

7. SEASON.—The season was, on the whole, a favourable one, as may be seen from the subjoined abstract Statement of the average rain-fall during the year under report, as compared with that of the preceding year:—

	Months.	1869-70.		1870-71.	
		IN.	T.	IN.	T.
South-west Monsoon.	April 1870...	0	36	0	10
	May „ ...	0	70	1	16
	June „ ...	2	90	3	47
	July „ ...	3	77	3	84
	August „ ...	2	92	6	71
	September „ ...	4	59	5	45
	Total...	15	24	20	73
North-west Monsoon.	October 1870...	2	0	11	50
	November „ ...	3	28	1	14
	December „ ...	1	76	...	...
	January 1871...	1	47	0	73
	February „ ...	...	...	0	1
	March „ ...	0	67	0	28
	Total...	9	18	13	66
Grand Total...		24	42	34	39

8. This year the north-east monsoon rain filled several tanks, but proved disastrous to certain irrigation works, in the Taluqs of Cuddapah, Pullampett and Proddattur. The Pennair, Paupagni, Bahoodanadi, and Chitravaty rivers were in high fresh during the north-east monsoon, and thus channels irrigating the wet lands in the Taluqs of Proddattur, Pulivendla, Cuddapah, Pullampett, and Jammalmadugu were well supplied. The cultivation of wet lands was, on the whole, more favourable to the ryot than the cultivation of dry land.

9. RAIN REGISTERS.—The accuracy of the Rain Registers kept in the Taluqs and in the several Department Public Works stations of this district has been tested whenever officers had occasion to visit those places.

10. SANITARY CONDITION.—The figures shown in the subjoined Statement make it appear that the district has been more healthy this year than last, but I have no faith in Fever and Cholera Statistics.

	Fusly 1279.	Fusly 1280.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cholera...	1,801	576	...	1,225
Fever, Ague, etc.	18,373	16,695	...	1,678
Small-pox ...	922	922
Total...	21,096	18,193	...	2,903

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11. **MORTALITY AMONG CATTLE.**—Cattle suffered from disease in the Taluqs of Kadiry, Cuddapah, and Madanapally, but the mortality was much less than in the preceding year as shown below:—

	—	Fusly 1279.	Fusly 1280.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Cattle...	...	4,376	3,512	864
Sheep, etc...	...	15,504	12,106	3,398

12. **PRICES.**—Statement No. 2 shows a fall in prices of grain as compared with those obtaining in the preceding ten years, the per centage of reduction being shown under Column 6 of the Comparative Abstract Statement of prices below.

13. **CULTIVATION.**—Subjoined is a Comparative Abstract of cultivation exhibiting a clear increase over Fusly 1279 of Acres 13,662, assessed at Rupees 72,777, inclusive of Fussal and Teervajasty, etc., or about 4 per cent. over the total assessment of that year, viz., Rs. 17,58,474.

Item.	FUSLY 1279.		FUSLY 1280.		COMPARISON.				With reference to Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866, paragraph 4, Clause 4.
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Increase.		Decrease.		
					Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	
Dry	11,96,094	8,93,912	12,01,554	8,98,795	5,470	4,883	..	...
Wet	99,013	6,91,195	1,07,205	7,42,436	8,192	51,241	...	...
Total...	12,95,097	15,85,107	13,08,759	16,41,231	13,662	56,124	...	...
Fussaljasty ...	...	67,313	...	74,522	...	7,209	...	...
Teervajasty ...	...	49,933	...	58,500	...	8,567	...	...
Road Cess ...	...	56,126	...	57,003	...	877	...	...
Total...	...	17,58,479	...	18,31,256	...	72,777	...	...
Deduct.									
Remission as per Statement No. 4 ... ..	...	22,171	...	21,381	...	...	...	790	
Road Cess ...	..	56,126	...	57,003	...	877	...	...
Total...	...	78,297	...	78,384	...	877	...	790	
Net demand ...	...	16,80,182	...	17,52,872	...	71,900	...	...
Add Miscellaneous ... ..	...	1,92,069	...	2,13,430	...	21,361	...	...
Total...	...	18,72,251	...	19,66,302	...	93,261	...	...
	...	47	...	47	...	..	...	...
	...	18,72,298	...	19,66,349	...	...	...	...

Deduction from the beriz of a Kayam Jodi village, in Pullampett Taluqa, per Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 238 of March 1869.

Deduction from the beriz of a Kayam Jodi village, in Pullampett Taluq, as per Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 238 of March 1869.

The increase is chiefly under wet cultivation for the reasons already given.

14. **WASTE REMISSIONS.**—The extent left waste during the year under report was 55,782 Acres, assessed at Rupees 91,887, from the total holdings of 13,17,214 Acres, assessed at Rupees 16,83,804. The remissions on waste amounted to Rupees 42,573 on 8,455 Acres, or 50,665

Rupees less than in the preceding year, and Rupees 50,218 less than the average of the last five years, as particularized in the annexed Memorandum. The remissions were large in the Sub-Division Taluqs of Madanapally, Voilpaul and Kadiry, owing to the rain-fall in those localities having been small.

Memorandum of Remissions granted under circumstances beyond the control of Ryots during the past five Fuslies.

Fuslies.	DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.		Remarks.
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	
1275	273	301	6,080	32,229	6,353	32,530	
1276	35	25	12,598	68,945	12,633	68,970	
1277	18	12	30,313	1,69,588	30,331	1,69,600	
1278	46	33	18,315	99,587	18,361	99,620	
1279	13	17	16,486	93,221	16,499	93,238	
Total...	385	388	83,792	4,63,570	84,177	4,63,958	
Average...	77	77	16,758	92,714	16,835	92,791	

15. The Remissions granted for the year under review comprize the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Lands left waste for failure of water... ..	41,234	2	8
2. Lands taken up for Roads, Canals, etc.	77	6	8
3. Lands left waste under ruined works of Irrigation... ..	1,028	4	3
4. Lands destroyed by inundations	232	15	8

Total Remissions ... 42,572 13 3

16. WASTE CHARGED.—The amount charged on irrigated and unirrigated lands left waste on account of litigation and neglect, or for pasturage, etc., was Rupees 49,314, assessed on 47,327 Acres, or 10,936 Rupees more than in the preceding year.

	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.
Dry	40,854	19,353
Wet	6,473	29,961
Total...	47,327	49,314

17. ROAD CESS.—Under this head there was an increase of Rupees 4,926, which is due to the levy of cess at 6 Pice in the Rupee on the gross demand, under the Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 35-8,365 of 1869, November 12th.

18. LANDS RELINQUISHED.—Enclosure A. of Statement No. 3 shows that 16,399 Acres, assessed at Rupees 10,199, both wet and dry, have been relinquished in consequence of lands having become useless or having been appropriated for public purposes which contrasts favourably with the extent surrendered in the preceding year, as may be seen from the following abstract:—

Fuslies.	DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
1279	28,625	11,682	1,458	8,068	30,083	19,750
1280	15,682	6,179	717	4,020	16,399	10,199
Increase
Decrease...	12,943	5,503	741	4,048	13,684	9,551

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19. The indulgence granted in paragraph 8 of Government Order, No. 1,737, dated 9th November 1870. Board's Proceedings, No. 6,650, dated 14th November of same year, viz., that all existing wet rates in excess of Rupees 12, per acre, should be reduced to that amount, the other rates not being interfered with—has been partially extended to the Sub-division Taluqs of Madanapally, Voilpaud, and Royachoti, the financial result of this concession for the year under report being a reduction of Rupees 936-9-10, as exhibited in Enclosure A.

20. SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3, exhibits the cultivation of Sugar-cane, Cotton, and Indigo. There is an increase under the first, and a decrease under the last two items. The increase is accounted for by a better supply of water in the Cane-growing taluqs of the Sub-division, while the decrease in Cotton and Indigo is due to the fall in the prices of those articles:—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.	Cotton.	Indigo.
1279	1,787	80,534	65,063
1280	2,152	65,254	51,187
Increase ...	365	...	...
Decrease ...	...	15,280	13,876

21. PROGRESSIVE COWLE.—Enclosure C. in No. 3 shows a decrease of Rupees 64 under the head of Cowle Remissions, which is attributable to 652 Acres of Cowle lands having been fully assessed at Rupees 644 on the expiry of the Cowle leases.

Fusly 1279	Rs. 156
„ 1280	92
Decrease...	64

22. PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.—A statement of the principal sources of irrigation, as required by Clause 5, paragraph 4 of Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866, is herewith, submitted. From the comparative abstract given in the subjoined Statement, there is an increase of Rupees 9,500 or about 8 per cent. over the revenue under this head of last year, the increase being attributable to the high freshes in the rivers, and to the larger amount of water in the tanks with the exception of certain parts in the Sub-division where rains were scanty.

Fuslies.	CULTIVATION.		Actual revenue derived.
	Acres.	Assessment.	
		RS.	RS.
1279	19,857	1,77,151	1,21,283
1280	21,384	1,83,949	1,30,783
Increase ...	1,527	6,798	9,500

23. No ruined tanks were made over to private enterprise during the Fusly under report.

24. Statement No. 4 shows the various kinds of remissions granted during the year under report, as contrasted with those of the previous Fusly. Under the head of “Shamilat Bunjer” or portions of fields left uncultivated, there is a decrease of Rupees 346. Such remissions though undesirable, were resorted to, only where absolutely necessary.

25. The decrease of Rupees 1,886 under “Shavi” is of course due to a better supply of water while the increase of Rupees 327 under “Paimally” is attributable to certain tanks having breached in Cuddapah, Pullampett, and Proddatur Taluqs.

26. The decrease under the several items comprised under "Fixed Remissions" is traceable to the decrease of the cultivation on which the remissions are granted.

27. The net decrease of Rupees 790 (of Statement No. 4) under all remissions is due to the favourable nature of the season.

28. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.—Statement No. 5 shows the Demand, Collection and Balance on account of Miscellaneous Items, under Land Revenue, compared with the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement for June last. To this Statement is appended a separate Memorandum explanatory of the nature and particulars of the statement of each item, as directed by paragraph 7 of the Board's Circular, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866. Under this source of revenue there is a net increase of Rupees 21,361 over last year, which is chiefly due to the increase under the items Nos. 6, 7, 13, 16, 17, 46, and 55. The last item is "Fussaljasty" on Inam lands collected under Board's Proceedings, No. 34, dated 8th January 1870.

29. The increase under Item No. 6 "Land cultivated but not included in the Jamabandy" is chiefly due to some of the taluqs having been settled before the 2nd crop season.

30. The increase under Items No. 16 "Collections from Village Service Inams" (17) "Revenue from sequestered Inams" (46) "Water-tax on Zamindari and Inam lands, etc.," are traceable to the increase of cultivation generally. The net increase is exhibited below:—

Fuslies.	LAND REVENUE MISCELLANEOUS DEMANDS.	
	Arrears.	Current.
	RS.	RS.
1270	58,965	1,92,069
1280	52,752	2,13,430
Increase ...	...	21,361
Decrease ...	6,213	...

31. The decrease of Rupees 521 under Item No. 1 "Jodi on Sundry Inams" service is mainly owing to the revision of Jodi on wet Well Service Inam lands, authorized by Government Order, No. 722, dated 21st April 1871, in Board's Miscellaneous No. 1,432, dated 3rd May, having been carried out in the Taluq of Budwail, and partly to certain Inams of the kind under notice having been attached and requiring no collection of Jodi.

32. Statement No. 6 exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Shrotriem Jodi villages enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner. The
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| <p><i>Madanapally Taluq.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kavalipalligadda. 2. Poojapallidinna. 3. Ramachariapally. | <p>Kayam Jodi villages, marginally named, of the Madanapally Taluq, though incorporated with Ryotwar villages, under the sanction of the Board,</p> |
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appear in this account. A separate application will be made to the Board for the transfer of their Beriz in the accounts.

33. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE OF ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE.—Statement No. 7 shows the Demand, Collection and Balance of all sources of Revenue both current and arrears;

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exhibiting a net increase of Rupees 64,885 or 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. over last year, as will be seen from the subjoined comparative abstract of the collections of Revenue current and arrears.

Items.	FUSLY 1279.			FUSLY 1280.			COMPARISON OF COLUMNS 4 AND 5.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Land Revenue</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jodi on Shrotriern								
and Surva Inam vil-								
lages	8,337	34,742	43,079	6,512	32,381	38,893	...	4,186
Ryotwar	1,04,254	16,13,963	17,18,217	64,048	16,44,070	17,08,118	...	10,099
Miscellaneous ...	45,344	1,49,711	1,95,055	40,815	1,62,480	2,03,295	8,240	...
Total...	1,57,935	17,98,416	19,56,351	1,11,375	18,38,931	19,50,306	8,240	14,285
Abkarry	10,418	2,08,570	2,18,988	21,453	2,00,250	2,21,703	2,715	...
Stamps ... ..	...	1,76,290	1,76,290	...	1,84,028	1,84,028	7,738	...
Income-tax ... ..	...	52,087	52,087	1,449	1,11,382	1,12,831	60,744	...
Profession and Trade								
tax	275	...	275	8	...	8	...	267
Total...	10,693	4,36,947	4,47,640	22,910	4,95,660	5,18,570	71,197	267
Grand Total...	1,68,628	22,35,363	24,03,991	1,34,285	23,34,591	24,68,876	79,437	14,552
Net Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64,885	...

34. The increase under "Miscellaneous" is chiefly owing to the increase in the demand against this item resulting from extended cultivation as noticed already.

35. The increase under the items "Stamps" and "Income-tax" is traceable to the extended knowledge of the public of the penal provisions of the General Stamp and Court Fees Act, and to the enhanced rates of Rupees 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of Income-tax during the greater part of the Fusly under report.

36. The decrease of Rupees 10,099 under Ryotwar, is owing in a measure to the dilatory manner in which Revenue has been collected in the Taluqs of Cuddapah, Budwail, Voilpaul, Royachoti, Madanapally, Proddatur, and Jammalmadugu, in fact in almost all the taluqs except Sidhout. The Tahsildars concerned have been admonished and directed to perform their duty in this respect more punctually.

37. As directed in Board's Circular Memorandum No. 689, dated 30th June 1860, a Statement in the prescribed form of the Taluqwar particulars of the Demand and Collections of Land and other sources of Revenue accompanies, as an enclosure to Statement No. 7.

38. The current and arrears collected within the Fusly, amounted to Rupees 24,68,876, exclusive of the remissions granted (Rupees 21,357) and the subsequent collections up to the end of July last, amount to Rupees 62,503. This makes a total of Rupees 25,31,379, leaving a balance

of Rupees 1,60,854 or 6 per cent. on the demand for the Fusly now outstanding against the District, as may be glanced from the subjoined abstract Statement of the Demand, Collection and Balance.

	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Demand for Fusly 1280	1,77,332	25,36,258	27,13,590
Collections	1,34,285	23,34,591	24,68,876
Remissions	21,357	...	21,357
Total ...	1,55,642	23,34,591	24,90,233
Balance	21,690	2,01,667	2,23,357
Collection in July 1871	1,185	61,318	62,502
Balance	20,505	1,40,349	1,60,854
Deduct August 1871, Collection	467	29,214	29,681
Balance...	20,038	1,11,135	1,31,173

39. REVENUE ARREARS.—Statement No. 8 exhibits the collection on account of old balances of all sources of revenue. In Column 7 of the Statement is shown a balance of Rupees 21,690 at the close of the Fusly under report, which was reduced to Rupees 20,505 by subsequent collections up to the end of July last, showing a per centage of 11½ over the arrears at the beginning of the Fusly.

	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	3,190	5	9
Abkarry	1,864	5	10
Road Cess	838	13	3
	5,893	8	10

40. From the above balance of Rupees 20,505, a sum of Rupees 5,893-8-10, as detailed in the margin, is recommended for remission as irrecoverable, the fusliwar particulars of which, are shown in the subjoined abstract, as directed

in paragraph 8 of Board's Proceedings, No. 4,345, dated 17th June 1869.

Fusliwar particulars of the irrecoverable balance recommended for remission.

Fuslies	Shrotriem Jodi.	Ryotwar.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	Amount recommended to be remitted as irrecoverable.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1264...	...	7 12 0	...	7 12 0	7 12 0	...
1265...	...	7 15 2	...	7 15 2	7 15 2	...
1267...	...	16 6 9	...	16 6 9	16 6 9	...
1268...	...	15 10 9	...	15 10 9	15 10 9	...
1269...	...	39 12 9	...	39 12 9	39 12 9	...
1270...	...	35 1 10	...	35 1 10	35 1 10	...
1271...	...	15 13 10	8 0 0	23 13 10	20 7 10	3 6 0
1272...	...	3 4 0	15 1 0	18 5 0	7 0 0	11 5 0
1273...	...	3 8 0	15 11 7	19 3 7	8 0 0	11 3 7
1274...	...	26 2 8	3 13 6	30 0 2	3 13 6	26 2 8
1275...	...	49 13 2	34 10 2	84 7 4	9 9 5	74 13 11
1276...	31 4 8	183 10 1	55 7 6	270 6 3	21 10 0	248 12 3
1277...	71 8 0	236 2 11	1,943 9 4	2,251 4 3	91 14 10	2,159 5 5
1278...	68 0 5	2,111 14 9	1,902 10 6	4,082 9 8	484 1 2	3,598 8 6
1279...	893 15 10	5,189 12 11	5,449 10 2	11,533 6 11	2,421 1 9	9,112 5 2
Total.	1,064 12 11	7,942 13 7	9,428 9 9	18,436 4 3	3,190 5 9	15,245 14 6
		Abkarry	1,864 5 10	1,864 5 10	...	...
		Road Cess... ..	838 13 3	838 13 3
		Income-tax	204 4 0	204 4 0
		Total...	21,343 11 4	5,893 8 10	15,450 2 6	

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The various causes reported for the above sum being irrecoverable, are shown in the subjoined statement:—

Statement showing the particulars of Irrecoverable balances.

Number of Persons.	Amount including Ryotwar, Shrotriem, Miscellaneous, and Abkarry, etc.			Cause.
	RS.	A.	P.	
12	82	14	5	Owing to deaths, desertion, and poverty.
128	834	12	2	Owing to double entries from mistake in the accounts, to erroneous charges of Teervajasty, to the assessment of Inams relinquished, and of those released from attachment by order of the Inam Commissioner, etc.
306	1,239	9	10	Assessment on lands purchased by Government at a nominal price, under Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 273, etc.
195	935	9	11	Assessment of lands remitted as compensation for villages and other services; and of Inams taken up for public purposes.
2	5	12	3	Assessment of lands granted rent-free for Missionary School-houses.
28	91	11	2	Assessment of Fusly 1278 on Garden lands under old wells remaining uncollected up to the date of the receipt of Government Order, dated 29th June 1869, No. 1,836, directing the reduction of Garden assessment to the highest dry rate. This item was, by oversight, omitted to be included in last year's Remission Account, as reported by the Tahsildars of Budwail (Rupees 67-15-10) and Pulivendla (Rupees 23-11-4.)
671	3,190	5	9	Total Land Revenue.
1	Abkarry. 1,864	5	10	Balance due by Abkarry Contractor, Vinnakota Sashiah of Pulivendla Taluq for Fusly 1279. Defaulter has been confined in the Civil Jail since 3rd March 1870.
(a)	Road Cess. * 838	13	3	For Fusly 1279 40 4 11
(b)				" " 1278 104 14 5
				" " 1277 683 15 5
				" " 1276 9 10 6
				838 13 3
	5,893	8	10	Grand Total.
<p>* (a) Out of this sum Rupees 632-1-4 belong to Road Cess charged on dry lands, the assessment of which was remitted in Fusly 1277 for loss of crops in the Kadiry Taluq.</p> <p>* (b) Rupees 32-0-5 belong to Road Cess on lands which were subsequently sold for arrears, and purchased by Government at a nominal price.</p> <p>Rupees 6-4-9 owing to lands taken up for public purposes.</p> <p>* Rupees 167-9-10 Road Cess irrecoverable owing to double entries by mistakes, etc.</p> <p>Rupees 0-12-11 owing to deaths of Pattadars.</p>				

41. **COERCIVE PROCESS.**—Enclosure A. in No. 8. The extent to which coercive processes were resorted to in the year under report, was greater than that found necessary in the previous year. The increase occurred chiefly in the Taluqs of Cuddapah, Voilpaul, Budwail, Puliven dila, Mañanapally, and Jammalmadugu.

42. Out of property attached to the value of Rupees 8,939, it was only necessary to sell property valued at Rupees 2,615 or 29 per cent. on the value of property attached.

43. The collection of process service fees amounts to Annas 8, as the work has been performed by the village servants.

44. **GROSS COLLECTIONS AND CHARGES.**—Statement No. 9 exhibits a net increase in collections, current and arrear, of Rupees 64,885 over the preceding year, and a net increase of Rupees 4,447 under Charges, the variations in which will be noticed below.

45. The increase under “Refunds of Revenue” is attributable chiefly to the numerous cases in which the collections on attached Inams which were subsequently released had to be repaid to the Inamdars under the orders of the Inam Commissioner.

46. The increase of Rupees 7,219 under “Salaries of the Collector, etc.,” was owing to the Furlough allowances drawn by Mr. Horsley, as Sub-Collector, and to Mr. Burnell, late Acting Judge, drawing the salary of a Sub-Collector; while the increase of Rupees 2,384 under “Tent and House rent Allowances” is due to Gazetted officers having travelled on duty a great deal more than in the previous year.

47. The decrease of Rupees 3,977 under “Huzur and Taluq Establishment” is chiefly owing to the continued absence of the Huzur Sheristadar as well as of some of the Tahsildars in the taluqs. While the decrease under Contingencies is mainly owing to charges incurred in the previous year on account of binding patta books, etc. The variations under the other items need no remarks.

48. From Column 9 of the abstract Statement of the gross collections and charges, it may be seen that the gross charges of the year bear a ratio of 9 per cent. on the gross collections.

49. As in last year, though the Notification contained in Board's Circular Order, No. 15 of 1868 has been published in the local Gazette, no applications have been received during the year under report, offering to take advantage of the rules therein promulgated.

50. **FUSSALJASTY ON INAMS, ETC.**—In reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,070, dated 31st March 1869, Fussaljasty and Teervajasty were levied on dry Inams, when watered by Government sources of Irrigation to the amount of Rupees 12,025, as noted in the margin.

	Acres.
Fussaljasty	240
Teervajasty	11,785
	12,025

51. Neersarigy or Water tax on irrigated Inams and Shamilat Dasavandam Inams under wells according to local usage, levied in consequence of the use of Government water, amounted to Rupees 4,202.

52. **LANDS ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.**—The extent of landed property possessed and acquired during the Fusly by public servants in the district is given below.

Items:	Number of Public Servants.	Extent.	Assessment.		
		ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Lands held at the close of Fusly 1279	177	10,012	14,346	3	1
Deduct relinquishments in Fusly 1280	10	1,188	787	0	0
Remainder...	167	8,824	13,559	3	1
Add newly acquired in Fusly 1280	8	942	1,000	0	0
Total...	175	9,766	14,559	3	1

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53. VILLAGE AND TALUQ ACCOUNTS.—In compliance with orders contained in Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 5 of 1864, I have to report that no irregularities in the Village and Taluq Accounts have been brought to notice except in the Budwail and Cuddapah Taluqs where measures have been adopted to remedy the defects.

54. The Sub-Collector's report is herewith forwarded.

CUDDAPAH,
22nd September 1871.

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Acting Collector.

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Acting Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Settlement Report for the Sub-division of Cuddapah for Fasli 1280, (1870-71). The usual statements and accounts have not been forwarded in accordance with the instructions received from you in Docket No. 327 of 14th September 1870.

2. Of the four taluqs in the Sub-division Kadiri, Voilpaud, and Madanapally were settled by myself, while the taluq of Royachoty was settled by the late Collector, Mr. Master.

3. The following abstract shows the villages at which the Jamabandi was made, the time occupied in the settlement of each taluq, and the names of the officers who conducted the Jamabandi:—

Names of Officers by whom Jamabandi was made.	Names of Taluqs.	Names of Villages.	Time occupied.
E. Storr, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Kadiri ...	Kadiri ...	From 10th December to 16th December 1870.
		Nalcheruvoo ...	From 17th December to 19th December 1870.
	Voilpaud ...	Voilpaud ...	From 24th February to 6th March 1871.
		Gurrunconda ...	From 8th March to 9th March 1871.
C. G. Master, Esq., Collector.	Madanapally ...	Madanapally ...	From 1st May to 12th May 1871.
		Ghattu ...	From 16th May to 17th May 1871.
	Royachoty ...	Royachoty...	From 27th March to 5th April 1871.
		Chinna Mandium.	From 12th April to 17th April 1871.

4. During the present year four small villages in the Madanapally Taluq were incorporated with others in the same taluq, and one village was transferred from the taluq of Voilpaud to that of Madanapally so that there is a decrease of three ryotwary villages in the latter taluq and of one in the former. The orders relating to these transfers will be found in the following Proceedings, No. 6,671 of 15th November 1870, No. 5,440 of 24th August 1870, No. 5,623 of 7th September 1870, and No. 6,666 of 15th November 1870. With these exceptions no changes have taken place.

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5. The following statement gives the number of villages in the several taluqs for this Fasli as compared with those in the previous one:—

Number of Ryotwary Villages.

	Taluqs.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.
	Madanapally	88	85
	Voilpaud	105	104
	Kadiri	127	127
	Royachoty	88	88

6. The annexed statement shows the increase and decrease in the number of puttahs as compared with the last Fasli :—

No.	Taluqs.	NEW PUTTAHS.		OLD PUTTAHS ALTERED.		OLD PUTTAHS UNCHANGED.		Total.	
		Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.
1	Madanapally.	322	132	3,494	50	7,314	11,050	11,130	11,232
2	Voilpaud ...	436	636	6,725	11,417	10,861	5,729	18,022	17,782
3	Kadiri... ..	489	305	3,142	165	9,530	12,242	13,161	12,712
4	Royachoty...	656	320	2,842	3,663	14,419	14,123	17,917	18,106
	Total...	1,903	1,393	16,203	15,295	42,124	43,144	60,230	59,832

7. There was a decrease of 510 under New Puttahi and of 908 under Old Puttahi altered, while there was an increase of 1,020 under the head of Old Puttahi unchanged.

8. I have resided within the precincts of my division during the past year, except for three days spent at Cuddapah in February last.

9. Subjoined is a table of rain-fall during the last and current Faslies :—

No.	Months.	Madana- pally.	Royachoty.	Voilpaud.	Kadiri. ^a
1	July 1870	1.2	1.60	0.8	1.75
	August „	3.20	8.6	7.00	6.70
	September „	2.500	2.150	2.425	2.600
	October „	9.075	12.150	16.400	10.700
	November „	1.750	0.650	1.200	0.950
	December „ ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	January 1871	1.65	1.40	1.00	0.525
	February „ ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	March „	0.425	1.15	.....	.....
	April „	0.5	.....	0.3	1.025
	May „	0.65	1.35	2.70	4.20
	June „	1.1375	1.9500	2.7000	1.1250
	Total...	22.0875	31.0000	33.9250	29.5750
	For Fasli 1279...	29.9	23.4	20.6	16.2

10. The season was on the whole a favourable one, and the rain-fall in all the taluqs except that of Madanapally above the average. Several tanks were damaged and a few small ones breached. The bund of the large tank at Mutialcheruvoo in the Kadiri Taluq, lately repaired at a large cost, gave signs of giving way, and the calingulah had to be lowered to prevent further damage.

11. The following is the statement of tanks which received full and partial supply in this year as compared with the past year :—

No.	Taluqs.	FASLI 1279.		FASLI 1280.	
		Tanks fully supplied.	Tanks partially supplied.	Tanks fully supplied.	Tanks partially supplied.
1	Madanapally	109	285	414	486
2	Voilpaud	114	1,163	520	956
3	Royachoty	26	160	43	274
4	Kadiri	75	191	187	129
	Total...	324	1,799	1,164	1,845
	Increase...	.....	.....	840	46

There is an increase of 840 under the head of "Tanks fully supplied" and of 46 under the head of "Tanks partially supplied." This shows a great improvement compared with the previous year.

12. The annexed statement exhibits the average estimated yield of wet and dry crops in this Fasli:—

No.	Taluqs.	Dry Crops.	WET CROPS.		
			Under Tanks.	Under Channels.	Under Wells.
1	Madanapally	7	15	12	15
2	Voilpaud	6	11	8	8
3	Royachoty	10	9	8	12½
4	Kadiri	8	9	7	9
	Total...	31	44	35	44½
		7½	11	8½	11½
	Last year's average...	5½	10	10	12

13. The yield was more plentiful than last year except in the case of the produce under channels and wells. The wet crops of sugar-cane and paddy were good, and in the Madanapally Taluq the lands under wells yielded full crops. Sussa and oil seeds suffered partially from blight in some parts of the Sub-division.

14. The year under report was on the whole a healthy one, although the aggregate amount of mortality was slightly in excess of that of the previous year. Fever prevailed to a larger extent Small-pox attacked a larger number than in last year, but a large proportion of these attacked recovered. This is no doubt owing to the disease having taken a milder form than usual. Cholera was not so prevalent as in the previous year, and nearly half the cases recovered.

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The Kadiri Taluq suffered most. The annexed statement exhibits the number of deaths from fever, small-pox, and cholera as compared with the previous year:—

Statement of deaths from Fever, Small-pox and Cholera.

Nature of Disease.	FASLI 1279.			FASLI 1280.		
	Attacked.	Died.	Recovered.	Attacked.	Died.	Recovered.
Fever	9,508	4,801	4,707	12,767	5,599	7,168
Small-pox	2,013	428	1,585	3,276	442	2,834
Cholera... ..	844	544	300	726	380	346
Total...	12,365	5,773	6,592	16,769	6,421	10,348

15. Subjoined is the statement showing the loss of cattle in the Sub-division in comparison with that of the previous year:—

Faslies.	Goats and Sheep.	Buffaloes.	Bullocks and Cows.	Total.
1279	12,848	839	1,178	14,865
1280	10,122	681	1,503	12,306
Decrease...	2,726	158	Increase. 325	Decrease. 2,559

The loss of cattle is far less this year than in the preceding year, except in the case of bullocks and cows which suffered from the diseases called "Saruku" and "Domma." Fodder and water were abundant. Medicines were supplied to the Tahsildars of the taluqs when the disease was prevalent.

16. The prices of all grains have fallen compared with those of last year, with the exception of horse-gram and arecalu. This is entirely owing to the increase of cultivation and a more abundant rain-fall. The following statement shows the prices in the year under report as compared with those in last year:—

Particulars of Grains.	PRICES PER GARCE.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort	182	161	.....	21
" 2nd sort	160	139	.....	21
Rice, 1st sort	409	348	.....	61
" 2nd sort	366	310	.....	56
Zonna	163	160	.....	3
Suzzalu	154	143	.....	11
Ragulu	153	133	.....	20
Horse-gram	175	176	1	...
Arecalu	106	131	25	...

17. The subjoined statement in the form prescribed by the Board exhibits the net settlement for Fasli 1280 as compared with that of Fasli 1279:—

Comparative Statement of the demand of Land Revenue.

Items.	FASLI 1279.				FASLI 1280.				Increase.			Decrease.		
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.								
		ACRES.	RS.	A. P.		ACRES.	RS.	A. P.						
Dry	5,56,252	2,46,563	13	4	5,52,680	2,46,374	13	4	...	...	...	189	0	0
Wet	45,164	2,82,668	2	7	52,214	3,26,012	0	7	43,343	14	0	...	...	...
Total...	5,99,416	5,29,231	15	11	6,04,894	5,72,386	13	11	43,343	14	0	189	0	0
Fasaljasty	40,825	1	3	...	26,825	7	6	6,040	6	3	...	...	...
Tirwajasty	12,296	10	10	...	17,721	5	2	5,424	10	4	...	...	...
Nirsariga
Road Fund	20,292	8	0	...	20,847	4	1	5,054	12	1	...	...	...
Village Service Fund
Total...	...	5,82,646	4	0	...	6,37,820	14	8	55,363	10	8	189	0	0
Deductions.														
Road Fund	20,292	8	0	...	20,847	4	1	554	12	1	...	...	...
Remission in 4th State- ment...	6,571	14	1	...	5,328	3	7	...	...	...	1,243	10	6
Village Service Fund
Total...	...	26,864	6	1	...	26,175	7	8	554	12	1	1,243	10	6
Remainder	5,55,781	13	11	...	6,11,645	7	0	55,863	9	1	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Beriz	40,046	13	4	...	55,878	8	5	16,831	11	1	...	...	...
Grand Total...	...	5,95,828	11	3	...	6,67,523	15	5	71,695	4	2	...	...	...

18. From the above statement it will be observed that there is a net increase of land revenue amounting to Rupees 55,863-9-1. This is entirely due to the favourable character of the season. There is a large increase of Rupees 43,343-14-0 under the head of Wet, while the increase under Fasaljasty and Tirwajasty is Rupees 11,465-0-7. There is a falling off under the head of Remissions to the extent of Rupees 1,243-10-6. The fluctuations in the other items require no remark.

19. In the taluq of Kadiri a large extent of land was brought under cultivation subsequent to the last Jamabandi. A sum of Rupees 418-8-1 was collected on this account in June and July last for the villages noted below out of the amount of Rupees 426-5-9, which ought to have been included in the demand, but owing to the carelessness of the Taluq Sheristadar and the Head Gumastah the matter was lost sight of, and the demand for these villages and the taluq was closed and the accounts prepared. While this report was under preparation the Tahsildar brought the matter to my notice, and I had no other alternative than to direct that the amount should be

brought under the demand of the current Fasli. Due notice will be taken of this remissness on the part of the Taluq officials:—

No.	Names of the villages.	The amount that ought to be entered under the demand for Fasli 1280.	The amount entered under the demand for Fasli 1280 in the accounts already sent up.	Amount omitted to be entered under the demand of Fasli 1280.	Amount collected in June and July on account of the sum entered in column 5.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	Kondakomerla	5,237 15 4	4,867 10 4	370 5 0	367 0 8
2	Davaragudipully... ..	496 4 6	459 3 11	37 0 7	36 4 4
3	Tuppatavaripully ...	455 5 6	445 11 10	9 9 8	8 13 9
4	Kortikotah... ..	155 5 6	145 15 0	9 6 6	6 5 4
	Total...	6,344 14 10	5,918 9 1	426 5 9	418 8 1

20. The annexed statement shows in abstract the total holdings at the beginning of the year and the subsequent alterations during the Fasli under report:—

	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS. A. P.
Holdings at the beginning of the Fasli 1280..	6,14,907	6,16,238 4 5
<i>Deduct</i>		
Lands actually relinquished, transferred, and taken up for public purposes... ..	17,567	14,063 11 6
Remainder...	5,97,340	6,02,174 8 11
<i>Add</i>		
Lands newly taken up on durkhast and on transfers, etc... ..	15,931	12,364 13 9
Total...	6,13,271	6,14,539 6 8

21. There is a decrease in Ryots' holdings of Rupees 189 in Dry lands, and of Rupees 1,509-13-9 in Wet lands. Dry lands were relinquished to the extent of Rupees 6,394-2-8 and taken up to the extent of Rupees 6,205-2-8. The assessment of the wet lands relinquished was Rupees 7,669-8-10, and of those taken up Rupees 6,159-11-1.

22. The following statement shows the amount of waste charged and remitted in Wet and Dry lands as compared with those of last Fasli:—

Description.	WASTE CHARGED.			WASTE REMITTED.		
	Fasli 1279.			Fasli 1280.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Dry	7,044	0	9	5,816	5	7
Wet	7,104	7	3	18,658	14	8
Total...	14,148	8	0	24,475	4	3
	87,736	4	8	42,551	8	3

23. No remissions have been given for dry waste, but Rupees 42,551-8-3 was remitted on wet waste in this Fasli against Rupees 87,736-4-8 in last Fasli showing a decrease of Rupees 45,184-12-5. In the above amount is included Rupees 398-15-6, being the remission granted on Shamilat Bunjer or portions of fields left waste falling short of the amount granted in last Fasli by Rupees 331-0-8. Wet land has been brought under cultivation to the extent of Rupees 3,06,954-2-5 in excess of the previous Fasli by Rupees 32,120-7-3, while the increase in dry cultivation is Rupees 1,038-11-2 over the same in Fasli 1279.

24. The following comparative statement exhibits the extent of land cultivated with special products in this and previous Faslies:—

Items.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Increase.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Sugar-cane... ..	1,756	2,064	308	.....
Cotton	9,215	9,418	203	.....
Indigo	585	1,171	586	.....
Total...	11,556	12,653	1,097	.....

25. It will be observed that there has been an increase in the extent of land cultivated with each of these products.

26. The following abstract exhibits the particulars of remissions under the different heads as compared with those of the past year:—

Items.	Fasli 1279.			Fasli 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Remissions granted at the Jamabandi.</i>												
Shamilat or part waste	730	0	2	398	15	6	...	...	...	331	0	8
Shavi or perished crops	1,792	5	10	20	14	1	...	...	...	1,771	7	9
Excess of water causing immersion of fields ... ..	...	...	...	8	12	8	8	12	8	...	...	...
Cultivation of dry crops in wet fields	111	14	1	87	15	4	...	...	...	23	14	9
Destruction of seed	21	15	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	15	7
Total...	2,656	3	8	516	9	7	8	12	8	2,148	6	9
Permanent remissions	3,847	10	5	4,743	10	0	899	12	1	3	12	6
Allowance for heads of villages.	68	0	0	68	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	6,571	14	1	5,328	3	7	908	8	9	2,152	3	3

The large decrease in items Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 is owing to the cultivation having been more extensive. There is a small increase in item No. 3, no such remission having been granted last year. The increase under the head of Permanent remissions is owing to the general increase of cultivation.

There has not been any change in the grant of ready money allowances to village servants.

The small increase of Annas 6-11 under the head of Topes planted under the rules calls for no special remark.

27. The demand on sundry sources of revenue is compared in the following abstract with the demand of the preceding year:—

Items.	Fasli 1279.			Fasli 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Quit-rent on personal, etc., Inams	9,968	2	0	9,988	5	0	20	3	0	..	..	..
2. Jodi on Service Inams ...	5,987	11	2	5,925	6	9	.....	..	..	62	4	5
3. Jodi on Dusbundam Inams.	4,372	13	4	4,499	0	0	126	2	8	..	..	..
4. Land cultivated but not included in the Jama- bandi	8,680	2	11	20,434	0	7	11,753	13	8	..	..	..
5. Concealed cultivation ...	136	12	9	361	3	4	224	6	7	..	..	..
6. Collection from unclaimed Inams	398	8	1	330	7	10	.....	..	..	68	0	3
7. Rent of topes	5,031	7	0	5,863	8	0	832	1	0	..	..	..
8. Revenue from zufted Inams	479	1	9	470	0	1	.....	..	..	9	1	8
9. Do. from the Inams of village servants under suspension and dismissal.	1,125	6	2	1,281	1	2	155	11	0	..	..	..
10. Collections on Inams under attachment	148	15	5	160	3	7	11	4	2	..	..	..
11. Revenue fines	1,003	9	1	1,106	10	0	103	0	11	..	..	..
12. Savings and refunds... ..	4	2	1	43	1	5	38	15	4	..	..	..
13. Excess collection over the demand	410	5	8	477	7	7	67	1	11	..	..	..
14. Nirsariga... ..	2,299	11	11	4,938	1	1	2,638	5	2	..	..	..
• • Total...	40,046	13	4	55,878	8	5	15,971	1	5	139	6	4

28. There is a net decrease of Rupees 15,831-11-1 under the head of Miscellaneous items of demand.

29. The increase of Rupees 146-5-8 in the Jodi and Quit-rent on personal and Khandah Dusbundam Inams is owing to several of them having been enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner during the year under report.

30. The large increase of Rupees 11,753-13-8 in cultivation brought to account after Jamabandi is owing to the extensive cultivation in the Kadiri Taluq late in the year, while the settlement was made at an earlier date than usual on account of the Census operations during the month of January. Out of this amount Rupees 11,034-11-1 has been collected under this head in that taluq alone as referred to in paragraph 19.

31. There is an increase of Rupees 224 under the head of Concealed cultivation. A large portion of this belonged to the previous year. In several instances I had to fine or suspend the Curmums of the villages where it was discovered.

32. The increase of Rupees 832-1-0 in the Rent of topes is owing to greater competition at the sales, which I have directed should invariably take place in the presence of the Tahsildars to avoid any under-hand dealing by the subordinate officials in the department.

33. Nirsariga shows a large increase of Rupees 2,638-5-2, and this excess is entirely owing to the larger rain-fall and greater supply of water to the several sources of irrigation.

34. No collections are shown under the head of Maramut Taffrick, as this item of demand has been transferred to the Public Works Department.

35. The decrease in items Nos. 2 and 6 is owing to many of the Inams not having been brought under cultivation. The changes in the other items do not call for any particular remark.

36. The number of permanently settled villages has decreased this year from sixty-two to sixty owing to the transfers of the Shrotriem villages of Kondappagaripully in the Kadiri Taluq to that of Poolivenda, and of Ramachariapully to the Government village of Basenecondah.

The Shrotriem village of Deguvamundlapully has also been transferred from the taluq of Madanapally to that of Kadiri.

37. The total demand against these villages is Rupees 7,902-2-4, or less than that of the last year by Rupees 34, which forms the quit-rent of the village of Kondappagaripully transferred to the Poolivenda Taluq. Of this amount Rupees 6,029-15-1 has been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,872-3-3, or less than that of the past year by Rupees 317-9-9.

38. Subjoined is the statement of the demand of Fasli 1280 as compared with that of the past year:—

Comparative Statement of Demand of Current Revenue and Arrears.

Items.	FASLI 1279.			FASLI 1280.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanent Settlement ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jodi on Shrotriem villages.	2,530	7,936	10,466	1,562	7,902	9,464	...	1,002
Ryotwar ...	84,221	5,55,782	6,40,003	35,301	6,11,645	6,46,946	6,943	...
Miscellaneous ...	14,272	40,047	54,319	10,881	55,886	66,767	12,448	...
Total...	1,01,023	6,03,765	7,04,788	47,744	6,75,433	7,23,177	19,391	1,002
Abkarry ...	4,901	17,045	75,946	6,892	66,347	73,239	...	2,707
Stamps ...	...	36,096	36,096	...	36,370	36,370	274	...
Income-tax ...	208	15,170	15,378	287	30,373	30,660	15,282	...
Total...	5,109	1,22,311	1,27,420	7,179	1,33,090	1,40,269	15,556	2,707
Grand Total...	1,06,132	7,26,076	8,32,208	54,923	8,08,523	8,63,446	34,947	3,709

39. Out of the current demand of Rupees 6,75,433-9-9 under Land Revenue a sum of Rupees 5,92,843 was collected during the Fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 82,590-9-9 on the 30th June last, which is greater than that of last year by Rupees 38,492-14-0. In July of the current Fasli Rupees 23,478-4-6 was collected and the balance on the 1st August was Rupees 59,112-5-3 against Rupees 26,932-5-10 in the preceding year.

40. Under the head of Arrears the balance left on the 1st August after collection is Rupees 2,953-15-11.

41. The decrease under Abkarry and increase under Stamps is too small to be noticed. The large increase in the item of Income-tax is owing to the increase in the rate of taxation. Out of the total demand of Rupees 30,660 a sum of Rupees 27,712-8-0 was collected up to the 1st August, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,947-8-0 against Rupees 190-8-0 on that date in last year.

42. At the beginning of the Fasli the amount of old balance of all sources of revenue was Rupees 48,628-15-3, and Rupees 45,324-9-1 was collected during the Fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,333-6-2 being less than that of last year by Rupees 312-14-8. This balance has been reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 2,971-15-11. Of this sum Rupees 1,454-8-7 are recommended for remission as irrecoverable. The Fasliwar particulars are given below:—

Fasli.	Items.	Amount.
		RS. A. P.
1271	Quit-rent due upon Inam lands under attachment	8 0 0
1272	Do. do. do.	7 0 0
1273	Do. do. do.	8 0 0
1274	Do. do. do.	3 13 6
1275	Assessment due upon puttah lands purchased by Government at a nominal price	1 9 5
	Quit-rent due upon Inam lands under attachment	8 0 0
1276	Assessment due upon puttah lands purchased by Government	9 4 5
	Quit-rent due upon attached Inams	8 0 0
	Road Cess due upon lands purchased by Government at a nominal price ...	0 12 4
1277	Assessment due upon do. do. do.	18 12 9
	Quit-rent due upon attached Inams	8 0 0
	Assessment of lands cultivated after Jamabandi and sold and purchased for arrears by Government at a nominal price	0 12 0
	Road Cess on certain dry lands, the assessment of which was ordered to be written off	633 8 9
1278	Assessment on lands purchased by Government at a nominal price	57 14 1
	Do. erroneously demanded on certain lands	2 1 11
	Quit-rent due on attached Inams	8 0 0
	Jodi on Nirganty Service Inams lying waste. The owner of the Inam cannot be found	1 9 8
	Assessment of Inams under attachment owing to the absence of the Inamdars, and subsequently made over to the Inamdars	3 11 10
	Road Cess on lands purchased by Government at a nominal price	2 15 8
	Road Cess erroneously charged	6 4 10
1279	Assessment on lands purchased by Government and by private individuals. Do. erroneously demanded	249 9 4 265 15 10
	Quit-rent on Inams purchased by Government at a nominal price	4 0 0
	Do. do. under attachment	8 0 0
	Jodi on Nirganty Service Inams. Neither the Inamdar nor his property is forthcoming	1 9 8
	Tope rent due by a Shrotriend for a tope subsequently included in the Shrotriend	3 0 0
	Assessment of lands purchased by Government at a nominal price	0 1 10
	Do. erroneously demanded	44 14 6
	Do. of Inam lands under attachment owing to the absence of the Inamdars, and subsequently made over to them	21 5 6
	Income-tax due by persons who had no personal property, and who either subsequently died or ran away	47 0 0
	Road Cess on lands purchased for arrears by Government	6 1 6
	Do. do. erroneously demanded	4 11 8
	Total...	1,454 8 7

43. The particulars of these items, which are recommended to be written off as irrecoverable, may be classified as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Quit-rent due upon Inams under attachment	66	13	6
Assessment due upon lands purchased by Government at a nominal price, and upon lands purchased by private individuals for a sum less than the arrears due	351	12	11
Road Cess on lands, the assessment of which was ordered to be written off according to Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,407, dated 28th February 1870, together with that erroneously demanded and due upon lands purchased by Government	644	9	3
Assessment erroneously entered in the demand... ..	316	3	7
Income-tax due by persons who have died or absconded	47	0	0
Tope rent on a tope subsequently included in a Shrotriem village	3	0	0
Assessment of Inams attached owing to the absence of the Inamdars, and subsequently made over to them on condition of paying quit-rent	25	1	4
Total...	1,454	8	7

The item of Rupees 633-8-9 entered as Road cess was omitted to be struck out when the assessment was remitted according to Board's Proceedings above mentioned. Sanction is accordingly requested for writing off the sum of Rupees 1,454-8-7.

44. The extent to which coercive process was employed in the collection of revenue is shown below:—

PROCESS ISSUED.			PROPERTY ATTACHED.			PROPERTY SOLD.		
Number of Villages.	Number of Ryots.	Balance.	Recoverable.	Irrecoverable.		Movable.	Immovable.	
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
97	240	2,896	1,369 0 0	1,471 1 9		280 7 10	223 3 9	

It will be observed that processes had to be issued for recovering a balance of Rs. 2,896-13-2, but a large portion of the balance was paid up before property was sold. The number of instances in which these measures were adopted shows an increase over the preceding year. There is a decrease of Rupees 5-8-2 in the value of personal property sold, and of Rupees 563-15-2 in the case of immovable property.

45. The attention of the Tahsildars has been already directed to the speedy collection of all outstanding arrears in the several taluqs.

46. The gross amount of collection during the year is Rs. 7,61,981-13-0, or Rs. 8,032-2-6 in excess of the collection in the past year.

47. The total amount disbursed is Rs. 1,10,853-11-7, showing an increase of Rs. 8,362-11-6 when compared with the past year. This increase is on account of the payment of the salaries of the officers and servants in the Revenue Settlement and Survey Departments, the latter having this year commenced their operations in the Royachoty Taluq. In the amount of Contingent charges there is a decrease of Rupees 946-14-11, and of Rupees 364 in that of Medical charges.

48. The subjoined statement exhibits the details of those sources of irrigation whose ayacut exceeds Rupees 3,000, including Circar and Inam:—

Talugs.	Names of the sources of Irrigation.	Total registered Ayacut.	CULTIVATION IN FASLI 1280.		Revenue in Fasli 1280.
			Extent.	Assessment.	
			ACRES.	RS.	RS.
Madanapally Talug.	<i>Villages.</i>				
	Rungasamadram ...	Pedda Cheruvoo ...	8,318	535	3,608
	Kandakuru ...	Vyasasamadram Cheruvoo ...	11,691	1,658	11,225
	Badecayalappally ...	Vencatappanaini Cheruvoo, <i>alias</i> Pedda Cheruvoo ...	4,012	211	1,757
	Peddattippasamadram	Pedda Cheruvoo ...	14,206	1,092	10,175
	Voilpaul ...	Chinnagottigallu ...	4,821	214	1,571
Kadiri	Patnam ...	Ranganaini Cheruvoo.	3,736	156	1,272
Total six Villages.		Six Tanks.	46,784	3,814	29,608
					23,889

49. No ruined tanks have been made over on private enterprise during the year under report.

50. The Talug and Village accounts have been duly prepared in the prescribed forms. There is some improvement in the village accounts, but many of them are badly kept and not written up to date. Printed forms were not supplied to the Curnums this year. As long as the system prevails, of one Curnum for several villages with almost irresponsible Gumastahs, there is little hope of accuracy and attention to orders. The sooner the system of having paid Curnums in the villages is introduced the better. During my circuit through the talugs I examined the rain gauges and found them in good order, and the accounts kept up to date. Every opportunity is taken of impressing upon Tahsildars the importance of this register.

51. The annexed statement shows the particulars of lands acquired by public servants during Fasli 1280:—

Names.	Office.	Land where situated.	Extent.		Assessment.	
			A.	K. V.	RS.	A. P.
1. Duvuru Gurru Row.	Madanapally Talug Gumastah.	Bellary Talug. Pullumpet do. Prodatoor do. }	43	4 14	113	6 11
2. Dhurmagee Vencoba Row.	Head Gumastah in the Voilpaul Talug.	Budwail ...	3	18 0	22	10 3
3. Allapalli Vencat Row.	Gumastah in do. ...	Kadiri... ..	401	0 1	117	5 11
4. Mudeveid Narayana Row.	Gumastah in the Kadiri Talug.	Voilpaul and Madanapally.	82	37 11	204	15 11
5. Vigapoorum Hanumantha Row.	Shroff, Royachoty Talug...	Royachoty ...	3	38 4	3	7 8
			534	18 14	461	14 8

52. The Tahsildar of Royachoty has been reduced to the grade of Sheristadar for incompetency. The Sub-division Sheristadar was appointed to the office in December 1870, and will make a useful Government servant. The general conduct of the various officials has been with few exceptions good.

53. I regret that I am unable to submit with this the Abstract Return of Agricultural statistics according to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 716, of 1st February 1870, but the accounts have not yet been received in the new forms from the talugs. They will be submitted as soon as possible.

MADANAPALLY,
15th September 1871.

(Signed) E. STORR,
Acting Sub-Collector.

SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

KURNOOL.

I HAVE the honour to submit, with the usual Statements, my Report on the Settlement of the District for Fasli 1280 (1870-71.)

2. The several taluks of the district were settled by the officers in immediate charge of them; the taluk of Nandikotkur I settled myself, and Mr. Jones, Assistant Collector, settled Ramalkota. The settlement was conducted within the limits of each taluk, and at more than two places, as shown in Statement No. 1. I intended to have taken up this year the settlement of the Cumbum and Markapur Taluks in charge of the Head Assistant, but was prevented from doing so by the late date at which the Jumma bundy had to be commenced, owing to the numbering of the houses in connection with the census.

3. There have been no variations in the number and tenure of villages.

4. **PUTTAHS.**—The marginal statement gives the number of fresh puttahs issued during the year, and the number of old puttahs modified

Number newly issued...	14,271
Do. modified	2,444
Do. unaltered	<u>71,820</u>
Total...	88,535

and unaltered. Fresh puttahs were granted only where new applicants took up lands, or where the old puttahs were either lost or became useless. This accounts for the large decrease under this head as compared with last year. The total number of puttahs amounts to 88,535 against 88,830 issued during the previous year.

5. The number of miscellaneous puttahs is still large, but is confined solely to the Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, Cumbum, and Markapur Taluks, transferred from the Bellary and Channarayana Districts. These puttahs have disappeared in the four settled taluks of Ramalkota, Nandikotkur, Nandial, and Sirwell, and it is to be hoped that the same result will follow in the other taluks, as the operations of the Survey and Settlement are extended to them.

6. **SEASON.**—Considered in reference to the early dry crops which form the staple article of food in the district, I think the season was rather more unfavourable than in the preceding year. In that year, the early crops suffered from insufficient rains, while in this year they

suffered from excessive rain-fall. The north-east monsoon, however, was more seasonable and proved greatly beneficial to the rice crops and to the Hingari, or later white jonna crop. The subjoined abstract shows the average fall of rain in each month, compared with the past five years.

Months.	1273.	1274.	1275.	1276.	1277.	1278.	1279.	1280.
July	3.9	3.84	3.32	2.32	2.62	5.16	1.92	4.75
August	4.16	6.96	9.23	4.64	4.64	4.67	5.23	7.60
September... ..	3.25	1.88	2.17	4.9	6.99	6.74	4.4	7.17
October	4.3	.51	.4	5.75	5.11	1.21	3.37	5.58
November... ..	.12	2.86	1.17	.65	...	.31	1.2	.63
December ... ..	...	...	.37	.75	.7	.12	1.62	...
January ... ..	...	...	...	...	.25	...	.56	.34
February ... ..	...	.52	...	...	...	...	...	...
March ... ..	...	...	...	.7	...	.7	...	.63
April ... ..	.6	.8	.9	.2	.36	.54	...	.85
May	2.46	.92	.61	.44	.26	.5	.75	2.14
June	3.67	1.96	.3	2.16	4.84	5.4	3.45	1.60
	22.46	20.25	18.11	21.88	25.77	25.35	22.50	31.29

7. The new Rain Registers were generally well kept in all the taluks, except Pattikondas where I observe the new glass measure was calculated as tenths of an inch, instead of as one inch. This error has now been rectified.

On the night of the 6th August there was an unprecedented fall of twelve inches of rain which caused a great many breaches in the Irrigation Canal, the most serious of which was the one on the south of the Hindry aqueduct.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH.—Public health was not so good as in the past year. With increased rain-fall, there was an increase in mortality from fever throughout the district, excepting in the towns of Kurnool and Cumbum. The slight decrease in the mortality in these two places is attributable, perhaps, to better sanitary arrangements carried out by the Municipalities.

9. The mortality from small-pox and cholera, however, contrasts very favourably with the past year as shown in the margin. Cholera made its appearance in Kottapalli on the Ghooty road, and in one or two of its hamlets in the month of February 1871, but the disease was not of a malignant type, only 18 cases out of 50 proved fatal.

	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280
Fever... ..	7,596	10,023
Small-pox... ..	1,083	828
Cholera	1,460	18

10. Cattle suffered from murrain in all the taluks of the district, but there are no statistics to show the actual loss. Dr. Thacker's medicine was administered in some cases, with but partial success. He himself visited a few villages of the Pattikonda and Ramalkota Taluks, but the great difficulty that has to be contended with on such occasion, is to get the people to segregate their cattle. The advantages of this measure have been frequently pressed upon their attention both by the publication of Dr. Thacker's Manual and his reports in the District Gazette, and by personal advice during the Jammahbundy, and whenever the taluks are visited. But they are so little appreciated by the ryots who always regard with disfavour everything that has not the sanction of custom or religion to recommend it, that it cannot be a matter for surprise that the results obtained have been far from satisfactory. So long as this ignorance and prejudice continue on the part of those who should be most interested in the well-being of their farm-stock, it cannot be expected that any measure, short of compulsion, would be productive of much good.

11. **PRICES.**—Statement No. 2 gives the prices of the different grains during the year under report. The prices of the principal dry grains, jonna and sujja, show an increase, and those of raggi and horse-gram a decrease, as compared with last year. The increase in the former case is the result of the high prices that were maintained during a greater part of the year in almost all the taluks of the district, in consequence of the injury which the early crops suffered from excessive rain. The prices fell very considerably towards the latter part, when the white jonna crop, which yielded a very fair return, was sent into the market. In the wet grains there is a very great falling off in the prices unknown during the past seven years, and must be ascribed to the character of the season. The heavy rains which injured the earlier dry crops proved extremely beneficial to the wet crops.

12. **RYOTS' HOLDINGS.**—The total of Ryots' holdings at the beginning of the year was Acres 11,81,168, assessed at Rs. 12,81,900. Acres 25,141, bearing an assessment of Rs. 17,937, were subsequently relinquished, and Acres 44,827, assessed at Rupees 27,677-10-0, were taken up in the course of the year. The result therefore is an increase in the holdings, amounting to Acres 19,686, assessed at Rupees 9,730, or 1·67 and ·76 per cent., respectively, on the area and assessment as detailed in the annexed abstract. The increase occurs entirely under Dry, while under the head of Wet there is a small decrease of Acres 101, caused partly by the relinquishment of some highly assessed lands in the Cumbum Taluk and partly by the transfer to the dry Ayakut of certain unirrigable lands in three taluks of Ramalkota, Nandial, and Sirwell.

Items.	DRY.				WET.				TOTAL.			
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	1	2	3		4	5			6	7		
		ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.		ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	
Holdings at the beginning of the year		11,53,803	11,05,840	3 7	27,365	17,660	0 5		11,81,168	12,81,900	4 0	
Deduct. { 1. Land relinquished..		23,486	14,342	10 9	278	1,537	6 9		23,764	15,880	1 6	
2. Do. transferred and sold		20,118	24,299	1 5	820	4,717	1 8		20,938	29,016	3 1	
3. Lands taken up for public purposes and deficiency found by Survey		1,224	1,206	1 3	153	851	8 4		1,377	2,057	9 7	
Total...		44,828	39,847	13 5	1,251	7,106	0 9		46,079	46,953	14 2	
Remainder...		11,08,975	10,65,992	6 2	26,114	1,68,953	15 8		11,35,089	12,34,946	5 10	
Add. { 1. Lands taken up ...		44,497	25,780	5 9	330	1,887	4 3		44,827	27,667	10 0	
2. Do. transferred and sold		20,118	24,299	1 5	820	4,717	1 8		20,938	29,016	3 1	
Total...		64,615	50,079	7 2	1,150	6,604	5 11		65,765	56,683	13 1	
Total Holdings for the year...		11,73,590	11,16,071	13 4	27,264	1,75,558	5 7		12,00,854	12,91,630	2 11	

13. **ACTUAL CULTIVATION AND WASTE.**—Out of the total holdings noted in the preceding paragraph, amounting to Acres 12,00,854, assessed at Rupees 12,91,630, the actual cultivation was Acres 11,60,705, assessed at Rupees 12,56,736, and the occupied waste, Acres 40,149, assessed at Rupees 34,894. Compared with the past year the total cultivation shows an increase of Acres 13,603, but the actual per-centage on the holdings is only 96·66 against 97·2 in the previous year. On the other hand, the extent of land left waste has increased from 2·88 per cent. in last year, to 3·34 in the present year. A large proportion of this waste comprises lands which are either left fallow or reserved for pasture. But the increase observable in the year under report is caused entirely by the heavy rains which fell in July and August, and prevented a vast extent of land from being brought under cultivation. The increase occurs in seven out of the eight taluks of the district, while in the remaining taluk of Koilkuntla there is a decrease, which is due to the nature of its soil, (black Regud) which is never injuriously affected by excessive rains.

14. **WASTE CHARGED.**—Of the waste above shown, Acres 39,857, assessed at Rupees 32,548, were charged against Acres 33,340, assessed at Rupees 24,091, in the year preceding. Rs. 2,346 were remitted on entire wet fields, measuring 292 odd acres, left waste from deficient supply of water.

15. RYOTWAR SETTLEMENT.—The following is a Comparative Abstract of the Net Ryotwar Settlement of the district :—

	FASLI 1279.				FASLI 1280.				INCREASE.		DECREASE.		Remarks.
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
1	2	3			4	5			6	7	8	9	10
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	
Dry	11,53,803	11,05,840	3	7	11,73,590	11,16,071	13	4	19,787	10,232	...	...
Wet	27,365	1,76,060	0	5	27,264	1,75,558	5	7	...	...	101	502	
Total...	11,81,168	12,81,900	4	0	12,00,854	12,91,630	2	11	19,787	10,232	101	502	
<i>Add.</i>													
Second crop assessment.	...	25,904	1	8	...	34,005	15	3	...	8,102	...	...
Additional assessment.	...	16,517	9	4	...	18,026	12	0	...	1,509	...	...
Water Tax ... ..	...	10,519	13	6	...	12,313	4	4	...	1,793	...	...
Road Cess ... ..	...	*70,902	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70,902	
Village Mera ... ..	...	*95,882	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95,882	
Total...	11,81,168	15,01,626	6	4	12,00,854	13,55,976	2	6	19,787	21,636	101	1,67,286	
<i>Deduct.</i>													
Remissions, whole fields.	625	4,611	14	3	292	2,346	3	5	...	...	333	2,266	
Other remission as per Statement No. 4 ...	...	6,932	13	1	...	6,868	13	9	...	...	...	64	
Road Cess ... ..	...	83,967	5	3	...	13,169	6	0	...	...	...	70,798	
Village Cess ... ..	...	1,36,711	8	11	...	41,138	5	9	...	...	...	95,573	
Total...	625	2,32,223	9	6	292	63,522	12	11	...	...	333	1,68,701	
Remainder	11,80,543	12,69,492	12	10	12,00,562	12,92,453	5	7	20,019	23,051	...	...
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	1,82,236	8	2	...	1,87,476	11	10	...	5,240	...	...
Total...	...	14,51,639	5	0	...	14,79,930	1	5	...	28,291	...	...

*These figures represent the amount charged either independently of, or in addition to, the cess included in the land assessment; and need not therefore be shown in this abstract among the items of addition, and then again deducted as an item of remission. To ascertain the Net Ryotwar demand, it is necessary only to deduct the cesses actually included in the Land Revenue and this course has now been pursued.

16. From the above Statement the Board will observe that the Net Ryotwar demand has increased from Rupees 14,51,639 in Fasli 1279 (1869-70,) to Rupees 14,79,930 in the year under review. Nearly 36 per cent. of the increase occurs in the revenue from dry lands, and is attributable to increased cultivation. In the second crop assessment also there is a large increase, amounting to Rupees 8,102, which occurs chiefly in the taluks of Pattikonda, Ramalkota, and Koilkuntla, where the season appears to have been peculiarly favourable to the wet crops.

17. Under the head of Additional Assessment and Water-tax there is a small increase of Rupees 1,509 and 1,793, respectively. The former is distributed over the four unsettled taluks of Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, Cumbum, and Markapur, and the latter over the four settled taluks. The increase in both cases is attributable to abundant rain-fall.

18. The deductions from the gross demand amount to Rupees 63,522. The items composing them will be separately noticed in detail in reviewing Statement No. 4.

	ACRES.
Sugar-cane	694
Cotton.....	1,90,630
Indigo.....	62,155

19. CULTIVATION OF SPECIAL CROPS.—The marginal figures show the extent of cultivation of the special crops.

20. As observed in my Administration Report the cultivation of sugar-cane is small in this district, and therefore does not call for remark.

21. The area under cotton cultivation has diminished by 86,262 Acres. This can be ascribed to no other cause than the falling off in the selling price, amounting to more than 30 per cent., as compared with last year.

22. In the indigo cultivation there is an increase of 10,191 Acres, notwithstanding a reduction in the prices. In Fasli 1275 (1865-66) there were only 3,903 Acres under this crop. In the two succeeding years it rose to Acres 6,847, and in Fasli 1278 (1868-69) to 22,684 Acres, and more than doubled again in the following year, and now it stands at Acres 62,155. I can only attribute this large increase to the increasing demand for indigo during the past five years, and to the high prices which obtained at the end of the last, and the beginning of the current year.

23. THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.—The principal sources of irrigation, together with their irrigable area, and the revenue derived from them are detailed below :—

Number.	Taluks.	Names of Villages and Tanks.	Ayacut or irrigable area including Inams.	Assessment.	Cultivation in Fasli 1280 including Inams.	Assessment including 1st and 2nd crops.
		<i>Tanks.</i>		RS.		RS.
1	Cumbum	Cumbum Varada Rajamara tank	6,221	58,777	5,279	64,576
2	Koilkuntla	Owk Timmarazu tank.	1,521	16,313	1,512	18,903
3	Do. ...	Timmanayanipet do. tank	747	7,210	759	8,758
4	Nandial...	Nandial small tank ...	497	5,768	484	4,954
5	Do. ...	Do. large tank ...	428	4,072	560	5,486
6	Do. ...	Panem tank	187	1,126	308	2,394
			9,601	93,266	8,902	1,05,071
		<i>Nullas and Spring Channels.</i>				
...	Do. ...	Kalva spring channel	220	4,282	339	3,185
		Total ..	9,821	97,548	9,241	1,08,256

24. In the absence of any definite explanation in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866, as to what constitutes principal works, I have entered only those which have a registered area, inclusive of Inams exceeding 300 Acres. The remaining works are of a

petty character, and are scattered over different parts of the district. The total number of all the Irrigation works is given below for the Board's information :—

Sources of Irrigation.	Number.	GOVERNMENT.			INAM.		Remarks.
		Registered Area.	Cultivation in Fasli 1280.		Registered Area.	Cultivation.	
			Extent.	Assessment in- cluding 1st and 2nd crop			
		ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	ACRES.	
Tanks	418	24,351	24,496	1,92,274	16,252	15,606	The cultivation in- cludes dry converted into wet, and is there- fore in excess of the Ayacut. Same with the assessment which includes additional and 2nd crop assess- ment.
Nullas... ..	264	4,493	4,743	8,866	2,258	2,204	
Total...	682	28,844	29,239	2,21,140	18,510	17,810	

25. Two ruined tanks in Markapur, and a ruined anicut channel, leading from the Gundlakamma river, in the Cumbum Taluk, were made over to private individuals, under the ruined tank rules. The two former having no registered ayacut were made over at the existing dry assessment of the lands situated under them. The latter, which has an irrigable area of Acres 46-3-11 with an assessment of Rupees 167-10-11, besides Acres 69-30-3 of Inam land, was made over at the special rate of assessment fixed for the district, viz., 3 Rupees.

26. Referring to Board's Official Memorandum, dated 22nd December 1869, I beg to submit a Statement showing the extent of land irrigated by the Company's canal. Last year the area so irrigated was Acres 1,165; this year it increased to Acres 1,279. The increase occurs entirely in the Nandikotkur Taluk, where the canal has supplied water only for the past three years. But in the Ramalkota Taluk, where the canal has furnished irrigation for more than seven years, and where an increase of cultivation might be expected, there is a decrease of 82 Acres compared with last year, and of Acres 690 compared with Fasli 1276 (1866-67), the highest year since the canal came into existence, when the water-rate was only 4 Rupees* the acre. The cause of this decline must be traced to the increased water-rate, which amounts to half as much again as in the Government villages, and to the many accidents which this portion of the canal has suffered almost yearly, whereby the confidence of the ryots has been much shaken.

*It was raised to 6 Rupees in that year, after the lands had been taken up for cultivation under the old rates.

In the year under report a very serious accident occurred on the 7th August last near the Hindry aqueduct, reported in my letter of the 13th idem, No. 261, which necessitated the remission of nearly 70 Rupees per cent. of the demand. The total water assessment under the canal, after deducting remissions for excess or deficiency of water for this year, amounted to Rs. 2,700.

27. OCCASIONAL REMISSIONS.—I now come to the remissions alluded to in paragraph 18, and particularized in Statement No. 4. They amount to Rupees 6,868-13-9, exclusive of waste remissions shown in paragraph 14, against Rupees 6,932-13-1 remitted in the previous year.

28. SHAMILAT BUNGER.—This remission is generally granted on portions of lands left waste from deficient supply of water. The amount remitted during the year is Rupees 289-4-2 against Rupees 506-11-4 in last year. Of this, Rupees 272-1-2 appears against the Markapur Taluk and

Rupees 2-13-0 against Pattikonda. The remainder Rupees 14-6-0 was remitted in Ramalkota under the Yapadinne tank, which breached three years ago, and has not been repaired.

29. SHAVI.—As in last year this remission (Rupees 433-0-11) was granted on account of watered crops solely in the Markapur Taluk, where the rain-fall, although greater than last year, was unequally distributed.

30. TIRVA KAMMI.—The remissions under this head are usually granted on wet lands cultivated with dry crops, and comprise the following items:—

(1.) Rupees 282-15-6 in Koilkuntla, and Rupees 452-12-11 in Cumbum, being the difference between the wet assessment and the average dry rate remitted in consequence of the ruined condition of the tanks. These remissions will probably cease when the irrigable area is revised in accordance with the instructions conveyed in Board's Proceedings, dated 4th February 1871, No. 544.

(2.) Rupees 932-13-0 water-tax remitted under the Masalimadugu tank, in the Nandikotkur Taluk, which breached more than two years ago, and has not yet been repaired, the lands under it being therefore cultivated with dry crops.

(3.) Rupees 191-7-0 water-rate on first crop, remitted under certain tanks in Ramalkota Taluk, which did not receive a sufficient supply of water in time to enable the ryots to raise a first crop of paddy. The state of these tanks and their supply channels renders their supply always uncertain, and the ryots therefore prefer raising a dry crop whenever the tanks do not fill early, to waiting till the dry crop season is past, and the wet commenced. In such cases it has been thought advisable to remit the water-tax in the first instance, charging only for second crop when the tanks subsequently received a fair supply. So that practically what the Government loses in the shape of first crop assessment, is realized in another form, second crop—the water assessment in both cases being the same under the new settlement. It need scarcely be added that the tanks in question never irrigate more than a single crop under the most favourable circumstances.

(4.) Rupees 104-11-5 water-rate on lands too high to be irrigated. These will be transferred to dry from next year.

(5.) Rupees 46-14-0 water-rate on river motas (wells situated on the banks of rivers) which had been destroyed by floods.

(6.) Rupees 121-6-2 being the dry assessment on certain lands which were cultivated with wet crops with the aid of water from the Irrigation Company's Canal, but the charge for which was afterwards fully remitted on the ground of deficient supply, consequent on the breach in the canal.

(7.) Rupees 16-5-0 water-rate on certain fields under the Nandial tank, which were cut off from the irrigating channels by the new branch road from Nandial.

31. Thus, the total of the foregoing items amounts to Rupees 2,149-5-0, which is Rupees 288 less than last year. The decrease is only nominal and is caused by the transfer to the head of Fixed remissions of the sum of Rupees 406-11-3, which was erroneously shown in the last year's Return under Occasional remissions, Tirvakammi.

32. TOPE REMISSIONS.—There is a decrease of Rupees 60 in the Tope remissions, which is the result of a gross increase of Rupees 2-11-0 granted on new lands taken up this year under the Tope rules, and of a gross decrease of Rupees 62-9-9 caused by the levying of the full assessment in cases where the prescribed term, for which the topes were granted rent-free, had expired, or where portions of the topes were left unplanted, according to Circular Order No. 121.

33. DASAVANDAM.—The decrease of Rupees 82 in this item is thus explained—Rupees 35 in round numbers was erroneously included last year under Dasavandam, instead of under Pagoda remissions. This has now been transferred to the proper head; Rupees 47 is the decrease caused by the falling off in the cultivation under the Dasavandam tanks in Pattikonda and Markapur Taluks.

34. PAGODA REMISSIONS.—These are remissions on certain lands which were given in the Ramalkota and Nandial Taluks, in lieu of money allowances formerly paid for temple service.

The increase of Rupees 35 in this head is the result of a mistake, since corrected, as explained in the preceding paragraph. The remissions will cease when the lands are transferred from Government to Inam Ayacut.

35. **FIXED REMISSIONS.**—The foregoing remissions constitute what are called occasional remissions. There remain certain fixed remissions peculiar to the district, and confined to the taluks of Cumbum and Markapur, transferred from Cuddapah. The nature of these remissions is clearly explained at the foot of Statement No. 4.

36. **TARAM KAMMI.**—Under Taram kammi (literally reduction of assessment), there is an increase of Rupees 414 caused chiefly by the transfer to this head of the sum of Rupees 406-11-3, which was heretofore erroneously included under Tirva kammi, occasional remissions—*vide* paragraph 30.

37. The small increase observable in the other heads, excepting “Sagavat,” under which there is no change, is the result of increased cultivation of the particular description of land.

38. **DEDUCTIONS FROM THE BERIZ ON ACCOUNT OF VILLAGE AND ROAD CESS.**—Besides the occasional and fixed remissions above alluded to, there are the Road and Village Cesses which are deducted from the Beriz in the proportion of 2 and 6½ per cent. respectively, the same having been included in the land assessment at the time of settlement. These vary with the cultivation, and do not therefore call for remark.

39. **ENTIRE LAND REVENUE INCLUDING JODI AND MISCELLANEOUS.**—The entire Land Revenue including Shotriem Jodi and Miscellaneous, amounts to Rupees 14,92,693, which exceeds that of the past year by Rupees 28,272, as detailed below:—

Items.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jodi and Quit-rent (Shotriems)	12,782	12,762	— 19 odd
Ryotwar	12,69,402	12,92,453	+ 23,051
Miscellaneous	1,82,236	1,87,477	+ 5,241
Total...	14,64,419	14,92,692	+ 28,272

40. **SHOTRIEM JODI.**—The decrease of Rupees 19 in the Shotriem Quit-rent is owing to the reduction of the quit-rent on the Boyinapalli Jaghire, sanctioned in Government Order, No. 87, dated 15th June 1870, in consequence of some lands having been taken up for the Ramalkota road.

41. **RYOTWAR.**—The cause of the increase in the Ryotwar Revenue has been explained in paragraph 16 of the report.

42. **MISCELLANEOUS.**—In the Miscellaneous items there is an increase of Rupees 5,240, which is principally owing to the bringing to account for the first time three-eighths of the assessment on escheated Service Inams as ordered by the Board in their Circular Order, No. 14 of 1870. The variations in the other items do not call for special remark, but I shall notice a few of the more important.

43. The items that exhibit the greatest increase are those noted in the margin.* The

- * 1. Jodi on Service Inams.
- 13. Rent of gardens and topes.
- 46. Inam Tirva and Fasaljasti.

† This is also of the nature of Jodi, but is chargeable only on cultivation.

increase in the first item is due partly to the increased cultivation of unenfranchised Service Inams chargeable with Jodi, and partly to the transfer to this head of Patti† on Service Inams, which was last year included by an oversight

under Personal. The large increase in the rent on fruit trees must be attributed to increased competition, stimulated by the favourable character of the season; while the increase in Inam Tirva and Fasaljasti is due to abundant rain-fall.

44. The items showing a large falling off are very few. The principal is No. 6, cultivation after Jummahbundy, which shows a decrease of Rupees 2,114-7-2. This is in consequence of the late period at which the settlement was commenced this year.

The falling off in the Quit-rent on Personal Inams is owing partly to the transfer of the "Patti" above alluded to, and partly to the relinquishment of some Inams, and the sale of others for arrears of revenue.

45. EXTRA SOURCES OF REVENUE.—The subjoined abstract shows the extra sources of revenue in comparison with Fasli 1279. There is a decrease in the Abkarry and Stamps, and an increase under Income-tax and Earth-salt, the result of which is a net decrease in these sources of revenue of Rupees 5,657 :—

Items.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry	3,77,943	3,58,722	—19,221
Income-tax	28,668	48,489	+19,821
Salt (earth)	1,842	2,131	+ 289
Stamps	1,20,715	1,14,169	— 6,546
Total...	5,29,168	5,23,511	— 5,657

46. The falling off in the Abkarry is owing to the re-sale, in consequence of default, of the Cumbum, Nandial, Koilkuntla, and Ramalkota Farms for a much smaller sum than they originally fetched, while the decrease in the Stamp Revenue is chiefly due to the reduction of the Court Fee Stamps.

Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 1,606, dated 8th March 1870.

Do. do. " 2,180, " 29th May 1871.

Do. do. " 2,554, " 26th June " "

47. The increase in the Income-tax is the result of the enhanced rates of assessment under Act XVI. of 1870.

48. ENTIRE DEMAND FROM ALL SOURCES AND COLLECTIONS.—The entire demand from all sources of revenue amounts to Rupees 20,16,204. Of this, Rupees 19,37,093 were collected within the Fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 79,111, or little less than 4 per cent. on the demand as particularized below. Subsequent collections have reduced this balance by nearly 50 per cent:—

Items.	Current demand.	Collections.	Balance.	Subsequent collections up to 31st July.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Shotriem Jodi	12,762	12,579	183	39	144
Ryotwar	12,92,453	12,71,642	20,811	9,219	11,592
Miscellaneous	1,87,477	1,76,833	10,644	4,631	6,013
Total...	14,92,692	14,61,054	31,638	13,889	17,749
Abkarry	3,58,723	3,11,716	47,007	25,196	21,811
Income-tax	48,489	48,130	359	115	244
Salt... ..	2,131	2,023	108	41	67
Stamps	1,14,169	1,14,169	.....	.....	.....
Total...	5,23,512	4,76,038	47,474	25,352	22,122
Grand Total...	20,16,204	19,37,092	79,112	39,241	39,871

49. **LAND REVENUE COLLECTIONS.**—The Land Revenue Collections amounted at the close of the Fasli to Rupees 14,61,054, or nearly 98 per cent. of the demand. More than two-fifths of the balance has since been collected in the month of July, and orders have been issued for the speedy collection of the remainder. The dullness of the market towards the latter end of the year, noticed in paragraph 11, is the chief cause of the arrears outstanding under this head.

50. **ABKARRY COLLECTIONS.**—Under Abkarry the balance at the end of the Fasli was Rupees 47,006-9-9. Of this, Rupees 31,045-4-5 comprises the June kists, which fall due on the last day of the month, but are usually paid in the following month. The remainder Rs. 15,961-5-4 is the balance of two kists outstanding against the Ramalkota Taluk, the renter of which having failed to pay the kist for April, his farm was attached and sold from the 1st July as ordered by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 29th May 1871, No. 2,180. The subsequent collections amount to Rupees 25,195-11-1, reducing the balance to Rupees 21,810-14-8, which will be still further diminished when the two months' instalments kept in deposit in favour of the late Ramalkota renter are brought to account.

51. The following is a Comparative Abstract of collections from all sources, current as well as arrears, for the past two years:—

Items.	FASLI 1279.			FASLI 1280.			COMPARISON.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanent Settlement...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shotriem Jodi	247	12,435	12,682	309	12,579	12,888	206	.....
Ryotwar	6,233	12,59,993	12,66,226	7,904	12,71,642	12,79,546	13,320	.....
Miscellaneous	3,201	1,77,216	1,80,417	4,230	1,76,833	1,81,063	646	.....
Total...	9,681	14,49,644	14,59,325	12,443	14,61,054	14,73,497	14,172	.....
Abkarry	18,725	3,46,191	3,64,916	31,752	3,11,716	3,43,468	.....	21,448
Earth Salt	16	1,809	1,825	28	2,023	2,051	226	.....
Sea Customs ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Land Customs ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stamps ... ..	.....	1,20,715	1,20,715	.....	1,14,169	1,14,169	.....	6,545
Income-tax	343	28,659	29,002	9	48,130	48,139	19,137	.....
License-tax ... ..	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Trade-tax ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total...	28,765	19,47,028	19,75,793	44,239	19,87,093	19,81,325	33,535	28,033
Net Increase...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,532

52. The items in which there have been large variations are those given in the margin. The increase in the Land Revenue collections is the consequence of increased demand, while the decrease in the Abkarry Collections is the result partly of the diminished prices, for which some of the farms had to be re-sold for arrears of revenue, and partly of the failure of the Ramalkota renter to pay the two last kists, for which the farm was taken under Government management, and sold again from the beginning of July—*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 2,180, dated 29th May 1871. The increase in the Income-tax, and the decrease in the Stamp collections have been explained in paragraphs 45 and 46.

53. **ARREARS.**—At the end of last year the arrears under land and other sources of revenue amounted to Rupees 49,809, of which Rupees 44,232 were realized during the year under review, and Rupees 1,768 odd remitted under the sanction of Government, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 12th May 1871, No. 1,968. Of the balance thus remaining, namely, Rupees 3,808, about one-third, or Rupees 1,349-15-4, is stated to be irrecoverable, and I request sanction for writing off this sum from the accounts.

54. The details of the irrecoverable balance are given in the annexed Statement :—

No.	Items.	Amount.		
		RS.	A.	P.
1	Death	7	12	0
2	Desertion	88	3	2
3	Poverty	10	13	0
4	Erroneously charged	146	4	5
5	Quit-rent on Inam lands relinquished	72	10	0
6	Boundary dispute	2	4	0
7	Assessment charged at the Jummahbundy, subsequently ordered to be remitted on account of the crop having withered	19	4	1
8	Assessment on lands taken up for village roads	39	11	10
9	Do. on lands taken up by the Irrigation and Canal Company or given in exchange for the same	95	14	11
10	Outstanding after the sale of moveable and immoveable property	587	9	1
11	Deficiency in the area	16	12	3
12	Robbed while in the custody of the Reddi	162	12	7
Total... ..		1,349	15	4

The only items in the above that call for explanation are Nos. 4 and 12.

No. 4 erroneously charged, comprises the following items :—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Error in totalling... ..	2	5	6
2. Lands sold for arrears and bought by Government, but not deducted in the accounts... ..	25	8	11
3. Tirvajasti improperly charged	70	6	1
4. Waste entered as cultivated	32	13	8
5. Prohibitory assessment wrongly charged in land long under cultivation	4	14	3
6. Two Title-deeds issued for one Inam... ..	0	4	0
7. Assessment improperly charged on freehold land	3	0	0
8. Jodi on Inam which was fully assessed	7	0	0
Total... ..	146	4	5

No. 12. This amount was stolen from the Reddy's house during a torch-light robbery committed on the night of the 31st March 1870, in which thirty to forty people were concerned. Some of the dacoits were subsequently apprehended, and were sentenced by the Sessions Court to ten years' transportation. But only a portion of the property belonging to the Reddi was recovered, and the amount of the Government collection must therefore be remitted.

55. * Enclosure A., in Statement No. 8, shows the extent to which recourse was had to Coercive Processes in the collection of the revenue. Processes were issued in 219 villages against 565 ryots for the recovery of Rupees 9,902, and property attached to the value of Rupees 9,204; of which only Rupees 3,653 worth of property was sold, and realized Rupees 3,699.*

	RS.
* Land... ..	3,045
Moveable property	654
Total... ..	3,699

56. No fees were levied this year for the service of Processes.

57. * The total charges of the year amounted to Rupees 1,77,329, or 8.75 per cent. on the receipts, exhibiting an increase of Rs. 2,152 over the charges of last year. The chief increase occurs under the head of Salaries of Gazetted Officers, and is attributable partly to the fact that the district has had for some months the services of two or three Assistants, and partly to the salary of 2nd Class Deputy-Collector Ramachandra Row, who was transferred in the room of 4th Class Deputy-Collector Sudersana Row, having been drawn for the full twelve months this year, while it was drawn for only nine months during last year. The slight increase under "Contingencies" is chiefly owing to the purchase of 40 Gunter's chains for the use of Revenue

Inspectors, sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th November 1870, No. 1,454, and to a portion of the rent of the Nandial Taluk Cutcherry, payable last year, having been disbursed this year.

58. The following Table shows the extent of land possessed by public servants:—

Items,	GOVERNMENT.		INAM.		TOTAL.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Huzoor servants	379	516	458	542	837	1,058
Taluk do.	1,005	1,726	2,259	3,184	3,264	4,910
Total... ..	1,384	2,242	2,717	3,726	4,101	5,968

59. The Talook and Village Accounts are on the whole well kept.

60. In the appointments of Tahsildars several changes have taken place owing to the retirement of Chondappa, the late Head Sheristadar, and of Desapondia Narain Row, Tahsildar of the Nandikotkur Taluk.

The Tahsildar of Koilkuntla, Pandita Kistna Row, was transferred on reduced pay to the Nandial Taluk on account of his constant disagreements with the Police Department. Jagerlapudi Venkata Subbayya was transferred to Koilkuntla from Nandial. The present Head Sheristadar Rajaratnam Mudaliar is a well-educated man, who has a thorough knowledge of English, and I expect great things of him. Vadaghiri Mudaliar, Sub-Magistrate of Kurnool, has been made Tahsildar of Nandikotkur. Kanchi Kristna Row, Tahsildar of Cumbum, has been transferred to the higher paid taluk of Ramalkota, and Betamcherla Pedda Subba Row, Sub-Magistrate of Pyapalli has been made Tahsildar of Cumbum.

KURNOOL,
19th August 1871.

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

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OF

MADRAS.

I HAVE the honour to forward an Annual Settlement Report for Fusly 1280 received from the Deputy Collector of Madras, and to recommend that the arrears of quit-rent, Rupees 10,733-5-3, alluded to in paragraph 13 thereof may be remitted.

MADRAS,
14th November 1871.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Acting Collector.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Jamabundy Report on the Land and Abkarry, etc., Revenue of the Madras Taluq for Fusly 1280, with the usual statements mentioned below :—

- (1). Statement of the commutation and current prices of grain.
 - (2). Statement No. 7 showing the demand, collection, and balance of all sources of revenue, current and arrears, with Enclosure A.
 - (3). Statement showing the collections on account of arrears of all sources of revenue for former Fuslies, with Enclosure A.
 - (4). Statement showing cultivation of sugar-cane and other special products.
2. The District of Madras consists of a taluq of the same name. It contains 23 villages. The whole taluq is divided into 15 divisions, to which are attached the two shrotriem villages of Chintadripet and Teroovateeswaram Pettah.

For Fusly 1279 the number of quit-rent bills issued was 30,550, and for Fusly 1280 no bills have been issued under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1871, No. 2,574.

3. The season on the whole was favourable, and the table appended shows the quantity of rain that fell during the Fusly 1280 :—

From April to September.		From October to March.	
1869-70	16-12	24-35	
1870-71	33-85	32-58	

4. The fall of rain in the taluq generally was good, and all the tanks received their full supply. As all the lands in Madras pay a fixed quit-rent, and are covered either by grants or certificates or bills of sale, or by ungrant or uncertificate bills, the fall of rain has very little effect

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upon the rise or fall of revenue. It was for this reason, perhaps, that this taluq is not provided with a rain gauge, and the depth of rain-fall is simply copied out from the Meteorological statements published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*.

5. The sanitary condition of the taluq was on the whole good during the year under review. In the months of March and April, however, a few cases of spasmodic cholera, small-pox, and high fever were reported.

6. The prices of agricultural produce were lower than in the preceding year, as will be seen from the following statement :—

Description of Grains.				Sort.	Fusly 1279.	Fusly 1280.
					RS.	RS.
Paddy, per Garce.	...	...	...	1st	181	132
Do. do.	...	...	...	2nd	173	123
Cholum, do.	...	...	...	"	180	165
Cumboo, do.	...	...	...	"	168	143
Horse-gram, do.	...	...	...	"	237	185
Raggy, do.	...	...	...	"	195	151
Varagoo, do.	...	...	...	"	217	211
Oolundoo, do.	...	...	...	"	233	319
Wheat, do.	...	...	...	"	439	494
Salt, do.	...	...	...	"	292	286
Firewood, per 1,000 billets	..	..	..		12	15
Straw, per candy	...	...	...		6	4

7. Sugar-cane was cultivated only in the two villages of Mylapore and Nungumbakum, and in the Fusly under review 66 and odd cawnies of land were taken up for this cultivation, bearing a quit-rent of Rupees 375-3-4.

8. The demand under the head "Land Revenue" is given below, and it shows an increase of Rupees 175-10-11 in favour of the Fusly under review :—

Items.	Fusly 1279.			Fusly 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Shrotriem Jodi. ...	210	0	0	210	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Quit-rent ...	68,925	9	10	69,019	11	10	94	2	0	...	...	...
3. Ground-rent ...	5,211	8	3	5,293	1	2	81	8	11	...	...	...
Total...	74,347	2	1	74,522	13	0	175	10	11	...	...	...

In their order of the 30th May 1870, No. 781, the Government directed the transfer of the greater portion of the land on which the ground-rent used to be collected to the Municipality, retaining, however, lands occupied by chunam kilns, firewood depôt, and timber depôt (all situated in Tondiarpet division) under the control of the Collector as heretofore. The average annual revenue under this head amounts to Rupees 10,300, of which Rupees 4,156 form the sum collected from the spots retained by Government. The amount of ground-rent transferred to the Municipality is, therefore, Rupees 6,144 per annum.

The land from which ground-rent is still collected by this office yielded a revenue of Rupees 4,156 for Fusly 1279, while for Fusly 1280 the same extent was leased under my orders by the exertion of my Tahsildar for Rupees 5,293.

9. The other items of collection amount to Rupees 5,407-13-2, being Rupees 1,297-5-7 in excess of the collection of the previous Fusly.

Items.	Fusly 1279.			Fusly 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Fees paid on the issue of Indentures to the land and house-holders ...	3,170	3	7	3,880	0	0	709	12	5	...	...	...
2. Fees collected on the processes issued under Act VI. of 1867, Madras..?	735	5	3	1,031	9	11	296	4	8	...	...	...
3. Palmyra, etc., trees rents.	115	0	0	152	8	0	37	8	0	...	...	...
4. Confiscated goods ...	...	...	...	179	8	4	179	8	4	...	...	...
5. Old and unclaimed articles of distrained property ...	...	...	...	34	10	10	34	10	10	...	...	...
6. Collection after demand was fixed ...	89	14	9	129	8	1	39	9	4	...	...	...
Total...	4,110	7	7	5,407	13	2	1,297	5	7	...	...	...

10. The collection of the current demand under the head of Land Revenue amounts to Rupees 78,674-14-0, as particularized below:—

Items.	COLLECTIONS IN						Increase.	Decrease.				
	Fusly 1279.			Fusly 1280.								
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.			RS.	A.	P.	
1. Shrotriem	97	0	0	259	0	0	162	0	0	...	...	...
2. Quit-rent	34,521	4	6	67,417	7	9	32,896	3	3	...	...	...
3. Ground rent	2,553	6	3	5,590	9	1	3,037	2	10	...	...	...
4. Other items explained in paragraph 9	4,110	7	7	5,407	13	2	1,297	5	7	...	...	...
Total...	41,282	2	4	78,674	14	0	37,392	11	8	...	...	...

The increase of collections during the year under review is owing partly to the temporary stoppage of all collections for a period of nearly six months in Fusly 1279 during the inquiry by Mr. G. D. Leman, and to the measures adopted in the Fusly under report for the collection of the arrears under Act VI. of 1867.

11. The Demand, Collection and Balance of current revenue are as follow:—

	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
	79,930	10	2	35,492	9	0	44,438	1	2

Of this balance Rupees 42,118-1-7 are on account of Quit-rent, Rupees 2,214-15-7 on account of Ground-rent, and Rupees 105 on account of Quit-rent on Shrotriem. Up to the 20th September last Rupees 12,295-6-10 were collected out of it, leaving Rupees 32,142-10-4 as the actual balance remaining to be collected on that date.

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12. No tax is paid in Madras until the most extreme measure prescribed by law is adopted. As the provision of the Act VI. of 1867 was scarcely enforced till last year a large amount of arrears remained to be collected. Their collections greatly impeded the collections of the current year's demand, and the result is that the aforesaid sum of Rupees 32,143 remains yet to be collected. As the provisions of the Act VI. of 1867 are now being steadily enforced, and as the order of the Board of Revenue for discontinuing the issue of bills (the evils of which system have already been brought to notice by the Advocate General and Messrs. Leman and Blair) will facilitate the collections, I hope that most part of the balance, if not the whole, will have been collected on the 1st July 1872.

13. Appended below is a statement of old arrears, amounting to Rupees 36,991-5-10:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance at the beginning of the Fusly	1,02,062	9	9
Amount collected in the Fusly	43,182	5	0
Remissions as per Government Order, dated 30th May 1870, No. 781.	18,229	12	1
Amount of ground-rent bills transferred to Municipality, as per above Government order	3,659	2	10
Balance at the close of the Fusly	36,991	5	10

Of this sum it is recommended that sanction for remission may be obtained for Rupees 10,733-5-3, as particularized below:—

Items.	Fusly 1274.	Fusly 1275.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1279.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Quit-rent of more than six years	4,779 9 2	4,187 14 10	...	...	...	...	8,967 8 0
2. Do. on lands purchased by Government in public auction held for arrears	361 4 11	361 4 11	361 4 11	361 4 11	1,445 3 3
3. Do. remitted by Government Order, No. 507, of 21st March 1871	9 8 0	9 8 0	9 8 0	9 8 0	33 0 0
4. Do. on pagodas, burial and burning grounds, tanks and portions of public roads	38 5 5	40 8 6	41 8 6	41 8 6	161 14 11
5. Do. on lands taken for public purposes...	4 15 5	4 15 5	12 9 5	3 4 1	25 12 4
6. Do. on land encroached upon by sea...	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	3 14 0	15 8 0
7. Do. on lands doubly charged	36 12 0	23 7 9	60 3 9
8. Ground-rent of more than three years standing	15 2 7	...	15 2 7
9. Uncollectable quit-rent.	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	4 0 0
Total...	4,779 9 2	4,187 14 10	418 15 9	421 2 10	481 11 5	443 15 3	10,733 5 3

The amounts set against Item 1 form mostly the total of quit-rent on waste lands on the sea-shore, as well as mosques, pagodas, burial and burning grounds, tombs, charitable endowments, and public roads. Their collection is besides barred by Section 11 of Act XII. of 1851, and they cannot, therefore, be collected.

Item 2 shows the amount of revenue to be written off the accounts by reason of the lands upon which arrears had been due having been purchased by Government in public auction for want of bidders. Of the 149 numbers sold 68 were purchased by Government, and the only reason why no purchasers for them appeared was that these lands are immemorial waste, extending along

the sea board in Tondiarpet and lying in different other parts of Madras unfit either for cultivation or building purposes and charged with a heavy rate of quit rent. Many of these spots are overgrown with prickly-pear.

Item 4. Soon after the survey of Madras was made in the year 1862 some of the lands taken up by pagodas, burial grounds, tanks, etc., which had been exempt from the payment of quit-rent, were charged with it on the ground that parties interested had not come forward to claim such exemption. But no quit-rent at any time since was, however, collected owing to the inexpediency of attaching and selling such lands. They have now, however, been attached, and the parties interested have complained against the measure. Their complaints were inquired into, and I am satisfied that they are Porumbokes not liable to taxation. Other items require no remark.

14. Out of Rupees 36,991-5-10, the entire arrears outstanding, the sum now recommended for remission being deducted there remains a balance of only Rupees 26,258-0-7 to be accounted for in Fusly 1281, of which, however, Rupees 4,272-5-2 have already been collected up to date.

Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8 does not appear to be an exhaustive statement I have furnished in it the information required in the several columns, and beg further to submit below a detailed number of all processes issued. During the Fusly under report, after the Curnums had often presented the bills in vain, 4,723 notices were issued, warning as many defaulters that unless the arrears due by them were immediately paid their moveable property would be seized. The sum demanded in these notices was Rupees 22,204-13-1. Warrants or second demands were, however, issued against 1,350 persons only for a demand of Rupees 12,151-12-4, showing thereby that the difference was paid up by the defaulters on the issue of the notices. The number of cases in which property was distrained was 170, and the estimated value of the attached property was Rupees 1,552-12-6. Of the distrained property brought to office a small portion, valued at Rupees 105-10-3, alone was sold in 33 cases and the rest was cleared by the parties before the date of sale after payment of the arrears due against them. For want of personal property, and in some cases owing to the difficulty of ascertaining the defaulters, the fifth demands or orders of attachment of lands were issued in 425 cases, and lands of the estimated value of Rupees 7,957-10-7 were accordingly attached. Before their sale came off arrears, amounting to Rupees 495-14-9, were paid down in 52 cases, and lands of the estimated value of Rupees 495-14-9 were released from attachment. Of the remainder lands worth Rupees 3,235 were sold in 149 cases during the Fusly under review, leaving 224 cases for disposal in the current Fusly. It is, however, worthy of remark that lands worth Rupees 3,235, sold in Fusly 1280, fetched only Rupees 1,067-3-0 for no other reason than 68 numbers out of 149 sold were purchased by Government at a nominal valuation of a Rupee each as detailed in paragraph 13.

15. In the Stamping Department weights and measures in use in the bazaars of Madras, and in some cases with private individuals, are tested according to standard weights and measures and impressed with stamps, charging the parties with a small fee. The collections of Fusly year 1279 were Rupees 3,883-8-0, while those of the Fusly 1280 were Rupees 4,321-13-0, showing an increase of Rupees 438-5-0 in favour of the year under review.

16. In the Abkarry Department the five Puttai Arrack godowns beyond the High Court limits, and situated at Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram, Papanchavady, Maduravoil, and Modeveram were rented as usual to the contractors of the previous Fusly 1279 upon reduced dowles, as sanctioned by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, dated 18th June 1870, No. 4,246; while the 57 Puttai Arrack shops within the limits of the High Court were rented to the shopkeepers of the previous Fusly, but upon increased dowles, as sanctioned by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings above quoted.

Unlike the number of Puttai Arrack shops which remained stationary the toddy shops within and without the High Court jurisdiction have decreased in number by 14, owing to the insolvency of the renters.

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17. The total Abkarry revenue from all sources during the Fusly 1280 is given below:—

Items.	Fusly 1279.			Fusly 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Colombo Arrack	5,52,776	2	6	4,60,888	7	5	.....			91,887	11	1
2. Puttai Arrack... ..	3,18,510	1	3	2,85,663	4	6	.....			32,846	12	9
3. Toddy	3,08,904	10	1	2,95,298	9	1	.....			13,606	1	0
Total	11,80,190	13	10	10,41,850	5	0	.....			1,38,340	8	10
4. Extra	3,119	1	6	1,275	2	3	.....			1,843	15	3
Total	11,83,309	15	4	10,43,125	7	3	.....			1,40,184	8	1

18. A comparison with the previous Fuslies' collections shows a decrease of Rupees 1,40,184-8-1 against the Fusly under review, and it is owing entirely to two causes, viz., decrease in dowe and decrease in sales. The fall of revenue from the former cause was Rupees 50,365-0-4, and this decrease was sanctioned by the Revenue Board in their Proceedings of 18th June 1870, No. 4,246, while from the latter cause the fall of revenue was Rupees 88,603-14-0, together making the total fall in revenue Rupees 1,38,968-14-4. The decrease of dowe and decrease in sales are so closely dependant on each other that the explanation given for one suffices for the other. Decrease in dowe was recommended and sanctioned on account of decrease in sales, and the decrease in sales was owing to the dullness of trade by Franco-Prussian war, the stoppage of all public works of importance, the high price of liquor, the importation of a very low sort of brandy of European manufacture, and the clandestine introduction of rum manufactured in Bangalore and North Arcot districts into Madras, and their sale at prices lower than the price charged for Colombo arrack.

There is still, however, Rupees 1,215-9-9 to be accounted for in the fall of revenue during Fusly year 1280, and this sum is under collection. It may not be out of place to mention here that the full amount of Rupees 88,603-14-0, which was the fall in revenue owing to decrease in sales, was remitted under sanction of the Board of Revenue, conveyed in their Proceedings of 6th September 1870, No. 5,620, and of 17th August 1871, No. 3,501.

19. The following abstract will show the gross collections including arrears, charges, and the net Abkarry revenue in comparison with the previous year:—

Fuslies.	Collections.			Charges.			Net Revenue.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1279	11,85,604	4	5	3,28,820	6	10	8,56,783	13	7
1280	10,44,152	2	7	2,16,778	7	9	8,27,373	10	10

20. The Revenue in the department of stamps shows an increase in favour of the Fusly 1280 of Rupees 89,345-14-0 over the previous Fusly 1279.

21. The subjoined statement shows the comparative revenue of the two Fuslies under the several classes of stamps in use under the Stamp Act:—

Items.	Fusly 1279.			Fusly 1280.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Judicial	36,385	3	0	1,95,355	0	0	1,58,969	13	0	.....	
2. Non-Judicial	1,62,273	5	0	92,649	6	0	.....			69,623	15	0
Total... ..	1,98,658	8	0	2,88,004	6	0	1,58,969	13	0	69,623	15	0
Net increase...	.....			.....			89,345	14	0	.....	

and the increase is owing to the introduction of stamps in lieu of ready money payments in Small Cause Court.

22. The year under review was a peculiarly unfortunate one as regards trade, as has already been observed. The Franco-Prussian war, and the stoppage of public works, told upon the incomes of all classes, and the revenue derived from the Income-tax proved considerably smaller than had been anticipated.

23. The following statement exhibits the entire current Demand, Collection and Balance under all sources of revenue:—

Items.	Demand.				Collection.				Balance.			
	Fusly 1279.		Fusly 1280.		Fusly 1279.		Fusly 1280.		Fusly 1279.		Fusly 1280.	
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
1. Quit-rent and ground-rent... ..	74,347	2 1	74,522	13 0	25,044	5 5	30,084	11 10	49,302	12 8	44,438	1 2
2. Abkarry... ..	11,84,350	3 0	11,32,944	15 0	11,83,309	15 4	10,43,125	7 3	1,040	3 8	82,339	7 9
											* 7,480	0 0
3. Income-tax	2,25,537	0 0	1,76,337	8 6	2,18,001	0 0	1,65,963	6 6	7,536	0 0	10,374	2 0
4. Stamps	1,98,658	8 0	2,88,004	6 0	1,98,658	8 0	2,88,004	6 0	.....	...	.....	...
5. Registration and other items	4,110	7 7	5,407	13 2	4,110	7 7	5,407	13 2	.....	...	.....	...
Total...	16,87,003	4 8	16,77,217	7 8	16,29,124	4 4	15,92,585	12 9	57,879	0 4	1,44,631	10 11

* Amount remitted under Board's Proceedings, dated 6th September 1870, No. 5,620.

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24. There appears to have been no accounts kept in the villages, a state of things which require special notice. The Curnums I think should be called upon to keep at least the accounts mentioned in the margin.

Vide statement annexed.

25. In conclusion I beg permission to place on record the satisfactory manner in which the Tahsildar C. Ramiah and S. Dorasawmy Iyengar, B. A., the Acting Manager of the Income-tax Department, performed their duties during the year under report.

MADRAS,
1st November 1871.

(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW,
Deputy Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Acting Collector.

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OF

CHINGLEPUT.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Settlement Report of this district for Fasli 1280, together with the usual Statements.

2. NAMES OF THE OFFICERS WHO CONDUCTED THE SETTLEMENT AND THE TIME OCCUPIED BY EACH.—*Statement No. 1.*—Of the three taluks in the principal Division, Trivellore was settled by Mr. Blair, my predecessor, Ponneri by Mr. Kough, lately Assistant Collector, and Saidapet by myself. The taluks of the Sub-Division were settled by the Acting Sub-Collector. Mr. Blair, had proposed to settle the Chingleput Taluk, but on account of the defalcation in the Taluk Accounts, regarding which Mr. Crole was holding an investigation, it was deemed advisable to postpone the arrangement until the coming season. The time occupied in the settlement of the taluks of the principal Division was two months and fifteen days, and in the Sub-division one month and twenty-two days; or an average of twenty days for each taluk.

3. VARIATION IN THE NUMBER AND TENURE OF VILLAGES.—The Order of Government transferring the revenue charge of the town and suburbs of Madras to the Collector of Sea-Customs, has caused a decrease of nineteen villages under the head, Ryotwar, and of two under Shrotriyams. The number of villages held on other tenures remain the same as in last year. Appended is an abstract Statement of villages and their tenures in this district,

	RS.
Ryotwar	1,714
Amani	1
Rent for more than one year	12
Shrotriyams	328
Jari Muttahs	356

4. NUMBER OF PUTTAHS DISTRIBUTED, WITH REMARKS REGARDING THE NUMBER RENEWED AND UNRENEWED.—The total number of Puttahs issued during the year was 52,932 against 51,172, showing an increase of 1,760. Of these, 2,129 were issued for the first time or renewed, while, in 34,703, changes were made during the settlement, and 16,100 remain unaltered; in 9,867 of these, however, alterations should have been made, but they were not produced. At the previous settlement, the number altered was 41,182.

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5. **SEASON AND SANITARY CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.**—The season was very favourable as compared with those of the past few years. The total rain-fall was inches 41·64 against inches 32·27 in last year. The fall in each month is shown below :—

Months.	Inches.	Tenths.	
April 1870	1	0·05	
May „ ... ..	...	0·05	
June „	4	0·64	
July „	4	0·61	
August „	4	0·82	
September	6	0·02	21·19
October „	11	0·46	
November „	5	0·88	
December „ ... ..	...	0·76	
January 1871	1	0·02	
February „ ... ..	...	0·30	
March „	1	0·03	20·45
Total...	.....	.....	41·64

It will be seen by the above table that there was a good rain-fall during both the south-west and north-east monsoons, and freshes come down all the rivers, heavy ones down the Palar and Cor-telliar ; all the tanks filled well, those fed by river channels several times during the year ; Chem-brambakam Tank, however, was an exception, it is a large one, and rain-fed chiefly, it filled but once and that late in the season.

6. *Rain-fall.*—The rain though abundant, was gradual, and little harm was done to irrigation works ; Ponneri Taluk suffered the most, but even there the mischief was inconsiderable, and easily put right.

7. *Public health.*—The state of health of the district was good on the whole, this may be partly ascribed to the favourable nature of the season ; the death registers recently submitted to the Board, show a total of deaths throughout the district at 14,803 against 16,567 in the year preceding. Cholera and Small-pox, however, the usual epidemics of the country, prevailed more or less all over the district, and, in some parts of the Sub-Division Taluks, Cholera was of a virulent type, and at the Red-Hills there was a sharp out-break ; Cholera pills and other medicines were promptly distributed, and with good results. Mr. Crole speaks highly of McDougall's disinfecting powder, and I note, with pleasure, his remarks to the effect that the natives really appreciate its uses.

8. *Cattle disease.*—In spite of a prosperous season, cattle disease in a more or less bad form, has prevailed in the district ; loss of cattle was, I regret to say, frequently urged during the Settlement as a reason why remission should be granted.

9. **PRICES OF GRAIN.**—*Statement No. 2.*—Prices fell owing to the good season, and were lower throughout the year than in the season preceding.

10. The average prices of the 1st and 2nd kind of paddy, per garce, was 72 per cent. above the

Average price of 10 years..... 135 per garce.
Do. of Fasli 1280 134 do.

Difference 51
Percentage 28

commutation rate, and 30 per cent. less than the price (Rupees 192) which obtained last year. On the ten years' average the price of paddy shows a fall of Rupees 28, per cent. or Rs. 51 per garce, as shown in the margin.

11. The abstract appended shows the comparative price of staple grains for the season under report, and the one preceding, as well as the average for the ten past years.

Grains.	Average price of ten years from Fasli 1270 to 1279.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Increase or decrease in Fasli 1280 as compared with the average.	Per-cent-age.	Increase or decrease in Fasli 1280 as compared with Fasli 1279.	Per-cent-age.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy 1st sort per garce	194	198	142	52	37	56	28
Do. 2nd do. per do.	177	185	125	52	42	60	32
Cholam	244	259	226	18	8	33	13
Cumboo	222	226	200	22	11	36	15
Raggy	238	226	169	69	41	57	25
Horse-gram	286	276	230	56	24	46	17

12. RYOTS' HOLDING.—The holding of the ryots at the commencement of this year after deducting lands relinquished, and otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation, amounted to Acres 5,07,508, assessed at Rupees 14,00,399, adding land taken up during the year, amounting to Acres 14,975, assessed at Rupees 29,373; the total holding was Acres 5,22,483, assessed at Rupees 14,29,772, or Acres 7,189, assessed at Rupees 13,225 more than in the last year. Of lands relinquished, most were dry, and both as regards Nunjah and Punjah those thrown up were of inferior quality, bearing light assessment.

13. The following abstract shows the ryots holding at the beginning of the Fasli with the subsequent fluctuations during the season.

Items.	Acres.	Rupees.
Ryots' holding at the beginning of the Fasli ...	5,15,294	14,16,547
<i>Deduct.</i>		
Lands relinquished or otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation and struck out of the Puttah ...	7,786	16,148
Remaining...	5,07,508	14,00,399
Add lands newly taken up	14,975	29,373
Total holdings of the year...	5,22,483	14,29,772
Deduct waste remitted	7,473	23,128
Remainder...	5,15,010	14,06,644
<i>Particulars.</i>		
Actual cultivation	4,35,277	12,36,263
Waste charged	79,733	1,70,381
Total...	5,15,010	14,06,644

14. **ACTUAL CULTIVATION.**—The gross cultivation of Fasli 1280 was Acres 4,35,277, assessed at Rupees 12,36,263, or Acres 63,722, assessed at Rupees 1,75,162 (an increase of 16 per cent.) more than the cultivation of last year, a result of course mainly due to the very favourable character of the season.

15. **WASTE CHARGED.**—The extent on which waste was charged was Acres 79,733, assessed at Rupees 1,70,381; last year the amount so charged was Rupees 1,03,902, or Rupees 66,479 less. The amount charged in each Taluk on account of Wet and Dry is given below :—

Saidapet	13,547	16,752
Chingleput	10,330	18,301
Madurantakum	21,127	22,600
Conjeveram	11,947	24,966
Trivellore	10,685	9,230
Ponneri	5,455	5,441
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	73,091	97,290

16. This extent of waste, considering the nature of the season, is very large, and arises partly from the apathy of the ryots, but partly, I have reason to fear, from the inability to cultivate of some of the smaller holders, who have been impoverished by a succession of several bad seasons. Further, as to Nunjah waste, water has been scarce for several years, and remissions for waste the rule in consequence, so the ryots have come to look on them as a matter of course, and have this year in some instance cultivated only what suited them, though there was a plentiful supply of water, and have, of course, been charged with such waste.

17. **WASTE REMITTED.**—The total remission granted on Wet and Dry waste during the year was Rupees 23,128, as shown in the margin, against 2,51,544 remitted in the past year. The small amount was again owing to the good season, and most of it was given for lands flooded by heavy rains, and otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation for the year. No remission on dry lands whatever were given, except for the above reasons, and the amount is small.

18. **RYOTS' HOLDING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FASLI AND SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS.**—*Enclosure A. in Statement No. 3.*—The marginally noted Statement calls for no particular remarks, the ryot's holding at the beginning of Fasli, and the subsequent fluctuations having been already detailed at paragraph 13.

19. **CULTIVATION OF SUGAR-CANE, COTTON, AND INDIGO.**—*Enclosure B. Statement No. 3.*—The Board are aware from the reports of former years that this district is not one of those where either sugar-cane or cotton is grown, except to a very limited extent; the return for sugar-cane appears this year even less than usual, but this is only owing to the last year's return having exhibited the cultivation of this product in the Town and suburbs of Madras, now a separate district. The area, under cotton cultivation is slightly in excess of that of the past year.

20. The Indigo cultivation this year shows an increase of Acres 4,042, assessed at Rupees 6,465, this is owing to the great demand that there now is for this product in the market at Madras.

21. **LANDS HELD ON PROGRESSIVE COWLE.**—*Enclosure C., to Statement No. 3.*—No lands were newly given on progressive Cowle, so the holding is the same as last year, Acres 139, assessed at Rupees 83, of which amount Rupees 51 was remitted under the terms of the Cowles.

22. FINAL SETTLEMENT.—The subjoined abstract shows the general result of the settlement as compared with the previous year.

Items.	LAST FASLI 1279.				PRESENT FASLI 1280.				INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	2,33,903	3,54,165	15	4	2,47,160	3,73,647	15	6	13,267	19,482	...	...
Wet	2,07,654	8,10,337	4	10	2,67,850	10,32,995	12	0	60,196	2,22,158	...	...
Total...	4,41,557	11,65,003	4	2	5,15,010	14,06,643	11	6	73,453	2,41,640	...	...
Add												
Second crop assessment	...	47,982	1	4	...	92,543	12	0	...	44,562	...	...
Additional do. ...	...	12,695	11	0	...	20,924	10	0	...	8,229	...	...
Water-tax ... ..	...	6,639	14	7	...	8,206	7	6	...	1,567	...	...
Road Fund ... ..	...	71,167	10	3	...	73,600	2	7	...	2,433	...	...
Village Service Fund ...	...	1,28,040	13	2	...	1,72,533	6	2	...	44,492	...	...
Total...	...	14,31,529	3	6	...	17,74,452	1	9	...	3,42,923	...	...
Deduct Remissions												
Road Fund ... ..	...	71,167	10	3	...	73,600	2	7	...	2,433	...	...
Village Service Fund ...	...	1,40,540	13	2	...	1,85,935	12	10	...	45,395	...	...
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4 ...	...	1,57,105	10	1	...	52,859	9	9	...	...	...	1,04,246
Total...	...	3,68,814	1	6	...	3,12,395	9	2	...	47,828	...	1,04,246
Remaining Beriz ... ..	...	10,62,715	2	0	...	14,62,056	8	7	...	3,99,341	...	...
Add Miscellaneous Items ... ..	...	83,132	15	11	...	1,65,863	8	4	...	22,731	...	...
Total ...	...	11,45,848	1	11	...	15,67,920	0	11	...	4,22,072	...	...

All items of Land Revenue show an increase, as might be expected from the season, which call for no special remark, except the increase of Rupees 22,731, under head Miscellaneous, Rupees 16,150 of which was derived from land entered on and cultivated without permission, on which in most cases arbitrary rates of assessment were charged.

23. PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.—The following abstract shows the principal sources of irrigation, with the ayacut cultivation, etc., under each, as compared with Fasli 1279:—

Abstract.

Tanks.	Villages.	AYACUT.		HOLDING 1279.		CULTIVATION.		HOLDING 1280.		CULTIVATION.	
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.	
Chembrambakam	56	8,891	49,065	8,178	47,360	3,758	23,774	8,353	51,159	7,402	46,399
Polal or Red Hills	10	2,379	10,017	2,051	8,741	1,726	7,509	2,032	12,228	1,907	10,062
Ambathur	6	1,612	4,936	1,469	4,588	1,001	3,315	1,474	4,703	1,310	4,190
Nemana	6	1,398	7,901	1,297	8,465	846	5,316	1,298	8,698	1,244	8,393
Maduranta-kum	20	6,128	18,719	4,940	15,492	3,343	9,111	4,967	16,350	4,442	15,216
Uttramallur	3	5,654	20,666	3,751	14,564	2,901	12,105	3,743	15,807	3,114	13,708
Damal	1	1,719	7,760	1,341	5,773	1,150	5,059	1,346	6,152	1,276	5,607
Tenneri	21	5,104	16,581	4,086	12,845	1,748	7,273	3,795	12,973	2,667	11,037
Striperumadur	1	1,016	4,904	996	4,833	826	4,501	996	5,669	936	5,496
Manimangalala	5	1,883	9,791	1,308	7,030	1,156	6,604	1,480	9,448	1,336	8,723
Kuvam	7	1,786	9,736	1,543	10,309	1,187	8,612	1,548	10,572	1,493	10,307
Chinnambedu	1	1,753	10,375	1,314	8,042	1,223	8,456	1,276	9,025	1,226	8,763
Vallur Anicut	1	1,875	9,242	1,072	5,579	664	3,550	1,042	5,661	838	4,536

24. **RUINED TANKS.**—As in last season, no ruined tanks were made over to private enterprise during the year. I find that only in two cases since their promulgation have the rules been applied, and in these instances, as they are rain-fed tanks, permission was given without reference to the Board; but in neither case have the repairs been completed, and full assessment is charged on all lands cultivated under them, and this will be done until a certificate as to their satisfactory completion is furnished from the Department of Public Works.

25. **REMISSIONS.**—*Statement No. 4.*—The marginal statement shows all remissions except for dry and wet waste, already detailed at paragraph 17.

26. The decrease of Rupees 1,724 under the item "Shamlat Punjer," is owing to the Board having authorised, in the last year, remissions under this head as a special case in the Saidapet Taluk, on account of the extremely unfavourable nature of that season.

27. Remissions for "Shavi" amount this year to the small sum of Rupees 793, against Rupees 92,513 granted last year.

28. Under the head "Palanastum" no remission whatever was necessary this year.

29. Remissions given for "Panibudthi" (land flooded) was Rupees 4,986, and for "Paya-mali" (crops destroyed by floods) Rupees 5,206, or a total of Rupees 10,192. Considering the very heavy rains of October, this amount cannot be considered heavy, and requires no special remark.

30. The increase under the head "Teazgari" or remission to privileged classes, is nominal; Mr. Crole withheld this remission at the Jamabandi last year, on the ground that the authority for granting it was not forthcoming; after submitting his report for Fasli 1279, the authority for continuing such remission was pointed out to him by Mr. Blair, and the collection of the amount so charged suspended, in view to the sanction of the Board for writing it off being obtained. The same remarks apply to the increase of Rupees 505 under Reyayet.

31. **TEERWA COMMEE.**—The increase of Rupees 13,630 under the head "Teerwa Commee" is owing to the reduction of assessment at 20 per cent sanctioned by Government on Manavari Nunjah lands, in Government Order Revenue Department, No. 938, dated 24th June 1879. Mr. Blair directed that this should be entered as a remission, as a reduction of 20 per cent. on existing Teerwa in each field, would cause fractional rates of assessment.

32. **TOPE COWLES.**—Under the head "Tope Cowle remission" there is a decrease of Rupees 973. This is owing to a careful examination of the lands held on such tenure during this settlement, and to the cancelment of the Cowles in cases where their terms had not been fairly acted up to. The increase of Rupees 901, under "Ten years tope cowle" is nominal; certain lands entitled to the benefit of the rules were wrongly charged full assessment last year, and the amount has now to be written off with the Board's sanction under irrecoverable arrears.

33. The decrease under the head 2nd Crop cultivation by private wells, amounting to Rupees 15,906, is attributable to both south-west and north-east monsoons having set in seasonably, and the ryots therefore had water for the cultivation of both 1st and 2nd Crops mainly from Government irrigation works.

34. The following Abstract exhibits the total extent of land held on the Tope Cowle terms up to last Fasli, and those made over on similar terms during the year :—

Items.	Acres.	Rupees.
Lands held on Tope rule terms at the beginning of Fasli 1280	11,413	16,432
<i>Deduct.</i>		
Lands relinquished	41	129
Cowles cancelled or resumed	1,544	2,396
	1,585	2,525
Remainder...	9,828	13,907
Lands made over this year	1,256	1,552
Total...	11,084	15,459

35. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE UNDER THE HEAD " MISCELLANEOUS."—*Statement No. 5.*—The demand on account of Miscellaneous items this year amounts to Rupees 1,05,864 or Rs. 22,731, more than last year, the chief reason for this increase was explained at paragraph 22.

36. Appended is an abstract showing the various items of Miscellaneous Revenue, wherein material fluctuations have occurred during the year.

Items.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Inam Jodi... ..	10,375	10,918	543	.....
Tax on trees on unassessed lands	7,920	7,147	.....	773
Tank merah	2,644	3,386	742	.....
Land cultivated but not included in the Jama- bandi	17,053	14,866	.....	2,187
Cultivation of Poramboke lands	37	1,260	1,223	.....
Water-tax on Zemindaries and Inams	2,801	9,676	6,875	.....

37. The increase of Rupees 543, under the head of " Sundry Inams" is owing to the further settlement of Inams, and enfranchisements effected during the year, while the decrease of Rupees 773 under the head " Tax on trees on unassessed lands" is owing to the Sub-Collector having credited such collection to the head " Land Revenue " instead of " Miscellaneous " (as hitherto done I find) in certain cases where the tope-rent charged was really the land-tax. I think the Sub-Collector is right, and acting according to the views of the Board, expressed at Section 6 Standing Order No. 129.

38. The increase of Rupees 742 under the head " Tank Merah" simply results from the increase of lands cultivated under Government irrigation works, while that of Rupees 1,223 under " Cultivation of Poramboke land" arises from the ryots having been charged, chiefly in the Conjevaram Taluk, with double the highest rate of assessment in cases where they persisted in cultivating without permission such Poramboke lands, set apart for tank beds, threshing floors, roads, etc.

39. The decrease of Rupees 2,187 under the head " Land cultivated but not included in Jamabandi" is owing to the settlement of the taluks having been conducted this year somewhat later in the season than last year, and to the cultivated lands having been therefore for the most part brought to account previously. As regards the increase of Rupees 6,875, water-tax no

Zemindari, etc., lands, such tax has been rigidly collected whenever Government water has been used, but this item further includes small contributions, collected when possible from Shrotriadars and others, as their share for repairs of irrigation works in which they have a joint interest with Government.

40. Under the head "Other items" there is a total net increase of Rupees 16,547 after deducting Rupees 2,327, the decrease on certain items. This is attributable to the following causes:—1st, that an arbitrary rate of assessment was imposed on lands entered upon and cultivated without durkhast as already explained; 2nd, that deposits made by purchasers of land at the Revenue sales have been credited to Government in many cases, on default of completion of the purchase by the buyers; 3rd, that the rent paid by the Railway Company for certain lands let to them at a fixed rental, and remaining in deposit, have been adjusted in the accounts this year.

41. I have annexed to Statement No. 5 the usual explanatory Memorandum, showing the various component items of Miscellaneous revenue. The variations under the Abkarri, Salt and Stamp Miscellaneous are either trifling, or of ordinary nature, and call for no particular notice.

42. The following abstract exhibits the Fasal and Teerwajastee collected on Inam lands in Fasli 1280, as required by the Board, in their Proceedings of the 31st March 1869, No. 2,070:—

	FASLI 1279.		FASLI 1280.	
	Area.	Assessment.	Area.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.
Fasaljastee on second crop raised on one crop Inam land by Government water... ..	778	2,242	3,231	8,485
Teerwajastee or additional assessment collected on dry Inams converted into wet by the aid of circar water	180	420	360	920

43. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE OF ZEMINDARIES, MUTTAHS, AND SHROTRIYAMS.—*Statement No. 6.*—The demand against Jari Muttahs and Shrotriyaams and rented villages amount, in the aggregate, to Rupees 1,88,776, being an increase of Rupees 868 over the similar demand of last Fasli. This increase is mainly due to a further enfranchisement of Shrotriyaam villages during the year. The annexed abstract gives the particulars of the current demand against estates held on the above tenures, together with the cultivation and balance at the close of the Fasli:—

Items.	Arrears at the beginning of Fasli.	Current.	Total.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jari Muttahs	47,792	1,06,433	1,54,255	90,257	63,998
Shrotriyaams	35,532	77,330	1,12,862	64,934	47,928
Izara or rented	2,664	4,983	7,647	3,593	4,054
Total...	85,988	1,88,776	2,74,764	1,58,784	1,15,980

44. CURRENT DEMAND.—*Statement No. 7.*—The gross demand of the year from all sources amounts to Rupees 47,03,224, against a gross demand of Rupees 43,06,469 last year, showing a net increase of Rupees 3,96,755.

45. The annexed abstract exhibits the details of the entire demand for Fasli 1280 in a comparative form :—

Abstract.

Items.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	1,06,530	1,06,463	.. .....	67
Shrotriyams	76,395	77,330	935	.....
Ryotwar	10,62,715	14,62,056	3,99,341	.....
Miscellaneous	83,133	1,05,864	22,731	.....
Total Land Revenue ..	13,28,773	17,51,713	4,23,007	67
Abkarri	2,13,069	1,83,851	.....	29,218
Salt	26,66,838	26,55,245	.....	11,593
Stamp	73,696	67,840	.....	5,856
Income-tax	23,909	44,575	20,666	.....
License-tax	184	.....	.....	184
Grand Total...	43,06,469	47,03,224	4,43,673	46,918
Net Increase...	.....	.....	3,96,755	.....

(1.) The decrease of Rupees 67 under the head "Permanently Settled" is owing to a reduction of that amount in the Peishkash of the Muttahs of Tiruvur and Kakalur, in the Trivellore Taluk, on account of lands taken up for the old Cuddapah road.

(2.) Under the head "Shrotriyams" there is a net increase of Rupees 935, the fluctuations under this head are not such as call for detailed notice.

(3.) **RYOTWAR.**—The increase of Rupees 3,99,341 under the head "Ryotwar" is due, as already explained, to the favourable character of the season this year, and to both wet and dry waste having been charged.

(4.) **MISCELLANEOUS.**—The increase under "Miscellaneous" is explained at paragraph 22.

(5.) **ABKARRI.**—The decrease Rupees 29,218 under Abkarri arises from the late renter having failed in his contract, and the farm having been re-sold and purchased at a lower figure.

46. **SALT.**—In spite of the enhanced rate at which salt has been sold, the gross collections under that head show a falling off of Rupees 11,593; the falling off has been in the amounts exported and under inland consumption, and is ascribed by the Deputy-Collector, partly to the increase in the monopoly price in Fasli 1279, but chiefly to the general depression of trade in consequence of the late war. I am inclined to think that a great deal of Tanjore Salt is now coming by rail into the interior, and sold there, and so effects our inland sales.

			Maunds.
Stock of Salt at the beginning of the Fasli 1280 ... ..	...	...	18,17,539-37
Received in store during the year ... ..	...	...	15,84,884-..
Gained by measurement ... ..	...	...	2-16
Total...	34,02,426-13		

Thus the whole quantity of Salt in store during the Fasli was less by Maunds 1,92,910 than in the past Fasli. This decrease, however, is not the result of diminished manufacture, as might be supposed, but is owing to the whole quantity of Salt manufactured not having been stored in consequence of the difficulty of navigating the Canal with the boats generally used for Salt, owing to the low water. The manufacture is as shown below :—

	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Increase.
*This is approximate.	15,20,122	*22,09,719	6,89,597

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47. The Kudiwaram paid this year for salt manufactured was Rupees 1,63,245 or Rupees 33,341 less than in last year, owing to falling off in the amount stored; charges of Establishment, Contingencies, etc., amount to Rupees 1,49,545, making a total of Rupees 3,12,790, as cost of manufacture; deducting this from the gross collections, the net revenue is Rupees 23,42,455 or Rupees 39,920 more than the past year.

48. STAMPS.—There is a small falling off (Rupees 5,856) under “Stamps” owing as far as I can judge to the recent modifications in the law.

49. INCOME-TAX.—Income-tax shows an increase demand of Rupees 20,636 owing to enhanced rates charged during the year under Act XVI. of 1870.

50. LICENSE TAX.—The decrease is owing to the tax having been abolished, the small sum collected in the past year was merely arrears.

51. DEMAND AND COLLECTION—*Enclosure A. to Statement No. 7.*—The marginally noted statement shows the Demand Collection and Balance against each Taluk in the district, and calls for no special remark here.

52. REMARKS ON THE STATE OF THE COLLECTIONS, CURRENT AND ARREARS—*Enclosure B. to Statement No. 7.*—The appended abstract exhibits the collections under all sources of revenue both current and arrears, and show an increase of only 7 per cent. over the corresponding collections of the previous year at the close of the Fasli, and I cannot consider this satisfactory, considering the nature of the seasons:—

Items.	FASLI 1279.			FASLI 1280.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently Settled Estates.	28,939	61,135	90,074	33,844	56,396	90,240	166	...
Jodi or Shrotri-yam and Inam villages ...	28,932	43,156	72,088	28,818	36,112	64,930	...	7,158
Ryotwar ...	1,18,566	8,12,156	9,30,722	2,08,878	10,83,959	12,92,837	3,62,115	...
Miscellaneous...	25,195	35,553	60,748	39,638	40,891	80,529	19,781	...
	2,01,632	9,52,000	11,53,632	3,11,178	12,17,358	15,28,536	3,82,062	7,158
Abkarri ...	4,886	1,79,675	1,84,561	34,255	97,865	1,32,120	...	52,441
Salt ...	...	26,66,838	26,66,838	...	26,55,245	26,55,245	...	11,593
Income-tax ...	...	20,282	20,282	3,612	30,675	34,287	14,005	...
License Tax ...	...	184	184	...	...	...	...	184
Stamps ...	...	73,696	73,696	...	67,840	67,840	...	5,856
Total...	2,06,518	38,92,675	40,99,193	3,49,045	40,68,983	44,18,028	3,96,067	77,232
Net increase...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,18,835	...

53. REMARKS ON THE COLLECTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF CURRENT DEMAND.—The total current demand for the Fasli is Rupees 47,03,224 or 9 per cent. above that of Fasli 1279, the balance of this amount outstanding on the 30th June was Rupees 6,34,241 or 13 per cent.; on the 1st

September, however, I may add, Rupees 4,19,245 or 9 per cent. only was outstanding, as shown below, and for this amount, property to the estimated value of Rupees 2,29,300 was under attachment:—

Total Demand...	...	...	...	47,03,224
Collections within the Fasli	40,68,983
				<hr/>
				6,34,241 per centage 13.
Collections up to the 1st September...	2,14,996
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				4,19,245 per centage 9.
				<hr/>
Jari Muttahs	32,954
Shrotriyams	22,541
Ryotwar	2,34,393
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	46,853
Abkarri ...	...	...	...	72,819
Income-tax ...	...	...	...	9,685
				<hr/>
				4,19,245

54. ABKARRI.—The Abkarri balance of Rupees 72,819 is due from the late renters on account of their contract from 1st July to 19th December 1870 inclusive. As a set off against this, there are in deposit, Government securities belonging to the renters, amounting to Rs. 35,500. Personal and real property also belonging to the renters, valued at Rupees 37,187-13-0 has been attached, and the personal property has either been sold, and the sale proceeds held in deposit, or is about to be so; as regards the lands, claims have been put in by 3rd parties in nearly every case, and much trouble has resulted, a report will shortly be submitted to the Board on the subject.

55. INCOME-TAX.—The Income-tax balance is in course of collection and I have issued strict orders for its early realization.

56. COLLECTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF OLD ARREARS—*Statement No 8.*—The demand on account of old arrears at the beginning of the Fasli amounted to Rupees 5,08,318-8-7, of which Rupees 3,49,045-8-8 were collected within the Fasli, and Rupees 23,115-1-7 were written off the accounts under the orders of Government, noted in the margin; * in the Demand Collection and Balance Statement for May, a further sum of Rupees 20,000; Abkarri arrears, was written off under a misapprehension by the Treasury Department of the Government Order, No. 731,

* 3rd April 1871, No. 618, Board's Proceedings. 12th May 1871, No. 1968.

Board's Proceedings, 8th December 1870, No. 7002.

dated 24th April 1871, but this sum need not be again brought to account for the reasons explained in my letter No. 455, dated 21st instant, so that, the balance standing on the 1st July was Rupees 1,16,157-14-4. Subsequent collections to the end of August reduced the above balance to Rupees 1,10,050-3-1, of which amount Rupees 92,268-5-11 are recoverable and are in course of collection. The remainder is either irrecoverable or doubtful, as shown in the appended Statement:—

Items.	Recoverable.			Irrecoverable.			Doubtful.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Permanently Settled ...	13,731	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shrotriyams ...	4,523	0	8	...	...	...	70	0	0
Ryotwar ...	45,945	6	4	11,957	6	9	377	14	7
Miscellaneous ...	24,668	8	0	4,543	6	6	833	1	4
Abkarri...	3,399	14	7
Total...	92,268	5	11	16,500	13	3	1,280	15	11

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57. RYOTWAR.—The irrecoverable balance of Rupees 11,957-6-9 under the head "Ryotwar" consists of the following items, the amount of *bona fide* Revenue arrears which are shown in the item, last but one, is small, under Rupees 700.

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount remitted on shavi after settlement	7,228	12	9
Difference between the Taram assessment and that now collected in certain Villages transferred from the North Arcot District.	1,389	9	2
Amount remitted on lands planted with Casuarina trees ...	868	3	4
Nominal price of lands purchased at Revenue sales	1,169	3	1
Teazgari or remissions usually allowed to certain privileged classes but which was erroneously brought to account last year.	267	15	0
Amount of assessment charged on certain lands which have since been brought under the Inam settlement	105	13	5
Amount due from deceased and impoverished Ryots who left no property whatever	621	12	5
Other petty items	306	1	7
	11,957	6	9

58. MISCELLANEOUS.—The same remark applies to the irrecoverable arrears under the head "Miscellaneous" which consist chiefly of the following items:—

Amount remitted on account of Shavi on lands cultivated and brought to account subsequent to Jamabandi	3,023	1	4
Difference between the Taram assessment and that now collected on certain lands in the Villages transferred from the North Arcot District	437	10	5
Nominal price of lands purchased by Government at Revenue sales	135	9	2
Amount remitted after Jamabandi on cultivation by private wells.	131	10	0
Amount due from deceased, deserted and impoverished ryots who have left no property	612	6	10
Other items	203	0	9
	4,543	6	6

Grand total of both Ryotwar and Miscellaneous irrecoverable arrears 16,500 13 3

59. I request the Board will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for writing off the above amount from the accounts.

60. COERCIVE PROCESS.—*Enclosure A., in Statement No. 8.*—The extent to which it has been found necessary to resort to Coercive process is shown in the marginally noted Statement, I regret that in 20,134 cases extending over 1,354 villages, coercive process had to be resorted to, the impoverished state of small land-holders had something to do with this, but though property valued at 3,70,164 was attached for arrears amounting to 3,51,637, only a small amount was actually brought to the hammer, and sold, the amount realized being Rupees 64,823; the defaulters having paid up, so I think in many cases to gain time and unwillingness to pay up, was the cause of non-payment.

61. FEES COLLECTED ON PROCESS.—The amount collected on process issued under the Arrears Recovery Act II. of 1864 during the year was Rupees 137-10-0.

62. GROSS COLLECTIONS AND CHARGES.—*Statement No. 9.*—The gross collections from all sources of revenue during the year amounted to Rupees 44,18,028, showing a net increase of Rupees 3,18,835. The increase in collections has been already explained, the fluctuations in charges call for no notice. Deducting the gross charges Rupees 4,62,118 from the total collections the balance is Rupees 39,55,910.

63. VILLAGE AND TALUK ACCOUNTS.—Village and Taluk Accounts were examined as usual and were found on the whole to have been properly kept. In former years I find the examination of accounts was pretty much confined to seeing that they were neatly kept, and in due form, this year, when settling the Saidapet Taluk, remembering the Chingleput defalcations, I had the accounts of a good number of villages minutely examined and the Taluk and Village Financial Statements*

* Nos. 10 and 11 in the Village Manual and Nos. 5 6 and 7 Appendix C. in the Taluk Manual. correspond, and the result was satisfactory. In Trivellore I am informed Mr. Blair examined both the Village and Taluk Statements of Demand and Collection (Nos. 10 and 11 Village) and they were found pretty correct, the errors discovered being chiefly crediting to wrong heads. In Chingleput Taluk, owing to the frauds recently brought to light, a thorough scrutiny and overhaul of accounts by Mr. Crole, has been undertaken, and the Ponneri accounts were also examined by Mr. Kough, and found correctly kept. Mr. Crole makes his own report regarding the Sub-Division Taluks.

64. LAND ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.—The total extent of land acquired by public servants during the year is Kanis 140-5-10, and the names of the various officials with the extent acquired by each are given below:—

Taluks.	Name and Rank.	LAND ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.			
		Taluk.	Village.	How acquired.	Extent.
	<i>Collector's Department.</i>				
Trivellore ...	Nazimuddin Sahib, Tahsildar.	Chingleput...	Covelong ...	On Tope Cowleterms.	21 7 4
Saidapet ...	Venkataramiah, Head Gumastah, Account Department.	South Arcot District.	Oluckai ...	Purchased.	1 15 2
		Chingleput ..	Perumaleri...	Granted by Shrotriadar.	3 8 4
					5 7 6
Do.	Rungiah, Head Gumastah, Correspondence Department.	Saidapet ...	Zemin Palaveram.	Purchased.	1 8 0
Do.	Seshiah, Gumastah ...	Do. ...	Medavakam.	On Cowle terms.	4 12 0
Do.	Ramanayah Pillai, Revenue Inspector.	Do. ...	Kunnathur...	Purchased.	2 4 0
				Transfer...	5 4 8
					7 8 8
Chingleput ...	Varathachari, Revenue Inspector.	Conjeveram...	Conjeveram..	Purchased.	5 0 0
	<i>Salt Department.</i>				
Chingleput ...	Sitharamyar, Clerk, Deputy-Collector's Office.	South Arcot District.	Kunnakarukai	...	3 0 0
			Nallur... ..	...	1 0 0
					4 0 0
Madras Kot-tar.	Chinnasami Pillai, Superintendent.	Chingleput...	Siruthiyur ...	On Durkast.	12 0 0
Vayalur ...	Govindier, Superintendent.	Ponneri ...	Naidavoil ...	Purchased.	6 0 2
Puludivakum.	Ramasami Pillai, Assistant Superintendent.	Do. ...	Puludivakam.	Durkast ...	6 4 12
Cheyur... ..	Sheik Imam Saib, Shroff ...	Chingleput...	Kuvathur ...	Purchased.	23 0 0
Covelong ...	Mahalingier, Superintendent	Ponneri ...	Naidavoil ...	Do. ...	11 8 10
Do.	Venkanna Pandithur, Assistant Superintendent.	Do. ...	Perukarambur	Do. ...	3 5 0
Home's Garden.	Strinivassa Charri, Superintendent.	Do. ...	Attipat ...	Do. ...	28 8 0
					140 5 10