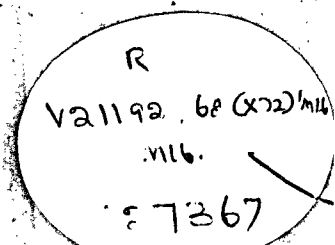


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Report of the
~~Tamabandy Report~~
for fasly 1225

Trichinopoly.

1816.



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TO THE SECRETARY TO THE
BOARD OF REVENUE,

FORT SAINT GEORGE.

SIR,

I have now the honor to submit my general report of the Jumnabundy for Fusly 1225, accompanied by the several statements noted in the margin.

2. Previous to entering into the detail of each particular Talook, it is requisite that I should acknowledge the receipt of the Board's letters under date the 18th March the 1st and 19th August 1816, and afford such explanations and observations as the subject therein referred to seems to require.

3. To render the observations which I shall submit to the Board intelligible, I propose taking a summary view of the mode in which the Revenues of Trichinopoly have been realized since the cession of the country to the Honorable Company.

4. On referring to Mr. Wallace's first report, I perceive that, prior to the assumption of the country, the revenues were generally realized by His Highness the Nabob in *kind* or annually commuted at the price obtainable in the market. On Mr. Wallace proposing to commute the system into a money payment, the Meerassidars unanimously objected to the change. The principal grounds of objection are stated in the 183 para. of Mr. Wallace's report; "The objection of the inhabitants was on the following grounds; that Trichinopoly produced more grain than it could consume, that no market was at hand at which the surplus produce could be disposed of, that from the sale of grain having been always monopolized by the Sirkar, the inhabitants absolutely now knew not how to get rid of their grain as there were not any established dealers in that article to whom they could sell it, that the late Sirkar with all its power and restriction of the entrance of grain into the province from other countries, could not in the year dispose of the produce of the country, and that a considerable quantity of grain of last year was still in the hands of those persons who had been in the custom of lending money to the late Government and which consequently would add to the difficulty of disposing of the grain produced within the Current year." and I am afraid the defalcation of Revenue in the past Fusly will establish, that the fears of the Meerassidars were neither exaggerated, nor unfounded.

5. It appears, however, that Mr. Wallace's persuasions inspired the Meerassidars with confidence and that they finally acceded to the commutation. The first assessment was formed from the accounts procured from the Nabob of the produce for the five preceding Fuslies, that is to say, Mr. Wallace fixed the produce of each village for Fusly 1211, on an average of the produce grown during the preceding five years, and then commuted the produce at the rates noted in the margin †. The collections amounted to in Fusly 1211 to Star Pagodas 2,05,626-21-46 at the abovementioned rate of commutation.

* Abstract Statement of the Jumnabundy marked	A.
Comparative Statement of the Jumnabundy of 1224 and 1225	B.
Detailed Statement of the villages settled for 10, 9 & 8 years	C.
Settlement continued for 5 years	D.
Settlement continued for 2 years	E.
Settlement for 1 year	F.
Detailed Statement of unsettled villages	G.

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† Rarr	7-9½	per Cullum
Sumbah	8-2½	do.
Peshanum	8-2½	do.
Vallaun	6-2½	do.

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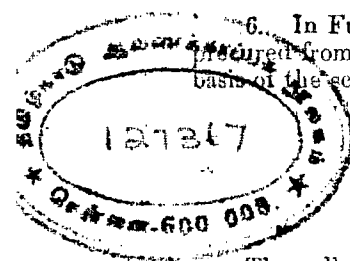
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6. In Fusly 1212, Mr. Wallace added the produce of 1211 to the accounts secured from the Nabob, and took the average of these two accounts as the basis of the settlement. Mr. Wallace fixed the commutation as follows:—

Karr.....	@ 8½	Gopaully fanams per Cullum.
Sumbah	@ 9½	do. do.
Peshanum.....	@ 9½	do. do.
Vaulan....	@ 7	do. do.

The collections of that Fusly amounted to Star Pagodas 2,37,854-41-59.

7. In Fusly 1213, Mr. Wallace made a slight alteration in the commutation price in favor of the more distant Talooks, but only with a view of giving to them the same advantages enjoyed by those Talooks in the immediate vicinity of Trichinopoly. In para. 71 of his report for Fusly 1213 he thus expresses himself. "In regard to the commutation price, what I have previously said on this subject will shew that where it was too high it has been reduced. The present prices as they have been calculated with a due reference to the general state of the markets and to the facility and difficulty of disposal, are in my opinion such as to allow a fair profit to the Ryot". Mr. Wallace mentions that even this slight alteration had an immediate effect on the realization of the Revenue.

8. By Mr. Kinloch's report it would appear, that the assessment was formed in Fusly 1214 on the actual cultivation of the year compared with that of the preceeding one; and that the commutation price as expressed by Mr. Kinloch, remained exactly the same, with the exception of Vaylore. The Jumma was fixed for the Nunjah cultivation at Star Pagodas 2,42,050-28-35. With respect to the selling price I quote* from Mr. Kinloch's report by which it would appear that a Cullum of Paddy then fetched 13½ G. fanams.

9. In the Reports of Fusly 1215, 1216 and 1217, there is no mention made of the commutation price, but by a marginal note in Mr. Garrows hand writing, I perceive that grain was selling in Fusly 1216 so high as 20 Fanams per Cullum. Mr. C. now in his report of Fusly 1218 has made a Comparative Statement of the Bazaar, and commutation price, and remarks,† "that the inhabitants have experienced considerable difficulty in disposing of the grain in consequence of the lowness in the price." It will be observed by the Board that the price then was considerably higher than it is at present. The Statement and collection of each year is noted below. ‡

10. In Fusly 1219 Mr. Travers states that Karr paddy was selling at 1½ G. fs. per Cullum and Sumbah at 9½ G. fanams; even at this price it was found requisite to reduce the commutation in Laulgoody ½ fanam per Cullum; and Mr. Travers states a loss on this account to have occurred of Star Pagodas 3,366-2-12½. In Para 28, Mr. Travers remarks§ "The established waram received by Government in this District is 50 per cent. of the produce commuted at a certain rate into

* "The paddy however was selling at the time of the reaping of the Carr crop at 2½ Cullums the Pagoda for Sumbah and for the Carr 3 Cullum."

† Vide Para. 28 of report dated 15th June 1809.

† Description of grain.	Selling price in Fusly 1218.	Selling price in Fusly 1225.	Difference between the two Fuslies.	Fuslies	Settlement.	Collection.
	G.fs. C.	G.fs. C.	G.fs. C.		S.Ps. F.C.	S.Ps. F.C.
Karr.....	7 24	5 5	2 19	1216	2,29,292 9 12	2,28,699 35 16
Peshanum.....	8 ...	6 5	1 27	1217	2,37,661 20 41	2,33,661 5 2
Vaulan.....	6 ...	4 ...	2 ...	1218	2,33,971 14 8	2,20,381 16 74

§ Vide 9th Para of Mr. Travers's report, dated 20th June 1810.

specie clear of all expenses" and in para 24 "the commutation price had been found on an average more than the usual Bazar rate" and in the 26th para. "I am sorry to acknowledge that during the time I have had charge of this district it has been found to be the case, and it was with the greatest difficulty at times, that the inhabitants were able to dispose of their grain at one and two fanams less per Cullum. This inconvenience, however, cannot be removed as long as the seasons prove favorable and the harvests abundant, and it is not in my opinion immediately necessary, for if Government was to reduce the price it would be found necessary in a year or two hence again to modify it, for the inhabitants would be enabled to sell cheaper in the market, and thereby reduce the value of grain." The Board in their letter under date the 15th February 1810 make this remark. "The Board approve of the promise which you have made to the inhabitants of the Laulgoody Talook of reducing the commutation price ½ a fanam."

11. Mr. Travers in the 4th Para of his report of Fusly 1220 states: "It would afford me pleasure could I make as favorable a report of the Talooks comprising the four wet Districts, but with the exception of the Kadarumbums in these Talooks (many of which are also involved in poverty) I am sorry to say the state of the Ryot is melancholy in the extreme owing to the uncommonly low price of Paddy since Fusly 1216, and to the commutation price fixed by Mr. Wallace having been found by the experience of several years to be generally higher than the price of grain in the market."

12. In para. 5th. "The result of this excess in the commutation price has been, that every year the ryot has become poorer, and consequently his credit with the grain dealer less; he in consequence has been compelled to part with the little personal property he had, to pay the Kist with punctuality, and to meet the loss arising between the Bazar and commutation price," and again in para. 7. "The lands belonging to Bramins are cultivated by Pullers, or Slaves to the soil, as the Bramins are incapable of tilling the ground, the agreement between the Mahajanum, and the Sirkar is, that Government should receive 50 per cent. of the produce, the share to be taken by the Mahajanum commuted for specie at a fixed rate according to the description of paddy; the remaining 50 per cent. of the produce is the property of the Meerassidars, from which however he has to pay the hire of his Puller, the privileged allowance to Artificers and village servants, and the expenses of his Bullocks, Seeds, and Agricultural implements. It is difficult to form a correct judgement of the charges, because in some villages they are considerably more than in others; on an average, however, I estimate the charges from 25 to 27 per cent. leaving 25 or 23 Cullums in each hundred for the support of the Meerassidar and his family. This allowance, when the advantage of Futent lands, Topes &c., are taken into consideration is sufficiently ample, provided the price of Grain in the market bears any thing equal to the commutation price; but, when (as unfortunately has been the case in three successive seasons) there is a loss in the price of two and three gold fanams in each Cullum if brought and sold in the Fort of Trichinopoly, and of four and five, if disposed of in the villages, it requires nearly the 25th or 23rd per cent. Warum, which the Ryot has, to support his family, and make up the loss which arises from his having to pay the Government share in specie at an advanced rate. This certainly is a hardship on the Mahajanum and allows him a latitude for remonstrance." Mr. Travers afterwards stated that the inhabitants had recovered during the triennial lease; but if the collections be pressed to a considerable length during the present year, I am apprehensive the inhabitants will be brought to the same condition they were in during Fusly 1220.

13. The next report is Mr. Travers's report* on the present decennial lease, in which he seems to be fully aware that the success of the Settlement depended upon the Meerassidars being able to realize in the Bazar 7 Gold Fanams for each Cullum of paddy.

* Dated 8th September 1814.

Vide Para. 25 of report of 8th September 1814.

14. I have, I think, clearly demonstrated by the above quotations from the reports of my predecessors, 1st that a fixed commutation price did exist in each year during the annual settlement, and that its existence sensibly affected the realization of the revenue, or in other words, that the facility or difficulty of collecting the Revenue consisted in the market price being greater or less than the commutation price.

15. The distinct and frequent reference, made to a fixed commutation price during the annual Settlement, fully accounts for the adherence of the Meerasidars to this mode of pointing out the real or supposed losses, and admitting the commutation price to have ceased on the commencement of the present decennial lease, still it cannot be denied that the same quantity will not fetch half what it would have done during a series of years antecedent to the present assessment. The difficulty, therefore, of collecting the demand of Government, other circumstances remaining statu quo, must be proportionate to the diminished value of the produce from which the rent is derived.

16. Admitting the assessment to have been formed on correct principles, I think it must be allowed, that the realization of it is only politic as far as it tends to promote the conjoint interest of the assessor, and assessed; if the collections made are too high both parties are injured, but certainly of two extremes the collections had better be too low than too high. The collection on land being too high strikes at the root of all wealth and prosperity; besides there are a variety of methods of bringing any surplus wealth obtained by the assessed into the Treasury of the assessor. There is, however, between the extremes a happy medium productive of advantage to both parties. From time immemorial it has been customary in the Trichinopoly District for the Sirkar to take half the produce of the country; and adverting to all the circumstances of the district and inhabitants I am inclined to think the division equitable.

17. The policy of our Government and the abuses which formerly prevailed when the revenues were collected in kind, led to the abolition of the former system, and the substitution of a money rent. Whatever the advantages derived from the change in the system may be, it was, I apprehend, never intended that Government should receive a larger portion of the produce, or rather its equivalent, than it (the Government) did previous to the commutation.

18. The method I would adopt to shew a deviation from a fair commutation is to calculate the gross produce of the wet districts at Culls. 16,43,750 M. 1 P. 2, i. e. at the average of the first Fuslies 1211, 1212, & 1213, send 50 per cent. of that produce to the market and it will fetch at the average price of the past Fusly Star Pagodas 1,40,403-29-5: Whereas if the Assessment was collected in full, it would amount to Star Pagodas 2,27,436-1-10.

19. If the Government share be commuted at such a price as to require (from an unforeseen depreciation in the price of grain) the whole of the Meerasidars' produce to cover the demand of Government, the Meerasidars will have no surplus left; and the Government will bona fide receive both its own share, and that of the Meerassidar if the collections are made in full.

20. The Board have desired me in the 13th para. of their letter under date the 18th of March to deliver after mature deliberation my final opinion on the realization of the assessment of the wet districts. I may, gentlemen, with truth aver, that since my appointment to Trichinopoly the subject has scarcely ever been out of my thought; if unwearied reflection upon the subject could ensure a just conception of it, I may venture to assert, that I have left no means untried to attain it.

21. The Board have resolved the discussion into the following considerations. 1st—Has the Decennial rent been formed on erroneous principles, in other words is it too high? Has the price of the produce become depressed to a degree so unprecedented that no increase of quantity can counterbalance the loss which must ensue? and is this depression of the grain market the consequence of a temporary cause or of one likely to be permanent?

22. To the 1st query I am under the necessity of stating, that in my opinion the assessment is too high under existing circumstances and depreciation of price. The reason which leads me to this conclusion is this; that if the whole produce grown in the wet districts during Fusly 1225 after deducting 27 per cent. for charges of cultivation as estimated in the margin,* had been sold in the market at the average price procurable during the Fusly, the proceeds of the sale would only amount to Star Pagodas 2,04,989-14-77; whereas the demand of Government amounts to Star Pagodas 2,22,883-11-50, leaving a deficit in the whole assets of the wet Taluquas as compared with the demand of Government in the sum of Star Pagodas 17,893-41-53.

23. The second question is I think answerable in the same manner. If a reference be made to the average of years when the real produce was more easily ascertained than at present, there will be observed a fluctuation of scarcely 2 per cent. as noted in the margin.† Under these circumstances it is scarcely to be hoped, that any increase of produce could counterbalance the loss in price; but admitting for the sake of argument, that there was an increase of produce during the last fusly (although the accounts show it otherwise) still the depreciation in price during the past Fusly so far exceeds any possible excess of produce, that it could not compensate the loss.

24. In reply to the third query I am apprehensive, that the depression of the grain market is likely to be permanent inasmuch as Trichinopoly produces more than it can consume, and it wants a market for its surplus produce which it formerly possessed in Tondamans Country.

25. Among the principal causes which have contributed to decrease the price of grain the following may be enumerated:—

1st. Three successive seasons of abundance in the districts adjoining Trichinopoly.

* 2nd. The free importation of grain from Tanjore.

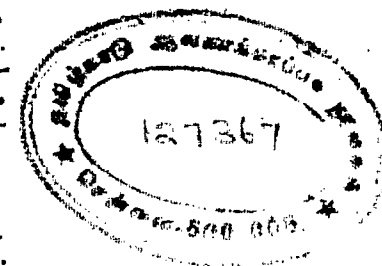
3rd. The diminution in the number of troops and particularly the absence of a Cavalry Regiment.

26. With respect to my being prepared to rent the wet Districts ryotwary with the materials at present in my possession; I must undoubtedly say, that I think it could not be done, nor do I think if it could be done, that it is the best mode of assessing Nunjee districts. There is besides a local peculiarity in Trichinopoly not generally found in those Districts, where the introduction of the ryotwary system has been attended with the best effects.

27. The produce of the Ceded Districts for instance if I am rightly informed is not even equal to the consumption of its own population; add to which, its proximity to a country weakly governed and where the population may be supposed generally greater than the produce, readily affords a market for the sale of any surplus produce it may have a fixed money rent on each Cawny of ground conducted on Ryotwary principles, therefore, may in those districts be very proper, but here the case is materially different; the country

	Cullums M. P.
* Total produce.....	16,43,750-1-2.
Deduct charges @ 27 per cent....	4,43,812-6-3.
Remaining.....	11,99,937-6-3.

	Actual Produce.	Cullums M. P.
+ Fusly 1211.....	16,74,687-9-1.	
" 1212.....	16,17,426-9-3.	
" 1213.....	16,89,135-9-2.	



produces more than it can consume, and as it is situated near Tanjore, where the consumption is also unequal to the produce, it wants those means of disposing of its surplus produce, which more unproductive Districts like the Ceded Districts possess. I must hear speak plainly, I cannot revert to practice which formerly prevailed to prevent importation. It is a notorious fact, that no importation was formerly allowed, and that during the present Fusly less than 60,000 Cullums have been imported. That I could easily prevent importation by recurring to the former preventatives is most certain, but much fear, that the Board would neither justify or approve the means.

28. In resorting, therefore, to a ryotwary rent, the evil would still main, because a depreciation and fluctuation of price would produce, nearly same result under a ryotwary assessment as under a Grammawaree assessment.

29. The result of mature deliberation has led me to draw the following conclusion:—1st.—I think to collect the assessment in full for Fusly 1225 would be injurious to the interest of Government. 2ndly.—I think it would be impolitic; because Mr. Travers has avowed the realization to depend upon the Meerassidars being able to procure 7 G fanams per Cullum; whereas the average price of grain during the past Fusly has amounted only to 5½ G fanams the Cullum. 3rdly.—Because the whole produce grown in the wet Districts during the past Fusly, as per Curnums accounts, after deducting the expense of cultivation amounting to 27 per cent, on being converted into specie at the average market price would only amount to Star pagodas 1,91,939-21-50. Whereas the demand against the Meerassidars amounts according to agreement to star pagodas 2,22,883-11-50.

30. If, however, the average produce of the three first Fuslies after the assumption be taken as a more accurate data; the produce being converted into specie after the same deduction for expense of cultivation, the amount of proceeds to answer the demands of Government, will be Star Pagodas 2,04,989-14-77.

31. I admit most fully that viewing the settlement as a mere contract between the Government and Meerassidars, the latter have no right whatever to indulgence. The right of the former cannot be abrogated by the inability of the latter, and the penalties of non-fulfilment are specific and defined, any remission granted by Government can only be considered as proceeding from lenient motives, and I have endeavoured in all cases to impress this upon the minds of the Meerassidars.

32. But it will be in the recollection of the Board, that I avoided giving any opinion on the original petition presented by the Meerassidars until called upon to do so by the Board. The answer of the Board agreeing to assist the Meerassidars has not even to this day been filed upon the records, lest it should tend to increase their clamour for remission; and why the Board should suppose, that I have been guilty of such a breach of duty as to give encouragement to the Meerassidars to complain, I confess myself totally unable to conjecture.

33. I had previous to the receipt of the Board's letter prepared a Grammar account of the balances due in each Taluq this will be found in the appendix marked H. The Board by this will be enabled to judge whether any exertion has been wanting on my part; and any further sum may be immediately realized, as I have taken Bonds from every defaulter payable on demand.

• Vide Grammawary statement of Fusly 1225 marked H.

ditto of Fusly 1224 marked I.

mand. But when the Board reflect, that if the whole produce of the country grown in Fusly 1225 which I estimate in the margin * at 16,43,750-1-2 the Meerassidars' share as well as that of the Sirkar had been sold at the average price procurable in the Bazar the proceeds thereof would have been insufficient to meet the demand, they will I trust be satisfied, that no exertion has been wanting on my part to realize the utmost; but as the suspension in the collections of so large a sum involves a fearful responsibility. I trust the Board will excuse my soliciting either their approval of the measure, or direct me to realize the balance either by the sale of the Defaulters land or by suing them in the Court of Adawlut.

34. A list of every individual defaulter is in a state of preparation, and if the Board think it material a copy shall be sent forthwith.

35. Such is the result of my reflections on the subject, the Board may deem my view of it erroneous, and much as I shall regret it, I still feel I should be wanting both in my duty to them, and myself if I withheld the communication. I submit my sentiments with deference. I may be deficient in argument, but there are some material facts connected with this discussion which will furnish the Board with ample means to decide on the question before them unsupported by any reasoning of mine.

36. In the appendix will be found a Statement showing the produce of the wet Taluqs in Fusly 1225 according to the Curnums accounts. The Board will observe that I have not founded any of the calculations now submitted on these accounts. Instead of estimating the produce at Cullums 1,53,9107, 1 M. ½ P which would appear to be its extent by the Curnums accounts, I have taken it at the average of the actual produce during Fuslies 1211, 1212, Cullums M. P. and 1213 and estimated the produce at 16,43,750-1-2.

37. Foreseeing the impossibility of trusting to so apparent an incorrect a source, as the accounts of the Curnums, I did myself the honor of proposing the re-establishment of an office calculated in my opinion to check their frauds. It appears however the Board doubt its efficiency and therefore it becomes my duty to relinquish all idea of carrying the measure into effect the same motive and sense of public duty which formerly induced me to recommend its revival at present impels me to abandon it. In deference therefore to your opinion I shall not avail myself of the permission granted by you to appoint Pille Pakaradoo.

38. Having afforded such explanation regarding the selling price of grain during fusly 1225 compared with the commutation and selling price during former years, it becomes my duty to state the balances at present outstanding, the amount I expect to collect, and the amount I would beg leave to recommend should lay over.

Total Produce.

Cullums M. P.

* Carr.....	6,93,691 - 8 - 1.
Sumbah.....	7,35,118 - 2 - 2½.
Vallaun.....	2,03,706 - 0 - ½.
Poovassy.....	11,284 - 2 - 2.
Total.....	16,43,750-1-2.

WET DISTRICTS.
CONAUD.

39. The total Jummah affixed on the Conaud Taluq amounts to Star Pagodas 92,886-3-18 of this sum Star Pagodas 75,782-37-6 has been collected to the 11th of July, between that period and the end of the year I expect to be enabled to realize a further sum of Star Pagodas 2,500, this will leave a net balance of Star Pagodas 14,603-11-12 against this Taluq equal to 15½ per cent on the Gross Settlement. A reference to the Curnums account of the wet produce grown in Conaud during Fusly 1225 fixes the amount at Cullums M. P. Cullums M. P.

lums 5,56,647-2 namely Carr 2,37,525-0-2½ Peshanum 2,42,420-1-0. Wallar Culls. M. P. Culls. M. P.

75,013-10-2½ and Poovassy 1,688-1-3 the produce being commuted into coin at the average market price, would make the total assets of Conaud Star Pagodas 69,418-24-30. I imagine however this account of the produce is rated too low as well as in all the other Taluqs.

VITTEUTTY.

40. The Bereeze of Vittecutty as settled by Mr. Travers amounts to Star Pagodas 49,249-6-0. The collections have amounted to Star Pagodas 44,563-36-46 leaving a balance on the 11th of July of Star Pagodas 4,685-14-34 of this balance I hope by the 31st of December to collect Star Pagodas 1,000 which will leave a net balance on this Taluq of Star Pagodas 3,685-14-34 equal to 7½ per cent. Vittecutty produced by the curnums account cullums 2,93,545-8-2 † which leaves the means of Vittecutty at Star Pagodas 36,607-26-70.

IYALORE.

41. The taluq of Iyalore was assessed by Mr. Travers at the yearly Jummah of Star Pagodas 39,212-9-15 the collections have amounted up to the 11th of July to the sum of Star Pagodas 32,504-42-69 leaving a balance of Star Pagodas 6,707-11-26; and of this balance I hope to collect 2,500 Pagodas leaving 4,207-11-26 equal to 10½ per cent. The produce of Iyalore amounted by the Curnums accounts to cullums 2,19,452-7-3 ‡ which leaves the means of Iyalore at Star Pagodas 27,367-25-60.

LAULGOODY.

42. The taluq of Laulgoody is assessed in the sum of Star Pagodas 88,367-17-67. The collections from it up to the end of the Fusly have amounted to Star Pagodas 72,149-13-73 leaving a Balance of Star Pagodas 16,218-3-74 a further sum may be expected to be realized to the 31st December of Pagodas 2,600-0-0 which will leave a balance of Star Pagodas 13,618-3-74 equal to about 15½ per cent. Laulgoody it will be observed produced Culls. M. P.

4,69,461-6-3½ as noted in the margin, § which being commuted at the average market price makes the sum of Star Pagodas 58,545-34-50. ¶

* Vide Statement No. 1.

† Vide Statement No. 1.

‡ Vide Statement No. 1.

Cullums M. P.

§ Carr.....	2,49,496 - 4 - 0.
Peshanum.....	2,12,549 - 7 - 2½.
Vaulan.....	769 - 1 - 2.
Poovasy.....	6,646 - 5 - 3.
	<u>4,69,461-6-3½.</u>

¶ Vide Statement No. 1.

43. The Board will perceive that the balance * in Laulgoody and Conaud is higher than either Vittecutty and Iyalore, this may be accounted for by the Weerassidars being in the former Talooks in a worse state than in the two latter Talooks.

44. On a comparison, therefore, of the Collection and Demand in the Wet Talooks, there will remain at the end of the year a balance against the Wet Talooks of Star Pagodas 36,113-40-63 being 13½ per cent less than the Demand, which sum, I take the liberty of recommending to the Board may be allowed for the present to lay over, and adverting to the extreme low price of grain, I trust the Board will not think it excessive.

45. In Fusly 1220, Mr. Travers stated in a letter to the Board under date the 31st August 1811, that the average price of grain during the Fusly amounted as follows:—

Carr.....	7 and 6½ G.fs. per Cullum.
Sumbah.....	3 do. do.
Vallaum.....	5 and 3 do. do.

Mr. Travers † prayed for a remission of 25030 Star Pagodas in consequence of the lowness in the price. The Board in reply ‡ to this letter, allowed the remission of 25,000 Star Pagodas, and stated it to be a remission of absolute necessity.

46. The amount of collections made from the Wet Talooks in Fusly 1220, amounted up to the 31st December to Star Pagodas 2,40,200-25-67. The collections made, and to be made in this Fusly, if my estimate proves correct, will amount to Star Pagodas 2,33,300-40-34.

47. From the collections of Fusly 1220 is to be deducted on account of the Koasicoorchy Mahanum the sum of Star Pagodas 1,26-34-26, and also the sum of Star Pagodas 2,376-3-12 on account of Soornadoyem, this will leave the Net Collections of Fusly 1220 Star Pagodas 2,36,555-33-60 differing with the collections of Fusly 1225 in the sum of Star Pagodas 2,954-37-66.

48. The result, therefore, of the administration of the revenues in the Wet Taluqs during the past Fusly is this, with the price of grain 21 per cent below that obtainable in Fusly 1220, I have collected within 1½ per cent of the amount collected in that Fusly. Such being the case, I trust the Board will be satisfied that, I have neither encouraged complaint nor neglected my duty.

49. The total amount of land cultivated in the dry districts during the past fusly amounted to Cawnies 124474-17-10. § In the Taluq of Torriore Cawnies 77,322-94-3. In Annidore 25,602-57-13, and in Woodinpolliam 1,478-55-5.

* BALANCES.

	Star Ps.	F.	C.
Conaud.....	14,603—11—12		
Vittecutty.....	3,685—14—24		
Iyalore.....	4,267—11—26		
Laulgoody.....	13,318—3—74		
	<u>36,113—40—66</u>		

† Vide letter of 31st August 1811.

‡ Dated 13th September 1811.

TORRIORE. 50. The amount of Jummah affixed on the former of these Taluqs, amount-
ed as per Statement* to Star Pagodas 105,254-1-46 of which Star Pagodas 93,392
21-15 have been collected up to the 11th of July, leaving a balance due at that
period of Star Pagodas 11,861-25-31 subsequent thereto collections have been
made amounting to Star Pagodas 1,293-5-10, and I hope to be enabled to realize
the further sum of Star Pagodas 4,500-0-0 which will leave only a balance of
Star Pagodas 6,068-19-21. The Jummah, as compared with that of last year, ex-
hibits an increase of Star Pagodas 1,849-49-0. †

ARRIALORE. 51. In Arrialore the Jummah has been fixed at St. Pagodas 53,713-39-18
being Star Pagodas 259-17-52 ‡ less than last year. This trifling decrease is
attributable to want of rain in the Audootoray, Wootatore and Perriamoray
Mahaganams. Collections amounting to Star Pagodas 50,038-35-19 § have
been made up to the 11th of July, and since that period 522-26-70 leaving a
balance of Star Pagodas 3,153-22-9 against this Taluq; of this sum I hope to
realize Star Pagodas 2,000 prior to the conclusion of the current year.

WOODIARFALLIAN. 52. The assessment of Woodiarfallian exhibits an increase of Star Pa-
godas 1,194-36-76 ¶ compared with that of last year, being in Fusly 1225 Star
Pagodas 42,233-15-38 and in Fusly 1224 Star Pagodas 41,038-23-42, of this sum
Star Pagodas 39,024-17-14 have already been realized, and I anticipate a
further collection of Star Pagodas 1,5009-0-0.

53. The Board will, therefore, perceive that the Jummah affixed for Fusly
1225 on the dry Taluqs amounts to Star Pagodas 2,01,201-11-22 || exceeding
that of Fusly 1224 in the sum of Star Pagodas 2,784-19-73, and adverting to the
Settlement having been formed on the actual cultivation, I trust the Board
will approve of it. In the appendix marked No. 3, the Board will find a State-
ment of the Demand, Collection and Balance.

54. The demand against the dry districts as per assessment is Star
Pagodas 2,01,201-11-22 Collections made, and to be made up to the 31st De-
cember amount to Star Pagodas 1,92,227-16-48 leaving a balance of Star
Pagodas 8,929-29-54.

55. The Balance, which the Board will observe to be outstanding, is in a
great measure attributable to a desertion of the Inhabitants in consequence of
the prospect of a most uncommon and calamitous season from a total want of
rain. In the course of a few days, I propose doing myself the honor of reporting
more at large on this subject. In the mean time it may be satisfactory to the
Board to know that I have taken every measure to induce the Inhabitants to
return to their villages and cultivation.

56. It is somewhat consoling to my feelings, that while I have to la-
ment a loss arising from the low price of grain, that every other branch of re-
venue so far from suffering has increased since the district has been under my
charge.

SAYER. 57. In the appendix will be found a Statement of Sayer in the form pre-
scribed by the Board,* showing an increase of Revenue in the sum of Star
Pagodas 6,404-15-32 or 21½ per cent over that of Fusly 1224—I am sanguine
that this branch of Revenue will be increased still further during the current
Fusly.

* Vide Statement No. 2.

† Vide Comparative Statement B.

‡ Vide Comparative Statement B.

§ Vide Statement No. 2.

¶ Vide Comparative Statement B.

|| Including 17 Villages settled for 9 years in the Torriore Taluq Vide Statement C.

• Vide Board's letter 5th August 1816.

58. The sum derived from Abkarry during the last Fusly, has amounted
to Star Pagodas 7,755-32-13, being greater than that of Fusly 1224 in the sum of
Star Pagodas 20 -29-18.

ABKARRY.

59. The revenue arising from these rents amounted in Fusly 1224 to the
sum of Star Pagodas 2,243-9-37. In Fusly 1225 it amounted to Star Pagodas 2,235
28-71 this trifling increase has been occasioned by the rent on Articles from the
Hills in Torriore having been higher than that of the preceeding Fusly.

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60. In Fusly 1224 under this head was collected Star Pagodas 1,762-30-54.
In Fusly 1225 it has amounted only to Star Pagodas 550-2-31. The Particulars of
this decrease will be found in Statement * No. 5 in the Appendix.

EXTRA REVE-
NUE.

61. The Batta made by exchange is Star Pagodas 32-20-33 exceeding
that of last Fusly by Fanams 17 and Cash 13.

BATTA.

62. The total collections made in Trichinopoly during the last Fusly 1224,
amounted up to the 11th of July to the sum of Star Pagodas 4,77,007-23-49, at
the same period in Fusly 1225 they amounted to Star Pagodas 4,53,196-20-22
showing a decrease of Star Pagodas 2,3811-3-27. I trust the Board will be of
opinion that no exertion has been wanting to increase the Collections, and
that an actual increase has taken place in every item of revenue susceptible of
Increase.

I subjoin an Abstract Statement shewing the Increase and decrease between
the Jummah and collection of Fuslies 1224 and 1225.

* Vide Statement No. 5.

Abstract Statement showing the Increase and Decrease between the Settlement and collection of Fusly 1224 and 1225.

	Settlement.				Collection.											
	Fusly 1224		Fusly 1225		Increase.	Decrease.	Fusly 1224		Increase.	Decrease.						
	S.P.	F.C.	S.P.	F.C.			S.P.	F.C.			S.P.	F.C.				
Land revenue rented.....	470736	2275	470916	242	1792146	...	...	435655	164	408821	1832	...	28,833	4252	...	
Sayer revenue.....	30275	3222	30395	2529	6419387	...	...	30275	3222	36680	254	6404	1532	...	...	
Abkarry.....	8570	2146	8236	27...	...	33339	6	7549	275	7755	3213	206	2918	...	...	
Sundry small farms and Licences under Amary.	2223	935	2235	3371	121934	...	...	1732	111	1356	176	...	...	375	3915	
Extra revenue.....	1762	3054	550	231	...	42128	23	1762	3054	550	231	...	...	1212	2823	
Butta.....	3220	33	3237	46	1713	...	...	3220	33	3237	46	1713	...	...	...	
	513501	168	518666	3359	6612	920	1546	2229	477007	2349	453196	2022	6611	1663	30422	2010
	Deduct Decrease...				15462229	Deduct Increase.....				6611				1663	...	...
	Net Increase.....				50633171	Net Decrease.....				23813				327	...	...

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Techinopoly,
20th September 1816.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
C. M. LUSHINGTON,
Collector.

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