

SETTLEMENT REPORT OF CUDDAPAH.

30. The subjoined abstract shows the particulars of remissions as per Statement No. 4, as compared with that of the last year :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | | | Fasli 1283. | | | Increase. | | | Decrease. | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1. Remissions granted at the Jama-bandi on portions of fields left waste. | 91 | 11 | 1 | 162 | 6 | 6 | 70 | 11 | 5 | ... | ... | ... |
| 2. Shavi or perished crop | 21 | 14 | 8 | 685 | 14 | 11 | 664 | 0 | 3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3. Excess of water, causing immersion of fields | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 4. Cultivation of dry crops in wet fields. | 121 | 11 | 11 | 290 | 3 | 0 | 168 | 7 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 5. Destruction of seed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total... | 235 | 5 | 8 | 1,138 | 8 | 5 | 903 | 2 | 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6. Permanent remissions | 4,854 | 14 | 2 | 4,716 | 8 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 138 | 5 | 4 |
| 7. Allowance for Heads of villages ... | 68 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total... | 5,158 | 3 | 10 | 5,923 | 1 | 3 | 903 | 2 | 9 | 138 | 5 | 4 |

31. From the above it will be observed that there is a large increase of Rupees 664 under the head of "Perished crop" over that of the past year. This was granted chiefly in the taluq of Madanapalli where the water-supply failed sooner than was anticipated and the crops have therefore either partly or fully withered away.

32. The increase of Item No. 4 is due to the grant of remission of the wet assessment in excess either of the highest dry rate or of the adjacent rates when dry crops were raised in wet fields owing to the deficiency of water. This indulgence was shown only in exceptional cases as directed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Standing Order, No. XX. of 1872, the provisions of which have been more widely promulgated among the ryots during the year under report.

33. The decrease in Item No. 6 is chiefly on account of the decrease of cultivation in lands which are allowed a constant half remission of assessment. The other items need no remark.

34. PARTICULARS OF REMISSIONS.—The undermentioned statement exhibits in detail the permanent and temporary remissions referred to in the above statement as granted on dry and wet lands:—

| Items. | REMISSIONS GRANTED IN FASLI 1283. | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| | On unirrigated Land. | | | On irrigated Land. | | | Total. | | |
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| Shamilat waste | ... | ... | ... | 162 | 6 | 6 | 162 | 6 | 6 |
| Shavi | 0 | 11 | 2 | 685 | 3 | 9 | 685 | 14 | 11 |
| Cultivation of dry crops in wet fields .. | ... | ... | ... | 290 | 3 | 0 | 290 | 3 | 0 |
| Total... | 0 | 11 | 2 | 1,137 | 13 | 3 | 1,138 | 8 | 5 |
| <i>Permanent Remissions.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Dusbundum Royati | ... | ... | ... | 791 | 5 | 2 | 791 | 5 | 2 |
| Kattugutta do. | 184 | 9 | 8 | 135 | 7 | 2 | 320 | 0 | 10 |
| Ardadust or half remission | 636 | 6 | 5 | 1,668 | 14 | 8 | 2,305 | 5 | 1 |
| Trijoyi or one-third do. | ... | ... | ... | 1,084 | 0 | 3 | 1,084 | 0 | 3 |
| Pavudust or one-fourth do. | 20 | 8 | 0 | 66 | 2 | 7 | 86 | 10 | 7 |
| Parakadust or one-eighth do. | ... | ... | ... | 41 | 3 | 5 | 41 | 3 | 5 |
| Remission on topes granted under the rules ... | 87 | 15 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | 87 | 15 | 6 |
| Total... | 929 | 7 | 7 | 3,787 | 1 | 3 | 4,716 | 8 | 10 |
| Allowance for the Heads of villages... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 68 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total... | 930 | 2 | 9 | 4,992 | 14 | 6 | 5,923 | 1 | 3 |

35. MISCELLANEOUS.—The following is a comparative statement exhibiting the demand on account of Miscellaneous items under Land Revenue, as compared with that of the last year:—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | | | Fasli 1283. | | | Increase. | | | Decrease. | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1. Quit-rent on Personal Inams | 10,030 | 15 | 7 | 10,020 | 7 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| 2. Jodi on Service Inams | 5,885 | 5 | 0 | 5,948 | 12 | 2 | 63 | 7 | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3. Do. on Dusbundum Inams... .. | 4,474 | 3 | 10 | 4,457 | 10 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 9 | 1 |
| 4. Land cultivated but not included in the Jamabandi ... | 17,139 | 5 | 6 | 10,604 | 0 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 6,535 | 4 | 10 |
| 5. Concealed cultivation | 451 | 10 | 10 | 1,177 | 0 | 1 | 725 | 5 | 3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6. Collection from unclaimed Inams | 297 | 1 | 11 | 262 | 8 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 34 | 9 | 10 |
| 7. Cultivation of lands of abandoned Pagodas | 0 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 8. Rent of topes | 5,758 | 11 | 0 | 11,863 | 13 | 1 | 6,105 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 9. Revenue from zufted Inams | 952 | 5 | 8 | 981 | 3 | 0 | 29 | 13 | 4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 10. Do. from Inams of village servants under suspension and dismissal | 1,000 | 4 | 1 | 1,062 | 15 | 10 | 62 | 11 | 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| 11. Collections on Inams under attachment... .. | 480 | 1 | 2 | 356 | 6 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 123 | 10 | 5 |
| 12. Revenue fines | 984 | 2 | 5 | 1,449 | 6 | 2 | 465 | 3 | 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| 13. Savings and refunds | 0 | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| 14. Excess collection over the demand | 486 | 11 | 2 | 958 | 12 | 2 | 472 | 1 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 15. Nirasariga and Tirwajasti on Inams | 2,988 | 7 | 10 | 2,554 | 9 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 433 | 14 | 6 |
| 16. Do. do. on Circar lands | 2,269 | 11 | 8 | 2,015 | 6 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 254 | 4 | 10 |
| 17. Fasaljasti on Inams | 8,931 | 9 | 3 | 5,008 | 5 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 3,923 | 3 | 6 |
| 18. Lands purchased on behalf of Government, but subsequently purchased by Ryots | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 19. Deposits made by purchasers at revenue sales, but credited to Government for not paying full purchase-money within the prescribed time | 1 | 12 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 8 | 38 | 4 | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| 20. Value of resumed Dusbundum wells sold | 23 | 4 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 4 | 0 |
| Total... | 62,156 | 5 | 5 | 58,763 | 10 | 2 | 7,392 | 13 | 1 | 11,355 | 8 | 4 |
| Net decrease... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,392 | 11 | 3 |

36. There is a net decrease of Rupees 3,392-11-3 under the head of Miscellaneous items of demand.

37. The decrease in Item No. 1 is owing to some of the Inams having been relinquished on the ground of unfitness of soil or inability to cultivate, while the increase in Item No. 2 is on account of Service Inams payable with "Hungami" or temporary Jodi having been more extensively brought under cultivation than in last year.

38. There is a large decrease of Rupees 6,535 in Item No. 4, which includes also the unauthorized cultivation during the year. This decrease is only nominal, as the excess in last year is due to the early settlement of the Royachoty Taluq where the cultivation after Jamabandi amounted to Rupees 6,632 against 2,059 this year.

| | 1282. | 1283. |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Madanapalli | 20 | 486 |
| Royachoty | 88 | 357 |
| Kadiri | 334 | 279 |
| Voilpaudd | 8 | 54 |

39. The increase in Item No. 5 is chiefly in the Madanapalli and Royachoty Taluqs, where more of such frauds have been brought to light.

40. Under the head of "Rent of topes" there is a large increase of Rupees 6,105, particularly in the taluqs of Madanapalli and Kadiri where fair competition appears to have been opened.

41. There is an increase of Rupees 465 under the head of Fines, which were imposed chiefly in order to enforce ready collections of revenue, as other punishments of village servants have, under the recent orders of the Board, been found ineffectual, and when, however, it is remembered that there are village servants in the Sub-Division enjoying Rupees 1,52,914 Inam the total amount of fines, viz., Rupees 1,449-6-2, is not large.

42. The excess in Item No. 14 is due to the increase of remissions at the Jamabandi, before which the collections were made according to the past year's kists.

43. The decrease in Items Nos. 15, 16, and 17 is owing to the water supply having been partial in some parts of the taluqs. The other items do not call for any special remark.

44. The item of Marámut tafrick has been transferred to the Public Works Department, and no collection have been made under this head. The District Engineer has been addressed on this subject, since it does not appear that any steps have been taken for the collection of this item for the last two years.

45. Out of the total of all the miscellaneous sources of revenue Rupees 33,200 is derived from irrigated land against Rupees 40,890 in last year, and Rupees 23,116 from unirrigated lands in excess of that of the previous fasli by Rupees 3,347.

46. There is no increase or decrease under the head of "Shrotriem demand," being Rupees 7,850-2-4, of which Rupees 6,599-3-7 have been collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,250-14-9 against Rupees 2,294-10-6 in the preceding year.

47. Of this balance Rupees 665-2-0 has been collected in July last, leaving a remainder on the 1st August last of Rupees 585-12-9 against Rupees 1,021-10-6 in the past year. Steps have been taken for the speedy recovery of this balance.

48. Subjoined is a statement exhibiting the demand of current revenue and arrears for Fasli 1283 in comparison with that of the past year :—

| Items. | FASLI 1282. | | | FASLI 1283. | | | VARIATION. | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | Arrears. | Current. | Total. | Arrears. | Current. | Total. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| LAND REVENUE. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| <i>Permanent Settlement.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Jodi on Shrotriem villages... | 1,877 | 7,850 | 9,727 | 2,300 | 7,850 | 10,150 | 423 | ... |
| Ryotwari | 62,904 | 6,00,838 | 6,63,742 | 60,547 | 5,84,280 | 6,44,827 | ... | 18,915 |
| Miscellaneous | 23,740 | 62,156 | 85,896 | 25,459 | 58,765 | 84,224 | ... | 1,672 |
| Total... | 88,521 | 6,70,844 | 7,59,365 | 88,306 | 6,50,895 | 7,39,201 | 423 | 20,587 |
| Abkári | 8,783 | 73,500 | 82,283 | 8,117 | 73,500 | 81,617 | ... | 666 |
| Stamps | ... | 39,544 | 39,544 | ... | 38,535 | 38,535 | ... | 1,009 |
| Income-tax | 1,125 | 4,772 | 5,897 | 565 | ... | 565 | ... | 5,332 |
| Total... | 9,908 | 1,17,816 | 1,27,724 | 8,682 | 1,12,035 | 1,20,717 | ... | 7,007 |
| Grand Total... | 98,429 | 7,88,660 | 8,87,089 | 96,988 | 7,62,940 | 8,59,918 | 423 | 27,594 |
| Net decrease... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27,171 |

49. Under the head of "Land Revenue" the current demand for Fasli 1283 is Rupees 6,50,895, of which Rupees 6,02,610 has been collected during the fasli under notice, leaving a balance on the 1st July last of Rupees 48,285 against Rupees 80,389 in the preceding year. This balance has been reduced by subsequent collections in July to a sum of Rupees 26,914 outstanding on the 1st August last, or less than that of the previous year by Rupees 5,911.

The largest balances were in the Madanapalli and Voilpaud Taluqs, which were those settled last. Much of this balance has since been collected, and the zeal with which all the Tahsildars have made the collections is commendable. Matters in this respect are more satisfactory than in last year.

50. The large decrease under the head Income-tax is owing to the abolition of that Act on the 1st April 1873. A sum of Rupees 5-6-0 had been credited to current demand of Income-tax in the Royachoty and Voilpaud Taluqs. This has been collected on pensions due before the abolition of the Act, but drawn subsequently. This entry is, I think, wrong; under any circumstances there could only be an arrear demand and not a current one, and the requisite alteration in the accounts has accordingly been made, but I am further of the opinion that no Income-tax whatsoever could be imposed on pensions drawn after the abolition of the Act, though due for a period when the Act was in force. This is in accordance with the rule under which no tax was levied on the salaries of Government officials drawn the month after the abolition of the tax, but

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53. **IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS.**—The fasliwar particulars are exhibited in the following statement :—

| Faslis. | Items. | Amount. |
|---------|--|----------------------|
| 1277 | Assessment due on Putta lands purchased by Government at a nominal price and by private individuals | RS. A. P. 0 10 10 |
| 1278 | Do. do. do. | 0 14 6 |
| 1279 | Do. do. do. | 93 1 1 |
| " | Quit-rent due on Personal Inams purchased by Government at a nominal price... .. | 1 12 0 |
| " | Road-cess on lands purchased by Government at a nominal price ... | 6 5 8 |
| 1280 | Assessment due on Putta lands purchased by Government at a nominal price and by private individuals' Inams | 176 7 7 |
| " | Quit-rent due on lands purchased by Government at a nominal price ... | 2 0 0 |
| " | Jodi due on Service Inams, owing to the poverty of the incumbent... .. | 0 9 4 |
| " | Road-cess due on Putta lands purchased by Government and by private individuals | 8 12 5 |
| " | Road-cess on Inams sold for arrears of revenue | 0 2 3 |
| 1281 | Assessment due on Putta lands purchased by Government and by private individuals | 740 14 9 |
| " | Assessment erroneously entered | 19 13 2 |
| " | Quit-rent on Inam lands purchased by Government and by private individuals | 5 3 1 |
| " | Quit-rent erroneously entered | 1 1 9 |
| " | Jodi on Service Inam owing to the poverty of the incumbent | 2 10 2 |
| " | Do. erroneously entered | 2 5 7 |
| " | Assessment due on lands cultivated without permission and after Jama-bandi by ryots who have no property of any kind... .. | 7 4 0 |
| " | Road-cess on lands purchased by Government and by private individuals. | 197 13 11 |
| " | Do. erroneously entered | 8 13 7 |
| " | Do. on Inams sold for arrears of revenue | 0 5 11 |
| 1282 | Assessment due on lands purchased by Government and by private individuals | 1,540 12 3 |
| " | Assessment erroneously entered | 64 15 5 |
| " | Amount irrecoverable on account of the defaulter's death, desertion, and poverty, etc... .. | 6 7 8 |
| " | Assessment on Putta lands remitted in lieu of Service Inams rendered useless | 22 5 10 |
| " | Quit-rent due on Inam lands purchased by Government and by private individuals | 21 8 6 |
| " | Jodi due on Service Inams owing to the poverty, desertion, and death of defaulters | 11 4 5 |
| " | Assessment on lands cultivated without permission and after Jamabandi by ryots who have no property of any kind | 238 1 8 |
| " | Nirasariga and Tirwajasti and Fasaljasti erroneously entered | 33 0 1 |

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| Faslis. | Items. | Amount. |
|---------|--|-----------|
| | | RS. A. P. |
| 1282 | Assessment of Inams under attachment twice brought to account ... | 3 4 10 |
| " | Rent of Amroy topes misappropriated by village officials but set off by the infliction of a larger fine after trial on the Criminal side ... | 50 0 0 |
| " | Road-cess on Putta lands purchased by Government and by private individuals ... | 157 0 10 |
| " | Do. on Inam lands do. do. ... | 1 13 1 |
| " | Do. erroneously entered ... | 89 10 9 |
| " | Do. on Putta lands on account of defaulters' desertion, death, etc. ... | 7 10 10 |
| 1281 | Income-tax due by persons who have no property of any kind ... | 18 3 0 |
| 1282 | Do. do. do. ... | 10 6 0 |
| " | Do. do. erroneously entered ... | 1 11 0 |
| | Total... | 3,555 6 6 |

54. The particulars of the above items are classified below :—

| Items.* | Amount. |
|---|------------|
| | RS. A. P. |
| 1. Assessment on land purchased by Government and by ryots, etc. ... | 2,552 13 0 |
| 2. Amounts erroneously entered ... | 468 6 10 |
| 3. Do. irrecoverable on account of defaulters' death, desertion, poverty, etc... .. | 28 10 5 |
| 4. Quit-rent on Inam lands purchased by Government and by private individuals. ... | 30 8 4 |
| 5. Assessment of Putta lands remitted in lieu of Service Inams rendered useless... .. | 22 5 10 |
| 6. Road cess on lands purchased by Government and by private individuals ... | 372 6 1 |
| 7. Rent of Amroy topes misappropriated by village officials but set off by the infliction of a fine after trial on the Criminal side | 50 0 0 |
| 8. Arrears of Income-tax | 30 4 0 |
| Total... | 3,555 6 6 |

Sanction is requested for writing off the above sum as irrecoverable.

55. EXTENT TO WHICH COERCIVE MEASURES WERE EMPLOYED.—The number of instances to which coercive measures were adopted during the year under report for the collection of the arrears of revenue under Act II. of 1864 is exhibited in the following statement :—

| PROCESS ISSUED. | | | PROPERTY ATTACHED. | | | PROPERTY SOLD. | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|--|----------------|------------|--|
| Number of Villages. | Number of Ryots. | Balance. | Movable. | Immovable. | | Movable. | Immovable. | |
| | | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | |
| 284 | 2,144 | 21,046 12 2 | 3,061 6 7 | 4,975 15 8 | | 1,330 3 4 | 2,987 0 3 | |

56. Process were issued for realizing arrears of revenue to the extent of Rupees 21,046-12-2, of which a great portion was paid before the property was actually put up to auction. The number of processes exhibits an increase of 1,445 over that of the past year. Under the head of Personal property there is a decrease of Rupees 630-13-5, while the sales of immovable property exceed that of last year by Rupees 1,807-0-2.

57. The total amount of collections during the year is Rupees 7,89,208-6-2, or in excess of that of last fasli by Rupees 3,350-0-2, and the amount disbursed is Rupees 82,738-10-5, showing a net decrease of Rupees 8,338-3-5 when compared with that of the past year.

58. Under the heads of Salaries, etc., of the Settlement and Survey Departments there is a falling off of Rupees 11,973, as a great portion of the establishments employed at Kadiri and Royachoty have left for other taluqs owing to the completion of their operations. The decrease of Rupees 1,236 under the head of Discount of stamps is due to the decrease of sales as well as to the lowering of the rates of discount.

59. INAMS OF RUINED PAGODAS.—No Inam lands attached for service in Pagodas have been incorporated with the Government ayacut on account of their abandoned state for upwards of twelve years during the past year.

60. The following statement shows the particulars of such tanks as have their ayacuts (Circar and Inam) in excess of Rupees 5,000 each :—

| Taluqs. | Villages. | Names of Tanks. | Total registered ayacut. | CULTIVATION IN FASLI 1283. | | Revenue in Fasli 1283. |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Extent. | Assessment. | |
| | | | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | RS. |
| Madanapalli ... | 1. Rangasamudram. | Peddachervoo ... | 8,329 | 884 | 5,156 | 4,267 |
| | 2. Kandukur... .. | Vyasamudrum-cheruvoo ... | 11,533 | 1,457 | 10,719 | 7,129 |
| | 3. Peddatippasamudrum | Peddacheruvoo .. | 13,930 | 1,550 | 13,025 | 11,548 |
| | Total 3 Villages. | 3 Tanks. | 33,792 | 3,891 | 28,900 | 22,944 |

61. No ruined tanks have been made over for private enterprise during the year under report.

62. The Taluq and Village accounts, some of which have been examined by me at the last settlement, have been generally kept in pretty good order. The incorrectness of some of the village accounts is due to the appointment of new Curnams consequent on the death or dismissal of the former incumbents, and to the impossibility of procuring able persons to do the work without an Inam or a sufficient emolument in cash, the payment of which is at the mercy of the Inamholder.

63. I have made periodical inspections of the rain gauges, as well as the registers kept in the Taluq Cusbahs. There have been slight discrepancies between the registers kept at Madanapalli Taluq Cutcherry and at the Public Works Range office and at Kadiri. I have found this discrepancy still more marked, there being generally an excess of exactly one inch in the Cutcherry over that of the Department of Public Works gauge. As a general rule the rain gauge kept in the Cusbah town is by no means a test of the rain which falls in the taluq. Owing to the way in which this Sub-Division is cut up by hills the rain is frequently confined to one or two valleys. It would, I think, be of great use if a rain gauge were kept at each Police Station.

64. Mysore Bhoojunga Row, the 3rd Clerk in my office, reports that an extent of Acres 4-24-0, assessed at Rupees 19-11-0, possessed by his ancestors at Labhum Cheruvoo in the Royachoty Taluq, has been now discovered by him to be his property. Putta has been in his name, but as he was a boy when his father (the son of Butcha Row, Colonel Munro's Sheristadar) died; this, together with other property, has been fraudulently kept from him.

Eswarapragada Rama Row, Taluq Sheristadar of Voilpaul, states that an extent of land, measuring Acres 90-34-0, assessed at Rupees 305-8-3, situated in the Nellore District, had not been brought to notice in the last Settlement Reports. With these exceptions no lands have been newly acquired by public servants in the Sub-Division during the year under report.

65. CONDUCT OF HUZUR AND TALUQ OFFICIALS.—The Huzur Sheristadar, Teperoomal Chetty, still continues to give me entire satisfaction, and I am glad to be able to report that whatever change may have taken place is a change for the better. In my last report I had no fault to find with him, and since then I have found him even more zealous and willing to work. His thorough knowledge of English and of revenue work has been of great assistance to me. Rama Row, the Head Clerk, also deserves my commendation. He does his work quickly and thoroughly. He is very well acquainted with English, and had he only passed the higher standard examinations would be the best man I know of for a Tahsildar's post. He is, however, young and will, I hope, qualify for this appointment before long. The other office Clerks are young men, they have given me satisfaction and will, I trust, with experience become valuable officers.

Ramanjooloo Naidoo, the Tahsildar of Madanapalli, has not given me satisfaction. His case has been reported to the Board of Revenue and he will, I hope, soon be allowed to retire.

Raghavendra Row, the Tahsildar of Voilpaul, has been doing a little better work during the year. He is, however, still apathetic and requires a good deal of rousing.

Ramanujoo Row, the Tahsildar of Royachoty, is very active and zealous. His kists have been well collected and he knows his taluq thoroughly. I have been satisfied with his work.

Arnee Kristna Row, Tahsildar of Kadiri, has done very good work indeed. His taluq is the best managed of any in the Sub-Division, and though the people are an unruly lot he has kept them well in order. In criminal cases he has done very good service. During a portion of the year under report he was acting as Deputy Collector, his *locum tenens* being Runga Row, the Cuddapah Sub-Magistrate. This is this officer's first experience of a Tahsildar's post, but he will I trust in time prove efficient. With my Taluq Sheristadars I am not very well satisfied. Tiroovengada Charloo of Royachoty is the best, but the Government have refused to grant him Magisterial powers. His revenue work he does well, and I have been generally satisfied with him. Narasinga Row of Kadiri is of very little use. Since his reduction from a Tahsildar's post he has done little good, and I can scarcely hope for any improvement; he also has no Magisterial powers. Rama Row of Voilpaul is sickly and will not, I fancy, ever recover his health thoroughly. It would be to the interests of the public service were he to retire on a third pension, for which he is qualified. Nagasha Row of Madanapalli is hasty and not always clear-headed. He has once or twice acted temporarily as Tahsildar, but on each occasion during his few days of charge has managed to commit some blunder. The conduct of the other taluq servants deserves no special remark. Some of the Revenue Inspectors will retire next year under the 55 years' rule, and I hope to replace them by younger and more active men.

MADANAPALLI,
12th October 1874.

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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OF

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I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the District for Fasli 1283 (1873-74), and to submit the prescribed Statements.

2. There has been no change in the number and tenure of villages.

3. The settlement was conducted by the officers in respective charge of the taluqs, and in not less than three stations in each.

4. PUTTAS.—Fresh puttas were issued in 15,053 cases against 27,230 in 1872-73, when the new rates of assessment were introduced, into the Pattikonda Taluq. In 71,103 cases the old puttas were confirmed without alteration, and in 4,124 they were modified by additional entries. The number of miscellaneous puttas amounts to 1,802 against 7,510 in the previous year.

5. SEASON.—The marginal statement shows the rain-fall as compared with 1872-73. The

| | 1872-73. | 1873-74. |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| July | 4.24 | 1.40 |
| August | 3.97 | 5.10 |
| September | 7.1 | 3.50 |
| October | 4.21 | 7.74 |
| November | 1.32 | .70 |
| December | 2.16 | ... |
| January | ... | ... |
| February | ... | ... |
| March | ... | ... |
| April | .12 | 2.19 |
| May | 2.4 | 4.76 |
| June | 2.92 | 6.73 |
| | 27.99 | 32.12 |

season was generally favorable for agricultural operations in all the taluqs except Koilkuntla, and the outturn of the different crops was, on the whole, better than in 1872-73. In Koilkuntla the early rains were extremely deficient, so much so that the laboring classes were reduced to distress for want of employment, and it was found necessary to carry out relief operations, to enable them to tide over their difficulty, until the later crops were harvested. Rupees 10,950 on road works, and Rupees 235-12-11 on relief houses, were thus expended between September and January.

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6. PUBLIC HEALTH.—There was no cholera, and the number of deaths from fever was slightly less than that of last year. The number of deaths from all causes was 15,884 against 17,202 in 1872-73, as detailed below :—

| — | Cholera. | Fever. | Small-pox. | Other Diseases. | Total Deaths. |
|---------------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1872-73... .. | 129 | 12,652 | 962 | 3,459 | 17,202 |
| 1873-74... .. | ... | 11,780 | 1,023 | 3,081 | 15,884 |

7. PRICES.—The price of jonna, the staple article of food in the district, was higher than last year in Nundial, Cumbum and Markapur, and lower in the other five taluqs. During the first six months there was a brisk demand for the article, caused chiefly by the distress which prevailed in Koilkuntla, but towards the beginning of January the price fell from Rupees 177 to 160 a garce, and in March it fell again to 152 Rupees. The average for the district is the same as in 1872-73.

8. There is a small decline in the prices of the other food-grains, amounting (in the second sort paddy) to 29·7 per cent. The commutation rates, however, are still lower than the market prices.

9. RYOTWAR HOLDINGS.—The following abstract shows the extent of ryots' holdings in the year under report :—

| Items. | DRY. | | | WET. | | | TOTAL. | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | |
| | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. |
| Holdings at the beginning of the year | 1,195,998 | 11,14,404 | 1 8 | 27,721 | 1,77,897 | 1 1 | 1,223,714 | 12,92,301 | 2 9 |
| <i>Deduct.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Lands relinquished | 44,846 | 22,945 | 8 1 | 1,229 | 5,637 | 3 11 | 46,075 | 28,582 | 12 0 |
| 2. Do. transferred and sold. | 10,952 | 9,673 | 12 7 | 379 | 2,431 | 11 9 | 11,331 | 12,105 | 8 4 |
| 3. Do. taken up for public purposes, corrections in areas, etc. | 2,742 | 2,437 | 1 1 | 310 | 1,671 | 3 5 | 3,052 | 4,108 | 4 6 |
| Total... | 58,540 | 35,056 | 5 9 | 1,918 | 9,740 | 3 1 | 60,458 | 44,796 | 8 10 |
| Remainder... | 1,137,458 | 10,79,347 | 11 11 | 25,803 | 1,68,156 | 14 0 | 1,163,256 | 12,47,504 | 9 11 |
| <i>Add.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Lands taken up on Durkhast. | 53,381 | 34,349 | 0 6 | 440 | 2,752 | 7 6 | 53,821 | 37,101 | 8 0 |
| 2. Do. transferred and sold. | 10,952 | 9,673 | 12 7 | 379 | 2,431 | 11 9 | 11,331 | 12,105 | 8 4 |
| Other items... .. | 2,619 | 2,172 | 3 7 | 201 | 865 | 3 2 | 2,820 | 3,037 | 6 9 |
| Total... | 66,952 | 46,195 | 0 8 | 1,020 | 6,049 | 6 5 | 67,972 | 52,244 | 7 1 |
| Grand Total... | 1,204,405 | 11,25,542 | 12 7 | 26,823 | 1,74,206 | 4 5 | 1,231,228 | 12,99,749 | 1 0 |
| Waste remitted | ... | ... | ... | 408 | 2,740 | 9 6 | 408 | 2,740 | 9 6 |
| Remainder... | 1,204,405 | 11,25,542 | 12 7 | 26,415 | 1,71,465 | 10 11 | 1,230,820 | 12,97,008 | 7 6 |
| Actual cultivation | 1,165,281 | 11,02,433 | 7 9 | 25,551 | 1,67,235 | 10 10 | 1,190,832 | 12,69,670 | 2 7 |
| Waste | 39,124 | 23,109 | 4 10 | 864 | 4,229 | 0 1 | 39,988 | 27,338 | 4 11 |

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10. There is a small increase in holdings of Acres 7,514, and in assessment of Rs. 7,448. The former is distributed over all the taluqs except Pattikonda, where a large extent of land (Acres 28,923) was relinquished in consequence of the high rates of assessment imposed by the Settlement Department. In this taluq there is a net decrease of about Acres 6,250 in the holdings, although there is an increase of Rupees 2,584 in the assessment. In the irrigated area, out of 1,229 Acres relinquished for the whole district, more than $\frac{3}{4}$ ths, or Acres 928, occur in this one taluq. These lands were formerly assessed at Rupees 3,392, while in the settlement the assessment has been raised to Rupees 4,893.

11. ACTUAL CULTIVATION AND WASTE.—96·71 per cent. of the holdings was actually cultivated against 96·93 per cent. in the previous year. Of the area left waste 3·18 per cent. is under dry, and 2 per cent. under wet. .

12. WASTE REMITTED AND CHARGED.—No remission was granted on dry waste. Under wet the assessment (Rupees 4,229) was charged on 864 Acres, and Rupees 2,740 remitted on entire fields left waste from want of water (Acres 408). On portions of fields left waste Rs. 156-7-9 were remitted, as shown in Statement No. 4.

13. The total amount thus remitted is less than one-fifth of the charge given up in 1872-73. The decrease is due entirely to the favorable character of the season.

14. OTHER REMISSIONS.—The other remissions granted, as per Statement No. 4, are abstracted below :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Difference. |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Part waste | 1,096 | 156 | — 940 |
| Withered crops | 1,352 | 476 | — 876 |
| Teerwakami | 1,024 | 1,077 | + 53 |
| Tope remission | 199 | 208 | + 9 |
| Dasabandam | 320 | 417 | + 97 |
| Pagoda remission | 63 | 63 | ... |
| Total... | 4,054 | 2,397 | —1,657 |
| Fixed remission... | 2,379 | 3,028 | + 649 |
| Total... | 6,433 | 5,425 | —1,008 |

15. *Partial Waste.*—Remission was granted only in three taluqs after full inquiry. The remission on Shavy does not call for remark. The Teerwakami remissions was granted on wet lands sown with dry crops, owing to the ruined condition of the irrigation works. This remission is chiefly confined to Koilkuntla, Cumbum and Markpaur, and will disappear when the new settlement is introduced.

16. The remissions granted under the Tope rules and to Dasabandam Inamdars generally vary with the cultivation. The sum of Rupees 62-12-6, appearing under the head of Pagoda allowance, is the assessment remitted on certain lands in Ramalkota and Nundial Taluqs assigned to Hindoo temples in lieu of money allowances formerly paid from the treasury. In last year's report it was recommended that the remission should be discontinued, and the former money payment reverted to in accordance with the spirit of G. O., dated 27th September 1872, No. 1,361. No orders have been received on the subject.

17. *Fixed Remissions.*—These are usual remissions granted in the Cumbum and Markapur Taluqs, and amount to Rupees 3,028-1-11, or 649 more than last year, as explained in Statement No. 4. The increase occurs in Markapur, and is attributed to a large extent of these lands which were left waste last year having been cultivated in the year under review.

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18. The following statement shows the net Ryotwar settlement as compared with Fasli 1282. After deducting the remissions detailed in the preceding paragraphs, and the Land and Village-cesses included in the assessment in the four taluqs of Kurnool proper, the net Ryotwar demand amounts to Rupees 14,78,845-14-4, or Rupees 34,710 more than the previous year :—

| Items. | FASLI 1282. | | | FASLI 1283. | | | INCREASE. | | DECREASE. | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Dry | 1,195,993 | 11,14,404 | 1 8 | 1,204,405 | 11,25,542 | 12 7 | 8,412 | 11,189 | ..... | ..... |
| Wet | 27,721 | 1,77,897 | 1 1 | 26,828 | 1,74,206 | 4 5 | ..... | ..... | 898 | 3,691 |
| Total... | 1,223,714 | 12,92,301 | 2 9 | 1,231,228 | 12,99,749 | 1 0 | 8,412 | 11,189 | 898 | 3,691 |
| Add. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second crop assess- ment ... .. | ..... | 22,514 | 18 10 | ..... | 26,787 | 14 10 | ..... | 4,273 | ..... | ..... |
| Water-tax ... .. | ..... | 13,258 | 15 4 | ..... | 17,656 | 12 0 | ..... | 4,398 | ..... | ..... |
| Road-cess ... .. | ..... | 13,185 | 14 9 | ..... | 11,964 | 11 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,171 |
| Village Merah ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total... | ..... | 13,41,210 | 14 8 | ..... | 13,56,158 | 7 6 | ..... | 19,810 | ..... | 4,862 |
| Deduct. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remissions on whole fields ... .. | ..... | 14,374 | 10 2 | ..... | 2,740 | 9 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11,634 |
| Other remissions as per Statement No. 4 | ..... | 6,433 | 10 7 | ..... | 5,425 | 10 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,008 |
| Land-cess ... .. | ..... | 18,016 | 8 7 | ..... | 13,108 | 9 10 | ..... | 92 | ..... | ..... |
| Village-cess ... .. | ..... | 40,659 | 14 4 | ..... | 40,962 | 3 9 | ..... | 302 | ..... | ..... |
| Total... | ..... | 74,484 | 11 8 | ..... | 62,237 | 1 9 | ..... | 394 | ..... | 12,642 |
| Remainder ... .. | ..... | 12,66,726 | 3 0 | ..... | 12,93,921 | 5 9 | ..... | 27,195 | ..... | ..... |
| Miscellaneous... | ..... | 1,77,409 | 5 0 | ..... | 1,84,924 | 8 7 | ..... | 7,515 | ..... | ..... |
| Total... | ..... | 14,44,135 | 8 0 | ..... | 14,78,845 | 14 4 | ..... | 34,710 | ..... | ..... |

19. The increase in the dry cultivation, and in the second crop, and water-tax, is the result of the favorable character of the season. The decrease in the wet area is chiefly due to the heavy assessment imposed by the Settlement Department in Pattikonda Taluq, as explained in paragraph 10.

20. In paragraph 21 of the Board's Proceedings, * on last year's Jamabandi Report, it is stated

* No. 669, dated 25th March 1874.

that the assessment on lands cultivated without application should be included under the head of Additional assessment. This seems inconsistent with the definition of the term (Additional assessment) given at the head of the paragraph above referred to. I venture to submit that the prohibitory assessment ought to form a portion of the miscellaneous item of Land Revenue,

and ought not to be included under the head of additional assessment, which I believe was originally intended to show the charge for water on Teerwajasti lands, or dry converted into wet. This is evident from the position of the column in Statement No. 3, and also from the fact that the prohibitory charge was unknown at the time the form was introduced in 1866—Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866. I have accordingly exhibited the prohibitory charge in Miscellaneous account, No. 5, as usual in this district.

Since these remarks were written the Order of Government, No. 770, dated 23rd June 1871, on last year's Jamabandi Report was received. I would beg to recommend that the column "Additional assessment" be omitted from No. 3 Statement, and a new one if necessary, termed Prohibitory assessment, inserted in the Miscellaneous account.

the prohibitory charge was unknown at the time the form was introduced in 1866—Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866. I have accordingly exhibited the prohibitory charge in Miscellaneous account, No. 5, as usual in this district.

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21. **ENTIRE LAND REVENUE.**—The entire land revenue, including Shrotriem, Jodi, Quit-rent, and Miscellaneous, amounts to Rupees 14,91,608, or Rupees 34,710 more than last year, as shown below :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Difference. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Jodi, Quit-rent, and Shrotriem ... | 12,763 | 12,763 | ... |
| Ryotwar | 12,66,726 | 12,93,921 | + 27,195 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,77,409 | 1,84,924 | + 7,515 |
| Total... | 14,56,898 | 14,91,608 | + 34,710 |

22. The increase under Ryotwari has been already explained. The increase in the Miscellaneous revenue occurs chiefly in the following items: —No. 13, Rent of topes, and No. 46, First and second crop charge on Inam lands.

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Difference. |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Sugar-cane | 837 | 820 | — 17 |
| Cotton | 2,31,899 | 2,42,510 | + 10,611 |
| Indigo | 52,324 | 34,915 | — 17,409 |

23. **SPECIAL PRODUCTS.**—The marginal figures show the cultivation under sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo. As usual the cultivation of sugar-cane is small, amounting only to Acres 820. The area under cotton exhibits an increase of Acres 10,611, and that under indigo a decrease of Acres 17,409 compared with the past year.

24. The increase under cotton is spread over six taluqs, and is ascribed to the character of the season. A large extent of land which was left waste, owing to the failure of the rains in July and August, were sown with this crop during the north-east monsoon, which set in favorably in September and October.

25. The decrease under indigo crop is general, and is the result of low prices.

26. **EXTRA SOURCES OF REVENUE.**—The annexed table shows the revenue derived from Sundry sources, Abkari, Earth-salt, and Stamps :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Difference. |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Abkari | 3,27,016 | 3,26,613 | — 403 |
| Income-tax | 9,331 | 88 | — 9,243 |
| Salt (Earth) | 2,343 | 4,085 | + 1,742 |
| Stamps | 99,967 | 98,719 | — 1,248 |
| Total... | 4,38,657 | 4,29,505 | — 9,152 |

27. The actual demand under Abkari is the same as in last year. The difference of Rupees 403 is in the Miscellaneous revenue. The decrease under Stamps is small and calls for no remark. The increase under Earth-salt is the result of the Excise system adopted under Board's Proceedings, No. 1,780, dated 9th September 1873.

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28. ENTIRE CURRENT DEMAND AND COLLECTIONS.—The total demand under Land revenue and Extra sources amounts to Rupees 19,21,113-5-5, of which 96·82 per cent. was collected within the close of the year :—

| Items. | Current demand. | Collections. | Balance. | Subsequently collected up to 31st August. | Balance. |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|---|----------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Land Revenue | 14,91,608 | 14,63,600 | 28,008 | 20,361 | 7,647 |
| Extra Sources | 4,29,505 | 3,96,682 | 32,823 | 32,494 | 329 |
| Total... | 19,21,113 | 18,60,282 | 60,831 | 52,855 | 7,976 |

29. The balance under Abkari was fully collected after the end of the fasli, while under

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----|----|
| | RS. | A. | P. |
| * Shrotriem Jodi | 21 | 9 | 2 |
| Ryotwar | 4,788 | 15 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,886 | 2 | 0 |

Land revenue the balance was reduced by subsequent collections* to Rupees 7,646-10-2, or 51 per cent. of the demand under that head.

30. ARREARS, DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE.—The balance outstanding at the beginning of the year was Rupees 53,124-13-6, of which Rupees 42,803-12-7 were collected within the fasli, and Rupees 688-3-7 in July and August.

† Exclusive of the amount subsequently collected.

Rupees 1,942-0-9† have been remitted under G. O., No. 232, dated 20th February 1874, communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 786, dated 8th April 1874, and there remains a balance of Rupees 7,690-12-7, of which Rupees 3,571-10-4 are reported to be irrecoverable as explained below. This is exclusive of the amount recommended in last year's report, and since ordered to be written off—*Vide* G. O., No. 770, dated 23rd June 1874, communicated in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,295, dated 18th August 1874 :—

| Items. | Amount. |
|--|------------|
| | RS. A. P. |
| 1. Balance remaining after property has been sold ... | 2,678 4 0 |
| 2. On lands relinquished | 615 12 7 |
| 3. Charged twice over | 15 7 9 |
| 4. Improperly charged | 41 5 7 |
| 5. On lands taken up for the Irrigation canal | 97 14 5 |
| 6. Do. do. for Missionary schools | 8 3 3 |
| 7. Deficiency in the area | 37 8 8 |
| 8. On lands submerged | 33 9 5 |
| 9. Do. taken up for village roads | 41 11 6 |
| 10. Boundary disputes | 0 6 7 |
| 11. Inam erroneously included in Circar in the settlement. | 1 6 7 |
| Total... | 3,571 10 4 |

31. More than 4ths of the arrears is due by ryots whose real and personal property have been attached and sold, but did not fully meet the Government demand. During the past few years stringent measures appear to have been taken to collect the old balances, and there is now no arrears, at least under Land revenue, outstanding beyond Fasli 1276. The arrears due for that year amounts to only Annas 11-8. Sanction is requested for writing off Rupees 3,571-10-4 from the accounts as irrecoverable.

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32. As usual the foregoing amount is exclusive of the irrecoverable balance under Local and Village Service Funds, extending under the latter head as far back as Fasli 1272, when a large extent of Service Inams was relinquished on account of over-assessment at the time of the Inam inquiry. As special reports are submitted on these items of revenue it has not been the practice hitherto to show the arrears under them in the Jamabandi Report. The subject was referred to in the Special Fund Report of 1872-73, but no orders have yet been passed regarding the remission of the arrears, although the report itself has been separately reviewed by the Board.

* The land assessment has been remitted in most of these cases. The retention of these arrears* for a number of years causes confusion in the accounts, and I request early orders for writing them off in the accounts along with the Land revenue arrears. The details of these arrears are given below:—

| Items. | Local Cess. | | | VILLAGE SERVICE FUND. | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----|----|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|
| | | | | Quit-rent. | | | Village-Cess. | | |
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1. Balance remaining after property has been sold | 1,241 | 13 | 3 | 2,111 | 7 | 7 | 1,515 | 15 | 7 |
| 2. On lands relinquished | 191 | 10 | 5 | 910 | 5 | 1 | 164 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Erroneously included in the demand ... | 151 | 2 | 4 | 98 | 6 | 7 | 109 | 14 | 2 |
| 4. On deficiency found in lands | 3 | 3 | 10 | 84 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 5. On lands taken up for roads, irrigation, canal, etc. | 38 | 7 | 0 | 120 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 9 | 6 |
| 6. On lands transferred from wet to dry ... | 0 | 15 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 7. On lands on which crops were lost from breaching of tanks | 1 | 3 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8. Do. damaged by hail storm | 32 | 10 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 9. Boundary disputes | 0 | 10 | 11 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| 10. Poverty in case of lands cultivated without durkhast | 1 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| 11. On lands taken up for Missionary schools. | 1 | 12 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 12. Lost by torch-light robbery | 18 | 5 | 0 | 51 | 10 | 11 | ... | ... | ... |
| Total... | 1,683 | 3 | 3 | 3,402 | 2 | 0 | 1,814 | 8 | 9 |

33. The Fasliwar particulars are exhibited in the subjoined abstract:—

| Faslis. | Local Funds. | | | SERVICE FUND. | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|----|----|---------------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| | | | | Quit-rent. | | | Village-Cess. | | | Total. | | |
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1282 | 192 | 5 | 2 | 860 | 1 | 11 | 438 | 9 | 5 | 1,298 | 11 | 4 |
| 1281 | 719 | 4 | 5 | 611 | 4 | 3 | 759 | 12 | 5 | 1,371 | 0 | 8 |
| 1280 | 289 | 2 | 8 | 779 | 14 | 0 | 463 | 6 | 11 | 1,243 | 4 | 11 |
| 1279 | 80 | 10 | 4 | 228 | 10 | 10 | 152 | 12 | 0 | 381 | 6 | 10 |
| 1278 | 173 | 11 | 2 | 393 | 10 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 393 | 10 | 9 |
| 1277 | 192 | 0 | 10 | 132 | 5 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 132 | 5 | 4 |
| 1276 | 35 | 9 | 9 | 150 | 10 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | 150 | 10 | 6 |
| 1275 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 95 | 2 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 95 | 2 | 3 |
| 1274 | ... | ... | ... | 58 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 58 | 1 | 1 |
| 1273 | ... | ... | ... | 53 | 10 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | 53 | 10 | 11 |
| 1272 | ... | ... | ... | 38 | 10 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 38 | 10 | 2 |
| Total... | 1,683 | 3 | 3 | 3,402 | 2 | 0 | 1,814 | 8 | 9 | 5,216 | 10 | 9 |

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34. COMPARATIVE VIEW OF COLLECTIONS, CURRENT AND ARREARS.—The usual statement is appended. The total receipts during the year amounted to Rupees 19,05,028 against 18,87,556 in 1872-73.

| Items. | FASLI 1282. | | | FASLI 1283. | | | COMPARISON. | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | Ar-rears. | Current. | Total. | Ar-rears. | Current. | Total. | In-crease. | De-crease. |
| <i>Land Revenue.</i> | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Permanent Settlement ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Shrotriem Jodi. | 679 | 12,628 | 13,307 | 133 | 12,503 | 12,636 | ... | 371 |
| Ryotwar ... | 13,517 | 12,54,984 | 12,68,501 | 11,606 | 12,74,115 | 12,84,370 | 17,220 | ... |
| Miscellaneous... | 7,221 | 1,72,208 | 1,79,429 | 5,268 | 1,76,983 | 1,82,251 | 2,822 | ... |
| Total... | 21,417 | 14,39,820 | 14,61,237 | 17,007 | 14,63,601 | 14,80,608 | 20,042 | 671 |
| Abkari ... | 15,315 | 2,99,312 | 3,14,627 | 27,703 | 2,94,119 | 3,21,822 | 7,195 | ... |
| Earth-salt ... | 49 | 2,329 | 2,378 | 9 | 3,756 | 3,765 | 1,387 | ... |
| Sea Customs ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Stamps ... | ... | 99,968 | 99,968 | ... | 98,718 | 98,718 | ... | 1,250 |
| Income-tax ... | 42 | 9,304 | 9,346 | 27 | 88 | 115 | ... | 9,231 |
| License-tax ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Trade-tax ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Land Customs... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Grand Total... | 36,823 | 18,50,733 | 18,87,556 | 44,746 | 18,60,282 | 19,05,028 | 28,624 | 11,152 |
| Net increase... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17,472 | ... |

35. CHARGES.—The total charges of the arrear amount to Rupees 1,66,825-2-6, or Rupees 14,663 less than the charges for the preceding year. The largest decrease occurs in the salaries of gazetted officers:

36. COERCIVE PROCESSES.—Coercive processes were resorted to only in 4,019 cases in 432 villages against 5,013 in 538 villages in last year. Movable and immovable property, valued at Rupees 9,538 and 14,750 respectively, was attached on account of arrears, amounting to Rupees 47,474. Movable property estimated at Rupees 3,447, and immovable property estimated at Rupees 5,054, were finally brought to sale and realized Rupees 3,176 and 3,723 respectively.

37. PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION—*Miscellaneous subjects.*—There is only one tank (Cumbum) which yields a revenue of about 50,000 Rupees, two over 10,000 Rupees, and one above

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8,000. There are two other works which yield between 2,000 and 3,000 Rupees. The following table shows the cultivation and revenue under each of these important works :—

| Taluqs. | Names of Villages and Tanks. | Ayacut or irrigable area including Inam. | Assessment. | Cultivation in Fasli 1283 including Inam. | Assessment including 1st and 2nd Crops. |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------|---|---|
| | | | RS. | | RS. |
| Cumbum... .. | Cumbum Vardarajam tank ... | 6,221 | 58,777 | 5,110 | 47,675 |
| | Nundial small and large tanks | 1,004 | 7,850 | 994 | 10,143 |
| Nundial ... } | Paniem tank near the village. | 187 | 1,125 | 304 | 2,369 |
| | Kalwa spring channel... .. | 220 | 4,282 | 332 | 3,325 |
| Koilkuntla ... } | Owk Timmaraja tank | 1,547 | 16,310 | 1,660 | 19,236 |
| | Timmanayanipet tank | 776 | 7,248 | 776 | 8,540 |

38. RUINED TANK RULES.—No ruined tanks were given over for repair to private individuals.

39. IRRIGATION CANAL COMPANY.—The revenue under the canal, including Rupees 4,000 paid by the Kurnool Municipality for the supply of drinking water to the town, amounted to Rupees 39,259-1-8, which is only Rupees 8,155 more than the receipts of last year. The area irrigated is given below :—

Ordinary Irrigation. Floodings. Second Crop.

| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
|----------------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1872-73 | 4,554 | 976 | 403 |
| 1873-74 | 5,020 | 587 | 1,367 |

40. LANDS ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.—None of the officials have newly acquired lands in the district. Among the Deputy Collectors the Additional Deputy Collector owns a small extent of land, which was acquired long before he was posted to this district—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 5,348, Miscellaneous, dated 8th August 1874. The Tahsildar of Cumbum and the Sub-Magistrates of Atmakur and Peapally also possess some lands, but not in the taluqs to which they stand appointed. The total extent of land held by the Huzur and Taluq servants is given below :—

| | GOVERNMENT. | | INAM. | | TOTAL. | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Huzur | 403 | 448 | 403 | 610 | 806 | 1,058 |
| Taluq | 835 | 1,663 | 2,659 | 3,634 | 3,494 | 5,297 |
| Total... | 1,238 | 2,111 | 3,062 | 4,244 | 4,300 | 6,355 |

41. TALUQ AND VILLAGE ACCOUNTS.—The accounts appear to have been fairly kept both in the taluqs and villages. Owing to heavy work in the Press Department the forms were not printed as in the preceding year. For the current fasli they are being printed at the Government Press.

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42. LAW SUITS.—One suit was filed against the Collector in the District Munsif's Court at Cumbum. Its defence was sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,345, dated 21st August 1874, and the result will be reported when the case is finally disposed of.

43. CONDUCT OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.—I have nothing to add to what I said in my last report.

CUMBUM,
29th September 1874.

(Signed) J. HOPE,
Acting Collector.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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MADRAS.

Dated 19th September 1874, No. 1,389.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, the Deputy-Collector's Settlement Report* for Fasli 1283.

2. The usual Statements, including the Deputy-Collector's receipts and those from Sea-Customs, Stamps and Income-tax, are herewith submitted.

3. I shall now proceed to review briefly the transactions under the principal heads.

4. LAND REVENUE, QUIT-RENT.—The current and arrears demand under this head amounted to Rupees 78,880-8-6 and Rupees 66,080-14-9 respectively, making a total of Rs. 1,44,961-7-3. Of this, Rupees 68,038-3-3, current, and Rupees 36,744-6-8, arrears, making a total of Rupees 1,04,782-9-11 were collected; Rs. 7,709-10-4 were also remitted under the orders marginally noted, leaving a balance of Rupees 32,469-3-0, which has been reduced by subsequent collections up to 31st August 1874 to Rupees 29,724-9-5.

| | | | |
|--|-------|----|----|
| Amount sanctioned to be written off Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, No. 2,295 | Rs. | A. | P. |
| ... | 4,571 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount written off | 4,212 | 9 | 5 |
| Amount since collected... | 358 | 6 | 7 |

A further sum of Rupees 4,212-9-5, has to be written off with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, No. 2,295, and Rupees 4,013-15-4 are explained by the Deputy-Collector in paragraph 9 of his report, to be

irrecoverable, to write off which, I request sanction.

5. The balance to be accounted for, viz., Rupees 21,498-0-8, consists of Rupees 9,310-12-1 on account of current, and Rupees 12,187-4-7 of arrears. It includes quit-rent charged on unknown localities, etc., the identification of which is difficult. On 12th November 1873 I wrote

Letter to Deputy-Collector, dated 12th November 1873, No. 667.

to the Deputy-Collector requesting that accurate and detailed Statements of the arrears which accrued under such heads should be furnished to me, but I regret to inform the Board that no Statements have been sent in, and no progress whatever has been made in the matter of tracing out

Letter from Deputy-Collector, dated 5th September 1874, No. 1,317.

unknown localities, etc. The Deputy-Collector in answer to my second call sent on 20th May 1874, for a report wrote on the 5th September 1874, to say that his establishment is insufficient, but this should have been reported long ago, not after the lapse of nearly ten months. Correspondence and other work has no doubt increased in the Deputy-Collector's office, and I have called

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on him to submit proposals for the additional hands required, clearly explaining the necessity for the same.

6. In the arrears recommended for remission this year in paragraph 5 *supra*, viz., Rupees 4,013-15-4, some items of the description referred to are included, and there is no doubt that if the identification of localities, said to be unknown, had received early attention, some portion at least of the above arrears might have been saved to Government.

7. The balance at the end of Fasli 1283 was less than that of the preceding one by Rs. 33,611.

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Balance at the end of Fasli 1282... | 66,080 | 14 | 9 |
| Balance at the end of Fasli 1283... | 32,469 | 3 | 0 |
| Total... | 33,611 | 11 | 9 |

The collections were satisfactory, and amounted as already observed to Rupees 1,04,782-9-11 against Rupees 75,700-3-4 in the preceding year, but the increase is only due to the very stringent orders issued by me on the subject,

referred to in my report of last year, and constant watchfulness and scrutiny of the weekly reports of collections made by the several Curnams, which I am obliged to have sent in.

Quit-rent collections.

| | RS. |
|---------------|----------|
| Fasli 1280... | 78,416 |
| „ 1281... | 88,273 |
| „ 1282... | 75,595 |
| „ 1283... | 1,04,782 |

8. A Statement of four years' collections is given in the margin, which shows what the Curnams can do if they are looked after, and made to do their work of collection properly.

9. Two of the Curnams' divisions, 4 and 5, who had been repeatedly warned, and fined, but who had heavy balances against them at the latter end of the fasli were dismissed. I hoped the measure would have been a warning to the other Curnams, but it seems to have had little effect, as the collections are now smaller than ever.

10. A Statement of the monthly collection is annexed, by which the Board will observe that during the incumbency of Mr. Sooryamoorti Pillai, the collections were much higher after he looked into the matter himself by my orders in the month of September. They decreased again afterwards, and this year up to date they are very unsatisfactory, as shown below. I consider the Tahsildar is to blame for this neglect, as the department is under his special supervision, and am very much astonished at the remarks of the Deputy-Collector praising him and the Curnam in paragraph 24. The Deputy-Collector's remarks on some of the weekly reports referred to in paragraph 7 do not agree with the opinion now expressed, and the monthly collections show what a falling off has occurred, particularly since March 1874.

| Months. | | | | Collections. | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----|-----|--------------|----|----|
| | | | | RS. | A. | P. |
| July | 1873 | ... | ... | 6,781 | 8 | 11 |
| August | „ | ... | ... | 5,663 | 8 | 3 |
| September | „ | ... | ... | 8,955 | 14 | 4 |
| October | „ | ... | ... | 11,849 | 3 | 8 |
| November | „ | ... | ... | 14,583 | 6 | 2 |
| December | „ 20 days... | ... | ... | 9,209 | 0 | 8 |
| January | 1874 | ... | ... | 8,339 | 12 | 6 |
| February | „ | ... | ... | 9,907 | 12 | 9 |
| March | „ | ... | ... | 9,202 | 15 | 3 |
| April | „ | ... | ... | 7,344 | 10 | 0 |
| May | „ | ... | ... | 4,813 | 3 | 1 |
| June | „ | ... | ... | 8,132 | 2 | 4 |
| Total... | | | | 1,04,782 | 9 | 11 |
| July | „ | ... | ... | 3,758 | 11 | 5 |
| August | „ | ... | ... | 5,850 | 15 | 9 |
| September | „ | ... | ... | 7,366 | 6 | 2 |
| Total... | | | | 16,976 | 1 | 4 |

11. Under the law for the collection of revenue in the town of Madras, arrears of more than six years standing are not recoverable and must be written off. In order to prevent arrears lapsing on this account in future, I have issued orders that any Curnam who does not, before the 31st December of each year, fully collect, or account for, the balance which at the end of the current fasli would have to be written off as being of more than six years standing, will be dismissed.

12. **ABKARI.**—During the fasli Rupees 11,79,903-3-6 were collected of a total demand of G. O., dated 20th February 1874, No. 232, Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1874. Rupees 12,27,944-3-3, Rupees 34,876-12-2 were written off under the orders marginally noted, leaving a balance of Rupees 13,164-3-7 which was reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 5,263-11-3. Of the latter sum, Rupees 1,922 will be written off under the Board's Orders, dated 18th August 1874, No. 2,295, and 15th September 1874, No. 2,635, and the recoverable balance will then be Rupees 3,341. This sum is fully covered by deposits with the Deputy-Collector, and will be adjusted shortly.

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|---------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Colombo Arrack... .. | 14,045 | 2 | 0 |
| Puttai Arrack | 24,228 | 13 | 0 |
| Toddy | 11,347 | 0 | 1 |
| Extra drugs such as Ganja, etc. | 90 | 6 | 8 |
| Total... | 49,711 | 5 | 9 |

13. The collections of the year compared with those of the preceding fasli show an increase of Rupees 58,040-6-11, of which Rs. 49,711-5-9 were contributed in the proportions marginally shown.

14. **INCOME-TAX.**—Some collections were made on account of arrears of assessment for preceding years, amounting to Rupees 4,786 of a demand of Rupees 10,393. A sum of Rupees 3,924 has been written off under G. O., dated 20th February 1874, No. 232, and another sum of Rupees 1,619-12-4 will be written off under the sanction conveyed in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, No. 2,295, a balance of Rupees 63 remains to be accounted for, which is irrecoverable, as the period prescribed for its recovery has expired, and I request sanction for writing it off the accounts. Rupees 26 of the amount does not appear in Statement No. 8, under column 11, as it forms part of the current demand entered in column 2 of Statement No. 7.

15. **SEA-CUSTOMS.**—The collections under Sea-Customs amounted to Rupees 17,33,249-11-3, against Rupees 17,09,999-2-3 collected in the preceding year. The increase is Rs. 23,250-9-0, and is caused by a gross increase of Rupees 1,00,504 in imports of Cotton, Twist, Piece goods, Metals, and Corals, from which has to be deducted a gross decrease of Rupees 77,254 in exports of Indigo, Hides and Skins, and Seeds.

16. **STAMPS.**—Under stamps there was an increase in revenue of Rupees 33,980-1-4, the total revenue itself being Rupees 3,09,817-8-6.

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|-------------------|----------|----|----|
| Fasli 1282 | 2,75,837 | 7 | 2 |
| " 1283 | 3,09,817 | 8 | 6 |
| Increase... | 33,980 | 1 | 4 |

The revenues under the respective heads Judicial and Non-Judicial are compared in the sub-joined Statement, with the corresponding figures

for the preceding fasli. Both heads show about an equal percentage of increase, Judicial being slightly larger.

| | Fasli 1282. | | | Fasli 1283. | | | Increase. | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| Judicial Stamps. | 1,88,895 | 7 | 3 | 2,15,898 | 4 | 0 | 27,002 | 12 | 9 |
| Non-Judicial Stamps | 86,941 | 15 | 11 | 93,919 | 4 | 6 | 6,977 | 4 | 7 |
| Total... | 2,75,837 | 7 | 2 | 3,09,817 | 8 | 6 | 33,980 | 1 | 4 |

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17. The sums recommended for remission in this report amount as specified below to Rupees 4,076-15-4 :—

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|--|-------|----|----|
| Land Revenue | 4,013 | 15 | 4 |
| Income-tax including arrears and current balance ... | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| Total... | 4,076 | 15 | 4 |

These amounts are exclusive of remissions sanctioned on the reports of the preceding years.

18. I have already in paragraph 10 expressed my opinion that the Tahsildar does not properly superintend the work of the Curnams, and as regards the Abkari Superintendent, the Board are well aware from numerous letters of mine, that I consider him quite unfit to hold the office of a Head of a Department, which has under its control a revenue of above eleven and a half lakhs of Rupees.

MADRAS,
16th October 1874.

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Settlement Report on the Revenues of the Madras taluq for fasli year 1283, with the usual Statements.

2. The rain-fall in the taluq noted below is taken from the Meteorological Statements published by the Government Astronomer in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* compared with the previous fasli, the fall of rain in 1283 was less by 22·35 inches, and the tanks had an indifferent supply during the greater part of the year :—

| Months. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Months. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| July 1873 ... | 2·71 | 2·23 | January 1874 ... | 0·01 | 0·00 |
| August „ ... | 7·58 | 3·39 | February „ ... | 6·28 | 0·00 |
| September „ ... | 2·90 | 3·02 | March „ ... | 0·00 | 0·00 |
| October „ ... | 18·48 | 10·61 | April „ ... | 1·37 | 0·00 |
| November „ ... | 28·98 | 13·51 | May „ ... | 0·02 | 7·96 |
| December „ ... | 5·97 | 9·43 | June „ ... | 1·96 | 3·76 |
| | | | Total... | 76·26 | 53·91 |

3. The number of tanks and villages in the taluq was the same as in the year before.

4. The sanitary condition of the taluq during the year under report was comparatively good. There were no epidemics.

5. The average Bazaar prices of principal grains are given in Statement No. 2 under the several heads therein provided. The price of all the chief grains of food rose in the year under report, owing partly to bad season in the Mofussil, and to export of grain in large quantities to the famine-stricken districts in Bengal.

6. Sugar-cane was cultivated in Mylapore and Nungambakam villages. The extent of land taken up for that purpose was Cawnies 28, Grounds 9, and Square feet 881½, bearing a quit-rent

Statement of Demand for and Collections in Fasli 1283, compared with Fasli 1282, under the head Land Revenue Miscellaneous.

| No. | Items. | DEMAND. | | | | | | | | COLLECTIONS. | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Fasli 1283. | | | | Fasli 1282. | | | | Increase. | | | | Decrease. | | | |
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 1 | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| 1 | Shrotriem Jodi | 210 0 0 | 210 0 0 | ..... | ..... | 301 0 0 | 105 0 0 | 196 0 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 2 | Quit-rent | 67,686 0 7 | 67,949 15 4 | ..... | 263 14 9 | 91,934 1 10 | 65,816 4 5 | 26,117 13 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 3 | Ground-rent | 4,903 9 2 | 4,849 5 4 | 54 3 10 | ..... | 6,466 9 4 | 4,175 6 0 | 2,291 3 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 4 | Certificate Fees ... | 4,522 13 2 | 3,354 8 0 | 1,168 5 2 | ..... | 4,522 13 2 | 3,354 8 0 | 1,168 5 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 5 | Revenue Process Fees. | 1,341 3 5 | 2,117 8 6 | ..... | 776 5 1 | 1,341 3 5 | 2,117 8 6 | ..... | 776 5 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 776 5 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 6 | Rents of Palmyrahs... | 197 8 0 | 28 0 0 | 169 8 0 | ..... | 197 8 0 | 28 0 0 | 169 8 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 7 | Collection after fixing Demand... .. | 10 10 4 | 27 15 1 | ..... | 17 4 9 | 10 10 4 | 27 15 1 | ..... | 17 4 9 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 8 | Excess Collections ... | 0 2 11 | 1 12 9 | ..... | 1 9 10 | 0 2 11 | 1 12 9 | ..... | 1 9 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 9 | Sale of Survey Plans.. | 2 4 11 | 1 0 5 | 1 4 6 | ..... | 2 4 11 | 1 0 5 | 1 4 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 10 | Sums collected out of amount recommended for remission ... .. | ..... | 70 4 2 | ..... | 70 4 2 | ..... | 70 4 2 | ..... | 70 4 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 4 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 11 | Rents on Tamarind Trees | 6 4 0 | 2 8 0 | 3 12 0 | ..... | 6 4 0 | 2 8 0 | 3 12 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 12 | Interest on Revenue arrears | 507 9 4 | 451 6 9 | 56 2 7 | ..... | 507 9 4 | 451 6 9 | 56 2 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total... | 79,888 1 10 | 79,064 4 4 | 1,453 4 1 | 1,129 6 7 | 1,05,290 3 3 | 76,151 10 1 | 30,004 1 0 | 865 7 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Net Increase... | ..... | ..... | 323 13 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 29,138 9 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

of Rupees 156-2-8 against Cawnies 43 and Grounds 18 with an assessment of Rupees 236-11-0 in Fasli 1282. This decrease is attributed to the insufficiency of rain.

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7. Annexed is a Statement showing the demand and collections in Fasli 1283, under the head Land Revenue, and it shows a net increase of Rupees 323-13-6 under Demand and of Rupees 29,138-9-2 under Collections. The demand under Shrotriem Jodi remained the same, and the increase in collections is owing to large collections of the arrears. The decrease in demand under the head Quit-rent is owing to remission of quit-rent on lands (Rupees 203-6-9) purchased

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by Government in public auction held for arrears of revenue, and on lands purchased by Municipality (Rupees 60-8-0) for Madras Water Works. The latter will be collected under orders of Government as per margin. The increase in collections is due to the exertions of the collecting staff. The certificate fees shows a large increase, and this result is attributable to increased number of applications from landed proprietors for certificates. The Revenue Process Fees show a decrease, and indicates that rate-payers are paying in the arrears briskly to avoid paying the Process Services Fees. The increase in the Palmyrah rents is nominal, as the collection in 1282 did not represent the whole demand for that year, as explained in the last Settlement Report. The variations in Items 7 to 10 are trifling, and call for no remarks. The increase in rents of tamarind trees is owing to a larger number of trees having borne fruit in the year under report. There is a small increase in the amount of interest on revenue arrears. It requires no explanation.

8. The demand, collection and balance of Current Land Revenue under all sources is noted in the accompanying Statement :—

| No. | Items. | Demand. | | | Collection. | | | Balance. | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|----|----|-------------|----|----|----------|----|----|
| | | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1 | Shrotriem Jodi | 210 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Quit-rent | 67,686 | 0 | 7 | 58,235 | 4 | 7 | 9,450 | 12 | 0 |
| 3 | Ground-rent... .. | 4,903 | 9 | 2 | 3,588 | 15 | 11 | 1,314 | 9 | 3 |
| 4 | Certificate Fees | 4,522 | 13 | 2 | 4,522 | 13 | 2 | ..... |  |  |
| 5 | Revenue Process Fees... .. | 1,341 | 3 | 5 | 1,341 | 3 | 5 | ..... |  |  |
| 6 | Rents of Palmyrahs | 197 | 8 | 0 | 197 | 8 | 0 | ..... |  |  |
| 7 | Collection after demand | 10 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 4 | ..... |  |  |
| 8 | Excess collections | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 11 | ..... |  |  |
| 9 | Sale of Survey Plans | 2 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 11 | ..... |  |  |
| 10 | Rents of Tamarind Trees | 6 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | ..... |  |  |
| 11 | Interest on Revenue arrears | 507 | 9 | 4 | 507 | 9 | 4 | ..... |  |  |
| Total... | | 79,388 | 1 | 10 | 68,545 | 12 | 7 | 10,842 | 5 | 3 |
| Deduct collections from 1st July to 31st August 1874 ... .. |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | 1,531 | 9 | 2 |
| Net Balance... |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | 9,310 | 12 | 1 |

9. A Statement showing old arrears is appended, and the balance remaining to be collected on the 1st September 1874 is Rupees 15,823-12-2 :—

Old Arrears.

| Balance at the end of Fasli 1282. | | | The uncollected balance of Fasli 1281 which became old arrears in Fasli 1283. | | | Balance at the end of Fasli 1282. | | | Collection in Fasli 1283. | | | Recommended for remission in the Settlement Report for Fasli 1282, sanction since received. | | | Subsequent collections up to 31st August 1874. | | | Remissions as per G. O., Nos. 983, 232, dated 13th September 1873 and 20th February 1874. | | | Total. | | | Balance. | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|--|----|----|---|----|----|--------|----|----|----------|----|----|
| RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 30,085 | 10 | 1 | 35,995 | 4 | 8 | 66,080 | 14 | 9 | 36,744 | 6 | 8 | 4,590 | 1 | 2 | 1,213 | 0 | 5 | 7,709 | 10 | 4 | 50,257 | 2 | 7 | 15,823 | 12 | 2 |

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Out of the balance of Rupees 15,823-12-2, a sum of Rupees 4,013-15-4 is irrecoverable as particularized below:—

Arrears recommended for remission in Fasli 1283.

| No. | Items. | Fasli 1277-78. | Fasli 1278-79. | Fasli 1279-80. | Fasli 1280-81. | Fasli 1281-82. | Total. |
|-----|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| 1 | Quit-rent of more than six years' standing, the collection of which is barred by Section XI, Act XII. of 1851 | 2,085 3 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,085 3 8 |
| 2 | Quit-rent on lands purchased by Government at auction held for Revenue arrears | ... | 176 9 3 | 187 9 7 | 203 6 9 | 301 11 9 | 869 5 4 |
| 3 | Quit-rent on house and land in Tondiarpet bought by Government for Vagrants house | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 0 0 | 9 0 0 |
| 4 | Quit-rent reduced by Government on land in Tondiarpet | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 11 11 | 51 11 11 |
| 5 | Quit-rent charged doubly in Mylapore on W. C. No. 931 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 7 2 | 3 7 2 |
| 6 | Quit-rent charged erroneously and against orders on lands in Nungambakam tank bed | ... | 77 6 3 | 77 6 3 | 77 6 3 | 77 6 3 | 309 9 0 |
| 7 | Quit-rent charged on lands in Chetput tank bed, relinquished by the owner | ... | 8 13 8 | 13 4 6 | 13 4 6 | 13 4 6 | 48 11 2 |
| 8 | Irrecoverable ground-rent of more than three years standing | ... | ... | 636 15 1 | ... | ... | 636 15 1 |
| | Total... | 2,085 3 8 | 262 13 2 | 915 3 5 | 294 1 6 | 456 9 7 | 4,013 15 4 |

10. Item No. 1 is irrecoverable under the law.

Items Nos. 2 and 3 need no explanation.

Item No. 4 is the difference of quit-rent reduced from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ pagoda rate, under G. O., No. 350, dated 21st March 1873, on grant land No. 522, in Tondiarpet.

Item No. 5 needs no explanation.

Item No. 6 is the total amount of quit-rent arrears on lands in Nungambakam tank bed erroneously charged with quit-rent.

Item No. 7 is the quit-rent arrears on lands in Chetput tank bed relinquished, as directed by the Board, in their Proceedings, No. 19 of 5th January 1871.

Item No. 8 comprises ground-rent for Fasli 1280. It is due from petty traders in firewood from the Mofussil. It is irrecoverable, as these squatters on the Government lands are reported to have suffered loss in trade, and left Madras long ago. Deducting therefore the total of these items from the balance of Rupees 15,823-12-2, there is left a balance of Rupees 11,809-12-10 to be accounted for.

This sum is the accumulated arrears of four fasli years 1279, 1280, 1281 and 1282 and steps will be adopted to collect such portions of them as can be collected, and to recommend the rest to be written off the accounts.

11. In the fasli under report 30,540 notices demanding Rupees 85,402-9-7 were served, warning the defaulters to pay up the arrears, 8,729 warrants or second demands were issued demanding Rupees 31,295-0-11. Personal property was distrained in 204 cases only to the value of Rupees 1,188-0-7, and of these 204 cases, property to the value of Rupees 188-7-9, in fifty cases, was sold by auction; the rest of the property having been released on payment of the arrears before the date of its sale. The fifth demands or orders for attachment of real property were issued in 580 cases to recover Rupees 7,059-9-0, and lands of the estimated value of Rupees 72,514 were attached. Properties were sold in eighty-six cases. Government purchased in twenty-nine cases lands of the estimated value of Rupees 543 for Rupees 29. In the remaining fifty-seven cases the sales realized Rupees 3,526.

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12. In the fasli under review, demands were also received from the districts noted in the margin for the collection of arrears from defaulters residing in Madras and Rupees

1. Cuddapah.
2. North Arcot.

3. Nellore.
4. Chingleput.

2,767-12-0 were collected and remitted to the several Collectors.

13. STAMPING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—The collections during Fasli 1283 amounted to Rupees 3,606-6-0, being Rupees 309-15-0 less than those in 1282. The decrease is due to the belief gaining ground among traders that it is not compulsory to have weights and measures stamped. The subjoined Statement shows the work done in this department. The charges of this department amounted to Rupees 1,128 on account of Fixed Establishment, and Rupees 20-2-0 on account of Contingencies, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,458-4-0, in favor of Government :—

| Particulars. | Fasli 1283. | Fasli 1282. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Bazaars that presented weights and measures | 8,192 | 8,508 | ..... | 316 |
| Number of measures and weights stamped | 52,539 | 55,993 | ..... | 3,454 |
| | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | | RS. A. P. |
| Fees collected | 3,606 6 0 | 3,916 5 0 | ..... | 309 15 0 |

14. INCOME-TAX.—In this department a small establishment was retained till 30th September 1873 to collect arrears and also to close the accounts. Rupees 4,215-9-7 were collected during Fasli 1283, being arrears of assessment for official year 1872-73, and Rupees 3,924 were remitted under G. O., No. 232 of 20th February 1874.

15. STAMPS.—The revenue in this department shows an increase of Rupees 34,308-2-6 in Fasli 1283 over Fasli 1282. The annexed Statement shows the revenues of the two Faslis 1282 and 1283 side by side under the two principal classes of stamps, Judicial or Court Fees and Non-judicial. A Miscellaneous head also appears in the Statement, and under it are included penalties collected and forwarded by the High Court of Judicature under the Stamp law, value of papers collected from parties who were given fresh stamped papers in lieu of spoiled stamps of the same value.

| Items. | Fasli 1283. | Fasli 1282. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| Judicial or Court Fees Stamps ... | 2,15,583 9 0 | 1,88,482 12 6 | 27,100 12 6 | ..... |
| Non-Judicial Stamps | 90,887 3 0 | 83,679 13 0 | 7,207 6 0 | ..... |
| Total... | 3,06,470 12 0 | 2,72,162 9 6 | 34,308 2 6 | ..... |
| | RS. A. P. | | | |
| Mis- Penalties ... 1,195 7 0 | 1,195 9 6 | 279 4 8 | 916 4 10 | ..... |
| cella- Value of Stamp | | | | |
| neous. papers... 0 2 0 | | | | |
| Excess ... 0 0 6 | | | | |

16. ABKARI.—In this department the five Puttai Arrack godowns beyond the High Court limits and situated at Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram, Papanchavady, Madura Voil and Madavaram were rented as usual to the Contractors of the previous Fasli 1282 upon an increased dowe of 14 Gallons, as sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, No. 1,092, dated 24th June 1873, while the fifty-seven Puttai Arrack shops within the High Court limits were rented in the great majority of cases by the shop-keepers of the previous fasli on an increased dowe of 28 Gallons, which after undergoing a series of changes throughout the year, ended in an increase of

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15 Gallons 15 Drams as sanctioned in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,092, dated 24th June 1873 and 14th March 1874, without number. A Statement is annexed showing the comparative dowles :—

| OUTSIDE PUTTAI. | | | | INSIDE PUTTAI. | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Dowle. | C. Gallons. | Increase. | Decrease. | Dowle in C. Gallons. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| Fasli 1283... | 132 0 | } 14 0 | ... | 236 0 | } 28 0 | ... |
| „ 1282... | 118 0 | | ... | 208 0 | | ... |

17. There are forty-eight Colombo Arrack shops and they are all within the High Court limits. In the fasli under report, these shops were rented on an increased dowle of 34 Gallons, 25 Drams, over the dowles of the previous fasli, which after undergoing many changes in the year, ended in an increase of 11 Gallons, 15 Drams, and the Board of Revenue have accorded their sanction to these figures in their Proceedings, already quoted, for Puttai shops. The Statement below shows the comparison in dowle for the past two faslis :—

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| Faslis. | Gallons. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1283 | 363 20 | } 34 25 | ... |
| 1282 | 328 35 | | ... |

18. From Toddy shops of both kinds, Cocoonut and Palmyrah, within and beyond the High Court limits, a larger revenue than that of the previous fasli was realized.

19. The total Abkari revenue from all sources in Fasli 1283 is given below, and it shows an increase of Rupees 49,711-5-9 or nearly 5 per cent. on the revenues of the last year in favor of the year under report, and the increase is owing mainly to the increase of population :—

| No. | Items. | Fasli 1283. | | Fasli 1282. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|-----|---|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | | RS. | A. P. | RS. | A. P. | RS. | A. P. | RS. | A. P. |
| 1 | Colombo Arrack inclusive of experimental liquor and pure Colombo Arrack ... | 4,91,781 | 0 6 | 4,77,735 | 14 6 | 14,045 | 2 0 | ... | ... |
| 2 | Puttai Arrack ... | 3,54,337 | 10 0 | 3,30,108 | 13 0 | 24,228 | 13 0 | ... | ... |
| 3 | Toddy ... | 3,22,720 | 0 1 | 3,11,373 | 0 0 | 11,347 | 0 1 | ... | ... |
| | Total... | 11,68,838 | 10 7 | 11,19,217 | 11 6 | 49,620 | 15 1 | ... | ... |
| | Extra... | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Ganja ... | 588 | 2 0 | 886 | 5 0 | ... | ... | 298 | 3 0 |
| 5 | Chendoo ... | 34 | 0 0 | 8 | 0 0 | 26 | 0 0 | ... | ... |
| 6 | Fines... .. | 741 | 13 6 | 413 | 0 0 | 328 | 13 6 | ... | ... |
| 7 | Sale of old materials.. | 3 | 4 3 | 0 | 11 6 | 2 | 8 9 | ... | ... |
| 8 | Confiscated Toddy ... | 17 | 7 0 | 4 | 2 0 | 13 | 5 0 | ... | ... |
| 9 | Profit from Puttai Amani Shops... | 57 | 4 8 | ... | ... | 57 | 4 8 | ... | ... |
| 10 | Duty on Rum ... | ... | ... | 30 | 0 0 | ... | ... | 30 | 0 0 |
| 11 | Excise duty on experimental Arrack ... | ... | ... | 23 | 4 0 | ... | ... | 23 | 4 0 |
| 12 | Recovery of Cart hire. | ... | ... | 32 | 12 11 | ... | ... | 32 | 12 11 |
| 13 | Deposit amount carried to Government credit ... | 46 | 10 8 | ... | ... | 46 | 10 8 | ... | ... |
| | Total... | 1,488 | 10 1 | 1,398 | 3 5 | 474 | 10 7 | 384 | 3 11 |
| | Grand Total... | 11,70,327 | 4 8 | 11,20,615 | 14 11 | 50,095 | 9 8 | 384 | 3 11 |
| | Net increase... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49,711 | 5 9 | ... | ... |

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12. In the fasli under review, demands were also received from the districts noted in the margin for the collection of arrears from defaulters residing in Madras and Rupees

1. Cuddapah. 3. Nellore.
2. North Arcot. 4. Chingleput.

2,767-12-0 were collected and remitted to the several Collectors.

13. STAMPING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—The collections during Fasli 1283 amounted to Rupees 3,606-6-0, being Rupees 309-15-0 less than those in 1282. The decrease is due to the belief gaining ground among traders that it is not compulsory to have weights and measures stamped. The subjoined Statement shows the work done in this department. The charges of this department amounted to Rupees 1,128 on account of Fixed Establishment, and Rupees 20-2-0 on account of Contingencies, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,458-4-0, in favor of Government :—

| Particulars. | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Bazaars that presented weights and measures | 8,192 | | | 8,508 | | | | 316 |
| Number of measures and weights stamped | 52,539 | | | 55,993 | | | | 3,454 |
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| Fees collected | 3,606 | 6 | 0 | 3,916 | 5 | 0 | | 309 15 0 |

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| Items. | | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------|-----------|
| | | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
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| Total... | | 3,06,470 | 12 | 0 | 2,72,162 | 9 | 6 | 34,308 2 6 | |
| Mis- cella- neous. | Penalties ... | 1,195 | 7 | 0 | | | | | |
| | Value of Stamp papers... | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| | Excess ... | 0 | 0 | 6 | | | | | |
| | | 1,195 | 9 | 6 | 279 | 4 | 8 | 916 4 10 | |

16. ABKARI.—In this department the five Puttai Arrack godowns beyond the High Court limits and situated at Saint Thomas' Mount, Palaveram, Papanchavady, Madura Voil and Madavaram were rented as usual to the Contractors of the previous Fasli 1282 upon an increased dowe of 14 Gallons, as sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, No. 1,092, dated 24th June 1873, while the fifty-seven Puttai Arrack shops within the High Court limits were rented in the great majority of cases by the shop-keepers of the previous fasli on an increased dowe of 28 Gallons, which after undergoing a series of changes throughout the year, ended in an increase of

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| Fasli 1283... .. | 132 0 | } 14 0 | | 236 0 | } 28 0 | |
| „ 1282... .. | 118 0 | | | 208 0 | | |

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The total Abkari revenue from all sources in Fasli 1283 is given below, and it shows an increase of Rupees 49,711-5-9 or nearly 5 per cent. on the revenues of the last year in favor of the present year under report, and the increase is owing mainly to the increase of population :—

| N | Items. | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | | Increase. | | | Decrease. | | |
|----|---|-------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| | | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1 | Colombo Arrack inclusive of experimental liquor and pure Colombo Arrack ... | 4,91,781 | 0 | 6 | 4,77,735 | 14 | 6 | 14,045 | 2 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 2 | Puttai Arrack ... | 3,54,337 | 10 | 0 | 3,30,108 | 13 | 0 | 24,228 | 13 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3 | Toddy ... | 3,22,720 | 0 | 1 | 3,11,373 | 0 | 0 | 11,347 | 0 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Total... | 11,68,838 | 10 | 7 | 11,19,217 | 11 | 6 | 49,620 | 15 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Extra... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 5 | Chendoo ... | 34 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6 | Fines... .. | 741 | 13 | 6 | 413 | 0 | 0 | 328 | 13 | 6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 7 | Sale of old materials.. | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| 8 | Confiscated Toddy ... | 17 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 0 | ... | ... | ... |
| 9 | Profit from Puttai Amani Shops... .. | 57 | 4 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 57 | 4 | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| 10 | Duty on Rum ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 0 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Excise duty on experimental Arrack ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 4 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 4 | 0 |
| 12 | Recovery of Cart hire. | ... | ... | ... | 32 | 12 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | 32 | 12 | 11 |
| 13 | Deposit amount carried to Government credit ... | 46 | 10 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 46 | 10 | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| | Total... | 1,488 | 10 | 1 | 1,398 | 3 | 5 | 474 | 10 | 7 | 384 | 3 | 11 |
| | Grand Total... | 11,70,327 | 4 | 8 | 11,20,615 | 14 | 11 | 50,095 | 9 | 8 | 384 | 3 | 11 |
| | Net increase... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49,711 | 5 | 9 | ... | ... | ... |

20. Out of the arrears at the beginning of Fasli 1283, Rupees 9,575-14-10 were collected in Fasli 1283 and Rupees 169-2-8 were remitted, as directed in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 232, dated 20th February 1874, leaving a balance of Rupees 95-12-0 which has also been since ordered to be written off in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,295, dated 18th August 1874.

21. In the current demand for Abkari under all sources amounting to Rupees 1,218,103-5-9, Rupees 1,170,327-4-8 were collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 47,776-1-1, and out of this sum Rupees 34,707-9-6 were remitted under Orders of Revenue Board, No. —, dated 14th March 1874. The balance is thereby reduced to Rupees 13,068-7-7, out of which Rupees 7,900-8-4 have since been collected, and Rupees 1,827 have been remitted under the orders of the Board of Revenue

Board's Proceedings, dated 15th September 1874,
No. 2,635.

as per margin. The remaining balance Rupees 3,340-15-0 will be promptly adjusted from the deposits of shop-keepers in the Government Treasury.

22. The following abstract shows the gross collections inclusive of arrears charges and the net Abkari revenue of Fasli 1283, in comparison with the previous fasli :—

| Faslis. | Collections. | | | Charges. | | | Net. | | |
|-------------|--------------|----|----|----------|----|----|----------|----|----|
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1283 | 11,79,903 | 3 | 6 | 2,22,807 | 10 | 7 | 9,57,095 | 8 | 11 |
| 1282 | 11,21,862 | 12 | 7 | 2,48,929 | 4 | 7 | 8,72,933 | 8 | 0 |

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23. I annex a Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of Fasli 1283 under all sources of revenue compared with those of the previous fasli including arrears:—

| SOURCES OF REVENUE. | | DEMAND. | | | | | | COLLECTION. | | | | | | BALANCE. | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| No. | Items. | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | | Fasli 1283. | | | Fasli 1282. | | |
| | | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| 1 | Quit-rent, Ground-rent, Shrotriem Jodi, Registration Fees, Process Fees and Excess collections | 1,44,961 | 7 | 3 | 1,41,781 | 2 | 1 | 1,04,782 | 9 | 11 | 75,700 | 3 | 4 | *40,178 | 13 | 4 | 66,080 | 14 | 9 |
| 2 | Abkari | 12,27,944 | 3 | 3 | 11,35,158 | 10 | 1 | 11,79,903 | 3 | 6 | 11,21,862 | 12 | 7 | †48,040 | 15 | 9 | 13,295 | 13 | 6 |
| 3 | Income-tax | 9,706 | 0 | 0 | 52,337 | 0 | 0 | 4,215 | 0 | 0 | 45,818 | 0 | 0 | ‡ 5,49† | 0 | 0 | 6,519 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Stamps | 3,07,666 | 5 | 6 | 2,72,441 | 14 | 2 | 3,07,666 | 5 | 6 | 2,72,441 | 14 | 2 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 5 | Stamping Weights and Measures | 3,606 | 6 | 0 | 3,916 | 5 | 0 | 3,606 | 6 | 0 | 3,916 | 5 | 0 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 6 | Jungle Conservancy debited to Local Funds | 4 | 15 | 9 | 206 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 206 | 9 | 0 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 7 | Bearer's Fund debited to do. | 6 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 8 | Postage labels, Service labels and Telegraph labels ... | 3,38,207 | 5 | 0 | 2,97,700 | 3 | 0 | 3,38,207 | 5 | 0 | 2,97,700 | 3 | 0 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 9 | Rent for Government buildings debited to Department Public Works | 1,520 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 1,520 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 10 | Sale proceeds of old materials. | 29 | 1 | 0 | 223 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 223 | 1 | 5 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| 11 | Interest on arrears of Land Revenue | 507 | 9 | 4 | 451 | 6 | 9 | 507 | 9 | 4 | 451 | 6 | 9 | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  |
| | Total... | 20,34,160 | 1 | 1 | 19,05,720 | 11 | 6 | 19,40,449 | 4 | 0 | 18,19,824 | 15 | 3 | 93,710 | 13 | 1 | 85,895 | 12 | 3 |
| | *Deduct remissions sanctioned as quoted in the body of the report... .. | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | 12,299 | 11 | 6 |
| | † Deduct do. do. do. ... | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | 34,876 | 12 | 2 |
| | ‡ Do. do. do. do. ... | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | ..... |  |  | 3,924 | 0 | 0 |

24. In conclusion, I beg to add that during the fasli under report, the Abkari Superintendent has done his work to my satisfaction, and much credit is due to the Tahsildar for his endeavours to expedite the collections of revenue, and much more to the subordinate agency employed for the collection of revenue under him.

25. The Registrar has done his work most satisfactorily.

MADRAS,
19th September 1874.

(Signed) RAGOONATHA ROW,
Deputy-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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I HAVE the honor to submit the Jamabandi Report for Fasli 1283, together with the prescribed number of Statements.

2. The names of the officers who conducted the settlement, and the stations occupied by them, are given in No. 1. I had assigned one of the taluqs in the Principal Division, viz., Sydapet, to Mr. Deputy Collector Jones, but in consequence of the heavy failure of dry crops, etc., there, resulting in the grant of special remissions, I deemed it advisable eventually to settle the taluq myself, so that the whole of the Sub and Principal Divisions were settled by the Sub-Collector and myself respectively.

3. The average time occupied in completing the Jamabandi of each taluq was thirty-one days, and, as a rule, the settlement was conducted in more than two places with as little inconvenience as possible to the ryots. The Jamabandi of the Trivellore Taluq occupied longest;*

* Eighty-eight days—*Vide* paragraph 17.

this was unavoidable owing to the very large claims preferred for remission in its southern and western portions, rendering a re-examination of many villages there absolutely necessary.

4. The total number of villages remains the same as last year, though there has been a slight variation in the number held under each tenure. There is an increase of one village under Amani, and a corresponding decrease under the head Shrotriem, owing to Vembakam, an unenfranchised Shrotriem in the Conjeveram Taluq, having been resumed for default of payment of

Vide G. O., dated 13th February 1873, No. 175. Board's Proceedings, No. 216, of 15th idem.

quit-rent and placed under Amani management pending the introduction of a Fieldwar settlement. This village has already been demarcated and surveyed, and in all probability the settlement will be introduced in the course of next year.

5. Some important territorial changes also took place during the year by transfer of villages

Vide G. O., 10th September 1873, No. 960.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Zemindari | 17 |
| Ryotwari..... | 50 |
| Ryotwari | 20 |
| Shrotriem | 3 |

from one taluq to another in the Sub-Division in view to adjustment of boundaries. Certain Chingleput villages, sixty-seven in number, lying south of the Palar and therefore cut off from communication with Taluq head quarters whenever freshes occurred, were transferred to Madurantakum, and twenty-three villages of the latter taluq, lying between the Palar and Cheyar, were transferred to Conjeveram for similar reasons. Thus the Sub-Division taluqs have all now well-defined natural boundaries.

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6. The total number of Ryotwar puttass this year was 57,487 against 55,803 last year, showing an increase of 1,684. The number of new puttass issued this year was 2,842. In 42,334 puttass the beriz was different from last year, and in 25,512 cases puttass were produced and alterations made, while in 16,822 instances the holders did not come forward and produce them. In 12,311 puttass no change whatever occurred.

7. SEASON.—The season of the past year presents a most unfavorable contrast to that of Fasli 1282, the total registered rain-fall being inches 29·56 against inches 78·13 of the previous year, and an average fall of 43·55; and scarcely any rain fell in May, June and July, resulting in a disastrous failure of dry cultivation. As a necessary sequence of such an inadequate fall too the tanks in the district received a very insufficient supply, in some cases none at all. The only exceptions to this state of things were the tanks at the Red Hills and Sholaveram, both of which are fed by the Cortilliar. The great Chembrambakam tank even did not receive a full supply, owing to the anicut at Kesaveram at the head of the Coovam not having had the damages it sustained in 1872 repaired till late in the fasli. What remained from the past year's supply, with the little water received, sufficed to raise Samba in a large portion of the ayacut; but as the season advanced the supply failed, and a good deal of Navaray and second crop became withered (Shavi), or yielded a very small outturn, thereby necessitating large remissions. The following abstract gives the rain-fall of the year as registered at head quarters:—

| INCHES. | | | | INCHES. | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| 1873, April | ... | ... | 1·7 | 1873, November | ... | ... | 5·84 |
| „ May | ... | ... | 0·28 | „ December | ... | ... | 2·29 |
| „ June | ... | ... | 0·92 | 1874, January | ... | ... | ... |
| „ July | ... | ... | 2·18 | „ February | ... | ... | ... |
| „ August | ... | ... | 4·9 | „ March | ... | ... | ... |
| „ September | ... | ... | 3·33 | | | | |
| „ October | ... | ... | 8·12 | | | | |
| | | | | Total... | | | |
| | | | | 29·56 | | | |

8. PUBLIC HEALTH.—Public health was indifferent, though there is nothing special to note. The district has enjoyed perfect immunity from cholera and other epidemics of severe type; according to Mortuary returns small-pox and fever appear to have prevailed to a greater extent this year than last. It is hoped that the efforts which are now being made by the Local Fund Boards to improve the Vaccine staff will have the effect of checking the former disease. Cattle epidemics of one kind or another prevailed all over the district, and severely at Streepermatoor and in its neighbourhood. In the absence of Mr. Thacker the Board of Revenue deputed Mr. Pritchard, Veterinary Surgeon of the Body Guard, to render the necessary medical aid, and the prompt measures adopted by him were very successful.

9. PRICES.—Statement No. 2.—Prices of all food grains were again higher this year, owing to the unfavorable season, not only here but in some of the southern districts. The average price of first and second sort paddy per garce was Rupees 147, or 88 per cent. more than the commutation rate, and 20 per cent. over that of last year. On the ten years' average, however, the price this year indicates a fall of 16 per cent., or Rupees 26 per garce.

The appended abstract gives the prices of agricultural products in a comparative form:—

| Grains. | Average of ten years from Fasli 1273 to 1282. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Increase or decrease in Fasli 1282 as compared with ten years' average. | Per- centage. | Increase or decrease in Fasli 1283 as compared with Fasli 1282. | Per- centage. |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | | RS. | |
| Paddy, 1st sort, per garce... | 182 | 131 | 153 | 29 | 16 | 22 | 17 |
| Do. 2nd do. do. | 165 | 115 | 141 | 24 | 15 | 26 | 23 |
| Cholam | 242 | 185 | 216 | 26 | 11 | 31 | 17 |
| Cumboo | 215 | 150 | 164 | 51 | 24 | 14 | 9 |
| Raggy | 220 | 147 | 191 | 29 | 13 | 44 | 30 |
| Horse-gram | 292 | 277 | 296 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 8 |

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10. **RYOTS' HOLDINGS.**—The ryots' holding, after deducting lands given up and adding those taken up on durkhast during the year, amounted to Acres 507,758, assessed at Rupees 13,52,899, against Acres 520,427, assessed at Rupees 13,75,651, showing a net decrease of Acres 12,669, bearing an assessment of Rupees 22,752, caused by the less extent of land taken up owing to the bad season.

11. **Lands relinquished.**—The extent actually given up this year as compared with last

| Faslis. | Extent. | Assess-ment. |
|------------|---------|--------------|
| | ACRES. | RS. |
| 1283 | 13,453 | 24,238 |
| 1282... .. | 16,227 | 30,450 |
| | 2,774 | 6,212 |

year shows, however, a decrease of Acres 2,774, assessed at Rupees 6,212, as shown in the margin, and this is owing to the ryots having entertained sanguine hopes up to August that the season might turn out as favorable as the previous one. The annexed abstract shows the ryots' holding, and the fluctuations of the year in the main; the minor details being embodied in Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3 :—

| | Acres. | Assessment. RS. |
|--|---------|--------------------|
| Ryots' holding at the commencement of the fasli ... | 520,427 | 13,75,651 |
| <i>Deduct.</i> | | |
| Land actually relinquished or otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation and struck out of puttas ... | 18,351 | 34,360 |
| Balance... | 502,076 | 13,41,291 |
| <i>Add.</i> | | |
| Lands taken up and those transferred from one putta to another | 5,682 | 11,608 |
| Total... | 507,758 | 13,52,899 |

12. **Actual Cultivation.**—The actual cultivation this year amounts to Acres 387,719, assessed at Rupees 11,20,429, being a decrease of Acres 42,056, assessed at Rupees 83,036. The bulk of this decrease occurs in the nunjah (Acres 14,464) cultivation, amounting to Rs. 49,405; while the decrease in the punjah (Acres 27,592) cultivation amounts to Rupees 33,631. This falling off is due, as already remarked, to the failure of the south-west monsoon, and the very partial supply of water which the north-east monsoon brought to the tanks generally.

13. The total extent of dry and wet waste charged this year amounted to Acres 12,987, assessed at Rupees 19,080, chiefly on lands situated in beds of tanks, except in the Suttiavedu division under the Kambakum range, and part of Ponnery Taluq, where full assessment was charged even on ordinary waste, because the villages comprised in these tracts are not only lightly assessed but had also a fair average supply of water, chiefly from hill streams and springs. The following shows the amount so charged in each taluq :—

| Taluqs. | DRY. | | WET. | | TOTAL. | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Sydapet | 504 | 1,000 | 230 | 597 | 734 | 1,597 |
| Ponnery | 608 | 763 | 427 | 1,494 | 1,035 | 2,257 |
| Trivellore... .. | 7,119 | 4,470 | 806 | 1,634 | 7,925 | 6,104 |
| Chingleput | 546 | 862 | 615 | 2,383 | 1,161 | 3,245 |
| Conjeveram | 446 | 583 | 328 | 1,372 | 774 | 1,955 |
| Madurantakum ... | 335 | 775 | 1,023 | 3,147 | 1,358 | 3,922 |
| Total... | 9,558 | 8,453 | 3,429 | 10,627 | 12,987 | 19,080 |

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Of this amount Rupees 2,989 were charged for portions of fields, the extent of such portions being Acres 1,948.

14. *Waste remitted.*—The remission granted on dry and wet waste this year is large, amounting to Rupees 2,13,390, and is distributed over an area of Acres 107,052. Of this amount the remissions on dry waste alone amount to Rupees 94,194.

15. The following abstract gives the Taluqwar particulars of these remissions :—

| Taluqs. | DRY. | | WET. | | TOTAL. | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Sydapet | 11,206 | 16,565 | 5,732 | 18,586 | 16,938 | 35,151 |
| Ponnery | 5,657 | 6,143 | 3,016 | 6,705 | 8,673 | 12,848 |
| Trivellore | 6,399 | 8,599 | 4,859 | 15,606 | 11,258 | 24,205 |
| Chingleput | 10,275 | 12,381 | 5,016 | 14,649 | 15,291 | 27,030 |
| Conjeveram | 16,366 | 19,850 | 9,551 | 31,658 | 25,917 | 51,508 |
| Madurantakum ... | 19,839 | 30,655 | 9,136 | 31,993 | 28,975 | 62,648 |
| Total... | 69,742 | 94,193 | 37,310 | 1,19,197 | 107,052 | 2,13,390 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| * Portions of dry fields | RS. 15,017 |
| Do. of wet do. | 18,546 |
| Total... | 33,563 |

† Vide Board's Proceedings of 24th February 1874, No. 416.

| Taluqs. | Dry Shavy | Percentage remission for partial failure crops. |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| | RS. | RS. |
| Sydapet | 5 | 2,285 |
| Chingleput | ... | 159 |
| Madurantakum | ... | 13,033 |
| Conjeveram | ... | 8,823 |
| Trivellore | 203 | 1,787 |
| Ponnery | 159 | 246 |
| Total... | 367 | 26,333 |

‡ Vide my letter to Board, dated 20th February 1874, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 416.

17. Great care was taken prior to making these remissions. The Board's order on the subject was received while I was settling the Trivellore Taluq. I at once suspended the actual Jamabandi work for a time, and deputed the Assistant Collector, the Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar, the Taluq Sheristadar, and some of the subordinates of my own office to azmaish the villages where the claims were considerable. I also examined some myself. In cases where the claims were very heavy the villages were examined by more than one officer, and in some cases by three. Mr. Crole also had similar examination made in the taluqs of the Sub-Division before granting these remissions, as explained in his letter of the 16th February last, No. 86, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 416, of the 24th idem; and all that could be done to protect the interests of Government, without unduly impoverishing the ryots, was I believe really done.

18. *SPECIAL PRODUCTS—Enclosure B. in No. 3.*—The extent of sugar-cane and cotton cultivation is, as usual, so insignificant as to call for no remark. The extent of land cultivated with indigo shows a net decrease of Acres 1,832, assessed at Rupees 9,093, against the cultivation of the past fasli, which is of course due to the unfavorable season.

19. *PROGRESSIVE COWLE—Enclosure C. in No. 3.*—No progressive cowles are now running, those existing at the commencement of the fasli having been brought to full assessment, and no

Of the above sum Rupees 33,563 were remitted on portions of fields left waste as shown in the margin.*

16. The remissions granted on dry waste, and on portions of dry and wet fields, are special concessions, which the Board were pleased to sanction† this year on my recommendation. They have been a great boon to the ryots in a season of drought like the past, and amount to Rupees 1,12,739. If to this sum we add Rupees 367 remitted on dry shavy and Rupees 26,333 remitted on account of dry partial crop, the total *special remissions* amount to Rupees 1,39,439, or Rupees 61,000 less than the amount estimated by me.‡

new ones have been issued this year. I do not think there will be any necessity in future to grant such cowles, as land of late years has risen so much in value, except in the cases of tracts covered with prickly-pear, where the Board's recent orders will, of course, be followed.

20. *Enclosure D. to Statement No. 3.*—The marginal abstract gives the Taluqwar particulars of remissions granted, and the amount charged on portions of fields left waste. It calls for no remarks here, as I have already explained the circumstances and authority under which the indulgence was extended to the ryots this year.

21. *Enclosure E. to Statement No. 3.*—This abstract gives the extent of cultivation, waste charged, and areas on which Teervajasti (additional assessment) and Fasaljasti, second crop assessment, etc., were collected. The amount entered under the head "Water-tax on Government land, etc.," (Column 6), comprises the entire water charge collected at fixed rates, *Vide* paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1874, No. 2,295. and Teervajasti calculated in the ordinary way, viz., difference between the dry and the adjoining wet assessment. Fixed rates of water charge having been lately sanctioned by the Government for the district this last mode of calculating water charge will cease from the current fasli.

22. The following abstract gives the general result of land revenue as compared with the past fasli, and shows a net decrease of Rupees 4,20,412 after deducting remissions of all kinds; this is due not only to the large remissions that were found necessary to be given this year on account of the season, but also to diminished cultivation in putta holdings, and in cultivation after Jamabandi; the decrease under the former amounting to Rupees 2,54,102, and under the latter to Rupees 28,286. The decrease of Rupees 30,128 under the head Road Fund is not due solely to diminished holding, but also to the cess entered in last year's account having included the demand of two Faslis 1281 and 1282, as explained at paragraph 22 of the report of Fasli 1282.

| Items. | LAST FASLI. | | | PRESENT FASLI. | | | INCREASE. | | DECREASE. | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | A. P. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Dry | 240,264 | 3,44,557 | 3 10 | 160,596 | 2,35,834 | 15 0 | ..... | ..... | 79,668 | 1,08,722 |
| Wet | 278,034 | 10,24,599 | 10 4 | 240,110 | 9,03,673 | 10 7 | ..... | ..... | 37,924 | 1,20,926 |
| Total... | 518,298 | 13,69,156 | 14 2 | 400,706 | 11,39,508 | 9 7 | ..... | ..... | 117,592 | 2,29,648 |
| Add, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second crop assessment... .. | ..... | 1,06,057 | 7 10 | ..... | 85,096 | 10 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20,961 |
| Water-tax ... .. | ..... | 46,136 | 10 7 | ..... | 42,643 | 5 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,493 |
| Road Fund ... .. | ..... | 1,37,570 | 13 8 | ..... | 1,07,443 | 5 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30,128 |
| Village Service Fund... | ..... | 1,75,852 | 3 1 | ..... | 1,25,822 | 13 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50,029 |
| Total... | ..... | 18,34,774 | 1 4 | ..... | 15,00,514 | 12 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,34,259 |
| Deduct Remissions. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Road Fund ... .. | ..... | 1,37,570 | 13 8 | ..... | 1,07,443 | 5 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30,128 |
| Village Service Fund.. | ..... | 1,89,884 | 11 6 | ..... | 1,38,611 | 14 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 51,273 |
| Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4 ... | ..... | 39,856 | 4 2 | ..... | 1,79,123 | 9 10 | ..... | 1,39,268 | ..... | ..... |
| Total... | ..... | 3,67,311 | 13 4 | ..... | 4,35,178 | 14 6 | ..... | 1,39,268 | ..... | 81,401 |
| Net... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 57,867 | ..... | ..... |
| Remaining Beriz, Ryot-wari... .. | ..... | 14,67,462 | 4 0 | ..... | 10,75,335 | 14 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,92,126 |
| Add Miscellaneous items A. | | 1,22,987 | 13 10 | | 94,702 | 3 11 | | | | 28,286 |
| Total... | | 15,90,450 | 1 10 | | 11,70,038 | 2 0 | | | | 4,20,412 |

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23. The annexed abstract shows the principal irrigation works and the revenue derived under them:—

| Tanks. | Villages. | AYACUT. | | HOLDING 1282. | | CULTIVATION. | | HOLDING 1283. | | CULTIVATION. | |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. |
| | | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Chembrambakam tank... .. | 33 | 9,668 | 47,876 | 9,319 | 52,549 | 6,833 | 50,320 | 8,871 | 54,522 | 8,546 | 49,586 |
| Ambathoor tank. | 6 | 2,011 | 5,510 | 1,721 | 4,748 | 1,581 | 4,401 | 1,708 | 4,774 | 1,399 | 3,989 |
| Red Hills do... | 10 | 2,743 | 9,560 | 2,717 | 9,515 | 2,050 | 8,923 | 2,423 | 9,854 | 2,206 | 9,237 |
| Namum do... | 6 | 1,606 | 7,898 | 1,525 | 9,499 | 1,480 | 9,271 | 1,531 | 9,325 | 1,106 | 7,393 |
| Madurantakum tank... .. | 20 | 6,130 | 18,523 | 4,876 | 17,364 | 4,120 | 14,797 | 4,791 | 17,497 | 4,315 | 16,200 |
| Otrameroor tank. | 3 | 5,644 | 20,666 | 3,556 | 15,496 | 3,333 | 14,941 | 3,665 | 15,492 | 2,738 | 12,143 |
| Dhamal do... | 1 | 2,503 | 12,740 | 1,708 | 8,993 | 1,624 | 8,617 | 1,627 | 8,493 | 1,609 | 8,197 |
| Thennari do... | 21 | 5,064 | 16,475 | 3,543 | 12,798 | 2,574 | 10,391 | 3,235 | 13,416 | 2,546 | 11,533 |
| Streepermatoor tank... .. | 1 | 1,015 | 4,904 | 985 | 5,054 | 909 | 4,763 | 988 | 5,784 | 937 | 5,593 |
| Manimangalam tank... .. | 5 | 1,876 | 9,802 | 1,404 | 7,861 | 1,257 | 7,250 | 1,405 | 8,019 | 1,198 | 7,131 |
| Coovam tank ... | 8 | 1,985 | 10,584 | 1,717 | 11,218 | 1,632 | 10,845 | 1,756 | 11,965 | 1,629 | 11,427 |
| Chinnambedu do. | 1 | 1,706 | 9,616 | 1,411 | 9,619 | 1,383 | 9,487 | 1,397 | 10,395 | 1,345 | 10,151 |
| Valloor anicut ... | 1 | 1,953 | 8,690 | 1,480 | 6,849 | 1,180 | 5,414 | 1,515 | 7,016 | 1,465 | 6,788 |

The cultivation under these works has been less than last year as was to be expected in such a season. The only exceptions were the tanks named in the margin, all of which are more or less fed by river channels, but even here the increase is inconsiderable. As regards the Red Hills lake the increased cultivation under it, even in a good year, is trifling if compared with the outlay; and I may remark here that if water is available for extension of cultivation after the wants of the town of Madras have been fully supplied, which is a question for consideration, such extension must be chiefly made by cutting channels to neighbouring villages contemplated by the project; for the unoccupied nunjah now capable of being irrigated by this tank is of indifferent quality, usually high, lying and scattered in patches.

24. REMISSION.—*Statement No. 4.*—The remissions under all heads, with the exception of those given on account of waste already commented on, amount to Rupees 1,91,912, showing a net increase of Rupees 1,38,024, the bulk of which is owing to remissions on account of Shavy and short crop; Rupees 76,242 under the former and Rupees 61,277 under the latter. The appended abstract gives the Taluqwar particulars of these two items:—

| Taluqs. | WET. | | DRY. | | Total. |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| | Shavy. | Short Crop. | Shavy. | Short Crop. | |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | |
| Sydapet | 14,286 | 12,187 | 5 | 2,285 | 28,763 |
| Ponnerly | 509 | 3,303 | 159 | 246 | 4,217 |
| Trivellore... .. | 9,681 | 16,928 | 203 | 1,787 | 28,599 |
| Chingleput | 5,459 | ... | ... | 159 | 5,618 |
| Caiveveram | 14,486 | 64 | ... | 8,823 | 23,373 |
| Madurantakum | 31,482 | 2,921 | ... | 13,033 | 47,436 |
| Total... | 75,903 | 35,403 | 367 | 26,333 | 1,38,006 |

Of these remissions those for "Dry shavy" and "Dry short crop," are special, and were granted under the authority conveyed by the Board's Proceedings, No. 635, of February last,

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already quoted, and those noted in the margin. The increase under "Second crop" is owing to private well irrigation having been largely

resorted to as was natural this year. These remissions vary much annually according to the character of the season. If water is available in the tank under which the nunjah lies the ryot is, of course, charged for second crop whether he avails himself of the supply or not; the presumption held always being that he *has* used water unless he shows there was no water in the tank. In the season under report this was often easy enough to substantiate. The decrease of Rupees 1,898 under "Teerva Cummi," and Rupees 1,243 under "Allowance for heads of villages and Curnams, etc.," are due to a proportionate decrease in the cultivation of the year.

25 *Enclosure A. to No. 4.*—This statement calls for no remark. It shows the amount remitted under each item separately for nunjah and panjah.

26. *Tope Cowle.*—The extent of land held on tope cowle this year amounts to Acres 9,879, assessed at Rupees 12,316, showing a decrease of Acres 97; this is owing to the enforcement of the Tope rules, and the cancelment of cowles in cases where parties had neglected to plant as required by the same.

27. *STATEMENT No. 5.*—The marginal statement shows that the miscellaneous demand, both from land and other sources, amounts to Rupees 94,702, being a decrease of Rupees 28,286, chiefly due to a decrease in the cultivation after Jamabandi, etc., as stated in paragraph 22.

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Amani | RS. 288 2,934 |
| Increase... | 2,646 |
| 2. Lands cultivated but not included in the Jama- bandi | 25,954 8,600 |
| Decrease... | 17,354 |
| 3. Cultivation of porumboke lands | 4,050 2,199 |
| Decrease... | 1,851 |
| 4. Water-tax on Zemindari and Inam, etc., lands. | 13,497 8,576 |
| Decrease... | 4,921 |
| 5. Cultivation without permission..... | 31,367 23,637 |
| Decrease... | 7,730 |
| 6. Sale proceeds of Government land | 1,481 4,000 |
| Increase... | 2,519 |
| 7. Defalcation..... | 1,908 1,908 |
| Decrease... | |

28. The items under which the fluctuations have been of any consequence are those named in the margin.

The increase under the head Amani is owing, as already remarked, to the resumption of Vembakum, a Shrotriern in the Conjeveram Taluq, and to the village of Coromandel resumed in April 1873, having been under such management throughout the year; while the increase of Rupees 2,519 under the head "Sale proceeds of Government land" is owing to larger sales effected under the Standing Circular Order, No. 269. The decrease under the head "Land cultivated but not included in the Jamabandi" and "Water-tax on Zemindaries" is mainly owing to unfavorable season; but that under the head "Cultivation of porumboke lands" and "Cultivation without permission" is due to the practice of charging arbitrary assessment on lands cultivated without permission, especially as regards porumboke. Such cultivation without permission was very common in former

years, but as it amounted in fact to ignoring the Durkhast rules, and gave rise to a good deal of complication and conflicting Merassy claims, a beginning was made by Mr. Blair, my predecessor, in Fasli 1279 to discourage it by charging prohibitory assessment, and the practice has been

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| | RS. |
| * Fasli 1281 ... | 36,608 |
| " 1282 ... | 35,412 |
| " 1283 ... | 25,836 |

continued ever since with good results as the marginal figures show. The rule was only enforced when it did not press hardly on the ryots, or in cases of contumacy, but it will be seen

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that such cultivation is steadily decreasing. In a Merassy district like this, where the parties fly to the Courts on the slightest provocation, it is absolutely necessary that the Durkhast rules should be strictly adhered to; and in my No. 634, dated 14th instant, I have addressed the Board separately regarding Proceedings, No. 1,456, dated 15th June last.

29. The appended abstract gives the extent of Inam lands on which Fasal and Teervajasti have been collected, as required in Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd March 1869 :—

| | FASLI 1282. | | FASLI 1283. | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Extent. | Assessment. | Extent. | Assessment. |
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Fasaljasti or Second crop assessment on one | | | | |
| ecrop Inam land | 4,927 | 11,949 | 2,868 | 7,052 |
| Teervajasti on Punjah Inam lands | 721 | 1,369 | 619 | 1,251 |

Here again there is a decrease in the water charge derived during the year, the result of bad season.

30. STATEMENT No. 6.—The demand against Jary Mootahs and Shrotriems, and all other *quasi* permanent tenures, amounts to Rupees 1,88,104, and shows a net decrease of Rupees 588. This is owing to a permanent reduction of that sum under the head “Jody” on account of the resumption of the Inam villages of Coromandel and Vembakam already referred to. It is also due to compensation having been granted to the Shrotriemdars of Poodoovoil (Ponnerly Taluq) in the form of a reduction of Jody for lands taken up for public works in that village.

31. *Enclosure A. to Statement No. 6.*—The marginal statement gives the particulars of quit-rent and jody on wet and dry lands separately, as required by the Board in their Circular Memorandum, dated 11th June 1873, No. 824.

32. STATEMENT No. 7.—The demand of the year from all sources amounts to Rs. 41,57,195, and shows a net decrease of Rupees 3,89,099, which is mainly due to a falling off in the cultivation of the year as already remarked, and the annexed abstract gives the details :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Permanently Settled Estates. | 1,06,463 | 1,06,463 | ... | ... |
| Shrotriems | 77,247 | 76,659 | ... | 588 |
| Ryotwar | 14,67,462 | 10,75,336 | ... | 3,92,126 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,22,988 | 94,702 | ... | 28,286 |
| Total Land... | 17,74,160 | 13,53,160 | ... | 4,21,000 |
| Abkari | 1,59,724 | 1,73,466 | 13,742 | ... |
| Salt | 25,30,639 | 25,36,228 | 5,589 | ... |
| Stamps | 73,517 | 93,094 | 19,577 | ... |
| Income-tax | 8,254 | 1,247 | ... | 7,007 |
| Grand Total... | 45,46,294 | 41,57,195 | 38,908 | 4,28,007 |
| Net... | ... | ... | ... | 3,89,099 |

33. The demand on account of Jary Mootahs is the same as last year. The decrease under the head Shrotriem, Ryotwar, and Miscellaneous has already been accounted for.

34. The Abkari demand for the fasli under report represents the amount actually paid into the Treasury during the twelve months of the fasli, and shows an increase of Rupees 13,742. This satisfactory result is due to the new system of management, the advantages of which have already been commented upon in my quarterly reports.

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35 *Salt*.—The revenue derived from salt this year shows a gross increase of Rupees 5,589, which is due to a larger quantity of salt having been sold for exportation by sea this year. The stock in store at the beginning of the fasli, and the quantity received into store during the year, are as below :—

| | MAUNDS. |
|--|-----------|
| Stock at the beginning of the fasli... | 1,280,262 |
| Quantity received into store ... | 2,313,583 |
| Total .. | 3,593,845 |

The storage during the year shows an increase of Maunds 750,781, which, however, is not the result of a larger outturn but of a large portion of the last year's manufacture, which could not be brought into store before the close of Fasli 1282 in consequence of the weather, having been received into store in Fasli 1283.

The sales during the year were as follow, showing a net increase of Maunds 44,655:—

| | MAUNDS. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Home and Inland consumption... | 1,243,662 |
| Exportion by sea ... | 345,796 |
| Supplied to other districts ... | 18,000 |
| | 1,607,458 |
| Total sales for Fasli 1282 .. | 1,562,803 |
| Net increase... | 44,655 |

Deducting the sales of the year from the stock in hand at the beginning of the fasli, and that received into store during the year, the stock in hand on the 30th June last amounted to Maunds 1,973,104.

Salt Coodivaram.—The Coodivaram and other charges incurred in the manufacture and storage, etc., of salt this year are as per margin, showing a net increase of Rupees 1,84,785. If the charges of the year are deducted from the total amount of sales (Rupees 25,36,228) the net revenue from salt amounts to Rupees 21,11,921, or Rupees 1,79,196 less than the revenue of the past year; this decrease, notwithstanding sales being larger, is due to a very heavy expenditure on account of Coodivaram, storage, contingencies, etc., the details of which will be found in Statement No. 9.

36. *Stamps*.—Under Stamps there is an increase of Rupees 19,577, which is chiefly due to the recent order of Government, requiring that all fees payable under the Court Fees Act on processes issued by Civil, Criminal, and Revenue Courts, should be collected in stamps.

37. *Income-tax*.—The demand entered under the head "Income-tax" for the current year consists of the assessment made under the Income-tax Act in the previous year when the same was in force, which, through an oversight, was omitted to be brought to account in that fasli.

38. *COLLECTIONS*.—The appended abstract gives the actual collections under all sources of revenue, both current and arrears, showing a net decrease of Rupees 2,44,237:—

| Items. | FASLI 1282. | | | FASLI 1283. | | | TOTAL. | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Arrears. | Current. | Total. | Arrears. | Current. | Total. | Increase. | De-crease. |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Jary Mootah. ... | 33,806 | 63,484 | 97,290 | 41,638 | 71,757 | 1,13,395 | 16,105 | ... |
| Shrotriem ... | 35,146 | 41,135 | 76,281 | 33,921 | 43,298 | 77,219 | 938 | ... |
| Ryotwar ... | 4,24,431 | 10,69,793 | 14,94,224 | 3,87,725 | 8,07,057 | 11,94,812 | ... | 2,99,412 |
| Miscellaneous ... | 65,518 | 34,971 | 1,00,489 | 71,847 | 45,604 | 1,17,451 | 16,962 | ... |
| Total... | 5,58,901 | 12,09,383 | 17,68,284 | 5,35,131 | 9,67,746 | 15,02,877 | 34,005 | 2,99,412 |
| Abkari ... | 9,722 | 1,59,724 | 1,69,446 | 48 | 1,73,466 | 1,73,514 | 4,068 | ... |
| Salt ... | ... | 25,30,639 | 25,30,639 | ... | 25,36,228 | 25,36,228 | 5,589 | ... |
| Stamps... | ... | 73,517 | 73,517 | ... | 93,095 | 93,095 | 19,578 | ... |
| Income-tax ... | 4,378 | 5,527 | 9,905 | 785 | 1,055 | 1,840 | ... | 8,065 |
| Total... | 5,73,001 | 39,78,790 | 45,51,791 | 5,35,964 | 37,71,590 | 43,07,554 | 63,240 | 3,07,477 |
| Net decrease.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20,44,237 |

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39. **COLLECTIONS OF THE CURRENT DEMAND.**—Of the total current demand, Rs. 41,57,195, as shown in Statement No. 7, Rupees 37,71,590 were collected within the fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,85,605, or 9 per cent. A very considerable portion of this amount having been since realised the balance on the 30th September last was 4 per cent., the details of which are as below :—

| | RS. |
|----------------------|----------|
| Jary Mootahs | 15,985 |
| Shrotriem | 14,568 |
| Ryotwar | 1,19,870 |
| Miscellaneous | 27,127 |
| Income-tax | 192 |
| Total... | 1,77,742 |

40. **Arrears.**—The arrears at the beginning of the fasli, chiefly land revenue, amounted to Rupees 8,02,186-11-7, of which Rupees 5,35,964-7-0 were realised within the 30th June last, and Rupees 47,882-3-4 were written off the accounts under the sanction of Board and Government

* Board's Proceedings of 4th October 1873, No. 6,624, for Rupees 31,487.
Board's Proceedings of 9th September 1873, No. 5,785, for Rupees 4,650.
Proceedings of Government, dated 21st February 1874, No. 232, for Rupees 11,745.

and Rupees 13,712, which were written off the accounts under the sanction of Government† received

† Board's Proceedings of 18th August 1874, No. 2,295.
Government Proceedings of 23rd June 1874, No. 770.

‡ Sydapet, Chingleput, and Trivellore.

strict orders to collect the balance as speedily as possible.

41. The subjoined abstract gives the particulars of the outstanding arrears under different heads on the 30th September last, distinguishing the recoverable amounts from what is irrecoverable or doubtful:—

| Items. | Recoverable. | | | Irrecoverable. | | | Doubtful. | | | Total. | | |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|----------|----|----|
| | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. | RS. | A. | P. |
| Jary Mootahs | 14,938 | 10 | 0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,938 | 10 | 0 |
| Shrotriems | 11,335 | 4 | 2 | 2,329 | 9 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 13,664 | 13 | 11 |
| Ryotwar | 86,983 | 4 | 6 | 16,178 | 13 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 1,03,162 | 1 | 10 |
| Miscellaneous | 42,050 | 14 | 3 | 3,806 | 3 | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 45,857 | 2 | 0 |
| Income-tax... .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,084 | 6 | 10 | 2,084 | 6 | 10 |
| Total... | 1,55,308 | 0 | 11 | 22,314 | 10 | 10 | 2,084 | 6 | 10 | 1,79,707 | 2 | 7 |

42. The bulk of the recoverable arrears against Jary Mootahs are due on the estates named in the margin,§ in which lands have been taken up in connection with the Chembrambakum project, for which compensation has not yet been settled. The proprietors have withheld the payment of Rupees 9,186, pending the settlement of their respective claims against Government. As regards the remainder the Board have recently sanctioned|| the sale of Sembadoo, a village in the Vengal Mootah, against which

§ Teroovoor, Trivellore Taluq.
Chembrambakum, Sydapet Taluq.
Palanjoor, do.
Tandalam, Conjeveram Taluq.
Keevaloor, do.
Kattagaram, do.

|| Board's Proceedings, dated 31st August 1874, No. 2,451.

there is a balance of Rupees 2,220, and the Tahsildar has been directed to expedite its sale. In a few cases the personal property of the Mootahdars at Madras and elsewhere have also been attached and will be brought to sale in due course.

43. Of the arrears under Shrotriern Jody Rupees 2,329-9-9 are irrecoverable, and must be written off the accounts. Rupees 1,890 of the above amount consist of the accumulated arrears of several faslis against the Shrotriern of Vembakam, in the Conjeveram Taluq, which was resumed under the orders of Government, conveyed in their Proceedings of the 13th February 1873, No. 175, and Rupees 439, the arrears of Jody against the resumed Inam village of Coromandel in the Ponnery Taluq. A sum of Rupees 2,982 has also been kept back by the different Shrotrierns, pending the disposal of their claims to compensation. I reported to the Board on most of these claims in my No. 520, dated 19th October last, and on the receipt of their sanction the balance will be adjusted. I have also called the attention of the Special Deputy Collector to the speedy disposal of the remaining claims, which will be done. The Ryotwar and Miscellaneous Land Revenue arrears are in course of collection, and as usual a very large extent of personal and real property has been attached and is being sold.

44. The Fasulwar particulars of the irrecoverable arrears under all heads are given in Statement No. 8, and an explanatory Memorandum is also appended to the same. I request the sanction of the Board to write off the accounts the aggregate sum of Rs. 22,314-10-10 as shown in the margin.

| | RS. | A. | P. |
|---------------------|--------|----|----|
| Ryotwar | 16,178 | 13 | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,806 | 3 | 9 |
| Shrotriern | 2,329 | 9 | 9 |
| Total... | 22,314 | 10 | 10 |

45. COERCIVE PROCESS.—The number of cases in which coercive process was resorted to during the year was 23,858 against 21,852 in last year, in 1,368 villages against 1,268. The estimated value of property, both personal and real, was Rupees 4,72,548 against Rupees 3,77,927 in Fasli 1282; while the amount actually realized by sale was Rupees 1,53,463, or Rupees 37,691 more than last fasli. Looking at the above figures I hardly think Tahsildars can be said to have been much wanting in exertions, though arrears are still heavy. I trust, however, that the employment of Process servers, recently sanctioned to supplement the unpaid village establishment, with a good season, will improve matters; and I anticipate further that much good will result from the disputes between Merassidars and Poyakaries being brought to something like a satisfactory settlement.* The amount of Process fess realized during the fasli was Rupees 635.

* Vide my No. 630, dated 11th November 1874.

46. GROSS COLLECTIONS.—Statement No. 9.—The gross collections from all sources amounted to Rupees 43,07,554, showing a net decrease of Rupees 2,44,237, or 5 per cent. on the collections of the preceding year, a small difference considering the season.

47. The charges of the year amount to Rupees 5,61,393, being a net increase of Rupees 1,55,559 or 38 per cent., and this is owing chiefly to larger outlay on account of salt Coodivaram, storage and contingencies. The decrease observable in the marginal items of Land Revenue charges is only nominal, and is due to the Board's instructions conveyed at paragraph 3 of their Proceedings of the 18th August last,

| | RS. |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Refund of Revenue..... | 2,123 |
| Salaries of Collectors, etc. | 3,374 |
| Huzoor and Taluq Establishments.. | 19,625 |
| Contingencies | 1,473 |
| Miscellaneous | 902 |

No. 2,295, regarding refunds and magisterial charges, having been duly attended to, and the expenditure under those items debited to other heads. If the charges of the year be deducted from the gross collections the net collections amounts to Rupees 37,46,161, or 9½ per cent. less than the revenue collected in the previous fasli.*

48. There has been a decided improvement in the preparation of the Village accounts. They are kept fairly, neatly, and free from erasures and alterations. Discrepancies between the

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Taluq and Village accounts as regards balances have occasionally come to my and the Sub-Collector's* notice in the different taluqs, which have been carefully pointed out and rectified.

* Vide paragraph 43 of Sub-Collector's Report enclosed.

49. The officers who acquired landed property during the year are as follow :—

| Name of the Officer. | Taluq. | Village. | How acquired. | Extent. |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | RS. A. P. |
| Streenevassa Iyengar, Taluq Sheristadar, Conjeveram.. | } Chingleput. | Settipuniem ... | By purchase ... | 3 14 4 |
| Desikachari, Revenue Inspector of Madurantakum Taluq ... | | Sydapet ... Nunmungalam ... | By gift from his elder brother. | 8 2 0 |

50. A statement of costs awarded to Government in Civil suits is herewith sent. It will be seen that out of a total sum of Rupees 912-15-4, Rupees 204 were collected within the fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 708-0-10, which is in course of collection.

51. REMARKS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC SERVANTS.—My thanks are due to Messrs. Crole and Spencer, my Sub and Assistant Collectors, for their efficient aid during the past very troublesome season. I also wish to acknowledge the services of my Treasury and Salt Deputy Collectors, Messrs. Smith and Narasinga Row. The conduct of Mr. Jones, Acting Deputy on General Duty, and of Special Deputy Venkatesiah, were brought to favorable notice in my No. 421, dated 13th August 1874. Seethapathy Naidoo, Acting Tahsildar of Madurantakum, and Dorasawmy Iyer, Tahsildar of Conjeveram, well deserve in my opinion the encomiums passed on them by the Acting Sub-Collector. Shama Row, Tahsildar of Ponnery, also deserves praise. My own office subordinates, with one or two exceptions, have behaved well, and the Taluq establishments are on the whole decidedly improving. My Sheristadar, Kistnama Charry, worked hard and was of great assistance during the protracted settlement, and my Head Clerk Singaravaloo Moodaliar, and Ragava Charry, Acting English Clerk in charge of compensation and Railway correspondence, also deserve special mention.

SYDAPET,
16th November 1874.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Annual Settlement of the Sub-Division under my charge, together with the usual Statements, fourteen in number, for Fasli 1283 (A. D. 1873-74.)

2. The figures exhibited in this report as belonging to the preceding Fasli (1282) relate to all the three taluqs of the Sub-Division, though the report of that fasli related only to two of them, viz., Chingleput and Madurantakum.

3. PLACES AT WHICH SETTLEMENT WAS MADE.—The Statement No. 1 will show the places at, and the dates on, which the settlement was conducted. The number of days spent by me in settling the claims for remission, and the disposal of disputes connected with the settlement in person and in public, is forty-two, as will be seen from the last column of the statement under notice.

4. PUTTAS.—The total number of ryotwar puttass in the year under report was 28,243. Of these 1,515 were new, 12,277 were modified by additional entries, while 14,451 remained unchanged. Last fasli these figures stood at 1,581, 15,194, and 10,316, respectively. The total number of puttass in the year under report as compared with that of last year shows an increase of 1,152. This large increase is attributed partly to transfer of land by sales of other causes, and partly to fresh lands taken up by the ryots.

5. TERRITORIAL CHANGES.—During the year under report sixty-seven villages, i.e., fifty from Ryotwar and seventeen from Zemin, were transferred from Chingleput to Madurantakum Taluq, while twenty Ryotwar and three Shrotriem villages, twenty-three in all, were transferred from the latter taluq to Conjeveram in order to readjust the boundaries of the Sub-Division.

6. FLUCTUATIONS IN THE NUMBER AND TENURE OF VILLAGES.—There has been no variation in the total number of villages which remained as in the preceding fasli, but the number of Shrotriem villages was reduced by one which was transferred to the head Amani. This village is the Shrotriem village of Venpakam in the Conjeveram Taluq, which was resumed under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1873, No. 216, as the arrears were not paid before the 1st July 1873. With the above exception there was no change in the tenures of villages which stood as follows :—

| | RS. |
|---|--------------|
| Ryotwar villages | 1,057½ |
| Permanently settled villages... | 236 |
| Shrotriem villages | 169½ |
| Villages rented for more than a year | 5 |
| Amani | 1 |
| Total... | <u>1,469</u> |

7. **SEASON.**—The season was entirely unfavorable owing to the failure of timely rain. In fact no rain worth speaking of fell in the first five months of the cultivation season, *i.e.*, from April to August, and the consequence was that a great portion of the ryots' holdings, both nunjah and punjah, had to be left waste in all the taluqs. More rain, however, fell towards the coast than inland. The freshes in the Palar were also not so full as could be desired.

8. **SANITARY CONDITION.**—The sanitary condition of the Sub-Division was good. There were no cases of cholera, nor any epidemic visited the Sub-Division during the year under report.

9. **Loss of Cattle.**—The mortality among cattle from vekkai and other epidemic diseases was inconsiderable, and the number of deaths in the taluq of Madurantakum alone was large.

10. **PRICES OF GRAIN.**—The subjoined statement will show the average prices of all grains for the year as compared with those of last year. It will be seen from that statement that the prices of all grains rose high. The increase which varies from 4 to 59 per cent. is attributable to the unfavorable character of the season:—

| Faslis. | PADDY. | | RICE. | | Cholum. | Cumboo. | Raggy. | Horse-gram. | Varagoo. |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | 1st sort. | 2nd sort. | 1st sort. | 2nd sort. | | | | | |
| 1282 | RS. 130 | RS. 116 | RS. 286 | RS. 266 | RS. 171 | RS. 135 | RS. 148 | RS. 289 | RS. 68 |
| 1283 | 150 | 139 | 339 | 313 | 217 | 141 | 197 | 319 | 108 |

11. **RYOTS' HOLDINGS.**—The ryotwar holding as it stood at the beginning of the fasli, and the subsequent changes therein, are given in Statement No. 3. The subjoined abstract statement will show the extent of ryots' holdings at the commencement of the fasli under report and the subsequent changes therein as compared with the result of the preceding fasli:—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | | Fasli 1283. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Ryots' holdings at the beginning of fasli. | 281,389 | 8,01,107 | 273,545 | 7,83,915 | ... | ... | 7,844 | 17,192 |
| <i>Deduct.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Land relinquished... | 19,745 | 46,602 | 16,411 | 38,342 | ... | ... | 3,334 | 8,260 |
| Remaining | 261,644 | 7,54,505 | 257,134 | 7,45,573 | ... | ... | 4,510 | 8,932 |
| <i>Add.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Land newly taken up. | 11,901 | 29,409 | 8,925 | 24,324 | ... | ... | 2,976 | 5,085 |
| Total holdings ... | 273,545 | 7,83,914 | 266,059 | 7,69,897 | ... | ... | 7,486 | 14,017 |
| Waste remitted ... | 1,261 | 4,757 | 59,118 | 1,20,251 | 57,857 | 1,15,494 | ... | ... |
| Remaining settle- ment | 272,284 | 7,79,157 | 206,941 | 6,49,646 | ... | ... | 65,343 | 1,29,511 |
| Actual cultivation .. | 223,777 | 6,83,828 | 203,647 | 6,40,524 | ... | ... | 20,130 | 43,304 |
| Waste charged ... | 48,507 | 95,329 | 3,294 | 9,122 | ... | ... | 45,213 | 86,207 |

12. The total extent of land in such holdings at the beginning of the fasli under report was Acres 273,545, assessed at Rupees 7,83,915, of which Acres 6,954 of punjah land, assessed at Rupees 11,319, and 1,228 Acres of nunjah land, with an assessment of Rupees 4,100, were relinquished; and 8,229 Acres, bearing an assessment of Rupees 22,923, transferred by sale and other-

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wise : 1,811 Acres of punjah land, assessed at Rupees 2,586, and 937 Acres of nunjah land, assessed at Rupees 3,060, were newly taken up ; and 6,177 Acres, with an assessment of Rupees 18,678, were obtained by sales and other means. Thus it will be seen that the total extent of land in the holdings of ryots at the close of the fasli under report was Acres 266,659, assessed at Rupees 7,69,897, being a decrease of 7,486 Acres, assessed at Rupees 14,017. The large decrease of Acres 6,375, assessed at Rupees 10,424, under punjah is chiefly due to the relinquishment of more punjah lands on account of the ryots' inability to cultivate ; the extent newly taken up under this head during the year being comparatively very small. There is also a decrease of 1,111 Acres, assessed at Rupees 3,593, in the nunjah extent. This is also mainly the result of the relinquishment of waste lands for which remission was refused in previous faslis. The failure of early rain has also partially operated on the decrease.

13. ACTUAL CULTIVATION.—A statement of actual cultivation in the fasli under report compared with that of the preceding one is given below, from which it will be seen that, during the fasli under report, there is a falling off in every item, the total amounting to Rupees 59,000 in round numbers, the decrease in the extent being 20,000 Acres also in round numbers. No special remark is called for for this extraordinary decrease, as the season as described in paragraph 7 was most unfavorable :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | | Fasli 1283. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------|--------|
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Punjah | 86,486 | 1,29,831 | 73,344 | 1,11,965 | ... | ... | 13,142 | 17,866 |
| Nunjah | 137,291 | 5,53,997 | 130,303 | 5,28,559 | ... | ... | 6,988 | 25,438 |
| Total .. | 223,777 | 6,83,828 | 203,647 | 6,40,524 | ... | ... | 20,130 | 43,304 |
| Fasaljasti | ... | 60,261 | ... | 47,254 | ... | ... | ... | 13,007 |
| Teervajasti | ... | 20,426 | ... | 17,655 | ... | ... | ... | 2,771 |
| Water-tax | ... | 1,830 | ... | 1,764 | ... | ... | ... | 66 |
| Total... | ... | 82,517 | ... | 66,673 | ... | ... | ... | 15,844 |
| Grand Total... | ... | 7,66,345 | ... | 7,07,197 | ... | ... | ... | 59,148 |

14. SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—The cultivation of special products is given in Enclosure B. to Statement No. 3. From this it will be seen that there is an increase of 384 Acres in the cultivation of indigo, resulting in a decrease of 314 Rupees in the assessment. The cultivation of sugar-cane and cotton being small calls for no remark.

15. PROGRESSIVE COWLES.—No assignment was made under this head during the year under reference.

16. WASTE CHARGED AND WASTE REMITTED.—Subjoined is a statement showing in detail the extent of waste charged and of waste remitted, from which it will be seen that there is a large decrease of Rupees 86,207 in waste charged, while under the head of waste remitted the increase is unusually large, amounting to Rupees 1,15,494. The decrease in the former item is owing principally to the relaxation of the rule charging dry waste, including Shamlat as well as wet Shamlat waste. It is partly accounted for by the fact that the extent of land under actual cultivation during the year under report was smaller than that in the preceding fasli. The remission on account of waste was more than twenty-five times larger than that granted last year. This large

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increase is due to the very liberal remissions granted this year for dry and wet lands (entire fields) left waste under the orders of Government, dated 18th March 1874, No. 360, Revenue Department.

Table showing waste charged and waste remitted in Faslis 1282 and 1283.

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | | Fasli 1283. | | Increase. | | Decrease. | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Waste charged | 48,507 | 95,329 | 3,294 | 9,122 | ... | ... | 45,213 | 86,207 |
| Do. remitted | 1,261 | 4,757 | 59,118 | 1,20,251 | 57,857 | 1,15,494 | ... | ... |

17. OTHER REMISSIONS.—The annexed statement will show that there is a large increase of Rupees 95,630 under the head of Other remissions for the year under report :—

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| 1. Shamlat Bunjer | 7 | 20,448 | 20,441 | ... |
| 2. Shavi or withered crops | 1,012 | 51,490 | 50,478 | ... |
| 3. Cowle remission... .. | 2,540 | 2,573 | 33 | ... |
| 4. Teazgari | 403 | 298 | ... | 105 |
| 5. Pymash Cummee | 197 | 189 | ... | 8 |
| 6. Land silted... .. | 116 | ... | ... | 116 |
| 7. Teerva Cummee | 105 | 66 | ... | 39 |
| 8. Reyayat | 1,357 | 1,054 | ... | 303 |
| 9. Remission of 20 per cent. on Manavari lands | 2,028 | 1,928 | ... | 100 |
| 10. Remission given to Brahmins | 33 | 2 | ... | 31 |
| 11. Merah to Village servants... .. | 2,536 | 2,198 | ... | 338 |
| 12. Second crop irrigated by private wells ... | 39 | 759 | 720 | ... |
| 13. Percentage remission granted under the Board's Orders, dated 19th March 1874, No. 635 | ... | 25,000 | 25,000 | ... |
| 14. Boundary dispute | 2 | ... | ... | 2 |
| Total... | 10,375 | 1,06,005 | 96,672 | 1,042 |
| Net increase... | ... | ... | 95,630 | ... |

18. CAUSES FOR THE INCREASE OF REMISSION—*Shamlat Bunjer*.—A sum of Rupees 20,448 was remitted this year under this head, while only a small amount of Rupees 7 was allowed in the preceding fasli. The large increase is due to the unfavorable state of the season, which necessitated the grant of special remissions under the Government Order quoted at the close of paragraph 16.

19. *Shavi or Withered Crops*.—The amount of remission granted this year under this item is also unusually large, being 51,490 Rupees against a small sum of 1,012 Rupees remitted in the previous fasli. The reason for the increase in the case of *Shamlat Bunjer* alluded to in paragraph 18 is equally applicable to *Shavi*.

20. *Percentage Remission*.—Rupees 25,000 were specially remitted this year on account of short crops under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1874, No. 635. This is again attributable to the unfavorable state of the season.

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21. *Cowle Remission.*—There is a slight increase of 33 Rupees this year under this item.

22. *Second Crop irrigated by private Wells.*—The amount remitted under this head during the year under report is Rupees 759, being 720 Rupees over and above the amount remitted in the previous fasli. The ryots were obliged to have recourse to their own well water, as the supply in the tanks failed in several cases.

23. *CAUSES FOR THE DECREASE OF REMISSION—Teazgari.*—This item forms a reduction of Teerva on such portions of the holdings of certain privileged classes of ryots, and under this head Rupees 298, being 105 less than the sum remitted in the previous year, was remitted during the year under report. The remission under this head will vary according to the extent of cultivation.

24. *Land silted.*—The decrease of Rupees 116 under this head is due to the less fresh during the year.

25. *Reyayet.*—There is a decrease of 303 Rupees under this item.

26. *Manavari Lands.*—Remission on account of Manavari lands, which were lately converted from wet into dry, amounted to 1,928 Rupees, being 109 Rupees less than the amount granted in the previous fasli. The decrease is attributable to the relinquishment of this class of lands during the fasli under report. This item is in fact a general reduction of 20 per cent. on the assessment of such lands sanctioned in G. O., dated 24th December 1870, No. 938, Revenue Department.

27. The other items call for no remark.

28. *Total Remission.*—Statement No. 4 does not include remission (Rupees 1,20,251) on account of waste. By adding it to the total amount of remission in No. 4 (*i. e.*, Rupees 1,06,005) the whole sum remitted during the year under report amounts to Rs. 2,26,256 against Rupees 15,132 in Fasli 1282.

29. *LAND REVENUE, MISCELLANEOUS.*—Statement No. 5 shows the sundry sources of land revenue. Annexed is a comparative memorandum of these:—

| Items. | Demand of last Fasli. | Demand of current Fasli. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| 1. Quit-rent on Maniem lands | 3,687 | 3,648 | ... | 39 |
| 2. Jodi on Maniem lands | 2,579 | 2,571 | ... | 8 |
| 3. Cultivation after Jamabundi | 25,740 | 6,752 | ... | 18,988 |
| 4. Do. of Porumboke lands | 4,045 | 2,181 | ... | 1,864 |
| 5. Second Crop assessment on Maniem lands ... | 8,098 | 4,353 | ... | 3,745 |
| 6. Unauthorized cultivation | 23,330 | 18,231 | ... | 5,099 |
| 7. Other items | 14,573 | ... | Net 2,700 | Net 2,939 |
| Total... | 82,052 | 52,071 | 2,700 | 32,682 |
| Net decrease... | ... | ... | ... | 29,982 |

30. *Cause for Decrease.*—There is a large decrease in each of the Items 3 to 6. The decrease of Rupees 18,988 in Item 3, as well as that of Rupees 3,745 in item 5, are no doubt due to the unfavorable state of the season, while the decrease of Rupees 1,864 and Rupees 5,099 under the heads of Cultivation of Porumboke lands and Unauthorized cultivation, respectively, is the result of prohibitory assessment having been imposed in most cases.

Under the head of Other items there is a net decrease of Rupees 239.

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31. SETTLED LAND REVENUE.—The following is a comparative statement of the gross land revenue of the sub-division, which shows a total decrease of Rupees 2,71,458:

| Items. | Fasli 1282. | Fasli 1283. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Permanently settled... .. | 56,502 | 56,502 | ... | ... |
| Jodi on Shrotriem, etc. ... | 37,290 | 36,799 | ... | 491 |
| Ryotwar | 8,51,300 | 6,10,315 | ... | 2,40,985 |
| Miscellaneous | 82,053 | 52,071 | ... | 29,982 |
| Total... | 10,27,145 | 7,55,687 | ... | 2,71,458 |

The decrease of Rupees 491 under Jodi was that due on the Shrotriem village of Venpakam in the Conjeveram Taluq referred to in paragraph 6, while the large decrease under Ryotwar is chiefly owing to the grant of special remissions.

32. PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.—The principal sources of irrigation are entered below with the ayacut, cultivation, and revenue under each as compared with the preceding fasli:—

| Tanks. | Villages. | AYACUT. | | HOLDINGS, 1282. | | CULTIVATION. | | HOLDINGS, 1283. | | CULTIVATION. | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. | Extent. | Assess-ment. |
| | | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. | ACRES. | RS. |
| Madurantakum | 20 | 6,141 | 18,523 | 4,885 | 15,330 | 4,126 | 14,897 | 4,790 | 15,195 | 4,262 | 16,200 |
| Otramarur | 3 | 5,654 | 20,666 | 3,662 | 14,366 | 3,338 | 14,941 | 3,665 | 14,384 | 2,738 | 12,143 |
| Damal | 1 | 2,495 | 12,739 | 1,709 | 8,993 | 1,626 | 8,617 | 1,709 | 8,993 | 1,609 | 8,197 |
| Tonneri... .. | 21 | 5,072 | 16,477 | 3,549 | 12,793 | 2,578 | 10,391 | 3,234 | 13,416 | 2,547 | 11,533 |
| Striperumbadur | 1 | 1,017 | 4,904 | 986 | 5,054 | 911 | 4,762 | 986 | 5,054 | 936 | 5,592 |
| Manimangalam | 5 | 1,880 | 9,802 | 1,405 | 7,861 | 1,257 | 7,250 | 1,404 | 8,018 | 1,198 | 7,130 |
| Kuram | 8 | 1,989 | 10,857 | 1,720 | 11,217 | 1,634 | 10,845 | 1,756 | 11,964 | 1,632 | 11,427 |

33. RUINED TANKS.—No ruined tanks were made over in the sub-division under the rules during the fasli under report.

34. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF LAND REVENUE, MISCELLANEOUS.—Statement No. 5 shows the demand, collection, and balance of land revenue, miscellaneous. The collections under this head are shown below with the demand, and the balance at the end of the fasli is Rupees 21,052 :—

| Taluqs. | Demand. | Collection. | Balance at the end of Fasli. | Subsequent Collections up to 31st August 1874. |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Madurantakum | 23,146 | 21,362 | 1,784 | 1,562 |
| Chingleput | 11,221 | 3,913 | 7,308 | 1,586 |
| Conjeveram | 17,704 | 5,744 | 11,960 | 5,801 |
| Total... | 52,071 | 31,019 | 21,052 | 8,949 |

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35. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF ZEMINDARIES.—The current demand, collection, and balance of Zemindaries, etc., villages, together with arrears as shown in the subjoined table, from which it would appear that there is an arrear of Rupees 31,784 :—

| Talugs. | CURRENT. | | ARREARS. | | Balance. |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| | Demand. | Collection up to 31st August. | Demand. | Collection up to 31st August. | |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Madurantakum.. | 39,020 | 36,786 | 12,829 | 12,039 | 3,024 |
| Chingleput ... | 17,583 | 15,472 | 8,114 | 7,601 | 2,624 |
| Conjeveram ... | 36,699 | 24,796 | 31,872 | 17,639 | 26,136 |
| Total... | 93,302 | 77,054 | 52,815 | 37,279 | 31,784 |

36. Strict orders have been issued to the Tahsildars for the speedy collection of this balance.

37. DEMAND, COLLECTION, AND BALANCE OF LAND REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES.—The marginal entries show the current demands for Faslis 1282 and 1283. The large decrease in the latter fasli is entirely owing to the unfavorable state of the season.

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| | RS. |
| Fasli 1282 | 10,27,145 |
| „ 1283 | 7,55,687 |
| Decrease... | 2,71,458 |

38. COLLECTION.—The subjoined is an abstract statement showing the collections as compared with those of last year :—

| Items. | FASLI 1282. | | | FASLI 1283 UP TO AUGUST 1874. | | | Increase. | Decrease. |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Arrears. | Current | Total | Arrears. | Current. | Total. | | |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| Permanently settled | 8,441 | 36,931 | 45,372 | 20,883 | 50,000 | 70,883 | 15,117 | ... |
| Jodi on Shrotriism, etc. ... | 6,915 | 19,710 | 26,625 | 16,396 | 27,053 | 43,449 | 6,741 | ... |
| Ryotwar | 1,00,124 | 7,07,384 | 8,07,508 | 1,71,600 | 5,68,797 | 7,40,397 | ... | 1,25,933 |
| Miscellaneous | 22,728 | 26,594 | 49,322 | 56,176 | 39,969 | 96,145 | 29,112 | ... |
| Total... | 1,38,208 | 7,90,619 | 9,28,827 | 2,65,055 | 6,85,819 | 9,50,874 | 50,970 | 1,25,933 |
| Net... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 74,963 |

39. The collections on account of current demand was 77 per cent. in Fasli 1282, while that in Fasli 1283 amounts to 80 per cent. within the fasli, and the collection on account of arrears in Fasli 1282 was 54 per cent., while that in 1283 was 73 per cent. The collection up to the end of August is 91 per cent. of the current demand and 76 per cent. of the arrears. This (for the Chingleput District) satisfactory result is mainly due to the exertions of Seethapathy Naidoo, Acting Tahsildar of Madurantakum, for the collections in the other two talugs have not been creditable.

40. BALANCE.—The balance, both on account of current demand and arrears at the end of August, amounted to Rupees 1,53,562, of which Rupees 8,172 have been recommended to be written off, and about Rupees 4,938 have been entered as doubtful. The net balance that remains to be collected is Rupees 1,40,452.

41. COERCIVE PROCESS.—Recourse to this process has been had to a greater extent than in the preceding year. It will be observed that in the year under report both real and personal property, valued at Rupees 83,489, were attached in 917 villages, out of which property worth Rupees 85,423 was sold.

42. IRRECOVERABLE BALANCE.—Subjoined is a statement of the irrecoverable balance which I recommend to be written off the accounts, from which it will be seen that the total amount recommended is Rupees 8,172-5-6.

43. TALUQ ACCOUNTS.—The Taluq accounts were generally found to have been properly kept, but I should not omit to mention here that in several cases there is a serious disparity between the taluq balance and that entered in the village accounts. I have issued stringent

| Items. | Fasli 1273. | Fasli 1274. | Fasli 1275. | Fasli 1276. | Fasli 1277. | Fasli 1278. | Fasli 1279. | Fasli 1280. | Fasli 1281. | Fasli 1282. | Total. |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <i>Ryotwar.</i> | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| Assessment on waste | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 8 8 | 516 11 1 | 607 3 9 |
| Do. on submerged lands | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 0 0 | 15 0 0 |
| Assessment remitted after the Jamabundi on Shavi or withered crops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56 12 11 | ... | 56 12 11 |
| Remission of the difference between the old and new rates of assessment in the villages transferred from North Arcot to Chingleput District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,213 1 11 | 1,213 1 11 |
| Other items | ... | ... | 1 8 0 | 18 7 5 | ... | 3 14 10 | 381 4 11 | 671 7 10 | 1,135 8 2 | 2,041 1 5 | 4,253 4 7 |
| Total... | ... | ... | 1 8 0 | 18 7 5 | ... | 3 4 10 | 381 4 11 | 671 7 10 | 1,232 13 9 | 3,785 14 5 | 6,145 7 2 |
| <i>Miscellaneous.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessment on submerged lands | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 5 3 | 59 5 3 |
| Assessment remitted after the Jamabundi on Shavi or withered crops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 14 6 | 4 14 6 |
| Remission of the difference between the old and new rates of assessment in the villages transferred from North Arcot to Chingleput District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 9 5 | 23 9 5 |
| Other items | 4 13 2 | 52 12 2 | 1 2 6 | ... | 97 10 8 | 150 10 9 | 16 13 8 | 431 5 6 | 582 6 4 | 601 6 5 | 1,939 1 2 |
| Total .. | 4 12 2 | 52 12 2 | 1 2 6 | ... | 97 10 8 | 150 10 9 | 16 13 8 | 431 5 6 | 582 6 4 | 689 3 7 | 2,026 14 4 |
| Grand Total... | 4 13 2 | 52 12 2 | 2 10 6 | 18 7 5 | 97 10 8 | 154 9 7 | 398 2 7 | 1,102 13 4 | 1,865 4 1 | 4,475 2 9 | 8,172 5 6 |

orders to the Tahsildars to adjust these differences at an early date, and also in August deputed my Sheristadar to make a beginning in the Conjeveram Taluq.

44. VILLAGE ACCOUNTS.—These accounts are in the main properly kept, but there is still room for improvement.

45. REMARKS ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICIALS OF THE SUB-DIVISION.—My own establishment has with one exception (that of the Head Clerk now on leave) given me every satisfaction. N. Krishna Ayyangar, the Sheristadar, is a useful, hard-working, and promising official, and Acting Head Clerk Ramasawmy Ayyar, who was promoted a few days ago to be Taluq Sheristadar of Madurantakum, and Acting Sub-Magistrate of Otramarur is a most experienced and trustworthy Revenue Officer and a clever Accountant, as well as a man of very superior abilities. His departure on his well-earned promotion is a great loss to the office.

As to the Taluq establishments I have to observe a steady improvement in all grades except the Revenue Inspectorate, and even there the remark applies to the taluqs of Conjeveram and Chingleput only. Seethapathy Naidoo, Acting Tahsildar of Madurantakum, promises to turn out everything that is desirable in a Tahsildar. He is very laborious and energetic, perfectly upright and strict yet perfectly fair, and the state of his collections in a taluq which his predecessor made over to him with very heavy arrears stamps him as already a first class Revenue officer.

V. Dorasawmy Ayyar, Tahsildar of Conjeveram, held his taluq to which he was transferred at his own request from Bellary for little more than half the fasli and he consequently labored under serious disadvantages, especially in coping with the large balances outstanding; still I have every reason to be thoroughly satisfied with him and consider him well worthy of promotion to Deputy Collector.

I close these remarks by observing that Parthasarady Mudali, late Deputy Tahsildar of Otramarur, was after a long course of inefficiency and worse compelled by the Board to retire, and Kalunder Buksh Saib, Sheristadar of Conjeveram, was promoted to a Sub-Magistracy in South Arcot. As far as the Conjeveram Taluq is concerned there is as little cause to regret the latter as the former arrangement.

CHINGLEPUT,
17th October 1874.

(Signed) C. S. CROLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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OF

NORTH ARCOT.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Annual Settlement of the district for the past Fasli 1283 (A. D. 1873-74) accompanied by the usual Statements from No. 1 to 9, with their enclosures, etc., in the prescribed forms as per enclosed list.

2. The settlement of the district was commenced on the 8th January 1874 in the Gudiatum Taluq by the Sub-Collector, Mr. Sewell, and was concluded by the General Duty Deputy-Collector Iyaloo Naidu Garu on the 2nd July 1874.

3. Statement No. 1. shows the arrangement made for the settlement of the district, and other particulars connected therewith. The Deputy-Collector seems to have occupied a period of four months and thirteen days in the settlement of the Wandewash Taluq alone, as the "Azimoish" or examination of "Shavi" or withered crops was in progress at the same time, for which remission of assessment was needed.

4. The subjoined Statement will show the variations in the number and tenure of the villages of this district as compared with the preceding years. The causes of decrease of two villages under "Ryotwar," and increase of four villages under "Shrotriem" are as follow:—The

1. Melapalayur.

2. Vinnavanput.

District were transferred to the Poloor Taluq of this district under the authority noted in the

Notification dated 27th June 1873, page 1,128 of Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 8th July 1873.

Notification dated 14th May 1873, page 939 of Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 27th May 1873.

village. The Village of Kodayanji of the Vellore Taluq, referred to in paragraph 6 of the last year's Settlement Report was transferred during the current fasli to the Salem District. The

1. Rungasamudram.

2. Modipalli.

3. Mudduramapuram.

4. Sanganapalli, all in Chittoor Taluq.

small revenue in the form of assessment on lapsed Kattubadi Inams and Tirwajasti on the Shrotriem dry lands was collected by Government) were during the current fasli transferred

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 27th October 1873, No. 2,159.

at the instance of the Revenue Settlement Department to the head of "Shrotriem," arrangements having been made with the Shrotriemdar for the payment of the Government Revenue, in conformity with the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,195, dated 13th November 1873. Thus the transfer of four Ryotwar villages to the head of "Shrotriem" and one village to the Salem District, as well as the addition of two villages to

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the Poloor and one village to the Gudiatum Taluqs have caused a decrease of two villages under "Ryotwar," and an increase of four villages under "Shrotriem" with a net increase of two villages in the total number as compared with the last fasli :—

| Faslis. | Ryotwar. | SHROTRIEM. | | | Total. | Rent- ed. | Total. |
|----------|----------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | | Here- ditary. | For 3 lives. | For 1 life. | | | |
| 1278 ... | 2,923 | 115 | 1 | 4 | 120 | 3 | 3,046 |
| 1279 ... | 2,923 | 116 | 1 | 4 | 121 | 3 | 3,047 |
| 1280 ... | 2,927 | 114 | 1 | 4 | 119 | 3 | 3,049 |
| 1281 ... | 2,929 | 114 | 1 | 4 | 119 | 3 | 3,051 |
| 1282 ... | 2,930 | 113 | 1 | 4 | 118 | 3 | 3,051 |
| 1283 ... | 2,928 | 117 | 1 | 4 | 122 | 3 | 3,053 |

5. The number of fresh puttass issued during the fasli is 8,268, the number of old puttass in which modifications were made is Rupees 1,02,377, and the number which remain unaffected is Rupees 87,811. The first two items show an increase over the figures of the previous fasli, the cause of which may be stated to be not only the ordinary transfers in consequence of sales, successions, and inheritance, but also the great number of transfers voluntarily effected by the original Puttadars, owing to progress in the demarcation operations for fear of providing demarcation stones for lands in the possession and enjoyment of others whose desire and applications for transfer had been previously evaded for several years by former occupants.

6. SEASON.—I regret to have to report that the season of the past fasli was as unfavorable as the year preceding, if not worse. While the one was noted for a superabundance of rain, the latter was characterized by protracted drought. There was an insufficient fall of rain during the early part of the season, which resulted in a scanty outturn of the early dry crops; and the later wet crops suffered from a total failure in the water-supply, and in consequence, the crops actually dried up and withered to a great extent, as will be seen further on from the large amount of remission granted for "Shavi." From November until the first week of May, there was an entire absence of rain throughout the district, and a scarcity of water was generally felt even for drinking purposes too. In fact, even the springs in wells at last began to fail; there was a deep and universal anxiety as to the state of the district. Fortunately, however, in the first week of May, the whole district was favored with an abundant fall of rain, and this most valuable and timely boon to the people effected a thorough change in the season and a marvellous improvement in the condition of the district. Ever since then, there have been frequent heavy falls of rain throughout the district; every tank is full, every field is under cultivation, and the country at present exhibits every where an extremely satisfactory appearance. So far as I am at present able to predict, the current fasli (1284) is likely to be a most prosperous one for the ryots. The following Statement gives a comparative view of the rain-fall of the district for the past five years. Omitting the rain-fall in Fasli 1282 which was excessive, there was a decrease of about 10 inches of rain in Fasli 1283 as compared with Faslis 1280 and 1281. In the current year from the 2nd of May up to the present date, there has been an average fall of 49 inches throughout the district and the North-east Monsoon has not yet broken.

| Fasli. | SOUTH-WEST MONSOON. | | | | | | | NORTH-EAST MONSOON. | | | | | | | Grand Total. |
|----------|---------------------|------|-------|-------|---------|------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| | April 1873. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | Total. | October. | November. | December. | January 1874. | February. | March. | Total. | |
| | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. | In. |
| 1279 ... | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 17.4 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 8.8 | 26.2 |
| 1280 ... | 0.2 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 18.8 | 11.4 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 18.0 | 37.4 |
| 1281 ... | 0.5 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 9.6 | 21.0 | 5.1 | 12.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.6 | 39.6 |
| 1282 ... | 0.7 | 8.5 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 26.4 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 27.0 | 53.9 |
| 1283 ... | 1.0 | 8.8 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 17.7 | 8.7 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 29.8 |