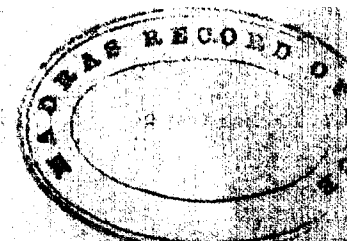


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ON THE

SETTLEMENT OF THE LAND REVENUE

OF

CANARA DISTRICT

FOR

FASLI 1263.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE

BOARD OF REVENUE,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report upon the Settlement of the Land Revenue of this District for Fasil 1263, English B. Nos. 1, 3 to 8, 12 to 15, 17, 19, and 21 to 29, and D. No. 25. A. D. 1853-54, and to forward the accounts and statements noted in the margin, prepared in the forms suggested by the Board in their Circular letter of the 16th June 1853 and approved by them in their letter of the 19th September.

2. The present report is drawn up, so far as the circumstances of the district permit, in the form prescribed by the Board in their Circular letter of the 14th September last.

3. The Settlement of the three Ballaghaut Taluks was made by myself, viz. that of Soopah at Yehapoor and Moondagode, that of Sondah at Sirey and Bua-wassy, and that of Bilghi at Seedapoor.

4. Mr. Hall settled the Taluk of Ankola at the Cusbah Ankola and at Seca-shigur.

5. Mr. Hudleston, the Assistant Collector, made the Settlement of Honoor at Coompta, Honoor and Butkal. Some investigations regarding the losses sustained by the ryots of a few villages remained for Mr. Fisher's inspection.

6. Mr. Fisher, the Additional Sub-Collector, on joining, made the Jama-bandi of the remaining Taluk of his Division Coondapoor, at Coondapoor and Baidoor.

7. Mr. Chamier, who remained in charge in the South during my absence in the Ballaghaut, made the Settlement of Bekal at Kasaragod and Vittal, of Buntwal at Mudabidri and Beltangadi, of Puttur at Puttur and Bellarypetta, and of Mangalore at Mangalore and Mulky.

8. The Assistant Collector Mr. Chase held the Jamabandi of Udupi at the Cusbah Udupi and of Barkur at the Cusbah Brakmatyar.

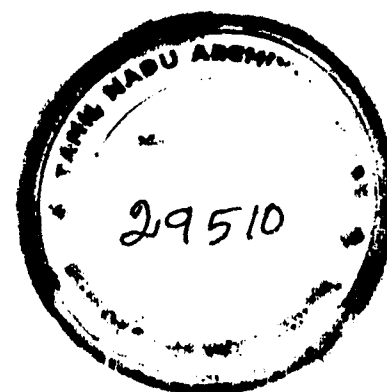
9. In the order prescribed by the Board of Revenue, I have first to notice the sources of irrigation, but it is well known to the Board that these differ essentially from those of other districts.

IRRIGATION.

both as to their nature and as to the means by which they are maintained.

10. For the first crop, the falling rain suffices, and when artificial irrigation is used for second and third crops, it is generally effected by the simple process of damming up the petty streams which abound in this mountainous country. For garden cultivation wells are extensively used.

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11. The dams erected in the streams are maintained by the people themselves, aided in numerous instances by a remission made from the assessment on their lands, and known as Kattuttar.

12. The only exception to the above description is found in parts of the Ballaghaut where tanks similar to those of the Carnatic are found, and are occasionally repaired by the Government.

13. In reply to a Circular order calling for a return of the works of irrigation, accounts have been received from which the annexed table\* has been drawn up. The account formerly submitted has

\* No. 3.

been continued in the same form since the year 1824. That now submitted differs greatly from it, and includes a vast number of works since added by private enterprise. The works for which Kattuttar is allowed are entered as repaired by Government, but they are really repaired jointly by the Government and the people, as the Kattuttar is seldom equal to the whole cost.

14. The season was, on the whole, one of remarkable prosperity. The fall of rain was more than usually irregular, commencing with a violent burst which did serious damage to much of the low

Season.

lands on the rivers' banks, and during the latter portion of the season it was in parts of the district scanty and barely sufficient for the second crop; but the first crop generally throughout the district was abundant, and it will appear below that any deficiency in the second was more than compensated by the high prices which prevailed throughout the season.

15. The deficiency was chiefly experienced in the Coast Taluks of Northern Canara, and the annexed Register of the Rainguage seems to afford a correct indication of its extent. In the Ballaghaut Taluks less rain is required to mature the crops, and the crops were excellent.

| Months.     | Fasli 1262. |    |           |    |       |    |         |    |        |     |       |     | Fasli 1263. |     |           |    |        |    |        |    |       |    |       |     |        |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------|----|-----------|----|-------|----|---------|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|----|--------|----|--------|----|-------|----|-------|-----|--------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|             | Mangalore   |    | Mangalore |    | Bekal |    | Bantwal |    | Puttur |     | Udipi |     | Bakur       |     | Coondapur |    | Honore |    | Ankola |    | Soopa |    | Sonda |     | Bilghi |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. May.     | 11          | 73 | 1         | 48 | 4     | 91 | 1       | 24 | 6      | 11  | 4     | 48  | 1           | 86  | 8         | 36 | 2      | 4  | 14     | 80 | 1     | 71 | 2     | 8   |        |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. June.    | 38          | 49 | 48        | 85 | 57    | 69 | 62      | 52 | 96     | 54  | 36    | 48  | 55          | 43  | 8         | 31 | 64     | 40 | 50     | 22 | 29    | 22 | 66    | 33  | 28     |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. July.    | 47          | 94 | 26        | 38 | 38    | 25 | 39      | 75 | 44     | 1   | 38    | 5   | 37          | 47  | 31        | 30 | 34     | 37 | 35     | 49 | 63    | 11 | 56    | 34  | 88     | 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Aug.     | 18          | 15 | 15        | 52 | 15    | 18 | 20      | 53 | 18     | 67  | 18    | 89  | 17          | 1   | 19        | 9  | 19     | 12 | 49     | 5  | 35    | 8  | 69    | 11  | 76     |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. S. pr.   | 10          | 20 | 6         | 21 | 6     | 1  | 3       | 31 | 7      | 54  | 4     | 23  | 4           | 89  | 4         | 93 | 4      | 51 | 4      | 86 | 4     | 66 | 3     | 56  | 3      | 63 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. October. | 6           | 16 | 6         | 48 | 6     | 81 | 2       | 21 | 18     | 30  | 9     | 87  | 1           | 91  | 8         | 55 | 1      | 41 | 2      | 28 | 3     | 29 | 6     | 40  | 4      | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL       | 133         | 67 | 104       | 92 | 126   | 83 | 129     | 93 | 148    | 129 | 43    | 108 | 60          | 115 | 81        | 92 | 97     | 95 | 76     | 99 | 50    | 97 | 53    | 143 | 96     |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

16. The cholera prevailed severely at the Northern and Southern extremities of the district. In the neighbourhood of

|      | Deaths from cholera. | Deaths from small-pox. | Total. |
|------|----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 1262 | 810                  | 391                    | 1,201  |
| 1263 | 3,329                | 399                    | 3,728  |

Sulliah the parties employed on the public works were attacked and the works in several places had to be suspended. In Bekal the ravages of this disease were

also severe. The number of deaths as compared with the previous year shows in consequence a great increase. From small-pox the district was generally exempt.

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| Fasli 1262 | ... | 2,798  |
| 1263       | ... | 10,356 |

17. The loss of cattle was also severe and a disease of the foot attacked the cattle of the inland traders to such an extent as to render carriage expensive and often difficult to be obtained.

PRICES.  
Account No. 6.

18. The scarcity on the Eastern Coast and the failure of the crops in a portion of Malabar and Travancore, with other circumstances affecting the market, combined to raise the price of every staple article, and to give remarkable activity to the trade carried on in the products of this district.

19. The price of rice was higher than has been known for 14 years, and this high price ruled throughout a great portion of the season. It is very important to the small landholders of the district that their crops should command a good price at an early period, before they are obliged to sell to pay their rents. When this is the case, the benefit is shared between the cultivators and the dealers. When prices rise only at a late period, the advantage is almost exclusively enjoyed by the dealers and the larger landholders. The present season was favourable to all parties.

20. The comparative prices of the last and present season and the average of five previous seasons, are given in the following table.

|                                   | Payenghaut Taluks.                |      |                                     |       |                                   |      |                              |       |  |  | Ballaghaut. |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|-------------|--|
|                                   | Average per Corgoe of Jeera rice. |      | Average per Corgoe of Muscaty rice. |       | Average per Corgoe of Rassy rice. |      | Average per Corgoe of Paddy. |       |  |  |             |  |
| Fasli 1262                        | 69                                | 12 0 | 60                                  | 5 7   | 52                                | 5 7  | 16                           | 10 10 |  |  |             |  |
| 1263                              | 78                                | 4 3  | 71                                  | 10 10 | 65                                | 5 0  | 19                           | 5 8   |  |  |             |  |
| Difference                        | Inc. 8                            | 8 3  | 11                                  | 5 3   | 12                                | 15 5 | 2                            | 10 10 |  |  |             |  |
| Percentage                        | 12                                | 3 4  | 18                                  | 14 0  | 24                                | 12 0 | 16                           | 0 0   |  |  |             |  |
| Average of the past 5 years       | 91                                | 3 11 | 61                                  | 1 0   | 34                                | 1 2  | 18                           | 8     |  |  |             |  |
| Difference between average & 1263 | Inc. 9                            | 0 4  | 10                                  | 9 10  | 11                                | 3 10 | 6                            | 9     |  |  |             |  |
| Percentage                        | 9                                 | 13 6 | 17                                  | 6 1   | 20                                | 13 0 | 1                            | 15 5  |  |  |             |  |

21. The prices of betelnut, pepper and cardamoms as prevailing in the Bala-ghaut Taluks are, as usual, given below.  
\* No. 6.  
The price throughout the district is given in the Nirack Namah.\* It will be observed that a considerable improvement has taken place in the pepper trade.

|                                    | Average per Candy of Betelnuts. |    |    | Average per Candy of Pepper. |    |    | Average per Candy of Cardamoms. |    |   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------------|----|---|
| Fasli 1262 ...                     | 40                              | 9  | 6  | 49                           | 10 | 10 | 543                             | 14 | 6 |
| 1263 ...                           | 40                              | 5  | 8  | 58                           | 11 | 0  | 607                             | 9  | 8 |
| Difference ...                     | Dec. 0                          | 3  | 10 | Inc. 9                       | 0  | 2  | 63                              | 11 | 2 |
| Percentage ...                     | 0                               | 9  | 6  | 18                           | 0  | 0  | 11                              | 12 | 0 |
| Average of the past 5 years ...    | 41                              | 5  | 0  | 43                           | 14 | 6  | 577                             | 7  | 0 |
| Difference between average & 1263. | Dec. 0                          | 15 | 4  | Inc. 14                      | 12 | 6  | 20                              | 2  | 8 |
| Percentage ...                     | 2                               | 5  | 4  | 33                           | 12 | 0  | 5                               | 4  | 0 |

22. The prices of this season as compared with those prevailing previously to the abolition of the Hawlut duties are shewn below.

|                                                                                         | Betelnut per Candy. |    |    | Pepper per Candy. |    |    | Cardamom per Candy. |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----|----|-------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
|                                                                                         | RS.                 | A. | P. | RS.               | A. | P. | RS.                 | A. |    |
| Average of 6 years viz., Fasli 1248 to 1253 previous to the abolition of Hawlut duties. | 35                  | 11 | 2  | 50                | 13 | 3  | 379                 | 6  | 9  |
| Prices for 1263 ...                                                                     | 40                  | 5  | 8  | 58                | 11 | 0  | 607                 | 9  | 8  |
| Increase ...                                                                            | 4                   | 10 | 6  | 7                 | 13 | 9  | 228                 | 2  | 11 |
| Percentage .....                                                                        | 13                  | 0  | 0  | 15                | 8  | 0  | 60                  | 2  | 0  |

Price of Cocoanuts per thousand.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| In 1262 ...                 | 13-14-8 |
| In 1263 ...                 | 16-6-0  |
| Increase ...                | 2-7-4   |
| Percentage ...              | 17-10-8 |
| Average of past 5 years ... | 14-3-3  |
| Increase ...                | 2-2-9   |
| Percentage ...              | 15-4-6  |

IMPORTS.

|                | Cocoanuts Nos. | Dry Candies. | Oil Candies. |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fasli 1261 ... | 20,84,360      | 2,146        | 252          |
| " 1262 ...     | 23,61,205      | 1,506        | 152          |
| " 1263 ...     | 16,64,751      | 412          | 62           |

23. The Statement in the margin shews that cocoanuts rose very considerably in price. In this article the price is regulated by that of Malabar, from which large imports are made, and I conclude that the crop in Malabar was small, or that the failure in the rice crop increased the demand for cocoanuts, as the imports into this district showed a great falling off. The rise in price has been very advantageous to the garden cultivators of the coast taluks of this district.

EXPORTS.

|                             | Canara.   |        | Mysore and Coorg. |        | Total.    |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|                             | C.        | M.     | C.                | M.     | C.        | M.     |
| Rice.                       |           |        |                   |        |           |        |
| Fasli 1262 ...              | 24,880    | 25 1/2 | 8,498             | 16 1/2 | 33,379    | 0      |
| " 1263 ...                  | 29,122    | 16 1/2 | 8,76 1/2          | 29 1/2 | 37,831    | 4 1/2  |
| Difference ...              | Inc: 4241 | 33 1/2 | Inc: 210          | 13     | Inc: 4452 | 4 1/2  |
| Percentage ...              | 17        | 0      | 2 1/2             | 0      | 13 1/2    | 0      |
| Average of past 5 years ... | 25,646    | 3 1/2  | 5,904             | 17     | 31,550    | 20 1/2 |
| Diff. Incr: ...             | 3,476     | 18 1/2 | 2,804             | 12 1/2 | 6,280     | 25 1/2 |
| Percentage ...              | 12 1/2    | 0      | 48                | 0      | 20        | 0      |

\* 24. Under the influence of the causes above alluded to viz., a harvest on the whole abundant, the failure of the crops in Malabar and Travancore, and the scarcity on the Eastern coast, and the high prices consequently prevailing, the Exports of rice from this district have exceeded those of any previous year. The harvest in that portion of Mysore which lies along the crest of the ghauts was most abundant, and the

new passes opened through the mountains have led to a great extension of cultivation within the last few years. The Ghaut roads, the navigable rivers and the sea-ports exhibited throughout the season all the signs of a brisk and thriving trade passing along. Writing from one of the Ghauts which he had not seen for three years, M. Silver observed that for one bullock that used to pass, five were then passing along it, and on all the Ghauts the same activity was visible.

MOORAS.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Fasli 1255 ... | 14,57,444 |
| " 1263 ...     | 15,88,906 |
| Increase ...   | 1,31,462  |

25. The exports in the aggregate exceed those of the past year by 4,452 Coorges or a hundred and eighty six thousand, nine hundred and eighty four muraas, being a hundred and thirty one thousand, four hundred and sixty two above the highest export ever previously known.

26. In the table which is annexed in the usual form, the increase in the rice of Mysore and Coorg is shewn to be very trifling; but this requires explanation. The rice from above the Ghauts is consumed largely by the people of Canara, while their own rice is exported to Arabia where it is in great demand. Thus while the exports of Canara shew the principal increase, the increased production is perhaps chiefly in Mysore.

27. The increase is greatest in the trade of Malabar, Arabia and Bombay, but more especially in that of Malabar, as shewn in the following Statement.

|                | 1262.    | 1263.    | Difference. |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                | CORGEES. | CORGEES. | INC.        |
| Malabar ... .. | 5,086    | 10,364   | 5,278       |
| Arabia ... ..  | 9,540    | 12,004   | 2,464       |
| Bombay ... ..  | 5,918    | 6,942    | 1,024       |
|                | 20,544   | 29,310   | 8,766       |

|                                  | Betelnut.  | Pepper.  | Cardamoms.   |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Fasli 1262 ...                   | C. 9,232   | C. 2,021 | C. M. 140—12 |
| " 1263 ...                       | 11,584     | 5,740    | 148—0        |
| Increase ...                     | 2,352      | 3,719    | 7—8          |
| Percentage ...                   | 25½        | 184      | 5—0          |
| Average of five former years ... | 9,793      | 2,640    | 188—15       |
| Difference ...                   | Inc. 1,791 | 3,100    | Dec. 40—15   |
| Percentage ...                   | 18         | 118      | " 22—0       |

28. The exports of betelnut, pepper and cardamoms by sea have been very large; of the exports by land, we have no information. Of the betelnut of the Balaghaut nearly the whole is carried inland. The improved state of the gardens, the increase of the sea-borne trade, and every indication that we have, shew this branch of our cultivation to be in a most prosperous condition.

#### SALT.

|                        | GARCE. |
|------------------------|--------|
| 1262 ... ..            | 3,595  |
| 1263 ... ..            | 4,157  |
| Increase ... ..        | 562    |
| Percentage ... ..      | 16     |
| Average of 5 years ... | 3,219  |
| Increase ... ..        | 938    |
| Percentage ... ..      | 29     |

29. A long dry season was particularly favourable to the manufacture of Salt, and although for the past five years the production has been increasing, the out-turn of the present year was largely in excess of the last.

#### SETTLEMENT.

|             | RUPEES.   |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1247 ... .. | 18,02,197 |
| 1248 ... .. | 18,07,552 |
| 1249 ... .. | 18,19,875 |
| 1250 ... .. | 18,31,901 |
| 1251 ... .. | 18,40,643 |
| 1252 ... .. | 18,44,154 |
| 1253 ... .. | 18,51,530 |
| 1254 ... .. | 18,57,786 |
| 1255 ... .. | 18,60,734 |
| 1256 ... .. | 18,66,506 |
| 1257 ... .. | 18,75,274 |
| 1258 ... .. | 18,85,824 |
| 1259 ... .. | 18,96,952 |
| 1260 ... .. | 19,04,731 |
| 1261 ... .. | 19,14,101 |
| 1262 ... .. | 19,17,440 |
| 1263 ... .. | 19,19,283 |

30. The result of these causes upon the Settlement has been that the land Revenue which has been increasing for 17 successive years, has still exhibited a small but steady increase in the year under review. The disastrous floods at Honore and on the banks of the Wurdah at Bunwassy and other causes, rendered it necessary to grant local remissions to a greater extent than is usual in this district, so that the increase is not as large as it would otherwise have appeared, but when it is remembered that the increase is due to the advance of cultivation on the jungles and is permanent, while the

decrease is owing to temporary causes, the result is I think very satisfactory.

31. The subjoined table exhibits the Settlement of the Fasli with the additions and reductions in each Taluk.

|               | Jamabandi<br>of Fasli<br>1262. |    |    | SETTLEMENT OF 1263. |         |         |               |        |    | Increase | Decrease |    |     |    |   |           |    |    |       |    |   |       |    |    |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----|----|---------------------|---------|---------|---------------|--------|----|----------|----------|----|-----|----|---|-----------|----|----|-------|----|---|-------|----|----|
|               |                                |    |    | Land<br>Revenue.    | Cumeri. | Muckal. | Quit<br>Rent. | Total. |    |          |          |    |     |    |   |           |    |    |       |    |   |       |    |    |
| Mangalore ... | 2,17,304                       | 0  | 4  | 2,17,031            | 4       | 8       | 0             | 0      | 0  | 83       | 14       | 5  | 341 | 12 | 6 | 2,17,456  | 15 | 7  | 152   | 15 | 3 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Bekal ...     | 2,05,126                       | 8  | 8  | 2,04,957            | 3       | 1       | 60            | 8      | 5  | 420      | 1        | 11 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 2,05,437  | 13 | 5  | 311   | 4  | 9 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Buntwal ...   | 1,67,408                       | 0  | 3  | 1,66,972            | 3       | 4       | 203           | 6      | 11 | 141      | 14       | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,67,317  | 8  | 5  | 0     | 0  | 0 | 90    | 7  | 10 |
| Puttur ...    | 1,09,829                       | 11 | 1  | 1,08,778            | 11      | 3       | 451           | 9      | 7  | 328      | 1        | 9  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,09,558  | 6  | 1  | 0     | 0  | 0 | 271   | 5  | 0  |
| Udipi ...     | 1,77,109                       | 5  | 1  | 1,77,101            | 4       | 4       | 63            | 4      | 5  | 615      | 11       | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,77,171  | 8  | 8  | 62    | 3  | 7 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Barkur ...    | 1,90,430                       | 10 | 10 | 1,90,255            | 12      | 8       | 84            | 12     | 2  | 3        | 5        | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,90,343  | 13 | 11 | 0     | 0  | 0 | 86    | 12 | 11 |
| Coondapocr    | 2,34,621                       | 4  | 4  | 2,32,755            | 9       | 11      | 1,423         | 15     | 9  | 8        | 5        | 8  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 2,34,187  | 15 | 4  | 0     | 0  | 0 | 433   | 5  | 0  |
| Honore ...    | 1,89,491                       | 6  | 5  | 1,86,582            | 11      | 9       | 1,478         | 1      | 6  | 178      | 0        | 7  | 25  | 14 | 4 | 1,88,264  | 12 | 2  | 0     | 0  | 0 | 1,226 | 10 | 3  |
| Ankola ...    | 1,24,508                       | 2  | 11 | 1,20,520            | 15      | 1       | 3,918         | 12     | 11 | 49       | 6        | 11 | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,24,489  | 2  | 11 | 481   | 0  | 0 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Soopah ...    | 91,928                         | 1  | 5  | 97,344              | 10      | 11      | 2,490         | 12     | 2  | 1,756    | 4        | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 1,01,591  | 11 | 1  | 1,663 | 9  | 8 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Sondah ...    | 1,44,225                       | 14 | 6  | 1,40,553            | 6       | 0       | 1,018         | 5      | 4  | 617      | 0        | 2  | 45  | 15 | 2 | 1,42,234  | 10 | 8  | 1,008 | 12 | 2 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| Bilghi ...    | 60,957                         | 10 | 1  | 60,928              | 1       | 7       | 163           | 14     | 11 | 137      | 5        | 8  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 61,229    | 6  | 2  | 271   | 12 | 1 | 0     | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL...      | 19,17,440                      | 11 | 11 | 19,03,781           | 14      | 7       | 11,357        | 8      | 1  | 3,790    | 11       | 9  | 413 | 10 | 3 | 19,28,333 | 12 | 5  | 3,351 | 9  | 6 | 2,106 | 9  | 0  |

REMISSION FOR CROPS.

|              | RS.   | A. | P. |
|--------------|-------|----|----|
| Honore       | 1094  | 6  | 5  |
| Coondapoor   | 693   | 10 | 5  |
| Sondah       | 740   | 4  | 0  |
| Puttur       | 424   | 9  | 3  |
| Other Taluqs | 597   | 2  | 0  |
|              | 3,460 | 0  | 1  |

33. The Board are aware that nearly all the old estates of the district have gradually been brought up to the full assessment now fixed upon them, so that the direct increase of the Land Revenue can now be but small, but the effects of such a season as the past on the condition of the people is almost incalculable, and it is sure to lead to further demand for lands and the improvement of the other sources of revenue.

| No. of Kools. | Extent. | Assessment.       |
|---------------|---------|-------------------|
|               | ACRES.  | RS. A. P.         |
| 1262          | 4519    | 11,242 10 418-1-2 |
| 1263          | 4909    | 12,290 11 357-8-1 |
| Inc.          | 390     | 1,048 939-6-11    |

34. The Kumeri\* cultivation of the Government lands of the district has slightly increased as shown in the margin. Every endeavour has been made to enforce the rules for protecting the jungles in which valuable timber is to be found, limiting the allotments of Kumeri to three acres per man and to the class of men who have hitherto subsisted by this cultivation alone; but much still remains to be done, and I know no question regarding the district more important but more difficult than that of regulating this cultivation. This especially applies to the Bekal Taluk, where the hill lands afford the subsistence of a large proportion of the population.

| Fasli        | Kools. | Extent. |
|--------------|--------|---------|
|              |        | ACRES.  |
| 1263.        |        |         |
| Bekal Taluk  | 91     | 4,336   |
| Other Taluks | 13,31  | 2,448   |
|              | 1,422  | 6,784   |
| 1262.        |        |         |
| Bekal Taluk  | 416    | 9,936   |
| Other Taluks | 1,352  | 2,318   |
|              | 1,768  | 12,254  |
| Decrease     | 346    | 5,470   |

36. I have, in my previous reports, promised the Board a full report upon this difficult subject, and I have been most anxious to redeem this promise, but during a great portion of the year, my attention was occupied by the affairs of the Balaghaut and subsequently the extra detail work devolving upon me has put it out of my power to give sufficient time to this intricate question. I shall, however, use my best endeavours to draw up a report as soon as possible.

32. The several items of additions and reductions made during the Settlement are shown in Statement No. 13. The causes of the decrease under the 4th head have been given above. The fluctuations under the other heads are too trifling to call for explanation.

35. In the cultivation of the Kumeri lands claimed as private property, the accounts show a decrease. These accounts, especially as applying to the Bekal Taluk, are not to be depended upon, but it would appear that the rules in force have considerably restricted this cultivation.

37. The Huckle or dry upland cultivation only varies very slightly from that of the past season.

| Fasli.      | Total cultivated. |                 | Exempt from assessment. |               | Assessed. |                 |              |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
|             | Kools.            | Extent.         | Kools.                  | Extent.       | Kools.    | Extent.         | Amount.      |
| 1262        | 12,302            | 14,527 9 15 1/2 | 5,205                   | 8,291 16 4    | 7,097     | 6,255 33 11 1/2 | 3,808 2 7    |
| 1263        | 12,315            | 14,569 19 3 1/4 | 4,775                   | 8,323 27 15   | 7,540     | 6,245 31 4 1/4  | 3,730 11 9   |
| Difference. | Inc. 13           | 42 9 3 3/4      | Dec. 430                | Inc. 32 11 11 | 443       | 9 37 8 3/4      | Dec. 77 6 10 |

38. The Abstract Statement appended shows the amount of Waidahs or instalments due upon certain estates according to previous Settlements. These are among the last instalments payable over an extensive area. The sum is only Rs. 1,256—14—10 and of this Rs. 1,158—2—0 were collected, leaving a small balance of Rs. 98—12—10 which from various reasons had to be postponed; a sum most trifling when it is considered that it applies generally to the least favored estates, and those consequently the last to be brought up to their full assessment. The particulars are given in the margin.

|                                               | Total amount of instalment brought up. |           | Instalments brought up. |       | Not realized. |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                                               | RS.                                    | A. P.     | RS.                     | A. P. | RS.           | A. P. |
| Kadur Estates as per Statement No. 17—1st.    | 786                                    | 11 11 1/2 | 203                     | 10 6  | 82            | 10 5  |
| Hosagame estates as per Statement No. 17—2nd. | 470                                    | 9 11      | 454                     | 7 6   | 16            | 2 5   |
|                                               | 1256                                   | 14 10     | 1158                    | 2 0   | 98            | 12 10 |

39. I append in conformity with the Board's instructions the \* table of indigo cotton and sugarcane cultivation, but the Board are aware that this is not to be depended upon as correct. Sugar cultivation has greatly extended both in the Balaghaut and Payenghaut, but more especially in the Balaghaut. In visiting portions of the district which I had not seen for 14 years, this was most obvious and I believe that this extension is beyond what the table indicates. The exports by sea for the last five years are given in the margin and perhaps indicate the proportion of this extension, supposing the increase in this district and Mysore to have been in the same ratio.

40. The annexed table shows in Abstract the Revenue under the head of Sevoy Jummah as given in Table No. 23. The result is an increase of Rs. 66,680-13-8 above the past year which is derived from the Jungle Conservancy, as explained in my \* report on that subject.

\*Dated 22nd August 1854.

|                     | Fasli 1262. |    |    | Fasli 1263. |    |    | Increase. |    |    | Decrease. |     |     |
|---------------------|-------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-----------|-----|-----|
| Land ... ..         | 18,345      | 13 | 9  | 87,264      | 8  | 5  | 68,918    | 10 | 8  | 0         | 0   | 0   |
| Sayer ... ..        | 239         | 10 | 0  | 91          | 0  | 8  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 148       | 9   | 4   |
| Sea Customs ... ..  | 1,562       | 8  | 0  | 1,562       | 13 | 11 | 0         | 5  | 11 | ...       | ... | ... |
| Abkari ... ..       | 221         | 5  | 2  | 147         | 7  | 10 | 0         | 0  | 0  | 73        | 13  | 4   |
| Moturpha ... ..     | 10          | 9  | 1  | 6           | 14 | 1  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 3         | 11  | 0   |
| Sundry farms ... .. | 289         | 8  | 10 | 117         | 2  | 5  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 172       | 0   | 5   |
| Stamps ... ..       | 3,733       | 3  | 5  | 2,176       | 1  | 0  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 1,557     | 2   | 5   |
| Salt ... ..         | 2,628       | 5  | 9  | 2,354       | 15 | 7  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 273       | 6   | 2   |
| Tobacco ... ..      | 9           | 2  | 3  | 0           | 0  | 0  | 0         | 0  | 0  | 9         | 2   | 3   |
|                     | 27,040      | 2  | 3  | 93,720      | 15 | 11 | 68,919    | 0  | 7  | 2,238     | 2   | 11  |
| NET INCREASE ...    |             |    |    |             |    |    | 66,680    | 13 | 8  |           |     |     |

41. I have now to show the result of the season on all the sources of Revenue and this is exhibited in the annexed table.

| Items of Revenue.                 | 1262.     |    |    | 1263.     |     |     | Increase. |     |     | Decrease. |     |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----|----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| Land Revenue including quit rent. | 19,17,440 | 11 | 11 | 19,19,283 | 12  | 5   | 1,843     | 0   | 6   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Salt ... ..                       | 4,59,641  | 14 | 8  | 4,48,005  | 15  | 4   | ...       | ... | ... | 11,635    | 15  | 4   |
| Sayar ... ..                      | 56,063    | 3  | 2  | 52,899    | 14  | 1   | ...       | ... | ... | 3,163     | 5   | 1   |
| Sea Customs ... ..                | 55,618    | 4  | 8  | 57,228    | 9   | 4   | 1,610     | 4   | 8   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Abkari ... ..                     | 8,556     | 8  | 0  | 80,831    | 2   | 0   | 2,274     | 10  | 0   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Ferry and sundry farms.           | 21,754    | 4  | 5  | 29,060    | 2   | 7   | 7,305     | 4   | 7   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Moturpha ... ..                   | 17,574    | 13 | 4  | 18,550    | 12  | 7   | 975       | 15  | 3   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Stamps ... ..                     | 57,205    | 1  | 0  | 57,968    | 6   | 0   | 763       | 5   | 0   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Amindevi ... ..                   | 13,424    | 8  | 7  | 23,594    | 2   | 11  | 10,169    | 10  | 4   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Tobacco ... ..                    | 1,65,379  | 7  | 10 | ...       | ... | ... | ...       | ... | ... | 1,65,379  | 7   | 10  |
| Total ... ..                      | 9,25,218  | 11 | 3  | 7,68,139  | 0   | 10  | 23,099    | 1   | 10  | 1,80,178  | 2   | 3   |
| Grand Total ... ..                | 28,42,659 | 7  | 2  | 26,87,422 | 13  | 3   | 24,942    | 2   | 4   | 1,80,178  | 2   | 3   |
| Add Sevoy Jummah ... ..           | 27,040    | 2  | 3  | 93,720    | 15  | 11  | 66,680    | 13  | 8   | ...       | ... | ... |
| Deduct Tobacco ... ..             | 28,69,699 | 9  | 5  | 27,81,143 | 13  | 2   | 91,623    | 0   | 0   | 1,80,178  | 12  | 3   |
|                                   | 1,65,379  | 7  | 10 | ...       | ... | ... | ...       | ... | ... | 1,65,379  | 7   | 10  |
| Net Revenue ... ..                | 27,04,320 | 1  | 7  | 27,81,143 | 13  | 2   | 91,623    | 0   | 0   | 14,799    | 4   | 5   |
| NET INCREASE ...                  |           |    |    |           |     |     | 76,823    | 14  | 7   |           |     |     |

42. The variations in the extra sources of Revenue will be remarked upon in the annual report, but as this is the first year during the whole of which the abolition of the tobacco monopoly has influenced the finances of the district, I think that a few remarks upon the above table are called for, and I beg here to notice that as regards this district every source of Revenue exhibits an increase. The decrease under the heads of Salt and Sayer are upon the Salt trade of the interior. On the salt of home consumption there is an increase of 16,584 Rupees. If this sum be added to the increase exhibited in this Table, I think that the resources of

|                                       |        |  |         |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--|---------|
|                                       |        |  | RUPEES. |
| Total Increase ... ..                 |        |  | 91,623  |
| Deduct—                               |        |  |         |
| Ameendevi ... ..                      | 10,169 |  |         |
| Sivoy Jummah ... ..                   | 66,680 |  |         |
|                                       |        |  | 76,849  |
|                                       |        |  | 14,774  |
| Add increase in Home Sales of Salt... |        |  | 16,584  |
| TOTAL ... ..                          |        |  | 31,858  |

the district will be found to have made a considerable advance towards the replacement of the Revenue abandoned with the abolition of the monopoly. From this calculation the Sevoy Jummah and the Ameendevi Coir should perhaps be excluded; but omitting these, there is including the home salt sales an increase of about 30,000 Rupees, and considering how few are the sources of Revenue and

the very gradual expansion of which alone the land revenue is susceptible, this appears to me to be a very favourable result.

43. To the people the boon has been immense, and being followed by a season so favourable to all classes as that reported upon, it has certainly greatly improved the condition of the people. The sum actually abandoned has been about 2,00,000 Rupees being the sum formerly levied over and above the value of the tobacco, and this is distributed over the whole district,

|                   |                 |           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|                   | Canara Produce. | Value.    |
|                   | CORGEES.        | RUPEES.   |
| Fasli 1262 ... .. | 24,880          | 15,14,181 |
| Fasli 1263 ... .. | 29,122          | 21,91,430 |
| EXCESS ... ..     |                 | 6,77,249  |

among the poorer working classes; I reckon that the exports of rice alone in the last season have been in value about Rs. 677,249 in excess of those of the previous season, which was a favourable

one, and when the high prices of all other articles are considered and especially of cocoanuts, cardamoms and pepper there is ample proof that the owners of the soil and the cultivators of all classes have enjoyed very great advantages throughout the year.

44. The signs of this cannot be mistaken and among them the increase of shops by the road side and the multiplied applications for fresh lands are the most striking.

45. In making the Settlement of the Ballaghaut Taluks after an interval of 14 years I could not fail to be greatly struck by the change. In the frontier maganes the extension of cultivation is most striking and perhaps in no part of India is taxation lighter, or the tenure of lands more favourable. Since the abolition of the transit duties and of the tobacco monopoly, all restriction on their trade has ceased; and a light land assessment, the duty on Salt, and the Abkari, are the only taxes which they pay. The land assessment is there in many villages as light as in the North Western Provinces, averaging little above a Rupee an acre; the weekly fairs are now freely open to the people of Darwar, all the frontier having ceased the cultivation of Sugar has greatly extended, and the people told me

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that the number of labourers available was the only restriction upon the extension of their holdings. On each side of the road the fields are seen extending deep into the jungle, and between Pallah and Mundgod where the road formerly passed through a continuous jungle, there is now almost uninterrupted cultivation.

46. The new roads which are being opened through the dense jungles of the Soopah Taluk with the increased activity of the Forest Conservancy, will soon extend the range of cultivation in that Taluk also.

47. In those Taluks the Survey made in Fasli 1232 is now the basis of the Aect.—Office No: 25. Settlement, as defining the extent of the then existing wargs, so that this extension of cultivation is bringing a steady increase to the Government revenue.

48. From the above Statement it will appear that the ryots' means of meeting the Government demand were in the past season very sufficient, and the collections were very punctually made. Of the total demand amounting to Rs. 19,19,283-12-5 Rs. 18,13,810-14-1 were realized before the close of the Fasli leaving a balance of Rs. 1,05,472-14-4 which has been reduced by subsequent collections to Rs. 4,575-6-10.

|                                  |                   |                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Balance at the end of Fasli 1262 | Rs. 1,16,890-9-10 | 49. The balance of this year was less than that of the previous one by Rs. 11,417-11-6. |
| Fasli 1263                       | Rs. 1,05,472-14-4 |                                                                                         |
| Decrease                         | Rs. 11,417-11-6   |                                                                                         |

|                                                                                                                   |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 50. The arrears of Land Revenue outstanding at the beginning of Fasli 1263 amounted to Rupees 1,18,146-12-5, viz: |                      |
| On account of Fasli 1262                                                                                          | 1,16,890-9-10        |
| Ditto of previous years                                                                                           | 1,256-2-7            |
|                                                                                                                   | <u>1,18,146-12-5</u> |

51. Of this amount Rs. 1,16,850-5-8 have been collected during the past Fasli leaving a balance of Rs. 1,256-6-9 of which Rupees 322-10-10 were collected up to 15th October.

52. The particulars of the balance as regards each Fasli are given in the annexed table, agreeably to the Board's order dated the 11th March 1852.

|            | Arrears recoverable by sale of landed property. | Other recoverable arrears. | Total.          | Amount irrecoverable.                                   |                  | Total.           |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|            |                                                 |                            |                 | Recommended for remission in the Report for Fasli 1262. | Now recommended. |                  |
| Fasli 1260 | 13 0 0                                          | 0 0 0                      | 13 0 10         | 14 0 0                                                  | 0 0 0            | 27 0 10          |
| " 1261     | 90 13 8                                         | 12 0 8                     | 92 14 4         | 278 12 11                                               | 8 0 0            | 379 11 3         |
| " 1262     | 243 10                                          | 1 178 2 2                  | 421 12 3        | 0 0 0                                                   | 145 3 7          | 566 15 10        |
|            | <u>337 8 7</u>                                  | <u>190 2 10</u>            | <u>527 11 5</u> | <u>292 12 11</u>                                        | <u>153 3 7</u>   | <u>973 11 11</u> |

53. From the above table it will be seen that there is no balance of older date than the three last Faslis and that these are of the most trifling amount.

54. The whole amount collected within the Fasli on account of Land Revenue was Rs. 19,20,661-3-9, viz: of the present Fasli Rs. 18,13,810-14-1; of previous Faslis Rs. 1,16,850-5-8. For realizing this amount the power of distraint and sale was only exercised with reference to the trifling sum of Rs. 2,037-7-7 being 0-1-8 per cent of the whole.

| TALUKS.    | Sale of moveable property |         | Sale of immoveable property. |         | Total.             |          | How disposed of     |                   |                                     |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
|            | No. of defaulters.        | Value.  | No. of defaulters.           | Value.  | No. of defaulters. | Value.   | Brought to account. | Expenses of sale. | Surplus returned to the defaulters. |
| Mangalore  | 8                         | 140 5 3 | 2                            | 95 8 0  | 10                 | 241 13 3 | 230 9 8             | 10 14 2           | 0 5 5                               |
| Bekal      | 4                         | 68 6 10 |                              |         | 4                  | 68 6 10  | 42 15 7             | 7 4 7             | 18 2 8                              |
| Buntwal    | 4                         | 59 8 6  |                              |         | 4                  | 59 8 6   | 51 4 6              | 7 11 2            | 0 8 10                              |
| Pattur     | 2                         | 11 12 0 |                              |         | 2                  | 11 12 0  | 11 0 8              | 0 11 9            |                                     |
| Udipi      | 1                         | 353 0 6 |                              |         | 1                  | 353 0 6  | 324 7 4             | 28 9 2            |                                     |
| Barcoor    | 2                         | 13 12 3 |                              |         | 2                  | 13 12 3  | 11 10 10            | 1 10 4            | 0 7 1                               |
| Coondapoor | 12                        | 50 18 5 |                              |         | 13                 | 560 13 9 | 527 11 7            | 39 2 2            |                                     |
| Honore     | 25                        | 466 6 3 | 1                            | 470 0 0 | 26                 | 936 6 3  | 559 4 4             | 33 14 9           | 343 2 9                             |
| Ankola     | 12                        | 54 4 6  |                              |         | 12                 | 54 4 6   | 47 9 8              | 3 10 4            | 3 0 6                               |
| Soopah     | 1                         | 4 4 0   |                              |         | 1                  | 4 4 0    | 3 15 5              | 0 4 7             |                                     |
| Sonda      | 1                         | 85 10 0 |                              |         | 1                  | 85 10 0  | 79 9 2              | 5 5 8             | 0 11 2                              |
| Bilghi     | 4                         | 123 5 2 | 1                            | 45 0 0  | 5                  | 168 5 2  | 153 4 10            | 9 15 8            | 7 0 8                               |

55. The subjoined table shews the sale of property during the Fasli for the recovery of private rents.

|            | Sale of moveable property. |                  | How disposed of          |                   |                                     |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
|            | No. of defaulters.         | Amount realized. | Paid to the landholders. | Expenses of sale. | Surplus returned to the defaulters. |
| Mangalore  | 20                         | 497 9 10         | 432 10 9                 | 58 3 6            | 10 11 7                             |
| Bekal      | 12                         | 107 12 11        | 92 3 0                   | 6 14 9            | 8 11 2                              |
| Buntwal    | 19                         | 183 0 1          | 163 4 3                  | 15 12 2           | 3 15 8                              |
| Pattur     | 6                          | 68 5 0           | 63 9 2                   | 4 5 0             | 0 6 10                              |
| Udipi      | 4                          | 37 4 2           | 34 15 0                  | 2 5 2             |                                     |
| Barkur     | 9                          | 43 7 1           | 38 11 4                  | 3 5 7             | 1 6 2                               |
| Coondapoor | 11                         | 137 6 0          | 119 0 2                  | 11 8 8            | 6 13 2                              |
| Honore     | 5                          | 45 13 0          | 34 8 0                   | 4 4 5             | 7 0 7                               |
| Ankola     | 3                          | 28 1 10          | 23 10 7                  | 3 1 7             | 1 5 8                               |
| Soopa      | 1                          | 8 12 0           | 8 3 3                    | 0 8 9             |                                     |
| Sondah     | 1                          | 14 4 0           | 7 9 2                    | 1 14 3            | 4 12 7                              |
| Bilghi     | 1                          | 10 5 5           | 9 11 1                   | 0 10 4            |                                     |
| Total      | 92                         | 1,182 1 4        | 1,027 15 9               | 108 14 2          | 45 3 5                              |

|                                            |     |         |  |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|---------|--|
| Regular Demand.                            |     |         |  |
| Fasli 1261                                 | ... | 8-0-0   |  |
| 1262                                       | ... | 145-3-7 |  |
|                                            |     | 153-3-7 |  |
| Sevoy Jummah as per Acct: No: 23, Col: 15. |     |         |  |
| 1262                                       | ... | 12-6-0  |  |
|                                            |     | 165-9-7 |  |

Board have been received. Sanction is therefore requested for that sum as well as the present.

57. The amount issued as Taccavy was Rs. 10,214-8-0 of which Rs. 9,676½ have been recovered within the Fasli and the balance of Rs. 538½ subsequently.

58. The annexed table shews the receipts and charges of collection under the several branches of Revenue in the form received from the Board as exhibited in Statement No:

|                                     | Gross Revenue. | Gross Charges. | Percentage upon collections of each source. | Percentage on the total collections. |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>LAND REVENUE.</b>                |                |                |                                             |                                      |
| Collectors' Salary &c. ...          |                | 82,260 12 5    | 4-4-7                                       | 3-1-0                                |
| Establishment ...                   |                | 1,04,958 6 5   | 5-7-7                                       | 3-14-6                               |
| Other Charges ...                   |                | 14,896 8 2     | 0-12-4                                      | 0-8-10                               |
| Total Charges of administration ... |                | 2,02,115 11 0  | 10-8-6                                      | 7-8-4                                |
| Devastanum Tusdeeks &c. ...         | 19,19,283 12 5 |                |                                             |                                      |
| Pensions cheritable allowances      |                | 1,54,687 9 8   | 8-1-0                                       |                                      |
| Village Sibbandy ...                |                | 49,923 1 9     | 2-9-6                                       |                                      |
| Taccavy ...                         |                | 12,766 0 0     | 0-10-8                                      |                                      |
|                                     |                | 2,17,377 11 5  | 11-5-2                                      |                                      |
| Total Land ...                      | 19,19,283 12 5 | 4,19,492 6 5   | 21-13-8                                     | 15-9-9                               |
| Salt ...                            | 4,48,005 15 4  | 1,16,760 1 4   | 26-1-0                                      |                                      |
| Sea Customs ...                     | 52,899 14 1    | 6,651 14 1     | 12-9-2                                      |                                      |
| Abkari ...                          | 57,228 9 4     | 16,700 13 4    | 29-3-0                                      |                                      |
| Ferry and sundry farms ...          | 80,831 2 0     |                |                                             |                                      |
| Moturpha ...                        | 29,060 2 7     |                |                                             |                                      |
| Stamps ...                          | 18,550 12 7    |                |                                             |                                      |
|                                     | 57,968 6 0     | 7,366 4 9      | 12-11-4                                     |                                      |
|                                     | 7,44,544 13 11 | 1,47,479 2 4   |                                             |                                      |
| Total ...                           | 26,63,828 10 4 | 5,66,971 8 9   |                                             |                                      |
| Amindevi ...                        | 23,594 2 11    | 14,470 7 7     | 61-5-0                                      |                                      |
| Total ...                           | 26,87,422 13 3 | 5,81,442 0 4   |                                             |                                      |
| Extraordinary Charges ...           |                | 5,948 13 6     |                                             | 0-3-6                                |
| Total ...                           | 26,87,422 13 3 | 5,87,390 13 10 |                                             | 21-13-8                              |

59. Annexed is an abstract shewing the comparative result of the several charges in the Land Department glassed according to the form received from the Board.

|                                                                                                | Fasli 1262.   | Fasli 1263.   | Increase.  | Decrease. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| I. Charges, Collections and administration ...                                                 | 1,97,635 8 11 | 2,02,115 11 0 | 4,480 2 1  |           |
| II. Pagoda and Mosque Allowances, Pensions and Charitable Allowances, Village Servants &c. ... | 2,10,501 6 5  | 2,17,376 11 5 | 6,875 5 0  |           |
| III. Works of irrigation ...                                                                   |               |               |            |           |
| Total ...                                                                                      | 4,08,136 15 4 | 4,19,492 6 5  | 11,355 7 1 |           |

60. The increase appearing in the first item arises as follows:—

|                                                                                                                                                                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| From the salary and tentage of Mr. M. C. Chase, one of the Asstt. Collectors for 3 months of the previous fasli not having fallen in the accounts of that year. ... | 2,352-0-0 |
| From additional allowance which the same Officer became entitled at 175 Rs. per month from 2nd May 1853 ...                                                         | 2,444-0-0 |
| From increase of establishment on the abolition of the tobacco establishment which commenced only in February in the previous Fasli ...                             | 1,386-0-0 |
| From the establishment of a Deputy Tahsildary at Sedashigur in Ankola and other additions in that Taluk which were carried out only in June in ditto. ...           | 1,386-0-0 |
| From sundry causes ...                                                                                                                                              | 1,199-0-0 |
| Total ...                                                                                                                                                           | 8,767-0-0 |

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|                                                                  |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Decrease in payment of deputation allowance ...                  | 1,974       |
| Salary of European Officer &c. not disbursed within the year ... | 2,313 4,287 |
| Net, Increase ...                                                | 4,480-0-0   |

61. Of the increase appearing in the 2nd item Rs. 400 arise from payment of arrears of pensions, and Rs. 6,149 from advances for cultivation. In Fasli 1262 the accounts of Receipts and Disbursements in the Huzur Treasury were closed, precisely, on the 11th of July in supersession of the practice which previously obtained of leaving them open until the Taluk Remittances to that date reached the Huzur Treasury. By this change of practice the advances made towards the close of Fasli 1262 on account of 1263 fell in the year under report. Moreover the advances in this year on account of the current year have been comparatively larger. This accounts chiefly for the increase appearing in the 2nd item.

62. The annexed table shews the extent of land taken up for cultivation on the sides of the new roads.

| Roads.                | Taluks. | Maganies.             | Length of clearings on both sides of the Road. | Extent of cultivation. |     |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
|                       |         |                       |                                                | A.                     | G.  |
| Mercara road.         | Puttur  | Sullia and Uddoor     | 1,617                                          | —                      | 25  |
| Coomta & Dharwar road | Ankola  | Saganally and Haretta | 6,457                                          | —                      | 110 |
|                       | Sonda   | Isloor and Mulghi     | 3,322                                          | —                      | 62  |
| Hullial & Yellapoor.  | Soopah  | Sumbrany              | 5,544                                          | —                      | 88  |
|                       |         | Total                 | 16,940                                         | —                      | 287 |

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63. I have the honour to annex Mr. Fisher, the Sub Collector's report on the Taluks of Ankola, Honore and Coondapoor. Mr. Hall having left the district and the Settlement of the Balaghaut having been made by myself, a separate report on that division has not this year been made.

64. Mr. Fisher's report does not seem to call for any remarks from me, except with reference to the villages of the Honore Taluk which suffered from flood. The Settlement of those villages was made, I think with sound judgement by Mr. Hudleston. The people were dissatisfied it is true and waited upon Mr. Hall during my absence and afterwards upon myself. They complained of heavy losses and such they had certainly suffered. But I explained to them that when the Government had surrendered all claim to more than an average assessment and derived no advantage from the improvement of the estates, they could not bear the occasional losses to which the land holders were liable. I stated that I would give to any special cases due consideration for that each party claiming this must give me a petition stating the extent of his several holdings and requesting that they and their produce might be examined. The result was that not one single person invited this examination. Among the body of complainants were some men of wealth holding lands in many different villages and I declined attending to any general complaint of the kind. To the poorer land owners Mr. Hudleston made such remissions as appeared to be necessary and I believe that the demand of Government has been modified as far as under the system of this district it is right that it should.

65. The Board will read with gratification Mr. Fisher's account of the state in which he found the north of the district. I will not I am sure consider his remarks out of place. The fact is that in the north of the district a large commercial city is growing up. The exports from Coomta greatly exceed those of the Capital Mangalore and this tells immediately on the land Revenue. I have within the last few days had an instance of the immediate effect of the works now in progress which is very striking. A respectable land holder of Majai, a village only seven miles from a navigable river, situated on the Someshwar road informed me that

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| Mangalore... | ...    | 20,56,768 |
| Coomta ...   | ...    | 31,20,470 |

this year the whole of his rice is sent to the river on carts. It was before sent on men's heads. The former cost of carriage was 4 Mds. per Corg of 42 Murahs. At present prices this is equal to 6 Rs. The present rate by carts is three Rupees. If such is the saving for seven miles the Board will judge how directly the road which connect the villages at the foot of the Ghauts with the navigable rivers must tell on the land Revenue. When instead of 7, the distance is 25 miles, the savings effected is perfectly equal to the whole revenue upon the lands on which the question is raised.

66. I had myself the opportunity this year of visiting the Garisippa, the Nulcoond, the Daivamunnay, the Assyle and the Singawaru Ghauts all now in progress and each excepting the last not yet made practicable in contributing to improve the cultivation and the trade of North Canara I saw the same spirits of activity which Mr. Fisher describes.

67. Mr. Fisher, now Sub Collector is in charge of the Balaghaut division. I am sure that that portion of the district will derive great advantage from Mr. Fisher's labours. The Forest Conservancy to which Mr. Hall's attention was so usefully given is occupying much of Mr. Fisher's. A speedy disposal of all applications for land, the improvement of the existing roads and their extension are the chief wants of the Balaghaut and in these respects much has been already done by Mr. Fisher.

68. Mr. J. D. Robinson, the Additional Sub Collector is in charge of the Coast division of North Canara. Mr. Robinson is most actively employed both in the ordinary duties of his office and in forwarding the extensive improvements in progress in that interesting and thriving division.

69. I desire to express my sense of the constant and cordial zeal of both those gentlemen in carrying out every measure calculated to advance the interests of the district.

70. Mr. Chamier, the Head Assistant was until his appointment to the Coast paying particular attention to the portion of the district East Karwar, that of the south of Bekal. He had acquired much knowledge of the country and the people which he will, I trust, be able to turn hereafter to good account. Mr. Chamier continued to pay the same unwearied attention to his charge as before.

71. During Mr. Chamier's employment in the Coast, Mr. Chase has acted as Head Assistant and held an extensive charge. In spite of much ill health Mr. Chase has maintained a constant attention to his duties.

72. Mr. Binny who has just joined the district has commenced his Canarese studies and will I hope before long enable himself to take an active part in the duties of the office.

73. The Head Sheristedar Bhujanga Rao has been suspended from office for reasons reported to the Board. The Nayib Sheristedar Boniface Fernandez lately and now again acting Head Sheristedar has continued to give me every satisfaction.

74. Surappa has again entered the Office as Acting Nayib Sheristedar and I feel every hope that the character gained by him in his previous service will be maintained in his present position.

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