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ABSTRACT.—Submitting annual statement C relating to Irrigation Cess Fund for 1898-99.

ABSTRACT.—Explaining the discrepancy noticed in the charges reported by the Collector under the Irrigation Cess Fund and those reported by the Accountant-General, and submitting the demand, collection and balance statement.

The Board begs to submit to Government its report on the operations of the Irrigation Cess Fund during 1898-99.

2. The following abstract shows the financial position of the fund as compared with the preceding year:—

* Revised figures reported by the Collector.

3. The receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 54,658, or Rs. 2,234 less than in 1897-98. The decrease would have been greater but for the collection of the cess, for the first time, under the Nilayūr channel in the Madura district at As. 3 in the rupee, as sanctioned in G.O., No. 48, dated 28th January 1898. The decrease in Chingleput is attributed to the absence of any arrear demand; in Trichinopoly to the decrease in land revenue and in the outstanding balance, and in Salem, partly to delay in the settlement of certain items until after the close of the year and partly to the fact that the whole amount of the lease of the "Rent on trees" which ended with 30th June 1898 had been collected before April of that year, whereas during the year under report only seven months' kists from September 1898 to March 1899 were collected under the new system of lease. The decrease in Coimbatore amounted to only Rs. 23 and there were no collections in Tanjore.

4. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 54,796, or Rs. 1,006 less than in the previous year. There was a large decrease (Rs. 5,285) in Trichinopoly due to the diminished expenditure on korambu works and repairs of certain channels. On the other hand, there was an increase of Rs. 2,306 in Coimbatore owing chiefly to the execution of certain works by the Public Works Department at a cost of over Rs. 2,000, and of Rs. 1,898 in Salem due mainly to the large number of works carried out during the year and partly to the revised scale of channel establishment sanctioned in G.O., Mis. No. 1407, dated 21st March 1898. The expenditure shown against

ABSTRACT.—Submitting annual statements (A and B) showing the transactions of Irrigation Cess Fund for 1898-99.

Tanjore represents the refund to the ryots concerned of the balance of Rs. 96 that stood to the credit of the fund at the close of the previous year. The expenditure in Madura represents solely the charges on account of establishment.

5. The details of the expenditure in each district are given below :—

Districts.	Establishment.	Construction and repair of channels, &c.		Miscellaneous.	Total.
		By Revenue Department	By Public Works Department.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chingleput	Rs. 289	Rs. 114	Rs. ..	Rs. 7	Rs. 410
Tanjore				96	96
Trichinopoly	13,908	4,976	300	344	19,528
Madura	49				49
Coimbatore	8,870	5,972	2,769	21	17,632
Salem	7,896	3,895	5,035	255	17,081
Total	31,012	14,957	8,104	723	54,796

Note.—Miscellaneous charges (Rs. 723) comprise the following items :—

	RS.
(1) Contingencies	9
(2) Stationery supplied from Central Stores	116
(3) Printing work done by Government Presses	33
(4) Travelling allowance of Special Fund and Local Fund Audit clerks	20
(5) Refunds	223
(6) Rents, rates and taxes	4
(7) Miscellaneous	318
Total	723

6. The total assets of the fund, including the balance at the beginning of the year, amounted to Rs. 1,23,549. Deducting Rs. 54,796, the amount expended during the year, the balance at the close of the year to the credit of the fund was Rs. 68,753. The Collector of Salem reports that the greater portion of the balance in his district will be utilized during the current year for carrying out the remaining improvements of the channels approved in G.O., No. 685, dated 18th October 1895. The Collectors of Trichinopoly and Coimbatore, where the balances are much larger, have not reported how they propose utilizing the amounts, though their attention was drawn to the matter in the report for the previous year. They are requested to submit a special report without further delay.

7. The subjoined statement shows the demand, collection and balance of the fund for 1898-99 :—

Districts.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Chingleput	Rs. ..	Rs. 1,139	Rs. 1,139	Rs. ..	Rs. 1,109	Rs. 1,109	Rs. ..	Rs. 30	Rs. 30
Tanjore									
Trichinopoly	2,772	23,035	25,807	2,772	20,893	23,665		2,142	2,142
Madura		534	534		534	534			
Coimbatore	26	10,795	10,821	26	10,790	10,816		5	5
Salem		13,594	13,594		13,593	13,593		1	1
Total	2,798	49,097	51,895	2,798	46,919	49,717		2,178	2,178

* Revised figure.

8. The receipts for the year shown in the statement in paragraph 2 *supra* differ from the actual collections made in the year. The differences are explained below :—

Districts.	Collections.	Receipts.	Difference between columns 2 and 3.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
Chingleput	Rs. 1,109	Rs. 1,033	Rs. - 76	The excess collection of 1897-98 adjusted towards the dues of the year under report.
Trichinopoly	23,665	23,454	- 211	Amount as per Form No. 12 23,454 Deduct excess collection made on account of future kists 48 Add excess collection of previous year brought to account this year 259 23,665
Madura	534	926	+ 392	Due to excess collection made in fasli 1308 which will be adjusted towards the demand of fasli 1309 (1899-1900). Add advance collections in 1898-99 for 1899-1900 174 Add contribution from Village Service Fund on account of channel establishment 4,838 Miscellaneous receipts 25 Total 5,037
Coimbatore	10,816	15,601	+ 4,785	Deduct advance collections in 1897-98 brought to account in 1898-99 252 4,785
Salem	13,593	13,644	+ 51	Deduct excess collection made in 1897-98 16 Add excess collection in 1898-99 67 51

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Collector of Chingleput.

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" " of Trichinopoly.
" " of Madura.
" " of Coimbatore.
" " of Salem.

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