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abolition of quit-rent on houses built outside the Grama Nuttam (village site) held on putta as per Government Order, dated 13th September 1871.

Statement No. 3.

Faslies.	Total number of Puttas for Land Revenue.	PUTTAS NOT RENEWED.			Renewed or fresh Puttas issued.	Percentage of column 6 on column 2.
		Puttas which remained altogether unaltered.	Modified by additional entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1280	145,780	86,926	7,515	94,441	51,339	35
1281... ..	142,745	28,477	29,354	57,831	84,914	59
Increase...	...	...	21,839	...	33,575	...
Decrease...	3,035	58,449	...	36,610	...	...

6. THE SEASON AND SANITARY STATE OF THE DISTRICT.—The season was worse than that of last year, the rain being very scanty. Independent of the decrease in the area cultivated, both wet and dry crops perished for want of water, and a remission of Rupees 3,12,152 had to be granted.

7. Rain-fall.—The following statement exhibits the rain-fall during the year :—

Kar months.					Peshanum months.				
April 1871	...	...	...	1·87	October 1871	...	...	...	4·13
May "	...	...	...	0·46	November "	...	...	...	8·16
June "	...	...	...	0·87	December "	...	...	...	1·83
July "	...	...	...	0·76	January 1872	...	...	...	...
August "	...	...	...	0·22	February "	...	...	...	1·15
September "	...	...	...	0·36	March "	...	...	...	1·21
Total...				4·54	Total...				16·48

Grand Total... 21·02

Population of the district 1,526,698

Disease.	
Cholera	79
Small-pox.....	4,340
Fever.....	5,535
Other diseases.....	14,643
Accidents.....	237
Suicides	198

Total... 25,032

8. Sanitary Condition.—The health of the district was good and shows a decrease of 2,859 deaths as compared with last year. The ratio of deaths was 16·39 per mille of population.

9. PRICES OF GRAIN.—The prices of the principal products as compared with last year are given in the subjoined abstract :—

Statement No. 4.

Faslies.	Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	Paddy, 2nd sort, per garce.	Cholum, per garce.	Horse-gram, per garce.	Cumboo, per garce.	Raggy, per garce.	Varagu, per garce.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1280	204	176	207	225	222	179	...
1281	180	165	165	221	197	157	103
Increase...	103
Decrease...	24	11	42	4	25	22	...

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10. **RYOTS' HOLDINGS.**—The ryots' holdings comprised at the commencement of the Fasli 12,97,388 acres, assessed at Rupees 26,33,187. Of these, 9,672 acres, assessed at Rupees 1,05,993, were resigned and 10,612 acres, assessed at Rupees 62,872, were taken up, total 12,98,328 acres, assessed at Rupees 25,90,067. The area held was thus 940 acres in excess of the previous year, but the net revenue was 43,120 Rupees less.

11. The annexed table exhibits the holdings at the beginning of the year, the subsequent changes and the waste remitted and charged, as also the actual cultivation:—

Statement No. 5.

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.
Extent of land in ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fasli...	11,22,770	8,46,824	6	7	1,74,618	17,86,362	10	11	12,97,388	26,33,187	1	6
Deduct land relinquished by the ryots and transferred from one head to another.....	5,802	17,695	7	0	3,870	88,297	1	4	9,672	1,05,992	8	4
Remainder...	11,16,968	8,29,128	15	7	1,70,748	16,98,065	9	7	12,87,716	25,27,194	9	2
Add lands newly taken up for cultivation.....	6,567	10,716	12	8	4,045	52,155	4	4	10,612	62,872	1	0
Total...	11,23,535	8,39,845	12	3	1,74,793	17,50,220	13	11	12,98,328	25,90,066	10	2
Waste remitted.....	94	136	3	3	16,748	1,20,388	5	0	16,842	1,20,524	8	3
Remainder...	11,23,441	8,39,709	9	0	1,58,045	16,29,832	8	11	12,81,486	24,69,542	1	11
<i>Particulars.</i>												
Actual cultivation	8,66,781	7,18,175	6	4	1,52,031	15,66,406	5	0	10,18,812	22,84,581	11	4
Waste charged	2,56,660	1,21,534	2	8	6,014	63,426	3	11	2,62,674	1,84,960	6	7

12. **ACTUAL CULTIVATION.**—The area cultivated in Fasli 1281 as compared with Fasli 1280 is shown below:—

Statement No. 6.

Items.	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Wet total cultivation including Tirwajasti and Fasaljasti.	2,21,473	...	...	2,06,578	...	...	...	...	14,895	...
Deduct 2nd crop	65,773	...	...	57,657	...	...	...	...	8,116	...
Remaining 1st crop	1,55,700	16,25,852	8 10	1,48,921	15,41,792	14 5	...	...	6,779	84,059 10 5
Dry cultivation.	8,18,810	7,07,714	12 0	7,97,393	6,88,139	12 3	...	...	21,417	19,574 15 9
Total...	9,74,510	23,33,567	4 10	9,46,314	22,29,932	10 8	...	...	28,196	1,03,634 10 2

13. **PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.**—The annexed statement shows the extent of wet cultivation and waste under the Tambrapurni minor rivers and rain-fed tanks as compared with Fasli 1280.

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Statement No. 7.

Sources of Irrigation.	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
<i>Cultivated.</i>	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS. A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS. A. P.
Tambrapurni...	89,224 91	7,58,138	14 11	89,921 67	7,61,423	12 7	696 76	3,284 13 8	...	...
Minor rivers...	74,746 61	5,28,102	10 9	67,977 23	4,81,255	0 5	...	...	6,769 38	46,847 10 4
Rain-fed tanks.	57,500 33	3,39,610	15 2	48,679 52	2,99,114	1 5	...	...	8,820 81	40,496 13 9
Total...	2,21,471 85	16,25,852	8 10	2,06,578 42	15,41,792	14 5	696 76	3,284 13 8	15,590 19	87,314 8 1
								Net...	14,892 43	84,059 10 5
<i>Waste.</i>										
Tambrapurni...	5,869 68	46,357	13 2	5,667 21	46,968	2 11	...	610 5 9	202 47	...
Minor rivers...	8,634 65	58,022	4 0	12,057 59	89,344	9 10	3,422 94	31,322 5 10	...	...
Rain-fed tanks.	9,579 60	56,130	0 11	12,751 51	72,115	2 9	3,171 91	15,985 1 10	...	...
Total...	24,083 93	1,60,510	2 1	30,476 31	2,08,427	15 6	6,594 85	47,917 13 5	202 47	...
								Net...	6,392 38	47,917 13 5

14. • RUINED TANKS MADE OVER TO RYOTS.—The following statement shows the number of ruined tanks made over to ryots during the year:—

Statement No. 8.

Number of Tanks.	Extent of Aya-cpt.	Nunja As-sessment as per Pymash.		Average As-sessment of the past five years.		Assessment at 3 Rs. per acre.		CULTIVATION OF FASLI 1281.			REMAINING WASTE.		
								Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.
5	77	525	6 8	226	11 2	229	11 3	11	32	14 7	66	196	12 8

15. WASTE CHARGED AND REMITTED.—The annexed statement exhibits the area of waste charged and remitted during the year as compared with last Fasli:—

Statement No. 9.

	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Waste charged...	3,13,980	1,89,733	8 8	3,38,303	2,29,558	1 9	24,323	39,824 9 1	...	...
Do. remitted.	15,984	1,09,886	4 0	19,304	1,30,575	13 9	3,320	20,689 9 9	...	...
Total...	3,29,964	2,99,619	12 8	3,57,607	3,60,133	15 6	27,643	60,514 2 0	...	...
<i>Particulars.</i>										
First crop ...	2,22,880	...	...	3,52,010	...	...	29,130	...	...	...
Second do....	7,084	...	...	5,597	...	...	...	...	1,487	...

16. *Waste Charged.*—Lands left waste and charged for amounted to acres 3,38,303 assessed at Rupees 2,29,558, against 3,13,980 acres assessed at Rupees 1,89,734 in Fasli 1280. Of the sum of Rupees 2,29,558 charged for, Rupees 44,598 are the assessment due on portions of fields left waste and the remainder, or Rupees 1,84,960, is the assessment of entire fields.

17. *Waste Remitted.*—Rupees 1,30,576 were remitted this year on lands left waste for want of rain against Rupees 1,09,886 last year; this exceeds the remission of last year by Rupees 20,690.

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Statement No. 10.—Remission.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Occasional.</i>												
1. Remission for withered crops.	18,814	6	10	1,13,814	0	1	94,999	9	3	...	...	...
2. Do. for flooded crops ...	12	12	10	763	1	10	750	5	0	...	...	...
3. Do. for waste.....	1,04,758	4	6	1,30,575	13	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. for lands submerged	3,558	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. for 2nd crop garden waste	1,569	15	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	1,09,886	4	0	1,30,575	13	9	20,689	9	9	...	...	...
<i>Particulars.</i>												
Entire fields left waste	1,08,058	2	4	1,20,524	8	3	12,466	5	11	...	...	...
Portions do. do.	1,828	1	8	10,051	5	6	8,223	3	10	...	...	...
4. Remission for flooded lands.....	1,609	8	5	57	0	0	...	...	...	1,552	8	5
5 Do. for lands taken up for public purposes	0	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
6. Do. for short produce ...	21,754	9	8	54,192	2	7	32,437	8	11	...	...	...
7. Do. on account of (Zabita) progressive cowle	151	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	151	2	1
8. Half assessment on high level Nunja lands cultivated by suling.	11,553	11	11	11,791	14	0	238	2	1	...	...	...
9. Remission on private topes.....	97	10	10	..	...	...	...	...	...	97	10	10
10. Do. on wet lands cultivated in March and April, charged at 2½ Rupees per Cottah	26,531	5	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,531	5	11
11. Half assessment on short produce.....	588	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	588	13	10
12. Remission on Government topes	2	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	0
13. Do. on high level lands now charged dry assessment.....	51	11	4	8	5	11	...	...	...	43	5	5
14. Do. garden crops raised on wet land on payment of a favourable assessment	2,419	13	7	236	0	8	...	...	...	2,183	12	11
15. Do. on waste lands silted up.	12	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	3
16. Do. of favourable assessment on wet crops cut subsequent to Fasli 1280 in which the indulgence was allowed .....	...	...	...	187	8	8	187	8	8	...	...	...
17. Do. at 10 per cent. on the gross assessment of certain villages which suffered for want of water .....	...	...	...	526	6	8	526	6	8	...	...	...
Total Occasional...	1,93,487	13	6	3,12,152	6	2	1,49,829	2	4	31,164	9	8
<i>Customary.</i>												
18. Ready-money Inam	20,993	6	2	21,272	1	8	278	11	6	...	...	...
19. Maniems in grain.....	4,299	14	8	4,280	9	3	...	...	...	19	5	5
20. Chaturbhagam rewayat.....	36,505	11	1	36,785	6	8	279	11	7	...	...	...
21. Ardamaniam or remission of a moiety of the full assessment.....	1,632	13	9	789	5	9	...	...	...	843	8	0
22. Remission of quarter and half tirwah on lands cultivated by Brahmin Mirassidars	18,238	10	11	17,329	3	7	...	...	...	909	7	4
23. Do. of three-fourth tirwah on Shrotriem lands	8,624	14	11	8,580	11	5	...	...	...	44	3	6
24. Deduction from Ivu and Ditta Inams on account of village servants	22,949	6	8	22,949	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
25. Do. from Ayen Beriz on account of do.....	28,434	15	0	28,338	0	0	...	...	...	96	15	0
Total Customary...	1,41,679	13	2	1,40,324	13	0	558	7	1	1,913	7	3
Total Occasional and Customary...	3,35,167	10	8	4,52,477	3	2	1,50,887	9	5	33,078	0	11
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>												
26. Topes	5,967	5	0	4,310	3	4	...	...	...	1,657	1	8
27. Palmyras.....	22,948	14	4	20,758	4	2	...	...	...	2,190	10	2
Total...	28,916	3	4	25,068	7	6	...	...	...	3,847	11	10
<i>Particulars.</i>												
Occasional.....	6,467	5	4	3,053	12	11	...	...	...	3,413	8	5
Customary	22,448	14	0	22,014	10	7	...	...	...	434	3	5
Grand Total..	3,64,083	14	0	4,77,545	10	8	1,50,887	9	5	36,925	12	9

Rule III.
Standing Order No. 137.

Rule III.

Board's Procs.
28th Sept.
1854, para. 8.
Board's Procs.
No. 2,877, 29th
April 1870.
Board's Procs.
No. 1,474, 4th
April 1871.

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18. CULTIVATION OF SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—The extent and assessment of land cultivated with cotton, indigo, and sugar-cane is shown below:—

Statement No. 11.

Faslies.	COTTON.		INDIGO.		SUGAR-CANE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1280	2,13,776	2,12,561	550	519	251	2,450
1281	2,50,705	2,55,328	771	609	278	2,189
Increase...	36,929	42,767	221	90	27	...
Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	261

19. *Cotton*.—The cultivation of cotton is above that of last year, the area being 2,50,705 acres against 2,13,776 acres last year, but the produce suffered much from drought.

Fasli.	Candies.
1280	41,455
1281	56,330
Increase...	14,875

20. *Cotton Export*.—The selling price of cotton ranged from Rupees 130 to 150 per candy of 500 lbs. The quantity exported is given in the margin.

21. *Indigo and Sugar-cane*.—These call for no remarks.

22. GENERAL RESULT OF LAND REVENUE SETTLEMENT AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR.—The net Land Revenue of Fasli 1281 amount to Rupees 27,31,906-3-9, or Rupees 1,63,728-1-0 less than last year, and much less than the year before last, as per annexed statement:—

Statement No. 12.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			COMPARISON.					
							Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Land Revenue beriz after deducting remission	23,01,955	3	4	21,41,574	7	4	...	...	...	1,60,380	12	0
2. Shrotriem	40,162	9	5	40,162	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Jodi on Inam villages.	7,197	12	1	7,197	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Permanent Peshcush...	3,08,390	5	8	3,08,389	0	6	18	10	10	...	...	...
5. Miscellaneous	2,37,929	11	5	2,34,582	6	5	...	...	...	3,347	5	0
Total...	28,95,615	9	11	27,31,906	3	9	18	10	10	1,63,728	1	0

23. The decrease in No. 1 arose from large remissions which had to be made for withered crops, short produce, and waste.

24. The increase in No. 4 is the addition of quit-rent on inams in the Pavali Zemindari, and the decrease in No. 5 is mainly due to there having been no Chank fishery—See Proceedings, No. 4,367, dated 12th October 1871.

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25. DEMAND OF EXTRA SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR FASLI 1281 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Statement No. 13.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			COMPARISON.					
							Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Abkari ...	1,64,102	1	0	1,68,856	15	3	4,754	14	3	...	...	...
2. Salt ...	8,86,824	10	5	10,74,330	6	5	1,87,505	12	0	...	...	...
3. Sea Customs ...	1,22,718	14	5	1,41,491	5	4	18,772	6	11	...	...	...
4. Stamps ...	2,77,911	13	11	2,83,336	8	3	5,424	10	4	...	...	...
5. Income-tax ...	1,24,722	1	1	37,872	0	5	...	...	...	86,850	0	8
Total...	15,76,279	8	10	17,05,887	3	8	2,16,457	11	6	86,850	0	8

26. *Abkari*.—The increase of Rupees 4,754-14-3 is due to the forfeiture of the amount originally deposited by the Contractor of the Ambasamudram taluq, whose contract was cancelled for non-payment of kist.—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 4,437, dated 19th October 1871.

27. *Salt*.—The increase of Rupees 1,87,505-12-0 is due to the dry weather which rendered the pans more accessible.

28. *Sea Customs*.—Increase due to larger imports of cotton piece-goods at Tuticorin.

29. *Stamps*.—Increase due to the large number of suits filed at the close of the Fasli on the re-opening of the Courts.

30. *Income-tax*.—Decrease owing to the reduction of rates.

31. DEMAND OF LAND AND EXTRA SOURCES OF REVENUE.—The land and extra sources of revenue for Fasli 1281 amounted to Rupees 44,37,793-7-5, or Rupees 34,101-11-4 less than last year as shown in the subjoined statement.

Statement No. 14.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	28,95,615	9	11	27,31,906	3	9	...	...	...	1,63,709	6	2
Extra sources ...	15,76,279	8	10	17,05,887	3	8	1,29,607	10	10	...	...	...
Total...	44,71,895	2	9	44,37,793	7	5	1,29,607	10	10	1,63,709	6	2
Net decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,101	11	4

32. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF ALL SOURCES OF CURRENT REVENUE.—Of the total demand of Rupees 44,37,793-7-5, Rupees 40,10,495-7-3 were collected within the Fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 4,27,298-0-2. Subsequent collections up to July last reduced this balance to Rupees 2,28,762-9-3 ; for the prompt realization of this balance measures have been adopted.

Statement No. 15.

Items.	Demand of Fasli 1281.			Collections within the Fasli.			Balance.			Subsequent collections up to July 1872.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Land Revenue...	27,31,906	3	9	23,13,313	13	2	4,18,592	6	7	1,98,474	10	11	2,20,117	11	8
2. Abkari ..	1,68,856	15	3	1,60,511	13	2	8,345	2	1	...	...	...	8,345	2	1
3. Salt..	10,74,330	6	5	10,74,330	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Sea Customs ...	1,41,491	5	4	1,41,491	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Stamps ...	2,83,336	8	3	2,83,336	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Income-tax ...	37,872	0	5	37,511	8	11	360	7	6	60	12	0	299	11	6
Total...	17,05,887	3	8	16,97,181	10	1	8,705	9	7	60	12	0	8,644	13	7
Grand Total...	44,37,793	7	5	40,10,495	7	3	4,27,298	0	2	1,98,535	6	11	2,28,762	9	3

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33. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF ARREARS.—

Statement No. 16.

Items.	Arrears at the commencement of Fasli 1281.	Collection, including remission up to the end of June 1872.	Balance.	Collection up to the end of July 1872.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue, etc.	4,98,978 4 7	4,73,958 15 8	25,019 4 11	731 7 1	24,287 13 10

The balance of Rupees 24,287-13-10 is composed of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Recoverable ...	19,526	8	5
Irrecoverable...	4,761	5	5

Total... 24,287 13 10

Irrecoverable arrears for Remission—Particulars.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Assessment on certain lands in dispute between Zemindari and Government villages now decided to belong to the former ...	27	14	9
2. Redemption of assessment at 25 years' purchase ...	5	13	6
3. Assessment of lands taken up for communications. ...	3	0	8
4. Do. on lands twice charged... ..	201	0	5
5. Do. on lands submerged	2	12	0
6. Do. on lands put up to sale and bought in by Government ...	44	7	2
7. Remission of crops withered since the settlement	112	2	5
8. Usual remission to Arumugamangalam for errors in original calculation of Melvaram grain	203	12	0
9. Assessment of lands left waste and remitted since the settlement ...	3,644	15	2
10. Nominal value of defaulters' land put up in auction and purchased by Government	9	0	0
11. Remission of surcharge on certain lands	41	15	7
12. Do. of assessment on lands flooded	40	0	9
13. Surcharge of Income-tax and irrecoverable balance	424	7	0
Total...	4,761	5	5

Faslies.	Land Revenue.	Income-tax.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1275...	3 11 0	...	...	3 11 0
1276...	9 1 4	...	...	9 1 4
1277...	...	...	...	...
1278...	8 15 1	...	...	8 15 1
1279...	356 3 11	...	...	356 3 11
1280...	3,943 11 7	279 3 0	15 3 6	4,238 2 1
1281...	...	145 4 0	...	145 4 0
Total...	4,321 10 11	424 7 0	15 3 6	4,761 5 5

34. **WASTAGE OF SALT.**—The wastage upon 327 heaps of salt, measuring 388,564 Indian Maunds of salt sold in Fasli 1281, was 31,015 or nearly 8 per cent. The prime cost of this wastage was Rupees 2,746-1-11, at Rupees 10-10-0 per garce, or Rupees 62,030 at the monopoly price of Rupees 240 per garce. This excessive wastage occurred at Tuticorin alone and is due to the same cause assigned in my letter to Board, No. 468, dated 28th October 1871, (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 5,066, dated 18th December 1871,) and I request sanction for writing off this wastage.

35. **COERCIVE PROCESS IN THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE.**—The extent to which coercive measures were resorted to for the realization of revenue is given in the annexed statement:—

Statement No. 17.

Description of property.	Value of property attached.			Value of property actually sold.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Fasli 1280 ... { Personal property...	5,245	4	2	5,863	5	1
{ Real property ...	6,290	14	1	7,690	15	0
Total...	11,536	2	3	13,554	4	1
Fasli 1281 ... { Personal property ...	7,162	6	4	7,567	5	3
{ Real property... ..	15,956	6	2	15,899	10	4
Total...	23,118	12	6	23,466	15	7

One Madasami Panikan, an Abkari Contractor, was imprisoned in the Zillah Jail for arrears of revenue amounting to Rupees 12,181, of which Rupees 3,836 were recovered by the sale of his property and Rupees 8,345 are still due.

36. **COMPARATIVE ABSTRACT OF COLLECTIONS.**—Annexed is an abstract as compared with the collections of past year:—

Statement No. 18.

	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			COMPARISON.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently Settled	46,017	2,57,584	3,03,601	50,609	2,82,922	3,33,531	29,930	...
Jodi on Shrotriem Villages	3,986	41,144	45,130	6,227	39,469	45,696	566	...
Ryotwar	2,03,363	20,18,435	22,21,798	2,78,294	18,44,364	21,22,658	...	99,140
Miscellaneous	60,917	1,53,649	2,14,566	84,086	1,46,559	2,30,645	16,079	...
Total...	3,14,283	24,70,812	27,85,095	4,19,216	23,13,314	27,32,530	46,575	99,140
Abkari	28,199	1,38,608	1,56,807	35,494	1,60,512	1,96,006	39,199	...
Salt .....	...	8,86,825	8,86,825	...	10,74,330	10,74,330	1,87,505	...
Sea Customs .....	...	1,22,719	1,22,719	...	1,41,491	1,41,491	18,772	...
Stamps .....	...	2,77,912	2,77,912	...	2,83,337	2,83,337	5,425	...
License-tax	16	...	16	...	...	...	...	16
Income-tax	1,730	1,12,928	1,14,658	6,636	37,512	44,148	...	70,510
Total...	29,945	15,28,992	15,58,937	42,130	16,97,182	17,39,312	2,50,901	70,526
Grand Total...	3,44,228	39,99,804	43,44,032	4,61,346	40,10,496	44,71,842	2,97,476	1,69,666

	RS.
Fasli 1280	2,81,261
„ 1281	3,26,875
Increase...	45,614

37. **CHARGES.**—The total collections amounted to Rs. 44,71,832 and the disbursements to Rupees 3,26,875, leaving a surplus of Rupees 41,44,957 or Rs. 82,187 more than last year; the variations are explained as under.

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Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>												
1. Refund of Revenue	3,432	2	3	3,479	4	6	47	2	3	...	...	...
2. Salary of Collectors, etc. ...	61,041	13	7	69,874	14	7	8,833	1	0	...	...	...
3. Tent and House rent allow- ances	18,122	15	10	14,623	11	1	...	...	...	3,499	4	9
4. Huzur and Taluq Establish- ments	1,20,268	13	11	1,21,312	12	7	1,043	14	8	...	...	...
5. Saderward	1,578	10	10	1,397	3	4	...	...	...	181	7	6
6. Contingencies	6,340	15	3	7,083	12	1	742	12	10	...	...	...
7. Miscellaneous	9,111	11	10	15,034	10	7	5,922	14	9	...	...	...
Total...	2,19,897	3	6	2,32,806	4	9	12,909	0	0	...	...	...
<i>Abkari.</i>												
8. Contingencies ... ..	...	...	...	289	8	0	289	8	0	...	...	...
<i>Income-tax.</i>												
9. Establishment	1,072	2	1	1,931	1	6	858	15	5	...	...	...
10. Contingencies	52	12	0	31	15	0	...	...	...	20	13	0
Total...	1,124	14	1	1,963	0	6	838	0	0	...	...	...
<i>Sea Customs.</i>												
11. Establishment	3,627	3	1	3,448	0	7	...	...	...	179	2	6
12. Country Stationery and Sader- ward... ..	43	6	9	45	10	0	2	3	3	...	...	...
13. Contingencies	29	1	9	134	6	6	105	4	9	...	...	...
Total...	3,699	11	7	3,628	1	1	...	...	...	72	0	0
<i>Salt.</i>												
14. Salary of Deputy-Collector ...	3,004	13	5	3,364	0	6	359	3	1	...	...	...
15. Establishment	9,889	12	3	9,471	8	5	...	...	...	418	3	10
16. Saderward	221	11	10	231	12	0	10	0	2	...	...	...
17. Travelling allowances to offi- cers and batta to establish- ments	422	14	0	553	7	0	130	9	0	...	...	...
18. Purchase of salt and manu- facturer's share	27,108	14	0	53,067	6	0	25,958	8	0	...	...	...
19. Charges for conveying and storing salt	7,126	9	7	12,592	7	5	5,465	13	10	...	...	...
20. Contingencies	912	1	4	920	6	3	8	4	11	...	...	...
Total...	48,686	12	5	80,200	15	7	31,515	0	0	...	...	...
<i>Stamps.</i>												
21. Commission or Discount to Licensed Stamp Vendors...	7,655	11	2	7,868	6	2	212	11	0	...	...	...
22 Contingencies	196	12	11	118	6	9	...	...	...	78	6	2
Total...	7,852	8	1	7,986	12	11	135	0	0	...	...	...
Grand Total...	2,81,261	1	8	3,26,874	10	10	45,614	0	0	...	...	...

38. *Item No. 2.*—Increase due to the salary of Mr. Carr, Sub-Collector of Chingleput District, being paid in this district.

39. *Item No. 3.*—Decrease owing to payment of deputation allowance only to an Acting Sub-Collector.

40. *Item No. 4.*—Increase due to the appointment of a 1st-Class Hospital Assistant to the Collector and to the arrears of the pay of establishment being paid during the Fasli.

41. *Item No. 5.*—Decrease due to savings in the item of lamp-oil used.

42. *Item No. 6.*—Increase due to payment of batta to Government servants deputed to take the Census.

43. *Item No. 7.*—Do. by charges incurred for service labels under the new postal rules.

44. *Item No. 8.*—Do. by renewal of the lease in June 1872.

45. *Item No. 9.*—Do. by the payment of salaries to the Income-tax establishment throughout the year.

46. *Item No. 11.*—Decrease owing to the office of Sea Customs Superintendent at Tuticorin having been vacant for a time.

47. *Item No. 13.*—*Vide* remark to Item No. 6.

48. *Item No. 14.*—Increase due to payment of arrears of pay of Salt Deputy-Collector who was on leave during last year.

49. *Item No. 15.*—Decrease owing to stoppage of Salt Superintendent's pay pending the execution of security bonds.

50. *Items Nos. 18 and 19.*—Do. due to large manufacture.

51. IMPORTATION OF SALT.—No salt was imported into the district either by sea or land.

52. VILLAGE AND TALUQ ACCOUNTS.—The village and taluq accounts are kept according to the prescribed forms; they were examined by the Sheristadars and Gumastahs, and the accounts in the English Department are kept according to forms prescribed by higher authorities.

53. LAND ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.—Subjoined is a statement of lands acquired by public servants during the year:—

Statement No. 20.

Name of Officers.	Office and Department.	Description of land.	LAND ACQUIRED.		Remarks.
			Extent.	Assessment.	
			A. C.	RS. A. P.	
Gopalier	4th Gumastah, Sattur Taluq.	Wet.	6 48	32 0 0	} Purchase.
Subramania Pillai.	Dufterbund, Sub-Magistrate's Office, Tuticorin.	Dry.	18 10	2 8 0	
Narahari Row ...	Tahsildar of Strivilliputtur.	Wet.	0 85	7 8 9	Do.
		Do.	2 66	53 8 0	Mortgage.
		Do.	40 38	296 14 2	} Hereditary.
Beema Row... ..	Sub-Magistrate of Vir-dupatti.	Garden.	3 41	0 15 8	
		Dry.	37 37	14 0 4	
		Palmiras.	288 0	3 13 1	

54. REMARKS ON THE CONDUCT OF SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.—The subordinate officers worked well, and I had no reason to find fault with any of them during the year.

55. REMARKS REGARDING THE GENERAL STATISTICS AS AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL STOCK, POPULATION, RENT ROLL, RYOTS AND PUTTAS, ETC.—The general Census was taken on the 15th November 1871 by the village officials and enumerators.

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Fasli.	Tilling Cattle.	Cows.	Shee Buffaloes.	Sheep.
1276	165,484	135,507	50,267	687,746
1281	190,452	129,844	62,406	722,332
Increase...	24,968	...	12,139	34,586
Decrease...	...	5,663	...	...

56. The marginal statement shows the number of cattle as compared with the last quinquennial return.

57. AN ABSTRACT STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTAL BERIZ OF THE DISTRICT FOR FASLI 1281 IN COMPARISON WITH THE BERIZ OF LAST FASLI AND OF FIVE YEARS PRECEDING.—The

revenue amounted to Rupees 44,37,793-7-5, or Rupees 34,101-11-4 less than that of the previous Fasli, and Rupees 1,85,049-15-8 more than the average of the past five years:—

Faslies.			Land Revenue.			Extra Sources.			Total.		
			RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1276	...	...	30,49,819	10	8	11,09,730	6	10	41,59,550	1	6
1277	...	...	29,07,948	11	11	11,30,774	3	3	40,38,722	15	2
1278	...	...	30,30,465	9	8	11,88,842	12	2	42,19,308	5	10
1279	...	...	29,95,370	14	4	13,78,870	1	6	43,74,240	15	10
1280	...	...	28,95,615	9	11	15,76,279	8	10	44,71,895	2	9
Total...			148,79,220	8	6	63,84,497	0	7	212,63,717	9	1
Average...			29,75,844	1	8	12,76,899	6	6	42,52,743	8	2
1281	...	...	27,31,906	3	9	17,05,887	3	8	44,37,793	7	5
Increase...			...	...	...	4,28,987	13	2	1,85,049	15	3
Decrease...			2,43,937	13	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
Net increase...			...	...	...	...	...	...	1,85,049	15	3

58. The Sub-Collector's report on the settlement of the Sub-division is herewith forwarded.

TINNEVELLY,
23rd September 1872.

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Settlement Report for the Sub-Division for Fasli 1281.

2. The settlement was conducted by myself at the places and on the dates shown in Statement No. 1.

Statement No. 1.

Name of the Officer who made the Settlement.	Taluqs.	Station where the Settlement was made.	Number of days occupied in distributing Puttas in each Taluq.
Francis Brandt, Esq., Sub-Collector.	Nanguneri ...	Fadmaneri ...	3
		Nanguneri ...	5
		Muleikareipatti ...	1
		Valliyur ...	1
	Ambasamudram	Panagudi ...	1
		Ambasamudram ...	2
		Kadiem ...	2
		Tirupadeimarudur ...	2
		Shermadevi ...	2
		Nannagaram...	3
	Tenkasi ...	Kadianallur ...	2
		Kilapavur ...	2
	Total...	26	

3. There has been no alteration in the number or tenure of villages in the sub-division, as will be seen from the statement subjoined, No. 2:—

Statement No. 2.

Denomination of Villages.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
1. Ryotwari villages	400	400	...	...
2. Ryotwari villages in which there are no wet lands	5	5	...	...
Total...	405	405	...	...
3. Kattuguttagei (permanently settled) villages	12	12	...	...
4. Inam villages	25	25	...	...
5. Zemindari villages	65	65	...	...
Total Inam Villages...	102	102	...	...
Grand Total...	507	507	...	...

4. The annexed statement shows the number of puttass distributed.

Statement No. 3.

				Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
1. New Puttas...	...	...	...	18,321	28,627	10,306	...
2. Old Puttas	{	Altered ...	...	3,093	2,940	...	153
		Not altered	...	12,102	1,171	..	10,931
Total...				33,516	32,738	10,306	11,084
Net...				...	...	...	778

The decrease in the total number of puttass which amounts to 778, is owing chiefly to the non-issue for the first time of puttass for house-grounds for which no quit-rent being now charged no puttass are issued this Fasli. Fresh puttass were issued in consequence of fractions below one-eighth of a marcal being excluded in calculating the extent : the increase in the proportion of road cess payable necessitated further alterations : the orders of the Collector stating that fresh puttass need not on this account be prepared were received after the fresh puttass had been prepared in the Nanguneri and Ambasamudram taluqs.

5. SEASON.—The very unfavourable nature of the season especially in the Nanguneri taluq has been already described in the Administration Report dated the 24th April last : a reference to the subjoined statement will show that although the rainfall in October 1871 was rather higher than that of 1870, the net decrease amounted to $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and that after October in the very months in which it was essential to the peshanam crop, rain failed almost entirely. In the Ambasamudram taluq enjoying an almost unfailing supply from the river valley channels, this failure was least felt : in the Nanguneri taluq the state of things was deplorable : this was the third of a succession of indifferent and bad seasons : except in the case of channel fed tanks, total or partial failure was almost universal.

6. This state of things account for the unusually large amount of remissions granted for total or partial failure of wet crops. Of the total remissions amounting to Rupees 1,83,922, out of a demand of Rupees 9,05,095, no less than Rupees 1,46,000 was remitted in the Nanguneri taluq.

7. Neither was there any compensation in the matter of dry crops : in these also failure was general, much of the land was left altogether uncultivated, many of the crops sown failed entirely.

8. No remission was, however, granted on account of dry crops although the necessity therefor was urgently represented by the Tahsildar in the case of some twenty-four villages.

Names of the Month.			1870-71.	1871-72.	Increase.	Decrease.
			IN. OZ.	IN. OZ.	IN. OZ.	IN. OZ.
April	...	...	0 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	...
May	...	...	0 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 3	...	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
June	...	...	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...
July	...	...	0 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 9	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
August	...	...	0 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
September	...	...	1 6	0 1	...	1 5
October	...	...	1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
November	...	...	8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	...
December	...	...	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 6	...	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
January	...	...	11 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	11 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
February	...	...	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 2	...	0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
March	...	...	1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 0	...	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total...			33 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 0	5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 6
Net decrease...			...	...	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

9. **SANITARY CONDITION.**—The health of the population was on the whole fair. The number of deaths per mille was 14.42, while the proportion of deaths per mille for the whole district for Fasli 1280 I find to have been 18.26. Cholera was happily “conspicuous for its absence.” Small-pox was unusually prevalent, the total number of deaths from this cause being 1,143; and it must be remembered that the subjoined statement refer the official year ending 31st March 1872; since then this disease has been very prevalent in the Tenkasi taluq, but has now subsided.

Taluqs.	Population of the villages from which returns were received whether blank or with entries.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Bowel-complaints.	Other diseases.	Total.
Ambasamudram ...	162,512	38	534	730	585	974	2,861
Nanguneri ...	176,706	5	447	424	717	663	2,256
Tenkasi ...	122,254	8	162	472	529	432	1,603
Total...	461,472	51	1,143	1,626	1,831	2,069	6,720

10. The following statement shows the prices of the principal grains from which it will be seen that there is decrease under each head:—

Statement No. 4.

Fasli.	Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	Paddy, 2nd sort, per garce.	Cholum, per garce.	Cumboo, per garce.	Raggi, per garce.	Horse-gram, per garce.	Varagu, per garce.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1280 ...	200	166	174	...	167	215	...
1281 ...	168	147	130	176	159	219	87
Increase ..	...	...	...	176	...	4	87
Decrease...	32	19	44	...	8	...	...

11. The fall in prices which, in the Administration Report for the district, was remarked as general with still a downward tendency has thus continued. From calculations given in the *Indian Economist* it is ascertained that within the last four years prices have fallen in this Presidency; 52 per cent. in raggy and horse-gram, 47 per cent. in cholum, 43 per cent. in paddy, and 32 per cent. in cumboo. The results of the unfavourable season of the Fasli 1281 are apparently only just beginning to be felt; there is now an upward tendency, especially in the Nanguneri taluq in which the price of paddy is invariably higher than in the other two taluqs.

12. **RYOTS' HOLDINGS.**—The total extent of land in ryots' holdings at the commencement of Fasli 1281 was acres 4,18,297, assessed at Rupees 9,68,533; of this, 1,818 acres were relinquished bearing an assessment which, inclusive of charge for second crop if raised, would amount to Rupees 29,358, and 1,355 acres, assessed at Rupees 7,767, were newly taken up. The total holdings, therefore, amount to 4,17,834 acres, assessed at Rupees 9,46,943. There is thus a decrease of 463 acres in the total holdings and a decrease in assessment of Rupees 21,590 as compared with Fasli 1280.

13. The following statement shows the holdings at the beginning of the Fasli, the subsequent changes, the waste remitted and charged, as well as the actual cultivation.

Statement No. 5.

Items.	DRY.			WET.			TOTAL.		
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	
	2	3		4	5		6	7	
1	2	3		4	5		6	7	
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.		ACRES.	RS. A. P.		ACRES.	RS. A. P.	
Extent of land in ryots' holding at the commencement of Fasli 1281	3,45,436	1,57,768 14 3		72,861	8,10,764 12 11		4,18,297	9,68,533 12 2	
Deduct lands relinquished by the ryots and transferred from one head to another	1,476	4,040 4 6		342	25,317 12 6		1,818	29,358 1 0	
Remainder...	3,43,960	1,53,728 9 9		72,519	7,85,447 1 5		4,16,479	9,39,175 11 2	
Add lands newly taken up for cultivation.	1,108	1,892 3 2		247	5,875 11 3		1,355	7,767 14 5	
Total...	3,45,068	1,55,620 12 11		72,766	7,91,322 12 8		4,17,834	9,46,943 9 7	
Waste remitted .....	...	...		8,548	71,418 9 5		8,548	71,418 9 5	
Remainder, cultivation...	2,45,068	1,55,620 12 11		64,218	7,19,904 3 3		4,09,286	8,75,525 0 2	
Particulars.									
Actual cultivation	1,91,137	96,029 4 8		63,516	7,11,640 7 7		2,54,653	8,07,669 12 3	
Waste charged.....	1,53,931	59,591 8 3		702	8,263 11 8		1,54,633	67,855 3 11	

14. The following statement shows the area under cultivation as compared with the returns of the previous Fasli. It will be seen that there is a very considerable decrease under all heads owing to the unfavourable season :—

Statement No. 6.

	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.
Wet cultivation including Tirwajasti and Fasaljasti	98,155	7,59,776	14 1	88,201	6,97,492	5 2	...	...	...	9,954	62,284	8 11
Deduct 2nd crop.	30,729	2,12,140	1 11	26,417	1,96,496	3 4	...	...	...	4,312	15,643	14 7
Remaining 1st do.	67,426	5,47,636	12 2	61,784	5,00,996	1 10	...	...	...	5,642	46,640	10 4
Dry cultivation...	1,95,211	98,547	14 9	1,89,222	94,376	6 3	...	...	...	5,989	4,171	8 6
Total...	2,62,637	6,46,184	10 11	2,51,006	5,95,372	8 4	...	...	...	11,631	50,812	2 10

15. The following table shows the extent of wet cultivation under the various heads as compared with that for Fasli 1280.

16. RUINED TANKS MADE OVER TO RYOTS.—In the Nanguneri taluq four tanks in three villages were made over to ryots for repair at their own expense. The extent of land under these tanks amounts to 65 acres 32 cents assessed at Rupees 3 per acre :—

Statement No. 7.

Sources of Irrigation.	FASLI 1280.			FASLI 1281.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES. C.	RS.	A. P.
Cultivated.												
Tambrapurni...	24,495 81	2,22,937	4 9	24,590 93	2,23,595	13 7	95 12	658	8 10	...	...	...
Minor rivers...	58,913 41	4,36,644	4 5	51,864 13	3,92,614	3 4	...	...	...	6,449 28	44,030	1 1
Rain-fed tanks.	15,346 15	1,00,822	15 0	11,746 12	82,034	15 4	...	...	...	3,600 3	18,787	15 8
Total...	98,155 37	7,60,404	8 2	88,201 18	6,93,245	0 3	...	...	...	9,954 19	62,159	7 11
Waste.												
Tambrapurni...	432 50	3,855	1 9	430 80	3,769	8 4	...	...	...	1 70	85	9 5
Minor rivers...	9,901 52	31,154	15 6	7,710 0	65,496	14 11	3,808 48	34,341	15 5	...	...	...
Rain-fed tanks.	2,291 46	15,977	14 7	3,949 47	24,564	0 3	1,658 1	8,586	1 8	...	...	...
Total...	6,625 48	50,987	15 10	12,090 27	93,830	7 6	5,464 79	42,842	7 8	...	...	...

17. The annexed statement shows the area of waste charged and remitted as compared with the same for Fasli 1280 :—

Statement No. 8.

	FASLI 1280.				FASLI 1281.				INCREASE.				DECREASE.			
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	A CRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Waste charged...	1,52,660	75,019	15	6	1,57,266	71,864	14	3	4,606	...	...	...	...	3,155	1	3
Do, remitted.	2,860	26,075	4	5	9,575	76,056	3	7	6,715	49,980	15	2	...	...	...	...
Total...	1,55,520	1,01,095	3	11	1,66,841	1,47,921	1	10	11,321	46,825	13	11	...	...	...	...
Particulars.																
1st Crop.....	1,54,503	94,703	5	9	1,65,853	1,41,573	1	4	11,350	46,869	11	7	...	...	...	...
2nd Crop	1,017	6,391	14	2	988	6,348	0	6	...	...	...	...	29	43	13	8

18. WASTE CHARGED.—Lands left waste and charged for amounted to acres 1,57,266, assessed at Rupees 71,864, against acres 1,52,660, assessed at Rupees 75,019, in Fasli 1280.

19. WASTE REMITTED.—Rupees 76,056 were remitted this year on account of lands left waste for want of water, being Rupees 49,981 in excess of the sum remitted in Fasli 1280.

20. The large amount of remission granted, as shown in the following statement, is accounted for by the universally unfavourable season noted in the Administration Report and in paragraph 5 above : of the total amount, Rupees 1,83,922, out of a demand of Rs. 9,05,095, no less than Rupees 1,46,000 was remitted in the Nanguneri taluq. The assessment in this taluq, as compared with the capability of the land, is unusually high, and the cultivators as a rule very poor ; many of the rain-fed tanks are such that it is only in exceptionally favourable seasons that wet crops can be raised under them, and even in the case of channel-fed tanks the supply of water was wholly insufficient. The timely fall of rain in October induced the ryots to cultivate the whole extent of the ayacut, and the subsequent failure of rain accounts for the enormous amount of withered crops and short produce : what is nominally entered as short produce is in most cases equivalent to total failure, and to have refused a percentage remission for this failure would have been a mere mockery. Number of villages towards the south-eastern parts of the taluq were wholly deserted in the early months of the year, the inhabitants going to Travancore to subsist on charity till they could again commence cultivation. Remission for some twenty-four of the villages that suffered most in loss and failure of dry crops was strongly recommended by the Tahsildar, but the recommendation was made too late in the year and did not meet with your approval. Even with the liberal remissions for wet lands I fear that many of the people have been reduced to the verge of poverty.

21. The customary remissions call for no remark.

22. The large remissions before commented upon account for the decrease under item 1 ; the decrease under miscellaneous item No. 3 is due to the remissions of assessment on trees standing on putta lands and to quit-rent on account of houses standing on village sites being no longer charged.

Statement No. 9.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			Increase.			Decrease.		
1. Occasional.												
1. Remission for withered crops	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
2. Do. flooded crops	9,896	6	10	83,444	8	9	73,548	1	11	...	...	...
3. Do. Waste .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Particulars. { Entire fields left waste ..	25,889	3	5	71,418	9	5	42,529	6	0	...	...	...
{ Portions of fields do. ...	1,256	9	11	2,958	12	2	1,702	2	3	...	...	...
4. Waste submerged	88	12	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	12	5
5. Rotten crops .....	...	...	...	155	0	4	155	0	4	...	...	...
6. Remission on flooded lands .....	...	...	...	52	13	5	52	13	5	...	...	...
7. Do. on lands taken up for public purposes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Do. for short produce	16,407	10	1	22,626	11	9	6,219	1	8	...	...	...
9. Do. on account of (Zabita) or progressive cowle .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Half tirwah on high level Nunjah lands, culti- vated by baling	3,524	10	4	3,264	9	11	...	...	...	260	0	5
11. Do. on dry crops raised on wet lands da- maged by floods	2,168	15	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,168	15	6
12. Do. on private topes	97	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	10	10
13. Remission of half assessment on wet lands irrigated by wells, there being no water in the tanks .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Do. of lands shaded by trees	1	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6
15. Do. on wet lands cultivated in March and in April and charged at 2½ Rupees per cottah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Do. of half assessment .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17. Do. on Government topes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Do. on land taken up for road	0	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
19. Do. on high level Nunjah lands now charged with dry assessment .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20. Do. on garden crops raised on wet lands on payment of favourable assessment.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21. Do. on waste lands silted up	22	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22. Do. on account of the water-spread of a spring .....	...	...	...	1	9	8	1	9	8	...	...	...
Total Occasional...	62,354	6	8	1,83,922	11	5	1,24,208	3	3	2,639	14	6
2. Customary.												
23. Ready-money Inam.....	6,147	0	10	6,055	7	8	...	...	...	91	9	2
24. Maniem in grain	1,315	6	1	1,288	11	5	...	...	...	26	10	3
25. Chaturbhagam, etc., reayets	10,585	7	2	1,385	4	6	799	13	4	...	...	...
26. Ardamaniem or remission of a moiety of the full assessment	833	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	833	2	2
27. Remission quarter and half Tirwa on lands cultivated by Brahmin Mirasidars	1,908	4	0	1,898	0	0	...	...	...	10	4	0
28. Do. of three-quarter Tirwa on shrotriem lands	240	3	8	230	2	0	...	...	...	10	1	8
29. Deduction on account of pay of Village Cur- nams	13,884	15	0	13,885	8	0	0	9	0	...	...	...
Do do other servants	9,056	5	3	9,040	5	11	...	...	...	15	15	4
30. Road Cess	39,571	11	6	57,449	7	3	17,877	11	9	...	...	...
Total Customary...	83,542	7	8	1,01,232	14	9	18,678	2	1	987	11	0
Total Occasional and Customary...	1,45,896	14	4	2,85,155	10	2	1,42,886	5	4	3,627	9	6
3. Miscellaneous.												
31. Topes	4,083	5	10	2,847	15	9	...	...	...	1,235	6	1
32. Palmyras	8,331	1	0	8,275	3	0	...	...	...	55	14	0
33. Inam Fassaljasti	270	2	0	67	9	5	...	...	...	202	8	7
34. Cess on building	9	15	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	15	8
Total Miscellaneous...	12,694	8	6	11,190	12	2	...	...	...	1,503	12	4
Particulars... { Occasional...	3,396	15	6	2,132	10	3	...	...	...	1,264	5	3
{ Customary...	9,297	9	0	9,058	1	11	...	...	...	239	7	1
Grand Total...	1,58,591	6	10	2,96,346	6	4	1,42,886	5	4	5,131	5	10
Net Increase ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,37,754	15	6	...	...	...

23. SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—The extent and assessment of land cultivated with cotton, indigo, and sugar-cane is shown below :—

Statement No. 10.

Faslies.	COTTON.		INDIGO.		SUGAR-CANE.	
	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Fasli 1280	27,753	10,953	231	71	196	2,070
„ 1281	27,236	18,167	374	292	198	1,717
Increase...	...	7,214	143	221	2	...
Decrease...	517	...	...	...	...	352

24. COTTON.—The fall in the price of cotton accounts for the decrease in cultivation of this staple. The increase in the assessment on lands under cotton is accounted for by lands of a higher class being cultivated with this crop.

25. INDIGO.—There appears to be a steady increase in the cultivation of indigo.

26. GENERAL RESULT OF LAND REVENUE SETTLEMENT AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF FASLI 1280.—The net land revenue of Fasli 1281 amount to Rupees 8,86,977, or Rupees 1,46,187 less than that for Fasli 1280, as will be seen from the following statement :—

Statement No. 11.

Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			COMPARISON.					
							Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Land Revenue Beriz after deducting remission ...	8,64,549	5	8	7,21,173	4	3	...	...	...	1,43,376	1	5
2. Shrotriem Jodi on Inam villages ...	11,340	4	0	11,340	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Permanent Peshcush ...	66,946	13	9	66,946	13	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Miscellaneous ...	90,328	0	1	87,517	5	0	...	...	...	2,810	11	1
Total...	10,33,164	7	6	8,86,977	11	0	...	...	...	1,46,186	12	6

27. The following statement shows the demand, collection, and balance of land revenue, etc., for the year under report :—

Statement No. 12.

Talucs.	Demand of Fasli 1281.			Collection with- in the Fasli 1281.			Balance.			Subsequent collections up to July 1872.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Ambasamu-dram ...	4,20,294	1	2	3,84,291	4	3	36,002	12	11	21,397	1	1	14,605	11	10
2. Nanguneri ...	2,55,770	13	4	1,81,079	6	2	74,691	7	2	41,687	13	6	33,003	9	8
3. Tenkasi ...	2,10,912	12	6	1,94,069	0	11	16,843	11	7	10,993	13	9	5,849	13	10
Total...	8,86,977	11	0	7,59,439	11	4	1,27,537	15	8	74,078	12	4	53,459	3	4

28. There is an improvement in the collections as compared with last Fasli, but the arrears in the Nanguneri taluq are still very heavy, amounting to Rupees 33,003 out of the total of Rupees 53,460, and this too after the liberal remissions granted. The difficulties encountered in this taluq in regard to the realization of the revenue have been commented upon by my predecessor, and by myself in the last Annual Administration Report. I still think that it is very desirable that paid process servers should be employed in this taluq as a temporary measure at all events.

29. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF ARREARS DUE IN FORMER FASLIES.—Of the total amount of arrears, Rupees 40,622, due at the commencement of Fasli 1281, Rupees 35,923 have been collected :—

Statement No. 13.

Item.	Arrears at commencement of Fasli 1281.	Collections including remissions up to the end of June 1872.	Balance.	Collection up to end of July 1872.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue ...	40,622 12 2	35,890 2 6	4,732 9 8	32 10 9	4,699 14 11
Recoverable ...	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	4,004 2 0
Irrecoverable ...	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	695 12 11

30. Of the balance, Rupees 4,700, the sum of Rupees 695-12-11 is recommended to be written off as irrecoverable. The following statement shows the value of property attached and sold for recovery of arrears of revenue. Of this amount some Rupees 5,000 was sold on account of Abkari arrears :—

Statement No. 14.

Description of property.	Value of property attached.	Value of property actually sold.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fasli 1280 ... { Personal property ...	... ..	... ..
{ Real property ... ..	... ..	... ..
Total...	... ..	... ..
Fasli 1281 ... { Personal property ...	3,974 5 2	4,351 9 6
{ Real property... ..	5,509 12 8	6,381 6 0
Total...	9,484 1 10	10,732 15 6

31. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF COSTS IN CIVIL SUITS.—The statement appended shows the particulars called for in Board's Proceedings, No. 4,434, dated 19th October 1871. Steps have been taken for collecting all arrears, and in future all costs awarded will be applied for without delay.

Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Costs awarded to Government in Civil Suits against the Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly, for Fasli 1281.

No.	Number and year of the Suit.	Parties against whom amount of costs are awarded.	AMOUNT OF COSTS AWARDED.			Amount received.	Balance.	Remarks.
			Balance at the beginning of the Fasli.	Amount charged within the Fasli.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Original Suit No. 132 of 1868 on the file of the Principal Sadr Amin's Court.	(1) Pichandi Tevan, (2) and Vanu-mamalei, Tevan, plaintiffs, residing at Pudur, in Nanguneri Taluq.	RS. A. P. 2 11 4	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P. 2 11 4	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P. 2 11 4	Application has been made for recovery.
2	Original Suit No. 133 of 1868 on the file of the said Court. Appeal Suit No. 404 of 1869 on the file of the Civil Court.	Subramania Pillai, 2nd defendant.	13 1 2	... ..	13 1 2	... ..	13 1 2	There was an appeal in this suit. Application has now been made for recovery.
3	Original Suit No. 135 of 1868 on the file of the said Court.	Kattian Hussan Rowtan, 1st defendant, residing at Vadakarei in Tenkasi taluq.	2 14 8	... ..	2 14 8	... ..	2 14 8	Warrant of apprehension was first issued. Before execution Kattian Hussan Rowtan died. Application will now be made for the recovery from his heirs.
4	Original Suit No. 169 of 1865 on the file of Ambasamudram District Munsiff's Court. Appeal Suit No. 136 of 1868 on the file of the Principal Sadr Amin's Court.	Markanda Nadan, son of Chitraputra Nadan, plaintiff, residing at Chinnakumarapatti, Ambasamudram Taluq.	7 5 9	... ..	7 5 9	... ..	7 5 9	Appeal decided in this case. Application for recovery will be made.
5	Original Suit No. 57 of 1869 on the file of the Civil Court.	Mutta Nadan and two others, plaintiffs, residing at Mutta Nadankudiyiruppu in Nanguneri Taluq.	1,000 0 0	... ..	1,000 0 0	... ..	1,000 0 0	This sum is the amount of stamp duty payable by a pauper Suitor under Section 309, Civil Procedure Code.
6	Original Suit No. 277 of 1871 on the file of the Principal Sadr Amin's Court.	Chitraputravaitia Nadan and another, plaintiffs, residing at Chitraputra Nadanpetti in Tenkasi Taluq.	10 4 9	... ..	10 4 9	10 4 9	... ..	Application has been made and an Amin has been sent from Court for attachment of property.

32. TALUQ AND VILLAGE ACCOUNTS.—The taluq and village accounts were examined by the Sheristadar, the present Acting Sheristadar, and some of the clerks in my office. The taluq accounts are kept in the prescribed forms. The village accounts were examined by myself and by the above subordinates at the time of settlement. Some improvements were insisted upon, and in some few cases in which mistakes were discovered the accounts are retained for further enquiry.

33. REMARKS ON QUALIFICATION OF OFFICIALS IN THE SUB-DIVISION.—The Sub-Division Sheristadar having left to act in a higher appointment in May last, I had not much opportunity for judging of his capacity, but had every reason to be satisfied with his industry and business habits. The selection of Krishnaiyar, who is now acting as Sheristadar, has been, as far as I can judge, a very good one, and I shall be much surprised if he does not rise to higher appointments with credit to himself and to the service. Without speaking of each individual, I may say that the work in the office is efficiently and promptly performed, and that several of the clerks are deserving of speedy promotion.

34. ABSENCE OF THE SUB-COLLECTOR FROM HIS DIVISION.—With the exception of a day or two now and then when the Sub-Collector has gone into Tinnevelly to confer with the Collector or superintend an examination, the Sub-Collector has resided continuously in the sub-division.

(Signed) F. BRANDT, Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE, Collector.

SETTLEMENT REPORT

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I HAVE the honour to submit my annual Jummahbandy Report, accompanied by the usual statements for Fasli 1281.

2. SETTLEMENT.—The Jummahbandy was commenced in January and completed on 1st July 1872. The Oodoomulpettah and Pollachy Taluqs were settled by myself; Caroor, Dharapuram and Coimbatore, by the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Best; Palladam, by the Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Rice; Bhowany and Perindoray, by Mr. Deputy-Collector Macgregor; Collegal, by Vencatachellem Pillay; and the settlement of Sattiamungalum, commenced by Deputy-Collector Krishntna Rao, was completed by Vencatachellum Pillay; the former having been transferred to Cuddapah while engaged in the settlement.

3. INTRODUCTION OF SURVEY AREAS.—In Bhowany, one of the two taluqs mentioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 3,878 of 2nd November 1871, the new survey areas were introduced during the year under report; in the other taluq (Coimbatore) the measure was postponed, the land registers not having been received in sufficient time. With Bhowany we have four taluqs in which new survey areas have been introduced in this district.

4. VILLAGES.—The number and tenure of villages are exhibited in the following memorandum:—

	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Difference.
Ryotwar	1,516	1,515	-- 1
Shrotriem and Jaghire... ..	10	10	...
Polliput	50	50	...
Total...	1,576	1,575	— 1

The decrease in ryotwar villages was caused by the amalgamation of a village named Nallarayempolliem in Sattiamungalum Taluq with

Villages.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.
Coimbatore.....	281	281
Sattiamungalum.	237	234
Collegal	146	146
Pollachy	127	127
Perindoray	210	210
Bhowany... ..	67	69
Palladum	194	194
DEkarapuram ...	82	82
Caroor	83	83
Oodoqmulpettah.	89	89
Total...	1,516	1,515

Pooliempetty, another village of the same taluq, by the Survey Department in the Fasli under report; the former having been on survey found situated within the boundaries of the latter. Two villages of Sattiamungalum Taluq have further been transferred by the same department to Bhowany, within the boundaries of which they were situated; hence the increase and decrease in these taluqs as compared with the previous year. Notwithstanding the apparent decrease in the total number, three uninhabited villages and twenty-six hamlets were re-peopled during the year, and there was an increase of ninety-five hamlets over those of the previous year.

5. PUTTAS.—The following abstract exhibits the transactions regarding puttass.—

	Unaltered.	Modified.	Renewals or fresh Puttas.	Total.
Fasli 1280	124,334	36	98,969	223,339
Fasli 1281	8,280	60,146	155,152	223,578
Difference...	— 116,054	+ 60,110	56,183	239

The increase in the number of puttass during the year under report is too small to need any remark. The increase in the number altered and renewed arose from Road-cess having to be entered in Land Revenue Puttas, and where old puttass were not produced, fresh ones had to be given. Also fresh puttass had to be issued in Bhowany Taluq in consequence of the introduction there of the new survey areas during Fasli 1281.

6. SEASON.—The average rainfall during the year was 26·74 inches, or 2·25 more than the previous year. The following table gives the monthly details:—

INCHES.				
April	1871	...	...	1·69
May	„	...	...	3·59
June	„	...	...	1·13
July	„	...	...	1·31
August	„	...	...	1·78
September	„	...	...	2·34
October	„	...	...	5·17
November	„	...	...	9·05
December	„	...	...	·14
January	1872	...	...	...
February	„	·54
March	„
Total...	14·90
				26·74
Total rainfall in 1870-71 ...				24·49
Increase ...				2·25

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The Cauvery, Bhowany, Ambravutty, and Auliaar rivers received a fair supply of water, and the wet cultivation under them was fair. The Noyel was not fully supplied, and "Waste" and Shavi (withered crops) largely occurred on lands dependant on it and rain-fed tanks. The rains of October and November were sudden and abundant, but they did more harm than good by breaching irrigation-works.

7. **SANITARY CONDITION.**—The sanitary condition of the district was good. The returns show a smaller mortality during the year under report. There were only 83 cases of cholera against 2,913 in the previous year. Total deaths from all causes, 21,925 against 23,627. That the vital statistical returns are improving in accuracy is shown by the increased report of births. The number of deaths from fever is nearly the same as last year. Small-pox deaths exceeded the previous year's, 480 against 236. The Local Fund Board have established dispensaries at Caroor and Dharapuram during the year under report, and Government have sanctioned a Dresser at Sattiamungalum, a sickly taluq cusbah. At eight out of ten taluq cusbahs there is now medical assistance available in the district. An abstract showing the number of deaths from several causes as compared with last year is attached:—

	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Bowel-com- plaints.	Other Causes.	Suicide and Murder.	By Accidents and Wounds.	By Snake-bite and wildbeasts.	Total.
Fasli 1280	2,913	236	11,192	3,022	5,480	97	491	196	23,627
„ 1281	83	480	11,143	2,884	6,602	153	421	159	21,925
Difference	—2,830	+244	—49	—138	+1,122	+56	—70	—37	—1,702

The total deaths of cattle in the district amounted to 34,168 against 30,700 in the previous year. Cattle-disease prevailed chiefly in Oodoomulpettah, Pollachy, Caroor, Palladum, Coimbatore, and Dharapuram. Deaths in the four other taluqs were comparatively very few. But in Collegal a loss of 4,000 head of cattle was reported in May 1872 from a storm which accounts for the increase during the year under report:—

	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Difference.
Bullocks... ..	4,547	6,900	+2,353
Cows	3,564	7,669	+4,105
Buffaloes	1,421	1,668	+ 247
Sheep	21,168	17,931	—3,237
Total	30,700	34,168	+3,468

8. **PRICES.**—The following abstracts show the prices of grain and cotton during the year under report compared with the previous year:—

Prices of Grain.

	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Difference.	Percentage.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort	182	162	—20	11
„ 2nd „	162	142	—20	12
Cholum	187	160	—27	14
Cumboo or Bajira	149	133	—16	11
Raggy... ..	145	125	—20	14
Horse-gram... ..	164	181	+17	10

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Prices of Cotton.

Harvest Months.	FASLI 1280.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.		Percentage.	
	Cotton, with seed, per Candy.	Cleaned Cotton, per Candy.	Cotton, with seed, per Candy.	Cleaned Cotton, per Candy.	Cotton, with seed, per Candy.	Cleaned Cotton, per Candy.	Cotton, with seed, per Candy.	Cleaned Cotton, per Candy.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
					Increase.	Increase.	Increase.	Increase.
March 1872	28	95	32	113	4	18	14	19
April „	26	91	34	114	8	23	31	25
May „	26	90	32	122	6	32	23	36

The prices of grain were lower than the previous year, and the decrease ranged between eleven and fourteen per cent.; a better harvest would naturally bring down prices, except as to horse-grain, the price of which exceeded the previous year's by ten per cent. The prices of cotton were on the increase.

9. RYOTWAR HOLDINGS.—The lands held on ryotwary tenure are shown in the subjoined abstract:—

Items.	DRY.		WET.		Total.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Holdings at the beginning of Fasli 1281	2,218,658	19,90,483	88,700	6,59,301	2,307,358	26,49,784
Deduct lands given up... ..	65,812	58,565	3,244	16,301	69,056	74,866
Remainder...	2,152,846	19,31,918	85,456	6,43,000	2,238,302	25,74,918
Add lands taken up	52,543	38,886	3,081	14,968	55,624	53,854
Total, Ryotwar Holdings...	2,205,389	19,70,804	88,537	6,57,968	2,293,926	26,28,772
Waste remitted... ..	.....	.....	3,945	29,384	3,945	29,384
Waste charged	248,826	1,90,001	3,923	27,967	252,749	2,17,968
Actual cultivation	1,956,563	17,80,803	80,669	6,00,617	2,037,232	23,81,420
Total...	2,205,389	19,70,804	84,592	6,28,584	2,289,981	25,99,388

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As compared with last year the above shows a decrease in holdings of 13,432 Acres, assessed at Rupees 21,012. The following memorandum shows details of "lands given up" and "lands taken up" (vide the foregoing abstract) during the year, namely;—

Particulars of Lands given up.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
1. Lands resigned	26,838	23,490 9 4
2. Do. sold on account of arrears of revenue and purchased by Government	1,462	1,309 6 7
3. Lands become useless or appropriated for public purposes ...	963	1,376 7 10
4. Do. sold or transferred (between ryots)	33,613	41,376 13 11
Total...	62,876	67,553 5 8
<i>Other Causes.</i>		
5. Transferred to Inam	1,967	1,286 6 6
6. Deficiency of measurement	37	89 13 10
7. Dry transferred to wet	23	19 5 9
8. Wet transferred to dry	121	456 15 5
9. Transferred to other taluqs	2,497	3,806 12 7
10. " " villages	1,489	1,628 8 0
11. Lands charged with prohibitory assessment credited to Land Revenue in last year and now carried to the head of Sevoy Jumma	46	22 4 2
12. Reduction of assessment ... ..	...	2 13 7
Total...	6,180	7,312 15 10
Grand Total...	69,056	74,866 5 6
13. Lands taken up on Durkhast— From Government waste	6,930	6,078 1 6
" Poramboke	709	719 12 1
14. Lands acquired by purchase and transfer	33,613	41,376 13 11
	41,252	48,174 11 6
<i>Other Causes.</i>		
15. Inam lands brought to Government assessment... ..	10	25 11 5
16. Excess found on re-measurement	33	29 15 4
17. Dry transferred to wet	23	133 11 1
18. Wet transferred to dry	121	51 10 7
19. Increase of assessment ... ..	...	14 13 9
20. Transferred from other taluqs	2,495	3,794 10 9
21. " " villages	1,489	1,628 8 0
22. Increase in the area of holdings as found in the Survey by the Revenue Survey Department	10,201	.....
Total...	14,372	5,679 0 11
Grand Total...	55,624	53,853 12 5

10. INCREASE AND DECREASE IN RYOTS' HOLDINGS.—The aggregate of lands resigned and sold for arrears of revenue was 28,300 acres, assessed at Rupees 24,800. Lands newly taken up for cultivation 7,639 acres, assessed at Rupees 6,798. Net decrease in holdings 20,661 acres, assessed at Rupees 18,002. The decrease has arisen from relinquishments of poor lands to a large extent, attributable chiefly to the low prices of grain and need of rest by lying fallow. They are

not worth paying the continuous assessment for, and are taken up again after an interval. The greater part of lands given up was in Coimbatore, Sattiamungalum, Collegal, and Palladum Taluqs.

Item 3 is chiefly lands taken for public purposes, nearly half of the total being for the Nilgiri Branch Railway. Item No. 5 comprises lands transferred as Inam, namely, 1,946 acres, assessed at Rupees 1,261, to the Peroor Pagoda under orders of Government No. 1,308 of 27th July 1871, communicated with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings No. 2,641 of 3rd August 1871; and the rest, namely, 21 acres, assessed at Rupees 25, to Village Service Inams as compensation. Items 9 and 10 are transfers of lands from one taluq or village to another by the Survey Department, *vide* paragraph 4. Item 22 has arisen from the introduction of new survey areas in Bhowany Taluq, *vide* paragraph 3.

11. **RYOTWAR LANDS BROUGHT UNDER CULTIVATION.**—The actual cultivation during the year amounted to 20,37,232 acres, assessed at Rupees 23,81,420, against 19,28,655 acres, assessed at Rupees 23,25,994 in Fasli 1280. Increase 1,08,577, acres assessed at Rupees 55,426, of which upwards of 43,000 acres, assessed at Rupees 39,000, are waste portions of fields brought under cultivation. These, in this district, used formerly to appear under "waste charged for" and "waste remitted," but are now included under "actual cultivation" under paragraph 2 of Board's Memorandum No. 513 of 9th April 1872. Although the addition to ryots' holdings was comparatively small during the year, still the actual cultivation was in advance of the previous year's.

12. **RYOTWAR LANDS LEFT WASTE.**—The extent of waste in ryots' holdings aggregates 2,56,694 acres, assessed at Rupees 2,47,352, of which 2,52,749 acres, assessed at Rupees 2,17,968, were paid for by ryots. The assessment of waste charged for last year was Rupees 3,04,747, or Rupees 86,779 more, nearly 40 per cent. This again shows that waste in ryots' holdings is greatly decreasing. In other places I have shown (*vide* paragraphs 10 and 11) that while there has been a net decrease in ryots' holdings below those of the previous year, the actual cultivation notwithstanding increased; and it is here apparent that waste charged for has decreased. This is attributable to the fact of the ryots, alive to their interests, availing themselves of the rule of relinquishments where it does not pay to keep lands for fallows, while the most is made of lands under putcut. Probably the propriety of a reduction in the assessment of these poor soils is thus indicated.

13. **LAND REVENUE SETTLEMENT.**—The following abstract shows the total Land Revenue Settlement of Fasli 1281 as compared with the results of Fasli 1280 :—

	FASLI 1280.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	2,218,658	19,90,483	2,205,389	19,70,804	—13,269	— 19,679
Wet	88,700	6,59,301	88,537	6,57,968	— 163	— 1,333
Total...	2,307,358	26,49,784	2,293,926	26,28,772	—13,432	— 21,012
Second crop assessment... ..	.....	396	.....	348	.....	— 48
Additional Assessment.	.....	3,737	.....	1,164	.....	— 2,573
Water-tax ... ..	.....	9,435	.....	9,489	.....	+ 54
Road-cess ... ..	.....	1,00,490	.....	1,92,786	.....	+ 92,296
Total...	.....	27,63,842	.....	28,32,559	.....	+ 68,717

	FASLI 1280.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
<i>Deduct Remissions.</i>	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Road-cess	1,00,490	.....	1,92,786	.....	+ 92,296
Waste remitted	19,044	.....	29,384	.....	+ 10,340
Other remissions	1,06,670	.....	1,11,054	.....	+ 4,384
Total...	2,26,204	.....	3,33,224	.....	+1,07,020
Remainder	25,37,638	.....	24,99,335	.....	— 38,303
Miscellaneous items	60,929	.....	42,609	.....	— 18,320
Peishcush on permanently settled estates.	...	27,691	.....	27,691	.....	.....
Shrotriem Jodi	3,418	.....	3,418	.....	.....
Sale of land and redemption of Land-tax.	2,494	.....	.....	.....	— 2,494
Total...	26,32,170	.....	25,73,053	.....	— 59,117

14. RYOTWAR SETTLEMENT.—The ryotwar settlement comprises actual cultivation, waste charged for, second crop assessment, Teerwajasti (additional assessment), and water-tax. The actual cultivation and waste charged for have already been noticed. The second crop assessment is a very small item in this district, and needs no special remarks; the cultivation being, as it were, more than equal to the water-supply. The decrease under Teerwajasti has been caused by lands charged with prohibitory assessment last year having been given up in this. There is very little variation in the revenue under "Water-tax." The gross ryotwar revenue amounted to Rupees 28,32,559, from which have to be deducted the amounts of Road-cess Rupees 1,92,786 and of remissions Rupees 1,40,438; these are noticed below.

15. RYOTWAR WASTE REMITTED.—The remissions on wet lands laid waste amounted to Rupees 29,384, or Rupees 10,340 more than in last year. The increase is due chiefly to deficient supply of water in the Noyel and rain-fed tanks, mostly in Coimbatore Taluq.

16. REMISSIONS, OCCASIONAL, ETC.—The other remissions are detailed in the following statement, namely :—

Items.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Shamilat Bunjer, or portions of { Dry ... ..	.....	124	124	.....
fields left waste { Wet ... ..	.....	3,402	3,402	.....
	.....	3,526	3,526	.....
2. Shavi or withered crops... .. Wet	1,078	4,852	3,774	.....
3. Palanashtum or loss of produce... .. Dry ... ..	.....	80	80	.....
4. Cowle remissions... .. { Dry	2,107	1,319	.....	788
... .. { Wet	57	15	.....	42
	2,164	1,334	.....	830
5. Teazgari of remissions to pri- { Dry	70	70	.....	.....
vileged classes { Wet	348	348	.....	.....
	418	418	.....	.....

Items.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>Teerwah Cummy.</i>				
6. On Puncham Hissa grass-land ... Dry	40,199	36,220	.....	3,979
On nunjah lands cultivated with dry and garden produce ...	26,230	33,291	7,061	.....
7. Fassal Cummy or 2nd crop not cultivated ...	35,919	30,672	.....	5,247
	1,02,348	1,00,183	.....	2,165
8. Taram Cummy to be retained in the Accounts.	661	661	.....	.....
Total...	1,06,669	1,11,054	4,385	.....

REMISSIONS, SHAMILAT BUNJER.—Under the head of Shamilat Bunjer the remissions on punjah land amount to Rupees 124, of which Rupees 6 is the assessment of portion of a putta field rendered unfit for cultivation by excavation by the Department Public Works of gravel for road-work between Coimbatore and Mettapolliem, and Rupees 118 is the assessment of a piece of land at Annamallay required by the Forest Department for elephants grazing, etc., which the owner, one Ramasawmy Moodelliar of Chittoor, agreed to relinquish on condition of a plot of Government waste being made over to him; as the latter has been connected with the boundary dispute with the Numbiddy of Colengode in Malabar, while the former is in the possession of the Forest Department, *vide* Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 1,970 of 12th May 1871, the remission had to be given. In Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 858 of 30th May 1872, paragraph 5, explanation is required of the circumstances under which remissions under "Shamilat Bunjer" are given. It appears that the remissions under this head were given on portions lying waste, and amounting in extent to half or more of wet fields cultivated either with wet or dry produce, but on which the wet crops having withered from insufficient supply of water remissions were given on the former under the head "Shavi," and on the latter under "Teerwah Cummy;" hence remissions also on the portions of the same fields left waste. The increase under "Shavi" and "Teerwah Cummy," Rupees 3,774 and Rupees 7,061 are all due to deficient supply of water.

REMISSIONS, PALANASHTUM.—The remission of Rupees 80 under the head of Palanashta (or loss of produce) was a new item in the year under report, caused by destruction of punjah crops by wild elephants in Sattiamugalum Taluq.

COWLE REMISSIONS.—The Cowle remissions show a decrease of Rupees 830 below the previous year. Cowles are not now granted, and the decrease is due to the prescribed increased rates having been charged on old grants.

REMISSIONS, PUNCHAM HISSA GRASS-LAND.—The decrease in the remissions on Puncham Hissa grass-lands has resulted from a portion of the lands under this tenure having been brought under cultivation.

REMISSIONS, FASSAL CUMMY.—Under "Fassal Cummy" (or double crop lands cultivated with single crops), the remissions compared with the previous year have decreased, showing that a larger extent of land bearing double crop assessment has been cultivated with second crop; this has chiefly occurred in Coimbatore Taluq where the irrigated land has suffered most. But here, the second crop is chiefly raised partly with Government water, and partly with the aid of private wells.

17. OTHER ITEMS OF LAND REVENUE.—The actual Ryotwar settlement was Rupees 24,99,335 which, with the Polliput peishcush, Shrotriem jodi, and Miscellaneous items, complete the aggregate Land Revenue Settlement.

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18. POLLIPUT PEISHCUSH AND SHROTRIEM JODI.—There has been no variation in the Revenue under "Polliput Peishcush" and "Shrotriem Jodi." There are thirteen permanently settled estates* in the district, two of which are inherited by a minor under wardship. Shrotriem Jodi is derived from nine villages, seven of which are situated in Coimbatore and two in Collegal Taluq.

	RS.	
Andiputty.....	5,166	
Ootookooly.....	4,393	
Avaluppamhutti.....	4,200	
Negamum.....	2,481	
Ramapatanam.....	1,437	
Poravipolliem.....	2,805	
Samattoor.....	1,683	} Under Wardship.
Cotamputty.....	1,860	
Mettrathy.....	1,966	
Jothamputty.....	143	
Toongavy.....	849	
Myvady.....	561	
Vedaputty.....	146	
Total...	27,691	

19. LAND REVENUE, MISCELLANEOUS.—

The revenue under "Miscellaneous" amounted to Rupees 42,609, or Rupees 18,320 less than in the previous year; the decrease has been caused chiefly by transfer of "Rent on Palmyra trees" to the head "Jungle Conservancy Fund," under Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 2,413 of 15th June 1871. The decreases under items 6 and 9 in the abstract subjoined are due to lands charged with prohibitory assessment having been given up this year. Under the head of other items Rupees 2,419 were included last year, being amount of rent on C. Class Railway lands for the past fifteen years received in Fasli 1280, against which there was no corresponding credit in Fasli 1281. Hence chiefly the decrease under this head which amounted to Rupees 2,925 :—

Particulars of Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

No.	Items.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Jodi on sundry Inams (personal)	28,147	28,165	18	.....
2	Tax on trees on unassessed lands	1,000	988	.....	12
6	Lands cultivated, but not included in Jummahbundy	3,234	1,934	.....	1,300
7	Concealed cultivation	3	30	27	.....
9	Cultivation of Poramboke land	4,959	3,734	.....	1,225
12	Grazing-tax or grass-rent	1,341	1,091	.....	250
16	Collections from Village Service Inams for offices vacant	921	459	.....	462
17	Revenue from sequestered Inams	322	242	.....	80
20	Do. from boundary lands in dispute.	27	16	.....	11
29	Rent on palmyra trees	12,428	.....	.....	12,428
31	Do. on fruit-trees	863	869	6	.....
40	Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of Land Revenue	4	.....	.....	4
41	Commission on private estates under Circular management	147	.....	.....	147
43	Revenue fines	952	1,422	470	.....
45	Excess collections over the demand	97	56	.....	41
46	Water-tax on Zemindari Inam, etc., lands	2,377	2,348	.....	29
47	Quit-rent on bungalows and gardens	335	408	73	.....
51	Other items	3,772	847	.....	2,925
	Total...	60,929	42,609	594	18,914
	Net Decrease...	.....	.....	.....	18,320

WATER-TAX ON INAM LANDS.—Item 51 includes Rupees 567 levied as water-rate on Village Service Inams cultivated with Government water ; this sum and the amount of item 46, Rupees 2,348, make up the aggregate demand of water-tax on Inam lands in this district

* Rupees 2,915.

for Fasli 1281 (*vide* Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 2,070 of 31st March 1869). Of which Rupees 175 were levied on account of water used for raising a second crop on single crop wet land, and Rupees 2,740 for cultivating dry Inam lands with Government water. The revenue of the past Fasli under this head was Rupees 2,930.

20. ENTIRE LAND REVENUE SETTLEMENT, VARIATION IN.—The entire Land Revenue Settlement of Fasli 1281 aggregated Rupees 25,73,053 ; compared with the previous year, the difference is Rupees 59,117 less ; of which Rupees 12,428 is a nominal decrease, being, as explained elsewhere, merely a transfer from head " Land Revenue " to Jungle Conservancy Fund. Deducting this item the decrease is reduced to Rupees 46,689. The most part of which is due to the

Waste remitted...	...	...	RS.
Shamilat Bunjer	...	...	10,345
Shavi	...	...	3,402
Teerwah Cummy	...	...	3,774
			7,061
Total...			24,582

Average of past ten years...	...	...	RS.
Fasli 1281	...	...	25,08,565
			25,73,053
Increase...			64,488

insufficient supply of water, the remissions on which account exceeded the preceding year's by Rupees 24,582 as shown in the margin. A great portion of the decrease is also due to relinquishments of lands, *vide* paragraph 10. The revenue of the Fasli, however, has exceeded the average of the past ten years by Rupees 64,488, and as already mentioned the actual cultivation, clear of all putcut waste, increased to the extent of 65,000 acres.

21. LAND REVENUE SPECIAL ITEMS.—The area of land cultivated with sugar-cane and cotton is shown below :—

Items.	FASLI 1280.		FASLI 1281.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane ...	2,591	16,324	2,429	17,397	.....	1,073	162	.....
Cotton...	142,118	1,47,382	142,237	1,40,897	119	.....	.....	6,485
Indigo ...	8	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	9
Total...	144,717	1,63,715	144,666	1,58,294	119	1,073	170	6,494
Net...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	5,421

The increase in assessment of Rupees 1,073, while there is a decrease of acres 162 in the area cultivated with sugar-cane, is thus accounted for : in last year there was a greater extent of land under this cultivation, irrigated by wells, while higher assessed nunjah lands were cultivated with this crop in Fasli 1281 ; hence the apparent inconsistency. An opposite illustration occurs under " Cotton," where the area has increased by 119 acres, and the assessment decreased by Rupees 6,485, cotton having been grown on lower assessed lands during the year under report.

22. LAND REVENUE IRRIGATION SOURCES.—The ayacut and cultivation of wet lands under each source of irrigation in the district are shown in the subjoined abstract.

	TOTAL AYACUT.		DEDUCT. .						REMAINDER UNDER CULTIVATION.		Actual Revenue after deducting Remissions for Fasli 1281.
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Inams.		Government Waste and Putcut Waste remitted.		Total.		Extent.	Assess-ment.	
			Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.			
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	
Channels branching from Bhowany river	28,067	2,52,311	1,789	20,711	1,025	4,770	2,814	25,481	25,253	2,26,830	2,19,913
Do. from the Ambravatty river ...	24,296	1,78,221	2,734	23,152	1,150	3,178	3,884	26,330	20,412	1,51,891	1,48,893
Do. from the Noyel river ...	18,596	1,60,609	2,595	21,858	3,582	30,740	6,177	52,598	12,419	1,08,011	72,313
Do. from the Cauvery river ...	5,443	41,775	1,160	8,214	140	747	1,300	8,961	4,143	32,814	33,086
Do. from the Auliaar river ...	4,526	21,612	265	1,285	23	156	288	1,441	4,238	20,171	19,809
Jungle streams	7,135	30,420	244	1,286	1,422	5,513	1,666	6,799	5,469	23,621	19,913
Rain-fed tanks	16,959	88,260	1,586	8,986	2,715	14,028	4,301	23,014	12,658	65,246	50,244
Total ...	105,022	773,208	10,373	85,492	10,057	59,132	20,430	1,44,624	84,592	6,28,584	5,64,170
Government waste ... ..	...	...	...	...	6,112	29,748	Actual Cultivation.		80,669	6,00,617	Ryotwar revenue. 5,55,812
Putcut waste remitted ... ..	...	...	...	...	3,945	29,384	Waste charged...		3,923	27,967	Jodi on Inams .. 8,358

Total... .. 5,64,170
Actual Revenue on wet lands for Fasli 1280 ... 5,85,119

Decrease 20,942.

23. RUINED TANKS.—The annexed list shows the names and details of ruined tanks made over to private individuals, viz :—

Talugs.	Name and Number of Talugs.	Ayacut Extent.	Assessment Pymash Account.	LAND APPLIED FOR AND GRANTED.			Year in which tanks were made over to Applicants.	EXTENT OF LANDS CHARGED WITH THE STIPULATED RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR FASLI 1281.	
				Rate of Assessment per Acre.	Extent.	Amount of Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.
Coimbatore...		ACRES.	RS.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	FASLI.	ACRES.	RS.
	1. Modoor	Wet 18	61	1 0 0	Wet 14	14	1275	14	14
	2. Areacoundanoor ...	Do. 79	233	2 8 0	Do. 75	185	1275	33	38
	3. Mattoor.....	Do. 135	803	2 8 0	Do. 24	55	1276	...	...
	4. Singriputty	Do. 26	71	2 8 0	Do. 25	63	1277	25	63
	5. Ilippily	Do. 85	343	2 8 0	Do. 85	247	1277	36	89
	6. Nugaloor	Do. 47	351	2 8 0	Do. 47	125	1277	47	125
	7. Ramasamoodram tank in Comaralingum village.....	Dry 1,884	1,158	2 8 0	Do. 400	1,000	1274	Wet 400	1,000
				0 9 10	Dry 995	615			
		Acquired by purchase.		.....	1,395	1,615		Dry 1,033	637
Oodoomulpettah.					Dry 38	22		1,433	1,637
	8. Papanoolam tank in Yelayamoothoor village	Wet 95	448	2 8 0	Wet 77	193	1277	77	193
	9. Korayootoo anicut and tank in the village of Shendamungalum	Do. 136	367	2 8 0	Do. 132	330	1277	Wet 29	74
								Dry 103	108
Caroor.								132	182

The extent of land granted on durkhast under tanks Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 6 has been altered, according to new survey areas, from 74,22,99 and 50 acres to 75,24,85 and 47 acres, respectively. The land under tank No. 3 not having been cultivated no assessment has been charged on the same; under tank No. 5 only the extent of actual cultivation has been charged, the assessment of the remainder left waste having been remitted. Under tank No. 2 the stipulated rate of Rupees 2½ per acre on the actual cultivation has not been levied, but only Rupees 1-2-5 per acre, being the punjah rate; the tank is said to have breached and rendered wet cultivation impracticable.

24. REVISION OF ASSESSMENT.—The result of the revision of assessment made under the orders noted in the margin is shown in the annexed memorandum :—

Board's Proceedings No. 3,724 of 17th June 1864.
 " " 4,855 of 18th July "
 " " 2,379 of 10th May 1865.

Items.	Extent of Land.	Amount of original Assessment.	Deduct Reduction.	Net Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Total extent of waste land on which reduction of assessment was made	78,152	85,031	25,144	59,887
Deduct waste not yet brought under cultivation	41,081	47,843	13,314	34,529
Remainder taken up by the ryots up to Fasli 1280	37,007	37,039	11,766	25,273
In Fasli 1281	64	149	64	85
Total immemorial waste brought under cultivation	37,071	37,188	11,830	25,358

Nearly the whole of this (namely, extent assessed at Rupees 25,206 of the total Rupees 25,358) is punjah land. The assessment of nunjah land included in that brought under cultivation is only Rupees 152. Probably the whole (namely, 37,071 acres) would not have been brought under cultivation if not for the reduction in the assessment.

25. EXTRA SOURCES OF REVENUE.—The extra sources in this district are—

1st.—Excise on spirits and drugs (Abkari).

2nd.—Income-tax, and,

3rd.—Stamps.

The results of the year under these heads are detailed in the annexed memorandum:—

Items.		Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Excise on spirits and drugs (Abkari) ...	Rented	2,86,270	2,72,270	...	14,000
	Miscellaneous	537	646	109	...
	Total...	2,86,807	2,72,916	...	13,891
2. { Income-tax... ..	Income-tax... ..	71,576	14,364	...	57,212
	Miscellaneous	48	65	17	...
	Total..	71,624	14,429	...	57,195
3. {	Court Fees stamps	79,050	77,949	...	1,101
	Miscellaneous	2,111	1,969	...	142
	Total...	81,161	79,918	...	1,243
	Non-Judicial	58,221	59,569	1,348	...
	Miscellaneous	39	212	173	...
	Total...	58,260	59,781	1,521	...
	Total...	1,39,421	1,39,699	278	...
	Grand Total...	4,97,852	4,27,044	...	70,808

The decrease of Rupees 14,000 under "Abkari" is the amount of remission sanctioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 46 of 6th January 1872, to the agents of late Thoppa Moodeliar, Abkari Contractor of Perindoray and Bhowany Taluqs. The decrease under the head of "Income-tax" is due to two causes, (1) reduction of tax from 6 to 2 Pies in the rupee; and (2) the entire exemption of a class of incomes, namely, from Rupees 500 to Rupees 750, from taxation.

26. INTEREST ACCOUNT.—The interest recovered on arrears of revenue amounted to Rupees 1,200-10-4 as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
On arrears of Land Revenue	273	9	11
Do. of Abkari Revenue... ..	927	0	5
Total...	1,200	10	4

27. ENTIRE CURRENT DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE.—The entire current demand under all sources aggregated Rupees 30,00,097; the collections within the Fasli, Rupees 28,62,390; balance, Rupees 1,37,707; subsequent collections to end of August 1872, Rupees

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1,18,994, leaving only a balance of Rupees 18,713 on 1st September ; there were no remissions from the demand. The whole is exhibited in the following abstract:—

Items.	Current Demand.	Collections.	Remissions.	Total.	Balance at the end of the Fasli.	SUBSEQUENT COLLECTIONS AND REMISSIONS UP TO 31st AUGUST 1872.			Balance.
						Collections.	Remissions.	Total.	
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled estates (Polliput Peishcush).....	27,691	27,078	...	27,078	613	613	...	613	...
Shrotriem Jodi.....	3,418	3,306	...	3,306	112	112	...	112	...
Ryotwar.....	24,99,335	23,90,929	...	23,90,929	1,08,406	97,653	...	97,653	10,748
Miscellaneous.....	42,609	33,817	...	33,817	8,792	7,795	...	7,795	997
Total...	25,73,053	24,55,130	...	24,55,130	1,17,923	1,06,178	...	1,06,178	11,745
<i>Sundry Sources.</i>									
Excise on spirits and drugs (Abkari).....	2,72,916	2,53,241	...	2,53,241	19,675	12,714	...	12,714	6,961
Income-tax.....	14,429	14,320	...	14,320	109	102	...	102	7
Stamps. { Court Fees.....	79,918	79,918	...	79,918	...	...	...	...	...
{ Non-judicial.....	59,781	59,781	...	59,781	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	1,39,699	1,39,699	...	1,39,699	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	4,27,044	4,07,260	...	4,07,260	19,784	12,816	...	12,816	6,968
Grand Total ..	30,00,097	28,62,390	...	28,62,390	1,37,707	1,18,994	...	1,18,994	18,713

The balance under "Land Revenue" is very small, hardly requiring any remark. Measures will be taken for its speedy recovery. The balance under Abkari is covered by deposits of Government paper, and will be adjusted directly.

28. ARREAR DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE.—The arrears of past years under all sources are detailed in the following memorandum:—

Items.	Arrears at the beginning of the Fasli.	COLLECTIONS, ETC., WITHIN THE FASLI.			Balance at the end of Fasli 1281.	Subsequent Collections up to 31st August 1872.	Balance.
		Collections.	Remissions.	Total.			
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Polliput Peishcush (permanently settled Revenue) ..	681	681	...	681	...	...	...
Shrotriem Jodi	926	926	...	926	...	...	...
Ryotwar	1,59,983	1,52,517	1,425	1,50,942	6,041	589	5,452
Miscellaneous	9,768	8,341	1,033	9,374	394	69	525
Total...	1,71,358	1,62,465	2,458	1,64,923	6,435	658	5,777
<i>Sundry Sources.</i>							
Excise on spirits and drugs (Abkari)	33,590	33,590	...	33,590	...	...	...
Income-tax	452	92	360	452	...	...	...
Total...	34,042	33,682	360	34,042	...	...	...
Grand Total...	2,05,400	1,96,147	2,818	1,98,965	6,435	658	5,777

IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS STRUCK OFF THE ACCOUNTS.—The aggregate item of Rupees 2,818 deducted as remissions in the foregoing memorandum is the amount of arrears struck off the accounts under the orders of Government quoted below, namely :—

Land Revenue.

	RS.	A.	P.
Struck off under G. O. No. 1,566 of 11th September 1871... ..	4	0	11
" " " 109 of 10th November " 	330	10	0
" " " 712 of 1st May 1872 	2,123	0	7
Total...	2,457	11	6

Income-tax.

Struck off under Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 3,962 of 14th September 1871... ..	81	0	0
" " No. 3,373 of 25th September 1871... ..	57	0	9
" " " 2,106 of 20th March 1872 	221	7	0
Total...	359	7	9
Grand Total...	2,817	3	3

29. **BALANCE OF ARREARS.**—Of the balance of arrears Rupees 520 are recoverable, Rupees 3,105 doubtful, leaving Rupees 2,152 irrecoverable, detailed below, which I recommend may be written off the accounts, namely :—

	Fasli 1278.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Total.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>				
Arrears outstanding against deceased ryots after deducting sale-proceeds of property... ..				
{ Ryotwar... ..	...	49	185	234
Do. against absconded do. do.. { Ryotwar... ..	...	100	527	627
{ Miscellaneous... ..	...	...	8	8
Do. against pauper do. do... { Ryotwar... ..	7	166	879	1,052
{ Miscellaneous... ..	...	...	7	7
From other causes... ..	...	...	224	224
Total... { Ryotwar... ..	7	315	1,815	2,137
{ Miscellaneous... ..	...	...	15	15
	7	315	1,830	2,152

Out of Rupees 224 under "Other Causes" Rupees 117 is the amount of assessment on 50 Bullahs of Chittoor Ramasawmy Moodelliar's land at Annamallay, taken up by the Forest Department in 1870, *vide* Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 3,529 of 23rd May 1870, but transferred to the head "Peramboke" in Fasli 1281. This is a portion of the same field out of which the remainder has since been transferred to the Forest Department, *vide* explanation under "Shamilat Bunjer," paragraph 16 of this report. The balance of Rupees 107 under "Other Causes" is the amount of prohibitory assessment erroneously charged in Collegal Taluq, but left uncollected after full inquiry.

SETTLEMENT REPORT OF COIMBATORE.

30. ^a COMPARATIVE VIEW OF COLLECTIONS FROM ALL SOURCES.—The following statement exhibits the collections, arrear, and current, under all heads of revenue as compared with those of the preceding Fasli, showing a net decrease of Rupees 31,909 :—

Items.	LAST FASLI.			PRESENT FASLI.			In-crease.	De-crease.
	Arrears	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Zemindari or Polliput.....	681	27,010	27,691	681	27,078	27,759	68	...
Shrotriem Jodi.....	702	2,492	3,194	926	3,306	4,232	1,038	...
Ryotwar.....	1,12,020	23,80,619	24,92,639	1,52,517	23,90,929	25,43,446	50,807	...
Miscellaneous	16,275	52,070	68,345	8,341	33,817	42,158	...	26,187
Sales of lands and redemption of Land-tax .....	...	2,494	2,494	..	...	...	...	2,494
Total, Land Revenue...	1,29,678	24,64,685	25,94,363	1,62,465	24,55,130	26,17,595	23,232	...
<i>Sundry Sources.</i>								
Abkari or excise on spirits and drugs	31,953	2,53,480	2,85,433	33,590	2,53,241	2,86,831	6,1398	...
Income-tax	48	71,181	71,229	92	14,320	14,412	...	56,817
Stamps .....	...	1,39,421	1,39,421	...	1,39,699	1,39,699	270	...
Grand Total...	1,61,679	29,28,767	30,90,446	1,96,147	28,62,390	30,58,537	...	31,909

31. CHARGES OF COLLECTIONS.—The charges aggregated Rupees 1,77,187-14-6 against Rupees 1,79,144-2-9 in the preceding year, showing a net decrease of Rupees 1,956 in the year under report, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 4,028 and a gross decrease of Rupees 5,984. The increase is chiefly due to the use

* Vide Rules in Fort St. George Gazette, dated 24th October 1871, page 1,649

† Vide Rules in Government Order No. 2,112 of 15th December 1871; Miscellaneous Proceedings No. 295 of 12th January 1872; Board's Proceedings No. 384 of 28th February 1872.

of service labels on official* postage introduced in Fasli 1281, and in a small degree to the increased† rate of commission to stamp vendors, and also to the fact of a vacancy of the post of

Huzoor Sheristadar last year having been filled up in this. The decrease has arisen chiefly from a single Assistant having been attached to this district during the year under report, while in last year two and even more Assistants were employed. Also from the Income-tax Establishment having been reduced from Rupees 1,039 to Rupees 455, and from comparatively few appeals against assessments to that tax, the refunds, etc., under which head show a decrease of Rupees 528. List of charges in the Revenue Department during Fasli 1281 :—

Items.	Last Fasli.			Present Fasli.			In-crease.	De-crease.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.		
1. Refunds of Revenue	395	11	7	710	3	2	314	...
<i>Salaries and Expenses.</i>								
2. Collector's salaries	57,031	1	0	53,155	7	6	...	3,876
3. Tent and house-rent allowances... ..	7,248	11	6	6,304	14	11	...	944
4. Huzoor and taluq establishments... ..	97,299	3	6	97,897	15	4	599	...
5. Saderward	1,418	14	3	1,679	5	9	261	...
6. Medical charges... ..	960	9	8	980	3	5	20	...
7. Contingencies... ..	70	1	1	34	2	8	...	36
8. Miscellaneous	5,282	6	7	7,473	12	0	2,191	...
Total...	1,69,310	15	7	1,67,525	13	7	...	1,785
<i>Sundry Sources.</i>								
9. Abkari charges	32	8	0	17	0	0	...	15
10. Stamps... ..	7,762	14	1	8,405	14	9	643	...
11. Income-tax... ..	1,642	1	6	528	15	0	...	1,113
Grand Total...	1,79,144	2	9	1,77,187	14	6	...	1,956

The proportion of expenditure to receipts of the year is 5·8 per cent., being nearly the same as last year.

32. **COERCIVE PROCESS.**—Enclosure A to statement 8 shows the number of cases in which recourse was had to law for the recovery of arrears of revenue in the year under report. Processes were issued in 3,007 cases in which the arrears due amounted to Rupees 19,321. The value of property sold amounted to Rupees 1,039. The heaviest defaulters were in Oodoomulpettah Taluq, namely, 2,585, owing Rupees 15,921; but here the property actually sold amounts only to Rupees 59, so that it would appear that the arrears were paid in without further steps being taken. The largest amount of property sold was in Bhowany Taluq, namely, Rupees 495, where 63 Processes were issued for default of arrears amounting to Rupees 727.

33. **EXAMINATION OF VILLAGE AND TALUQ ACCOUNTS.**—The preparation and keeping of village accounts are improving, and no erasures or other irregularities were reported in taluq accounts by settling officers. The instructions issued against interlineations or other corrections being left without initials by persons responsible for making them, are being duly enforced.

34. **UNASSESSED WASTE LAND RULES.**—No transactions under this head during the year under report.

35. **SUB-DIVISION OF INAM SHARE-HOLDERS' LIABILITY TO PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT.**—No cases also under this head. An application was received from Coimbatore Taluq, but the necessary formalities were not concluded within the year.

36. **LANDS ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.**—The following abstract shows the transactions under this head for Fasli 1281:—

	HUZUR SERVANTS.			TALUQ SERVANTS.			TOTAL.		
	Num-ber.	Ex-tent.	Assessment.	Num-ber.	Extent.	Assessment.	Num-ber.	Extent.	Assessment.
<i>Lands relinquished or struck off the Register.</i>		ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.
In this district	4	25	94 12 2	21	14,255	5,831 6 6	25	14,280	5,926 2 8
In other districts.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....
Total...	4	25	94 12 2	21	14,255	5,831 6 6	25	14,280	5,926 2 8
<i>Lands acquired.</i>									
In this district	4	304	1,016 4 9	16	966	1,358 11 5	20	1,270	2,375 0 2
In other districts	2	...	46 15 1	1	13,383	2,536 4 11	3	13,383	2,583 4 0
Total ..	6	304	1,063 3 10	17	14,349	3,895 0 4	23	14,653	4,958 4 2

The assessment of lands struck off the Register is Rupees 5,926, and that of lands added is Rupees 4,958, nearly a thousand rupees less. Rupees 4,213 of the latter is the assessment of lands owned by individuals either transferred from one taluq to another or newly appointed to the district.

37. **COSTS AWARDED IN CIVIL SUITS.**—The statement of demand, collection, and balance of costs awarded in Civil Suits, called for in Proceedings No. 4,434 of 19th October 1871, is enclosed. The amount due to Government was Rupees 136-11-4. Arrangements are being made for its recovery. The statement was blank for Fasli 1280.

38. **ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.**—The other additional statements called for in Proceedings No. 513 of 9th April, No. 811 of 20th June, No. 750 of 6th June 1872, and No. 4,434 of 19th October 1871, have been prepared and enclosed.

Enclosure D to Statement No. 3.

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The area and quit-rent of Inams, etc., classed as wet lands, or irrigated by Government water, called for in Proceedings No. 1,715 of 29th

August 1872, (received on 20th September) will be reported on receipt of accounts from taluqs. Information has not yet been received complete from taluqs for the preparation of the Agricultural Statistics" required by paragraph 4 of Proceedings No. 716 of 1st February 1870, and No. 2,965 of 17th July 1871. This return will be submitted as early as possible.

39. CONDUCT OF SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.—Generally satisfactory. This district lost a very able and hard-working officer by the transfer of C. Venkateshiah, Deputy-Collector, to another district. I have acquired a very able and industrious Head Clerk in Mr. Pinto, received from the Superintending Engineer's Office.

40. SUB-COLLECTOR'S REPORT.—The Sub-Collector's report on the settlement of the taluqs of his division is enclosed.

41. A reminder for this report having already been received (No. 1,208 of 13th September 1872), I hasten to submit it without waiting to embody remarks (as required by Circular Memorandum No. 120 of 23rd January 1872) on Quinquennial Returns, which, owing to information still due from taluqs, are not complete, but will follow shortly.

COIMBATORE,
10th September 1872.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

QUINQUENNIAL STATEMENTS.—In continuation of my Jamabundy Report for Fasli 1281, No. 159 of 30th September 1872, I have the honour to submit the Quinquennial Statements called for in Memorandum No. 313 of 21st

January 1872. These returns are for Fasli 1281. The last returns sent were for Fasli 1276.

2. TOTAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND THE NUMBER OF VILLAGES AND HAMLETS.—Statement A. shows the total extent and the number of villages and hamlets of the district for Fasli 1281, an abstract of which is herewith annexed, as compared with that of the last return.

	FASLI 1276.			FASLI 1281.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Total.	Deduct Nilgiri.	Remainder.	Inhabited.	Uninhabited.	Total.		
Extent in square miles	8,470	479	7,991	...	...	7,996	5	...
Acres according to Village Ayacut accounts	42,58,596	3,06,315	39,52,281	..	...	40,77,125	1,24,844	...
Summut Maganums.	164	4	160	...	...	160	...	...
Ryotwar. { Villages.	1,534	17	1,517	1,282	233	1,515	...	2
{ Hamlets.	5,850	80	5,770	5,024	897	5,921	151	...
Shrotriem { Villages.	10	...	10	9	1	10	...	...
{ Hamlets.	17	...	17	11	5	16	...	1
Poliput... { Villages.	50	...	50	46	4	50	...	...
{ Hamlets.	127	...	127	112	12	124	...	3
Total... { Villages.	1,594	17	1,577	1,337	238	1,575	...	2
{ Hamlets.	5,994	80	5,914	5,147	914	6,061	147	...

The extent in square miles has simply been repeated from the previous return; the small excess of five square miles, being the area of the village of Nullampolliem transferred from Madura. The extent as shown does not agree with the revised total area of the district given by the Revenue Survey Department, *vide* Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 468 of 19th March 1872. The difference is 564 square miles less in the latter. The area in acres according to the village ayacut accounts converted into square miles would amount to miles 6,370, or 1,062

Area in Return, 7,996 square miles.

Do. in Revenue Board's Proceeding, 7,432 square miles.

By conversion of ayacut area, 6,370 do.

miles less again than the area given in Board's Proceedings just quoted. Pending completion of the survey of the district, the area as given in the previous return is retained. The increase of 1,24,844 acres in the ayacut is chiefly due to the introduction of new survey areas in the four

* Sattimungalum, Perindoray, Bhowany, and Pulladam.

taluqs of the district, during Faslies 1280 and 1281. In putcut alone increase of 45,146 acres in Fasli 1280, and 10,201 acres in Fasli 1281, were reported from the above cause; 3,178

acres were the ayacut area of the village of Nullampolliem transferred from Madura to this district in Fasli 1278. The remainder of the increase must have occurred in Government waste and Porumboke, where new Survey areas have been introduced. The number of villages in Fasli 1276, exclusive of the Nilgiris, was 1,577, and hamlets 5,914; a village with 5 hamlets was transferred, as noted above, during the interval from Madura to this district, making a total of 1,578 villages and 5,919 hamlets, against which the number in Fasli 1281 was as follows:—

Villages 1,575, hamlets 6,061, showing a decrease of 3 in the former, and an increase of 142 in the latter. The decrease in villages has occurred by the amalgamation of 3 villages in Caroor, Pulladum, and Suttimungalum taluqs in Faslies 1279, 1280, and 1281, with others, of the respective taluqs, as noticed in the 4th paragraph of the Jamabundy Reports of the respective faslies. The net increase of 142 hamlets arises from a gross increase of 146 hamlets in Ryotwar villages, (exclusive of the 5 hamlets transferred with Nullampolliem from Madura), and from a gross decrease of 4 hamlets in Shrotriem and Poliput villages. The latter were added in the last quinquennial by mistake. Besides the increase of 142 fresh hamlets above noted, 21 villages and 74 hamlets were re-peopled during the past five years, showing on the whole a total increase of 21 villages and 216 hamlets in the district. The increase is indicative of an advance in population.

3. AYACUT AND CULTIVATION.—Statement B. shows the following results:—

	FASLI 1276, EXCLUSIVE OF NILGIRIS.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Ayacut excluding Poramboke	32,90,786	34,27,314	33,71,513	34,40,534	80,727	13,220
Inam lands	3,04,117	3,59,911	3,10,748	3,61,804	6,631	1,893
Remaining Circar land.	29,86,669	30,67,403	30,60,765	30,78,730	74,096	11,327
Circar waste	7,89,917	4,81,414	7,70,784	4,79,341	— 19,133	— 2,073
Occupied land	21,96,752	25,85,989	22,89,981	25,99,389	93,229	13,400

ANALYSIS.—Circar waste has decreased, and all other heads show an increase, indicating an advance in cultivation. Under the head of "Circar waste," no less than 3,945 acres of "Putcut waste remitted" assessed at Rupees 29,384 are (erroneously, I think, but according to practice) included, which would still further increase the extent of "occupied land." The disproportionate increase under acres compared with the corresponding assessment in the last column of the abstract, was caused by the introduction of the new survey areas, which has increased the number of acres without altering the assessment.

4. IRRIGATION SOURCES.—Statement C.—The following abstract exhibits the number of Irrigation works in the district, both Government and private:—

Sources of Irrigation.	FASLI 1276.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.	
	In repair.	Out of repair.	In repair.	Out of repair.	In repair.	Out of repair.
<i>Tanks.</i>						
1. Government	151	92	146	98	— 5	+ 6
2. Private	14	34	17	28	+ 3	— 6
3. Dasabundum	4	...	4	...	...	...
<i>River Channels.</i>						
4. Government	93	19	92	21	— 1	+ 2
5. Private	5	1	5	...	...	...
<i>Spring Channels.</i>						
6. Government	89	13	85	15	— 4	+ 2
7. Private	56	2	56	2	...	...
<i>Anicuts.</i>						
8. Government	92	35	92	36	...	+ 1
9. Private	31	7	32	6	+ 1	— 1
<i>Wells.</i>						
10. Government	11	...	17	...	+ 6	...
11. } Private... { Old	38,900	8,344	40,760	8,006	+ 1,860	— 338
12. } Private... { New	5,483	113	8,462	209	+ 2,979	+ 96

Out of the increases, one tank, one river channel, and one anicut, under "out of repair" (Items 1, 4, 8) are situated in the village transferred from Madura. Three private tanks (Item 2) were entered in excess in last quinquennial by a clerical error.

The total number of wells compared with the previous return shows the following result:—

	Fasli 1276.	Fasli 1281.
Old wells	47,244	48,766
New wells	5,596	8,671

There is an increase in the total number of old wells of 1,522, due to rectification of omissions in last return. The serviceable old wells in Fasli 1281 were 40,760, or 1,860 more than in the previous return.

ANALYSIS.—The increase under new wells is an increase of 54 per cent. at about the rate of 596 per annum; reckoning wells each at Rupees 300, this will show an annual investment in permanent improvements of say one-and-three-quarter lakh of Rupees, and this is irrespective of the repair of old wells.

POPULATION.—*Statement D.*—The following abstract gives the results of the Census of 1871:—

	Fasli 1276.	Deduct Nilgiris.	Remainder.	Fasli 1281.	Difference.
HOUSES.					
Storied and Terraced	1,253	81	1,172	1,899	+ 727
Tiled	57,434	2,393	55,041	59,430	+ 4,389
Thatched	347,586	7,332	340,254	336,231	— 4,123
Total...	406,273	9,806	396,467	397,460	+ 993
POPULATION.					
<i>Hindoos.</i>					
Adults	852,406	18,138	834,268	1,032,449	+ 198,181
Children	534,509	11,185	523,324	679,159	+ 155,835
Total...	1,386,915	29,323	1,357,592	1,711,608	+ 354,016
<i>Mussulmans.</i>					
Adults	16,863	1,266	15,597	21,273	+ 5,676
Children	11,411	592	10,829	14,823	+ 3,994
Total...	28,274	1,848	26,426	36,096	+ 9,670
<i>Christians.</i>					
Adults ... { Europeans	1,652	4,297	5,209	6,603	+ 1,394
{ Natives	7,854				
Children ... { Europeans	1,173	2,674	3,869	4,863	+ 1,494
{ Natives	4,870				
Total...	15,549	6,971	8,578	11,466	+ 2,888
Grand Total. { Adults	878,775	23,701	855,074	1,060,225	+ 205,251
{ Children	551,963	14,441	537,522	698,845	+ 161,323
Total...	1,430,738	38,142	1,392,596	1,759,170	+ 366,574
Agricultural	876,129	14,985	861,144	942,555	+ 81,411
Non-Agricultural	554,609	23,157	531,452	816,615	+ 285,163
Total...	1,430,738	38,142	1,392,596	1,759,170	+ 366,574
Male	725,370	20,858	704,512	872,870	+ 168,358
Female	705,368	17,284	688,084	886,300	+ 198,216
Total...	1,430,738	38,142	1,392,596	1,759,170	+ 366,574

ANALYSIS.—There has been an increase in tiled houses of 4,389, and a decrease in thatched houses of 4,123, showing a substitution of more substantial buildings, in itself an instance of prosperity, not to mention the new erection of more than 700 storied and terraced houses.

REMARKS ON POPULATION.—The total increase of population in this district has been 26·3 per cent. ; the increase among Hindoos 26 per cent. ; among Mussulmans 36 per cent. ; and among Christians 33. In my letter No. 91 of 12th June 1872, I have explained the increase to be due to the natural increase in population, to the result of the greater accuracy with which the returns were taken, and in some degree to the enumeration of Hill tribes and travellers in the districts who were omitted in Fasli 1276. In my list sent to the Revenue Board on 5th January 1872, the total population is given at 1,754,140, while the return herewith submitted shows the total as 1,759,170, or an increase of 5,030. This difference occurred by an omission to include the population of a village in Bhowany in making a total for the taluq. The results of the census taken by the Railway authorities, as communicated to me in Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 125 of 18th January 1872, (*vide* my statement dated 10th February 1872) have not been added in the Quinquennial Return D, as we have no particulars as to the caste and sex of the people mustered, and the original returns are in the office of the Census officer at Madras. The number is,

65 in Perindoray taluq,
432 in Coimbatore taluq, and
68 in Pulladum taluq.

565 Total.

6. RYOTS, PUTTAS, CATTLE, etc.—*Statement E.*—The following abstract shows the number of ryots, puttass, cattle, etc.

	Fasli 1276.	Deduct Nilgiris.	Remainder.	Fasli 1281.	Difference.
<i>Ryots.</i>					
Mirassidars, or registered ryots..	303,051	14,985	288,066	353,609	+ 65,543
Payakaries or under-tenants ...	149,747	23,157	126,590	145,317	+ 18,727
Total...	452,798	38,142	414,656	498,926	+ 84,270
<i>Puttas.</i>					
Single	127,784	1,938	125,846	119,442	— 6,404
Joint	101,063	754	100,309	104,136	+ 3,827
Total...	228,847	2,692	226,155	223,578	— 2,577
Ploughs	150,039	2,750	147,289	173,011	+ 25,722
<i>Cattle.</i>					
Tilling cattle	323,499	4,800	318,699	364,256	+ 45,557
Cows	224,126	4,449	219,677	253,642	+ 33,965
She- <i>Buffaloes</i>	56,442	6,515	49,927	49,487	— 440
Sheep	696,956	658	696,298	850,227	+ 153,929

Except under "single puttass" and "she-buffaloes" where decreases occur, attributable in the first instance to the gradual incorporation of grass with Ayan puttass, and to relinquishment of lands in Collegal by migratory ryots ; and in the latter case, to removal of buffaloes to other districts for sale, (I have seen numbers going to Malabar and the Nilgiris), there is increase under all other heads showing a prosperous state of things.

7. RENT ROLL.—Statement F., or the rent roll shows the following results:—

Items.	FASLI 1276, EXCLUSIVE OF NILGIRIS.		FASLI 1281.		DIFFERENCE.	
	Number of Puttas.	Assessment.	Number of Puttas.	Assessment.	Number of Puttas.	Assess- ment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Below 10 Rupees ...	141,832	7,23,921	142,455	7,07,299	+ 623	— 16,622
From Rs. 10 to Rs. 30	54,867	8,59,852	57,138	9,00,995	+ 2,271	+ 41,143
„ „ 30 to „ 50	9,931	3,51,874	9,602	3,49,068	— 329	— 2,806
„ „ 50 to „ 100	4,542	3,06,225	4,628	2,97,774	+ 86	— 8,451
„ „ 100 to „ 250	1,085	1,57,132	1,199	1,66,558	+ 114	+ 9,426
„ „ 250 to „ 500	141	46,401	152	48,340	+ 11	+ 1,939
„ „ 500 to „ 1,000	31	21,396	26	18,119	— 5	— 3,277
Above 1,000 Rupees ...	4	5,551	7	11,182	+ 3	+ 5,631
Total...	212,433	24,72,352	215,207	24,99,335	+ 2,774	+ 26,983

The number of puttass herein shown differs from that exhibited in Putta Statement E. by 8,371, which are Miscellaneous Land Revenue puttass not included in the Rent Roll F. The assessment shown in this statement represents the settled revenue of the district for Fasli 1281, showing an increase over that of Fasli 1276 of Rupees 26,983.

8. During the term of the five years between Fasli 1276 and Fasli 1281, the occupied Ryot-war land has increased by 4·24 per cent. and the assessment by ·54, Ayan puttass by 1·31, and Settled revenue by 1·09 per cent. The smallness of these increases is accounted for by the fact that as pointed out in my Jamabundy Report there were large relinquishments of lands during Fasli 1281, though there was more land in actual cultivation than in the previous year. The private serviceable wells have increased by 10·90 per cent, ploughs 17·47, tilling cattle 14·29, other cattle

	Fasli 1276.	Fasli 1281.
	Per cent.	Per cent.
Paying upwards of Rupees 1,000 each.	·0018	·0032
Do. Rupees 500 to Rupees 1,000 ...	·01	·01
Do. do. 100 do. 500 ...	·58	·63
Do. do. 50 do. 100 ...	2·14	2·15
Do. do. 30 do. 50 ...	4·67	4·46
Do. do. 10 do. 30 ...	25·83	26·55
Do. below Rupees 10 each	66·77	66·20

19·41, and the number of ryots by 20·32 per cent. The proportion of puttadars paying different rates of assessment is given in the margin, which shows that more than half the number of ryots, or 66·20 per cent, are small cultivators paying less than Rupees 10 each; a quarter of the total number of puttadars, viz., 26·55 per cent., represents ryots paying from Rupees 10 to 30 each; it is important to note the increased holdings amounting to more than Rupees 40,000 of this class, whose new average holding is Rupees 18 against less than Rupees 16 of the old average; a ryot paying Rupees 18 or 20 may be said to be raised from poverty, probably cultivating 10 to 18 acres of land. It is true that much of the rise is shown in joint puttass, which nearly equal the single puttass in this district; still it is an advance. There are thirteen men in the district paying Rupees 500 to Rupees 1,000 each, and five paying upwards of 1,000 Rupees, giving a percentage of ·01 and ·0032 respectively on the whole number of puttadars. As compared with Fasli 1276, the proportion of puttadars paying less than Rupees 10 each has decreased from 66·77 to 66·20 per cent., while those paying between Rupees 10 and Rupees 30 have increased from 25·83 to 26·55 per cent. The increase in population—a reality, though perhaps not at the rate indicated by comparison with a former imperfect agricultural census—the rise in the intermediate holdings, the erection of superior dwellings, the substitution of substantial houses for cheaper huts, the increase of farming stock, and the capital annually sunk in permanent improvements (both of old and new wells), are indications of a progressive prosperity.

COIMBATORE,
14th November 1872.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Jummahbandy Report of the Sub-division of Coimbatore for Fasli 1281, together with the prescribed statements.

2. The following statement shows the officers by whom and the places at which the settlement of the Sub-division taluqs was conducted :—

Officer by whom Settlement was made.	Taluqs.	Places.
J. W. Best, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.....	Dharapuram Caroor.....	Dharapuram, Kundalam, Melmugum, Kangayam, and Vellaikovil. Caroor, Paramathy, and Chinna Dharapuram.
A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector ...	Oodoomulpettah ...	Oodoomulpettah and Dalli.

3. The subjoined statement shows the number of villages and hamlets in the Sub-division as compared with that of Fasli 1280 :—

Taluqs.	Villages.		Hamlets.	
	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.
Dharapuram	82	82	967	967
Caroor	83	83	691	702
Oodoomulpettah	89	89	155	174
Total...	254	254	1,813	1,843

The number of villages in the Fasli under report remains the same as in the previous one. But as regards hamlets it appears to be the custom for the ryots in general to erect dwelling houses for themselves and their cultivators close to their putta lands, in order to enable them to have easy access to their cultivation. These groups of houses are called hamlets, and have been classed as such during the Imperial Census taken in November 1871. Hence the increase in Fasli 1281 of 30 hamlets over the number for the previous Fasli.

4. The following are the particulars of puttass for the year :—

Total number of puttass for Fasli 1280	54,106
•Deduct puttass cancelled on account of relinquishment and transfer of lands, etc... ..	1,106
Remainder...	53,000

Of these—

Puttas remaining unaltered	...	...	...	...	1,454
Old puttas altered and re-issued	...	...	...	...	1,521
New puttas on account of the addition of Local Fund Cess	50,318

53,293

Add new puttas issued	1,520
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Total... 54,813

New puttas issued for Road Cess on Inam lands	6,453
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Total... 61,266

The issue of so large a number of puttas as 61,266 was rendered necessary owing to the imposition of the Local Fund Cess under Act IV. of 1871. In the cases where no change in the extent of the holding covered by the putta occurred and the puttas were not produced by the holders, fresh ones for the Local Fund Cess were issued.

5. The rain gauges in the three taluqs of the Sub-division are reported to have been carefully looked after during the Fasli, and the accounts of rainfall to have been accurately kept. The following statement exhibits the rainfall at the cusbah station of each taluq :—

Months.			Dharapuram.		Caroor.		Oodoomulpettah.	
			Inches.	Decimals.	Inches.	Decimals.	Inches.	Decimals.
April	1871	...	2	23	2	26	1	85
May	"	...	3	39	3	14	3	85
June	"	...	...	15	...	37	1	13
July	"	...	...	...	2	24	1	65
August	"	...	...	19	1	87	...	...
September	"	...	...	28	6	73	...	...
October	"	...	5	83	3	75½	4	48
November	"	...	6	23	4	13	14	83
December	"	...	...	16	...	50	...	5
January	1872	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February	"	...	...	48	...	...	...	30
March	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...			18	94	24	99¾	28	14

6. The season was good and favourable during the year, and there was sufficient rain for agricultural purposes in the Sub-division taluqs. The punjah and garden-lands yielded average crops. In the Cauvery and Amravatti rivers there were regular freshes, and full nunjah crops were realized on the lands watered by the channels taken from these rivers.

The two tanks in the village of Uppadimangalam and one of the two in Valliyanay in Caroor Taluq received but a small supply of water in September. Of the two tanks in Uppadimangalam one received half its usual supply, and the other one-fourth of it. One of the tanks in Valliyanay received rather more than a third of its supply, while the remaining tank received none at all. Such of the lands under them as had in addition the assistance of wells were cultivated in full with nunjah crops, whilst others were cultivated with dry grains, and some lands were left waste. In consequence of the scantiness of the water-supply the lands under the Periyacolam tank, one of the two tanks in Valliyanay village, were cultivated with punjah crops and charged with first class punjah rates in the cases of lands having wells, and with appropriate punjah rates in the cases of lands not having such assistance. This tank is supplied by a small jungle-stream running from the Madura District, and has failed during the last six or seven years.

The Kattankani tank in the Dharapuram Taluq received a very meagre supply. In last year's Jumhabbandy Report it is mentioned that an estimate was under preparation for the repair of it and as supply channel. The estimate has been prepared but nothing practical has yet been done towards putting the tank in order.

The eight tanks in the village of Budinattam in Oodoomulpettah Taluq received only partial supplies of water, and not sufficient for the cultivation of their Ayacut in full. When the water-supply was sufficient average crops were obtained, but on some lands the crop withered, and some lands were left waste. The anicut across the Tenalar, which supplies these tanks with water through the Dalli channel, was broken twice in 1870. It was subsequently repaired, and has stood since.

7. The sanitary condition of the Sub-division was remarkably good during the Fasli, and it may almost be said to have enjoyed immunity from cholera, only eight deaths being attributed to this disease. The deaths from cholera in the previous Fasli were 286, so that the contrast is favourable. Only one death occurred in the extensive taluq of Dharapuram, while Oodoomulpettah was quite free from it as will be seen from the following statement :—

Taluqs.	Last Fasli.	Present Fasli.	Increase.	Decrease.
Dharapuram	116	1	...	115
Caroor	134	7	...	127
Oodoomulpettah	36	...	...	36
Total...	286	8	...	278

8. Cattle-disease prevailed in all the three taluqs, and the loss of cattle attributable to it must be considered rather heavy, no less than 13,527 animals having died. This is in excess of the death-rate of Fasli 1280 by 4,484, and of that of 1279 by 2,896. The following shows the particulars for the Fasli under report and the preceding one :—

Taluqs.	Cows, Bulls and Buffaloes.	Sheep.	Total.
Fasli 1281—			
Dharapuram	433	938	1,371
Caroor... ..	1,234	3,763	4,997
Oodoomulpettah	3,144	4,015	7,159
Total...	4,811	8,716	13,527
Fasli 1280	2,772	6,271	9,043
Increase...	2,039	2,445	4,484

9. The following is a statement showing the prices of the principal grains, from which it will be seen that the only article in which a rise has occurred is horse-gram. All the food-grains have become somewhat cheaper during the Fasli. The fall in the price of all food-grains since Fasli 1278 has been very marked :—

Grain.	Fasli 1279.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	COMPARISON BETWEEN FASLI 1280 AND FASLI 1281.					
				Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Paddy	229 3 7	189 14 1	155 15 8	.....			33	14	5
Cholum	271 5 1	201 0 10	165 13 8	.....			35	3	2
Cumboo	188 6 0	154 6 5	138 6 7			15	15	10
Raggi... ..	207 11 4	149 12 10	135 7 4			14	5	6
Horse-gram	233 6 10	171 12 5	276 8 1	104	11	8		

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10. The ryots' holdings and cultivation are shown in statement No. 3 and its enclosure A, from which it will be seen that in the ryots' holdings there is a net increase of acres 289, assessed at Rupees 140, when compared with last Fasli, as particularised below :—

	Fasli.	Extent.	Assessment.		
			RS.	A.	P.
		ACRES.			
1280	7,71,482	11 2	7,94,095	3	6
1281	7,71,772	2 0	7,94,235	5	2
Increase ...	289	6 2	140	1	8

This increase is not so great as in the last few Faslis, and may perhaps be due to the fall in the value of produce.

11. The particulars of lands deducted under the head "Given up" in enclosure A are given in the following memorandum :—

No.	Items.	Extent.	Assessment		
			RS.	A.	P.
		ACRES.			
1	Lands resigned	801 2 2	818	14	8
2	Lands sold or transferred	14,825 14 0	16,664	1	10
3	Lands become useless or appropriated to some public purpose	148 6 1	162	12	3
4	Deficiency in measurement	1 3 0	0	8	10
5	Transfer to nunjah	5 15 2	2	13	9
6	Lands transferred from one village to another ...	1,046 14 3	1,285	11	3
7	Transfer to Inam	5 3 3	4	13	7
8	Decrease of assessment ... ..	.....	2	13	7
	Total...	16,834 11 3	18,942	9	9

Item No. 1 consists of acres 794-12-2 of lands resigned as unfit for cultivation, and as being situated in jungly and unhealthy localities, and acres 6-6-0 sold for arrears of revenue under Act II. of 1864, and bought in on behalf of Government at a nominal price in consequence of the want of competition, and then carried to the head of Government waste.

Items Nos. 2, 4, and 5 are of usual occurrence, and call for no remark.

Of Item No. 3 acres 69-3-0, assessed at Rupees 58-2-3, were taken up for roads; acres 17, assessed at Rupees 20-0-6, were transferred to Poramboke as village-sites; acres 1-14-2, assessed at Rupees 1-2-10, were transferred to Poramboke as a burial ground. The rest of the land in this item was inundated, and thus rendered unfit for cultivation.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1871, No. 1,589, and 27th June 1871, No. 2,579.

Item No. 6 consists of lands transferred from one village to another in the same taluq under the authority conveyed in Board's Proceedings marginally noted.

In Fasli 1275 a certain Jody Inam land in the village of Monjanur in Caroor Taluq was brought to the head Ayan, in consequence of the Inamdar having failed to appear and establish his claim to have the land confirmed as Inam. In accordance, however, with Collector's order to the Tahsildar, dated 3rd May last, No. 18, the land has been retransferred to the head Inam. This constitutes Item No. 7.

Item No. 8, Decrease of Assessment. This sum represents the over-charge on certain punjah lands which have been erroneously charged with higher than the Paimash rates. The error has been corrected in the Fasli.

12. The details of lands "taken up" are as follow :—

No.	Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS. A. P.
1	Lands taken up on Durkhast	847 11 3	712 12 6
2	Do. purchased or obtained by transfer	14,825 14 0	16,664 1 10
3	Poramboke lands brought under cultivation	386 12 3	366 15 10
4	Excess found on measurement	10 13 2	13 11 6
5	Punjah transferred to nunjah	5 15 2	26 15 2
6	Lands transferred from one village to another... ..	1,046 14 3	1,285 11 3
7	Increase of assessment ... ..	.....	12 7 4
	Total...	17,124 2 1	19,082 11 5

Of these Item No. 7, "Increase of Assessment," is the only one calling for remark ; the particulars of it are as follow :—

1st.—Certain nunjah lands, formerly assessed at a reduced rate, being irrigated by means of Pecottahs, in consequence of their situation on a high level, were in this year irrigated by running water, and were therefore charged with the appropriate nunjah assessment.

2nd.—A piece of punjah land in the Dharapuram Taluq, which up to last Fasli paid the punjah assessment of its class, was irrigated this year from a well dug within 10 yards of a channel bund, and was therefore charged with the 1st-class punjah assessment of the village *plus* Teervajasty under the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,703.

3rd.—A piece of punjah land in the village of Poothoor, Dharapuram Taluq, which by mistake has hitherto been assessed at a reduced rate, has been charged this year with the Paimash rate.

The difference between the assessment formerly paid and that now imposed is in the above three cases Rupees 6-6-11, 0-2-4, and 5-14-1, respectively, and amounts in the aggregate to Rupees 12-7-4, which is shown as Item 7 under the head "Increase of Assessment."

13. The actual extent of cultivation as compared with that of last Fasli exhibits an increase of acres 45,275, and an assessment of Rupees 39,881 as shown below. The above acreage, however, includes acres 28,370, being portions of fields or shamilat bunjer left uncultivated :—

Faslis.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
1280	6,04,347	6,54,215 4 9
1281	6,49,622	6,94,096 12 1
Increase...	45,275	39,881 7 4

14. From enclosure A to the above it will be seen that waste lands charged this year amount to acres 1,21,875, assessed at Rupees 98,951, but a portion of this, amounting to acres 31,207, assessed at Rupees 23,338, is held as Ayan or Punjam Hissa grass on payment of one-fourth of full assessment. The remaining acres 90,668, bearing an assessment of Rupees 75,612, were uncultivated under circumstances not warranting remission of assessment, and have therefore been charged at the full rate.

Waste remitted amounts to Rupees 1,187, owing to certain nunjah lands under the Budinuttam tanks in the Oodoomulpettah Taluq, and under the Kattankani tank in the Dharapuram Taluq, having been left uncultivated from want of water, as described in paragraph 6 of this report. This, however, is considerably below the remission granted last year as shown below :—

	RS. A. P.
Fasli 1280	4,793 12 0
,, 1281	1,187 8 0

15, The subjoined statement exhibits the cultivation and settlement for the Fasi as compared with those of Fasi 1280.—

Items.	LAST FASLI.				CURRENT FASLI.				INCREASE.				DECREASE.			
	Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
	ACRES.		RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.		RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.		RS.	A.	P.	
Dry... ..	7,41,900	11 1	5,85,108	2 9	7,42,317	9 3	5,85,389	14 11	416	14 2	281	12 2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wet... ..	28,620	10 2	2,04,193	4 9	29,180	7 3	2,07,657	14 3	559	13 1	3,464	9 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...	7,70,521	5 3	7,89,301	7 6	7,71,498	1 2	7,93,047	13 2	976	11 3	3,746	5 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Add 2nd crop assessment ... ..	.....		180	11 2	.....		116	6 5	.....		.....		.....	64	4 9	
Additional do. ... ..	.....		107	11 1	.....		92	5 6	.....		.....		.....	15	5 7	
Water-tax ... ..	.....		3,265	2 6	.....		3,281	7 10	.....		16	5 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Local Fund ... ..	.....		32,082	2 6	.....		60,993	5 3	.....		28,911	2 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...	.....		35,635	11 3	.....		64,483	9 0	.....		28,927	8 1	.....	79	10 4	
Grand Total...	.....		8,24,937	2 9	.....		8,57,531	6 2	.....		32,673	13 9	.....	79	10 4	
<i>Deduct Remissions.</i>																
Road Fund ... ..	.....		32,082	2 6	.....		60,993	5 3	.....		28,911	2 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other remissions particularised in Statement No. 4... ..	.....		28,144	11 8	.....		28,197	15 8	.....		53	4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...	.....		60,226	14 2	.....		89,191	4 11	.....		29,964	6 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Remaining Beriz ... ..	.....		7,64,710	4 7	.....		7,68,340	1 3	.....		3,629	12 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Add Miscellaneous items ... ..	.....		22,889	2 4	.....		16,504	4 7	.....		.....		.....	6,384	13 9	
Total...	.....		7,87,599	6 11	.....		7,84,844	5 10	.....		3,629	12 8	.....	6,384	13 9	
Net Decrease...	.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		.....	2,755	1 1	

16. The increase of acres 976, assessed at Rupees 3,746-5-8, is owing to waste lands having been brought under cultivation, as well as the amount of remission granted for nunjah waste land during the year under report being less than last year.

The increase of Rupees 28,911 in the Road Fund (Local Fund) is the result of its enhanced rate under Act IV. of 1871. The decrease of Rupees 6,384-13-9 under the miscellaneous items is owing chiefly to the transfer of the tax on palmyra trees to the Jungle Conservancy Fund.

17. The cultivation of Sugar-cane and Cotton is shown in Enclosure B in Statement No. 3; there is an increase in both as specified below:—

Fasli.	Sugar-cane.	Cotton.
	ACRES.	ACRES.
1280	613	66,110
1281	759	74,962
Increase...	146	8,852

18. The Statement No. 4 shows the remission granted other than on account of lands left waste; this is greater by Rupees 53-4-0 than that granted last year as shown below:—

Items.	Last Fasli.	Present Fasli.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Shavi or withered crop	69 10 9	629 0 8	559 5 11	.....
2. Tirva Cummy	23,459 3 7	22,826 13 7	.....	632 6 0
3. Fassal Cummy, or 2nd crop not cultivated	4,615 13 4	4,719 11 3	103 13 11	.....
4. Remission granted to portions of fields or Shamilat Bunjer ...	.....	22 6 2	22 6 2	.....
Total...	28,144 11 8	28,197 15 8	685 10 0	632 6 0
Net Increase...	.....	.....	53 4 0	.....

19. Item No. 1. The remission for shavi or withered crops amounted to Rupees 629 against Rupees 69 in last Fasli. This is owing to deficient supply of water to the tanks in Oodoomulpettah Taluq referred to in paragraph 6 above.

The Item 2 consists of three-fourths assessment remitted on Ayan or Punjam Hissa grass-lands paying one-fourth assessment, and the difference between nunjah and punjah assessment paid on nunjah land cultivated as dry. With reference to Collector's Circular Order published in the District Gazette of 9th March last, the Punjam Hissa grass-lands held by the ryots in excess of the rule have been charged at the full Taram assessment. This was carried out only in some of the villages of the Dharapuram Taluq. Hence the decrease of Rupees 632 in Item No. 2. With regard to the grass-lands in the other villages of the Sub-Division the order will be carried into effect during the next Jummaabandi, as the settlement of the other villages having grass-lands of this description had been completed previous to the receipt of the order.

20. The annexed abstract of Statement No. 5 exhibits the particulars of Land Revenue, Miscellaneous :—

No.	Items.	Fasli 1280.			Fasli 1281.			Increase.			Decrease.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Jodi on sundry Inams (personal)	10,893	15	7	10,898	15	2	4	15	7	.....	
2	Tax on trees on unassessed lands	347	0	11	346	8	11	.....			0	8	0
6	Land cultivated but not included in Jummahbandy..	1,151	3	4	696	9	11	.....			454	9	5
7	Concealed cultivation ... ..	.....			19	2	8	19	2	8	.....	
9	Cultivation of Poramboke lands... ..	2,778	5	6	2,086	10	8	.....			691	10	10
12	Grazing-tax or Grass-rent.	1,254	3	11	1,024	10	0	.....			229	9	11
16	Collection from Village Service Inams for offices vacant	15	4	2	29	10	8	14	6	6	.....	
17	Revenue from sequestered Inams	252	2	10	189	2	11	.....			62	15	11
29	Rent on palmyra trees ...	5,267	8	3	.....			.....			5,267	8	3
31	Do. on fruit-trees	172	14	0	174	0	0	1	2	0	.....	
43	Revenue fines	252	12	0	397	12	0	145	0	0	.....	
44	Savings and refunds... ..	2	8	2	.....			.....			2	8	2
45	Excess collections over the demand	4	13	3	.....			.....			4	13	3
46	Water-tax on Zemindari Inams, etc., lands	321	6	0	311	11	11	.....			9	10	1
51	Other items:—												
	Sale-proceeds of honey, etc., paid as tribute by Malasars ... ..	.....			9	8	6	9	8	6	.....	
	Tirva Jasti on Village Service Inam lands	121	0	11	125	3	5	4	2	6	.....	
	Water-tax on poramboke lands ... ..	.....			0	3	11	0	3	11	.....	
	Sale-proceeds of kist receipts	13	15	6	119	9	6	105	10	0	.....	
	Do. of Village Manuals.	.....			14	0	0	14	0	0	.....	
	Rent of Topes	40	0	0	40	0	0	.....			.....
	Quit-rent on building sites.	.....			20	12	5	20	12	5	.....	
	Total...	22,889	2	4	16,504	4	7	339	0	1	6,723	13	10
	Net Decrease...	.....			.....			.....			6,384	13	9

21. The small increase in Item No. 1 "Jodi on Sundry Inams (personal)" is due to the two following causes :—

1st.—The charging of Jodi on the land retransferred from Ayan to Inam and referred to in paragraph 11 *supra*.

2ndly.—The assessment on a certain land recently allotted as the pay of Village Sibbundy in the village of Vettamangalam in Caroor Taluq being in excess of the emoluments affixed to the office, the difference has been brought to account as "Quit-rent." Last year the assessment on lands cultivated but not included in the Jummahbandy (Item No. 6) amounted to Rs. 1,151-3-4, and the assessment on the cultivation of poramboke lands (Item No. 9) to Rupees 2,778-5-6. The assessments under these heads amount this year to Rupees 696-9-11 and Rupees 2,086-10-8, respectively, thus exhibiting a net decrease in this year of Rupees 1,146-4-3 as compared with last year. This decrease is owing to the fact of those lands which in Fasli 1280 were charged with prohibitory rate of five times the assessment (on account of their unauthorized cultivation) having this year been either taken up on durkhast and brought to the head Ayan, or relinquished by the ryots.

Item No. 29 "Rent on palmyra trees." In consequence of this item having been transferred to the head "Jungle Conservancy," no entry has been made under the head this year.

The other items call for no remark.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,070, two statements are subjoined showing the particulars of water-tax collected on Inam lands:—

Statement showing the Amount of Water-tax collected as 2nd-crop Assessment on one Crop Inam Nunjah.

Taluq.	Extent in Cawnies.	Whether the 2nd crop raised is Nunjah or Punjah.	Rate per Cawny.	Amount of Water-tax.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Dharapuram	25 8 2	Nunjah	3 8 0	89 6 6
	4 11 0	Punjah	1 12 0	8 3 3
Total...	30 3 4	Total...	.....	97 9 9

Statement showing the Amount of Water-tax collected on Inam Punjah Lands irrigated from Government Channels.

Taluq.	Extent in Cawnies.	Whether one Crop or two Crops.	Rate per Cawny.	Amount of Water-tax.
				RS. A. P.
Caroor	2 6 3	Nunjah two crops... ..	7 0 0	16 15 2
Do.	7 12 3	Nunjah one crop	3 8 0	27 4 6
		Punjah do.	1 12 0	13 10 2
				40 14 8
Dharapuram	17 4 2	Nunjah one crop	3 8 0	60 7 9
Caroor	2 11 0	Do. do.	3 8 0	9 6 7
	19 15 2			69 14 4
Dharapuram	1 3 2	Punjah two crops	3 8 0	4 4 3
Caroor	2 12 1	Do. do.	3 8 0	9 11 1
	3 15 3			13 15 4
Caroor	1 3 2	Punjah one crop	1 12 0	2 2 2
Oodoomulpettah	0 2 3	Nunjah one crop by Pecottah ...	2 10 0	0 5 7
Dharapuram	24 6 2	Punjah two crops by Pecottah ...	2 10 0	64 1 0
	1 4 0	Do. do. do. ...	2 10 0	3 4 6
	0 8 0	Nunjah one crop	2 10 0	1 5 0
Caroor		Punjah one crop	1 5 0	0 10 6
				1 15 6
	0 1 3	Nunjah one crop	2 10 0	0 4 8
	0 4 3	Punjah one crop	1 5 0	0 5 3
		Grand Total ..	.....	214 2 0

22. Statement No. 6 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the Poliputs.

23. Statement No. 7 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of revenue, current and arrears. The entire demand in the year under report was Rupees 8,88,783-13-3, of which Rupees 8,69,085-8-7 were collected within the Fasli, leaving on the 30th June 1872 a

25. Statement No. 8 shows the collection on account of arrears of all sources of revenue. Of the outstanding balance of former Faslis, namely, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, and 1280, amounting to Rupees 27,148-0-1, Rupees 26,020-8-8 were collected within the Fasli, and Rupees 645-6-11 were written off the accounts under sanction contained in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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noted in the margin, leaving, at the close of the Fasli, a balance of Rupees 482-0-6. This is now reduced to Rupees 438-6-4, of which the amount recoverable is Rupees 312-15-5; the remainder Rupees 125-6-11 is irrecoverable for the following reason:—The arrears are due by certain ryots in the Oodoomulpettah Taluq who have absconded, leaving no moveable property. Consequently their lands were put up to auction, and as no bid was made for them they were bought in on behalf of Government at a nominal price for the land of each defaulter. I therefore recommend that the balance of Rupees 125-6-11 and the road-cess thereon, Rupees 3-4-10, may be written off the accounts. I think it must be considered satisfactory that the irrecoverable arrear is so small.

26. The extent to which coercive process was employed in the collection of revenue is shown below. It calls for no special remark:—

PROCESS ISSUED.			PROPERTY ATTACHED.			PROPERTY SOLD.		
Number of Villages.	Number of Ryots.	Balance.	Moveable.	Immoveable.	Moveable.	Immoveable.	Moveable.	Immoveable.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
210	9,724	59,483 8 9	1,652 7 3	323 8 0	28 9 0	166 9 0		

27. In last year's Jummahbandy Report Mr. Best had to remark that the Village and Taluq Accounts had, in very many instances, been carelessly kept. I believe he found a considerable improvement in them when making the settlement of this Fasli.

28. The following is a statement of lands newly acquired in the Fasli under report by public servants:—

Name of the Public Servant.	LAND WHERE SITUATED.		Whether Nunjah or Punjah.	Extent.	Assessment.	How acquired.
	Taluq.	Village.				
Vencatachelliyah, 4th Gumastah, Oodoomulpettah Taluq.	Oodoomulpettah.	Cholama-devi.	Nunjah ...	ACRES. 1 1 0	RS. A. P. 14 5 3	By purchase.
	do.	Kannama-naickenur.	Punjah ...	12 2 2	5 13 8	do.
Runga Rao, 2nd-Class Revenue Inspector, Oodoomulpettah Taluq.	do.	Bogi Gounden, Dasari-putty.	do. ...	5 11 3	5 4 7	do.

29. The following statement shows the principal sources of irrigation in the Sub-Division:—

Talug.	Irrigation Work.	AYACUT AFTER DEDUCT- ING INAM.		CULTIVATION.		
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Assessment of Collection.
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
Dharap- ram.	Ambravati anicuts and channels	6,500	60,639	6,467	60,442	56,401
Caroor.	Ambravati anicuts and channels	9,160	55,579	8,954	54,565	53,134
	Cauvery channels ...	4,248	33,362	4,116	32,661	32,576
Oodoomul- pettah.	Ambravati anicuts and channels	5,902	38,851	4,990	36,880	36,752
	Total...	25,810	1,88,431	24,532	1,84,548	1,78,863

30. No ruined tanks were made over to individuals during the Fasli.

31. The quinquennial statements should accompany this report, but as it has been found necessary to return those of the Oodoomulpettah Talug for revision, I consider it advisable not to delay this report any longer on their account. They will be forwarded in a few days.

COIMBATORE,
16th September 1872.

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Acting Sub-Collector.

SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

NILGIRIS.

I HAVE the honour to submit a report on the Jummahbundy Settlement of the Nilgiri District for Fasli 1281 (1871-72) accompanied by the usual statements.

1. VILLAGES AND STATIONS AT WHICH THE SETTLEMENT WAS MADE.—The settlement was begun and completed in the month of May. The places at which and the officers by whom it was conducted are specified in the annexed memorandum :—

Name of Officers.	Villages.	Places where the Settlement was made and where Puttas were distributed.	Time occupied by the Settlement.
J. W. Brecks, Esq., Commissioner.	Parunganaud, Kombay, Mekanaud.	Nedoongulum and Kartery.	From 3rd to 7th May and 14th and 15th May.
H. B. Grigg, Esq., Assistant Commissioner.	Todanaud, Boothinuthum, Sembanuthum, Seegoor, Koondah.	Ootacamund	23rd and 31st May.

2. NUMBER AND TENURE OF VILLAGES.

	INHABITED.				UNINHABITED.				TOTAL.			
	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.	Fasli 1280.	Fasli 1281.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwary... { Villages...	17	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	...	...
{ Hamlets...	397	397	...	...	...	...	...	...	397	397	...	...

3. Particulars concerning puttas are given in the statement below :—

Faslis.	Total Number of Puttas for Land Revenue and Miscellaneous Items.	PUTTAS NOT RENEWED.			Renewed or fresh Puttas issued.	Percentage of Column 6 on Column 2.
		Puttas which remained altogether unaltered.	Number modified by additional Entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1280	2,586	2,332	...	2,332	254	10
1281	2,944	459	...	459	2,485	84
Increase...	358	...	...	...	2,231	74
Decrease...	...	1,873	...	1,873	...	...