

7. *Public Health.*—Below is given a Statement of deaths during the year under report, and its predecessor, from the three chief diseases, Cholera, Small-pox and Fever. It is gratifying to notice that the district enjoyed a perfect immunity from Cholera. From the information I have received, I do not believe that the two cases entered in the Return were true cases of Cholera. I think they were merely cases of Bowel Complaint, misnamed Cholera by the ignorant Village Officers, who reported the deaths, and not unnaturally mistook the real nature of the malady. This favorable result is to a certain extent due to the greater attention that is now generally paid to sanitary arrangements, and to the vigilance displayed by Revenue officials throughout the country in carrying out the orders which have of late been repeatedly issued for the sanitation of towns and villages, especially on the occasions of the great periodic feasts and festivals in places like Tripatj, Sholinghur, Kalastri, and Tritani, where at stated seasons thousands of pilgrims and devotees congregate from all parts of the country for a number of days together. These occasions, until very lately, used to be marked almost invariably by an outbreak of cholera, which spread and carried death in every direction with the pilgrims as they returned to their homes. Now however there can be no doubt on account of the excellent sanitary arrangements made by the officials on the spot, it has been the pleasing duty of Revenue officers to report the successful conclusion of great feasts for several successive years without the occurrence of even a solitary case of cholera.

Decrease.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cholera	5	2	...	3
Small-pox... ..	4,474	6,373	1,899	...
Fever... ..	22,488	17,566	...	4,922

From Small-pox there has been an increase of 1,899 deaths. The Local Fund Board has given this subject its deep and anxious consideration, and are hopeful that the Government will place the working of the department more completely in its hands than has hitherto been the case. At present there can be no doubt the operations of the Vaccine Department are perfectly useless as a check on this dreadful disease. It may be supposed at first sight, that with regard to the mortality from fever, the large decrease of 4,922 is favorable for the year under report. The decrease however is really due to the enormous increase of deaths under this head in the preceding year, which was unusually unhealthy. Leaving therefore this exceptional year out of the calculation, if comparison be made with Fasli 1281, the number of deaths from fever in the current fasli shows an actual increase of 3,058, which is believed to be due to the entire failure of rain for nearly six months of the year. Mortality under this head was numerous in the usually feverish parts of the district adjoining the hills. Fever medicine was freely distributed from the established dispensaries, and through the Dressers attached to the various offices. Therefore, in point of public health too, the year under report was a very unfavorable one.

8. *FARM STOCK.*—The subjoined Statement will show an increase of mortality among cows, bullocks and buffaloes, and a decrease among sheep. The increase is due to the unusual drought

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of the year, and the consequent want of pasturage and water for cattle. The decrease under the head "Sheep" is due to the very large number that perished in the preceding year from the effects of the excessive fall of rain in that year. Dr. Thacker's cattle medicine was within the reach of every farmer, and every precautionary measure was adopted to separate sick cattle from the healthy. But the ryots in by no means a small number of instances seem to have adhered to their own way in treating their sick cattle. They often objected to take the medicine we offered them, declaring that so far from palliating, it aggravated the symptoms in their opinion, and was unsuited to the cattle of the country.

Description of Cattle.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cows	3,364	6,030	2,666	...
Bullocks	6,199	8,745	2,546	...
She Buffaloes	1,454	2,387	933	...
He do.	2,054	2,592	538	...
Sheep	30,880	17,294	...	13,586
Total...	43,951	37,048	6,683	13,586

9. It will be seen from the Statement given below, that the prices of all food-grains rose during the year as compared with its predecessor. This is attributable to the unfavorable character of the season resulting in scanty produce, and to great demand from the Western Coast and from Bengal on account of the famine. The increase in the prices of dry grains is greater than those of wet. This is owing to dry crops, especially Cholum and Cumboo, having suffered more than the wet on account of insufficient rain early in the season, and to the consumption of dry grains, especially Raggy, being proportionately larger than that of the wet by most of the cultivating and lower classes who form the majority of the population. The prices of Fasli 1283 however were lower than the average prices of the last ten years. The very high rise in the prices, the constant demand for grain from outside, and the consequent decrease in the stock in store, caused in February last serious apprehensions in some quarters of a famine in this district, and without announcing what I was doing, I considered it prudent quietly to prepare and keep in readiness lists of relief works to be taken in hand in each taluq if the worst come to the worst, but the most opportune and copious rain which fell in the first week of May throughout the district, put a stop to all further anxieties—

Grains.	Average price for 10 years from Fasli 1273 to 1282.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase or decrease in Fasli 1283 as compared with the average.	Per-centage.	Increase or decrease in Fasli 1283 as compared with the Fasli 1282.	Per-centage.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Paddy, 1st sort per garce	165	116	136	Decrease ... 29	17	Increase ... 20	15
Do. 2nd do.	152	105	128	Do. ... 24	16	Do. ... 23	28
Cholum or Javery	207	108	205	Do. ... 2	1	Do. ... 97	47
Cumboo or Bazira	192	115	186	Do. ... 6	3	Do. ... 71	33
Raggy	191	123	175	Do. ... 16	8	Do. ... 52	30
HC so-gram... ..	234	194	227	Do. ... 7	3	Do. ... 33	14½

10. RYOTS' HOLDING.—The Statement No. 3 shows the extent of land relinquished, sold, or transferred, and that taken up for fresh cultivation. The Statement overleaf shows the result of

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ryots' holdings in Fasli 1283, as compared with Fasli 1282. The decrease of Rupees 33,520 is owing to extensive relinquishments on account of the unfavorable nature of the season. The relinquishments in Fasli 1283 however were less than in its predecessor. But the extent of lands taken up afresh was also on the decrease. This was owing to anxiety of ryots with regard to the very unpromising appearance of the season:—

Items.	Acres.	Assessment.
Relinquished... ..	42,025	RS. 54,692
Taken up	17,840	23,260
Difference...	24,185	31,432
Relinquished... ..	5,569	29,592
Taken up	5,291	27,503
	278	2,089
Ryots' holding in Fasli 1282 ...	666,708	18,03,658
Do. do. in Fasli 1283	642,245	17,70,138
Decrease...	24,463	33,520

11. Enclosure C. in Statement No. 3 shows the single case of progressive Cowle in this district. One-fourth of the assessment on the actual cultivation has been charged this year as per G. O., dated 14th March 1873, No. 311.

12. WASTE CHARGED AND REMITTED.—A Comparative Statement of the waste charged and remitted is given below, from which will be seen that under both heads there is an increase. The increase under "Waste charged" is owing to no remission of assessment having generally been granted under the rules for portions of fields left waste to a large extent, owing to deficiency of water-supply in cases of wet lands, and to no remission whatever being granted for dry fields. The above increase also includes the waste charged on account of neglect of ryots. The increase of Rupees 28,484 under the head "Waste remitted" is presumably due to a decrease in the cultivation, which was the consequence of the long continued drought, the scanty supply of water in tanks, and the deficiency of rain-fall:—

Fasli.	Charged.	Remitted.
	RS.	RS.
1282	1,32,366	19,999
1283	1,56,074	48,483
Increase...	23,708	28,484

13. Enclosure D. to Statement No. 3 gives taluqwar information regarding "portions of fields left waste," and "lands ploughed but not sown," which were charged or remitted. The Statement overleaf gives the same in abstract. The cause of charging portions of fields left waste has been stated in paragraph 12, above. Lands ploughed, are generally charged under the rules. The remission of Rupees 5-4-1 on two acres of dry, and Rupees 315-0-7 on eighty-one acres of wet

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lands left waste in portions of fields, was specially granted in cases where by no act or omission on the part of the ryot, they were rendered unfit for cultivation, such as lands in which pits were dug for earth required for tank repairs, lands silted up, cut through by floods, etc. The remission of Rupees 683-9-8 for portions of wet fields ploughed but not sown, was also granted under the above circumstances.

Items.	PORTIONS OF FIELDS CHARGED FOR.									PORTIONS OF FIELDS, THE ASSESSMENT ON WHICH HAS BEEN REMITTED.								
	Dry.			Wet.			Total.			Dry.			Wet.			Total.		
	ACS.	RS.	A. P.	ACS.	RS.	A. P.	ACS.	RS.	A. P.	ACS.	RS.	A. P.	ACS.	RS.	A. P.	ACS.	RS.	A. P.
Portions of fields left waste ...	6,616	8,052	9 2	1,462	6,575	5 8	8,078	14,627	14 10	2	5	4 1	81	315	0 7	83	320	4 8
Lands ploughed but not sown...	851	1,213	13 4	260	1,150	5 3	1,111	2,363	15 7	...	...	...	137	683	9 8	137	683	9 8
Total...	7,467	9,266	3 6	1,722	7,725	10 11	9,189	16,991	14 5	2	5	4 1	216	998	10 3	220	1,003	14 4

14. Enclosure E. gives the particulars of lands cultivated, and of waste charged as exhibited in Statement No. 3. An abstract of the same is given below. The acreage of faseljasti or 2nd crop assessment is included in that of the 1st crop in the item "Usual wet" bearing a consolidated assessment.

Description of the land.	Area as per Columns 39, 41, 43 to 45.	Land Assessment as per Columns 40, 42, 44, to 46.	Second Crop Assessment charged for as per Column 49.	Additional Assessment as per Column 50.	Water-tax on Government Land as per Column 51.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Dry... ..	4,07,709	5,64,518	...	...	...
Dry land cultivated with dry crops but irrigated	8,027	10,830	...	11,396	...
Dry converted into Wet	22,509	32,704	...	66,569	...
Usual wet being a consolidated assessment... ..	1,94,621	11,13,602	53,487	...	...
Usual wet subject to a separate charge for water ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	6,32,866	17,21,654	53,487	77,965	...

The subjoined Statement shows in a comparative view the Land Revenue and Remissions of Faslis 1282 and 1283. The decrease in the Ryots' holding is attributable to the unfavorable character of the season as noticed above. The same cause has brought about the decrease under the heads of second crop and additional assessment. Hence the large decrease of Rupees 1,72,328 in the net beriz of the current fasli, both ryotwar and miscellaneous, after deducting the large amount of remissions for waste, shavi, etc., caused by the deficiency of rain and water supply to tanks during the year adverted to above. The other items call for no remark.

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Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	LAST FASLI.			PRESENT FASLI.			INCREASE.		DECREASE.		
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Ex- tent.	Assess- ment.	Extent	Assess- ment.	
		ACRES.	RS. A. A.		ACRES.	RS. A. P.				ACRES.	RS.
Dry.....	462,097	6,38,927	3 11	438,325	6,08,153	15 2	...	...	23,772	30,773	
Wet.....	204,029	11,63,308	8 7	203,920	11,61,983	10 7	...	...	109	1,325	
Total...	666,126	18,02,235	12 6	642,245	17,70,137	9 9	...	...	23,881	32,098	
Add.											
Second crop assessment...	...	78,509	0 2	...	53,486	15 4	...	...	...	25,023	
Additional do. ...	...	97,580	1 8	...	77,965	9 10	...	...	...	19,615	
Water-tax.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Road Fund .....	...	2,00,400	7 2	...	2,44,959	1 1	...	44,559	...	...
Village Service Fund.....	...	34,849	7 1	...	25,964	1 5	...	...	...	8,885	
Total...	...	22,13,574	12 7	...	21,72,513	5 5	...	44,559	...	85,620	
Deduct.											
Remissions .....	...	19,999	10 2	...	48,483	0 10	...	28,484	...	...
Road Fund .....	...	2,00,400	7 2	...	2,44,959	1 1	...	44,559	...	...
Village Service Fund.....	...	34,849	7 1	...	25,964	1 5	...	...	...	8,885	
Other remissions as parti- cularized in Statement No. 4.....	...	1,09,804	10 6	...	1,60,803	3 11	...	50,998	...	...
Total...	...	3,65,054	2 11	...	4,80,209	7 5	...	124,041	...	8,985	
Remaining Beriz .....	...	18,48,520	9 8	...	16,92,303	14 2	...	...	...	156,216	
Add Miscellaneous Items.	...	1,67,615	10 9	...	1,51,504	12 8	...	...	...	16,112	
Total...	...	20,16,136	4 5	...	18,43,808	10 10	...	...	...	172,328	

15. ACTUAL CULTIVATION.—In the following Statement is given the extent and assessment of actual cultivation during the year under report as compared with the preceding fasli. It will be seen therefrom that the cultivation of Fasli 1283 shows a decrease of Acres 48,910 assessed at Rupees 84,289 as compared with that of the previous year. The decrease is undoubtedly due to the unfavorable nature of the season. I must here mention that the extent of actual cultivation as shown in the accompanying Statement No. 3, does not tally with that given in Statement No. 1, which accompanied the Administration Report for the past official year 1873-74.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd April 1873, No. 55.

With reference to the orders* then in force, portions of fields left waste were included in extent of cultivation returned with the Administration Report, whereas the present Statement only shows the actual cultivation, leaving out the portions of fields left waste, as directed in Board's Proceedings, No. 720, dated 30th March 1874. This order was received too late to admit of the preparation of the Cultivation Returns to accompany the Administration Report in accordance with the instructions therein contained. Strict orders however were issued to the Tahsildars in pursuance of the above order on its receipt, and I trust that the two Returns of the current year, (Fasli 1284 or official year 1874-75) will correspond with each other. I regret that under the above circumstances, I have been unable this year to fulfil the intentions of the Board in this matter :—

Fasli.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
1282... ..	586,228	16,49,870
1283... ..	537,298	15,65,581
Decrease...	48,930	84,289

16. By a comparison of the figures given in Statement No. 1, (551,745 Acres) which accompanied the Administration Report for the past official year, and in Statement No. 3, (537,298 Acres) herewith sent, it will be observed that there is a difference or decrease of 14,447 Acres in the latter. Statement D however shows only an extent of 9,409 Acres of portions of fields left waste and ploughed but not sown, both charged and remitted, leaving Acres 5,038 to be accounted for. The inclusion of this extent in the Administration Statement No. 1 is explained by the Tahsildars concerned to have occurred on account of certain unauthorized cultivation having been added to the "Putcut" cultivation. This may be wrong in cases where such unauthorized cultivation made before the end of the official year has not, at the time of the settlement, been granted under the Durkhast Rules to the cultivator or other ryot, and a putta issued under the recent Orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, dated 15th June last, No. 1,456. I shall send orders to the Tahsildars to guard against such errors being hereafter committed. But in the cases in which the above order is made applicable, the cultivation which was not included in Administration Statement No. 1 must find place in the Jamabundi Statement No. 3. I am doubtful therefore whether even in future years, it will be possible to expect any correspondence between the two Statements above referred to. Of course such differences may be easily explained in the Accounts, and in the Settlement reports.

17. *Special products.*—From the Statement given below, it will be seen that there has been a decrease in the cultivation of the special products in this, as compared with the preceding year. The decrease of Rupees 1,515 in Sugar-cane cultivation is attributable to want of water in the tanks, while that of Rupees 1,794 in Cotton, and 22,032 in Indigo cultivation, is due to absence of rain :—

Fasli.	SUGAR-CANE.		COTTON.		INDIGO.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1282	4,399	32,486	963	2,570	36,974	89,939
1283	5,023	30,971	355	776	31,033	67,907
Increase...	624	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease...	...	1,515	608	1,794	5,941	22,032

18. *Remissions.*—Statement No. 4 which accompanies this report gives in a comparative view the particulars of remissions under the various heads both for the past and present revenue years. Its Enclosure A shows the particulars of Dry and Wet remissions. I shall now proceed to notice such of the items of remissions as call for special comment.

19. *Shavi or withered crops.*—The amount of Shavi remission during the present year is Rupees 49,075, which exceeds that of the past by no less than Rupees 48,680. The cause of this large remission I must repeat is the long continued drought during the fasli, as is fully stated under the head of "Season." In the Arcot Taluq alone, the remissions under this head amounted to Rupees 28,409. Mr. Sewell, the Sub-Collector, who conducted the settlement of this taluq, previously visited some of the important tanks, and after thus satisfying himself of the real state of the crops, granted the remission. The Wandawash Taluq comes next, where Rupees 10,375 were remitted for Shavi by Deputy-Collector Iyaloo Naidu who must undoubtedly have satisfied himself of the real necessity for the concession. A sum of Rupees 9,224 was remitted under this head in the Wallajah Taluq, the settlement of which was conducted by me. My enquiries

at the settlement fully satisfied me of the loss of crops owing to want of water. These three taluqs which are situated on almost one level, forming the lowland portion of the district, seem to have suffered more than the other taluqs from drought. The remission under this head in the other taluqs of the district being comparatively small needs no special mention here. These remissions were granted on previous "Azimoish" or examination of the fields, and that too strictly for "Hazar shavi," or where the withered crops were actually seen on the ground by the Azmoishdars. Though in the interests of Government, and with a view that no door for fraud might be left open, this strict rule was observed by me, yet I am by no means beyond the mark when I say that owing to neglect, or inability on the part of the ryots to preserve the shavi crops until their inspection, nearly a third as much as what has already been remitted, was charged under this head. I can assure the Board that in granting the large remission under this head this year, every care has been taken to guard against fraud, and in one case where the conduct of a Revenue Inspector was open to suspicion in this matter, I have duly punished him.

20. COWLE REMISSION.—The remission of Rupees 38-15-11 under this item was granted for the Village of Arunodyam, in the Palamanair Taluq, which is the only village of this tenure in the district. This village is entirely inhabited by Christians attached to the American Mission.

21. TIRWA CUMMI.—The sum of Rupees 1,221 entered as remitted under this head shows an increase of Rupees 312 over the past year. This is due to want of water which caused the ryots to cultivate dry crops on wet lands for which dry assessment was charged, remitting the difference.

22. FUSSUL CUMMI OR BHOGANASHTY.—The remission under this item in the present fasli is Rupees 1,894 against Rupees 239 in the last season, thereby showing an increase of Rupees 1,655. The largest amount remitted being in the Wallajah Taluq. The cause of this increase is the insufficiency of water-supply in the tanks which materially affected the 2nd crop cultivation.

23. CROPS DESTROYED AFTER SHOOTING OUT.—The sum of Rupees 204 entered under this head was remitted in the Taluq of Wallajah alone, where plants after sprouting, were destroyed by rains and floods.

24. The fixed remission of 1,221 Rupees under items 2 and 3 calls for no notice.

25. The remission of Rupees 191 under the head "Share of Shrotriem proceeds" is granted to the Village of Kondapoliem, in the Wallajah Taluq, which is half Government and half Zemindari Shrotriem Village.

26. *Mera Remission*.—The remission on account of Mera to Village Officers of Rupees 1,05,473 in the present year, against Rupees 1,02,156 in the past, shows an increase of Rupees 3,317. This is due to arrears of Mera from faslis 1280 to 1283 on Land Revenue made over in lieu of ready money allowances to Hindu and Mahomedan Religious Institutions, having been under orders of Government paid during the current fasli.

27. *Miscellaneous Items*.—The accompanying Statement No. 5 gives the various items of Miscellaneous Demand for the present fasli. A comparative abstract of the particulars is hereto

annexed for ready reference. I shall notice below the variations in each of the items composed in the Statement :—

Miscellaneous Items.

Items.	Demand of last fasli.			Demand of current fasli.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Jodi on Sun- } Personal..	27,902	9	11	31,824	6	2	3,921	12	3	...	...	...
dry Inams. } Service...	13,503	2	9	8,602	6	1	...	...	...	4,900	12	6
Dasabandham	3,962	3	11	3,428	14	3	...	...	...	533	5	8
2. Tax on trees on unas- sessed lands... ..	12,718	1	6	13,604	3	1	886	1	7	...	...	...
4. Revenue from rented villages... ..	100	0	0	100	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Land cultivated but not included in Jamabundi.	50,173	5	0	40,338	2	9	...	...	...	9,835	2	3
7. Concealed cultivation...	29	7	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	7	9
8. Cultivation of unclaim- ed Inams	5	3	6	18	0	0	12	12	6	...	...	...
9. Do. of Poramboke lands	78	0	7	297	15	0	219	14	5	...	...	...
10. Do. of lands belong- ing to pagodas where there is no worship ...	29	14	11	46	8	8	16	9	9	...	...	...
11. Do. of Chuttrum Inams... ..	36	15	0	62	10	5	25	11	5	...	...	...
13. Rent of garden and topes	3,624	11	10	5,170	15	2	1,546	3	4	...	...	...
15. Revenue from reverted Inams... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Collections from Village Service Inams for offi- ces vacant	2,555	0	10	3,606	11	5	1,051	10	7	...	...	...
17. Revenue from seques- tered Inams... ..	4,752	4	6	2,452	4	10	...	...	...	2,299	15	8
18. Do. from hill vil- lages	1,946	15	9	1,720	8	5	...	...	...	225	7	4
19. Do. from lands on sides and slopes of hills.	493	14	1	435	9	9	...	...	...	58	4	4
20. Do. from boundary lands in dispute... ..	10	11	9	4	11	9	...	...	...	6	0	0
21. Do. from lands as- sessed at favorable rates	1,276	7	8	1,277	8	4	1	0	8	...	...	...
29. Rent on Palmyra trees.	3,481	5	1	3,043	10	11	...	...	...	437	10	2
31. Do. on fruit trees ...	2,053	14	6	590	12	10	...	...	...	1,463	1	8
40. Commission on the sale of distrained property.	79	8	8	196	6	5	116	13	9	...	...	...
41. Do. on private Estates under Circar manage- ment	1,738	15	0	3,840	6	7	2,101	7	7	...	...	...
43. Revenue fines	2,693	13	8	2,292	10	2	...	...	...	401	3	6
44. Savings and refunds ...	37	6	4	11	4	11	...	...	...	26	1	5
45. Excess collection over the demand... ..	197	10	1	148	8	0	...	...	...	49	2	1
46. Water-tax on Zeminda- ri and Inam, etc., lands	27,637	8	0	18,810	2	4	...	...	...	8,827	5	8
47. Quit rent on bungalows and gardens... ..	1,566	15	7	1,550	13	10	...	...	...	16	1	9
51. Rattan and Coray rent.	9	14	0	10	14	0	1	0	0	...	...	...
Other Items... ..	4,919	8	7	8,017	10	7	3,098	2	0	...	...	...
Total...	1,67,615	10	9	1,51,504	12	8	12,999	3	10	29,109	1	9

28. *Item No. 1, Personal.*—The increase of Rupees 3,921 under Personal, and the decrease of Rupees 4,900 under Service Inams, are due to nearly the same cause viz., that certain Kattubadi and Valavadi Inams under the latter head were enfranchised and Title-deeds issued during the present year, especially in the Taluqs of Chittoor, Chendragherry, and Palamangir, and consequently transferred to the former head.

29. The decrease of Rupees 533 in the item "Dasabandham" is partly due to a decrease in the extent of cultivation owing to the unfavorable nature of the season, as in some cases, the Jodi is fixed on actual cultivation, and partly to a few Inams under this head having been resumed owing to failure on the part of the Inamdars to fulfil the conditions of the grant.

30. *Item No. 2, Tax on trees on assessed and unassessed lands.*—The increase of Rupees 886 is attributable to a larger number of trees having commenced to bear fruit in this year than in the past, and to their having consequently been brought under assessment.

31. *Item No. 6, Land cultivated but not included in the Jamabundi.*—The decrease of Rupees 9,835 under this head is partly due to a decrease in the cultivation owing to bad season, and partly to the fear naturally entertained by the ryots of the charge of prohibitory assessment on unrecorded occupations.

32. *Items Nos. 7 to 11.*—The trifling variations in these items call for no comment.

33. *Item No. 13, Rent of gardens, etc.*—The increase of Rupees 1,546 is due to certain gardens and topes having become fruitful this year, and rented out.

34. *Item No. 16, Collections from Village Service Inams for offices vacant.*—The increase of Rupees 1,051 under this head is partly due to a large number of Village offices having this year been either temporarily or permanently vacated, than in the past, for offences committed by the office holders, or by deaths, and to the vacancies not having been filled up for some reason or other, and partly to the emoluments of certain obsolete Village Natam or Shroff's offices having been credited to Government.

35. *Item No. 17, Revenue from sequestered Inams.*—The decrease of Rupees 2,299 is due to a smaller number of cases of attachment of Dasabandham, etc., Inams for non-fulfillment of the conditions of the grant having occurred in the present than in the past year.

36. *Items Nos. 18, and 19 Revenue from Hill Villages and slopes of Hills.*—The decrease is due to a diminution in the cultivation owing to prevalence of fever in the Hilly tracts, and to the bad season.

37. *Item No. 29, Rent on Palmyra Trees.*—The decrease of Rupees 437 has arisen mainly from objections raised by the Toddy Renters of the district to the leasing out of the fruits and leaves of Palmyra Trees, especially in the Gudiatum Taluq, which they contended was prejudicial to their revenue, and the question having been pending before the Board of Revenue, until it was too late in the year to rent them out on receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,754, dated 9th July 1874, on the subject.

38. *Item No. 31, Rent on fruit trees.*—The decrease of Rupees 1,463 is attributable to the trees having been less fruitful in this than in the past year owing to the bad season.

39. *Item No. 40, Commission on the sale of distrained Property.*—The increase of Rupees 116 under this head is due to increased sales under Act VIII. of 1865 in the Zemindaries and Minor Estates.

40. *Item No. 41, Commission on Private Estates under Circar management.*—The increase of Rupees 2,001 in this item is due to two years' commission (Faslis 1282 and 1283) on the Naragunti and Arni Estates having been brought to account during the current fasli.

41. *Item No. 43, Revenue Fines.*—The decrease of Rupees 401 is attributable to heavy fines being dispensed with, and substituted by suspensions and other punishments, in accordance with the views of the Board on the subject.

42. *Item No. 45, Excess collections over the Demand.*—The decrease under this head indicates that an improvement has commenced with the Village Officers in their irregular practice of making collections in excess of the demand.

43. *Item No. 46, Water-tax on Zemindari and Inam, etc., lands.*—The large decrease of Rupees 8,827 is partly due to a larger number of cases of evasions of water-rate brought to light by the Settlement Department having been disposed of in the Chittoor Taluq during the past year than in the present, and partly to the unfavorable nature of the season.

44. The accompanying explanatory Memorandum attached to Statement No. 5 gives the particulars of the "Other items."

45. Enclosure A. to Statement No. 5 shows the particulars of Dry and Wet for the items therein contained.

46. **SUNDRY SOURCES OF REVENUE—Abkari.**—From the annexed Statement it will be seen that the Abkari demand for the current fasli which is Rupees 2,99,274, against Rupees 3,12,105 in the past, shows a decrease of Rupees 12,831. This is attributable to the entire separation of the toddy contract from the Arrack renters during the fasli under report, while for eight months of the previous fasli it was in the hands of Messrs. Corbett and Morison who hold the management of the excise system of arrack. This circumstance in addition to the rise in the prices of articles of food owing to the bad season of the year, forced the drinking portion of the public to have recourse to toddy more extensively than arrack, and this seems to have caused a diminution in the issue of the latter from the distilleries and hence in the demand. Besides, under the management of Messrs. Corbett and Morison, only Palmyra toddy was sold which was only available during certain months of the year, whereas the present Toddy Contractors supply the drinkers almost throughout the year with Cocoa, Palm, etc., toddy.

Items.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkari	3,12,105	2,99,274	...	12,831
Miscellaneous	708	885	177	...
Total...	3,12,813	3,00,159	177	12,831
License-tax	171	...	171	...
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	...	...	...
Total...	171	...	171	...
Income-tax	17,058	...	...	17,058
Miscellaneous	810	11	...	799
Total...	17,868	11	...	17,857
Stamps	1,60,317	1,88,462	28,145	...
Miscellaneous	3,120	3,971	851	...
Total...	1,63,437	1,92,433	28,996	...
Grand Total...	4,94,289	4,92,603	29,344	30,688

47. *Stamps.*—In this item, there is an increase of no less than Rupees 28,145 in the demand of the current year as compared with the past. This is no doubt due to an increase in litigation in consequence of the advancement of education and the general prosperity of the country.

All sources of revenue permanently settled.

Items.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase	Decrease.
<i>Land Revenue.</i>				
Permanently settled...	RS. 4,88,036	RS. 4,87,789	RS. ...	RS. 247
Jodi on Shrotriem and Inam villages... ..	23,770	23,995	225	...
Ryotwar	18,48,520	16,92,304	...	1,56,216
Miscellaneous	1,67,616	1,51,504	...	16,112
Total...	25,27,942	23,55,592	225	1,72,575
<i>Sundry Sources.</i>				
Abkari	3,12,813	3,00,159	...	12,654
License-tax	171	...	...	171
Income-tax	17,868	11	...	17,857
Stamps	1,63,437	1,92,433	28,996	...
Grand Total...	30,22,231	28,48,195	29,221	2,03,257

	RS.	A.	P.	
Punganur ..	127	14	10	G. O., dated 13th June 1873, No. 603.
Bungari ...	15	10	3	G. O., dated 4th July 1873, No. 686.
Naragunti ...	32	3	11	G. O., dated 16th October and 24th November 1873, Nos. 1,122 and 155.
Arni	67	6	6	G. O., No. 265, dated 26th February 1874.
Ariyalvadi ...	4	5	1	G. O., dated 18th June 1874, No. 747.

247 8 7 or Rs. 247

48. The decrease of Rupees 247 in the item "Permanently Settled" is attributable to a reduction in the peishcush of the Zemindaries and Poliyams as shown in the margin, under the authority conveyed in the Government Order, noted against each item on account of lands taken up for roads, etc., and compensation granted in the form of land in lieu of Village Service Inams, etc., rendered unfit for cultivation for no fault of the Inamdars.

49. *Jodi on Shrotriem and Inam Villages.*—The increase of Rupees 225 is due to certain Ryotwari villages having been transferred during the year to the head of Shrotriem as stated in paragraph 4 above, and to the enfranchisement of a Shrotriem Village in the Palamanair Taluq.

50. *RYOTWAR AND MISCELLANEOUS.*—The cause of the large decrease of Rupees 1,72,575 under these heads has already been explained, as being the result of the unfavorable season of the year under report.

51. *ABKARI AND STAMPS.*—The causes of the variations in these items have been detailed in paragraphs 46 and 47 above.

52. *COLLECTIONS, PERMANENTLY SETTLED AND JODI ON SHROTRIEM, ETC., VILLAGES.*—The subjoined Statement shows in a comparative view the collections of the various sources of revenue both arrears and current.

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53. The increase of collections under the heads "Permanently Settled" and "Jodi on Shrotriem and Inam Villages" is due to the stringent arrangements made for the punctual collection of the revenue according to Kistbundi from Zemindars, Poligars, Shrotriemdars, etc.

Items.	FASLI 1282.			FASLI 1283.			In-crease.	De-crease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>								
Permanently Settled.....	RS. 1,52,364	RS. 3,68,062	RS. 5,20,426	RS. 1,19,974	RS. 4,08,124	RS. 5,28,098	RS. 7,672	.....
Jodi on Shrotriem and Inam Villages	3,263	18,749	22,012	6,484	19,072	25,556	3,544	.....
Ryotwar	2,18,787	16,08,309	18,27,046	2,31,055	15,00,839	17,31,894	.....	95,152
Miscellaneous	70,181	78,936	1,49,117	73,796	81,418	1,55,214	6,097	.....
Total...	4,44,545	20,74,056	25,18,601	4,31,309	20,09,453	24,40,762	17,313	95,152
Abkari	35,581	2,55,562	2,91,143	30,456	2,74,482	3,04,938	13,795	.....
License-tax .....	.....	171	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
Income-tax	287	17,317	17,604	482	11	493	.....	17,111
Stamps .....	.....	1,63,437	1,63,437	.....	1,92,433	1,92,433	23,996	.....
Grand Total...	4,80,413	25,10,543	29,90,956	4,62,247	24,76,379	29,38,626	60,104	1,12,434

54. The decrease of the large sum of Rupees 95,152 under the head "Ryotwar" is attributable to the following causes:—1st, the decrease in the beriz of the fasli under report; 2nd, the unfavorableness of the season; and 3rd, the necessity in some cases to postpone collections pending the result of examination of shavi crops. The arrear and current demand of Ryotwar revenue of the present and past faslis, the collections made during, and the balance at the end of, the two faslis, are given in the margin.

	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Fasli 1282	21,53,479	18,27,046	3,26,433
" 1283	20,18,736	17,31,894	2,86,842

The percentage of the balance on the demand at the end of Faslis 1282 and 1283 is 15 and 14 respectively. Taking into consideration the several impediments which were in the way of collecting the Government revenue during the year under report, the Board will see that the collections of the present fasli were extremely satisfactory. The figures entered in the Statement in the margin above, show the collections up to the end of June last. The subsequent collections of Ryotwar revenue during the months of July

	RS.
July	97,467
August	43,472
Up to 10th September 1874 ...	6,122
Total...	1,47,061

and August, and up to the 10th instant, are given in the margin. The balance outstanding under this head up to the above date, both arrear and current, is Rupees 1,39,781. The percentage of this balance on the demand is 7, I have

issued very strict orders for the speedy recovery of the above arrear under the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act.

55. The increase under the head "Miscellaneous" of Rupees 6,097 is due to more punctual collections of this revenue in this year than in the past.

56. The increase of Rupees 13,795 under Abkari, is due to the very punctual payments of the Abkari revenue under the excise system by Messrs. Corbett and Morison, and also by the Native Toddy Contractors.

57. As the collection of Stamp revenue represents the demand under that head, the cause of increase in the latter stated in paragraph 47 above, holds good for the increase in the former.

58. Enclosure A which accompanies this report, and an abstract of Statement No. 8, hereto appended, for easy reference, show the amount of irrecoverable balance. The total amount recommended to be written off the accounts is Rupees 26,435-7-3, of which Ryotwar

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Arrear amounts to Rupees 23,577-10-0 and Miscellaneous Rupees 2,857-13-3. Besides this, a sum of Rupees 1,324-2-7 is also recommended in this report as irrecoverable under the head of Income-tax, as directed in Board's Official Memorandum, No. 322, dated 9th March 1874 :—

Items.	Faslis for which due.	Arrears at the beginning of Fasli 1283.	WITHIN THE FASLI.			Balance at the close of the fasli.	Subsequent collections up to July 1874.
			Collected.	Remitted.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Permanently Settled.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
	1277	254 14 0	...	254 14 0	254 14 0	...	...
	1278	5,263 1 4	...	5,263 1 4	5,263 1 4	...	...
	1279	66 9 8	...	66 9 8	66 9 8	...	...
	1280 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1281 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1282	1,19,974 1 7	1,19,974 1 7	...	1,19,974 1 7	...	...
	Total...	1,25,558 10 7	1,19,974 1 7	5,584 9 0	1,25,558 10 7	...	...
Shrotriemi Jodi.							
	1274	7 12 3	...	...	...	7 12 3	...
	1275	23 0 6	...	...	...	23 0 6	...
	1276	14 9 0	...	...	...	14 9 0	...
	1277	178 2 1	98 8 8	...	98 8 8	79 9 5	...
	1278	793 11 5	197 13 2	...	197 13 2	595 14 3	...
	1279	994 2 9	30 10 5	...	30 10 5	963 8 4	...
	1280	906 0 1	3 10 7	...	3 10 7	902 5 6	...
1281	1,738 7 7	1,373 9 5	...	1,373 9 5	364 14 2	...	
1282	5,020 15 1	4,780 0 3	...	4,780 0 3	240 14 10	11 12 0	
	Total ..	9,676 12 9	6,484 4 6	...	6,484 4 6	3,192 8 3	11 12 0
Ryotwar Revenue.							
	1274	303 2 10	29 14 4	95 13 3	125 11 7	177 3	...
	1275	8,028 8 9	159 3 2	1,285 11 5	1,444 14 7	1,583 10 2	0 4 8
	1276	3,342 3 3	329 13 1	979 15 2	1,309 12 3	2,032 7 0	...
	1277	1,670 6 6	359 4 11	289 12 0	649 0 11	1,021 5 7	0 3 2
	1278	8,888 13 10	1,425 9 7	810 12 1	2,236 5 8	6,652 8 2	43 11 9
	1279	12,228 7 6	2,840 6 2	1,294 0 9	4,134 6 11	8,094 0 7	44 7 9
	1280	25,804 6 2	4,168 15 7	5,561 0 6	9,730 0 1	16,074 6 1	121 13 10
	1281	30,954 13 11	8,565 0 7	...	8,565 0 7	22,389 13 4	371 12 2
1282	2,40,211 3 11	2,13,176 14 10	...	2,13,176 14 10	27,034 5 1	997 4 11	
	Total...	3,26,432 2 8	3,31,055 2 3	10,317 1 2	2,41,372 3 5	85,059 15 3	1,569 10 3
Land Revenue Miscellaneous.							
	1274	1,053 1 5	109 4 5	17 3 8	126 7 11	926 9 6	...
	1275	2,893 13 2	189 2 0	21 9 2	210 9 2	2,683 4 0	0 1 0
	1276	8,758 10 8	356 6 3	4,996 1 10	5,352 8 1	3,406 2 7	4 8 3
	1277	622 2 10	62 8 0	34 1 3	96 9 3	525 9 7	...
	1278	2,683 10 2	49 1 6	299 13 11	348 15 5	2,334 10 9	1 14 6
	1279	5,676 15 2	690 13 1	301 15 11	992 13 0	4,684 2 2	4 10 11
	1280	13,346 3 2	1,874 15 11	564 2 7	2,439 2 6	10,907 0 8	337 1 2
	1281	13,395 0 2	2,955 8 0	...	2,955 8 0	10,439 8 2	57 10 1
1282	88,679 8 8	67,507 11 2	...	67,507 11 2	21,171 13 6	261 3 1	
	Total...	1,37,109 1 5	73,795 6 2	6,234 14 4	80,030 4 6	57,078 12 11	667 1 0
	Grand Total...	5,98,776 11 5	4,31,308 14 6	22,136 8 6	4,53,445 7 0	1,45,331 4 5	2,248 7 3
Income-Tax.							
	1280	1,239 6 0	481 10 0	...	481 10 0	757 6 0	...
	1281	549 4 3	549 4 3	...
1282	550 0 0	550 0 0	...	
	Total...	2,338 4 3	481 10 0	...	481 10 0	1,856 10 3	...

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Item.	Faslis for which due.	BALANCE.								Total.	
		Recoverable.		Doubtful.		Irrecoverable recommended for Remission.		Amount of Remission recommended in last fasli.			
		9		10		11		12			
		RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
Permanently Settled.	1277	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1278	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1279	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1280	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1281	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1282	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shrotriem Jodi.	1274	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	7 12 3	...
	1275	...	15 4 3	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	23 0 6	...
	1276	...	6 12 9	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	14 9 0	...
	1277	...	71 13 2	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	79 9 5	...
	1278	...	588 2 0	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	595 14 3	...
	1279	...	955 12 1	...	...	...	...	7 12 3	...	963 8 4	...
	1280	...	882 5 6	...	...	...	...	20 0 0	...	902 5 6	...
	1281	...	340 0 3	...	...	...	...	24 13 11	...	364 14 2	...
	1282	...	229 2 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	229 2 10	...
	Total...	3,089	4 10	...	...	...	...	91 7 5	...	3,180	12 3
Ryotwar Revenue.	1274	...	114 7 3	...	...	63 0 0	...	...	...	177 7 3	...
	1275	...	326 9 1	87 2 8	...	1,159 12 9	...	9 13 0	...	1,583 5 6	...
	1276	...	770 15 8	15 14 11	...	1,182 11 10	...	62 13 0	...	2,032 7 0	...
	1277	...	400 2 5	95 15 4	...	484 3 3	...	40 13 5	...	1,021 2 5	...
	1278	...	3,815 15 11	946 12 10	...	1,676 10 9	...	169 4 11	...	6,608 12 5	...
	1279	...	3,691 6 0	1,275 13 11	...	2,808 6 10	...	273 14 1	...	8,049 8 10	...
	1280	...	7,834 4 9	1,968 3 9	...	4,888 5 2	...	1,261 10 7	...	15,952 8 3	...
	1281	...	8,482 1 4	2,960 8 2	...	8,196 4 3	...	2,379 3 5	...	22,018 1 2	...
	1282	...	18,367 15 9	4,560 13 3	...	3,118 3 2	...	...	...	26,047 0 2	...
	Total...	43,803	13 9	11,911	4 10	23,577	10 0	4,197	8 5	83,490	5 0
Land Revenue Miscellaneous.	1274	...	325 15 1	600 10 5	...	...	...	...	...	926 9 6	...
	1275	...	1,535 4 6	248 10 10	...	892 7 11	...	6 11 9	...	2,683 3 0	...
	1276	...	2,047 11 4	1,083 1 6	...	180 10 9	...	90 2 9	...	3,401 10 4	...
	1277	...	402 10 5	24 15 7	...	97 15 7	...	...	...	525 9 7	...
	1278	...	2,026 14 8	86 2 2	...	200 0 0	...	19 11 5	...	2,332 12 3	...
	1279	...	3,453 12 6	855 7 7	...	220 7 10	...	149 11 4	...	4,679 7 3	...
	1280	...	9,079 7 7	827 4 5	...	299 1 7	...	364 1 11	...	10,569 15 6	...
	1281	...	7,866 6 11	1,513 11 4	...	649 9 7	...	352 2 3	...	10,381 14 1	...
	1282	...	19,932 3 10	660 14 7	...	317 8 0	...	...	...	20,910 10 5	...
	Total...	46,670	6 10	5,900	14 5	2,857	13 3	982	9 5	56,411	11 11
	Grand Total...	93,563	9 5	17,812	3 3	26,435	7 3	5,271	9 3	1,43,082	13 2
Income-Tax.	1280	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1281	...	...	532 7 8	...	1,324 2 7	...	...	...	1,856 10 3	...
	1282	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	...	...	532 7 8	...	1,324 2 7	...	...	...	1,856 10 3	...

59. RYOTWAR.—The amount of Rupees 23,577-10-0 entered as irrecoverable under Ryotwar, consists of no less than Rupees 18,859, for the recovery of which there is no means whatever, the putta lands of the defaulters having been sold under the Act, either purchased by Government for a nominal price for want of bidders, or the sale proceeds in cases where the purchases were made by private parties, not being sufficient to cover the arrears. The remaining sum entered

as irrecoverable is composed of several small items, the causes of which are given against each item in the Enclosure A above referred to.

60. MISCELLANEOUS.—Out of the sum of Rupees 2,857-13-3 entered as irrecoverable under this head, the largest item which calls for notice is the sum of Rupees 720-2-4, Item No. 14 in Enclosure A. This sum forms a portion of Rupees 1,072-13-5 being *Parabori Mera* recommended as irrecoverable, as per paragraphs 66, 72, and 74 of the Jamabundi Report of Fasli 1275, and ordered to be written off the Accounts in G. O., No. 2,244, dated 25th September 1867; but when adjusting the accounts of that fasli, the amount in question was through an oversight included in the arrears demand of Fasli 1275, instead of bringing the same under items to be written off. The causes for entering the other items as irrecoverable are given opposite each item, and they require no special comment here.

61. The several Settlement Officers have made careful inquiries about the sums in question, and they were fully satisfied that the amount is really irrecoverable. I request, therefore, that early orders may be passed to write off the amount from the accounts.

62. I beg to remind the Board that the sanction of Government has not as yet been communicated to me to write off the sum of Rupees 5,271-9-3 recommended as irrecoverable in my last Jamabundi Report, and request early sanction for the same.

63. The amount of Rupees 1,324-2-7 entered as irrecoverable under the head of Income-tax is made up of the sums noted in the margin.

	RS.	A.	P.
1870-71.....	280	8	0
1871-72.....	696	6	10
1872-73.....	347	3	9
Total...	1,324	2	7

Of the amount of Rupees 347-3-9 belonging to 1872-73, Rupees 83-5-0 are to be written off from the accounts owing to the same having been erroneously included in the demand, and the remaining Rupees 263-14-9 of 1872-73, and

Rupees 976-14-10 of 1870-71 and 1871-72 making a total of Rupees 1,240-13-7 is irrecoverable, because some of the Tax-payers have left their usual places of residence for places unknown, and others have been reduced to extreme poverty, so that they are unable to pay their taxes. These sums were recommended to be written off in the respective Income-tax Reports of the

No. 245, dated 28th April 1871.
 „ 200 „ 17th May 1872.
 „ 571 „ 15th Sept. 1873.

years 1870-71, 1871-72, and 1872-73 noted in the margin. I request, therefore, that early sanction may be accorded to write off the

accounts the amount of Rupees 1,324-2-7 above referred to.

64. Enclosure A. to Statement No. 8 gives the extent to which coercive measures were adopted for the recovery of the arrears of revenue during the year under report. It will be seen from the annexed Statement that in 2,070 villages, and against 68,827 ryots, processes were issued to the amount of Rupees 2,62,564. The estimated value of lands attached is Rupees 25,156, whereas the value of lands actually sold is Rupees 15,000. Personal property was attached to the value of Rupees 66,709, and sold to Rupees 15,100.

Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8.

	PROCESSES ISSUED.			ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY ATTACHED.			LAND.		PERSONAL PROPERTY.		TOTAL.	
	Number of Villages.	Number of Ryots.	Amount of Arrears.	Land.	Personal property.	Total.	Estimated Value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated Value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated Value.	Value actually sold.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Principal Division	1,222	26,041	1,13,529	14,397	39,225	53,622	11,338	6,606	2,182	1,729	13,520	8,335
Sub-Division.	848	42,786	1,49,035	10,759	27,484	38,243	12,766	8,454	11,668	13,371	24,434	21,825
Total...	2,070	68,827	2,62,564	25,156	66,709	91,865	24,104	15,060	13,850	15,100	37,954	30,160

65. The above figures do not include the operations of the Wandewash Taluq, from which No. 8 Statement and its Enclosure A have not as yet been received, though repeated orders and reminders were sent to the Tahsildar, and to the General Deputy-Collector who is in charge of, and who conducted the settlement of the said taluq. As I do not wish to make any further delay in the submission of this my report, I have closed the General Statement No. 8 and its Enclosure A without those of the said taluq.

66. If the processes issued in that taluq were included in the above, I am aware that the extent to which coercive measures had been had recourse to in the current year, would be greater than in the preceding fasli. This is undoubtedly owing to the unfavorable nature of the season, which resulting in scanty produce, made the ryots unable to pay their dues as freely as they otherwise would.

67. There were no batta peons during the year to assist the village officers in making their collections.

68. I trust however that in future years an improvement may be noticed in the payment of their kists on the part of the ryots, and in making collections through their own exertions on the part of the village revenue officers.

69. Statement No. 9 gives the particulars of gross collections and charges under different heads of revenue. The causes of the variations in the collections having already (from paragraphs 52 to 57 above) been explained, I do not recapitulate the same here. I shall therefore proceed to consider the items of "Charges."

70. *Refunds.*—The increase of Rupees 355 under Refunds is due to large refunds of excess collections made to ryots.

71. *Salaries of Collectors, etc.*—The increase of Rupees 14,716 on account of salaries of Collectors, etc., is due to the full salary of the Sub-Collector, etc., having been disbursed during the present year, while only deputation allowance was paid in the past.

72. *Tent and House-rent allowance of Collectors, etc.*—The decrease of Rupees 224 under the head, tent and house-rent allowance, is attributable to only one Assistant Collector having been in the district, and that too for only nine months of the year.

73. *Huzoor and Taluq Establishment.*—The decrease of Rupees 1,551 under this head is due to deputation allowance instead of the full salary of some of the Huzoor and Taluq officials having been disbursed during the year.

74. *SADARWARD.*—The increase of Rupees 250 is owing to purchase of Dufter cloths, etc., for the use of the Collector's office, etc.

75. *MEDICAL CHARGES.*—There is an increase of Rupees 393 under this head. This is due to the Hospital Assistants attached to the Collector's and other Divisional offices having had to move more frequently with the Circuit offices in this year than in the past.

76. *CONTINGENCIES.*—The increase of Rupees 914 in this item is due to the payment of the salary of the additional temporary establishment sanctioned in G. O., No. 52, dated 15th January 1873.

77. *MISCELLANEOUS.*—The decrease of Rupees 5,578 under this head, is attributable to the abolition of the Revenue process peons during the fasli.

78. *ABKARI ESTABLISHMENT.*—The amount paid under this head is the arrears of salary due to the establishment entertained when the Abkari Farm of the sub-division was temporarily under Government management under the old system when the renters became defaulters.

79. *CONTINGENCIES.*—The decrease of Rupees 128 under this head is due to a larger number of engagements with sub-renters having been registered in Fasli 1282, than in the current fasli.

80. *INCOME-TAX.*—The decrease under this head is owing to the abolition of the Income-tax establishment.

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81. STAMPS. COMMISSION OR DISCOUNT TO LICENSED STAMP VENDORS.—The decrease of 2,432 Rupees is due to the reduction in the rate of discount to licensed vendors during the year.

82. CONTINGENCIES.—The small increase of 11 Rupees is due to the conveyance of stamps to taluqs from the Huzoor treasury.

83. Enclosure B. gives the particulars of lands acquired by public servants in the district, and calls for no remarks.

84. Enclosure C. shows the extent of land granted on Cowle for public and private topes under the Tope Rules ; and calls for no remark.

85. The results of the transfer of wet lands into dry owing to the want of means of irrigation are given in the enclosure D., from which it will be seen that in seven villages Nunjah lands to the extent of Acres 36.11 assessed at Rupees 198-9-3 were transferred to punjah with an assessment of Rupees 49-8-2. This shows a loss of Rupees 149-1-1 to Government. But the impracticability of supplying water to these lands from the existing sources of irrigation, has been duly ascertained after full and careful enquiry.

86. The subjoined Statement shows the results of irrigation under the various sources both for past and present years. It will be seen that under the Ponnai anicut there was a net decrease of Rupees 8,457 when compared with the figures of the past fasli, and Rupees 6,639 when compared with the Ayacut or the cultivable area. The revenue under the Palar Anicut also exhibits the large decrease of Rupees 29,851. There is a slight increase under the Cheyar Anicut. Under the Kaveripak and Mamandoor Tanks also there is a decrease of revenue during the year, though a slight increase is seen under the Cheduperi Tank. The general decrease of revenue under almost all the important sources of irrigation of the district, is due to the long continued drought of the year under report :—

Principal sources of Irrigation.	Number of tanks.	Number of villages.	TOTAL AYACUT.		CULTIVATION IN THE CURRENT FASLI.		CULTIVATION IN LAST FASLI.		In-crease.	De-crease.
			Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.		
			ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ponnai anicut, with subsidiary channel feeding tanks—										
In Chittoor Taluq ...	12	6	882	5,205	742	4,158	727	5,996	.....	1,838
In Wallajah do. ...	80	69	12,853	60,627	8,869	54,595	11,164	61,375	.....	6,780
In Gudlattum do. ...	5	5	881	4,108	809	4,548	799	4,387	161	.....
Total...	97	80	14,616	69,940	10,420	63,301	12,690	71,758	161	8,618
Net...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,457
2. Palar anicut, with feeding tanks—										
In Wallajah Taluq ...	85	67	13,070	54,027	10,099	60,378	15,304	88,265	.....	27,887
In Arcot do. ...	80	63	9,189	50,620	7,426	45,949	9,115	47,913	.....	1,964
Total...	165	130	22,259	1,04,647	17,525	1,06,327	24,419	1,36,178	.....	29,851
3. Cheyar anicut, with channel feeding tanks—										
Wandewash Taluq ...	103	121	11,415	70,511	10,026	69,120	10,017	68,957	163	.....
4. Kaveripak Tank ...	1	23	5,676	35,400	5,051	30,819	5,120	30,922	.....	103
5. Mamandoor do. ...	1	19	3,154	21,914	2,637	19,284	3,108	21,406	.....	2,122
6. Cheduperi do. ...	1	11	1,775	11,995	1,694	11,535	1,637	11,181	354	.....

87. RUINED TANKS.—The accompanying Statement gives the particulars of ruined tanks made over to private enterprise, and it requires no comment.

88. CIVIL SUITS.—A Statement in the prescribed form showing the Demand, Collection and Balance of costs awarded by Courts in favor of Government in suits brought against them, accompanies this report. It will be seen from it that the entire demand on account of costs both arrears and current is Rupees 74-14-6, of which a sum of only Rupees 3-6-0 has been recovered, leaving Rupees 71-8-6 yet to be recovered. Reminders have been sent to the Vakeels concerned to recover the balance as soon as possible, and a sum of Rupees 26-11-0 has been since collected.

89. With reference to the Board's Standing Order, No. VIII. of 1874, which was received in the month of March last, I beg to state that although no Treasury was inspected by the Treasury Deputy-Collector during the remaining portion of the fasli, the Taluq Treasuries of Vellore and Wallajah were examined by Mr. Marjoribanks in the month of July last. He would have then gone on to inspect the Treasury at Arcot, but a sudden heavy fresh came down the Palar, and prevented him from crossing the river. I shall give the particulars of this examination as also of the other treasuries which may be inspected during the course of the current Fasli 1284 in my next Settlement Report.

90. TALUQ AND VILLAGE ACCOUNTS.—These accounts were examined by the officers who conducted the settlement of the several taluqs, and the results are generally satisfactory. Any defects found in the examination have been duly pointed out to the Tahsildars concerned with necessary instructions to remedy the same at once. On the whole, I am of opinion that year by year the state of Village and Taluq Accounts is improving.

91. The Sub-Collector's Settlement Report for Fasli 1283 is herewith forwarded, and it calls for no remarks.

92. I am happy to be able to report very favorably on the general conduct of my Revenue subordinates. The Sub-Collector, and the Head-Assistant Collector, were changed so repeatedly during the year, that I really am unable to record my opinion of the services they rendered me; and my Assistant Mr. Cox who is a most hard-working, zealous young officer was deputed to act as Head-Assistant in the South Arcot District early in the year, and has only just returned to the district. His prolonged absence of seven months during which I had no additional aid, necessarily threw upon me a heavy amount of extra work. I have with deep regret to record the loss I have sustained in the untimely death of my late able and upright Sheristadar A. R. Sampath Row than whom I did not know a more honest and zealous public servant. I had confidently looked forward to seeing him hold a very high position in the service of Government. His death may be attributed mainly to his submitting to the barbarous treatment of Native Physicians. His successor Kistnasami Iyer, late Tahsildar of Wallajah, continues to deserve the high character with which he came to me. He is working most efficiently and zealously, and I look forward to his advancement in due season. Amongst the Tahsildars, I am glad to mention very favorably V. Sreenivassa Charri, Tahsildar of Wallajah, who is indefatigable in the discharge of his duties. Varadarajya Reddi as Tahsildar of Arcot is doing as good work as he formerly did in the Arni Jaghire. Chutravurthi Ninar at Palamanair, and Prakasam Naidu at Vellore are also both first rate Tahsildars.

PALAMANAIR,
2nd November 1874.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE

I HAVE the honor to submit the Settlement Report of the Sub-Division for Fasli 1283 (1873-74) and to annex the usual Statements.

2. Of the three taluqs comprising the Sub-Division, Arcot and Gudiattum were settled by Mr. Sewell, and Vellore by yourself.

3. STATEMENT.—The following Statement shows the stations at which the settlement was made, the number of puttass distributed, and the time occupied at each station :—

Names of Taluqs.	Number of Villages.	Time occupied.	Number of Days.	Stations.
1. Vellore ...	189	9th Jan. to 2nd Feb. 1874 ...	25	1 Allapuram ; 2 Veringeepuram ; 3 Vellore.
2. Gudiattum...	263	8th do. to 6th do. ...	30	1 Kanganellore ; 2 Gudiattum 3 Trivellam.
3. Arcot... ..	347	17th Feb. to 6th March 1874...	18	1 Arcot ; 2 Kalavé.

There is a decrease of one village in Vellore Taluq which is owing to the transfer of Kodayanji to Tripatore Taluq, in Salem District, subsequent to the settlement of Fasli 1282 as per Notification of Government, published in Fort St. George Gazette, dated 8th March 1873. There is also an increase of one village in Gudiattum Taluq owing to the transfer of Mettupoliem, a hamlet of Sikarajapuram of Wallajah Taluq, to the former at the suggestion of the Demarcation Department.

4. PUTTAS.—The total number of puttass distributed in the fasli was 67,356 against 67,274 of the previous fasli. The increase being only eighty-two needs no explanation. A memorandum showing the number of Puttass, new, altered and unaltered, is given below :—

1st, New Puttass...	1,557
2nd, Altered do....	29,273
3rd, Unaltered do.	36,526
Total ...	67,356

There was a decrease respectively of 837 and 10,445 under the heads of New and Unaltered puttass, and an increase of 11,364 under the head of Altered. The decrease under the first item was owing to a less extent of land than that in the previous fasli having been newly taken

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up under cultivation. The increase and decrease on the 2nd and 3rd items were owing especially to numerous relinquishments, acquisition, transfers and sub-divisions of joint holdings.

5. SEASON.—The season in the fasli under report was unfavorable, rain-fall scanty and unseasonable. Wet and most of the dry crops only yielded 50 per cent. Cholum suffered much for want of rain. The rain-fed tanks received very little supply of water in most cases, and they became quite dry long before the harvest season of the wet crops commenced. Even the big tank of Doosi Mamandoor which is a river-fed tank did not receive a satisfactory supply of water. The supply of water as regards some villages, the lands of which are irrigated by anicut and river channels, was fair. There were some freshes in Palar and Bagoonadi owing to the rain-fall in the west.

6. A Statement showing the rain-fall of the year is given below :—

Months.	Arcot.	Vellore.	Gudiattum.
1873 July	4.5	4.0	0. 3
„ August	6.6	4.2	8. 05
„ September	3.5	7.2	10. 3
„ October	7.3	8.5	9.525
„ November	1.6	1.9	1. 55
„ December	0.9	0.9	1.425
1874 January ... ..	...	...	...
„ February ... ..	...	...	...
„ March ... ..	...	...	1. 1
„ April ... ..	...	...	...
„ May	9.5	10.9	5. 8
„ June... ..	3.4	7.	3. 7
Total...	37.3	44.6	41. 75

A very heavy fall of rain occurred on 4th and 5th May last. The extent of it and the damage caused by it to the communications and irrigation works, etc., were specially reported on by Mr. Rice, in his letter No. 421, dated 14th May 1874.

7. SANITARY CONDITION.—The sanitary condition of the Sub-Division during the year under report was more favorable than in the previous year. There was no Cholera. There was an increase of 242 fatal cases of Fever in Gudiattum and 126 of Small-pox in Arcot. In the month of February last, the Tahsildar of Gudiattum having reported that Fever prevailed in the hilly tracts of his taluq, the Dresser attached to this Office was sent with the necessary supply of medicine. He stayed there till the disease had abated, but I doubt that the abatement was to any great extent due to his stay there, as he admits that the people greatly prefer the treatment of their own practitioners.

A comparative Statement showing the mortality from Fever and Small-pox is given below :—

Talugs.	FASLI 1283.		FASLI 1282.		In-crease.	Decrease.	Remarks.
	Fever.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Small-pox.			
Arcot	539	377	740	251	*126	†201	{ * Small-pox. † Fever.
Vellore	2,188	807	5,481	870	...	‡3,356	‡ Of these 63 are of Small-pox.
Gudiattum	3,133	311	2,891	578	§242	267	{ § Fever. Small-pox.

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8. *Cattle*.—The Returns received from the taluqs show as per annexed abstract Statement that there was an increase of mortality among cattle in Arcot and Vellore Taluqs. This was owing to the deficient fall of rain, and to the storm of May last. By instructions given by the Settlement Officer at Jamabundi and by subsequent taluks, the Village Officers have been repeatedly and strictly enjoined to separate the healthy from the sick cattle, and to make free use of the medicine supplied to them. A few cases of attention to these orders and none of remissness have since been reported to me by Tahsildars.

Taluqs.	FASLI 1283.						Fasli 1282.	COMPARISON.	
	Cows.	Bullocks.	She-Buf-faloes.	He-Buf-faloes.	Sheep.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.
Arcot	110	198	25	80	264	677	508	169	...
Vellore	83	885	69	129	907	2,073	949	1,124	...
Gudiattum ...	60	322	40	43	1,000	1,465	1,965	...	500
Total...	253	1,405	134	252	2,171	4,215	3,422	1,293	500

9. *PRICES*.—A comparative Statement showing the average prices of the staple products is given below :—

Grain.	Fasli 1283.	Fasli 1282.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort	139	115	24	...
Do. 2nd do.	130	106	24	...
Rice, 1st sort	312	273	39	...
Do. 2nd do.	292	240	52	...
Cholum	191	126	65	...
Cumboo	188	129	59	...
Raggy	150	121	29	...
Horse-gram	240	211	29	...
Varagoo	215	198	17	...

The increase was owing to the yield having been poor. Nevertheless there appears to have been considerable exportation to the western coast. The prices are besides far above the commutation rates.

10. *RYOTS' HOLDING*.—A Statement showing the particulars of the ryots' holdings as compared with the previous fasli is annexed below :—

Items.	FASLI 1283.		FASLI 1282.		COMPARISON.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Ryots' holding at the commencement	2,44,664	7,04,180	2,57,782	7,25,511	—13,118	—21,331
Deduct lands given up ...	19,298	36,036	24,891	48,031	— 5,593	—11,975
Remainder ..	2,25,366	6,68,144	2,32,891	6,77,498	— 7,525	— 9,354
Add lands taken up ...	6,613	17,391	11,773	26,682	— 5,160	— 9,291
Total...	2,31,979	6,85,535	2,44,664	7,04,180	—12,685	—18,645

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Notwithstanding the relinquishment of a less extent of land than in the previous fasli, there was a falling off of Acres 12,685, assessed at Rupees 18,645 in the holdings. This was owing to the ryots practice of ostensibly relinquishing their lands in anticipation of a bad season and taking them up again in anticipation of a good one. From the above table you will see that about one-sixth of all the land under occupation at the beginning of Fasli 1282 has since been relinquished, and about half as much taken up again. I trust that a steady application of the durkhast rules for the future will put a stop to this irregular state of things.

Under the head of "Lands given up" and Lands taken up, Acres 3,411, assessed at Rupees 11,611 relate to lands sold and transferred. One thousand Acres, assessed at Rupees 2,291 relate to lands which become unfit for cultivation, and those taken up by the Department of Public Works. Acres 14,887, assessed at Rupees 22,133 were relinquished, and Acres 3,202, assessed at Rupees 5,780 were durkhasted for against Acres 7,739, assessed at Rupees 13,720 in last year.

11. WASTE CHARGED AND REMITTED.—The extent and assessment of waste lands charged and remitted is given below :—

	WASTE CHARGED.		WASTE REMITTED.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Fasli 1282 ... {Dry... ..	20,330	29,676	8	17
{Wet... ..	3,534	18,243	2,043	11,544
Total...	23,864	47,919	2,051	11,561
„ 1283 .. {Dry... ..	26,789	41,127	13	35
{Wet... ..	3,357	17,636	4,737	27,209
Total...	30,146	58,763	4,750	27,244
Increase...	6,282	10,844	2,699	15,683

There was an increase under both the items, viz., Waste charged and Waste remitted. The former was in Vellore and Gudiattum Taluqs and the latter in Arcot Taluq. Out of Acres 4,737, assessed at Rupees 27,209 of wet waste remitted, Acres 4,610, assessed at Rupees 26,328 relate to Arcot Taluq, Acres 125, assessed at Rupees 870 to Vellore Taluq, and Acres 2, assessed at Rupees 10 to Gudiattum Taluq. The necessity for the grant of such large amount of remission was owing to some tanks which had breached during the cyclone of May 1872, not having been repaired as yet for want of funds and to insufficient supply of rain. The bad state of the season in Arcot Taluq having been brought to notice by the late Tahsildar. Mr. Sewell inspected in person some of the tanks in the month of December last, and found most of the

	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Vellore.....	11	31 2 1
Gudiattum	2	3 5 11
		<u>34 8 0</u>

rain-fed tanks quite dry. A sum of Rupees 34½ was also remitted on 13 Acres of dry land in Vellore and Gudiattum Taluqs as per margin. This appears to be chiefly on account of lands taken up by the Department of Public Works.

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12. The following Statement shows the extent and the assessment of lands actually brought under cultivation during the fasli under report, as compared with the previous one :—

Descriptions.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		COMPARISON.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	1,55,083	2,47,157	1,36,337	2,19,167	— 18,746	— 27,990
Wet	63,666	3,97,542	60,746	3,80,362	— 2,920	— 17,180
Total...	2,18,749	6,44,699	1,97,083	5,99,529	— 21,666	— 45,170

The decrease was most in Arcot Taluq. The chief causes generally were, want of seasonable rain and want of repair of tanks which breached in May 1872.

13. ACTUAL CULTIVATION OF SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—A memorandum showing the extent and assessment of lands cultivated in Faslis 1282 and 1283, with special products, is annexed below:—

Products.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		COMPARISON.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane	862	5,116	843	4,932	— 19	— 184
Cotton	39	230	11	33	— 28	— 197
Indigo	12,286	22,577	13,409	21,583	+ 1,123	+ 994
Total...	13,187	27,923	14,263	26,548	+ 1,076	+ 613

The cultivation of Sugar-cane continues to fall off as in previous fasli. This decrease was owing to want of water. The cotton cultivation is insignificant. The increase of Indigo cultivation which does not require much irrigation was in Vellore Taluq. There was a seasonable rain for that crop in the months of November and December.

14. REMISSIONS.—A Statement showing the particulars of remissions granted in this fasli as compared with the previous fasli is subjoined:—

Items.	Fasli 1282.			Fasli 1283.			COMPARISON.					
							Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
<i>Occasional Remissions.</i>												
1. Stala Cummi	170	12	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	12	8
2. Shavi ... ..	...	...	...	28,728	8	7	28,728	8	7	...	...	...
3. Payamali	1,381	10	2	3	0	9	...	...	...	1,378	9	5
4. Tirwa Cummi	131	7	7	314	6	1	182	14	6	...	...	...
5. Boghanashty	126	14	1	513	15	1	387	1	0	...	...	...
Total...	1,810	12	6	29,559	14	6	29,298	8	1	1,549	6	1
Net increase...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,749	2	0	...	...	...
Dasabandham...	243	12	7	168	4	2	75	8	5	...	...	...
Total...	2,054	9	1	29,728	2	8	27,673	9	7	...	...	...
<i>Permanent Remission.</i>												
Village servants allowance or Mera	44,642	8	3	48,569	12	0	3,927	3	9
Grand Total...	46,697	1	4	78,297	14	8	31,600	13	4

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There was no remission granted for Stala Cummi or portions of fields left waste. Under the head of Shavi, Rupees 28,409-7-2 relate to Arcot and the rest to Gudiatum. The necessity for the grant of remission on account of shavi was owing to the failure of rain in the months of January to April, the fall in the first half of the fasli having been poor. The remission granted on account of Payamali was so small that it needs no remark. As the Board of Revenue have authorized the levy of dry assessment on wet lands, when cultivated with dry crops, owing to want of water and as the rain-fall had been insufficient, there was an increase under the item of Tirwa Cummi. The increased grant of remission under the head of Bhoganashty was also due to the want of seasonable and sufficient fall of rain. Under the head of Permanent Remission, the Mera paid to Village Officers from Faslis 1280 to 1283, on lands granted in lieu of Ready-money payments, was also included. Hence the increase.

15. A comparative Statement showing the Ryotwar Beriz of the fasli is annexed below:—

	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	COMPARISON.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Total holdings	7,04,180	685,535	...	18,645
Waste remitted	11,561	27,244	15,683	...
Remainder	6,92,619	6,58,291	...	34,328
Add 2nd crop assessment... ..	13,511	8,892	...	4,619
Additional assessment	37,620	26,908	...	10,712
Total... ..	7,43,750	6,94,091	...	49,659
Deduct remissions	46,697	78,297	31,600	...
Remainder... ..	6,97,053	6,15,794	81,259	...

The cause of decrease under the heads of Holdings, Waste remitted, and Other remissions as already explained, applies also to the decrease under 2nd crop assessment and additional assessment.

16. REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE.—A comparative Statement showing the results from all sources of revenue is given below:—

Items.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	COMPARISON.					
			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
<i>Permanently Settled.</i>								
1. Jodi on Shrotriem and Inam Villages	7,342	1 5	7,342	1 5	...	...	...	...
2. Ryotwar	6,97,052	13 1	6,15,793	10 7	...	...	81,259	2 6
3. Miscellaneous	35,581	10 4	37,942	0 7	2,360	6 3	...	...
4. Abkari	12,600	0 0	26,984	10 7	14,384	10 7	...	...
5. Income-tax	3,755	5 0	...	...	...	...	3,755	0 0
6. Stamps	39,123	15 6	50,791	8 0	11,667	8 6	...	...
Total... ..	7,95,455	13 4	7,38,853	15 2	Net...		56,601	14 2

First item needs no explanation.

The cause of the decrease under Ryotwari has been already explained. The increase under the third item was owing to the large extent of land cultivated after Jamabundi, in Gudiatum Taluq. I have no data for any explanation with regard to Abkari, the increase in stamps may be partly, but certainly is not fully accounted for by the system of payment of batta in stamps; as to other items, I have no remark to make.

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17. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE OF ALL SOURCES.—The following Statement shows the demand, collection and balance of all sources of current revenue :—

Taluq.	Demand.	Collection within the fasli.	Balance.	Subsequent Collection.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Arcot	2,79,182 1 7	2,43,568 13 9	35,613 3 10	8,694 7 2	26,918 12 8
Vellore	2,20,506 10 1	1,97,172 10 1	23,334 0 0	6,623 15 2	16,710 0 10
Gudiatum	2,39,165 3 6	2,14,808 12 0	24,356 7 6	10,879 5 6	13,477 2 0
Total...	7,38,853 15 2	6,55,550 3 10	83,303 11 4	26,197 11 10	57,105 15 6

At the close of the fasli the collections amounted to 88½ per cent., but the subsequent collections have raised the percentage to 92. Out of the balance, Rupees 34,814-15-9 belong to Ryotwari, Rupees 20,308-9-3 to Miscellaneous, and the rest to Jodi on Shrotriems, etc. Under this last or third minor item, the greatest portion of the balance belongs to the Shrotriems of Mangadu and Vengalattoor in Arcot Taluq which are already under attachment for arrears of Jodi due. The recent remarks of the Board of Revenue on the outstanding balance (Board's Order, No. 1,878, dated 20th July 1874) do not seem to apply to the taluqs of the sub-division, nevertheless strict orders have been sent to the Tahsildars of the Sub-Division to take due measures for the collection of the balance including arrears at an early date.

18. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE OF ARREARS.—A Statement showing the demand, collection and balance of arrears is given below :—

Arrears at the beginning of the fasli.	COLLECTIONS.			Balance.	Subsequent Collection.	Balance.
	Collection.	Remission.	Total.			
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	R S. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1,58,723 13 1	94,081 8 1	6,628 6 7	1,00,709 14 8	58,013 14 5	259 6 4	57,754 8 1

The balance is smaller than that in the previous fasli. Of this balance Rupees 2,403-6-3 belongs to Jodi on Shrotriems, Rupees 32,315-6-2 to Ryotwari, and Rupees 23,035-11-8 to Miscellaneous.

19. IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS.—The Tahsildar of Vellore informs me that as Vellore was settled by you he has despatched direct to you a Statement showing the amount of irrecoverable balance, etc. As regards the other two taluqs, the marginal figures show the amount of arrears under the heads of Ryotwari and Miscellaneous. Under Ryotwari, Rupees 16,061-12-7 to be written off the accounts. Of this Rs. 2,441-7-2 belong to cases in which putta lands which had

been sold on account of arrears of revenue were purchased by Government for want of bidders, the defaulters having no other means of paying the arrear. Rupees 402-7-11 belongs to cases in which the land being the subject of boundary disputes were entered in the accounts of two villages; but the assessment collected only in one village. This item occurred chiefly in Gudiatum Taluq. The remaining items are referable to minor causes. Under the head of Miscellaneous, there is Rupees 794-2-0 to be written off the accounts. The causes for this and other remissions under the head of Ryotwar are detailed in the accompanying statement.

	Ryotwar.	Miscellaneous.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Arcot	8,442 5 10	3,484 14 6
Gudiatum	17,579 0 2	13,664 4 6
Total...	26,021 6 0	17,149 3 0

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20. DEMAND, COLLECTION AND BALANCE OF SHROTRIEMS.—The following Statement shows the demand, collection and balance of Shrotriems :—

Talugs.	DEMAND.									Collection.	Balances.				
	Arrears.			Current.			Total.								
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.		
Arcot	5,598	8	11	6,873	5	2	12,471	14	1	8,103	9	4	4,368	4	9
Vellore ... ..	...	...	...	398	12	3	398	12	3	323	8	9	75	3	6
Gudiattum	45	7	6	70	0	0	115	7	6	92	5	6	23	2	0
Total...	5,644	0	5	7,342	1	5	12,986	1	10	8,519	7	7	4,466	10	3

The cause of the heavy balance is already explained.

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21. The annexed Statement shows the extent to which coercive measures have been adopted.

Talugs.	PROCESS ISSUED.			ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY ATTACHED.			PROPERTY SOLD.				TOTAL.	
	Number of Vil- lages.	Number of Ryots.	Amount of Arrears.	Land.	Personal Property.	Total.	Land.		Personal Property.		Estimated Value.	Actually sold.
							Estimated Value.	Actually sold.	Estimated Value.	Actually sold.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Arcot	328	10,000	48,541 0 0	4,000 0 0	8,000 0 0	12,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	4,461 0 0	2,000 0 0	3,700 0 0	5,000 0 0	8,161 0 0
Vellore	182	12,632	84,547 2 0	1,996 10 6	1,134 7 8	3,131 2 2	814 5 4	1,826 10 8	204 0 0	255 6 0	1,018 5 4	2,082 0 8
Gudiatum...	170	10,236	39,959 0 3	1,259 1 5	4,483 11 4	5,742 12 9	915 12 4	1,351 10 0	103 11 4	106 3 7	1,019 7 8	1,457 13 7
Total...	680	32,868	1,23,047 2 3	7,255 11 11	13,618 3 0	20,873 14 11	4,730 1 8	7,639 4 8	2,307 11 4	4,061 9 7	7,037 13 0	11,700 14 3

The Return from Arcot does not bear the appearance of being trustworthy. The Tahsildar has been called on for further report, of which a copy is to be sent to you.

Statement showing the Demand, Collection and Balance of Miscellaneous Revenue of the Taluqs of Sub-Division for Fasli 1283.

Items.	Demand of last Fasli.	DEMAND OF PRESENT FASLI.			Collection at the end of the Fasli.	Remission.	Total.	Remainder.
		Arrears.	Current.	Total.				
		3	4	5				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Inam Jodi ... { Personal	5,062 7 9	3,441 5 4	5,020 3 9	8,461 9 1	4,612 3 10	1 15 8	4,614 3 6	3,847 5 7
{ Service	2,036 4 2	5,040 13 5	2,049 7 8	7,090 5 1	2,510 10 0	...	2,510 10 0	4,579 11 1
2. Tax on trees on unassessed lands	5,675 11 1	5,480 10 11	5,491 15 11	10,972 10 10	4,677 4 11	3 10 4	4,680 15 3	6,291 11 7
3. Assessment of lands not included in the Jamabandi Settlement	8,575 11 1	7,551 11 3	11,730 3 10	19,281 15 1	11,780 3 4	177 7 11	11,957 11 3	7,324 3 10
4. Revenue from Inam lands of Pagodas, etc., in which worship was discontinued	12 11 3	25 6 6	12 11 3	38 1 9	...	...	...	38 1 9
5. Do. of unclaimed Inams .....	...	5 14 3	...	5 14 3	...	...	...	5 14 3
6. Do. of Choultry Inams .....	...	25 8 11	...	25 8 11	25 8 11	...	25 8 11	...
7. Rent of topes	1,863 1 11	4,083 15 7	1,885 10 11	5,969 10 6	1,557 10 9	42 11 4	1,600 6 1	4,369 4 5
8. Do. of Palmyra trees	1,829 14 1	5,742 3 7	1,768 6 11	7,510 10 6	1,714 10 3	...	1,714 10 3	5,796 0 3
9. Revenue from resumed Inams	8 4 6	1,406 15 11	...	1,406 15 11	...	8 8 3	8 8 3	1,398 7 8
10. Do. of vacant Village Service Inams	418 13 9	1,183 9 4	1,197 4 5	2,380 13 9	648 2 3	...	648 2 3	1,732 11 6
11. Do. of Hill tracts	1,125 15 9	589 4 7	978 9 2	1,567 13 9	935 7 10	...	935 7 10	632 5 7
12. Do. from the slopes of hills cultivated	1 15 0	15 8 0	1 15 0	17 7 0	...	...	...	17 7 0
13. Tax on fruit-trees	100 8 11	100 4 9	100 8 11	200 13 8	98 4 10	...	98 4 10	102 8 10
14. Commission on the sale of distrained property .....	...	...	1 8 4	1 8 4	1 8 4	...	1 8 4	...
15. Revenue fines	763 7 1	...	801 12 11	801 12 11	801 12 11	...	801 12 11	...
16. Saving and Refund .....	...	...	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	...	3 0 0	...
17. Collection in excess of demand	28 14 6	...	43 1 11	43 1 11	43 1 11	...	43 1 11	...
18. Water-rate on Zemindar Inams	6,406 11 2	8,523 3 10	5,308 2 7	13,834 6 5	6,064 7 2	...	6,064 7 2	7,769 15 2
19. 2nd crop assessment on Zemindar Inams	96 15 9	69 5 5	31 14 0	101 3 5	22 0 10	...	22 0 10	79 2 7
20. Quit-rent on bungalows and gardens	491 14 11	408 4 5	491 14 11	990 3 4	493 2 7	...	493 2 7	407 0 9
21. Caval Condayan	387 1 4	367 6 1	390 3 1	757 9 2	376 15 8	...	376 15 8	380 9 6
22. Deposit forfeited .....	...	...	41 12 0	41 12 0	41 12 0	...	41 12 0	...
23. Sale proceeds of Putta and Kachayet	92 6 9	...	54 10 0	54 10 0	54 10 0	...	54 10 0	...
24. Do. do. of Service Register Book	1 5 4	...	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0	...	2 10 0	...
25. Kayem or permanent putta	357 4 0	797 5 8	357 4 0	1,154 9 8	93 5 8	...	93 5 8	1,061 4 0
26. Collection of embezzlement	29 7 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27. Revenue of land assessed at Rayayet	182 13 3	497 8 10	182 13 3	630 6 1	158 11 8	...	158 11 8	471 10 5
28. Dasabandham	25 13 3	25 13 3	25 13 3	51 12 0	25 13 3	...	25 13 3	25 13 3
29. Rent of cow-dung or sweepings	6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	12 0 0	...	...	...	12 0 0
30. Interest recovered from Railway Department on compensation for C. lands .....	...	...	12 6 7	12 6 7	...	...	...	12 6 7
Total...	35,581 10 4	45,391 3 10	37,942 0 7	83,333 4 5	36,743 2 11	234 3 6	36,977 8 5	46,355 12 0
Penalty levied under Stamp Act	79 3 0	...	75 5 0	75 5 0	75 5 0	...	75 5 0	...
Do. remitted by the Civil Court	643 2 0	...	330 11 0	330 11 0	330 11 0	...	330 11 0	...
Total...	722 5 0	...	406 0 0	406 0 0	406 0 0	...	406 0 0	...
Grand Total...	36,303 15 4	45,391 3 10	38,348 0 7	83,739 4 5	37,149 2 11	234 5 6	37,383 8 5	46,355 12 0

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22. The difference between the demand of the last and that of the current faslis being small in all but Cases Nos. 3, 10 and 18, no explanation is given. The increase in the Item No. 3 was due to the large amount of prohibitory assessment levied on land cultivated without permission, and to the amount of fasli and Tirwajasti collected on lands cultivated after Jamabundi being included in it. As regards Item No. 10 the increase was owing to some of the Notam Maniem lands having been fully assessed in cases in which the offices were abolished on the occurrence of vacancies. The decrease in the Item No. 18 was on account of less extent of land than in the previous year having been cultivated with Government water.

23. **PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.**—The following Statement gives the Ayacut and cultivation under the principal sources of irrigation :—

Names of Irrigation.	Number of Tanks under the Irrigation in Column 1.	Number of Villages under the Irrigation.	AYACUT.				CULTIVATION.			
			Extent.		Assessment.		Extent.		Assessment.	
			ACRES.		RS.	A. P.	ACRES.		RS.	A. P.
Palar Anicut.	80	63	9,189		50,620	0 0	7,426		45,949	0 0
Ponne do. ...	5	5	881		4,108	0 0	809		4,548	0 0
Mamundoor tank	...	19	3,154		21,910	0 0	2,637		19,284	0 0
Sathuperi do.	1	11	1,775		11,995	0 0	1,694		11,535	0 0
Total...	86	98	14,999		88,633	0 0	12,566		81,316	0 0

24. **RUINED TANKS.**—No ruined tanks were given for local repair.

25. The subjoined is a Statement showing the extent and assessment of lands granted under Tope Rules :—

Talugs.	FOR PRIVATE TOPE.				FOR CHARITY.			
	Number of Vil-lages.	Extent.	Assessment.	Number of Cowles.	Number of Vil-lages.	Extent.	Assessment.	Number of Cowles.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		ACRES.	RS. A. P.			ACRES.	RS. A. P.	
Arcot ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	3	5 7 9	1
Vellore ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	3	4 12 0	1
Gudiattur ...	4	35	28 9 10	4	...	...	...	...
Total...	4	35	28 9 10	4	2	6	10 3 9	2

The total number of acres thus granted was 41, assessed at Rupees 38-13-7. In the previous fasli Acres 25, assessed at Rupees 33-9-1, were granted.

26. The annexed Statement shows the particulars of wet lands transferred to Dry for want of means of irrigation :—

Talugs.	Number of Villages in which Wet transferred to Dry.	TRANSFERRED TO DRY.			
		Wet Acres.	Wet Assessment.	Dry Assessment.	Difference between Columns 4 and 5.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Arcot	1	19	RS. A. P. 104 0 9	RS. A. P. 25 5 0	RS. A. P. 78 11 9
Vellore	1	1.5	11 2 9	2 7 8	8 11 1
Gudiattum	1	3	21 0 11	6 0 9	15 0 2
Total...	3	23.5	136 4 5	33 13 5	102 7 0

On 29th February 1872, the Tahsildar of Arcot requested the Collector by an Arzi to transfer the wet lands in question to dry, as the river channel which used to irrigate them was not in good condition. Mr. Cruickshank who was then in charge of the Collectorate, forwarded the Arzi to Mr. Knox for disposal at the time of Jamabundi of Fasli 1282. Mr. Knox accordingly transferred the lands to Dry, but on condition of their being re-transferred to Wet when the channel should be repaired. Through mistake this was omitted in last year's Jamabundi report. The transfer in Vellore was made by you at the time of Jamabundi. The particulars of the transfer in Gudiattum Talug are not known. Tahsildar has been called upon for a report.

27. RAIN GAUGES.—Rain Gauges kept at each Cusbah Station of the taluqs have been examined from time to time.

28. LANDS ACQUIRED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS.—A Statement showing the lands acquired by public servants is annexed.

Name of Public Servant.	Office and Department.	Zillah Talug where land situated.	LAND ACQUIRED.		When acquired, whether prior or subsequent to employment in the public service.	By what means acquired.	Nature of interest possessed by such public servant.
			Extent.	Assessment.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
P. Gurumurthiah.	Gumastah, Gudiattum Talug.	Gudiattum.	ACRES. 5	RS. A. P. 7 11 6	Subsequent to the service.	By purchase.	Ordinary Ryotwar tenure.

29. VILLAGE ACCOUNTS.—The usual examination of Village and Talug Accounts was made under the supervision of Settlement officers, and they were found correct.

30. I have been too short a time in my present office to be able to express with any confidence my opinions of the subordinate revenue officers of the division.

VELLORE
5th September 1874.

(Signed) E. L. PEARSE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

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Mr. Garstin.
Cuddalore { Manjacoopam.
Taluq ... { Punrutti.
 { Kurinjipadi.
 { Pakkam.
Villapuram { Valdavur.
Taluq ... { Muttathur.
 { Villapuram.
Mr. Lister.
Chedamb- { Porto Novo.
ram Taluq. { Ammapett.
Virdachel- { Virdachellam.
lam Taluq. { Nallur.
Kallakurchi { Kallakurchi.
Taluq ... { Chinnasalem.

Mr. Kough.
Tindivanam { Gingee.
Taluq ... { Tindivanam.
 { C. Stri Baliah.
Trikalore { Trikalore.
Taluq ... { Oolundur.
Trinamalai { Trinamalai.
Taluq ... { Manalurpett.
 { Trikalore.

I HAVE the honor to report the results of the Revenue Settlement of the district for Fasli 1283, (A. D. 1873-74) and to submit the usual Statements, as detailed in the enclosed list.

2. The settlement of the district was conducted by myself and the Divisional Officers as noted in the margin, and detailed in Statement No. 1. It commenced on the 19th February and closed on the 14th July 1874.

3. The variations in the number and tenure of villages are given in the following Comparative Statement:—

Description of Villages.	Number of villages in Fasli 1282.	Number of villages in Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar villages ...	2,999	2,998	1	2
Shrotriem villages ...	163	163	...	...
Service Inam villages.	7	7	...	...
Muttah villages ...	17	17	...	...
Amani villages... ..	9	8	...	1
Moturpha villages ...	3	3	...	...
	3,198	3,196	1	3

4. The increase of one village under the head Ryotwar villages and a similar decrease under Amani is owing to the transfer of the village from Amani to Ryotwari in consequence of the absence of any Nunjah cultivation in Fasli 1283 in a village of the Chekkadi Jaghire. These transfers of villages in the Accounts will be done away with as soon as the provisional settlement of the Jaghire villages is sanctioned by Government and introduced. The decrease of two villages under "Ryot-

wari" is owing to the transfer of the villages noted in the margin from the Trinamalai Taluq of this district, to the Polur Taluq of North Arcot District, under the Notification of Government, published at page 1,128 of the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 8th July 1873. The three Moturpha villages are those noted in the margin. They yield no revenue, but are occupied by fishermen. Necessary steps will now be taken to incorporate these with the Government villages adjoining from Fasli 1284.

5. The total number of puttass issued in the fasli was 2,70,809, which is less by 3,300 than the number issued in Fasli 1282. This decrease arises chiefly in the Trinamalai Taluq from which the two villages of Melapalayur and Vinnuvamputt were transferred to North Arcot, as above

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detailed. A large extent of Taliary Inam land, in Chellambram Taluq, hitherto entered in the puttass of those village officers, but of which the assessment was annually remitted, has been transferred to the Inam Ayacut, under Orders of Government, dated 20th February 1874, No. 234, and Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 25th idem, No. 1,340. There was also a larger extent of land relinquished in the current fasli than in the previous one, owing to the unfavorable character of the season. The total number of puttass above-mentioned, viz., 2,70,809 comprises 1,84,915 puttass remaining unaltered, and 77,055 old puttass modified by additional entries, as well as 8,839 fresh or renewed puttass. (*Vide* columns 4 to 7 of Statement No. 1).

6. The season of Fasli 1283 has been unfavorable throughout the district as the Board are aware—*vide* their Proceedings noted in the margin. From the annexed Comparative Table

No. 1,183, dated 20th May 1874. of the rain-fall for the official years 1872-73 and 1873-74, a marked decrease will be observable in the rain-fall of the latter year. From April to July the rain-fall was scanty, and Kambu crops therefore failed to a very serious extent. The cultivation of Varagu crops on dry land and wet crops on wet and dry lands commenced in August and September; but as there was very little or no rain in December and January, just at the time when the Paddy and Varagu crops were about to come to maturity, they withered in many places, while in others the produce was very short—

Months.	Rain-fall in 1872-73.		Rain-fall in 1873-74.		Months.	Rain-fall in 1872-73.		Rain-fall in 1873-74.	
	IN.	TEN.	IN.	TEN.		IN.	TEN.	IN.	TEN.
April	2	3	2	3	December	6	7	0	7
May	6	1	1	8	January	0	0	0	0
June	1	1	1	3	February	7	4	0	0
July	5	5	1	7	March	0	0	0	1
August	6	8	2	10					
September	3	7	4	10		63	8	33	3
October	6	3	11	5					
November	17	9	5	9	Decrease...	...	...	30	5

7. The public health was generally good during the fasli. The mortality from Cholera, Fever, and other diseases has been much less than in the previous year. From Small-pox the mortality was much greater, as will be seen from the subjoined Statement, which shows the number of deaths. This increase is reported to have occurred chiefly in the three taluqs of Trinamalai, Kallakurchi and Trikalore. Fever and other diseases were prevalent, but the mortality was much less. The death rate in the year under report is shown to be about 1.4 per cent. of the population. The number of births reported amounts to 25,662, against 25,826 in Fasli 1282, the decrease being 164.

Causes of deaths.	Population.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	DIFFERENCE.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
Cholera	1,755,817	108	28	...	80
Small-pox		2,606	3,646	1,040	...
Fever		11,526	10,211	...	1,315
Bowel Complaint and other diseases.		10,793	10,607	...	186
Total...	...	25,033	24,492	1,040	1,581
Net decrease...	...	...	...	...	541

8. Cattle diseases known as "Vekkai" and "Adappan" were prevalent in almost every taluq, but the mortality was not considerable. In Trikalore and Kallakurchi Taluqs sheep were attacked with diseases called "Monnai" or "Kolli" and "Kurie." Owing to the occurrence of a severe storm on the 6th May, a great number of cattle and sheep were killed in the Trinamalai Taluq. The number is reported to exceed 80,000. A special report on this matter will shortly be submitted.

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9. The following Comparative Statement shows the result of the Vaccination operations of Faslis 1282 and 1283 :—

	Number. vaccinated.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Remarks.
1282 (1872-73.)	14,285	13,608	677	
1283 (1873-74.)	20,189	19,768	421	
Increase...	5,904	6,160	Decrease. 256	

In spite of the very large increase of about 40 per cent. in the number of persons successfully vaccinated, there was a great increase in the mortality from Small-pox, as noticed in paragraph 7 *supra*.

10. The average prices of all the principal grains are detailed in Statement No. 2, and in the subjoined comparative abstract a large increase in the ruling prices of Fasli 1283 as compared with the average prices for the last ten years is observable as regards Cholam, Kambu, Raggy, and Horse-gram, while there is an increase in the price of every kind of grain as compared with that of Fasli 1282.

Grains.	Average price for 10 years from Fasli 1273 to 1282.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Difference between Columns 2 and 4.	Difference between Columns 3 and 4.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort, per Garce ...	162	125	158	— 4	+33
Do. 2nd do. do. ...	147	114	144	— 3	+30
Cholam ...	182	150	248	+66	+98
Kambu ...	174	140	211	+37	+71
Raggy ...	176	130	202	+26	+72
Horse-gram ...	235	253	303	+68	+50
Varagu ...	114	89	108	— 6	+17

11. Statement No. 3 exhibits the ryots' holdings at the commencement of Fasli 1283, the subsequent alterations, and the extent since taken up afresh, and the following is an abstract showing the results of the fasli as compared with that of Fasli 1282 :—

Particulars.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.	Extent.	Assess- ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Holding at the commence- ment of the fasli ...	1,204,145	30,71,319	1,184,227	30,25, 94	...	...	19,918	45,374
<i>Deduct.</i> Relinquishment and transfer, etc. ...	87,924	1,71,545	100,979	1,56,273	13,055	14,628	...	...
Remainder ...	1,116,221	28,99,674	1,083,248	28,39,672	...	...	32,973	60,002
<i>Add.</i> Land taken on darkhast, transfer, etc. ...	68,006	1,26,271	50,873	1,11,401	...	...	17,133	14,870
Total...	1,184,227	30,25,945	1,134,121	29,51,073	...	...	50,106	74,872
<i>Deduct.</i> Waste remitted ...	545	2,500	22,287	42,340	21,742	39,840	...	...
Remainder ...	1,183,682	30,23,445	1,111,834	29,08,733	...	...	71,848	1,14,712
Actual cultivation...	1,085,003	28,42,402	1,013,334	27,23,932	71,669	1,18,470
Waste charged ...	98,679	1,81,043	98,500	1,84,801	...	3,758	179	...

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12. The extent of land relinquished this year far exceeds that of Fasli 1282. The increase in relinquishment, of Acres 9,591 assessed at Rupees 9,483 is entirely in dry lands. The item, "Relinquishment, transfer, etc.," is inclusive of all lands transferred from one head to another, and from one person to another, as also those in the two villages transferred to the North Arcot District during the fasli under report.

13. The decrease in the extent of land taken up on darkhast is like the increase in the remissions granted on waste lands, and the large decrease in the extent actually cultivated, attributable to the bad season. The result of the Revenue Settlement of Fasli 1783 as compared with that of Fasli 1282 is detailed in the annexed Statement A., which shows a decrease of 3,18,503 Rupees under "Ryotwar" and 8,232 Rupees under "Miscellaneous" amounting in all to Rupees 3,26,735. The main cause of this large decrease was the unfavorable character of the season, as already explained, which necessitated large remissions.

Statement A.

Items.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	904,997	15,38,866	840,762	14,57,078	...	...	64,235	81,788
Wet	278,685	14,84,579	271,072	14,51,655	...	...	7,613	32,924
Total...	1,183,682	30,23,445	1,111,834	29,08,733	...	...	71,848	1,14,712
<i>Add.</i>								
Second Crop Assessment ...	...	45,348	...	42,794	...	...	...	2,554
Water-rate on dry land ...	...	2,17,804	...	2,02,282	...	...	...	15,522
Road Cess ... ..	...	2,03,981	...	1,97,383	...	...	...	6,598
Meerah or Village Service Fund ... ..	...	1,456	...	1,450	...	...	...	6
Total..	...	34,92,034	...	33,52,642	...	...	...	1,39,392
<i>Deduct.</i>								
Road Cess ... ..	...	2,04,447	...	1,97,832	...	...	...	6,615
Meerah ... ..	...	1,456	...	1,450	...	...	...	6
Other remissions as per Account No. 4 ... ..	...	2,58,631	...	4,44,363	...	1,85,732	...	...
Total...	...	4,64,534	...	6,43,645	...	1,85,732	...	6,621
Net Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	1,79,111	...	...
<i>Remaining Berts.</i>								
Ryotwari ... ..	...	30,27,500	...	27,08,997	...	...	...	3,18,503
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	1,83,627	...	1,75,395	...	...	...	8,232
Total...	...	32,11,127	...	28,84,392	...	...	...	3,26,735

Taluqs.	Ryotwar.	Miscellaneous.
Tindivanam ...	96,127	3,128
Villapuram ...	56,563	2,084
Cuddalore ...	25,896	10,490
Trikalore ...	30,481	755
Trinamalai ...	51,490	18,896
Virdachellam ...	18,799	10,278
Kallakurchi ...	32,677	2,521
Chedambaram ...	6,470	618
Total...	3,18,503	28,501
		+ 20,269
Net Decrease...	...	8,232.

14. This decrease is distributed over the eight taluqs in the district as noted in the margin. Each Tahsildar has entered a remark that the decrease in his taluq is due to the unfavorable character of the season.

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15. The following abstract shows the principal sources of anicut irrigation in the district with the Ayacut and cultivation under each source :—

Anicut.	NUNJAH AYACUT.		CULTIVATION IN FASLI 1283.					
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Fasal. Jasti.	Teerva Jasti.	Total.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Lower Anicut, Coleroon	77,481	4,07,206	70,889	3,82,050	8,761	19,421	4,10,232	
2. Vellaur Anicut	25,570	1,17,855	15,341	75,214	259	26,595	1,02,068	
3. Pennar River Channel	34,553	2,05,396	28,965	1,68,912	6,084	21,257	1,96,253	
4. { Pennar Ani- cut Channels {	Ragavien Channel	6,884	38,935	6,128	32,460	1,056	7,644	41,160
	Malattar	2,983	16,839	2,736	15,296	1,058	1,860	18,214
	Reddi Channel	1,233	6,520	1,130	5,960	249	1,315	7,524
	Pombay Channel	4,714	22,886	3,904	18,747	664	1,515	20,926
	Chittilingamadam	588	3,607	503	3,105	42	106	3,253
5. Vicravandi Anicut	1,306	6,225	923	4,392	150	2,737	7,279	
6. { Gaddi- lam Anicut {	Trivadi Anicut	4,025	28,849	3,883	26,448	2,051	2,220	30,719
	Trivendipuram Anicut	1,270	17,931	801	12,112	584	12,696
	Vanamadevi Anicut	448	5,591	448	5,591	211	5,802
7. Kinnanur Anicut	1,862	9,812	1,508	7,659	.....	7,265	14,924
8. Memathur Anicut	392	2,353	392	2,353	.....	7,180	9,533
9. Thondiar Anicut	1,713	8,913	1,569	8,313	348	2,090	10,751	
10. Kattumailur Anicut	86	614	81	576	.....	142	718
Total...	1,65,108	8,99,532	139,201	7,69,188	20,722	1,02,142	8,92,052	
For Fasli 1282...	...	...	140,060	7,70,500	21,016	96,314	8,87,830
Decrease...	...	...	859	1,312	294	5,828	4,222

16. There has been a net decrease of Acres 859 of Nunjah land and of 1,312 rupees of assessment under these Irrigation sources, and an increase in the water-rates on dry land of Rupees 5,828. Deducting the decrease in Nunjah lands and in second crop assessment from the increase in water-rate on dry land, there is a net increase of Rupees 4,222 over the amount realised in Fasli 1282. In the fasli under report, the new anicut at Kattumailur, for the first time yielded a small revenue of 718 Rupees, while owing to certain improvements effected in the distributive works under the Kinnanur and Memathur anicuts, the revenue from water-rate on dry land was increased by over 5,000 rupees. The decrease in the cultivation of Nunjah lands has arisen from relinquishments of lands under some of these irrigation works and also from the transfer of 412 acres assessed at Rupees 2,386 in the Chedambaram Taluk from Government to Inam Ayacut as Taluq Inam, under the orders of Government, quoted in paragraph 5 of this report.

17. No tanks were made over in the fasli to private individuals under the Ruined Tank Rules. A small tank, in the Village of Morakunam, Tindivanam Taluq, was made over during the fasli under report to the Reverend Mr. Scudder, under the Board's sanction, conveyed in their Proceedings of 14th October 1871, No. 4,397, but the order was not carried into effect in Fasli 1281, because until March 1872, the Reverend gentleman did not re-pay the sum of Rupees 110 expended by Department Public Works on the tank. The re-payment of which was a condition precedent to the transfer of the tank to him. In April 1872, however, he was put in possession of the tank, but owing to some misconception in the taluq the original pynaish assessment, together with water rate, was collected in Fasli 1282, instead of the reduced rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ rupees per acre, and on Mr. Scudder's complaining to Mr. Sullivan, the Head-Assistant Collector was requested to issue, and did issue, orders to assess the lands irrigated by the tank with the Consolidated assessment of $2\frac{1}{2}$ rupees from Fasli 1283. In spite of his orders, however, the Tindivanam Tahsildar has sent in a blank Return of revenue under Ruined tanks made over to private parties—from which, if it be correct, it may be presumed that during a second year, faith has not been kept with Mr. Scudder.

18. As the season of Fasli 1283 was exceptionally unfavorable, a general remission of assessment on dry lands throughout the district was granted with the sanction of the Board, as conveyed in their Proceedings, dated 11th March last, No. 1,670, and 20th May 1874, No. 1,183. Remission of assessment on Nunjah lands and of water-rate was also necessitated, as detailed in the following abstract:—

Items.	TOTAL WASTE.		REMISSION GRANTED.		WASTE CHARGED.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
<i>Full fields.</i>						
Dry	106,916	1,67,386	15,432	12,593	91,484	1,54,793
Wet	13,871	59,754	6,855	29,747	7,016	30,007
Total...	120,787	2,27,140	22,287	* 42,340	98,500	1,84,800
<i>Portions of fields.</i>						
Dry	18,421	31,288	2,556	2,532	15,865	28,756
Wet	2,251	10,562	727	3,166	1,524	7,396
Total...	20,672	41,850	3,283	5,698	17,389	36,152
<i>Total.</i>						
Dry	125,337	1,98,674	17,988	15,125	107,349	1,83,549
Wet	16,122	70,316	7,582	32,913	8,540	37,403
Grand Total...	141,459	2,68,990	25,570	48,038	115,889	2,20,952
<i>Nunjah Shavi, etc., remission.</i>						
Shavi ... ..	.....	.....	.....	73,064		
Vellapal ... ..	.....	.....	.....	293		
Viraithapal ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,211		
Short produce (partial remission) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	9,315		
Fasal Jasti ... ..	.....	.....	.....	272		
Teerva Kammi ... ..	.....	.....	.....	467		
<i>Punjah remission.</i>						
Short produce ... ..	.....	.....	.....	1,12,096		
Kasser ... ..	.....	.....	.....	7,845		
Assessment on lands taken up by D. P. W. and Forest Department ... ..	.....	.....	.....	58		
	.....	.....	.....	*2,04,621		
Grand Total of remission...	.....	.....	.....	2,52,659		
					Total ...	2,52,659

* Note—

As per State-
ment No. 3.. 42,340

As per State-
ment No. 4.. 2,10,319

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19. The total remissions granted on wet and dry lands (including Tēerva Jasti and Fasal Jasti on account of the vicissitude of the past season, viz., Rupees 2,52,659, is considerably below the amount proposed by Mr. Banbury to be remitted and sanctioned by Government, in their Order of 6th May 1874, No. 558, as shown below taluqwar. The above amount is inclusive of Rupees 58 of assessment on lands taken up by Department Public Works and Forest Department which were remitted :—

Taluqs.	As per Estimates framed by Mr. Banbury and sanctioned by Government.			As per amount actually remitted on careful detailed examination of the Accounts, and with reference to the circumstances of each taluq.					Increase.	Decrease.
	Dry.	Wet.	Total.	Dry.	Wet.	Kasser.	Puvasi.	Total.		
Tindivanam ...	58,810	40,688	98,998	36,984	39,476	749	33	77,242	...	21,756
Trinamalai ...	11,100	12,850	23,950	8,410	12,013	147	...	20,570	...	3,380
Villapuram ...	21,875	38,000	59,875	26,953	21,350	2,121	118	50,542	...	9,333
Cuddalore... ..	21,000	13,000	34,000	20,305	11,160	1,749	...	33,214	...	786
Trikalore	13,575	18,889	32,464	9,280	12,284	1,120	23	22,707	...	9,757
Kallakurchi ...	17,000	5,800	22,800	10,593	12,254	892	43	23,782	982	...
Virdachellam ...	12,500	9,750	22,250	12,749	3,949	591	12	17,301	...	4,949
Chedambram ...	8,000	2,500	10,500	1,983	4,799	476	43	7,301	...	3,199
Total...	1,63,860	1,41,477	3,04,837	1,27,257	1,17,285	7,845	272	2,52,659	982	53,160
Deduct increase.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	883
Net decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52,178

20. The difference between the amount sanctioned and that actually remitted is Rs 52,178, which is Rupees 883 in excess of the sum entered in the Statement of remissions submitted by me to the Board, with my letter No. 320, dated 26th June 1874, and referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of 30th July 1874, No. 2,012. This difference has resulted from a further examination of the Accounts of certain villages since the submission of the Statement in question.

21. The following Comparative Abstract shows the total remissions granted in Fasli 1283 as shown in Statement No. 4, and as compared with those of Fasli 1282. The seasons in the two faslis were in marked contrast to each other, and no special remark is therefore called for as far as the first item "Occasional Remission" is concerned :—

Items.	GRANTED IN FASLI.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1282.	1283.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Occasional Remission	5,125	2,10,319	2,05,194	...
2. Fixed Do.	10,126	11,727	1,601	...
3. Remission allowed on the collections or from the entire beriz of villages	2,43,380	2,22,317	...	21,063
Total...	2,58,631	4,44,363	2,06,795	21,063
Deduct decrease...	21,063	...
Net Increase...	1,85,732

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22. The increase under the second item is due to the remissions granted under the Tope Rules owing to the extension of the Casuarina planting in Cuddalore Taluq. The decrease under the third item is the natural consequence of large remission granted under the first item.

23. Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3 shows the cultivation and settlement of the Amani Villages, in the resumed Checkkadi Jaghire. There is a decrease of one village in the number of Amani Villages, which was transferred to the head of Ryotwar, owing to the absence of nunjah cultivation as already noticed. A remission of Rupees 67-4-2 was granted in these villages on account of shavi and waste, hence arises a decrease of Rupees 135 in the revenue of Fasli 1233 below that of Fasli 1282. The annexed Comparative Abstract shows the extent and assessment of lands cultivated with Sugar-cane, Indigo and Cotton during the Faslis 1282 and 1283—*Vide* Enclosure B to Statement No. 3.

Items.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.				
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane.	2,722	14,171	2,614	13,840	...	...	108	331
Cotton ...	45,473	59,927	25,672	52,701	...	...	19,801	7,226
Indigo ...	108,985	2,09,455	90,957	1,66,234	...	...	18,028	43,221

24. The decrease in the cultivation of Sugar-cane was chiefly in the Trikalore and Cuddalore Taluqs. The decrease in that of Cotton was principally in the Virdachellam Taluq, while that in the cultivation of Indigo was chiefly in Cuddalore Taluq. The falling off in each instance is attributable to the unfavorable character of the season.

25. There has been an increase in the cultivation of Ground-nut, and a decrease in that of Rape Seed in the fasli under report, as entered in the following memorandum :—

Items.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Ground-nut	20,594	40,463	26,852	51,892	6,258	11,429	...	...
Rape Seed..	48,199	87,494	32,025	55,598	...	...	16,174	31,896

The large decrease in Rape Seed is attributed to the failure of timely rain, and has been chiefly in Trinamalai, Trikalore, Chedambram and Kallakurchi Taluqs. The increase in Ground-nut has been chiefly in Villapuram, Cuddalore and Trikalore Taluqs.

26. The general result of the Land Revenue Settlement (including Miscellaneous Items) of Fasli 1283 as compared with that of Fasli 1282, is shown in the subjoined Statement :—

No.	Items.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Permanently settled...	8,599	8,599	...	...
2	Jodi on Shrotriern Village ...	22,613	22,662	49	...
3	Ryotwar ...	30,27,500	27,08,997	...	3,18,503
4	Miscellaneous ...	1,83,627	1,75,395	...	8,232
	Total ...	32,42,339	29,15,653	49	3,26,735
	Deduct Increase...	49
	Net Decrease...	* 3,26,686

* *Vide* Statement A, attached to paragraph 13.

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The increase under the second item has arisen from the Inam Village of Kilkondúr, in Trikalore Taluq, having been enfranchised in the fasli under notice—*Vide* Inam Commissioner's Official Memorandum, No. 151, dated 30th March 1874. The cause of the decrease under items 3 and 4 has been already stated.—(*Vide* paragraph 13 *supra*).

27. The following Statement shows the total revenue from all sources during Fasli 1283 as compared with that of Fasli 1282, the result being a falling off of 4,34,912 Rupees :—

Items of Revenue.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Land Revenue including Miscellaneous ...	32,42,339	29,15,653	...	3,26,686
2. Abkari	1,91,238	1,94,005	2,767	...
3. Salt	6,93,638	5,87,183	...	1,06,455
4. Sea Customs	75,804	78,936	3,132	...
5. Land Customs	1,00,268	72,274	...	27,994
6. Stamps	1,33,049	1,62,794	29,745	...
7. Income-tax	9,469	48	...	9,421
Total...	44,45,805	40,10,893	35,644	4,70,556
Deduct Increase...	...	...	...	35,644
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	4,34,912

28. The variations in the collections of the current demand and of arrears of all sources of revenue as compared with those of the preceding fasli, are exhibited in the subjoined abstract Statement B, and the differences in the principal items are noticed below :—

Statement B.

Items.	FASLI 1282.			FASLI 1283.			In-crease.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
<i>Land Revenue.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Permanently Settled ...	1,037	8,599	9,636	...	6,556	6,556	...	3,080
2. Jodi on Shrotriem Vil-lages.	6,235	19,734	25,969	2,901	16,237	19,138	...	6,831
3. Ryotwar	2,59,118	29,86,544	32,45,662	35,881	24,05,207	24,41,088	...	8,04,574
4. Miscellaneous Items ...	69,516	1,55,440	2,24,956	25,046	1,31,341	1,56,387	...	68,569
Total...	3,35,906	31,70,317	35,06,223	63,828	25,59,341	26,23,169	...	8,83,054
Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,83,054
5. Abkari	40,984	1,80,119	2,21,103	11,120	1,80,319	1,91,439	...	29,664
6. Salt ... ..	...	6,93,638	6,93,638	...	5,87,183	5,87,183	...	1,06,455
7. Sea Customs ... ..	...	75,804	75,804	...	78,936	78,936	3,132	...
8. Land Customs ... ..	...	1,00,268	1,00,268	...	72,274	72,274	...	27,994
9. Stamps ... ..	...	1,33,049	1,33,049	...	1,62,794	1,62,794	29,745	...
10. Income-tax	61	9,442	9,503	21	48	69	...	9,434
Total...	41,045	11,92,320	12,33,365	11,141	10,81,554	10,92,695	32,877	1,78,547
Grand Total...	3,76,951	43,62,637	47,39,588	74,969	36,40,895	37,15,864	32,877	10,56,601
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,23,724

29. The decrease of Rupees 3,080 in the collection under the head "*Permanently Settled*" is partly owing to there having been no arrear outstanding at the commencement of the fasli under report, and partly to the entire current demand not having been realized within the fasli.

The balance of Rupees 2,043 which has been realized in July and August last, makes up the total demand of Rupees 8,599.

30. The decrease of Rupees 6,831, under "*Jodi on Shrotriem Villages*" is due to the smaller amount of arrears which were outstanding in the beginning of Fasli 1283 as compared with Fasli 1282, and to a portion of the current demand having been realized after the close of the fasli.

31. The decrease under "*Ryotwar*" and "*Miscellaneous Items*" of Rupees 8,04,574 and Rupees 68,569, respectively, is attributed to the smaller amount of arrears to be collected in the beginning of Fasli 1283 and to portions of the current demand having been collected after the close of the fasli. To these causes must be added the large decrease in the current demand, as already explained.

In spite of the unfavorable nature of the season, the Board will observe that the collection under the four items just noticed, up to 31st August 1874, bears a percentage of 97.36 of the total demand. The collections within the fasli amounted only to 87.78 per cent. thereof. This percentage would have been much larger had it not been for the necessity of holding in abeyance, until sanction was received, the demand of Punjab assessment in many localities, as approved by the Board, in their Proceedings of 11th February 1874, No. 292, and for the lateness of the date on which the said sanction was received, viz., the 25th May, so that a large proportion of the Punjab assessments throughout the district had to be levied during the month of June and subsequently. The actual balance of the current demand outstanding on the 1st instant amounted to 76,889 rupees, as detailed in column 6 of Statement No. 7. This amount is distributed over the eight taluqs, as entered below :—

Taluqs.	Jodi on Shrotriem Villages.	Ryotwar.	Miscella- ous.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Villapuram... ..	94	22,489	3,612	26,195
Chedambram	188	11,794	3,458	15,440
Tindivanam	119	12,868	1,233	14,220
Cuddalore	874	4,022	8,068	12,964
Virdachellam	48	2,645	2,837	5,530
Kallakurchi ... ..	...	1,168	52	1,220
Trinamalai	88	805	2	895
Trikalore ... ..	...	170	255	425
Total...	1,411	55,961	19,517	76,889

For the realization of the recoverable portion of this balance, stringent measures are being adopted.

32. The decrease of Rupees 29,664 in the collection of Abkari revenue is due entirely to a much smaller amount of arrears outstanding at the commencement of Fasli 1283, than in the beginning of Fasli 1282. The current demand was Rupees 1,94,005, or Rupees 2,76% in excess of the demand of Fasli 1282. Of the former sum, Rupees 1,80,319 were collected within the fasli, and the balance 13,686 has been since paid up.

33. The increase of Rupees 3,132 under "*Sea Customs*" occurred chiefly at the Port of Porto Novo, from the export of Paddy and Rice to Ceylon, where the demand for them was greater than in the previous fasli.

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34. The decrease of Rupees 27,994 in the Land Customs is due to a falling off in the export of Indigo, Ground-nut and Gingily-oil Seed, and in the import of Copper, Liquor and Twist. The decrease is distributed over the several Sayer stations, as noted below :—

Sayer Stations.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.
Moratandy Chavadi ... ..	...	8,460
Kottacooppam	1,465	...
Kandamangalam ... ..	...	5,173
Tooknampakkam ... ..	...	680
Waldavur ... ..	...	374
Madalaputt ... ..	...	14,772
Total ..	1,465	29,459
Deduct Increase...	...	1,465
Net Decrease ...	...	27,994

35. There is a decrease of Rupees 1,06,455 in the sale of salt which occurred in the Merkanam Division. The decrease would have been much larger had it not been for the increase in the sales in the Gundalam and Killai Divisions, as exhibited in the following abstract in comparison with the sales of Fasli 1282 :—

Salt Divisions.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Merkanam	5,18,201	3,70,623	...	1,47,578
2. Gundalam	1,59,929	1,85,759	25,830	...
3. Killai	12,226	26,240	14,014	...
Total...	6,90,356	5,82,622	39,844	1,47,578
Miscellaneous	3,282	4,561	1,279	...
Grand Total...	6,93,638	5,87,183	41,123	1,47,578
Deduct Increase...	...	...	...	41,123
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	1,06,455

The decrease is attributed to there having been no stock of old salt in hand at the beginning of Fasli 1283 in the Merkanam and Killai Divisions, as reported in paragraph 34 of the Settlement Report for Fasli 1282, and to the out turn of salt having been very partial in the Merkanam Division owing to the heavy storm of May 1874. The whole stock of old stock in hand, and available for sale on the 1st July 1873 was only 20,168 Maunds, valued at Rupees 40,336, and that was in the Gundalam Division.

36. The quantity of salt sold for Home and Inland consumption and for supply to the French Government in 1283 is shown in the subjoined table, as compared with that of Fasli 1282. There was no export by sea:—

Items.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Increase.	Decrease.
	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
Home Consumption	195,660	1 87,645	...	8,015
Inland do.	146,771	1 01,250	...	45,521
Supply to French Government	148,966	41,801	...	7,165
Total...	391,397	330,696	...	60,701

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The decrease in the Home and Inland sales is owing chiefly to deficiency of stock on account of the failure in the manufacture of the past three faslis.

37. Statement No. 11 shows the wastage of salt during the fasli under review, amounting to 12,347 Maunds, valued at Rupees 3,923-3-1. This wastage is 3 Maunds 23½ Seers per cent. of the quantity sold, and is moderate, and I request sanction for writing the amount off the Accounts.

38. The following is an abstract showing the quantity of salt in store at the commencement of Fasli 1283, the quantity since manufactured, and, finally, the quantity on hand on the 1st July and 1st September 1874 :—

Abstract.—

	MAUNDS.
Stock on hand on the 1st July 1873	65,872
Quantity manufactured in Fasli 1283 or up to 30th June 1874 ...	4,45,448
Quantity received from the Chingleput District	18,000
	<u>4,99,320</u>

Deduct—

Quantity sold including that supplied to the French Government	3,30,696
Wastage	12,347
	<u>3,43,043</u>

In hand on 1st July 1874... 1,56,277

Add—

Quantity manufactured between 1st July and 31st August 1874 ...	14,546
	<u>1,70,823</u>

Deduct—

Quantity sold during the months of July and August 1874.	49,815
Wastage	3,156
	<u>52,971</u>
Quantity on hand on 1st September 1874	*1,17,852

** Particulars—*

Quantity actually in hand	78,955
Quantity supplied to the French Government but not yet adjusted in the Accounts... ..	38,897
	<u>1,17,852</u>

The quantity actually in hand on the 1st September 1874 is distributed over the several divisions as follows :—

	MAUNDS.
Merkanam	30,356
Gundalam	38,525
Killai	10,074
	<u>78,955</u>

The quantity manufactured during Fasli 1283, and subsequently in July and August of Fasli 1284 amounts to 4,29,994 maunds, as noted below:—

Stations.	During Fasli 1283.	During July and August 1874.	Total.
	6 MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
Merkanam... ..	2,76,713	2,251	2,78,964
Gundalam	1,10,651	9,017	1,19,668
Killai... ..	28,084	3,278	31,362
Total...	4,15,448	14,546	4,29,994

Salt manufactured in Fasli 1282	Mds.
Do. in „ 1283	46,815
	4,15,448
• Increase...	3,98,633

39. The quantity manufactured during the fasli under report exceeds that manufactured in Fasli 1282 by Maunds 3,98,633, as noted in the margin.

40. The out-turn would have been still greater had it not been for the damage by the storm of the 5th and 6th May last to the salt which was being scraped, and was about to be received into store at the Merkanam, Kandadu and Chunampat pans. The quantity destroyed by the storm has been estimated at 49,200 Maunds, as reported in my letters to the Board, dated 11th and 12th

20th May 1874, No. 1,184.
22nd „ „ No. 1,217.
8th July 1874, No. 1,735.

May 1874, Nos. 223 and 227, and recorded in their Proceedings, noted in the margin. There was also damage done to the salt fit to be scraped in the Kumblimodu and Maravari

stations of the Gundalam division by the heavy rains of the 26th and 27th May 1874. In spite of all these losses, the out-turn of salt in the fasli under review was considerably in excess of that produced in eight out of the preceding eleven faslis, and if it had not been for the unfortunate accidents, above alluded to, there would have been no necessity to apply for additional salt from the Chingleput District, as was the case (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 31st July 1874, No. 2,038). The Board will therefore see that there was not wanting a general endeavour on the part of the Salt Department to develop the salt manufacture during the fasli under review.

41. *Statement No. 7.*—Out of the entire demand of Rupees 40,10,893 from all sources of revenue for Fasli 1283, a sum of Rupees 36,40,895 was collected within the fasli, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,69,998 on the 1st July 1874, which was further reduced by subsequent collections in July and August last, to Rupees 76,889 on the 1st instant. Measures are in progress, as already stated, for the collection of this balance, a considerable portion of which consists of irrecoverable items which will be scrutinized at the next Jamabundi.

	RS.
Jodi on Shrotriem	1,411
Ryotwar	55,961
Miscellaneous	19,517
Total...	76,889

42. The total arrears outstanding on the 1st July 1873 amounted to Rupees 1,49,631, of which Rupees 74,968 were collected and Rupees 18,924 were written off the Accounts within the fasli. Deducting the aggregate of these items, amounting to Rupees 93,892, from the total arrears, there remained on the 1st July 1874, a balance of Rupees 55,739 which was reduced to Rupees 54,294 by subsequent collections up to 31st ultimo.

43. A Comparative Statement showing the extent to which Coercive measures were adopted during Faslis 1282 and 1283 in the collection of revenue, is annexed:—

Faslis.		Items.	Value of property attached.	Value of property sold.
			RS.	RS.
1282	{	Personal ...	39,519	12,308
		Real ...	89,228	52,984
			1,28,747	65,292
1283	{	Personal ...	29,995	5,958
		Real ...	32,843	20,031
			62,838	25,989
		Decrease...	65,909	39,303

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	RS.	A.	P.
* Fasli 1282	42,180	2	5
„ 1283	8,613	14	9
Decrease...	33,566	3	8

	RS.	A.	P.
† Trinamalai	152	10	3
Villapuram	148	3	9
Cuddalore	660	10	10
Trikalore	836	8	2
Kallakurchi	15	4	5
Virdachellam	355	1	4
Chedambram	455	3	2
Total...	2,623	9	11

The reason of this decrease is due to Coercive measures not having been resorted to, to any great extent pending the Settlement, at which large remissions of assessment on wet and dry lands were expected to be granted. The Process Service Fees collected amount to Rupees 8,613-14-9 as per margin.* Out of these collections there is a sum of Rupees 2,623-9-11† still left unpaid to the Process Servers in the taluqs marginally noted. Necessary orders will be issued for the early adjustment of this amount in the Accounts.

44. *Statement No. 8.*—The arrears of former faslis outstanding on the 1st instant amount to Rupees 54,902-9-6, as stated in paragraph 42, *supra*, and extend over a period of eleven years from 1272 to 1282 inclusive. From this amount Rupees 31,265-13-0 must be deducted, being the sum

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sanctioned to be written off the Accounts—*Vide* Orders of Government, noted in the margin. As the Board's Proceedings of 18th August last, No. 2,295, was only received by me on the 15th instant, it was impossible to have the amount deducted from the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement for August. From this amount now sanctioned to be remitted, however, a sum of Rupees 338-11-1 realized subsequent to the recommendation for remission and Rupees 842-1-4 which have to be transferred from "Ryotwar" to "Land Cess," amounting in all to Rupees 1,180-12-5, should be deducted, and the balance Rupees 30,085-0-7 only written off the Accounts. Orders have accordingly been issued to write this amount off in the Demand Statement for the current month. Of the balance of Rupees 24,208-8-11, a sum of Rupees 10,332-0-8 has been ascertained to be irrecoverable on the following grounds, and I request sanction for writing this amount off the Accounts:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Amount entered in the Accounts of two villages and already collected in one of them	1,621	12	4
2. Amount annually remitted on account of certain Shrotriem land of Vanakkampadi Village, Tindivanam Taluq, taken up for public purposes	9	12	2
3. Amount annually remitted on account of Taliaaries' emoluments in Chedambram Taluq. (This item will disappear from Fasli 1283— <i>Vide</i> Order of Government, dated 20th February 1874, No. 234.)	2,379	8	0
4. Amount of arrears due on lands sold, but purchased at a nominal price by Government	2,416	10	5
5. Amount due on lands sold, of which only a portion was realized	2,995	4	0
6. Remissions on appeal after Jamabundi and suspended collections	557	7	7
7. Amount of double credits erroneously made in the Accounts to the Head Ryotwar, in the Trikalore Taluq	351	10	2
† Total...	10,332	0	8

	RS.	A.	P.
† Chedambram	3,262	5	10
Cuddalore	2,139	7	10
Tindivanam	1,592	3	5
Trikalore	862	12	6
Virdachellam	831	14	10
Kallakurchi	776	4	9
Villapuram	673	10	7
Trinamalai	193	4	11
Total...	10,332	0	8

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45. The recoverable balance of the Arrears amounts to Rupees 13,876-8-3 embracing a period of eleven years from Fasli 1272 to 1282 as shown by the Taluqwar Statements and a comparative abstract annexed, which shows a marked contrast between the action of some Tahsildars and that of others :—

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Comparative Abstract.

Talugs.	Recoverable arrears as stood on the 1st September 1873 from 1272 to 1281.		Recoverable arrears as stood on the 1st September 1874 from 1272 to 1281.		DIFFERENCE.					
					Collected.	Recommend- ed for Remis- sion.			Total.	
	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Tindivanam	2,403	8 7	573	5 10	966	4	0	863	14	9
Trinamalai... ..	148	4 11	11	2 0	2	5	8	134	13	3
Villapuram... ..	5,262	14 1	3,019	10 10	1,876	2	11	367	0	4
Cuddalore	8,364	8 4	2,720	8 5	1,517	11	10	4,126	4	1
Trikalore	485	8 0	...	...	98	7	5	387	0	7
Kallakurchi	694	12 6	94	11 6	341	14	8	258	2	4
Virdachellam	1,206	13 3	576	13 5	629	15	10	...	...	...
Chedambram	248	0 11	55	7 10	171	2	5	21	6	8
Total...	18,814	6 7	7,051	11 10	5,604	0	9	6,158	10	0
Income-tax Fasli 1281.	284	10 6	284	10 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	19,099	1 1	7,336	6 4	5,604	0	9	6,158	10	0

46. Stringent orders have been issued to the Tahsildars of Tindivanam, Cuddalore and Villapuram for the early adjustment before the end of October of the recoverable arrears so discredibly left uncollected from Faslis 1272 and 1273, and I will address the Board again if the Tahsildars still continue to neglect the collection of these long standing arrears.

47. *Statement No. 9.*—The gross collections as per Statement No. 9, amounted to Rupees 37,15,863-14-10 and the charges to Rupees 3,55,852-8-0 leaving a surplus of Rs. 33,60,011-6-10, the charges being $9\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the receipts. The various items of charge as compared with the past year are given in this statement. I shall now proceed to explain some of the most important differences.

48. (A.) SALARY OF COLLECTORS, ETC.,—The increase of Rupees 708-7-6 under this head, is mainly due to the entertainment during a portion of the fasli of two additional Deputy-Collectors, one for Railway, and the other for Remission duties.

49. (B.) TENT AND HOUSE-RENT ALLOWANCES.—The decrease of Rupees 875-0-4 under this head is due to the allowance having been drawn in Fasli 1283 by one Assistant Collector only, while in Fasli 1282 the allowance was drawn by two, Messrs. Kough and Thomson.

50. (C.) HUZUR AND TALUQ ESTABLISHMENTS.—Under this item there is a decrease of Rupees 473-13-1 which is due to the decrease in the payment of deputation allowance in Fasli 1283 to the officers on the Huzur and Taluq establishments.

51. (D.) SADERWARD.—Last year Dufter cloths were purchased for arranging Taluq records under special sanction, conveyed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1873, No. 806. No such charge was incurred during the year under report. Hence a decrease of Rupees 318-10-3.

52. (E.) MEDICAL CHARGES.—The decrease under this head is owing to the saving in the salary of the Hospital Assistant attached to the Sub-Collector's office in consequence of his death in the latter part of Fasli 1283.

53. (F.) CONTINGENCIES.—The increase of Rupees 183-4-1 under this head is owing to the increased payment of batta to the Taluq establishments as well as to the establishments of additional Deputy-Collectors employed on Remission and Railway duties.

54. (G.) MISCELLANEOUS.—The large decrease of Rupees 32,553-11-4 under this item is owing to the smallness of the amount collected as Process Service Fees for the service of Processes under Act II. of 1864, and the consequent decrease in the amount paid to the Process Servers. The cause of this falling off in the issue of Processes was the holding in abeyance the collection of the revenue during the last months of the fasli.

55. (h.) *LAND CUSTOMS CONTINGENCIES.*—The increase of Rupees 566-1-0 under this item is due to the increased payment of rewards to informers in cases of smuggling by land having been debited to this head, in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India, dated 6th June 1873, communicated in the Accountant-General's Circular No. 13, dated 7th July 1873.

56. (i.) *SALT, PURCHASE OF SALT AND MANUFACTURERS' SHARE.*—The increase of Rupees 33,944-6-7 is due to the increased manufacture and consequent increased payment of Coodivarum.

57. (j.) *Charges for conveying and storing salt.*—The increase of Rupees 3,749-10-11 is also mainly due to the increase in the manufacture of salt during the fasli.

58. (k.) *Charges for exporting salt.*—Under this item, there is a decrease of Rupees 1,534-13-2, which is attributable to a saving in the cost of transport of salt to Pondicherry for the French Government, the salt having been supplied from Gundalam instead of from Merkanam where none was available.

59. (l.) *Freight on salt imported.*—The increase of Rupees 29,737-9-5, under this item is due to the charges incurred in connection with the import of salt from Covelong to this district in consequence of the failure of the manufacture in this district in Fasli 1282.

60. (m.) *Petty Construction and Repairs.*—The increase of Rupees 10,802-11-0 under this item, is due to the execution of more works and repairs in connection with salt in Fasli 1282.

61. (n.) *Stamps, Discount to Licensed Stamp Vendors.*—Under this item, there is a decrease of Rupees 2,174-0-5, which is due to the reduction of the discount allowed to Licensed Stamp Vendors on the sale of Court Fees labels from 3 to 1 per cent. as per Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 28th February 1873, No. 232.

62. (o.) *Refunds.*—The increase of Rupees 1,459-3-0, under this item is attributable first to the larger payment of refunds on presentation of certificates from Courts, under Section 13 of Act VII. of 1870; secondly, to the larger refunds of the values of damaged General Stamp papers and Court Fees Stamps under Section 45 of Act XVIII. of 1869, and Government Order, dated 24th April 1872; and thirdly, to the payment of refunds of Surplus Process Fees ordered by the District and Subordinate Judges, under Orders of Government, Judicial Department, No. 976 of 23rd June 1873.

63. The public servants noted below are reported to have acquired landed property in the fasli under report to an extent of Acres 206·31, assessed at Rupees 732-8-5. Of the land acquired by the Additional Deputy-Collector, Vencata Soobier, a separate report will be submitted as soon as certain information called for is received :—

	ACRES.
Additional Deputy-Collector, Vencata Soobier	3·73
Tindivanam Tahsildar, Mr. Dique... ..	·95
Do. Sheristadar, Kristna Row..	·22
Trinamalai Sheristadar Mathwa Row	39·60
Huzur Clerk Nataraja Iyer	20·00
Virdachellam Revenue Inspector Hanumaji Row	28· 9
Chedambaram Taluq Gumastah Vencata Row	16· 8
Kallakurchi Taluq Gumastah Ramasamiah	24·75
Trikalore Taluq Gumastah Arnachelliah	20·77
Tindivanam Taluq Gumastah Seetaramier	·24
Do. Kristna Samier... ..	·22
Do. Ragava Iyengar	·23
Do. Beema Row	·24
Do. Revenue Inspector Vencoba Row	·22
Villapuram Taluq Dufterbund Theruvengada Chary	3·30
Trinamalai Taluq Gumastah Harieshvara Iyer	10·56
Do. Vatha Raja Row	1·30
Do. Shroff Oppasami Naynar	10·56
Chedambaram Taluq Gumastah Cupusamier... ..	1·64
Do. Govinda Charry	3·47
Do. Head Shroff Govinda Ragava Iyengar... ..	7·32
Virdachellam Taluq Gumastah Sundra Iyer... ..	2·48
Do. Runga Row	3·00
Do. Deputy Shroff Appavoo Pathan	1·65
Trikalore Taluq Gumastah Vencatasamy Naik	·76
Do. Govinda Rajoo	4·93
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	206·31

64. *Village Accounts.*—In the Cuddalore and Villapuram Taluqs, these Accounts were systematically examined, and all errors and omissions detected were rectified at Jamabundi. A careful comparison of the Cultivation Account No. 1 and Adargal Account No. 4, with the entries in the Pymaish Register, and of the entries in Adargal Account No. 4, and Chittah No. 5, and individual Ledger No. 13, was made before settlement was actually commenced, and the results were duly recorded in each Account, in each village, and final orders passed by me at the Settlement. In this way the accuracy of the Village Accounts was carefully tested and many blunders and wrong entries in tarams, etc., that had been going on for several years were corrected, and the conduct of the Curnams noticed. In both the Cuddalore and Villapuram Taluqs, the Cultivation Account No. 1 is generally kept in a very unsatisfactory manner. Examination clearly showed that in many cases monthly examinations of cultivation had not been made nor the Account No. 1 written up month by month, but at the time of preparing the Adargal Account, the Cultivation Account No. 1, was written up from the results of the Adargal examination. In all these cases the date of harvest and the kind of crops cultivated were invariably omitted to be entered in No. 1 Account. The Curnams and Revenue Inspectors were warned against the repetition of these irregularities in the keeping of this important account; but, I am afraid, so long as the inspecting staff is as insufficient as at present, any great improvement cannot be expected in the present state of things. The Taluq Accounts were kept in fair order. All interpolations, interlineations, and erasures in the Village and Taluq Accounts were regularly attested.

65. A copy of the Sub-Collector's report on the settlement of his division is herewith submitted.

66. *Remarks on the conduct of Subordinates.*—During the five months which elapsed between my return from furlough and the end of the fasli, I received hearty assistance and co-operation from the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Lister, the Acting Head-Assistant Collector Mr. Kough, the Assistant Collector Mr. Thomson, and the General Duties Deputy-Collector Stri Baliah.

67. The Tahsildars of Trikalore and Trinamalai, Atmanada Mudali and Ghulam Kader and the Acting Tahsildar of Cuddalore Vencataramiah who is the confirmed Tahsildar of Trikalore, discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. I regret I cannot say the same of the Tindivanam or Villapuram Tahsildars Mr. Dique and Sreenevassa Iyengar.

68. The Acting Head Sheristadar Kanakasabai Mudali had a great deal of very hard work thrown on him during the Jamabundi owing to the remissions given and the necessity for closely scrutinizing the Village Accounts, and in justice to him, I feel bound to record that he never spared himself but worked unceasingly.

CUDDALORE,
30th September 1874.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the 3 (three) taluqs forming the Sub-Division of South Arcot for Fasli 1283, and to forward the usual Accounts connected with the same.

2. 1. PLACES WHERE THE JAMABUNDI WAS HELD.—The Jamabundi was conducted by me at the stations noted in the margin. It was commenced on the 20th January and was concluded on the 9th May, but the period actually spent in the settlement of villages was forty-three

Virdachellam.	Chinna salem.]
Nallur.	Porto Novo.
Kallakurchi.	Ammappett.

days, as shown in Statement No. 1.

3. II. NO. OF PUTTAS.—The total number of puttass distributed in the fasli was 97,392, or less than the number distributed in the previous fasli by 1,514. The decrease is, as usual, due to relinquishments of entire holdings, to the smaller number of applications for fresh puttass, and partly to the inclusion in one putta of all the holdings in cases where one ryot held more than one putta in a village. In the Chellambram Taluq, where such fluctuations are rare and not considerable, there is a decrease of 347 in the total number of puttass issued in this fasli below that of 1282, and this arises from 200 puttass hitherto issued for the lands selected as Taliary Maniem, in the old Chellambram Taluq, not having been issued in the present year. These lands were granted as Taliary Maniem in G. O., dated 20th February last, No. 234, and have been transferred from Ayen to Inam.

4. III. SEASON.—The season of Fasli 1283 was unfavorable for agricultural operations, and peculiarly so for the cultivation of dry grains, chiefly Varagu and Raggy. The rain-fall at the commencement of the fasli when the early dry crops require rain was very inadequate, and the consequence was a very partial yield of Kambu and the different kinds of pulses. This inadequacy of rain was followed by a still more serious failure in the later months of the year and the later sowings among which are Varagu and Raggy, the staple articles of food to the mass of the people fared very badly. They had all tolerable though insufficient sowing rains in August and September to commence with, but in November there was very little rain, and none at all in December, and as these crops are on the ground for four months, there was an almost universal partial failure, the loss being heaviest in Varagu which is reaped almost last of all the crops. As regards Nunjah crops except in the greater portion of the Chellambram Taluq, in which the Coleroon freshes and not the rains affect the cultivation, the insufficiency of rain in the later months of the year resulted in the failure of paddy and in a slight decrease in the extent of cultivation. The subjoined Statement shows the fall of rain in these two taluqs in October, November and December of Fasli 1283, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous fasli :—

.....	October		November		December	
	1282	1283	1282	1283	1282	1283
Virdachellam... ..	2·8	7·0	12·5	5·1	5·2½	0·1
Kallakurchi	8·5	11·4	20·7	3·1	5·0	1·0

The Coleroon which depends for its supply on the south-west monsoon received abundant freshes from July to December, while those received in the Vellaur and other rivers were much below the average. The total rain-fall for the fasli as compared with that of previous faslis is shown below:—

Taluqs.	Fasli 1282.	Fasli 1283.	Decrease.	Rain-fall in Fasli 1281.	Decrease in Fasli 1283, below the rain-fall of 1281.
Virdachellam	43.9	24.6	19.3	43.5	18.9
Chellambram	72.1	47.7	24.4	48.8	1.1
Kallakurchi	61.3	32.5	28.8	41.2	8.7
Total...	177.3	104.8	72.5	133.5	28.7

5. IV. SANITARY CONDITION.—Public health was on the whole satisfactory, although Small-pox prevailed in Porto Novo and generally in the Kallakurchi Taluq in the month of April. Additional vaccinators were employed in both places, and prompt measures were adopted to check the spread of the disease, but in Kallakurchi a few lives are reported to have been lost owing to Small-pox and Fever. In all three taluqs drinking water became scarce towards the middle of March, in villages situated in elevated tracts. Wells and ponds were cleared so as to secure a supply at the first fall of rain. Cattle however fared a little worse. They suffered from Adappan and Vekkai in Cusbah and Nallur firkas, in Virdachellam; in Chellambram 400 head of cattle died of these diseases, and in Kallakurchi, in villages lying at the foot of the Hills and on the banks of the Pennar, sheep and cattle perished from the intense cold caused by the unusual fall of rain in May which was accompanied by a strong gale. They also suffered from scarcity of drinking water towards the end of the fasli in all three taluqs.

6. V. PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.—The average prices of all sorts of grain, and of dry grains in particular for Fasli 1283 were considerably above the average prices that obtained in the past ten years, and still higher compared with the average of the previous fasli. Second sort Paddy was 25 per cent. dearer than last year. The prices of Cholan, Kambu, Raggy and Horsegram rose respectively 92, 143, 134, and 52 per cent. There was an increase in the price of Varagu, the staple food of the masses, of 38 per cent. Prices were at their highest in January, February and March after the failure of rain in December, so much so, that the Tahsildar of Kallakurchi and one or two other officers in the division considered a famine to be impending. This rise in prices was due to an unfavorable harvest, and to the steadiness with which the export trade was kept up both by sea in the Chellambram Taluq and inland to Salem from the Kallakurchi Taluq, but not to any actual want of grain in the country. These circumstances rendered it necessary to watch the state of the Kallakurchi Taluq with the utmost vigilance, and as the taluq was peculiarly under-officered, a temporary establishment of one Deputy Tahsildar and two Revenue Inspectors was employed, the former to relieve the Tahsildar of his routine duties at the Cusbah, and the latter with the Tahsildar to be constantly itinerating in the interior of the taluq. Special reports on the state of each village inspected were submitted from time to time by all these officers, but not a single case of actual distress occurred, and as the fall of rain in May and June was followed by a very slight reduction in prices, the fasli passed away without any serious distress.

7. Statement No. 2 shows the average prices of the different grains as compared with the previous fasli, and with the average of the past ten years.

8. VI. RYOTWAR HOLDINGS, VARIATIONS, ETC.—An abstract compiled from Statement No. 3 is subjoined, which will show the holdings of the ryots at the beginning of the Fasli 1283, the variations therein during the fasli, and the holdings at the end of the fasli as compared with the same in 1282.

Items.	FASLI 1282.			FASLI 1283.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	Extent.		Assessment.	Extent.		Assessment.	Extent.		Assessment.	Extent.		Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.
Ryots' holding.	4,15,141	12,11,473	5 10	4,03,738	11,86,461	7 5	...	...	...	11,403	25,011	14 5
<i>Deduct.</i>												
Land resigned.	19,945	40,522	7 2	19,494	38,806	0 6	...	...	...	451	1,716	6 8
Do transfer.	3,199	12,494	3 9	4,327	15,548	12 6	1,128	3,054	8 9	...	...	...
Do. become useless or appropriated for some public purpose.	2,200	6,123	2 11	171	457	9 3	...	...	...	2,029	5,664	9 8
Total...	25,344	59,138	13 10	23,992	54,812	6 3	1,128	3,054	8 9	2,480	7,381	0 4
Remainder ...	3,89,797	11,52,334	8 0	3,79,746	11,31,649	1 2	...	...	...	10,051	20,683	6 10
<i>Add.</i>												
Lands taken up on Darkhast	10,734	21,156	1 10	11,558	24,282	1 9	824	3,126	15 11	...	...	...
Land obtained by transfer.	3,207	12,970	13 7	3,809	1,621	9 5	602	650	11 10	...	...	...
Total...	13,941	34,126	15 35	15,367	37,903	11 2	1,426	3,776	11 9	...	...	...
Total holdings.	4,03,738	11,86,461	7 5	3,95,113	11,69,552	12 4	...	...	...	8,625	16,908	11 1
Deduct waste remitted ...	68	163	1 2	1,122	5,217	6 5	1,054	5,054	5 3	...	...	...
Remainder ...	4,03,670	11,86,298	6 3	3,93,991	11,64,335	5 11	...	...	...	9,679	21,963	0 4
Actual cultivation.....	3,68,980	11,11,211	3 3	3,56,235	10,85,171	6 7	...	...	...	12,745	26,039	12 8
Waste charged.	34,690	75,087	3 0	37,753	79,163	15 4	3,066	4,076	12 4	...	...	...

9. The total of ryotwar holdings at the commencement of Fasli 1283 was Acres 4,03,738 assessed at Rupees 11,86,461-7-5 against 4,15,141 acres assessed at Rupees 12,11,473-5-10 in Fasli 1282; a deduction of Acres 23,992 assessed at Rupees 54,812-6-3 for lands relinquished, transferred, and taken up for public purposes or rendered unfit for cultivation; and an addition of Acres 15,367 assessed at Rupees 37,903-11-2 for lands taken up on Darkhast and obtained by transfer, have brought the holdings at the conclusion of the fasli to Acres 3,95,113 assessed at Rupees 11,69,552-12-4. There is thus a decrease of 8,625 acres assessed at Rupees 16,908-11-1 in the holdings at the close of the fasli, which is owing to the lands resigned not having been made up for under the corresponding head "Lands taken up on Darkhast" and to there being a difference of Acres 518 assessed at Rupees 1,127-3-1 between lands transferred and its corresponding item "Lands obtained by transfer." This latter difference is the result of the transfer to Inam in the Chellambram Taluq of all the lands hitherto enjoyed by Taliaries under Ain, which were formally assigned as Inam, in G. O., No. 234, dated 20th February last. This extent being once deducted from Putkut there can be no corresponding addition as in the case of transfer Razzinamahs, Sales, etc.

10. The slight increase in Darkhasts and a small decrease in Razzinamahs are attributable to the peculiarly favorable character of the season of 1282, in which Darkhasts for 1283 were prevented, and to the commencement of the season of 1283 itself not having been such as to justify any apprehensions of the great insufficiency of rain that actually followed. The rule that the assessment on lands cultivated without permission becomes payable at once, may have caused an increase in Darkhasts while as regards the decrease in Razzinamahs it may be observed that the

discontinuance of Swoya jasti Puttas in Fasli 1281 gradually left ryots' puttas free of unprofitable and inferior lands which are generally resigned immediately afterwards. To the beriz thus obtained a sum of Rupees 16,058-10-8 being second crop assessment, and another sum of Rupees 83,637-8-4 being Teerva Jasti or water-tax have to be added to obtain the gross ryotwar beriz of the fasli, which will thus amount to Rupees 12,69,248-15-4.

11. VIII. FASAL JASTI AND TEERVA JASTI.—Under the head of 2nd crop assessment there is a very slight increase of Rupees 193-3-10, which is the result of an increase of Rupees 1,164-8-7 in Chellambram Taluq, and a decrease of Rupees 971-4-9 under this head in Kallakurchi and Virdachellam. The water-supply in Chellambram in villages depending on the Coleroon, etc., ancients was ample, and hence the increase of nearly 1,200 rupees under Fasal Jasti in that taluq.

12. Under the head of Teerva Jasti there is a net increase of Rupees 2,732-1-7. The increase is chiefly in the Chellambram Taluq where it amounts to Rupees 3,070-11-4. In Virdachellam there is an increase of Rupees 79-11-9, and in Kallakurchi a decrease of Rs. 418-5-6. The increase in Chellambram is due partly to the satisfactory state of all the river-fed sources of irrigation, and to recourse having been had by the ryots to the Government sources of water consequent on the failure of rains. A Comparative Statement of Revenue derived from these two items in Faslis 1282 and 1283 is annexed:—

Items.	Virdachellam.			Chellambram.			Kallakurchi.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Fasal Jasti	2,034	7	6	7,976	14	9	5,854	0	7	15,865	6	10
Teerva Jasti	18,134	5	6	47,925	11	9	14,845	5	6	80,905	6	9
Total for Fasli 1282	20,168	13	0	55,902	10	6	20,699	6	1	96,770	13	7
Fasal Jasti	1,732	1	1	9,191	7	4	5,185	2	3	16,058	10	8
Teerva Jasti	18,214	1	3	50,996	7	1	14,427	0	0	83,637	8	4
Total for Fasli 1283	19,946	2	4	60,187	14	5	19,612	2	3	99,696	3	0
Increase in Fasal Jasti ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193	3	10
Do. in Teerva Jasti ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,732	1	7
Total increase...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,925	5	5

13. IX. CULTIVATION.—In the extent of cultivation, there is a total decrease below that of last year of Acres 12,745, or nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., of which 11,700 almost the whole is in Punjab and a very small extent, viz. 1,055 acres is in Nunjah. The decrease in Punjab cultivation is greatest in Kallakurchi where it amounts to 7,111 acres and arises from the insufficiency of rain for the cultivation of Punjab in the opening months of the fasli (0.20 inches in July and 1.7 in August) when Kambu, Varagu, and Raggy and the pulses are all sown here; this large decrease is decidedly suspicious, but the Revenue staff, in Kallakurchi Taluq, is avowedly insufficient for satisfactory administration, and as long as the controlling authorities refuse to remedy a state of things which is acknowledged to be unsatisfactory and to apply the simple remedy of assigning to Kallakurchi Taluq, the notoriously inadequate establishment employed in taluqs of similar size and importance, we must be content in the main to take what revenue the Curnams choose to give us; this question is wholly distinct from the general one which has been under consideration for a year or two of increasing subordinate Revenue agency; Kallakurchi Taluq requires to be brought up to the average strength at once, and to get the increased establishment in addition when that is given to other taluqs; it is very possible that this decrease is due in a great measure to the increasing dishonesty of unchecked Curnams whose opportunities will be considerably enlarged this fasli, by the power they will acquire of charging second crop wet assessment or not at their pleasure. The decrease in Nunjah cultivation is very little in Virdachellam Taluq being only 35 acres, and the rest is in Kallakurchi and Chellambram and is attributable in the former taluq to the insufficiency of water-supply in rain-fed sources of irrigation, and in the latter to one or two irrigation works having been out of repair.

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14. X. SPECIAL PRODUCTS.—Subjoined is a comparison of the cultivation of Sugar-cane, Cotton and Indigo in Fasli 1282 and 1283 :—

Products.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane...	1,741	8,185	1,645	8,536	...	351	96	.....
Cotton...	42,688	55,746	22,874	48,446	...	.....	19,814	7,300
Indigo...	13,317	30,698	8,869	18,853	...	.....	4,448	11,845

15. In each kind of crop there is a decrease in the extent cultivated ; the falling off is greatest in the case of Cotton. This is grown most extensively in Virdachellam Taluq and almost the whole of the decrease is in that taluq. While the decrease in the extent cultivated is Acres 19,814, that in the assessment is only Rupees 7,300 which is accounted for partly by the difference in the quality of the land cultivated with this crop. Cotton is shown generally as an " Ottadam " or mixed crop with Varagu, and as Varagu is not grown on the same land for two successive years, there is naturally a difference in the quality of land cultivated with cotton. It would appear also that in the preparation of statistics of crops, a portion only of the field cultivated is taken into account in the case of mixed crops for each different product raised. This must of course lead to inaccuracy in the quantity of land entered as cultivated with cotton. Still there is no doubt a large decrease in cotton cultivation for 1283 which is in a great measure owing to the unfavorable character of the season. I am however inclined to think that last year's figures are incorrect, and that the decrease in the extent cultivated is not more than 3,000 acres. In indigo there is a decrease of 4,448 acres. The decrease is common to all three taluqs, and results from the serious failure of rain in December and January, the months in which this crop is most generally grown. In the case of Sugar-cane, the decrease is very trifling, being 96 acres, and does not call for any remark. There is, however, an increase of Rupees 351 in the assessment of land cultivated with Sugar-cane, which must be held to be due to lands of a superior quality having been substituted for comparatively inferior lands on which the crop was raised in the previous year.

16. XI. PERMANENT SOURCES OF IRRIGATION.—During the fasli under report, the Kattumailur anicut across the Mayuranathee, a tributary of the Manimuktha river, in the Virdachellam Taluq has been added to the permanent sources of irrigation in this Division. This anicut is intended to supply the two villages of Sapaukum and Nagar. There was not much irrigation, however, from the anicut in question in the fasli, and the increase of revenue derived is very trifling being Rupees 58, and the extension in cultivation is but one acre. This is owing to supply channels to tanks not having been completed yet. A large extension in cultivation and a further increase of revenue is anticipated for Fasli 1284. With this exception, there have been no changes in the sources of irrigation or villages supplied therefrom.

17. A Comparative Statement of the revenue derived from these sources in 1282 and 1283 is subjoined :—

Sources of Irrigation.	FASLI 1282.		FASLI 1283.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.	Extent.	Assess-ment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Coleroon Lower anicut ..	71,575	4,11,929	70,899	4,10,232	...	...	636	1,697
Vellaur Do. Shetiatope..	12,426	83,118	12,052	82,620	...	...	374	498
Manimuthanady ...	1,523	14,155	1,508	14,923	...	768	15	...
Do. at Kuranoor ..	391	7,394	392	9,533	1	2,139	...	...
Do. Munathoor do. ...	80	660	81	718	1	58	...	...
Mayoor Nadi do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kattumyloor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	85,995	5,17,256	84,922	5,18,026	2	2,965	1,075	2,195

Net increase of revenue Rupees 770.

18. These figures do not include the extent on which Kasser and Fasal Jasti are charged, but only the amount of assessment under these heads and hence with a decrease of 2 acres only in the extent irrigated, there is a net increase in the revenue over that of the past year amounting to Rupees 770.

19. The decrease of 686 acres, with a revenue of 1,697 rupees under the Coleroon anicut is caused by the transfer of 411 acres assessed at Rupees 1,996 from Ayen to Taliary Maniem; and by the remission for Nunjah waste granted on account of certain irrigation channels having been out of order.

20. The decrease of 394 acres assessed at Rupees 498 (the proper assessment is Rupees 1,637, but the additional revenue derived as Kasser and Fasal Jasti Rupees 1,169 is deducted from this) under the Shetiatope anicut has been caused partly by remission for waste and partly by relinquishments and revenue sales for arrears in which the lands were purchased for Government.

21. Under the Keeranur anicut there is an increase of Rupees 1,375 in the Chellambram Taluq, which is mostly in Kasser, and which is reduced by a decrease of 757 rupees in Virdachellam to a net increase of Rupees 768; it seems strange that Virdachellam which is nearer the anicut should show a decrease, while there is an increase in the more distant Chellambram and the ryots of Kummapuram are constantly complaining of the unfair distribution of water, and urging that their village was better off before the masonry anicut was constructed.

22. I think it is a great pity that more attention is not paid to the prompt carrying out of anicut subsidiary works; this anicut was constructed four or five years ago, and a stone saying who built it, and who were the local personages at the time was duly inserted in the walls, but the more insignificant, but not less important question of carrying off the water, whose progress the anicut was designed to arrest, seems to have escaped attention; and when I joined the Sub-Division, three years ago, water did not flow even in the main channel on the north; the increase of revenue from this anicut has been about 3 per cent. on the outlay, but it looks more in the above Statement of remunerative works, because the whole Nunjah beriz in the villages irrigated from it and not the increase only has been credited to it.

23. It is satisfactory to observe that in the Virdachellam Taluq there is an increase of Rupees 2,139, in the Kasser revenue derived from the Mémathúr Anicut. This anicut was completed in Fasli 1280, and year after year, there has been a steady increase in the revenue derived under it, as shown in the margin.

* Fasli.	Revenue.
	RS.
1280	2,543
1281	4,529
1282	7,394
1283	9,538

24. XII. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOPEs.—The extent of land occupied by Private and Public Tope under the Tope Rules was Acres 695-7 assessed at Rupees 1,386-8-2 at the commencement of Fasli 1283. Of this an extent of Acres 46-51 assessed at Rupees 87-10-1 was charged with full assessment as the fixed period of twenty years had expired; and another extent of Acres 49-52 assessed at Rupees 114-1-5 held as Tope was partly cancelled from the grant for the failure of the grantees to conform to the Tope Rules, and partly relinquished owing to the poverty of the soil. These deductions and an addition of Acres 24-48 assessed at Rupees 48-4-6 for new Tope grants made during the fasli in Kallakurchi and Virdachellam have reduced the extent under plantation at the close of the fasli to Acres 623-52 assessed at Rupees 1,233-1-2. Taluqwar particulars of this are given in the subjoined Statement:—

	PUBLIC TOPEs.			PRIVATE TOPEs.			Total.		
	ACRES.	RS.		ACRES.	RS.	A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	A. P.
Virdachellam	50-51	109	6 1	301-33	751	8 7	351-84	860	14 8
Chellambram	5-66	18	6 2	170-22	140	4 1	175-88	158	10 3
Kallakurchi	28-78	58	2 7	67-2	155	5 8	95-80	213	8 3
Total...	84 95	185	14 10	538-57	1,047	2 4	623-52	1,233	1 2

25. XIII. REMISSION.—No. 4 is the Statement of remissions granted in Fasli 1283 as compared with Fasli 1282. Under the head of "Occasional remissions" there is an increase of Rupees 42,424-7-7. The total remissions under this head amount, to Rupees 44,401-9-7 for 1283, of which 25,252-15 was for Punjab partial loss. In the Virdachellam Taluq, in the Bownagherry and Streemushnum Divisions of Chellambram Taluq, and in all but eighty-one villages of the Kallakurchi Taluq, a remission of the three last kists, amounting to 5 Annas in the rupee, was granted to all Puttadars whose beriz exclusive of Road Cess did not exceed Rupees 25 on all lands cultivated with Varagu. The object of the limitation as to crop was to guard against indiscriminate remission in cases where although the yield was generally below the average, yet no real hardship was likely to follow, as the other Punjab grains did not on the whole fare so badly as Varagu. By the time that the failure of Punjab crops became known and it was determined to grant special remissions, almost all the crops were off the ground, so that even a general inspection was impossible. I ascertained by careful enquiry that Varagu had failed most of all the crops. Moreover, on all Punjab lands cultivated with other grains, there was ample time to grow a 2nd dry crop as Horse-gram for instance, on land previously cultivated with Kambu, and thus to make up for the partial loss of one crop.

26. The restriction as to Putta beriz was necessary in order to limit the concession to those classes only whose condition really demanded some relief, for as large proprietors have generally a stock of grain on hand and grow more than one kind of Punjab crop every year, the small amount remitted for Punjab would have been no object to them, nor was distress likely to be felt by these to such an extent as to render this special indulgence necessary. In eighty-one villages of the Kallakurchi Taluq, which are situated on the elevated tracts lying between the basins of the Pennar on the north and the Manimuktanadi on the south, the Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars reported an almost general failure of all Punjab crops, and in these localities the last three kists for Punjab were remitted throughout without destruction as to crop or Putta beriz. These measures were discussed between myself, the Tahsildars of the several taluqs, and Mr. Banbury who came on special duty, and were finally approved and carried out. They afforded all the relief that was necessary.

27. The Nunjah Remission irrespective of that granted for entire fields left waste, which is shown in Statement No. 3, amounted to Rupees 17,837-12-8 including remission of water-rate on Punjab lands cultivated with wet crops, of 2nd crop assessment, and of the assessment on portions of fields left waste; a sum of Rupees 64-15-7 was remitted for Nunjah in Virdachellam Taluq, by charging the highest dry rate of the village, under Circular Order No. 17 of 1873, on Nunjah lands which, owing to want of water, were cultivated with dry grains. This is included in the Nunjah remission entered above. This added to waste remitted brings the total amount of Nunjah remissions to Rupees 23,055-3-1. The greatest care was taken to ascertain that waste remitted was not owing to negligence on the part of ryots, and that all shavi for which remission was given did really occur and had been inspected by Revenue Inspectors, and on the whole that the remissions were confined to cases where the unfavorable character of the season was the sole cause of failure.