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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement Land Records and Agriculture), No. 612, dated 11th September 1897 :—

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 6704, dated 20th August 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Chingleput to submit forthwith comparative statement exhibiting the financial condition of the Irrigation Cess Fund in 1896-97 in the form shown in page 2 of B.P., No. 190, dated 3rd August 1896.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 6705, dated 21st August 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Trichinopoly to submit the demand, collection and balance statement relating to the transaction of the Irrigation Cess Fund at a very early date, and to explain certain discrepancies between the receipts and charges of the fund as reported in his statements and those as reported by the Accountant-General.

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 6746, dated 23rd August 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Salem to explain certain discrepancies noticed in the figures relating to the Irrigation Cess Fund Report for the year 1896-97.

Read—also letter from the Collector of Tanjore, Dis. No. 43-S.F., dated 10th May 1897.

Read—also letter from the Acting Collector of Chingleput, Dis. No. 2532, dated 23rd August 1897.

Read—also letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, Dis. No. 509-Acct., dated 25th August 1897.

Read—also letter from the Collector and District Magistrate, Salem, No. 4409, dated 25th August 1897.

Read—also letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, Dis. No. 1580-Rev., dated 3rd September 1897.

Resolution—No. 612, dated 11th September 1897.

The Board resolves to submit to Government its report on the operations of the Irrigation Cess Fund during 1896-97.

2. The following comparative statement exhibits the financial condition of the fund :—

Districts.	1895-96.				1896-97.				Balance on 1st April 1897.
	Balance on 1st April 1895.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenditure.	Balance on 1st April 1896.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenditure.	
Trichinopoly ..	Rs. 41,629	Rs. 29,557	Rs. 71,186	Rs. 40,414	Rs. 30,772	Rs. 22,684	Rs. 53,456	Rs. 27,544	Rs. 26,912
Coimbatore ..	23,313	15,432	38,745	17,299	21,446	14,327	35,773	12,430	23,343
Salem ..	20,454	15,170	35,624	15,691	19,933	14,381	34,314	17,734	16,580
Chingleput ..	2,042	† 1,219	3,261	† 1,674	† 1,887	636	2,523	534	1,989
Tanjore ..	116	..	116	..	116	..	116	20	96
Total ..	87,554	61,378	1,48,932	75,078	73,354	53,228	1,27,082	58,203	67,879

* Difference of one rupee due to rounding of fractions.

† Revised figures reported by Collectors since the submission of the report for the previous year.

3. The receipts, during the year under report, amounted to Rs. 53,228 against Rs. 61,378 in the previous year. The decrease occurs in all the districts. The decrease, in Trichinopoly, is due to the credit taken in the previous year to the value of the Government securities in favour of Wyakondan channel, sold under G.O., No. 117, Rev., dated 4th March 1895. In Coimbatore, the decrease is attributed partly to the suspension of the collection of cess under the Thadapalle channel as per G.O., No. 55, dated 30th January 1895, and partly to the abolition of the cess under the Kalingaroyan channel, under G.O., Mis. No. 2230, dated 8th June 1896. The decrease, in Salem, was due to the collection in 1895-96 of arrears of 1894-95, amounting to Rs. 410 made in that year. The decrease, in Chingleput, was mainly due to the fact, that, out of the current demand of Rs. 1,126, only one rupee was collected during the year. The Collector has not stated the reason for this short collection. He states, however, that, out of the total balance of Rs. 1,231-7-8, Rs. 746 have since been collected, and that orders will be issued to the Tahsildar for the immediate collection of the remaining amount. In Tanjore, no cess was collected during the year.

4. The expenditure, during the year, amounted to Rs. 59,262, or Rs. 15,816 less than in the previous year. There was a decrease in all the districts, except Salem and Tanjore. The large decrease, in Trichinopoly, was due to a special expenditure, incurred in the previous year, in effecting a systematic clearance of silt, from the Wyakondan channel, under G.O., No. 621, Financial, dated 11th July 1895. The decrease, in Coimbatore, is attributed to the reduction of establishment under the Arakankottai, Thadapalli and Kalingaroyan channels under G.O., Mis. No. 4646, dated 8th November 1895, and to smaller expenditure on repairs of channels. In Chingleput, the decrease was due to the adjustment in 1895-96, of an outlay amounting to Rs. 1,139-5-7, incurred by the Public Works Department, in clearing silt from the Uttaramérur tank supply channel. The increase, in Salem, was due to larger expenditure by the Public Works Department and to the closing of breaches caused by heavy floods, in the year under report. In Tanjore, the expenditure represents a refund of the Cess collected. The Collector reports that the remaining sum of Rs. 96, shown as balance at the close of the year under report, would also be similarly refunded, as the ryots have not applied for the regulation of the distribution of water, and no special establishment has therefore been entertained. The details of the expenditure for each district are given below :—

Districts.	Establishment.	Construction and repair of channels, &c.		Miscellaneous.	Total.
		By Revenue Department.	By Public Works Department.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Trichinopoly ..	14,822	9,119	3,467	136	27,544
Coimbatore ..	8,768	4,580	..	82	13,430
Salem ..	7,988	2,737	6,894	115	17,734
Chingleput ..	..	534	..	..	534
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	20	20
Total ..	31,578	16,970	10,361	353	59,262

5. The total assets of the fund, including the balance at the beginning of the year, amounted to Rs. 1,27,082. Deducting from this, the expenditure, amounting to Rs. 59,262, the balance left, at the close of the year in favour of the fund, was Rs. 67,820. The Collector of Trichinopoly has reported that steps are being taken for the utilization of the surplus balances, in the case of channels, in which the funds available are large. The Collector of Coimbatore has also taken steps to utilize the balance in his district. The Collector of Salem has not reported what steps he has taken in accordance with the proposals sanctioned in G.O., No. 685, Revenue, dated 18th October 1895; but, from the fact that the expenditure incurred by the Public

Works Department was larger during the year than in the previous year, the Board presumes that the Collector has given effect to the proposals sanctioned in that Government Order.

6. The subjoined statement shows the demand, collection and balance of the fund for 1896-97:—

Districts.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
Trichinopoly ..	Rs. 3,660	Rs. 23,095	Rs. 26,755	Rs. 3,660	Rs. 20,665	Rs. 24,325	Rs. ..	Rs. 2,430	Rs. 2,430
Coimbatore ..	505	10,469	10,974	† 503	† 10,464	10,967	..	5	7
Salem ..	261	14,128	14,389	261	14,106	14,367	2	22	22
Chingleput ..	741	1,126	1,867	635	1	636	106	1,125	1,231
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	5,167	48,818	53,985	5,059	45,236	50,295	108	3,582	3,690

* Revised figure. † Includes Rs. 3 remitted.

7. The receipts on account of the year, shown in the statement in paragraph 2 *supra*, differ from the actual collections made in the year. The differences are noted and explained below:—

Districts.	Collections.	Receipts.	Difference between columns 2 and 3.	
1	2	3	4	5
Trichinopoly ..	Rs. 24,325	Rs. 23,684	Rs. 641	Advance collection of previous year adjusted .. 641
Coimbatore ..	10,967	14,527	+ 3,560	Add advance collections for 1897-98 .. 54
				Contribution from the Village Service Fund .. 4,104
				Salvage proceeds of old materials .. 18
				4,176
				Deduct amount of advance collections of previous year adjusted .. 616
				Total .. 3,560
Salem ..	14,367	14,381	+ 14	Add excess collections .. 35
				Deduct advance collections adjusted .. 24
				Total .. 14

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Trichinopoly
" " of Coimbatore.
" " of Salem.
" " of Chingleput.
" " of Tanjore.
" Accountant-General.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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