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OF THE

ESTATES UNDER THE COURT OF WARDS

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MADRAS PRESIDENCY

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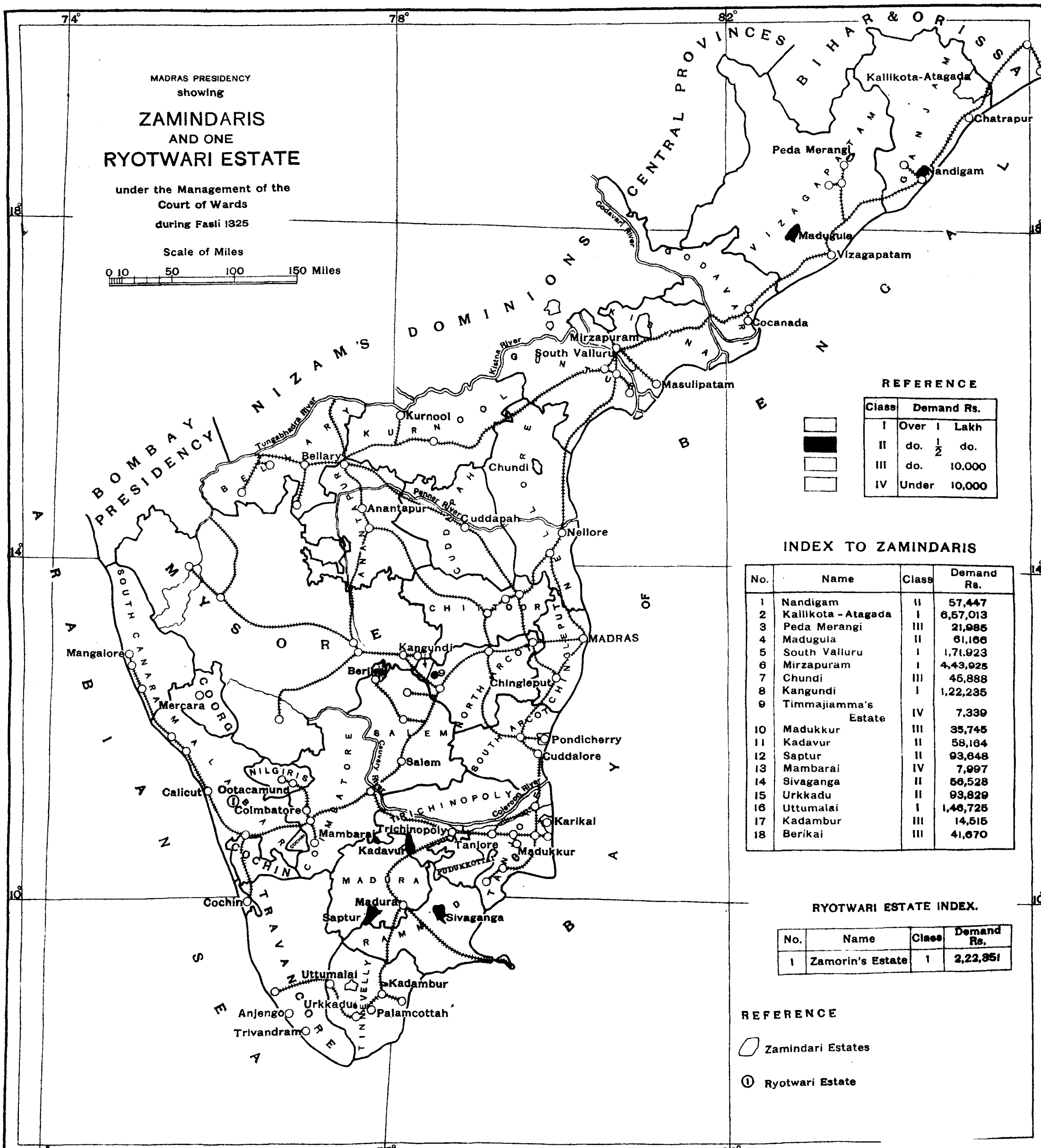
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Estates under management.—Eighteen estates continued under the Court's management throughout the fasli; the *Zamorin's estate* in the Malabar district was taken under the Court's superintendence with effect from the 17th September 1915 (1st Kanni 1091 M.E). The number of estates under the Court's management at the close of the fasli was therefore nineteen.

2. *Season.*—In *Nandigam*, Ganjam district, the rains were deficient in June, July and August, and the dry crops yielded a very poor outturn. In *Kallikota-Atagada* of the same district, owing to heavy rainfall in the latter part of July, August and November, the crops in some villages, especially those on low-lying lands, were seriously affected by submersion. In *Mirzapuram*, Kistna district, some tanks breached on account of heavy rains in September; and the gingelly crop harvested in that month suffered. In *Chundi*, Nellore district, the failure of rain after November affected the cholam crop to a slight extent. In *Saptur*, Madura district, the season was not very favourable, the rainfall having been late for both wet and dry crops. In *Sivaganga*, Ramanad district, the north-east monsoon was late in Sakcottai taluk and the crops failed in many villages. As a result of abundant freshes in the Vaigai and of an extraordinary discharge from the Periyar tanks, a few tanks breached, but the crops were saved as the breaches were speedily repaired. In *Uttumalai*, Tinnevely district, the season was not favourable, either for wet or dry crops, and a large number of the rain-fed tanks in the northern portion of the zamindari received no supply. In the remaining estates, the season was generally favourable for agriculture.

3. *Holdings.*—Excluding (1) the *Madugula* estate in the Vizagapatam district, for which information regarding holdings and cultivation is not available, (2) the *Zamorin's estate* in the Malabar district, which was taken over only in the year under report, and (3) the rented villages in other estates, the aggregate area of tenants' holdings in the remaining seventeen estates was 482,830 acres, against 436,038 acres in the preceding year. The increases were noteworthy in *Mirzapuram* (43,733) and *South Valluru* (1,395). The large expansion of holdings in *Mirzapuram* was due to the addition to the zamindari, during the year, of portions of the Nidadavolu and Meduru estates, under the Privy Council's decrees. In *South Valluru*, the increase is due to the purchase of additional landed property and to the fresh assignment of some land on patta. *Mambarai* and *Saptur* were the only two estates in which the area of holdings showed a decline. In the former estate, the reduction was only nominal, as the area of waste lands cultivated without permission, which was erroneously included under "holdings" in fasli 1324, has now been excluded. In *Saptur*, certain lands which were sold on account of arrears of rent for a nominal price were eliminated from "holdings".

4. *Cultivation.*—Of the holdings, 84.7 per cent was cultivated during the year, against 83.9 per cent in the preceding year. In seven estates, the percentage was above 90, while in seven others it was between 75 and 90. In the remaining

9. *Utilization of the surplus balances.*—Of the estates under management, those which had surplus balances exceeding a lakh of rupees at the end of the year were the following :—

	Rs.	lakhs.
Kallikota-Atagada	4.91	„
South Valluru	6.42	„
Mirzapuram	12.56	„
Kangundi	1.33	„
Saptur	1.08	„

A considerable portion of the surplus balance in *Kallikota-Atagada* is required for the survey of the estate and settlement of rents. The subject of utilising a part of the surplus towards other useful objects, such as the opening of a cattle-breeding farm and a veterinary dispensary and the improvement of irrigation works, is under consideration. In *South Valluru*, three villages of the Chevendra mutta have, since the close of the fasli, been purchased on behalf of the estate at a cost of Rs. 3,48,695 ; and this has consumed the greater portion of the surplus at the credit of the estate. The Court has also sanctioned the payment of a contribution of Rs. 15,000 from the estate funds to the District Board, Kistna, towards the cost of opening a dispensary at Valluru, the headquarters of the estate ; and arrangements are being made to establish also a veterinary dispensary at the same place. The remaining amount is reserved for improving irrigation works and for irrigation and drainage projects which are under investigation. In *Mirzapuram*, negotiations for the purchase, on behalf of the estate, of the remaining three villages of the Chevendra mutta were carried on during the year and concluded after its close. The price was settled at Rs. 5,18,040 ; and it was expected that this would consume the greater portion of the securities at the credit of the estate. But before the transaction could be formally completed and the purchase-money paid, the proprietor attained majority and the estate was restored to him on the 26th October 1916. The vendor was therefore asked to correspond with the Zamindar direct on the subject. A portion of the surplus was spent on the survey of the estate proper and of that portion of the Meduru estate which was added to it. Of the surplus in *Kangundi*, it is proposed to spend half a lakh in effecting improvements to the irrigation works, on the construction of a hospital and a veterinary dispensary at Kuppam and on the building of a school-house at Ramnaikenpet and on improvements and additions to the ward's residence. It is also proposed to purchase, on behalf of the estate, the shrotriern village of Kathri at a cost of Rs. 17,700. The Collector has been requested to submit early proposals for the utilization of the remaining amount on works of permanent improvement, especially irrigation works and communications. In *Saptur*, the surplus is reserved for the repair of irrigation works and estate buildings, for the construction of wells to supplement the irrigation from tanks and for the marriage of the ward's sisters. A proposal to establish a veterinary dispensary at Saptur is also under consideration. As regards the surplus belonging to the more solvent among the remaining estates, viz., *Madugula*, *Urkkadu* and *Uttumalai*, it is under contemplation to purchase additional landed property on behalf of *Madugula* and *Urkkadu* ; and the question of constructing dispensaries in *Urkkadu* and *Uttumalai* in order to provide medical facilities for the benefit of the estate tenantry is engaging the Court's attention. The Court has sanctioned the establishment of a veterinary dispensary at Virakeralampudur in the *Uttumalai* estate and asked the Collector to arrange for the construction of a building for the purpose.

10. *Agricultural improvements.*—During the year under report, the Court considered the question of formulating a definite scheme of agricultural improvement in respect of the estates under its superintendence and of re-entertaining an Agricultural Expert for the purpose, and submitted a report to Government. Government accepted the Court's conclusions, viz., that, in the majority of the estates, no funds were available and that in most others no definite scheme of improvement was possible owing to the want of suitable land and the difficulty of finding a suitable Manager ; and they also accepted the Court's assurance that this important subject would be kept in view. In *Kallikota-Atagada*, the question of starting a home-farm and a cattle-breeding farm is under consideration. In *Kangundi*, the proposal to establish a fruit-garden in the compound of the Zamindar's bungalow at Kuppam was

eventually dropped, as the ward requested that no further action should be taken in the matter until he came of age. In *Saptur*, the Manager having expressed a doubt whether the breeding farm would prove beneficial either to the estate or to its tenants, the Collector has promised a detailed report after personal enquiry and discussion with the Manager ; and the Court is awaiting the Collector's proposals for the future management of the farm. The question of establishing a homefarm in the estate is also under correspondence. In *Uttumalai*, the Court has sanctioned the opening of a model pasture ground with two cattle-sheds and three tube wells. The question of starting an agricultural farm has been deferred until the beginning of fasli 1327 when the current lease of some of the *pannai* lands will expire. In none of the estates under management were any homefarm lands used during the year for experiments in improved methods of agriculture, the bulk of such lands having been leased out as usual.

11. *Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.*—The average percentage, for all the estates, of the establishment charges and Government commission to the normal receipts, exclusive of extraordinary items of income, such as debts recovered (principal), sale-proceeds of property, etc., was 15.5 against 15.1 in the preceding year. The percentage exceeded 15 in twelve estates, viz., *Madugula* (20.2), *South Valluru* (19.9), *Mirzapuram* (15.1), *Kangundi* (15.2), *Timmajamma's estate* (17.3), *Madukkur* (43.3), *Saptur* (21.3), *Sivaganga* (65.1), *Uttumalai* (16.3), *Kadambur* (16.1), *Berikai* (18.1) and *Zamorin's estate* (22.1). The *Madugula* estate having been taken over in May 1915, the year under report was practically the first year of the Court's management. In *South Valluru*, a slight decrease in the normal receipts, coupled with an increase in the estate's proportionate share of the common establishment charges, consequent on the rendition of the Vuyyuru estate, accounts for the increased percentage. In *Mirzapuram*, *Kangundi*, *Uttumalai* and *Berikai*, the percentages were appreciably lower than those of the previous year, viz., 17.9, 17.0, 21.7 and 31.2, respectively. In *Timmajamma's estate*, the rise in percentage as compared with the preceding year's (13.4) is attributed to a shortage in receipts, the revenue of fasli 1324 having been abnormally augmented by the realisation of about Rs. 3,300 being the accumulated interest on some Government Promissory Notes which had been lost. In *Madukkur*, it was found necessary to strengthen the Manager's office, with the result that the percentage of establishment charges was even higher than the large percentage of the previous year (30.6). In *Saptur*, a perceptible fall in the receipts, due to the fact that a smaller amount of arrears was collected, raised the percentage to 21.3 from 14.6 of the preceding year. The very high percentage in *Sivaganga* is only nominal, since it is due to the payment from the *Ayan* funds, in the first instance, of the entire cost of the joint establishments appertaining to the three sections of the estate. Deducting the proportionate contributions recoverable from the *Deva-tanam* and *Chattram* sections, the real percentage for the *Ayan* section was only 12. In *Kadambur*, the increase in percentage is attributed to a slight fall in receipts, combined with a small increase under establishment charges. In the *Zamorin's estate*, the large percentage is attributed to the expenditure in the first year of the Court's superintendence having been abnormal in some respects and to the receipts having been less than the average that can be expected. In none of the estates alluded to above was it possible to curtail the establishment charges without impairing the efficiency of the administration.

12. *Maramat works.*—Including the *Devasthanam* and *Chattram* sections of such estates as have such properties attached to them, the total allotment for *maramat* works in all the estates was Rs. 5.92 lakhs, of which Rs. 4.61 lakhs, or 77.8 per cent, was actually spent during the year, against 89.2 per cent in the preceding year. The aggregate value of work done but not paid for within the fasli was Rs. 87,000. The total value of the work executed during the year was therefore Rs. 5.48 lakhs, or 92.5 per cent of the allotment, against 93.2 per cent in the previous year and 85.6 per cent in fasli 1323. Of the total expenditure, Rs. 2.39 lakhs were spent on irrigation works, 1.28 on buildings, .26 on roads and other works, and .68 on establishments and contingencies. The aggregate outlay on *maramat* works was 19.4 per cent of the total ordinary charges of the year (including those of the *Devasthanam* and

Chattram sections) against 26.9 in the preceding year and 16.2 in fasli 1323. Leaving out of consideration the estates in which the allotments were less than Rs. 5,000, the proportion of the expenditure to the allotment was unsatisfactory in *Kadavur* (30.3) and *Saptur* (55.9). The very low percentage in *Kadavur* was due partly to the fact that allotments previously provided in the budget for certain works which were subsequently abandoned as unnecessary were not formally surrendered, and partly to the fact that it was found possible owing to the cheapness of labour to execute some of the *maramat* works at a cost much below the sanctioned estimates. In *Saptur*, work valued at Rs. 6,956 was executed but not paid for within the fasli, as the bills were not received in time.

13. *Debts due to the estates.*—The debts due to the several estates under management, at the beginning of the fasli, amounted to Rs. 2.48 lakhs, excluding

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12 relating to the *Vuyyuru* estate, which was handed over in the preceding year. Including loans newly granted (.03), debts newly brought to account (.53) and interest and costs which accrued during the year (.11), the aggregate amount due was 3.15, of which .61 was collected and .33 written off, leaving a balance of 2.21 appertaining to 12 estates. The outstanding debts were large in *Kallikota-Atagada* (.40), *South Valluru* (.44) and *Mirzapuram* (1.15). Of the balance in *Kallikota-Atagada*, a sum of Rs. 17,400 was covered by execution proceedings pending in Courts and by execution applications remaining to be filed, a sum of about Rs. 16,200 had not fallen due and about Rs. 4,300 realised by the purchase of immovable property was pending adjustment in the accounts. In *South Valluru*, Rs. 19,400 has been since collected, Rs. 18,600 had not fallen due, and Rs. 5,800 was covered by execution proceedings pending in Courts. In *Mirzapuram*, Rs. 85,900 was covered by suits and execution proceedings pending in Courts, and Rs. 24,700 by suits and execution applications remaining to be filed and Rs. 3,600 had not fallen due.

14. *Debts due by the estates.*—The liabilities of the several estates, at the beginning of the fasli, amounted to Rs. 7.86 lakhs, exclusive of the two debenture-

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loans aggregating £212,500 repayable in fixed annual instalments from the income of the *Kallikota-Atagada* estate, of which £31,700 had been discharged up to the end of the year. Debts amounting to .55 were newly brought to account during the year, the bulk of which related to claims against the *Kadavur*, *Berikui* and *Zamorin's* estates. Including interest and costs which accrued during the year (.19), the total liabilities amounted to 8.60, of which 1.46 were repaid and .09 struck off, leaving a balance of 7.05 which was payable by nine estates. The debts exceeded Rs. 50,000 in the undermentioned estates :—

LAKHS.				LAKHS.			
Nandigam	...	...	2.12	Madukkur	...	...	1.45
Chundi	..	...	.74	Kadavur	...	...	2.08

In *Nandigam*, the whole of the outstanding debt represents the amount borrowed on the usufructuary mortgage of certain portions of the estate, on condition of their being restored to the estate free of encumbrances at the end of fasli 1331. Of the debts due by the *Chundi* estate, .69 is being paid in half-yearly instalments of Rs. 3,265 to the *Parlakimedi* estate; and the Court has passed orders regarding the repayment of the remaining sum of .05 which is covered by two claims. The *Madukkur* debt is covered by the usufructuary mortgage of two of the estate villages. The debts due by the *Kadavur* estate are dealt with in paragraph 18 below.

15. *Education of the wards.*—The minors of the estates specified in the margin

Nandigam.	Saptur.	were in residence at Newington during
Kallikota.	Urkkadu.	the whole or part of the fasli. Of these,
South Valluru.	Berikai.	the <i>Ezhumalai</i> minor left the institution
Mirzapuram (two	Ezhumalai (not	on the 10th January, the <i>Nandigam</i>
wards).	under the Court	ward on the 27th February and the two
Chundi.	of Wards).	<i>Mirzapuram</i> wards on the 7th April 1916.
Kangundi.	Kurupam (do.)	The <i>Chundi</i> ward joined Newington on

the 1st December 1915. With the Court's permission, the son of the Raja of *Kurupam*, though not a ward of the Court, was admitted to Newington on the 27th

February 1916. Thus, at the close of the fasli the number of pupils at Newington was seven. As usual, all the minors paid a good deal of attention to riding, gymnastics, cricket and tennis. Seven of them benefited considerably from a tour which, accompanied by Messrs. Morrison and de la Hey, they made in Northern India in January and February 1916. The minors spent two months of the hot weather at Ootacamund. The stay was as pleasant as in former years and the minors enjoyed the best of health during the period. On their way back, they paid a short visit to Kavalappara on the invitation of the Hon'ble the Muppil Nayar, an old Newington boy, whose hospitality they greatly appreciated.

There was sustained progress in the education of the minors; and, with the solitary exception already referred to, their conduct was uniformly satisfactory. The *Kallikota* ward passed the Matriculation Examination with distinction and is now preparing at Newington for the Intermediate Examination to be held in March 1918. The pandits specially appointed for the purpose gave the minors regular religious and moral instruction; and the religious ceremonies of the minors were duly performed.

Newington Day was celebrated on the 7th January 1916. There was a larger attendance of old boys than on any previous occasion and the various events were successfully carried through.

The Newington Advisory Committee, which was re-constituted in the year, met on the 8th April 1916. The Raja of *Pithapuram* made three proposals at the meeting. The first was that the wards should be married when they are about 19 years of age; so that their wives may be brought to Madras during the remainder of the wards' stay at Newington and given an opportunity of receiving some education under suitable governesses. The second and third proposals were that the wards should be given First Aid lectures and taught rifle-shooting. The Court accepted the proposals and instructed Mr. Morrison to give effect to the second and third.

The *Sivaganga* ward and his natural brother continued to be under the guardianship of the Collector of Rāmpād. The ward of *Timmajiamma's* estate was with his father in the Mysore State. The other wards were reading in schools in their districts, and their conduct, health and educational progress were generally satisfactory.

The wife of the *Mirzapuram* senior ward was under the tuition of Miss Williams until September 1915. Miss Kerr continued throughout the year as tutress to the *South Valluru* ward's younger sister in Madras and Miss Jordan as tutress and guardian to the *Saptur* ward's sisters at Madura.

16. *Suits.*—The execution applications presented to the District Court, Kistna, for the partition of the *Meduru* estate between the Zamindars of *Vuyyuru* and *Mirzapuram* and of the *Nidadavolu* estate among the Zamindars of *Vuyyuru*, *Mirzapuram* and *Bhadrachalam*, which were pending at the end of fasli 1324, were disposed of during the year, and the three co-sharers took charge of their respective portions. The appeal relating to the reversionary rights to the village of Pedavegi in the *South Valluru* estate, in which the estate was the respondent, was dismissed with costs by the High Court. The Privy Council allowed the appeal preferred by the daughter of the late Zamindar of *Vuyyuru* against the decision of the High Court decreeing a third share of the village of Repudi in favour of the *Mirzapuram* estate. The printing of the records relating to the Privy Council appeal, which the *Kallikota-Atagada* estate was permitted to prefer against the High Court's judgment decreeing a large money-claim against the estate, was not completed during the year. The suit filed in the Sub-Court, Bezvada, by the Zamindar of *Bhadrachalam*, against the Zamindars of *Vuyyuru* and *Mirzapuram* for the recovery of certain legacies, etc., amounting to over 4 lakhs of rupees, which were claimed under the will of the late Zamindarni of *Meduru*, was pending at the close of the fasli. The suit brought against the trustees of the *Guruvayur Devaswam* by the Dharma Rakshana Sabha of Madras for the purpose of depriving the trustees of the management and framing a new scheme for the management of the *Devaswam* was pending in the Sub-Court, Palghat, at the end of the year. The appeals relating to the reversionary rights in the *Uttumalai* estate were pending in the High Court during the year. The suit filed against the *Kadavur* estate, by the Ayyampalaiyam ryots, in which they questioned the legality of the reservation of the Thoppaiswami Malai forest attached to the *Devastanam* section, was also pending in the Sub-Court, Trichinopoly.

17. *Religious and charitable institutions attached to the estates.*—The administration of these institutions continued to be satisfactory; and their financial condition was generally sound. During the year, the Court assumed the management of the *Guruvayur Devaswam* estate along with the *Zamorin's*. The *Devaswam* has two *Uralans*, the *Zamorin* and the senior member of the *Mallisseri Illam*, at present an elderly lady. The *Mallisseri Antarjanam* executed a general power-of-attorney, authorising the Court to represent her on the *Devaswam* and the Court managed the estate on behalf of both the *Uralans*. The establishment for the management of the *Devaswam* was re-organised and placed on a satisfactory basis and several wholesome reforms tending to economy and improved methods of administration were introduced and maintained during the year.

18. *Encumbered estates.*—*Kadavur* was the only estate in which the provisions of section 45 of the Madras Court of Wards Act I of 1902 continued to be in operation during the fasli. Debts amounting to Rs. 31 lakh were paid off and debts amounting to Rs. 02 lakh were struck off, during the year, leaving a balance of 2.08 lakhs at its close. It has been decided to sell the estate's *kudivaram* right in the *pannai* lands, in order to discharge the debts due by the estate. The sales are likely to proceed in the current fasli. The idea of leasing the mining rights in the estate with a view to raising the amount required for the repayment of the loans has been given up, owing to the legal difficulties which the proposal involved. Proposals to issue licenses to prospect for minerals are, however, under the Court's consideration.

19. *Miscellaneous.*—During the year, Mr. J. A. Thorne, I.C.S., was appointed Estate Collector, *Zamorin's estate*, subject to the general supervision of the Collector of Malabar. In administering the estate, Mr. Thorne has had to grapple with difficult problems and evolve order out of confusion. The Court notes with satisfaction the Collector's (Mr. P. B. Evans?) appreciation of the ability and zeal displayed by him in the performance of this difficult task. The *Sivagangr* estate continued to derive much benefit from Mr. Shield's administration, and the Court has read with pleasure Mr. Tottenham's appreciation of Mr. Shield's energy, thoroughness and sagacity. The Court also expressed its appreciation of the intelligent interest which Mr. Priestley took in the administration of the *Kadavur* estate.

The *Zamorin's College*, Calicut, is a Second Grade College maintained by the *Zamorin's estate*. Owing to the wholesome stringency of the new rules in regard to the admission of students into the College classes, it is feared that the College finances are likely to suffer. The Collector has under his consideration the question of applying to Government for a grant in order to make good any deficit that may occur. The Court is glad to see that, under the direction of Mr. Davey, the present Principal, there has been an improvement in the tone and discipline of the College department and that the relations between the Principal and his Assistants are harmonious. The *Raja's High School*, Sivaganga, which is maintained at the cost of the *Sivaganga* estate, continued to work well during the year. The *Kangundi* estate continued to maintain the Higher Grade Elementary School at Kuppam, though it worked at a loss of Rs. 1,310 during the year under report. In addition to the Sanskrit school maintained at Kallikota, two Incomplete Lower Secondary Schools were opened—one at Kallikota and the other at Boirani. An annual grant of Rs. 2,000 from the funds of the *Kallikota-Atagada* estate has been sanctioned as a contribution to the Taluk Board towards the maintenance of these schools. The *Guruvayur Devaswam* maintains a free Sanskrit school which is recognized by the Educational Department. The school gets a fixed grant of Rs. 200 per annum.

The forests in *Kallikota-Atagada*, *Pedda Merangi*, *South Valluru*, *Mirzapuram*, *Chundi*, *Kangundi*, *Timmajamma's estate*, *Kadavur*, *Saptur*, *Berikai* and *Madugula* were worked during the year under the rules sanctioned by Government under sections 26 and 32 of the Madras Forest Act. The forests in *Nandigam* were, as usual, under departmental management. In *Kallikota-Atagada*, the forest rules were worked without undue hardship to the ryots and the difficulties that arose last year from the opposition of the ryots were no longer felt. During the year, a Special Forest Officer, Mr. N. E. Shrigley, was appointed by Government to manage the forests in Hill *Madugula* and in the *Golgonda Agency*.

The survey records of all the villages of the *Nandigam* estate were returned during the year to the Deputy Director of Survey with a view to the publication of notices under section 12 (1) of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act. Cash rents were introduced in fourteen villages of the estate during the year. The Collector has been requested to expedite the submission of his proposals in respect of the remaining villages. The survey of the *Kallikota-Atagada* estate was practically finished and the Collector has since been directed to see that notices under section 12 (1) of the Act are issued. Having regard to the present financial position of the estate, the Court has since come to the conclusion that the estate cannot afford to meet the enormous cost of preparing a record-of-rights under the provisions of Chapter XI of the Madras Estates Land Act and has asked the Board (Settlement) to move Government to cancel the notification already published on the subject. The survey and the preparation of a record-of-rights in the *South Valluru* estate have been completed. The settlement of rents, which was sanctioned by Government, has been taken up by the Special Settlement Officer and the accounts are under scrutiny. The survey of the *seri* villages of the *Mirzapuram* estate proper and of that portion of the *Meduru* estate which was added to it was finished, and the survey records are reported to be under scrutiny.

In *Saptur*, the money-rent system was in force in respect of all wet lands; while the simplified rates of assessment in respect of dry lands were in force in all the villages except one, in regard to which the Collector's proposals have since been sanctioned. In *Uttumalai*, the Court has sanctioned the Collector's proposals for the conversion of *dinusu** rents into fixed cash rents in 43 out of 62 villages. Similar proposals in respect of eight villages have been sanctioned since the close of the fasli. The Collector has promised to submit his proposals regarding the remaining villages shortly.

The village accounts were maintained in all the estates, though the degree of their efficiency varied considerably. In *Madukkur*, the Collector states that efficient karnams cannot be obtained owing to the low scale of salary in force and that proper accounts cannot therefore be maintained. This is receiving the Court's attention. In *Kallikota-Atagada*, it is reported that until the revision proposals are given effect to much improvement cannot be expected.

At the request of the Zamindaris of *Uttumalai* and *Urkkadu*, contributions amounting to Rs. 6,000 and Rs. 5,000, respectively, were paid towards the War Fund from the funds of the two estates during the year. The *South Valluru* estate contributed a sum of Rs. 1,500 towards the War Fund during the year.

The following monthly subscriptions were also contributed towards the upkeep of the Hospital Ship "Madras," during the year:—

	RS.
Kallikota	50
Saptur	100
Kangundi	100
Urkkadu	200
Mirzapuram	150
South Valluru	150
Uttumalai	200

The state of things in the *Madukkur* estate has not improved much. The Collector reports that the tenants are mostly poor and heavily indebted and difficult to deal with, but that every endeavour is being made to settle the accounts of each ryot amicably and to realize as much as possible without undue hardship. The Collector of Vizagapatam has not offered any remarks as to the steps taken by him to remedy the defects in regard to the *Madugula* estate, which were enumerated in the Court's report for fasli 1324. His attention has been invited to this important omission.

APPENDIX A

No. I.—STATEMENT showing the ages, etc., of the wards and the periods during which the estates have been under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Government Orders by which the estates came under the management of the Court of Wards.	Sex of the wards.	Grounds of disability.	The periods during which the estates have been under management.	Ages of the wards at the end of the fasli.	Dates on which the wards attained or will attain majority.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ganjām ..	Nandigam ..	No. 1340, dated 17th March 1898 ..	Male ..	Minority.	Y. M. 18 3	Y. M. D. 20 9 1	29th Sept. 1916.
	Kalikōta-Atagada ..	" 2521, " 11th September 1909.	Do. ..	Do.	6 10	16 5 17	14th Jan. 1921.
Vizagapatam.	Pedda Merangi ..	" 283, " 2nd February 1912 ..	Do. ..	Do.	4 4	11 3 24	7th Mar. 1926.
	Madugula ..	" 973 (Confdl.), dated 26th April 1915.	Female ..	Sex ..	1 2	44 years and 34 years.	
Kistna ..	South Valluru ..	" 967 (Confdl.), Rev., dated 1st October 1906.	Male ..	Minority.	9 9	19 7 7	24th Nov. 1917.
	Mirzāpuram ..	" 2488, Rev., dated 15th August 1911.	Do. ..	Do.	4 10	20 8 5	26th Oct. 1916.
Nellore ..	Chundi ..	" 710 (Confdl. No. 96), dated 4th July 1904.	Do. ..	Do.	12 0	13 5 0	1st Feb. 1924.
North Arcot.	Kangundi ..	" 2703, Rev., dated 16th Aug. 1910.	Do. ..	Do.	5 11	18 6 21	10th Dec. 1918.
	Timmajiamma's estate.	" 2580, " 18th October 1907.	Do. ..	Do.	8 8	16 11 24	(a) 7th July 1920.
Tanjore ..	Madukkūr ..	" 3203, " 5th November 1913.	Do. ..	Do.	2 8	10 4 7	24th Feb. 1927.
Trichinopoly ..	Kadavūr ..	" 632, dated 8th March 1911 ..	Do. ..	At the proprietor's request.	5 3	51 0 0	
Madura ..	Saptar ..	" 206, Rev., dated 29th Jan. 1907.	Do. ..	Minority.	9 4	15 3 26	5th Mar. 1922.
	Māmbārai ..	" 1696, " 28th June 1909.	Do. ..	Do.	7 0	10 2 4	26th Apl. 1927.
Rāmṇad ..	Sivaganga ..	" 349, dated 18th June 1898 ..	Do. ..	Mental defect.	18 0	28 1 28	
	Ūrkkaḍu ..	" 517 (Confdl.), Rev., dated 4th March 1907.	Do. ..	Minority.	9 3	13 10 18	13th Aug. 1923.
Tinnevelly ..	Ūttumalai ..	" 857, dated 14th September 1901.	Female ..	Sex ..	15 9	67 2 3	
	Kadambūr ..	" 1414, Rev., dated 20th May 1908.	Male ..	Minority.	8 1	14 3 13	18th Mar. 1923.
Salem ..	Berikai ..	" 1849 (Confdl.), Rev., dated 21st June 1913.	Do. ..	Do.	2 8	15 1 10	21st May 1922.
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate.	" 2071 (Confdl.), Revenue, dated 11th September 1915.	Do. ..	At the proprietor's request.	0 9	About 70 years.	

(a) Correct information since ascertained.

APPENDIX B

No. II.—STATEMENT showing the area of, and the number of villages and the proportion of cultivation to holdings in, the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Area of estate.	Number of villages.					Holdings and cultivation.		
1	2	3	Ryotwari or joint-rent.	Rented to middlemen whether paying rent in money or in kind.	Partly ryotwari and partly rented.	Inam or shrotriam.	Total.	Holdings.	Actual cultivation.	Percentage of cultivation to holdings.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ganjām ..	Nandigam ..	Sq. Mls. 45.87	16	20	..	31	67	ACS. 2,441	ACS. 2,200	90.1
	Kalikōta-Atagada ..	507.00	511	74	..	64	(g) 649	112,323	111,084	98.89
Vizagapatam.	Pedda Merangi ..	29.09	14	28	..	12	54	3,997	2,851	71.3
	Madugula ..	(a) 75.00	Information not available.							
Kistna ..	South Valluru ..	113.20	34	..	1	7	(h) 42	34,519	25,649	74.3
	Mirzāpuram ..	208.74	109	..	..	57	(i) 166	80,949	76,256	94.2
Nellore ..	Chundi ..	107.24	44	..	..	3	47	29,118	25,621	87.9
North Arcot.	Kangundi ..	331.71	175	57	..	83	315	27,327	25,960	95.0
	Timmajiamma's estate ..	13.05	10	1	..	1	12	3,713	3,629	97.7
Tanjore ..	Madukkūr ..	(b) 12.17	12	..	..	8	(j) 20	(j) 3,460	3,183	92.0
Trichinopoly.	Kadavūr ..	(c) 153.54	15	..	..	..	15	48,263	37,404	77.5
Madura ..	Saptar ..	171.00	16	1	..	..	17	24,829	(k) 19,959	80.4
	Māmbārai ..	11.75	3	..	..	..	3	4,610	3,425	74.3
Rāmṇad ..	Sivaganga ..	(d) 90.78	1	..	..	2	3	116	103	88.8
Tinnevelly ..	Ūrkkaḍu ..	(e) 3.54	6	..	..	..	6	1,663	1,332	80.09
	Ūttumalai ..	(e) 124.69	62	..	..	..	62	69,601	(k) 83,482	48.1
	Kadambūr ..	24.15	12	1	..	..	13	12,936	(k) 10,659	82.4
Salem ..	Berikai ..	180.00	100	17	..	52	169	22,965	20,066	87.3
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate ..	(f) 68.35	Information not furnished.					(l) 39,970	(l) 39,970	100.0
Total ..		2,270.88	1,140	199	1	320	1,660	522,800	442,833	84.7

(a) This is the rough area of the plains portion of the estate. The correct area of the entire estate (including the hills portion) is not known, as the estate has not been surveyed.

(b) This is inclusive of two villages held on usufructuary mortgage by a creditor.

(c) Area of both the *Ayan* and the *Devasthanam* sections of the estate.

(d) Area of the *Ayan*, *Devasthanam* and *Chattram* sections under the Court's superintendence, exclusive of that portion of the *Ayan* estate which has been leased to the European lessees.

(e) Area of both the *Ayan* and the *Endowment* sections of the estate.

(f) This includes the area of the *Guruvayur Devasthanam* estate.

(g) The decrease of one is due to the relinquishment of a *banjar* village.

(h) The purchase of a village on behalf of the estate accounts for the increase.

(i) Portions of the *Nidadavolu* and *Maduru* estates were added to the zamindari during the year, in accordance with the Privy Council's decrees. Hence the increase of 98.

(j) This is exclusive of the two villages held on usufructuary mortgage by a creditor.

(k) Decrease when compared with last year is due to unfavourable season.

(l) Area leased out.

APPENDIX C

No. III—STATEMENT showing the demand, collection and balance of the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Land and miscellaneous revenue.	Deduct remissions.	Net revenue.	Net demand for the previous fasli.	Difference.	Collection.	Amount written off.	Balance at the end of the fasli.	Net recoverable balance on the date of the Collector's report, excluding collections, remissions and amounts recommended to be written off, subsequent to the close of the fasli.	Percentage of column (11) to column (6).	Arrear demand at the beginning of the fasli.	Arrear balance at the end of the fasli.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Ganjam ..	Nandigam ..	Rs. 57,447	Rs. ..	Rs. 57,447	Rs. 60,609	Rs. 3,222	Rs. 45,036	Rs. 24	Rs. 12,387	Rs. 10,010	17.4	Rs. 13,379	Rs. 4,685
	Kallikōṭa-Atagāda ..	6,57,027	14	6,57,013	6,05,712	51,301	6,51,483	..	5,530	4,654	0.7	27,497	18,895
Vizagapatam. ..	Pedda Merangi ..	22,233	248	21,985	21,803	182	17,752	34	4,199	4,049	18.4	22,605	16,036
	Madugula ..	61,166	..	61,166	65,228	4,062	50,139	4	11,023	10,533	17.2	79,732	68,638
Kistna ..	South Valluru ..	1,76,440	3,517	1,71,923	1,75,800	3,877	1,50,404	320	21,199	13,664	7.9	60,708	23,877
	Mirzapuram ..	4,44,024	99	4,43,925	1,71,573	2,72,352	5,48,415	47	95,463	72,637	16.3	1,56,766	92,160
Nellore ..	Chundi ..	46,602	714	45,888	44,156	1,732	40,333	..	5,555	2,058	4.4	4,031	474
North Arcot ..	Kangundi ..	1,22,897	662	1,22,235	1,18,339	3,896	1,11,251	28	10,956	5,627	4.6	21,639	3,689
	Timmajiamma's estate ..	7,339	..	7,339	6,499	840	7,096	50	193	2	0.02	126	..
Tanjore ..	Madukkur ..	35,745	..	35,745	17,358	18,387	5,727	15	30,003	27,201	76.1	1,39,371	1,27,759
Trichinopoly ..	Kadavur ..	58,519	355	58,164	58,267	103	47,343	..	10,821	3,794	6.5	43,317	12,412
Madura ..	Saptar ..	97,421	3,773	93,648	94,437	789	72,729	..	20,919	16,019	17.1	46,891	23,995
	Mambarai ..	8,150	153	7,997	7,890	107	7,677	150	170	170	2.1	112	..
Ramnad ..	Sivaganga ..	56,528	..	56,528	57,124	596	55,823	..	705	595	1.05	1,765	1,041
	Urkkadu ..	93,951	122	93,829	96,818	3,011	50,131	..	43,698	29,299	31.2	54,502	12,669
Tinnevelly ..	Uttumalai ..	1,51,811	5,086	1,46,725	1,58,024	11,299	87,898	..	58,827	18,169	12.3	66,820	9,155
	Kadambur ..	14,656	141	14,515	15,255	740	14,513	2	..	..	..	686	..
Salem ..	Berikur ..	43,386	1,716	41,670	42,242	572	32,696	..	8,974	5,854	14.1	25,254	9,757
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate ..	2,22,351	..	2,22,351	..	2,22,351	1,70,610	..	51,741	37,699	16.95	3,73,641	3,58,330
	Total ..	23,76,693	16,600	23,60,093	18,11,194	5,48,899	19,67,056	674	3,52,363	2,62,904	11.1	11,88,941	7,83,773

* Revised figures since furnished.

APPENDIX D

No. IV—FINANCIAL statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Amount to the credit of the estate at the beginning of fasli 1325.				Total cash receipts.	Total of columns 4 and 7.	Total charges.	Balance to the credit of the estate at the close of fasli 1325.				Increase or decrease as compared with the opening balance (column 6).	Percentage of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts.
		Government Promissory Notes and other securities.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.				Government Promissory Notes and other securities.	Cash.	Value of grain.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Ganjam ..	Nandigam ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 8,403	Rs. 103	Rs. 8,506	Rs. 62,808	Rs. 71,211	Rs. 66,909	Rs. ..	Rs. 4,302	..	4,302	—	13.6
	Kallikōṭa-Atagāda ..	2,75,900	2,00,373	14,472	4,90,745	8,94,697	10,95,070	8,79,580	2,50,900	2,15,490	24,421	4,90,811	+	9.2
Vizagapatam. ..	Pedda Merangi ..	..	9,529	..	9,529	24,794	34,223	24,097	..	10,226	..	10,226	+	14.8
	Madugula ..	..	50,557	..	50,557	64,196	1,14,753	81,892	45,200	32,861	..	78,061	+	20.2
Kistna ..	South Valluru ..	5,95,800	17,179	..	6,12,979	2,46,941	2,64,120	2,48,916	6,26,500	15,204	1	6,41,705	+	19.9
	Mirzapuram ..	10,29,500	56,653	(a) 1,249	11,27,402	5,56,803	6,53,456	4,29,764	10,31,500	2,23,692	1,175	12,56,367	+	15.06
Nellore ..	Chundi ..	5,600	16,217	..	21,817	45,446	61,663	44,700	10,600	16,963	..	27,563	+	14.1
North Arcot. ..	Kangundi ..	66,300	40,991	66	1,07,357	1,37,372	1,78,363	1,34,526	89,100	43,837	312	1,33,249	+	15.2
	Timmajiamma's estate ..	40,400	4,299	..	44,699	8,880	13,179	7,029	44,200	6,150	..	50,350	+	17.3
Tanjore ..	Madukkur ..	14,100	(a) 5,004	1	19,105	16,902	21,906	17,658	15,100	4,248	..	19,348	+	43.3
Trichinopoly. ..	Kadavur ..	..	6,159	..	6,159	78,940	85,099	68,524	..	16,575	..	16,575	+	12.3
Madura ..	Saptar ..	57,600	46,858	75	1,04,533	1,03,256	1,50,114	1,00,642	57,600	49,472	442	1,07,514	+	21.3
	Mambarai ..	7,100	6,332	..	13,432	8,045	14,377	7,112	7,300	7,265	..	14,865	+	10.8
Ramnad ..	Sivaganga ..	48,500	8,885	386	57,771	1,10,816	1,29,701	1,05,236	48,500	14,465	112	63,077	+	65.1
Tinnevelly ..	Urkkadu ..	30,900	40,135	15,382	86,417	1,07,952	1,48,087	1,20,431	42,300	27,656	1,864	71,820	—	10.9
	Uttumalai ..	15,900	27,915	28	43,843	1,62,820	1,90,735	1,70,752	43,400	19,983	..	63,383	+	16.3
	Kadambur ..	20,600	8,009	..	28,509	16,116	24,125	16,949	22,500	7,176	..	29,676	+	16.08
Salem ..	Berikur ..	800	19,797	..	20,597	48,299	68,086	60,624	800	7,472	..	8,272	—	18.1
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate ..	..	..	..	..	2,21,997	2,21,997	2,14,038	..	7,959	35,178	43,137	+	22.1
	Total ..	22,08,900	6,13,295	31,762	28,53,957	29,17,080	35,30,375	27,99,579	23,36,800	7,30,996	63,506	31,30,301	+	15.5

(a) Revised figures since reported.

APPENDIX E

ENCLOSURE A to Statement No. IV, showing the particulars of receipts and charges of the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Receipts.					Charges.											
		Land and miscellaneous revenue.	Debts recovered.	Interest on Government Promissory Notes and other securities.	Sale-proceeds of grain.	Amount realized by the sale of property such as houses, etc.	Amount borrowed.	Other items.	Total receipts.	Establishment for management and contingencies.	Maintenance expenditure.	Government demand (pekhash, assessment, management, cesses and taxes).	Government commission for management.	Allowance to the minor members of the family.	Repayment of debts.	Investments.	Other miscellaneous disbursements.	Total charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Ganjam	Nandigam ..	52,722	190	195	195	56	..	9,645	62,838	6,171	2,939	26,316	1,673	15,388	9,563	464	4,395	66,909
	Kallikota-Atagada.	6,58,836	13,611	21,615	21,615	26,261	..	1,64,142	8,94,657	63,377	98,209	1,31,968	15,075	35,000	2,22,832	..	3,18,118	8,79,580
Visagapatam	Pedda Merangi ..	23,828	538	..	..	..	..	425	24,794	2,944	2,115	6,101	613	4,741	5,165	..	2,420	24,097
	Madugula ..	60,345	1,568	694	..	12	..	1,577	64,196	11,539	21	22,506	868	3,849	112	39,386	3,627	81,892
Kistna	South Valluru ..	1,76,593	36,270	22,884	139	710	..	10,325	2,46,941	35,921	42,883	31,901	5,121	34,577	..	25,220	73,293	2,48,916
	Mirzapuram ..	3,35,640	7,398	45,080	10,691	283	..	1,57,811	5,56,803	67,318	44,773	1,09,780	10,076	69,687	11	5,224	1,34,895	4,29,764
Nellore	Chundi ..	43,958	45	286	..	393	..	764	45,446	5,230	1,210	17,032	1,111	4,675	8,285	5,000	2,137	44,700
	Kangundi	1,29,105	..	2,571	207	2,249	..	3,240	1,37,372	17,172	23,272	34,062	3,039	21,725	..	18,882	16,374	1,34,526
North Arcot	Timmajiamma's estate.	7,222	..	1,516	..	..	..	142	8,880	1,212	1,214	434	301	..	..	3,800	68	7,029
	Madakkur ..	13,328	602	585	453	531	..	1,393	16,902	5,842	171	1,505	420	2,080	..	1,381	6,256	17,658
Trichinopoly	Kadavur ..	76,619	100	..	..	156	..	1,865	78,940	8,141	1,911	16,591	1,368	5,665	30,835	..	4,023	68,524
	Saptar ..	94,623	..	1,946	74	7	..	6,606	1,03,252	18,424	22,505	18,289	2,300	21,485	..	..	17,639	1,00,642
Madura	Mamburai ..	7,799	..	246	..	..	..	..	8,045	673	755	2,118	202	2,791	..	..	73	7,112
	Sivaganga ..	55,349	542	1,426	1,435	1,309	..	50,555	1,10,816	37,207	21,361	431	1,468	35,321	..	..	9,448	1,05,236
Ramanad	Urkkadu ..	75,002	..	1,195	29,991	50	..	1,714	1,07,962	9,169	9,365	15,119	2,506	13,576	39,402	10,358	20,956	1,20,431
	Uttumalai ..	1,44,340	..	1,026	45	..	..	17,409	1,62,820	19,978	33,784	35,670	3,817	34,163	..	26,043	17,287	1,70,752
Tinnevely	Kadambur ..	15,121	..	771	77	2	..	145	16,116	2,162	1,456	4,890	401	3,308	1,000	2,030	1,695	16,949
	Berikai ..	45,620	..	27	..	..	..	1,652	48,299	7,324	454	10,180	1,125	8,366	26,300	..	6,875	60,624
Salem	Zamorin's estate.	1,17,616	184	..	32,129	1,199	..	69,869	2,21,997	44,040	1,823	12,528	1,068	58,903	13,625	..	82,051	2,14,038
	Total ..	21,34,866	61,048	90,894	97,482	33,208	..	4,99,682	99,17,080	3,63,861	3,03,232	4,97,441	52,542	8,65,270	3,57,131	1,36,282	7,21,630	27,99,379

APPENDIX F

ENCLOSURE B to Statement No. IV, showing the expenditure incurred on maramat works in the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Irrigation works.		Buildings.		Roads and other works.	Establishment and contingencies.	Total expenditure.	Allotment in the budget, including subsequent modifications.	Percentage of expenditure to allotment.	Value of work done but not paid for within the fasli.	Percentage of cols. 9 and 12 to col. 10.
		New works.	Repairs.	New works.	Repairs.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ganjam	Nandigam ..	601	330	255	1,468	..	285	2,939	4,149	70.8	242	76.6
	Kallikota-Atagada.	13,626	30,854	20,084	20,251	2,610	8,398	* 95,823	1,12,132	85.4	15,870	99.6
Vizagapatam	Pedda Merangi ..	..	1,414	..	679	20	..	2,113	2,811	75.1	197	82.1
	Madugula ..	..	..	..	21	..	..	21	4,000	0.52	..	0.52
Karina	South Valluru ..	12,508	3,382	4,969	8,296	6,844	6,884	42,883	64,349	66.6	9,075	80.7
	Mirzapuram ..	10,124	13,983	6,583	2,106	701	11,276	44,773	66,364	67.4	16,550	92.4
Nellore	Chundi ..	..	1,208	..	..	..	..	1,210	1,360	88.9	150	100
North Arcot	Kangundi ..	..	6,587	..	9,437	5,015	2,233	23,272	27,647	84.1	1,835	90.8
	Timmajiamma's estate.	..	145	..	..	1,001	68	1,214	1,366	88.8	66	98.7
Tanjore	Madakkur ..	..	153	..	21	..	..	174	1,600	10.8	..	10.8
Trichinopoly	Kadavur ..	99	863	36	427	695	..	* 2,120	6,982	30.3	146	32.4
Madura	Saptar ..	..	11,121	3,982	2,150	4,061	1,596	* 22,910	40,922	55.9	6,956	72.9
	Mamburai ..	..	698	..	157	..	..	755	755	100	..	100
Ramanad	Sivaganga ..	..	1,11,660	15,135	7,174	3,888	31,438	* 1,69,295	2,05,166	82.5	35,688	99.9
Tinnevely	Urkkadu ..	..	1,454	..	8,666	179	478	* 10,776	10,831	99.4	..	99.4
	Uttumalai ..	..	18,145	..	12,568	1,304	5,269	* 37,276	37,278	100	..	100
	Kadambur ..	..	..	..	1,345	111	..	1,456	1,606	90.6	150	100
	Berikai ..	..	..	..	334	120	..	454	1,199	37.8	63	43.1
Salem	Zamorin's estate.	..	..	105	1,763	99	..	* 1,967	1,967	100	..	100
Malabar	Total ..	36,958	2,01,897	51,149	76,864	26,648	67,915	4,61,431	5,92,482	77.8	86,988	92.5

* These figures include amounts spent from the funds of the Trust estates

APPENDIX G

No. V-A—Statement showing the debts, other than arrears of rent covered by bonds, due to the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's account.	Loans newly granted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interest and costs accrued during the year.	Total.	Debts collected.	Debts written off.	Total.	Balance at the end of the fasli.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam .. {	Nandigam	69	..	..	190	259	190	..	190	69
	Kallikota-Atagada ..	* 48,656	2,535	324	2,507	54,022	13,611	211	13,822	40,200
Vizagapatam {	Pedda Merangi	5,044	..	24	351	5,419	538	14	552	4,867
	Madugula	2,562	..	5,315	427	8,304	1,568	..	1,568	6,736
Kistna .. {	South Valluru	77,080	..	..	4,061	81,141	36,270	856	37,126	44,015
	Mirzapuram	73,834	..	46,024	3,590	1,28,448	7,398	707	8,105	1,15,343
Nellore ..	Chundi	49	..	45	..	94	45	49	94	..
North Arcot. {	Kangundi	31,032	..	15	..	31,047	..	31,047	31,047	..
	Timmajiamma's estate ..	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..
Tanjore ..	Madukkūr	* 1,816	1,121	30	106	3,073	(a) 617	390	1,007	2,066
Trichinopoly.	Kadavūr	4,269	..	..	13	4,282	100	..	100	4,182
Madura .. {	Saptar	302	..	..	..	302	..	..	..	302
	Mambārai	585	..	..	72	657	..	..	..	657
Rāmnād ..	Sivagangā	1,858	..	1,006	..	2,864	542	10	552	2,312
Tinnevelly. {	Ūrkkadu	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..
	Uttumalai	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..
	Kadambūr	400	..	..	..	400	..	..	..	400
Salem ..	Bērikai	..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate	..	..	184	..	184	184	..	184	..
	Total ..	2,47,556	3,656	52,967	11,317	3,15,496	61,063	33,284	94,347	2,21,149

* Revised figures since furnished.

(a) The excess of Rs. 15 over the amount entered in column 4 of Appendix E relates to the *Devastanam* estate for which the Collector has not reported separate figures so far as this statement is concerned.

APPENDIX H

No. V-B.—Statement showing the debts due by the estates under management, for fasli 1325 (1915-16).

Districts.	Estates.	Debts as per last year's account.	Debts newly contracted.	Debts newly brought to account during the year.	Interest and costs accrued during the year.	Total.	Debts paid off.	Debts struck off.	Total.	Remainder due by the estate at the end of the fasli.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam .. {	Nandigām	2,21,175	..	..	188	2,21,363	9,563	..	9,563	2,11,800
	Kallikota-Atagada ..	(b) 7,606	..	10,533	..	18,139	(b) 10,106	..	10,106	8,033
Vizagapatam. {	Pedda Merangi	19,667	..	..	832	20,499	5,165	..	5,165	15,334
	Madugula	..	..	1,221	8	1,229	112	..	112	1,117
Kistna .. {	South Valluru	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
	Mirzapuram	(c) 461	..	1,467	..	1,918	(c) 1,820	..	1,820	98
Nellore ..	Chundi	78,158	..	..	3,667	81,825	8,285	..	8,285	73,540
North Arcot. {	Kangundi	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
	Timmajiamma's estate ..	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore ..	Madukkūr	1,45,000	..	..	..	1,45,000	..	..	..	1,45,000
Trichinopoly.	Kadavūr	2,19,458	..	11,543	10,628	2,41,629	30,835	2,822	33,457	2,08,172
Madura .. {	Saptar	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
	Mambārai	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
Rāmnād ..	Sivagangā	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevelly. {	Ūrkkadu	39,402	..	..	..	39,402	39,402	..	39,402	..
	Uttumalai	..	..	..	Nil.	..	..	..	..	..
	Kadambūr	1,000	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	..	1,000	..
Salem ..	Bērikai	53,752	..	18,157	2,593	74,502	26,300	6,115	32,415	42,087
Malabar ..	Zamorin's estate	..	..	12,142	1,421	13,563	(d) 13,563	..	(d) 13,563	..
	Total ..	7,85,679	..	55,053	19,337	8,60,069	1,46,151	8,737	1,54,888	7,05,181

(a) Represents the amount borrowed on the usufructuary mortgage of portions of the estate, on condition that they should be restored to the estate free of encumbrances on the expiry of 25 years from fasli 1307.

(b) Exclusive of the two debenture-loans of 1903 and 1906.

(c) Revised amount since reported.

(d) Exclusive of Kanom debt. Hence the decrease as compared with the amount entered in column 16 of Appendix E.

(e) The Collector has been asked to explain the excess over the amount entered in column 16 of Appendix E.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 7, dated 8th March 1917.

The Hon'ble Mr. M. E. COUCHMAN,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Forests.

The Court submits to Government its report on the administration of the estates under its management during fasli 1325 ending with 30th June 1916.

2. The Court regrets the lateness of its report, which is due to the very late receipt of the reports relating to Mirzapuram and Madukkur.

(True Extract)

H. R. PATE,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with the report and a file of Collectors' reports.

Order—No. 1060, Revenue, dated 11th April 1917.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Court's report is full and clear. It is unfortunate that it could not be submitted by the due date.

3. The Government note with regret that no progress has been made during the year in the utilization of the surplus balances of the more prosperous estates, though in the case of one (South Valluru) a considerable portion of the surplus has been invested in land since the close of the year. The failure to conclude the purchase of three villages for the Mirzapuram estate was specially unfortunate as it resulted in a very large balance being made over to the ward on his assumption of management. Without attempting to lay down any inflexible rule, the Government consider that there are obvious dangers involved in the practice of accumulating large balances and making them over to a young man just of age. The Court of Wards should aim at the establishment of an equilibrium between receipts and charges, but should not accumulate large balances whether in cash or Government paper, but should utilize such surplus funds as accrue for the benefit of the estate, either by carrying out works of public utility or by making permanent additions to the property. His Excellency in Council hopes that this matter will be kept steadily in view and that energetic measures will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a case as that of Mirzapuram.

4. The Government are glad to observe that one ward passed the Matriculation examination during the year and proposes to appear for the Intermediate examination. They are not, however, satisfied that a larger proportion of the Court's wards might not reach this not very high standard of general education. They agree with the Court as to the great benefit to be derived from riding, gymnastics and tennis, to which it is said that all the minors as usual paid a good deal of attention ; but they consider that a more resolute effort should be made to get most, if not all, of the Court's wards at least up to the Matriculation standard.

(True Extract)

A. R. KNAPP,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
„ Public Department.

Copy to the Public Works Department.

Editors' Table (omitting certain portions of paragraph 17 of the Court's report).

