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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

A. B. C, D, E, F, G & H. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12 & 13.

1. I have the honor to submit the usual accounts of the revenues, as also the reports of the Sub-Collector Mr. E. Maltby, and of the Additional Sub-Collector Mr. F. N. Maltby explaining the settlement of this District for the past Fasli 1247.

2. As the necessary details of the settlement are contained in these reports, I shall confine myself in the present occasion to a brief abstract of the whole, with such observations as may appear called for from me.

3. The settlement of the 11 Taluks composing the District was conducted as follows:— Mangalore, Bekal, Bantval, Udipi, Barkur, Sunda, Bilghi and Supah by the Sub-Collector, and Coondapoor, Honayer and Ankola by the Additional Sub-Collector.

Season.

4. The rains commenced at the usual time and were very favorable to the Byle, or 1st sort land, as also to the cocoanut gardens and pepper vines, the produce of which was in consequence abundant, but the scantiness of the rain in the months of June and July, and heavy fall in October and November, occasioned a partial failure of the crops of Bet or 2nd sort land, as also of the betelnut and cardamom produce.

5. The season appears to have been less healthy than usual, and the cholera prevailed in certain parts of the District, though not in any severe degree, as no more than 306 deaths from that disease were reported to have occurred. An epidemic among the cattle prevailed in the inland maganes, which is stated to have carried off 8,184 head.

Population.

6. A *return of the population of the District from a census I have caused to be taken since my arrival is herewith submitted which shows an accession of 66,751 souls over the last return sent to the Board in Fasli 1245. Considerable pains having been taken in the preparation of this account, I am inclined to believe it, as nearly correct, as it is possible to obtain returns of this nature in India, though I have no doubt it is below the real mark.

* a.

State of crops.

FASLIS.	Quantity of Rice. Corges.	Murahs.
1242	27,025	25 3/4
1243	25,227	20
1244	26,073	1
1245	23,918	16 3/4
1246	27,573	9
	1,29,817	39 1/2
Average	25,963	22 3/4
1247	26,567	20 1/2
Increase.	603	39 3/4

7. The statement in the margin of the export of rice exhibits an increase over the average of the 5 preceding years of corges 603—39¾ m., though there is a decrease of 1,005 corges compared with the export of last year.

8. A statement comparative of the exports by sea and land of the staple garden produce between the past and previous Fasli is subjoined which shows an increase of candies 618—5—20 in pepper and a decrease of candies 2,876—16—2 in betelnut and of candies 105—17—20 in cardamoms in the exports of Fasli 1247.

	Fasli 1246.									Fasli 1247.									Difference between Cols. 3 and 6.					
	Exports by Land.			Exports by Sea.			Total.			Exports by Land.			Exports by Sea.			Total.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8		
	Cs.	M.	lb.	Cs.	M.	lb.	Cs.	M.	lb	Cs.	M.	lb	Cs.	M.	lb	Cs.	M.	lb.	Cs.	M.	lb	Cs.	M.	lb
Pepper.	668	15	24	1,917	4	0	2,585	19	24	806	19	26	2,397	5	18	3,204	5	16	618	5	20	0	0	0
Betelnut	14553	9	2	7,188	17	0	21742	6	2	12894	11	0	5,970	19	0	18865	10	0	0	0	0	2,876	16	2
Cardamoms.	160	13	27	97	11	6	258	5	5	63	2	14	89	4	27	152	7	19	0	0	0	105	17	20

Prices.

	Fasli 1246	Fasli 1247	Increase in 1247
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Jeera per corge .	74— 8—0	76—11—6	2— 3—6
Rassi per do. .	55—11—2	56— 7—3	0—12—1

9. The price obtainable for rice in the Fasli under review, above that of the preceding year, was for Jeera Rupees 2—3—6 per corge, and for Rassi As. 12—1 P. as shown in the margin.

10. The demand for garden produce was not so brisk as in the preceding year, in consequence of which the fall in the price of betelnut was As. 6—11P., on pepper Rs. 9—4—6 and in cardamoms Rs. 40—15—11 per candy.

11. The fall in the price of the two former articles was of little consequence, as the rate still exceeded the average price of the 5 preceding years, but the decline in the latter article was very considerable.

12. Cocoanut gardens generally are in a thriving condition, and the produce being insufficient for the consumption of the District is sure of finding a ready demand; the price obtainable for cocoanuts last year was Rupees 1—11—5 per 1000 above the rates of the preceding year, as exhibited in the margin.

	Rs. A. P.
1246 . .	12—13— 6
1247 . .	14— 8—11
Increase .	1—11— 5

13. The increase in the settlement of the land revenue above that of the preceding Fasli amounted to Rupees 13,428—6—7 as shown in the subjoined statement.

Taluks.	Beriz.			Settlement of Fasli 1246 excluding Devadayam.			Settlement of Fasli 1247 excluding Devadayam.			Increase.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs	A.	P
Mangalore. ...	2,19,011	13	1	2,08,626	8	1	2,08,737	3	9	110	11	8
Bekal ...	2,28,066	15	7	2,11,213	7	10	2,11,335	12	2	122	4	4
Bantval. ...	2,84,771	12	5	2,17,035	5	7	2,18,162	10	4	1,127	4	9
Udipi. ...	1,79,031	5	7	1,55,359	4	0	1,56,423	9	8	1,064	5	8
Barkur. ...	1,92,828	1	3	1.69,267	14	10	1,69,815	11	7	547	12	9
Coondapoor. ...	2,50,249	10	3	2,04,789	8	11	2,07,273	13	1	2,484	4	2
Honaver. ...	2,09,115	9	10	1,69,107	10	1	1,71,976	14	10	2,869	4	9
Ankola. ...	1,52,547	4	5	1,15,193	6	6	1,15,643	1	6	449	11	0
Supah. ...	1,13,553	6	0	71,754	14	7	73,559	10	0	1,804	11	5
Sunda. ...	1,68,408	12	2	1,09,873	7	5	1,11,763	15	1	1,890	7	8
Bilghi. ...	68,795	9	7	51,781	11	11	52,739	4	4	957	8	5
Total...	20,66,380	4	2	16,84,003	3	9	16,97,431	10	4	13,428	6	7

14. The several items of increase and decrease in the settlement are exhibited in the annexed statement.

ADDITIONS.

1.	Instalments in approximation to maximum beriz.	12,036—15—11
2.	Increase in estates under examination	6,019— 4— 5
3.	Hossagame or newly cultivated lands	134 — 8—10
4.	On lands left waste in the preceding year and taken into cultivation in the present.	3,549— 2— 6
	Total ...	21,739—15— 8

REDUCTIONS.

1.	On lands left waste	6,328— 2— 2
2.	Loss in crops...	860— 5— 7
3.	General circumstances of distress	409 —11— 6
4.	Loss by fire	665— 5—10
5.	On account of Rangaya Balgaya's land of which the beriz was remitted.	48— 0— 0
	Total ...	8,311— 9— 1

*b.

15. The accompanying *Table exhibits a comparative view of the several classes of estates as they stood at the conclusion of the settlement of Fasli 1246 and 1247, from which it will be observed, that in the column of deductions, of the estates denominated as 1st class, or paying the Tarao, 225 were transferred to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes, remission having been found necessary to be granted on those estates during the settlement of Fasli 1247. Of these 97 were transferred to the 2nd class to be raised by instalments, 125 entered in the 4th class, requiring examination and 3 added to the 3rd class as incapable of paying the Tarao. Of the estates belonging to the second class, 8 were transferred to the third class, and 195 to the 4th class. Of the estates entered in the 3rd class, 56 were found to require examination previous to remissions on them being recommended.

16. In the column of additions, 1783 estates were added to the 1st class paying full Tarao, viz., 1362 from the 2nd class, 1 from the 3rd, 356 from the 4th, and 14 newly cultivated estates. To the second class were added, 1 from the 3rd, and 169 from the 4th class and to the third class, 273 were added from the fourth class.

17. The Board, I trust, will approve of my refraining from offering any decided opinion in the working of the system of the fixed instalments on the Kam-bharti estates, introduced in Fasli 1243, until I shall have had an opportunity of acquiring a more perfect acquaintance with the actual condition of those estates, than I now possess.

18. It seems obvious to remark however, from the result of the plan hitherto, that the arrangements for the instalments on the Kam-bharti Wargs were somewhat too hastily made, and that they will in many instances require to be modified according to the actual circumstances of estates.

* In the native language.

19. The *returns called for in the Proceedings of the Board for Fasli 1245 are now forwarded for one year.

20. These returns could not be prepared sooner in consequence of the original copy of the above mentioned Proceedings never having reached this office, they having been, as it appeared, seized in the tappal by the Rebels at Puttur; and it was not until after the receipt of the Proceedings for Fasli 1246 that the requisition for these accounts became known.

21. As the loss of the Huzur records and the press of current business at the Jamabandi just commencing will give full employment to the Huzur Gumastahs, I must beg the Board will be pleased to sanction the employment of 3 extra Gumastahs for a period of three months, to be employed in the preparation of the remaining returns from Fasli 1245 to 1247.

Paras, 28, 29 and 30.

22. I beg to draw the attention of the Board to the subject of the waste land alluded to in Mr. E. Maltby's report.

23. The system that seems hitherto to have prevailed in this District in the disposal of the waste, appears very objectionable.

24. If assessed too highly, (as from Mr. Maltby's report would seem frequently to be the case) the beriz could not be realized, and the land must eventually be relinquished and if assessed at too low a rate, it would have the effect of causing the higher assessed lands to be thrown up to the injury of the revenue.

25. The waste lands, I conceive, should be so assessed as not to discourage their cultivation, while at the same time no advantage is given them over the old cultivated lands.

26. The principles followed in other districts of assessing the waste at the same rate as other land of similar quality in the neighbourhood should, I think, be adopted in this District and when proposals are made for taking up the land, remissions should be allowed

by cowle to such an extent as on consideration of the nature of the land, may appear a fair remuneration for the expense of clearing and rendering it fit for cultivation.

27. With respect to the question discussed in 21st and 22nd paras of the Sub-Collector's report, though I am inclined to think the system there spoken of, of fixing the Jamabandi in proportion to the produce, liable to objection from the degree of uncertainty that must always attend such a mode of settlement, yet not having had an opportunity of communicating personally with Mr. Maltby on the subject since it has come under my notice, nor sufficient leisure to enquire into the particulars of the estates in question, I would beg to propose that the system hitherto followed may be continued in the approaching settlement during which I shall be enabled to acquire the necessary information for submitting a mature opinion on the question.

28. The net decrease in the aggregate jumma from all sources of revenue is Rs. 36,446 — 1 — 4 as exhibited below. —

ITEMS.	Fasli 1246.			Fasli 1247.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	16,84,003	3	9	16,97,431	10	4	13,428	6	7	...	...	...
Devadayam ...	1,05,923	10	9	1,05,923	10	9	...	...	...	...	..	...
Total ...	17,89,926	14	6	18,03,355	5	1	13,428	6	7	...	...	...
Extra Sources—												
Land Customs ...	2,91,496	4	2	2,58,817	9	2	...	...	...	32,678	1	0
Sea Customs ...	2,19,039	2	7	1,47,735	6	2	...	...	...	71,303	12	5
Abkari	44,796	4	0	50,005	9	0	5,209	5	0	...	...	...
Ferry Farms ...	4,964	12	0				...	...	...	226	0	0
Small farms and Licences	5,543	10	10				...	...	...	1,404	0	10
Moturpha	10,644	13	10				...	...	...	716	10	6
Tobacco	2,65,671	0	7	2,79,2[illegible]	4	3	13,586	3	8	...	...	...
Salt	2,54,401	1	1	2,93,308	6	8	38,907	5	7	...	...	...
Stamps	30,988	6	5	29,740	3	0	...	.		1,248	3	5
Total ...	11,27,545	7	6	10,77,670	15	7	57,702	14	3	1,07,577	6	2
Grand Total ...	29,17,472	6	0	28,81,026	4	8	71,131	4	10			
Deduct Increase. ...										71,131	4	10
Net Decrease.										36,446	1	4

	Rs. A. P.
Demand	18,17,423— 2— 5
Collections within the Fasli	17,85,092— 6— 6
Balance at the end of the Fasli	32,330—11—11
Since collected up to the end of December 1838	28,028— 7— 3
Balance	4,302— 4— 8

29. The amount of collections of current land revenue within the Fasli was Rs. 17,85,092—6—6 leaving a balance of Rs. 32,330—11—11 of which Rs. 28,028-7-3 has since been collected.

30. The arrears of land revenue outstanding at the commencement of the Fasli amounted to Rs. 65,403—3—11, viz.—

On account of Fasli 1246 ... Rs. 63,946— 4— 8

On account of former Faslis ... 1,456—15— 3

Of this sum Rs. 62,112—7—3 has been collected during the Fasli, viz.—

On account of Fasli 1246 ... 61,853— 5— 5

Do. previous Faslis ... 259— 1—10

making the total collection during the Fasli Rs. 18,47,204—13— 9.

31. The following arrears are totally irrecoverable owing to the distressed condition of the defaulters, and I therefore request sanction to strike off the amount from the accounts of

Fasli	1243	...	27—10— 2.
Do.	1244	...	14— 0— 0.
do.	1245	...	25— 4— 2.
do.	1246	...	478— 6— 4.
			545— 4— 8.

Mangalore, Canara,
11th January 1839.

H. M. BLAIR,
Principal Collector.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 470.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 17th October 1839.

11th January 1839. Read again report from the Principal Collector of Canara on the settlement of his District for Fasli 1247.

(Here enter No.)

Para 1. The settlement of the District was made by the two Sub-Collectors Messrs. E. Maltby and F. N. Maltby in the absence of the Acting Principal Collector who did not assume charge of the District till the 26th July 1838.

2. The rains were at first seasonable and favorable to the Byle or 1st sort land, as well as to garden produce (cocoanuts and pepper vines) which was in consequence abundant. But Bet, the 2nd sort land, as well as the betelnut, and cardamoms suffered from the scantiness of the rains in June and July, and subsequently heavy falls in October and November.

Para 4.

3. The season was less healthy than usual, and an epidemic amongst the cattle is stated to have carried off 8,184 head in the inland maganes.

Para 5.

4. A new census of the population of the District is submitted along with the Principal Collector's report shewing an increase of 66,751 souls over the last submitted in 1245. Although the Principal Collector states that much pains have been taken in the preparation of the one now under consideration he expresses his belief that it is below the real amount of the population.

Para 6.

According to census of Fasli 1245	7,68,123
Do. of 1248 ...	8,34,874
	66,751

5. The export of rice during the year exceeded in a trifling degree the average of the last 5 years.

Para 7.

	Corges.
Average	25,963.
1247	26,567.

6. In the export by sea and land of staple garden produce there is a decrease below that of 1246 of candies 2,876—16—2 in betelnut, and of 105—17—20 in cardamoms, whilst there was an increase of candies 618—5—20 in pepper. It is stated that the scantiness of the rains occasioned a partial failure of the betelnut and cardamom produce.

Para 8.

7. Rice maintained its advantage in the market throughout the year, there being a rise in the two principal descriptions. The demand for garden produce on the other hand was not so great, particularly as regards cardamoms in which alone there was a fall of nearly 41 Rupees per candy. The cause of this

Para 9.

„ 10.

„ 11.

Price per Candy.

FASLIS.	Pepper per Candy.			Betelnut per Candy.			Cardamom per Candy.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1242 . . .	38	2	8	21	10	10	600	2	7
1243 . . .	45	15	7	18	13	0	540	0	3
1244 . . .	52	15	4	20	2	6	579	2	10
1245 . . .	63	5	10	29	0	10	556	9	4
1246 . . .	64	2	7	24	10	5	500	7	10
Total . . .	264	10	0	114	5	7	2,776	6	10
Average . .	52	14	9	22	13	11	555	4	7
Fasli 1247 .	54	14	1	24	3	6	459	7	11
Increase .	1	15	4	1	5	7	0	0	0
Decrease .	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	12	8
per cent. .	3	11	2½	5	14	8	17	4	1

decrease should have been stated. On comparing the prices of this valuable spice there would seem to have been a steady fall in its value during the last year as well as in the five preceding ones. The price of cocoanuts was very favorable to the grower.

Para 12.

8. There was an increase in the land revenue settlement above that of the preceding year amounting to 13,428—6—7, arising out of a gross increase of 21,739—15—8 and a gross decrease of 8,311—9—1.

Para 13.
" 14.

9. In para 17 the Principal Collector, after treating of the several classes into which Mr. Viveash divided the estates in Fasli 1243 and the transfers which had been found necessary in 1247, though refraining from offering any decided opinion in consequence of his imperfect acquaintance with the subject, observes, "it seems obvious to remark from the result of the plan hitherto that the arrangements for the instalments on the Kam-bharti Wargs were somewhat too hastily made, and that they will in many instances require to be modified according to the actual circumstances of each estate."

Paras 15 and 16.

10. This subject is one of great importance as regards the revenues of Canara, and has for a length of time occupied the attention of the Board and of the different Revenue authorities in Canara, but the information yet laid before the Board has been insufficient to enable them to form any satisfactory judgment. It is trusted that on his return from the Cape of Good Hope, Mr. Blair and Mr. E. Maltby now in charge of the District, will devote themselves to this important enquiry and place the subject in such a form before the Board as will enable them to pass final instructions thereon.

11. So far back as Fasli 1229 a Tarao or standard beriz was introduced by Mr. Harris throughout the District except in the Taluks of Ankola, Sunda and Supah. Under the operation of this system a sum of 1,47,729 was struck off altogether from the usual shist, and the ryots paying the remainder, or Tarao beriz were divided into nine classes. These ryots were said to be of two descriptions, viz., 1st those fully capable of paying the full assessment and 2ndly those liable to the payment of full demand at a future period. It was intended that Rupees 1,36,629 should be temporarily suspended and made up by degrees at a future period.

Ancient beriz	16,92,944
Struck off	1,47,729
Standard of Fasli 1229 or Tarao	15,45,215

12. Mr. Harris's Proceedings received the sanction of Government on the 16th February 1821 and his views were followed until the close of Fasli 1242, after which Mr. Viveash introduced a change into the system, substituting for that of Mr. Harris of which he disapproved, "Bharti" or estates paying the full beriz and "Kam-bharti" or estates not paying the full beriz, which latter were again divided into 3 classes.—

1st. Estates to be raised to the Tarao or standard by instalments.

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2ndly. Estates under investigation.

3rdly. Estates incapable of being raised to the Tarao or standard to which remission would therefore be allowed.

13. It has already been shewn that Mr. Harris made an absolute reduction of Rupees 1,47,729, whilst it will be seen that under Mr. Viveash's management a further remission of a like nature amounting to Rs. 47,977 was made on Wargs which it was expected could never yield the full tax. But the Board apprehending that this was not all and that there would be a falling off also in the beriz of the estates *under investigation* as well as in the estates paying the full beriz owing to the changes which have already been made among them, called for additional information.

Column 7 Statement F in No. 117. 11th January 1839, Settlement for Fasli 1247.

Proceedings of Fasli 1243, Para 14.
Proceedings of Fasli 1245, Para 30.

14. The first statement submitted contained details of the estates to be gradually raised to the Tarao. It was not however found sufficiently in detail to give a full insight into the views of the Collector in making the arrangement above alluded to. The terms allowed therein for the cultivation of immemorial wastes far exceeded the time usually allowed by Cowle, the period being from 4 to 17 years with respect to ryots in general, and from 1 to 12 years in regard to the poor ryots, nor was this indulgence allowed with reference to the productive powers of the land.

Proceedings of Fasli 1245, Paras 26 and 27.

15. It appears from the second statement which has only recently reached the Board that in the first year after the introduction of Mr. Viveash's system, viz., Fasli 1244, no less than 423 estates which had previously been declared to be "the richest in the District" and uniformly able to bear the full or Tarao tax were transferred from the head of Bharti to Kam-bharti. The Principal Collector will be able perhaps to explain the particular circumstances under which estates of this description became so impoverished as to render the transfer necessary.

Para 30, Board's Proceedings 20th March 1837.
Para 16 of Mr. Viveash's letter 30th September 1834.

16. The table of classification of estates as it stood at the end of Fasli 1247 does not enable the Board to distinguish all the changes which have been introduced during Faslis 1245 and 1246, but in 1247, 225 more estates paying the Tarao were transferred to the head of Kam-bharti.

17. It would seem therefore from these changes that the classification of the estates as made by Mr. Viveash in Fasli 1243 is still liable to very considerable variation, and that with the Board's present experience and information it would be inexpedient to adopt such classification as permanent.

18. The Board would rather wait the result of one or two more years within which period it may be presumed that the capabilities of all the estates will be so far ascertained as to enable the Collector with some nearer approach to accuracy to define which shall be permanently classed as "Bharti" and which as Kam-bharti," meanwhile, as cases are brought to notice, whether of estates in which losses may have occurred, or in which encroachments may have been made, such inspection might take place at the annual settlement as the Collector may consider necessary.

19. Referring to the remarks of the Principal Collector in paras 20 and 21 of the report under consideration, the Board resolve to solicit the sanction of Government for the

employment of 3 Gumastahs for a period of 3 months, to be employed in the preparation of the remaining returns from 1245 to 1247, in like manner as those already received for 1244.

Paras 22 to 26.

20. The Sub-Collector Mr. E. Maltby has noticed the want of system existing in the Canara District as regards the acceptance of offers for the improvement of Government waste land. He describes the present system to be to fix the future assessment at the highest offer made without reference to the extent, or supposed produce of the land, and of course without any attention being paid to priority of application.

21. The prominent evils stated by the Sub-Collector are— 1st. The unequal assessment on new estates. 2ndly. The want of ability (and it would also seem the want of intention) on the part of those who compete to fulfil their engagements, owing to the inadequacy of the land in question to yield corresponding returns.

22. The Sub-Collector proposes that in future the assessment shall be fixed with reference to its produce and that a preference shall be given to the person who makes the first offer having land in the vicinity, or who appears most likely to fulfil his engagement or that when there is much competition the ground should be put up to sale after a suitable assessment had been fixed on it.

23. The Principal Collector also condemns the existing system of disposing of waste land; he is of opinion that it should be assessed (agreeably to the practice followed in other Districts) at the same rate as other land of similar quality adjacent to it, and that remissions under Cowles, should be granted to such an extent, and for such period, as will ensure indemnification to the ryot for the expense incurred in clearing and rendering it fit for cultivation.

24. The Board entirely concur in opinion with Messrs. Blair and Maltby in condemning the practice very properly brought to notice by the latter, and unless there be some local objection to render it inexpedient, would wish to substitute the system in force in other Districts of assessing waste with reference to the rates fixed on adjacent lands of similar quality under cultivation.

25. There seems no good reason also why a system of Cowle, or lease on favorable terms, should not be introduced into Canara, modified if necessary by whatever conditions may be found to exist between proprietors and ryots in cases in which the latter accept and engage to redeem waste land and render it a valuable property.

26. Priority of occupation should, where practicable, be given to the first applicant, having land in the vicinity, provided he has capital to go to work with, and care should be taken that the assessment is fixed at the outset and not liable to change when once the collections have attained the maximum amount.

27. With these suggestions the Principal Collector and Sub-Collector, it is hoped, will be able to devise and substitute a better system than that which it is now desired to abolish, the provisions of which should be drawn up in a regular form and submitted to the Board.

Para 27.

28. In para 31 of the Board's Proceedings upon the settlement of Fasli 1245 they expressed an opinion that it would tend to produce permanency of occupation if certain estates, then partially cultivated, were sub-divided, and a separate assessment was fixed upon the cultivated part, giving Cowle for the redemption of the waste portion. To this measure as a general one

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the Sub-Collector objects 1st, because it would create confusion in the accounts, and 2ndly, because it would give rise to boundary disputes and unfavorably affect the revenue. The Sub-Collector is also apprehensive that if the waste which is generally inferior be separated from the good land it would not be in request, that frauds would often happen in apportioning the beriz on the respective divisions and that remissions would in many instances be necessary.

29. The Sub-Collector concludes his observations on this subject by proposing that the existing system of fixing the demand in proportion to the produce be continued until increase of population and the demand for land facilitates the introduction of a permanent assessment.

30. Though disposed to think the system of fixing the demand in proportion to the produce objectionable in consequence of the uncertainty inseparable from such a system, the Principal Collector who had recently assumed charge of the District is desirous that no change should be made till he has acquired the necessary information for submitting a mature opinion on the subject.

31. The Board are disposed to view favorably the proposition in the Sub-Collector's report to relieve the cultivators of "Kumeri" near roads from assessment, but as there appear to be objections to the indulgence before passing final orders, they would wish to receive the opinion of the Principal Collector on the subject.

Sub-Collector's Report. 18—19—20.

32. On the subject of the modification of the assessment in certain wargs, discussed in these paras the Principal Collector has offered no opinion. Mr. Maltby, the Sub-Collector in charge, proposes a further report when the Board will at the same time hope to receive the sentiments of the Principal Collector, but meanwhile, they desire that no reduction in the assessment may be carried into effect; if it be necessary to make the remissions for the current year they desire that the same be granted as a *temporary remission* and not as a *permanent reduction* of the assessment.

ITEMS.	Fasli 1246.			Fasli 1247.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	16,84,003	3	9	16,97,431	10	4	13,428	6	7	...	...	...
Devadayam ...	1,05,923	10	9	1,05,923	10	9	...	...	...	...	..	..
Total ...	17,89,926	14	6	18,03,355	5	1	13,428	6	7	...	...	...
Extra Sources—												
Land Customs ...	2,91,496	4	2	2,58,817	9	2	...	...	...	32,678	1	0
Sea Customs ...	2,19,039	2	7	1,47,735	6	2	...	..	...	71,303	12	5
Abkari	44,796	4	0	50,005	9	0	5,209	5	0	...	..	...
Ferry Farms ...	4,964	12	0	4,738	12	0	...	...	...	226	0	0
Small farms and Licenses	5,543	10	10	4,139	10	0	...	..	...	1,404	0	10
Moturpha	10,044	13	10	9,928	3	4	...	...	...	716	10	6
Tobacco	2,65,671	0	7	2,79,257	4	3	13,586	3	8	...	...	.
Salt	2,54,401	1	1	2,93,308	6	8	38,907	5	7	...	.	...
Stamps	30,988	6	5	29,740	3	0	...	...	...	1,248	3	5
Total ...	11,27,545	7	6	10,77,670	15	7	57,702	14	3	1,07,577	6	2
Grand Total ...	29,17,472	6	0	28,81,026	4	8	71,131	4	10			
							Deduct Increase. ...			71,131	4	10
							Net Decrease.			36,446	1	4

33. There was a net decrease of Rs. 36,446—1—4 in the aggregate jumma, the particulars of which as well as of the increase are given in the margin, and have been adverted to in another place.

34. At the close of the Fasli there was a balance of Rupees 32,330—11—11, of which Rupees 28,028—7—3 have been since collected, leaving an outstanding balance at this date of 4,302—4—8. The punctuality with which the large amount of land revenue has been collected is satisfactory.

Within the Fasli ...	17,85,092— 6—6.
Up to December	28,028— 7—3.
	18,13,120—13—9.

35. The amount of previous arrears was Rs. 65,403—3—11 at the commencement of the Fasli, of which no less a sum than 62,112—7—3 has been collected within the Fasli, leaving as arrears of land revenue a sum of Rupees 3,290—12—8, of which the Principal Collector recommends that 545—4—8 as per margin should be unconditionally struck off as totally irrecoverable owing to the distressed condition of those from whom it is due and the Board accordingly recommend that it be struck off.

Fasli 1946—	63,946— 6— 8
Former Faslis—	1,456—15— 3
	65,403— 3—11
Fasli 1946—	61,853— 5— 5
Former Faslis—	259— 1—10
	62,112— 7— 3
	65,403— 3—11
	62,112— 7— 3
	3,290—12— 8
Para 31.	
Fasli 1243—	27—10— 2
" 1244—	14— 0— 0
" 1245—	25— 4— 2
" 1246—	478— 6— 4
	545— 4— 8

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Board's Proceedings be forwarded to the Acting Principal Collector of Canara for his information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

R. D. PARKER,
Acting Secretary.

Revenue Department.

No. 1497.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 28th November 1839.

Read the following extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter dated 17th October 1839, No. 470).

Para 1. The rains are stated to have been at first favorable to the 1st sort of land and to the cocoanut gardens and pepper vines which produced abundantly, but to have failed in the months of June and July by which and by the exceedingly heavy falls in September and October the produce of the second sort of land as well as betel and cardamoms were in some degree injured.

2. The season was not a healthy one, and an epidemic is stated to have carried off rather more than 8,000 head of cattle.

Fasli 1245	7,68,123.
" 1248	8,34,874.
	66,751.

3. According to a census lately prepared and which is supposed to be nearly correct the extent of population has increased since Fasli 1245.

4. The net settlement of the land revenue amounted inclusive of Devadayam to Rupees 18,03,355—5—1, being in excess of the Fasli preceding in Rs. 13,428—6—7. Of the above mentioned sum, Rupees 17,85,092—6—6 were collected within the Fasli, and the remainder with the exception of the small sum of Rs. 4,302—4—8 by December, this result is considered very satisfactory.

5. There was a decrease in the revenue from all sources, taken in the aggregate, of Rupees 36,446—1—4, which was caused by a considerable falling off under the heads of Land and Sea Customs.

Fasli 1243 ...	27—10—2
" 1244 ...	14— 0—0
" 1245 ...	25— 4—2
" 1246 ...	478— 6—4
Rupees	545— 4—8

6. At the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to grant authority for Rs 545—4—8 being struck off, that being the amount due for Fasli 1246 and previous Faslis which is considered irrecoverable.

7. His Lordship in Council sanctions, as solicited by the Board of Revenue in para 19 of their proceedings, the employment of 3 Gumastahs for a period not exceeding 3 months by the Principal Collector for the purpose of preparing the remaining returns from Fasli 1245 to 1247, in like manner as those received for 1244.

9 to 18.

8. The subject discussed in the paras noted in the margin, is one of considerable importance, and His Lordship in Council entirely approves of the determination at which the Board have arrived not to adopt the classification of the estates made by Mr. Viveash as a permanent one but to wait until one or two years' further experience shall have shewn the capabilities of each estate and enabled the Collector to declare which shall be permanently classed as "Bharti" and which as "Kam-bharti."

9. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has much pleasure in expressing the high sense he entertains of the zeal and abilities displayed by the two Messrs Maltbys in conducting the settlement now under review, the result of which is highly creditable to their exertions.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) Hy. CHAMIER,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1839.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government be furnished for the information and guidance of the Acting Principal Collector of Canara with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 17th October last.

(A True Extract.)

R. D. PARKER,
Acting Secretary.

No. 66.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H.
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12 & 13.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the settlement of this District for Fasli 1249, together with the usual statements and accounts of the land revenue.

2. The several Taluks were settled in the following manner:—Udipi, Barkur and Coondapoor by myself; Bantval which usually forms part of the Principal Collector's charge, was, owing to my absence from the District at the commencement of the year, settled by the Acting Principal Collector Mr. E. Maltby, as were also Honaver and Ankola; Supah, Sunda and Bilghi were settled by the Additional Sub-Collector Mr. F. N. Maltby; and Mangalore and Bekal by the Head Assistant Mr. Lushington.

Season.

3. The season upon the whole was favorable. The very heavy rain which fell in the early part of the monsoon, was favorable to the high land, but proved injurious to the byle or low lands situated on the banks of river in the southern division of the District. The Suggi or second crop, also suffered partially from the scantiness of the latter rains.

4. The District was generally healthy throughout the year, both to the people and the cattle.

5. A return of population having been submitted with my report for Fasli 1247, and it being usual to take a census once in every three years, no return has been prepared for the Fasli under review.

Exports.

	Canara Produce		Ghaut Produce.		Total Export.	
	Corges.	Murahs.	Corges.	Murahs.	Corges.	Murahs.
1244 ...	25,617	14	455	29	26,073	1
1245 ...	22,997	30¾	920	28	23,918	16¾
1246 ...	27,145	1	428	8	27,573	9
1247 ...	25,862	6¼	705	14	26,567	20½
1248 ...	29,019	7½	3,014	36½	32,034	2
Average ...	26,128	12	1,104	39⅞	27,233	9⅞
1249 ...	22,659	19¾	846	0	23,505	19¾
Decrease in 1249 below average.	3,468	34¼	258	39⅞	3,727	32¼
Decrease in 1249 below 1248.	6,359	29¾	2,168	36½	8,528	24¼

6. In the export of rice, the staple produce of the District, there is exhibited a falling off compared with the preceding year, of corges 6,359—29¾ and of 3,468—34¼ compared with the average of the previous five years. This decrease is mainly attributable to the very brisk demand for every description of grain that existed in the preceding season, which caused all the rice not required for home consumption to be exported.

7. The actual quantity for export was, therefore, less than usual, and although in the opening of the season under review, the prices at Mangalore continued high, as shown in the margin, yet as the selling price in the Bombay market at the same time, offered but little remuneration to the exporter, the trade was slack, and in the latter part of the season prices having fallen at Mangalore, the merchants were disposed to retain their grain in hopes of obtaining more favorable rates in the ensuing year.

	Jeera.			Mascati.			Rassi.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
September 1839 per corge.	126	0	0	110	4	0	94	8	0
October " "	126	0	0	108	15	0	94	8	0
November " "	120	12	0	99	12	0	89	4	0
December " "	105	0	0	84	0	0	78	8	0
January 1840 "	105	0	0	84	0	0	78	8	0
February " "	105	0	0	84	0	0	78	8	0
March " "	105	0	0	84	0	0	78	8	0
April " "	99	12	0	81	8	0	70	14	0
May " "	94	8	0	78	12	0	68	4	0
Average	109	10	8	90	8	0	79	0	8

Prices.

8. The statement in the margin shows the prices obtained by the ryots in lower Canara, during the Fasli under review compared with Fasli 1248 and also with the average of the five preceding years.

	Prices at interior Markets.			Prices at Sea Custom Ports		
Jeera, or fine rice.						
1248 per corge....	89	7	9	96	8	8
1249 " ...	92	2	4½	93	15	3
Difference.....	2	10	7½	2	9	5
Mascati, or white boiled do.						
1248 ...	75	5	6	80	5	0
1249 ...	79	4	2	79	9	5
Difference. ...	3	14	8	0	11	7
Rassi, or brown boiled do						
1248 ...	67	1	3	70	14	8
1249 ...	70	14	10	69	11	3
Difference. ...	3	13	7	1	3	5

Average compared.

	1249.			Average.			Increase.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Jeera, per corge. ...	92	2	4	78	4	2	13	14	2
Mascati. ...	79	4	2	65	7	4	13	12	10
Rassi. ...	70	14	10	57	14	5	13	0	5

9. The comparative prices of the Balaghaut staples are exhibited in the following statement, which shows that in the two articles of Supari and Pepper, the rates were very favorable to the garden proprietors—

	Supari.			Pepper.			Cardamoms.		
	Rs	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1244 per candy. ...	20	2	6	52	15	4	579	2	10
1245 " ...	29	0	10	63	5	10	556	9	4
1246 " ...	24	10	5	64	2	7	500	7	10
1247 " ...	24	3	6	54	14	1	459	7	11
1248 " ...	38	7	3	51	7	10	405	2	3
Average. ...	27	4	11	57	5	11	500	2	10
1249 ...	39	3	3	54	12	4	378	9	1
Difference between average and 1249 ...	11	14	4	2	9	7	121	9	9
Difference between 1248 and 1249 ...	0	12	0	3	4	6	26	9	2

Balaghaut produce.

Supari.

	Export by sea.			Export by land.			Total.		
	Cds.	Ms.	lbs.	Cds.	Ms	lbs.	Cds.	Ms	lbs
1248 ...	6,295	17	27	14,248	13	11	20,544	11	10
1249 ...	7,197	1	26	15,636	1	27	22,833	3	25
Increase. ...	901	3	27	1,387	8	16	2,288	12	15
Pepper.									
1248 ...	1,901	14	7	451	19	14	2,353	13	21
1249 ...	1,112	12	15	362	11	22	1,475	4	9
Decrease. ...	789	1	20	89	7	20	878	9	12

10. The Supari crop was very abundant, and the export of this article both by sea and land as shown in the margin, greatly exceeded that of the previous year, which was also a favorable one.

11. In the export of pepper, there has been a considerable falling off, but the demand for this article is always liable to much fluctuation, being affected by the state of the market in Europe.

Cardamoms.

1248 ...	96	18	23	142	10	26	239	9	21
1249 ...	93	10	25	128	2	9	221	13	6
Decrease. ...	3	7	26	14	8	17	17	16	15

12. The difference in the export of cardamoms is very trifling, and does not call for any particular remark.

13. Referring however to the observations in the report* of last Fasli, relative to the injurious effect to the Canara cultivation of the difference of the Tariff price, and rate of duty, between this District and the adjoining Taluk in Mysore, I must beg to express my concurrence in the opinion there given.

* Paras 13, 14 & 15.

14. During my visit lately to the Balaghaut Taluks, I was fully satisfied from the enquiries then made on both sides of the frontier, that smuggling in cardamoms took place to a considerable extent, which in an article of such high value, and so little bulk, it is extremely difficult to check.

15. The only effectual mode of stopping the evil, and at the same time of relieving the Canara cultivators from the disadvantages they now labor under, would be a modification of our present high duty, so as to place the cardamoms of Canara on a more equal footing with the produce of Mysore. But as the question has already been brought to the notice of the Board in last year's report, it is unnecessary to pursue the subject further at present.

16. The result of the season on the whole with respect to the Balaghaut produce, must be considered exceedingly favorable, as has been distinctly shown in the report of the Additional Sub-Collector Mr. F. N. Maltby.

Para 3.

17. The plantation of cocoanuts along the sea coast, and on the banks of rivers continues to increase. The price of this produce is shown in the margin.

1248 per °/oo ...	17 —	12 —	1
1249 ...	14 —	8 —	11
Decrease. ...	3 —	3 —	2

Salt.

18. The manufacture of salt was interrupted by the early rains in March, and was considerably below the estimate. The produce of salt in the preceding year was also deficient, and in order to give the ryots the opportunity of recovering their losses, permission was granted for the manufacture of a larger quantity than usual, the particulars of which are given below:—

	Quantity Estimated.			Quantity Manufactured.			Difference between the Estimate and Manufacture. Below the Estimate.			Above the Estimate.	
	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.	P.	G.	M.
1244 ...	3,005	368	0	1,767	342	0	1,238	26	0	0	0
1245 ...	3,824	174	4	3,538	80	0	286	94	4	0	0
1246 ...	3,110	392	0	3,317	317	0	0	0	0	206	325
1247 ...	2,996	50	0	2,789	324	4	206	125	4	0	0
1248 ...	3,146	289	0	2,104	170	0	1,042	119	0	0	0
Average. ...	3,216	334	5	2,703	246	5	513	88	0	0	0
1249 ...	3,831	353	0	2,537	165	0	1,294	18	0	0	0
Difference between average and 1249...	615	18	3	166	81	5	448	336	6	0	0
Do. between 1248 and 1249...	685	64	0	432	395	0	252	69	0	0	0

19. The result of the settlement of the land revenue shows an increase of Rupees 12,173—11—9, compared with that of the preceding Fasli. This increase chiefly arises from additions to estates whose owners had engaged to pay the full beriz by instalments, and from additions to the assessment of estates, the capabilities of which were under inquiry.

20. A general view of the settlement is exhibited in the following table: —

Taluks.	Tarao Beriz of 1249.			Settlement of 1248.			Settlement of 1249.			Increase.		
Mangalore.	2,19,035	4	3	2,15,020	10	4	2,15,196	0	5	175	6	1
Bekal	2,28,315	4	4	2,24,369	8	10	2,25,101	0	4	731	7	6
Bantval...	2,84,771	12	5	2,34,919	11	0	2,36,779	13	5	1,860	2	5
Udipi.	1,79,041	8	0	1,74,698	8	9	1,75,190	13	7	492	4	10
Barkur	1,92,828	13	8	1,86,981	14	10	1,87,299	14	5	317	15	7
Coondapoor...	2,50,419	3	1	2,30,645	13	10	2,32,381	3	6	1,735	5	8
Honaver	2,09,279	15	3	1,83,331	3	10	1,84,648	7	1	1,317	3	3
Ankola...	1,52,642	15	8	1,18,883	10	3	1,19,289	7	6	405	13	3
Supah	1,13,573	0	9	74,803	8	9	77,406	12	0	2,603	3	3
Sunda.	1,68,408	12	2	1,21,895	14	8	1,23,318	9	0	1,422	10	4
Bilghi.	68,932	12	5	54,572	15	2	55,685	2	9	1,112	3	7
Total...	20,67,249	6	0	18,20,123	8	3	18,32,297	4	0	12,173	11	9
Deduct settlement in Salt Pans...				11,852	7	0	11,852	7	0			
Remaining...				18,08,271	1	3	18,20,444	13	0			

21. The particulars of the additions and reductions in the settlement are shown in the subjoined table: —

ADDITIONS.		REDUCTIONS.	
Stipulated instalments in approximation to the maximum beriz. ...	8,046— 6— 8	Loss of crops. ...	2,543— 0— 7
Increased produce. ...	8,111—12— 6	Waste Lands. ...	4,565—12—10
Waste Lands cultivated.	3,416— 6—11	Impoverished Ryots. ...	151—14— 3
Assessment on lands enjoyed as Jari Inam by the late Rebel Lutchman Bungar. ...	240— 8— 0	Loss by fire. ...	404— 4—11
Lands formerly taken for high roads restored to owner. ...	1— 1— 5	On account of lands taken for high roads. ...	59— 3— 6
Hossagame or new cultivation. ...	129— 6— 4	On account of lands taken for Cantonment. ...	47—10— 0
Rupees...	19,945— 9—10	Rupees...	7,771—14— 1

22. Of the sum of Rupees 8,776—13—9 to be added to the jumma in the Fasli under review, on estates not yet raised to the maximum standard, only Rupees 8,046—6—8 were added. The remaining sum of Rupees 730—7—1, it was found, could not be realized in consequence of the extent of waste land in certain of the wargs rendering them unable to bear the additional assessment.

23. A Talukwar Statement of the stipulated instalments to be brought to account in Fasli 1249, and the portion actually realized is given below: —

	Amount of instalments fixed in 1248 to be assessed in 1249.			Amount of instalments actually assessed in 1249.			Amount of instalments unassessed.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Mangalore	268	2	7	246	7	5	21	11	2
Bekal	212	4	0	210	0	5	2	3	7
Bantval...	1,769	13	2	1,588	10	0	181	3	2
Udipi.	631	7	7	589	5	3	42	2	4
Barkur	467	0	0	465	5	2	1	10	10
Coondapoor.	2,164	10	10	1,922	11	3	241	15	7
Honaver	915	12	0	899	14	10	15	13	2
Ankola...	443	5	7	389	5	7	54	0	0
Supah.	136	1	7	77	1	7	59	0	0
Sunda.	918	2	5	807	7	2	110	11	3
Bilghi.	850	2	0	850	2	0	0	0	0
Total... Canara.	7,921	6	4	7,322	7	3	598	15	1
Coorg	855	7	5	723	15	5	131	8	0
Total...	8,776	13	9	8,046	6	8	730	7	1

24. The following statement exhibits the alterations that have taken place in the Fasli under review in the classification of estates:—

	1248							1249						
	No. of Estates.	Tarao Beriz. Rs.	A.	P.	Settlement Rs.	A.	P.	No. of Estates.	Tarao Beriz. Rs.	A.	P.	Settlement Rs.	A.	P.
Bharti.	38,735	13,47,846	4	5	13,47,846	4	5	10,089	13,33,721	3	9	13,33,721	3	9
Kam-bharti, viz....														
Vaida.	3,105	1,88,800	12	5	1,61,068	14	8	2,438	1,49,158	13	3	1,30,909	4	11
Taniki.	9,087	3,22,617	11	10	1,50,768	13	7	8,428	3,03,542	1	0	1,39,662	15	2
Board.	4,152	2,11,662	0	6	1,56,110	2	9	4,273	2,20,092	8	7	1,63,242	4	9
Total...	16,344	7,18,080	8	9	4,67,947	14	7	15,139	6,72,793	6	10	4,33,834	8	10
Grand Total..	55,079	20,65,926	13	2	18,15,794	3	0	55,178	20,66,514	10	7	18,27,555	12	7

	Increase.							Decrease.						
	No. of Estates.	Tarao Beriz. Rs.	A.	P.	Settlement Rs.	A.	P.	No. of Estates.	Tarao Beriz. Rs.	A.	P.	Settlement Rs.	A.	P.
Bharti.	1,304	15,874	15	4	45,874	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kam-bharti, viz....														
Vaida.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	667	34,641	15	2	30,159	9	4
Taniki.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	659	19,075	10	10	11,085	14	5
Board.	121	8,480	8	1	7,132	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total...	121	8,480	8	1	7,132	2	0	1,326	53,717	10	0	41,245	7	9
Grand Total..	1,425	54,805	7	5	53,007	1	4	1,326	53,717	10	0	41,245	7	9
Deduct Decrease...	1,326	53,717	10	0	41,245	7	9							
Net increase...	99	587	13	5	11,761	9	7							

25. From the report of last Fasli, the Board will be aware of the causes which must continue to lead to the transfer of certain estates from the head of Bharti to that of Kambharti.

				Rs.	A.	P.
Settlement of 1243 including Coorg.				17,47,974	1	11
Do. of 1249...			18,27,555 12 7			
Deduct.						
Hossagame. ...	1,389	5	10			
Resumption of Bungar's Inam. ...	240	8	0			
	1,629	13	10			
Deduct grant to Rungay Baliga.	48	0	0			
			1,581 13 10	18,25,973	14	9
				77,999	12	10

26. Although it is obvious that the system has proved less certain in its operation than was anticipated on its introduction in Fasli 1243, yet the general result of it must certainly be considered very satisfactory, as there has been an actual increase of revenue amounting to Rs 77,999-12-10, since its introduction, which is to be attributed to the existing system of classification of estates.

27. The number of estates paying the full Tarao beriz is annually increasing and from the progressive improvement in the resources of the District, so apparent within the last few years, it may be reasonably expected that those estates which now from scantiness of population, and the poverty of the proprietors are allowed to remain waste in some years, will in due course of time become regularly cultivated, and capable of paying the full assessment. In the meantime, it would be unadvisable, in my opinion, to introduce any alteration in the present system of classification of these estates, as the transfers that now take place are not attended with any practical inconvenience, while a separation of the inland from the coast estates, and the preparation of different sets of accounts for them respectively, might lead to an opinion in other parts of the District, that the present system was not considered permanent, the belief in which hitherto, I consider to have had an important effect in stimulating the land owners to improve the resources of their estates to the utmost.

28. The number of entire wargs left waste in Fasli 1249 is less than in the preceding Fasli by 55, the Tarao beriz of which amounts to 1,188 — 6 — 5 as shown in the annexed statement.

Fasli.	No. of Estate.	Amount of Tarao beriz.		
1248 ...	2,633	50,911	13	2
1249 ...	2,578	49,723	6	9
Less...	55	1,188	6	5

29. In the number of estates under inquiry there has been a reduction of 659, in the Fasli under review compared with the preceding Fasli, the particulars of which are exhibited in the following statement:—

Taluks.	1248	1249	Increase.	Decrease.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Mangalore	171	164	0	7
Bekal...	315	284	0	31
Bantval.	2,354	2,403	49	0
Udipi...	102	107	5	0
Barkur.	83	84	1	0
Coondapoor.. ...	171	162	0	9
Honaver.	771	726	0	45
Ankola	396	409	13	0
Supah..	2,964	2,490	0	474
Sunda..	1,451	1,324	0	127
Bilghi...	309	275	0	34
Total...	9,087	8,428	68	727
			Deduct Increase...	68
			Net Decrease...	659

30. The annexed comparative statement of the revenue from all sources exhibits a decrease in the Fasli under review of Rupees 142 — 0 — 1.

	1248			1249			Increase.			Decrease		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	17,02,347	6	6	17,14,521	2	3	12,173	11	9	0	0	0
Devadayam	1,65,923	10	9	1,65,923	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total...	18,08,271	1	3	18,20,444	13	0	12,173	11	9	0	0	0
Salt	2,95,226	11	1	3,26,462	6	3	31,235	11	2	0	0	0
Land Customs.. ...	2,74,853	9	1	3,07,533	15	4	32,680	6	3	0	0	0
Sea Customs... ...	2,39,241	1	3	1,74,365	14	2	0	0	0	64,875	8	1
Abkari.	52,565	14	0	62,052	8	0	9,482	10	0	0	0	0
Ferry Farms... ...	4,737	12	0	5,417	8	0	679	12	0	0	0	0
Small Farms & Licenses	3,771	6	0	3,899	14	9	128	8	9	0	0	0
Moturpha.	10,203	9	7	10,552	6	2	348	12	7	0	0	0
Tobacco...	2,99,183	7	7	2,89,458	5	9	0	0	0	9,725	1	10
Stamp Revenue. ...	38,081	1	0	40,178	13	6	2,099	12	6	0	0	0
Amindivi Revenue	14,864	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,864	0	2
Total...	12,32,232	7	9	12,19,916	11	11	76,648	9	8	88,964	5	1
Grand Total...	30,40,503	9	0	30,40,361	8	11	88,822	5	0	88,964	5	1
									Deduct Increase...	88,822	5	0
									Net...	142	0	1

31. It will be observed that there has not been the usual collection under the head of Amindivi coir within the Fasli under review, the reason of which will be explained in the report on the extra sources of revenue; but for this circumstance there would have been an increase in the total revenue, compared with the preceding Fasli.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Demand. ...	18,20,444	13	0
Collections within the Fasli. ...	18,05,217	8	7
Balance at the close of Fasli...	15,227	4	5
Since collected to 15th September 1840. ...	10,557	13	4
Balance. ...	4,669	7	1
Arrears at the end of Fasli 1248	19,079	7	7
Do. do. do. 1249....	15,227	4	5
Decrease. ...	3,852	3	2

32. The collection of current land revenue within the Fasli amounted to Rupees 18,05,217—8—7 leaving a balance of Rs. 15,227—4—5, being less than the balance at the close of the preceding Fasli by 3,852-3-2. Rs 10,557-13-4 have since been collected leaving a balance of Rs. 4669-7-1.

33. The arrears of land revenue outstanding at the commencement of the Fasli amounted to Rs. 22,999—11—1 viz.—

On account of Fasli 1248 ... 19,079—7—7
Former Faslis. ... 3,920—3—6

Of this sum Rupees 18,683 —3—2 has been collected during the past Fasli, viz.—

On account of Fasli 1248 ... 17,491—11—8
Do. previous Faslis .... 1,194— 7—6

making the total collection during the Fasli Rs 18,23,903—11—9.

34. The following arrears are considered totally irrecoverable owing to the poverty and distressed condition of the defaulters and I therefore request sanction to write off the amount from the accounts:—

Fasli 1246 ... 41—15—9
Ditto 1247 .. 106—15—1
Ditto 1248 ... 439— 5—2
588— 4—0

35. Referring to the observations of the Board in para 32 of their proceedings dated 17th October 1839 on the settlement of the District for Fasli 1247, I beg to state that I am not yet prepared to submit a detailed statement of the permanent reduction of assessment proposed to be made in the wargs alluded to in the Sub-Collector's report for Fasli 1247. After a further and more particular inquiry has been instituted into the circumstances of each individual estate on which a modified beriz has been recommended, including those alluded to in the reports of Sub-Collector and Additional Sub-Collector for the past Fasli, I purpose submitting a separate report to the Board on the subject. The instructions of the Board in their proceedings above alluded to relative to the nature of the remissions to be granted, pending the inquiry, have been duly attended to.

36. In the 31st para of their proceedings above mentioned, the Board require my opinion on the proposal of the Sub-Collector to relieve the cultivators of Kumeri near high roads from assessment.

37. I am inclined to think that with certain restrictions as to the limit of the cultivation from the road side, the measure would be attended with considerable advantage, espe-

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cially in the Sunda Taluk where the new road lately constructed to Sircy, and the one about to be commenced to the Dharwar frontier, runs for the greater part of the distance, through a dense jungle. The measure would be attended with little or no loss of revenue to Government, and might lead eventually to the settlement of villages in favorable situations along the road, always a desirable object.

38. For the above reasons, I would beg to recommend the suggestions to the favorable consideration of the Board. It might be advisable perhaps to restrict the permission in the first instance to the Sunda Taluk, where if found to answer the expectations formed of its usefulness, the measure could be extended to other parts of the District.

39. In their proceedings of the 20th March 1837 the Board required that Hindwi statements for several years should be furnished, shewing the alterations that had taken place in estates, under the several heads of Bharti, Vaida, &c. The statements yet remaining to be furnished under the above instructions are now forwarded, viz. one for Fasli 1246 and one for Fasli 1247, together with one for 1249.

I, J & K.

L & M.

40. Accompanying I beg to submit the reports of the Sub-Collector Mr. E. Maltby and of the Additional Sub-Collector Mr. F. N. Maltby which will put the Board in possession of the necessary details of the settlement of the Taluks under their charge.

41. The public merits of both these officers, as also of the Head Assistant Mr. Lushington are so well known to the Board, that I consider it unnecessary to add more, than that I continue to receive on all occasions, the most effective assistance from them in the management of the affairs of the Province.

I have &c.

Principal Collector's Cutcherry,
Mangalore,
24th September 1840.

(Signed) H. M. BLAIR,
Principal Collector.

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Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd September 1841.

Read again letter from the Principal Collector of Canara dated 24th September 1840 containing his report on the settlement of the land revenue of that District for Fasli 1249.

Para 3.

Para 1. The season is represented to have been favorable upon the whole although the low lands on the banks of rivers in the southern division of the District suffered from inundation in the early part of the year; whilst the scantiness of the latter rains partially injured the second crop.

Para 6

Cs.
* 6,359
† 3,468

2. There was a falling off in the export of rice whether compared with the quantity* exported in the preceding year, or with the average† of the five previous years, which is satisfactorily accounted for by the very brisk demand in the preceding season. During the year prices fell considerably owing to the state of the Bombay market which induced the merchants to retain their grain in the District. It is satisfactory however to observe that the prices obtained by the ryots in the interior of lower Canara in 1249 exceeded that of the preceding year, though at the seaports the difference was slightly against them, owing it may be presumed to the stock in the hands of the merchants ready to be exported on a favorable turn in more distant markets. Looking to the average of the 5 preceding years the gain to the ryots was very considerable.

Para 10.

3. The Supari crop was abundant and the export of 1249 exceeded that of the preceding Fasli, which was also a favorable one. The fluctuation of the European market as regards pepper prevents the results of any single year from being considered as sure indication of prosperity or the reverse. The export of this article in 1249 fell short of that of 1248 to the extent of Cs. 878—9—12.

Para 11.

* Board's Proceedings dated 1st April 1841.

Para 17.

4. The decrease in the export of cardamoms is very trifling, and the disadvantages under which this article lies as regards Tariff price and rate of duty, have been so recently* the subject of remark that further notice of the depressed state of the market is not now called for. It is satisfactory to learn that the plantation of cocoanut trees continues to increase.

5. In para 18 the Principal Collector has entered into an explanation of the causes which led to the falling off in the manufacture of salt—this subject is foreign to the scope of a report restricted to land revenue details, and any remarks which the Collector may have in future occasion to make should be incorporated in his report on the extra sources of revenue.

Para. 19. 6. The result of the settlement of the land revenue exhibits an increase of Rupees 12,173 – 11—9 beyond that of the preceding year, for which two principal reasons are assigned, viz., additions to estates under engagements of progressive increase, and additions to the assessment on estates under enquiry.

Para 20. 7. The amount of the deduction on account of salt pans shewn in the statement appended to this para should not appear in the "settlement" of the year. This item comes under the head of established remissions, exclusive of which the actual settlement should always be exhibited.

Para 22. 8. The amount fixed in 1248 to be realized on estates not yet raised to the maximum standard in 1249 was 8,776 – 13—9. The amount actually assessed was 8,046—6—8, leaving a deficiency of unassessed instalments amounting to Rupees 730—7—1 which is attributed to the inability of certain estates to bear the additional assessment in consequence of the extent of waste within their respective limits.

Para 23. 9. The simple exhibition of the amount of the stipulated instalments, whether anticipated or actually brought to account in 1249, as shewn in the statement appended to para 23, conveys little information. Without knowing the number of wargs, and the amount of the Tarao beriz thereon in each Taluk, the Board are unable to see how far the full beriz fixed in Fasli 1248 was actually assessed in 1249 on each estate, or what proportion and in what number of instances a part only of the expected revenue was assessed.

Paras. 21 — 25. 10. The progress of the classification of estates in the Fasli under review is shewn in the accompanying table.

Description.	Fasli 1243. No. of Wargs	Fasli 1243. Tarao Beriz.	Fasli 1243. Settlement	Fasli 1243. Net Remission	Fasli 1249. No. of Wargs	Fasli 1249. Tarao Beriz.	Fasli 1249. Settlement	Fasli 1249. Net Remission	Increase. No. of Wargs	Increase. Tarao Beriz.	Increase. Settlement	Decrease. No. of Wargs	Decrease. Tarao Beriz	Decrease. Settlement
1 Paying full tax.	31,285	10,35,339 2 6	10,35,339 2 6	0 0 0	8,820	13,42,169 0 1	13,42,169 0 1	0 0 0	7085	3,06,829 13 7	3,06,829 13 7	0	0 0 0	0 0 0
2 Instalments.	6,686	3,46,583 1 8	2,93,495 11 9	53,097 5 6	1958	1,35,592 9 10	1,20,694 11 3	14,897 14 7	0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1683	2,10,990 7 5	1,72,791 0 6
3 Under investigation.	10,269	4,89,682 2 8	2,37,658 15 10	1,93,029 2 5	7,110	2,64,860 8 7	1,24,704 14 5	1,40,655 10 2	0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3159	1,65,822 9 8	1,13,449 1 5
4 Estates which never can yield the full tax.	3,259	1,49,657 9 4	1,14,829 7 5	34,728 1 11	4,257	2,19,492 12 10	1,62,891 12 7	56,595 0 8	998	69,835 3 6	48,063 5 2	0	0 0 0	0 0 0
	51,449	19,62,162 15 4	16,81,903 5 6	2,80,854 9 0	51,640	19,62,114 15 4	17,49,369 6 4	2,12,148 9 0	8083	3,76,765 1 1	3,54,89[illegible] 9 9	7842	3,76,813 1 1	2,66,240 1 11

Bharti wargs or estates paying full Tarao in 1248	...	38,735
Deduct in 1249.		
Transferred to the 2nd head or paying instalments	...	92
Do. the 3rd head or under investigation.	...	135
Do. the 4th or never able to meet the full demand		46
Divided	...	2
Total deductions	...	275
Remain	...	38,460
Add in 1249.		
Transferred according to agreement from instalments	...	864
Transferred from 3rd head having been investigated	...	666
Transferred from 4th head being found able to pay	...	1
Divided	...	37
Total	...	1,568
Total	...	40,028
Newly cultivated from waste	...	11
		40,039

7th January 1840.
Paras 21 - 23.

11. The number of estates transferred from the head of Bharti or those previously examined and pronounced capable of paying the full assessment to that of Kambharti in which they appear as under examination is 275, for which course the same reasons are assigned as those first pointed out by Mr. E. Maltby in the report on Fasli 1248.

Para 26.

12. Mr. Blair observes that the system has proved less certain in its operation than was anticipated, yet the general result must be considered very satisfactory—the actual increase resulting from its introduction in 1243 Fasli up to the present time amounts to 77,999—12—10. And he adds that he considers it would be unadvisable to introduce any change in the present system of classification.

13. It must be borne in mind that one of the chief advantages anticipated from the changes introduced in 1243 was the establishment of a uniform and regular revenue and the discontinuance of those remissions till then habitually made on the plea of over assessment and failure of crops. This object, however, has by no means been attained and the Board are disposed to doubt whether the whole amount of the fluctuations in the returns of the Bharti estates can fairly be attributed to the causes noticed by Mr. Maltby and Mr. Blair. The thorough and detailed investigation of the present condition and future prospects of these estates required by the Board from time to time has never yet been fully placed before them, and in the 27th para of his report now under consideration Mr. Blair seems to anticipate much inconvenience from the prosecution of it on the ground of its giving rise to doubts of the permanency of the arrangements now in progress. In this apprehension the Board cannot concur. The plan of transferring estates fully able to pay the usual or Tarao assessment from the head of Bharti to that of "under investigation" not from any change in their productive powers but merely from the population being too scanty to cultivate to the same extent as before, must and has led to very erroneous ideas of the efficacy of the measures adopted by the local officers. It would be far preferable to class such lands under a distinct head altogether as Bharti estates unoccupied from want of cultivators. The remaining estates should then be discriminated according to the place they occupy in the several classes hitherto in use as pointed out in the Board's Proceedings of the 1st April last. And as this arrangement would not interfere in any degree with the management at present employed in each particular case, but is simply a matter of account, it does not appear how it could shake the confidence of the proprietors or why it should of necessity be made known to them at all.

Proceedings 11th January 1836,
Para 21.

Paras 17 - 18.

14. With reference to Mr. Blair's observations in his report on the settlement of 1247 and to the little experience he has subsequently had time to acquire the Board are desirous to be made acquainted with the more matured opinions which he may form on farther enquiry. The existence of

Para 17.

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proprietory rights in the land and the ready sale of estates in consequence prove that the assessment in Canara is lighter than in most other parts of India. The principal object of the present investigation is to correct inequalities and to place the demand on an equal footing in the different estates so that the revenue shall be free from fluctuation and from the necessity for remissions.

15. To secure this end two subjects of enquiry are suggested by the perusal of the correspondence that has already taken place, 1st the equalization of the assessment fixed by Mr. Harris under the name of Tarao reducing it where too high and raising it where too low; and 2nd the determination of the boundaries of the different estates or wargs which have been lost through the intermixture of uncultivated with occupied lands through encroachments made upon the waste, the lands so absorbed being distinguished under the denomination of Koolanushta.

Proceedings	1243	Paras	14 - 21
„	1245	„	7 - 14
Collector's report	1246	„	17 - 18
Proceedings	„	„	7 - 15
Collector's report	1247	„	17 - 20
Proceedings	„	„	9 - 18
Collector's report	1248	,	21 - 25
Proceedings	„	„	16 - 17

16. The results of the measures adopted for the attainment of the first of these objects have never, as already observed, been fully placed before the Board, and the arrangements hitherto attempted would appear (in Mr. Blair's own words) to have been "somewhat too hastily adopted and in many instances require to be modified." Yet the favorable terms allowed to the Kam-bharti estates so far exceeding those contained in the Cowlenamahs of other districts ought to have ensured more complete success.

From Collector, 11th January 1839,
Para 18.

* Enclosure A.

17. The detailed account* of the settlement of the principal cultivator in the village of Savanal taken from the Mahratta accounts shows the nature of the arrangements now in progress. Kodeecondah Deva Gowda was assessed by the Commissioner (Colonel Munro) in 1208 Fasli at B. Pags. 77 fs 0 as. 4. From Fasli 1209 to Fasli 1212 he paid ... 68—7—2

„ 1213 ... 69—7—2

„ 1214 - 1225 ... 70—2—2

Average of 17 years 69—8—5

1226 - 1227 ... 71—0—0

1228 ... 70—0—0

1229 Tarao fixed by Mr. Harris and paid till

1234 ... 69—8—5

1235 ... 69—0—0

In 1236 a remission of half was given for loss of agricultural stock by murrain, leaving ... 34—5—0

after which it fluctuated from 45 to 54 Pagodas till the revised settlement in 1245 which confirmed the Tarao beriz of ... 69—8—5

but only imposed in that year ... 55—0—1 and allowed 10 years for the gradual imposition of the difference by annual instalments of 1—4—12. Thus an estate consisting for the most part of mool or meeras land after paying on an average about 70 Pagodas annually for 28 years has been held on a favorable tenure for the last 13 years and has yet 6 more to run.

18. The investigation of the 2nd subject of enquiry or lands improperly appropriated and existing only in the accounts seems to have been entirely lost sight of, though, the detection and exposure of such frauds is even of greater importance than the arrangement of the assessment. In the settlement of 1245 Fasli the amount of Koolanushta lands is entered at Rs. 33,207—15—1 which sum was written off "there being no lands forthcoming." In the settlement of the year under review there is a corresponding remission of 44,436 "the beriz of lands anciently waste," while that on the lands "recently waste" is 9,623—9—7 making together 54,059, while by reference to the general statement at para 10 the deduction on account of estates in the 4th class which can never pay the full tax is 56,595—0—3. No particulars of this remission are stated, and the Board desire to know whether any and if so how much of this deduction arises from lands that are not forthcoming or in other words that have been fraudulently included in other estates. Mr. Blair will further be good enough to state the means he has adopted to detect these appropriations and whether they have been found adequate to the object. The Board here remark that whilst in the Statement E for Fasli 1245 the details of col. 161 are previously exhibited in cols. 159 and 160 no such details are exhibited in the corresponding statement for 1249, col. 157 simply exhibiting the total beriz on lands anciently waste without shewing the portion for which "time is allowed." The details exhibited in the statement for 1245 are important and should be shewn in all future accounts.

Statement E of 1245 Col. 159.

Statement E of 1249 Col. 157.

See also Statement F Col. 4 where the same amount is shewn, minus the Coorg lands.

19. It is desirable, as a general rule, that no alteration should be made in established forms of account, but that when any is considered necessary the same should be specially noticed.

Para 30.

20. Owing to the absence of the usual collections under the head of Amindivi coir which amounted in the previous year to Rs. 14,364—0—2 it will be seen that there is a small net decrease of Rs. 142—0—1 in Fasli 1249 below the revenue derived from all sources compared with the same results in 1248.

21. This statement is extremely satisfactory, for although there is a deficiency of nearly 90,000 Rupees under the heads of Sea Customs, Tobacco monopoly, and Amindivi coir, nevertheless owing to large accessions of revenue in other branches, particularly under those of Salt, Land Customs and Abkari, the net deficit is insignificant and would not have existed at all had it not been for the cause assigned above.

Sea Customs	64,875—3—1
Tobacco	9,725—1—10
Amindivi coir	14,364—0—2
	88,964—5—1

22. The collections of current land revenue amounted to Rs. 18,05,217—8—7 within the Fasli, and a further sum of Rs. 10,557—13—4 has been since collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,669—7—1.

23. The arrears of land revenue due on account of former years at the commencement of Fasli 1249 amounted to Rs. 22,999—11—1 of which the following sums were realized in the last mentioned year:—

On account of Fasli 1248	Rs. 17,491—11—8
Previous Faslis	1,194—7—6
Total	18,686—3—2

Fasli 1246	Rs.	41—15—9
" 1247		106—15—1
" 1248		439—5—2
		588—4—0

24. The Board recommend that the sanction of Government be granted for writing off the sums noted in the margin, being reported to be "totally irrecoverable owing to the poverty and the distressed condition of the defaulters."

Paras 36, 37 & 38.

25. In these paras the Principal Collector states his opinion on the subject of relieving the cultivators of Kumeri from assessment on waste land on the road sides in hilly and jungly tracts of country. As he is favorably disposed to it, and the clearing of the jungle along the newly constructed road to Sirsi through the Sunda Taluk is represented as very desirable, the Board will not object to the Principal Collector giving effect to the measure in that Taluk in the first instance restricting the remission to a period of seven years on each spot of ground cleared for the purposes of cultivation—the Principal Collector will report the extent of land annually taken up on these terms.

Paras 40—41.

26. The Board notice with satisfaction the testimony borne by the Principal Collector to the public merits of his subordinates.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Extract from the Board's Proceedings be forwarded to the Principal Collector of Canara for his information and guidance.

(A True Extract).

R. T. PORTER,
Sub-Secretary.

Ryotwar Settlement Account of the Village of Savanal in Yerdur Magane of the Bantval Taluk in the Zillah of Canara.

No. 1. Kodeecondah Deva Gowda.

	B. Pags. F. A.		
FORMER SHIST.			
Sircar ...	26 9 0		
Inam ...	8 5 0		
		35 4 0	
SHAMILAT.			
By the Ranny ...	4 1 3		
By Bahder ...	33 6 6		
By Teepoo ...	3 2 13		
	41 0 6		
By the Company's Government ...	0 5 14	41 6 4	77 0 4
COLLECTIONS.			
In Fasli 1209 ...		68 7 2	
1210 ...		68 7 1	
1211 ...		68 7 2	
1212 ...		68 7 2	
1213 ...		69 7 2	
From Fasli 1214 to Fasli 1225 at 70—2—2 is ...		842 5 8	
Total ...		1,187 1 1	
Average of 17 years is ...			69 8 5
Collections in Fasli 1226 ...		71 0 0	
1227 ...		71 0 0	
1228 ...		70 0 0	
Tarao fixed by Mr. Harris in Fasli 1229 as per 17 years' average ...		69 8 5	
Collections of Fasli 1230 ...		69 8 5	
1231 ...		69 8 5	
1232 ...		69 8 5	
1233 ...		69 8 5	
1234 ...		69 8 5	
In Fasli 1235 as per Tarao ...	69 8 5		
Deduct remission allowed by the Tahsildar ...	0 5 0		
Do. do. Huzur ...	0 3 5		
Net settlement ...		69 0 0	
In Fasli 1236 as per Tarao ...	69 8 5		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	69 0 0		
Deduct remission allowed by the Huzur on account of loss of the cattle ...	34 5 0		
Net settlement ...		34 5 0	

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FASLI 1237.		
Last Jamabandi ...	34 5 0	
Increase effected by the Ammil ...	10 5 0	
		45 0 0
FASLI 1238.		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	45 0 0	
Increase effected by the Tahsildar ...	2 5 0	
		47 5 0
FASLI 1239.		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	47 5 0	
Increase effected by the Huzur ...	2 5 0	
		50 0 0
FASLI 1240.		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	50 0 0	
Increase effected by the Tahsildar ...	2 0 0	
	52 0 0	
Deduct remission allowed by the Huzur ...	9 0 0	
Net settlement ...		43 0 0
FASLI 1241.		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	43 0 0	
Increase ...	7 0 0	
		50 0 0
FASLI 1242.		
Last year's Jamabandi ...	50 0 0	
Increase ...	1 0 0	
		51 0 0
FASLI 1243.		
Rivaz Huttuvalli ...	78 5 12	
Hazar Huttuvalli ...	72 9 7	
Average collections ...	69 8 5	
Highest year collections in Fasli 1235 ...	69 0 0	
Tarao beriz ...	69 8 5	
Last year's Jamabandi ...	51 0 0	
Increase effected by the Tahsildar ...	7 3 9	
Total ...	58 3 9	
Deduct remission allowed by the Huzur on account of Nadar. ...	4 3 9	
Net settlement ...		54 0 0

Order to the Tahsildar for examination.—

FASLI 1244.		
Tarao beriz ...		69 8 5
Rivaz Huttuvalli ...		77 3 6

Deduct.				
Former waste 4¼ murahs of bettu land ...		1 1 4		
Present waste.				
Majal ...	0 6 9			
Bettu ...	1 4 6	2 0 15		
		3 2 3		
Fasal Kammi ...		3 3 7		
Fasal Lucasanu ...		0 3 12	6 9 6	
Remain Hazar Huttuvalli ...			70 4 0	
Add Ganee increase ...			5 1 11	
Total ...			75 5 11	
Last year's Jamabandi ...			54 0 0	
Increase ...			0 5 1	54 5 1
Order for examination—				
Fasli 1245.				
Tarao beriz ...			69 8 5	
Rivaz Huttuvalli ...			77 3 6	
Hazar Huttuvalli ...			75 5 11	
Average collections ...			69 8 5	
Highest collections ...			71 0 0	
Last Jamabandi ...			54 5 1	
Increase in this year ...			0 5 0	
Total ...				55 0 1
It has been agreed that the remainder be paid in 10 years.—				
Fasli 1246.				
Last Jamabandi ...			55 0 1	
Add increase in this year as agreed upon			1 4 12	56 4 13
Fasli 1247.				
Last year ...			56 4 13	
Add increase in this year as agreed upon			1 4 12	57 9 9
Fasli 1248.				
Last year ...			57 9 9	
Add increase in this year as agreed upon			1 4 12	59 4 5
Fasli 1249.				
Last Jamabandi ...			59 4 5	
Add increase in this year as agreed upon			1 4 12	60 9 1

R. T. PORTER,
Sub-Secretary.

Revenue Department.

No. 1526.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th December 1841.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Here enter 23rd September 1841.)

Para 1. The season of Fasli 1249 in the District of Canara was represented by the Principal Collector as upon the whole favorable, and although the prices at several of the seaports were slightly reduced, owing to local causes, they were in the interior of the Province superior to those obtained in the previous year, and the Board observe "that looking to the average of the five preceding years the gain to the ryots was very considerable."

Fasli	1249	18,20,444—13—0
„	1248	18,08,271— 1—3
Excess		12,173—11—9

2. The result upon the settlement of the year shews an increase of Rs. 12,173—11—9 compared with that of the previous Fasli as noted in the margin. This excess is attributable chiefly to be additions arising from the instalments on estates under engagement to pay a progressive increase, and also from the additions of assessment on estates under enquiry, the particulars of which are entered in para 21 of the Principal Collector's report.

3. In the Proceedings under review the Board enter at considerable length into the question of the classification of estates, both as that measure affects the establishment of a regular and uniform revenue and consequent discontinuance of remissions, and also the detection of frauds on the revenue by the improper appropriation of lands.

4. With the imperfect information which has hitherto been furnished no definite conclusion as to the true results of the working of this system could have been attained. His Lordship in Council therefore refrains from any observations on the several points discussed in these Proceedings until the question in all its bearings together with the sentiments of the Board shall have been laid before Government.

5. The collections of current revenue are observed to have been realized with greater punctuality in the year under review than in the preceding, the amount outstanding at the close of the Fasli was Rs. 15,237—4—5 which however was subsequently collected with the exception of the trifling balance of Rs.4,669—7—1

6. The arrears of land revenue due on account of former years, it is satisfactory to observe, were reduced from Rs. 22,999—11—1 to Rs.4,313—7—11 of which amount the sum of Rs. (588—4—0) five hundred and eighty eight, annas four, being considered totally irrecoverable His Lordship in Council on the recommendation of the Board resolves shall be struck out of the accounts.

7. The instructions issued to the Principal Collector with respect to the proposal originating in the Sub-Collector for relieving the cultivators of *Kumeri from assessment on waste lands adjoining the high road recently formed through the Sunda Taluk, (adverted to in para 25 of these Proceedings) meet with the approval of His Lordship in Council.

* Forest or thick jungle lands partially cleared and cropped for one or two seasons only and then relinquished.

8. As the Board make no reference in their Proceedings under consideration, to the observations of Mr. E. Maltby contained in para 9 of his report on the benefit which would result to commercial intercourse by improving the bullock road from Bantval towards the Code'Cull Pass, His Lordship in Council desires to be informed whether any notice has been taken of these remarks either by the Board or local authorities with a view to remove the great impediments to traffic which the present condition of the road is stated to produce.

9. His Lordship in Council feels highly gratified at the reiterated commendations which the public services of the two Messrs. Maltby and Mr. Lushington continue to receive from the Principal Collector and the Board of Revenue.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed). H. CHAMIER,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd January 1842.

Ordered that transcript of the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation be furnished to the Principal Collector of Canara for his information and guidance, with reference to the Board's Proceedings on the settlement of the land revenues of that Province for Fasli 1249 under date the 23rd September last.

Mr. Blair is requested to state whether any further disbursements are necessary for improving the road from Bantval to the Code'Cull Pass, and if so he will state the amount and report thereon at his earliest convenience through the Department of Public Works. It is known that a small sum included in the annual estimate has been submitted for sanction in that Department for this purpose under date the 18th August last.

(A True Extract)

R. T. PORTER,
Sub-Secretary.