6
35	36	19,086 11 11
40	2	1,008 12 4
50	10	8,638 3 3
75	9	8,258 5 0
Total...	251	79,408 10 6

Taram Cummy,

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,386, dated 3rd June 1864.

20. The increase under this head is due to increased cultivation being entered under the tank referred to in the correspondence marginally noted.

Statement No. 5.

21. The large decrease in the Sundry sources of Revenue is attributable to the first entry in the Item No. 51 being blank for Fusly 1278. "Enclosed waste" has this year been included in the ryots' holdings as mentioned above, and explained as being intended in last year's Settlement Report.

Statement No. 6.

22. The large balance of Rs. 29,694-14-2 outstanding against the Kannivady estate is owing to the request of the renter, for concession to him of extra time for the payment of his peishcush, being under the consideration of the Board. Orders have been given, however, for the immediate collection of the sum (Rupees 14,694-14-2) I proposed in my letter, No. 102, dated 12th April last, the renter should be made to pay by the end of June last, and of which nothing has as yet been realised.

23. The annexed is an abstract statement of the demand on account of all sources of revenue of this year as compared with the last:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue	4,77,379	4,59,687	.....	17,692
Abkarry	32,540	31,245	.....	1,295
Stamps	27,937	26,883	.....	1,054
Interest	1,218	307	.....	911
Total... ..	5,39,074	5,18,122	.....	20,952

24. The decrease of Rupees 17,692 in the Land Revenue Demand is owing to the large remissions granted this year.

25. The diminution of Rupees 1,295 under the head of Abkarry, in comparison with Fusly 1277, was caused by the sale of the Abkarry farms for Fusly 1278 at a reduced rate.

26. The falling off in the Stamp revenue is attributable partly to a decrease of litigation, due I fear to the gradual deterioration of the condition of the people caused by the continuous succession of bad seasons, and partly to the talooks not being kept properly supplied with stamped paper in May and June.

27. The subjoined is an abstract comparative statement of collections.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.						FUSLY 1278.						In-crease.	De-crease.	Remarks.
	Arrears.		Current.		Total.		Arrears.		Current.		Total.				
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8	9	10
Land Revenue.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	RS.	
Permanently set- tled	20,668	6 2	78,134	8 0	98,802	14 2	21,806	14 4	66,525	8 6	88,332	6 10	...	10,470	Increase due to outstanding arrears at the commencement of Fusly 1278 being very large.
Jody or Shrotriem, etc., villages ...	31	0 0	351	8 0	382	8 0	67	8 0	367	0 0	434	8 0	52	...	
Ryotwar	36,054	10 11	2,79,024	6 6	3,15,079	1 5	67,053	14 10	2,98,994	12 10	3,66,048	11 8	50,969	...	
Miscellaneous items	8,930	6 2	4,860	0 1	13,790	6 3	25,691	12 9	10,358	7 11	36,050	4 8	22,260	...	
Total...	65,684	7 3	3,62,370	6 7	4,28,054	13 10	1,14,620	1 11	3,76,245	13 3	4,90,865	15 2	73,281	10,470	Net increase 62,811.
Abkarry	5,148	0 0	29,725	6 6	34,873	6 6	139	14 7	29,321	9 2	29,461	7 9	...	5,412	
Stamps .....	...	...	27,937	4 0	27,937	4 0	...	...	26,882	12 0	26,882	12 0	...	1,054	
Total ...	5,148	0 0	57,662	10 6	62,810	10 6	139	14 7	56,204	5 2	56,344	3 9	...	6,466	
Grand Total ...	70,832	7 3	4,20,033	1 1	4,90,865	8 4	1,14,760	0 6	4,32,450	2 5	5,47,210	2 11	73,281	16,936	Net increase 56,345.

Statement No. 7.

is less than last Fusly, but still amounts to the large sum of Rupees 41,209. It has since been reduced by subsequent collections up to July 31st to Rupees 3,161-9-3. There has been some difficulty in making the collections, notwithstanding the remissions.

29. Under the head of Abkarry the balance at the end of the Fusly amounted to Rs. 1,894, which has since been reduced by the subsequent collections to Rupees 136-5-1. In April the Dindigul renter fell into arrears, and I was obliged to take the farm under management. The balance now outstanding is Rupees 136, which I hope to be able to realize shortly by the sale of the renter's effects here and in the Coimbatore District.

Statement No. 8.

reduced by subsequent collections to the end of July to Rupees 6,634-10-8.

31. The recoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 1,163-11-4, are in course of collection.

Rupees 1,993-13-4

32. Of the doubtful arrears Rs. 1,945-9-9 form the subject of a boundary dispute pending in your office between two hill villages, one belonging to Government and the other to Kannivady estate. A similar dispute between Dindigul and Tirumungalum Talooks accounts for the remainder, or Rupees 48-3-7.

33. The irrecoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 3,477-2-0, are as follows, and I request that sanction may be obtained for writing them off:—

Rupee 1-8-0.

Rupees 1-8-0 is the tax on certain waste land charged for Fusly 1277, the puttah of which stands in the name of a man who has absconded and has not been heard of for several years. The land was ponakadu and is now over-grown not having been cultivated since 1862, and is therefore not saleable. I request, therefore, that the arrears may be written off.

Rupees 2-12-5.

This sum also is the teerwa on certain other waste lands fixed under the same circumstances as above for Fusly 1277. The defaulter has disappeared for the last seven years and the land has ever since been submerged under the water-spread of a tank and consequently cannot be sold for arrears.

Rupees 797-9-4.

Rupees 797-9-4 is the difference between the highest dry tax and Nunjah tax on certain lands, which, though classed as Nunjah, are dependant entirely on private wells. The arrears under this head amounted, as per last year's Report, to Rs. 533-9-9 for Fusly 1276. Deducting Rs. 114-3-10 as belonging to Nallampoliem village, transferred from Pulni to Dharapuram Talook in the Coimbatore District, there remain Rupees 419-5-11. Add Rs. 378-3-5, the amount due for Fusly 1277, and we get the above sum of Rupees 797-9-4. The lands in question are entered as Nunjah in the Fysal accounts, but as a matter of fact there is not now any supply of water for their irrigation and they are cultivated as garden by means of wells dug at the ryots' own expense, and should be charged at Punjah rates only. In fact dry rates only have been paid, this difference being allowed to fall into arrears until the question of their permanent transfer to the Punjah head can be settled. I am not at present prepared to recommend this, as I have not as yet been able to obtain an Engineer's opinion on the subject of the ultimate restoration of the irrigation works; but I have charged the ryots dry rates only this year, as they received no water from Government, and would now request that this balance, which is nominally outstanding against them, may be remitted.

Rupees 2,674-4-9.

This balance, which includes interest, is due by the Abkarry renters of Dindigul Talook for Fusly 1277, as adverted to in paragraph 25 of last year's Report. As therein anticipated by me

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after all their property has been sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the subsequent collections from the sub-renters, set off against the arrears, there still remains the above sum due to Government. This loss must be put down to the badness of the season in Fusly 1277, and is now recommended to be written off the accounts, as there is no prospect of the realization of any portion of it.

Rupee 1.

This is a fine imposed on a Curnum, which was subsequently remitted at the recommendation of the Tahsildar, but the sum having been brought to the demand account sanction is required for writing it off.

34. Coercive measures have been resorted to only in four instances, one that of the Abkary renter noted in paragraph 33, and the others for the recovery of land revenue amounting to Rupees 35-4-0. In the first instance, Rupees 41-8-0 have been realised and in the others the whole arrears were recovered.

35. The Talook accounts are pretty well kept. The Village accounts in Pulni are the same, but in Dindigul are by no means satisfactory. In my opinion, however, the general untidiness of the accounts, which I was sorry to notice, is to a great extent due to the very inferior quality of the paper supplied. It is called *Double-Double Pott* I believe, and seems to me better suited for printing than for writing on. If it is the least damp the ink runs, and wherever the paper is folded it tears and breaks at once. No one can keep an account neat under such circumstances.

36. I annex a statement of lands acquired by public servants during the year under report:—

Name.	Extent of land acquired.	Mode of acquisition.
	ACS. A. P.	
A. Ramanujalu Naidoo, Acting Sheristadar	2 8 1	By purchase.
Easwara Iyen, Goomastah Pulni Talook	3 7 2	Do.

37. Two tanks and 154 wells were newly constructed under the rules during the Fusly. No public or private topes were planted.

38. For the first half of the year P. Subbaya was Sheristadar of my office and rendered me able and zealous assistance. Of Ramasawmy Iyer, Tahsildar of Dindigul, now absent on sick leave, I may say the same. I have seen no reason to change my good opinion of these two officers. Mr. Burby, Tahsildar of Pulni, seems daily to grow less and less efficient, but his service will terminate in a few months. During Subbaya's absence on duty in your office A. Ramanujalu Naidoo, Collector's Head Revenue Clerk, has filled his place. He wants experience in the somewhat miscellaneous work of a Sub-division Sheristadar, but is willing, hard-working, and of fair ability, and promises to become a valuable officer. During Ramasawmy Iyer's absence on leave, N. Gopalaiengar, Sub-Magistrate of Shevagungah, has acted as Tahsildar of Dindigul. This officer knows his work, but appears to me to be lamentably wanting in energy. He must improve considerably before he can hope for a permanent Tahsil.

THODANAMPETTI,
3rd August 1869.

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

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TINNEVELLY.

I HAVE the honor to report upon the settlement of the Land and extra Sources of Revenue of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69,) and to forward the prescribed Settlement accounts, Nos. 1 to 11.

Stations at which the Settlement was made.

2. Puttahs were distributed at the stations mentioned in Statement No. 1.

No. 1.

Names of the Officers who made the Settlement.	Talooks.	Stations where the Settlement was made.
<i>Collector's Division.</i>		
C. T. Longley, Esq., Acting Collector.....	{ Tenkarai.....	Trichendur.
	{ Tinnevelly.....	Tinnevelly.
C. J. Crosthwaite, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.....	{ Ottapedaram.....	{ Kytar.
		{ Vilatikulam.
J. Wallace, Esq., Assistant Collector... ..	Sankaranainarkovil...	{ Ottapedaram.
		{ Sankaranainarkovil.
		{ Vasudevanallur.
Vencat Row, Deputy Collector.....	{ Sattur.....	{ Virdupatti.
		{ Sattur.
	{ Strivilliputtur.....	{ Strivilliputtur.
		{ Watrap.
		{ Rajapalyam.
<i>Sub-division.</i>		
J. B. Pennington, Esq., Sub-Collector.	Ambasamudram... ..	{ Timmarajasamudram.
		{ Shermadevi.
A. J. Stuart, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.....	{ Nanguneri.....	Nanguneri.
	{ Tenkasi.....	Tenkasi.

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Variation in the number and tenure of Villages.

3. Statement No. 2 exhibits the tenure on which the villages were held, as compared with those of the preceding year.

No. 2.

Denomination of Villages.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
1. Nunjah (wet) Mottafysal villages.....	929	930	1	...
2. Nunjah Pottom villages paying a favorable assessment in grain.....	13	13	...	...
3. Do. Poruppu do. do. fixed in money...	12	12	...	...
4. Punjah (dry) villages.....	116	116	...	...
5. Pottom and Poruppu villages upon which (Jody) quit-rent was imposed by the Inam Commissioner.....	18	18	...	...
6. Taram or Ryotwar villages.....	15	15	...	...
Total Government Villages...	1,103	1,104	1	...
7. Kattuguttagai or Shrotriem villages... ..	75	74	...	1
8. Inam villages	77	77	...	...
9. Zemindary villages... ..	725½	725½	...	...
Grand Total...	1,980½	1,980½	...	...

4. The increase under the head of Mottafysal villages is owing to the resumption of a shrotriem village in default of the proprietor's appearance within the prescribed time.

Introduction of Permanent Puttahs.

5. The total number of puttahs for Fusly 1278 was 1,39,491, or 1,480 in excess of the previous year. Of these 72,644 remained unaltered, 18,710 were slightly modified, and 48,137 were renewed. The renewed puttahs bear a proportion of 35 per cent. on the total number issued. As stated in paragraph 6 of the last year's Jummahbundy Report 1,43,276 receipt puttahs were issued during the year according to the new form.

No. 3.

Fuslies.	Total number of Puttahs for Land Revenue.	PUTTAHS NOT RENEWED.			Renewed or fresh Puttahs issued.	Per centage of Column 6 on Column 2.
		Puttahs which remained altogether unaltered.	Modified by additional entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1277.....	1,38,011	38,625	37,547	76,172	61,839	45
1278.....	1,39,491	72,644	18,710	91,354	48,137	35
Increase...	1,480	34,019	...	15,182
Decrease...	18,837	...	13,702	...

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Season and Sanitary state of the District.

* Dated 20th April and 1st May 1869, Nos. 164 and 177.

6. The season was very favorable for agricultural prospects, as already detailed in my Season and Administration Reports.*

7. An abstract statement of the rain-fall, as compared with the preceding year, is given below :—

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	In. Dec.	In. Dec.
1868... { April.....	2.57	0.94
May.....	1.16	2.19
June.....	0.36	3.66
July.....	0.63	0.77
August.....	0.03	0.25
September.....	0.36	2.10
Total...	5.11	9.91
1868... { October.....	13.13	7.92
November.....	4.35	6.58
December.....	0.34	1.45
1869... { January.....	4.20	1.39
February.....	1.28	1.61
March.....	1.83	0.53
Total...	25.13	19.48
Grand Total...	30.24	29.39

Disease.	
Cholera.....	80
Small-pox.....	1,878
Fever.....	2,544
Other diseases.....	15,245
Accidents.....	422
Suicides.....	33
Murders.....	8

Total... 20,210

Population... 15,26,698

Prices of Grain.

in the following abstract, showing a tendency to fall:—

No. 4.

Fuslies.	Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	Paddy, 2nd sort, per garce.	Cholum per garce.	Cumboo per garce.	Horse-gram per garce.	Raggy per garce.	Varagu per garce.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277.....	241	200	238	218	294	199	...
1278.....	235	196	225	210	289	200	161
Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	1	161
Decrease...	6	4	13	8	5	...	...

Ryots' Holdings.

10. Ryots' holdings comprised 12,95,784 Acres, assessed at Rupees 26,27,358-5-7, against 12,95,074 Acres, assessed at Rs. 26,37,214-2-2 in the preceding Fusly. Notwithstanding an increase in the area of holdings it has not been attended with a corresponding increase in revenue. This result is owing to second crop not having as

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usual been raised on single crop lands, and to the limited kar cultivation carried on in certain talooks. Thirty-five changes occurred in the holdings of ryots, as shown in Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3.

Dry..... 2,59,669
Wet..... 14,945
Total... 2,74,614

11. The extent of waste in holdings amounted to 2,74,614 acres, or 14,772 acres less than last year.

No. 5.

Items.	DRY.			WET.			TOTAL.		
	Land.	Assessment.		Land.	Assessment.		Land.	Assessment.	
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.
Extent of land in Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly.....	11,19,408	8,42,092	12 10	1,75,666	17,95,121	5 4	12,95,074	26,37,214	2 2
Deduct land relinquished by the ryots and transferred from one head to another ...	5,596	9,957	3 1	1,885	47,378	6 9	7,481	57,335	9 10
Remainder...	11,13,812	8,32,135	9 9	1,73,781	17,47,742	14 7	12,87,593	25,79,878	8 4
Add lands newly taken up for cultivation ...	6,985	9,729	3 5	1,206	37,750	9 10	8,191	47,479	13 3
Total...	11,20,797	8,41,864	13 2	1,74,987	17,85,493	8 5	12,95,784	26,27,358	5 7
<i>Particulars.</i>									
Cultivated... ..	8,61,128	7,22,978	2 8	1,60,042	16,63,891	3 1	10,21,170	23,86,869	5 9
Waste.....	2,59,669	1,18,886	10 3	14,945	1,21,602	5 4	2,74,614	2,40,488	15 10

Actual Cultivation.

RS. A. P.
Wet..... 16,63,891 3 1
Dry..... 7,22,978 2 8
Total... 23,86,869 5 9

12. The actual cultivation and settlement under wet and dry is shown in the subjoined statement. The land revenue amounted to Rupees 23,86,869-5-9, or Rupees 2,245-5-10 more than that of the last year:—

No. 6, A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	FUSLY 1277.		FUSLY 1278.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Wet total cultivation.....	2,28,996	...	2,26,179	...	...	...	2,817	...
Deduct 2nd crop.....	70,115	...	66,137	...	...	...	3,978	...
Remaining 1st crop ..	1,58,881	16,66,420 8 3	1,60,042	16,63,891 3 1	1,161	...	...	2,529 5 2
Dry cultivation.....	8,46,807	7,18,203 7 8	8,61,128	7,22,978 2 8	14,321	4,774 11 0	...	...
Total...	10,05,688	23,84,623 15 11	10,21,170	23,86,869 5 9	15,482	2,245 5 10	...	...