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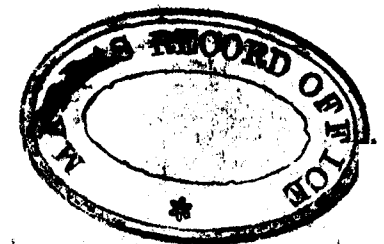
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SETTLEMENT OF THE LAND REVENUE

OF THE

DISTRICTS IN THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY

FOR FASLI 1322 (1912-1913).



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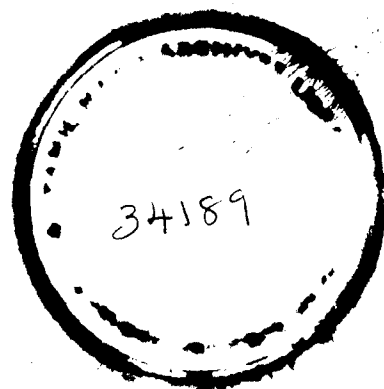
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Survey, Land
Records and Agriculture).

Settlement of Land Revenue (Jamabandi)—
Submitting to Government report on the— } (Here enter No. 1, dated 6th January 1914).
for fasli 1312 (1912-1913).

Order—No. 736, Revenue, dated 9th March 1914.

With its Proceedings read above the Board of Revenue submits the report on
the land revenue settlement of the
Presidency for fasli 1322, the agricultural
year ending with 30th June 1913.

Miscellaneous.

2. Both the south-west and the north-east monsoons were on the whole favourable for agriculture though in the Northern Circars the latter was much below the average. Prices continued high and the staple food-grains were dearer than in the preceding year, the average retail prices exceeding the normal rates in all districts.

3. The total extent of ryotwari holdings in the Presidency amounted to 25·17 million acres and showed an increase of about 157,000 acres over the previous year. Out of the occupied extent, 20,539,384 acres, or 81·62 per cent., were cropped against 19,868,835 acres or 79·49 per cent. in the previous year.

4. The following statement exhibits under the principal heads the land revenue and cesses which accrued in the year under review and in the previous year:—

	Fasli 1321.	Fasli 1322.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Peshkash or revenue from permanently-settled estates ..	49,90,568	49,85,345	— 5,223
2. Land-cess on permanently-settled estates ..	14,15,513	14,07,297	— 8,216
3. Quit-rent on inam villages held on favourable tenure ..	7,53,026	7,52,019	— 1,007
4. Land-cess on inam villages held on favourable tenure ..	3,82,271	3,86,060	+ 3,789
5. Revenue from lands held on the ryotwari system including water-rate and miscellaneous revenue ..	6,05,64,722	6,20,87,398	+ 15,22,676
6. Cess on ryotwari and miscellaneous revenue ..	48,89,836	49,32,175	+ 92,339
Total land revenue (items 1, 3 and 5 above) ..	6,63,08,316	6,78,24,762	+ 15,16,446
Total cesses (items 2, 4 and 6 above) ..	66,37,620	67,25,532	+ 87,912

5. The settled assessment on ryotwari holdings amounted to Rs. 508·9 lakhs against Rs. 506·9 lakhs in the previous year. The excess was partly due to the character of the season and the increase in the extent under occupation but also to the introduction of resettlement rates in two taluks and a part of a third taluk of the Coimbatore district. The revenue derived from water-rates on dry lands and from the charge for second crop on wet lands amounted to Rs. 34·31 lakhs against Rs. 30·77 lakhs in the preceding year. The increase occurred under both heads and was large in the districts of Kistna, Nellore, Anantapur and Madura, where it is

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, SURVEY, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

The Hon'ble Mr. R. B. CLEGG, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

The Hon'ble Mr. LL. E. BUCKLEY, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Survey, Land Records and Agriculture.

Resolution—No. 1, dated 6th January 1914.

The Board submits its report on the settlement of land revenue in this Presidency for fasli 1322 (1912-13) together with the prescribed statements. The usual extracts from the district reports are appended. There was considerable delay in the receipt of the reports or returns from some districts. The reports from Chingleput and Chittoor were received on the 29th November and 12th December 1913, respectively, after repeated reminders. The Collector of Chingleput has not offered any explanation for the delay, while the Collector of Chittoor ascribes the delay to resettlement in consequence of which the jamabandi of the Vayalpad taluk was completed only in September.

2. *Season, rainfall and prices.*—The south-west monsoon was on the whole favourable, the total rainfall being above the average in the majority of districts. With the exception of the Circars, the total rainfall was above the average everywhere during the north-east monsoon which was also, on the whole, favourable. The rainfall in the dry weather was below the average in all the districts and the hot weather rains were also generally slightly in defect. The average annual retail prices of the staple food-grains were generally higher than in the preceding year and everywhere dearer than the normal rates. The price of rice and cholam was even dearer than the warning rates in eight districts, that of ragi in five districts and that of cumbu in nine districts. The warning rates here referred to are those fixed by Government in G.O. No. 1977, Revenue, dated 3rd July 1912.

3. *Cropped area.*—The total cropped area of the year under report (39,120,000 acres) exceeded the normal area (36,686,000 acres) by 2,434,000 acres. Cholam, gingelly, castor and indigo showed a decrease and the other crops an increase. As compared with the previous year, the cultivation under paddy, cholam, cumbu, ragi, ground-nut and tobacco showed an increase while that under castor, sugarcane, cotton and indigo showed a decrease. In no case is the outturn reported to have exceeded the normal. Paddy, indigo and sugarcane yielded a normal outturn in Coimbatore, and the yield of paddy is reported to have ranged from 67 to 92 per cent. of the normal in the remaining districts. The yield of cholam in the Nilgiris, of cumbu in Malabar, of bengalgram in Ganjam, of horsegram in Anantapur, of indigo in Madura, of other oil-seeds in Vizagapatam, Nellore, North Arcot and Ramanad and of "all other crops including topes" in South Arcot is reported to have been below 50 per cent. of the normal. In the remaining districts the yield of crops is generally said to have ranged from 50 to 92 per cent. The Board has no doubt the outturns reported are understatements of the realities.

No. 16.—Statement showing the advances and recoveries under the

(Paragraphs 38 to 40

District.	Purpose.	Total amount of advances outstanding at the beginning of the year.	Advances made during the year.	Total.	Amount of advances payable during the year and the balance remaining unpaid out of sums which became due in previous year.	Amount recovered during the year.		Amount written off during the year.	Total of columns 7, 8 and 9.
						On account of sums entered in column 6.	On account of sums not yet due.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
17. Trichinopoly.	Sinking new wells ..	..	13,561	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Repairing old wells ..	..	9,505	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Reclamation of land ..	2,25,466	2,165	2,59,797	21,032	18,336	824	..	19,160
	Repairs to tanks ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Tanjore ..	All other purposes ..	..	9,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sinking new wells ..	..	800	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Repairing old wells ..	* 12,217	350	13,717	1,996	1,778	1,197	..	2,975
	Reclamation of land ..	..	350	..	..	..	..	..	..
19. Madura ..	Repairs to tanks ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sinking new wells ..	..	22,838	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Repairing old wells ..	..	9,675	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Reclamation of land ..	2,60,247	4,722	2,97,482	27,919	21,486	12,834	..	34,320
20. Ramnad ..	Repairs to tanks ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	All other purposes ..	..	5,375	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sinking new wells ..	..	2,025	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Repairing old wells ..	* 83,824	750	92,474	4,918	3,477	4,171	..	7,648
21. Tinnevely ..	Reclamation of land ..	..	500	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Sinking new wells ..	..	25,653	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Repairing old wells ..	..	7,700	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Reclamation of land ..	* 1,43,154	2,060	1,81,067	11,523	10,307	128	..	10,435
22. Malabar ..	Repairs to tanks ..	..	2,500	..	..	..	..	..	..
	All other purposes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23. South Canara ..	Reclamation of land ..	9,674	300	9,974	1,283	1,283	..	..	1,283
	Reclamation of land ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24. The Nilgiris ..	All other purposes ..	300	125	425	300	300	..	..	300
	Construction of stone walls ..	..	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Wire fencing ..	* 3,450	500	4,950	905	905	214	..	1,119
Total ..		31,97,930	3,11,285	35,09,215	3,32,867	3,03,440	34,348	508	3,38,294

* Revised figure.

