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on the Agent's report on the administration of the--- during the-
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from F. D. A' O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam District, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 7th April 1895, No. 1236-J.:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Jeypore estate for fasli 1303. It is submitted much earlier than its three predecessors. It would have reached the Board ere this had it not been for the absence of my Estate Manager (lately also Agency Head Clerk) on hill tour with me last November and December. He has been relieved of the Agency duties since. I hope this will enable me to submit the next and last report by the due date.

2. *Official changes.*—Mr. Taylor, Manager of the estate, was absent on privilege leave for three months, when Mr. E. L. R. Thornton, I.C.S., my Acting Senior Assistant Collector, acted for him. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur P. Purniah Pantulu was in charge of the tannas below the ghâts throughout the year. As stated in the report for the previous year, I relieved Mr. Willock some four months before the expiry of the fasli under report.

3. There were no territorial changes. The limits of the divisions and tannas of the estate remained the same as in the preceding year.

4. The following table compares the rainfall in fasli 1303 with that of the preceding year and the average of the previous three years. Owing to the estate amins having in many instances failed to properly maintain the rain gauges, I am unable to give details of the rainfall during the fasli in every case. The Government statistics have been consequently adopted. There are no rain gauges at Kalyana-singupur and Narayanapatnam:—

The rainfall of the cultivation season.

Name of taluk.	Rainfall of 1893-94.	Rainfall of 1892-93.	Average for the three previous years.
1. Gunupur tanna	59.00	57.86	45.71
2. Rayaghada	55.79	46.94	49.22
3. Bissemkatak	55.52	50.45	49.21
4. Koraput	79.02	57.10	68.48
5. Pottangi	77.58	79.82	56.90
6. Jeypore	94.18	68.32	8 .. 2
7. Nowrangapur	74.30	66.00	63.01
8. Malkangiri	71.04	65.40	67.51

Above the ghâts, with the exception of the two northern muttas of the Omerkot tanna adjoining the Central Provinces (Raipur and Kundai), the season generally was favourable. Some of the wet crops in the neighbourhood of Jeypore suffered slightly from blight, but on the whole the ryots had nothing to complain of, except in the two muttas just mentioned. Considerable advances of grain were made out of the estate

i.e. Mr. Wm. is a much smarter man than his predecessor!
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stocks at Omerkot to the villagers of these muttas on the security of their cattle and the current fasli's crops. The last season was reported to be a good one here. The mango crop was quite up to the average.

Below the ghâts gingelly, which is the principal dry crop in Gunupur, was mostly damaged owing to heavy rains at the time of gathering, while it fared badly in Narayanapatnam for want of timely rains. Other products, wet and dry, yielded an average or fair crop in this division.

5. *Health of people and cattle disease.*—There were no epidemics of cholera or small-pox. The health of the people generally was good. There was no cattle disease. Water and pasture were abundant throughout the year.

6. Statement No. I shows the ages of the minor and his relations. He will attain his majority on the 6th December next. The minor's son is an intelligent-looking babe. The health of the family was good throughout the year.

7. As was observed in the reports of the previous years, the Court of Wards' statements numbers II-A and II-B are unsuited to the Agency estates and cannot therefore be filled in. The following table compares the number of villages or groups of villages leased out during the year with that of the preceding fasli.

Table comparing number of villages or groups of villages leased out during the fasli with that of preceding year—

Tannas.	Fasli 1302.		Fasli 1303.	
	Rented villages or groups of villages.	Ryotwari villages.	Rented villages or groups of villages.	Ryotwari villages.
1. Huzur	65	1	69	..
2. Nandapur	213	1	249	..
3. Singapur	114	1	116	..
4. Kotepad	194	1	195	..
5. Omerkot	202	4	207	..
6. Ramagiri	169	..	169	..
7. Malkangiri	263	..	271	1
8. Koraput	246	..	246	..
9. Gunupur	423	56	422	57
10. Rayaghada	383	15	393	17
11. Narayanapatnam	180	20	179	21
12. Kalyanasingapur	204	..	196	..
Total	2,656	99	2,712	96

The decrease in the ryotwari villages in the Manager's division has not been fully explained. In Omerkot three villages, for which ryotwar assessments were made in previous faslis, were settled on the mustajari system during the year. In the Nandapur tanna, villagewar settlement was made for the Jobaguda and Wondragedda cowle. Some few villages were also resumed by the estate.

In each of the tannas of Gunupur and Narayanapatnam one rented village was settled on the ryotwari system, while in Rayaghada two were similarly converted, two became deserted and fourteen new ones came into existence. In Kalyanasingapur ten villages became deserted, while two were resumed and incorporated with the estate jeroyati.

8. As has been explained in previous years, the prevailing tenure is "mustajari." Above the ghâts ryotwar holdings only prevail in the "kasba" lands of large villages, such as Jeypore, Kotepad and Singapur. They are not introduced in the outlying villages, except in the case of disputes amongst the villagers. Below the ghâts attempts are made to replace the rented or "mustajari" system by the ryotwari settlement, but it is impossible to do much in this direction before the estate leaves the hands of the Board.

9. The following tables compare the cash and grain demands of the estate during the fasli with those of the preceding one:—

TABLE No. III.

STATEMENT showing the demand in cash of the Jeypore Estate for fasli 1303.

Tannas.	Land Revenue.						Other items.			
	Ryotwar.		Rented villages.		Kattubady.		Tribute.		Receipt from lands outside the estate.	
	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Manager's Division.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Huzur	1,572	2,078	4,302	5,546	1,822	1,136	..	..	..	..
2. Koraput	35	47	17,326	17,824	157	155	..	..	..	..
3. Nandapur	1,016	1,095	20,855	22,630	89	324	..	..	..	..
4. Singapur	915	937	21,486	22,997	93	182	..	..	..	..
5. Kotepad	781	3,874	20,622	21,018	396	414	..	..	..	..
6. Omerkot	243	..	13,612	14,005	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Ramagiri	58	126	7,349	7,870	131	117	..	..	..	..
8. Malkangiri	135	263	10,145	10,932	282	280	..	..	..	..
Total	4,755	8,420	1,15,697	1,21,922	2,970	2,608	..	..	..	..
<i>Dewan's Division.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Gunupur	52,039	53,341	38,659	36,086	2,747	2,756	1,500	1,500	..	..
2. Rayaghada	11,731	13,134	45,802	44,981	1,170	1,170	15,000	15,000	..	..
3. Narayanapatnam	6,903	6,835	15,936	16,010	503	502	..	..	..	..
4. Kalyanasingapur	..	388	19,791	24,656	164	164	..	..	..	..
Total	70,723	73,698	1,20,188	1,23,733	4,584	4,592	16,500	16,500	..	..
Grand Total	75,478	82,118	2,35,885	2,45,655	7,554	7,200	16,500	16,500	2,246	4,676

Tannas.	Miscellaneous.										Total.	Total.
	Forest revenue.		Devadayan.		Mokhasas under management.		Bhets.		Miscellaneous collections.			
	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.		
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			22	23
<i>Manager's Division.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Huzur	558	2,353	1,443	656	..	..	103	3,093	522	237	10,322	15,099
2. Koraput	33	186	..	..	..	..	341	338	95	64	17,987	18,614
3. Nandapur	..	359	..	..	..	..	269	295	21	12	22,250	24,715
4. Singapur	190	38	..	..	..	..	243	260	..	15	22,927	24,429
5. Kotepad	180	102	467	468	..	..	303	318	132	409	22,881	26,603
6. Omerkot	1,058	1,640	..	..	..	..	199	195	61	89	15,173	15,929
7. Ramagiri	52	31	235	235	..	198	172	178	160	233	8,157	8,988
8. Malkangiri	38,201	8,169	..	..	..	..	280	284	232	523	49,275	19,551
Total	40,272	12,878	2,145	1,359	..	198	1,910	4,961	1,223	1,582	1,68,972	1,53,928
<i>Dewan's Division.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Gunupur	9,532	10,417	5,143	5,088	2,309	2,826	..	..	479	588	1,12,458	1,14,102
2. Rayaghada	15	1,050	179	169	..	..	30	32	168	160	74,095	75,696
3. Narayanapatnam	777	1,382	623	577	..	..	10	10	9	394	24,761	25,710
4. Kalyanasingapur	..	76	4,114	..	..	..	186	341	127	141	24,382	25,766
Total	10,324	12,925	10,059	5,834	2,309	2,326	226	383	783	1,283	2,35,696	2,41,274
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,246	4,676
Grand Total	50,596	25,803	12,204	7,193	2,309	2,524	2,136	5,344	2,006	2,865	4,06,914	3,99,978

TABLE No. IV.

STATEMENT showing the demand in grain for fasli 1303.

Tannas.	Land Revenue.						Miscellaneous.					
	Ryotwar.		Rented villages.		Kttubady.		Devudayam.		Miscellaneous collections.		Total.	
	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.
<i>Manager's Division.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Huzur	10	5	511	491	..	..	24	22	..	..	545	518
2. Koraput	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Nandapur	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Singapur	79	78	303	272	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..
5. Kotepad	105	11	602	601	16	16	13	13	..	2	382	365
6. Omerkot	..	..	19	..	..	..	13	..	10	5	746	633
7. Ramagiri	..	5	153	151	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..
8. Malkangiri	..	..	42	53	..	..	12	12	3	..	168	168
Total ..	194	99	1,641	1,568	16	16	49	47	13	7	1,913	1,737
<i>Devan's Division.</i>												
Kalyanasingapur ..	..	..	39	49	..	..	17	..	..	..	56	49
Total ..	..	..	39	49	..	..	17	..	..	..	56	49
Grand Total ..	194	99	1,680	1,617	16	16	66	47	13	7	1,969	1,786

The gross demand of the fasli amounted to Rs. 3,99,878 + 1,786 garces of grain against Rs. 4,06,914 + 1,969 garces of grain of the preceding fasli, showing a net decrease of Rs. 7,036 in cash and of 183 garces in kind. The decrease in cash, which is but nominal, was made up as shown in the following Table No. V and contributed chiefly by the fall of Forest revenue in the Manager's division. This was due to his declining to grant additional licenses for the export of timber from Motu, in the Malkangiri tanna, until all the timber already licensed had been exported. There were large accumulations of logs at Motu and in the forests, and without some sort of clearance it was impossible to tell to what extent, as undoubtedly was the case, unauthorized felling took place. The demand for the year under this head was therefore practically restricted to collection of royalty on minor produce. There was, on the other hand, a nominal increase of Rs. 5,864 due to commutation into cash of sists heretofore paid in kind. In the Dewan's division there was an increase on the whole which was mainly due to the incorporation with the estate jeroyati of the lands illegally assigned by the Rani of Kalyanasingapur for temple purposes (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 44, dated 7th February 1893).

The Venkatarajapuram village and Sitinicheruvu Istuva, possession of which was obtained by the estate during the year, by process of court, contributed to the increase under the head of "lands outside the estate." Other minor increases and decreases have been explained in column 21 of statement II-B.

TABLE No. V.

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10. The decrease in the grain demand of the manager's division is also nominal, it being mainly due to commutation of certain grain sists into cash carried out on the principle mentioned in paragraph 11 of the report for fasli 1301. There is no grain demand now in Nandapur or Omerkot. The decrease in the Dewan's division has not been explained. It is probably due to the same cause.

11. Commuted value of thatching grass has been included in the cash demand as a miscellaneous item. It has not been noticed here therefore as a special item.
12. No remissions were granted during the year.

12. No remissions were granted during the fasli on account of current demand.

13. Statement No. III shows the demand, collection and balance of the estate for fasli 1303.

14. *Arrears.*—The difference of Rs. 15 between the arrear demand shown in this statement and that shown as remaining at the end of last year has been explained in the remarks column of the statement. Of the arrear demand of Rs. 1,27,642 outstanding for collection at the beginning of fasli 1303, Rs. 33,707 related to the manager's division, Rs. 92,205 to the Dewan's, and Rs. 1,730 to "lands outside the estate." Of the first only Rs. 521 or 1·54 per cent. remained to be collected on the 31st December last, which is very creditable to Mr. H. D. Taylor, I.C.S., manager of the estate. The Dewan's arrear collections were also good. He collected about three-fourths of the arrears in his division. Only Rs. 14,409 or 15·62 per cent. of his arrears remained uncollected at the end of the quarter ended 31st December last. The heavy arrear balance outstanding against "lands outside the estate" is mostly secured by bonds.

15. I enclose herewith statements showing fasliwar particulars of the arrear balances of cash and grain outstanding at the end of fasli.

TABLE No. VI.

FASLIWAR particulars of the arrear balance of cash demand outstanding at the end of fasli 1303 (paragraph 15 of the report).

Items.	Fasli 1284 to 1290.	Fasli 1291.	Fasli 1292.	Fasli 1293.	Fasli 1294.	Fasli 1295.	Fasli 1296.	Fasli 1297.	Fasli 1298.	Fasli 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Manager's Division.</i>														
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ryotwar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 12 0	1 8 0	..	3 8 0	1 8 0	11 9 0	26 13 0
2. Rented villages ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22 15 8	54 0 0	3 0 0	156 12 0	445 12 11	682 8 7
3. Kattubady ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	335 10 8	1 8 0	9 0 0	51 0 0	58 4 0	58 8 0	94 12 0	608 10 8
4. Bhets ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 8 0	..	6 8 0	6 8 0	0 8 0	21 0 0	..	35 0 0
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	336 2 8	10 4 0	39 15 8	111 8 0	65 4 0	237 12 0	552 1 11	1,353 0 3
<i>Deewan's Division.</i>														
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ryotwar ..	52 10 3	..	65 10 0	64 8 0	1,264 7 11	2,098 3 3	1,041 1 4	393 12 0	2,253 8 8	2,362 12 1	1,485 12 1	1,487 5 1	2,257 3 5	14,826 14 1
2. Rented villages ..	11 4 0	..	..	60 4 0	2,977 6 5	4,139 10 1	6,517 1 6	3,882 9 2	10,890 3 0	8,714 11 8	5,136 12 7	3,526 4 9	4,322 12 0	50,178 15 2
3. Kattubady ..	317 14 8	2 0 0	..	341 0 0	85 8 0	62 0 0	107 0 0	57 0 0	118 10 7	364 15 6	454 11 8	804 15 10	900 3 7	3,615 15 10
4. Rent on gardens ..	..	..	..	..	..	1 0 0	10 0 0	..	174 8 0	59 14 0	26 2 0	27 10 0	24 3 8	393 5 8
5. Devalayan ..	..	..	..	119 8 3	410 0 0	371 4 0	327 0 0	79 3 0	452 10 0	223 1 1	182 11 3	435 10 2	695 10 8	8,236 10 5
6. Interest on arrears ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 0 0	79 0 0	10 0 0	..	189 0 0
7. Forest revenue ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	530 0 0	4,290 0 0	..	241 4 0	76 4 0	5,137 8 0
Total ..	381 12 11	2 0 0	65 10 0	585 4 3	4,737 6 4	6,672 1 4	8,002 2 10	4,412 8 2	14,419 8 3	16,115 6 4	7,365 1 7	6,533 1 10	8,276 5 4	77,568 5 2
1. Lands situated out- side the estate ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139 8 6	305 0 0	307 1 0	78 1 0	21 0 0	240 0 0	..	1,090 10 6
Grand Total ..	381 12 11	2 0 0	65 10 0	585 4 3	4,737 6 4	6,672 1 4	8,477 14 0	4,727 12 2	14,766 8 11	16,304 15 4	7,451 5 7	7,010 13 10	8,828 7 3	80,011 15 11

FASLIWAR particulars of arrear balance of grain demand outstanding at the end of fasli 1303 (paragraph 15 of the report).

Divisions.	Fasli 1294.	Fasli 1295.	Fasli 1296.	Fasli 1297.	Fasli 1298.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Manager's division	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.
2. Dewan's do.	5 18 7 4	12 2 19 8	18 2 12 0	17 3 4 0	1 13 5 0
Total ..	5 18 7 4	12 2 19 8	19 10 12 12	17 3 11 4	14 19 10 0

Divisions.	Fasli 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Total.
	7	8	9	10	11
1. Manager's division	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.
2. Dewan's do.	5 1 13 14	14 1 17 5	14 6 1 2	1 0 0 0	37 1 5 5
Total ..	22 12 5 12	16 9 2 2	7 11 6 6	9 21 10 10	121 27 12 10

Divisions.	Fasli 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Total.
	7	8	9	10	11
1. Manager's division	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.
2. Dewan's do.	5 1 13 14	14 1 17 5	14 6 1 2	1 0 0 0	37 1 5 5
Total ..	22 12 5 12	16 9 2 2	7 11 6 6	9 21 10 10	121 27 12 10

16. *Current.*—The current collections are eminently satisfactory. The Manager collected almost all the demand. The current recoverable balance of his division on the 31st December last amounted to 0.69 per cent. The Dewan's was comparatively a little heavy, but was quite satisfactory. It amounted to 6.47 per cent. The current collections on account of lands outside the estate are fair.

17. The following statement shows the current cash demand and collection of the estate tannawar :—

TABLE No. VII.

STATEMENT showing the demand, collection and balance tannawar (paragraph 17 of the report).

Tannas.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
<i>Manager's Division.</i>	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Huzur	15,099	15,066	33
2. Koraput	18,614	18,614	..
3. Nandapur	24,715	23,859	856
4. Singapur	24,429	24,120	309
5. Kotepad	26,603	26,601	2
6. Omerkot	15,929	15,693	236
7. Ramagiri	8,988	8,793	195
8. Malkangiri	19,551	16,978	2,573
Total ..	* 1,53,928	* 1,49,724	4,204
<i>Dewan's Division.</i>			
1. Gunupur	1,14,102	1,00,084	14,018
2. Rayaghada	75,696	72,409	3,287
3. Narayanapatnam	25,710	20,754	4,956
4. Kalyanasingapuram	25,766	25,329	437
Total ..	2,41,274	2,18,576	22,698
Lands outside the estate	4,676	4,446	230
Grand Total ..	3,99,878	3,72,746	27,132

* Excludes Rs. 37,693 collected in cash in lieu of grain.

18. Under grain demand the collections, both arrear and current, in the Manager's division, were very creditable, while the current collections were good in the Dewan's. Much of the arrear grain demand in this division is doubtful of recovery.

19. On the whole the collections, arrear and current, were, as usual, creditable to the officers concerned. It is all the more so that recourse was had to the summary act only in three cases in the Manager's division and in eleven in the Dewan's for

the purpose of making the collections in question. Three civil suits were also filed in the latter division for the recovery of Rs. 482-4-3, which were recovered under decrees of the court.

20. The sundry receipts in kind in the Kalyanasingapuram tanna were all commuted into cash during the fasli under report, so that there was no current demand on that account. The following statement shows the arrear demand, collection and balance of these items as they stood on the 31st December last. The items outstanding for collection have to be gradually collected. Most of them are probably irrecoverable :—

STATEMENT showing the arrear demand, collection and balance of the sundry receipts in kind in the Kalyanasingapur tanna for fasli 1303 (paragraph 20 of the report).

Items.	Demand.		Collection.		Arrears remitted during fasli 1303.	Balance.	
	Arrear.	Total.	Arrear.	Total.		Arrear.	Total.
Ryotwar *	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.	G. P. K. S.
Rented villages	0 10 0 0	0 10 0 0	..	..	..	0 10 0 0	0 10 0 0
Rice	7 20 6 6	7 20 6 6	1 7 16 8	1 7 16 8	2 8* 1 2	4 4 8 12	4 4 8 12
Horsegram	1 10 13 0	1 10 13 0	0 2 0 0	0 2 0 0	1 2 10 0†	0 6 3 0	0 6 3 0
Gingelly-oil seeds	1 16 19 5	1 16 19 5	0 2 5 2	0 2 5 2	0 27 10 11	0 17 3 8	0 17 3 8
Total ..	10 27 18 11	10 27 18 11	1 12 1 10	1 12 1 10	4 8 1 13	5 7 15 4	5 7 15 4

* Newly brought to light.

† Board's Proceedings, No. 5985, dated 30th October 1894.

21. Statement No. IV shows the financial condition of the estate for fasli 1303.

The opening balance amounted to Rs. 8,26,302 including Government promissory-notes of the nominal value of Rs. 4,74,400 and Rs. 1,12,680, value of 2,817 garces of grain. The receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 5,30,723 + 841 garces of grain. The cash commutation rates were freely availed of during the year which accounts for the small amounts received in grain; 1,174 garces of the demand were collected in this way and realized Rs. 37,693 or an average price of Rs. 32-1-0 per "galla" garce. The interest on Government promissory-notes collected during the year was less than the amount estimated for in the budget. The reason is not known here, this item being managed by the Board of Revenue.

The grain sales were very slack during the year. Owing to a good season in the plains, prices were low and there was no great demand for hill grain, or more would have been sold.

22. The following table gives details of the other items shown in column 13.

Only item 10 calls for remarks. This was a recoupment of advances made on account of public works under Mr. French (*vide* paragraph 31 of last year's report).

STATEMENT giving details of the amount shown in column 13 under other items.

Items.	Manager's division.	Dewan's division.	Huzur and Board.	Total.	Remarks.
1. House-rent	452	14	242	708	
2. Sale-proceeds of cattle	2,462	..	..	2,462	
3. Law charges recovered	..	115	143	258	
4. Miscellaneous sales	1,096	229	..	1,325	
5. Refunds	1,343	369	4,630	6,342	
6. Kondabindho	..	30	..	30	
7. Contribution received from Government for utilizing the Estate Engineer's services	..	..	3,907	3,907	
8. Cattle sist	363	..	..	363	
9. Income derived from Saw mills	502	..	..	502	
10. Advances recovered.. ..	..	..	9,994	9,994	Included in normal receipts for the purposes of column 33 of Statement IV.
Total ..	6,218	757	18,916	25,891	

23. The total assets, cash and grain, amounted to Rs. 7,69,945 + 3,658 garces, of which Rs. 6,27,192 + 1,395 garces of grain including a sum of Rs. 2,57,430 invested in Government promissory-notes were expended during the year. The cash balance at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 1,42,753, of which Rs. 11,999 were with the Board. Adding to this Rs. 7,13,800, the nominal value of Government promissory-notes held by the estate, and value of 2,263 garces of grain at Rs. 30 per garce, the total closing balance amounted to Rs. 9,24,443.

24. The manager reports that the net value of grain may be calculated at Rs. 25 per garce for the reasons given in paragraph 28 of last year's report. All grain transactions in the Nandapur tanna were finally closed during the year, and there is no grain demand in that tanna. The large stocks at Kotepad and Omerkot were checked and their contents were also ascertained.

25. As was observed in last year's paragraph just quoted, the closing balance excludes a sum of Rs. 61,182 shown separately as remaining to the credit of the "general revenues" of Jeypore at the end of the year in the Madgole report (*vide* correspondence ending with this office letter No. 884-J, dated 15th March 1895).

26. The charges entered in column 26 of statement No. IV include the following unusual items:—

- (1) Rs. 6,600, expenditure incurred for the celebration of the birth of the Minor Rajah's son which is included under the head of annual ceremonies and festivals (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 1044, dated 27th February 1894).
- (2) Rs. 14,135, value of Benares cloths and jewels purchased for the minor Rajah's wife (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 5348, dated 14th September 1893).
- (3) Rs. 5,690, cost of corrugated iron sheeting purchased.
- (4) Rs. 1,428, cost of warm clothing and uniforms supplied to peons, &c., and the guards' establishment.
- (5) Rs. 1,882, presents to Dharmjighar servants.
- (6) Rs. 1,000, present given to Mr. Marsh.
- (7) Rs. 648, expenses of dedication of a tank.

Corrugated iron sheeting was purchased during the year to roof the granaries of the estate to protect them from accidental fires. All the sheeting obtained has, I am glad to say, been used and more will be indented for soon.

The guards' establishment have been provided with uniform and are looking very smart indeed. I have seen them put through their drill and shoot; they are most excellently trained in both respects. Presents and travelling allowance were paid to servants of the Udaipur Raja, who brought congratulatory and benedictory letters according to family custom on the birth of a son and heir to the minor Raja. Rupees 1,000 were given to Mr. Marsh in recognition of his excellent services in connection with the minor Raja's marriage. The Dowager Pattamahadevi, the minor's mother, dug a tank by the side of the road going from Koraput to Jeypore at her own cost. The expenses of dedication only were paid by the estate.

27. The following statement compares the charges of the estate during the fasli with those of the preceding year, and explains briefly the important variations under each head:—

STATEMENT showing the Charges of the Estate for the Fasli 1302 and 1303 explaining briefly the reason for increase or decrease under each head.

Number.	Item.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
I	Board's office establishment	Rs. 1,917	Rs. 1,810	.. 183	Rs. 107	The increase was due to the manager's absence on privilege leave for three months when Mr. Thornton acted for him and to the payment of exchange compensation allowances to both, with arrears to the former.
1	Agent's office	2,243	2,426	850	..	Some of the previous year's bills were received too late for payment.
2	Salaries of Manager, Dewan and their establishments	27,877	32,984	5,107	..	Do. do. in the year (fasli 1303) under report.
3	Tanna establishment	626	12,174	11,548	..	<i>Vide</i> remark against item IV.
4	.. .. .	22,935	27,722	4,786	..	Do. do. item V.
5	Old Huzur	69	2,630	2,461	..	Is a varying item.
6	Forest establishment	23,978	19,742	3,567	..	The increase is trifling.
7	Travelling allowance	5,698	3,567	3,567	..	Pensionary contribution was paid for Mr. Thornton.
8	Sadward and contingencies	6,970	4,999	1,266	..	A Sub-Engineer was appointed for the bridge at Rayaghadra.
9	House-rent	488	4,999	.. 10	..	Mr. French was employed only during a part of fasli 1302.
10	Pensionary contribution	5,945	6,850	305	..	<i>Vide</i> paragraph 29 of the report.
II-a	Establishment	4,997	10,834	5,837	..	Is a varying item.
b	.. .. .	3,370	6,428	2,058	..	Is due to the increase of the establishment sanctioned on account of new Patta-mahadevi and the minor's child.
c	Roads and Communications	38,825	30,224	2,058	..	The decrease is due to less travelling.
d	Buildings	6,812	20,852	14,040	..	The junior Mahadevi who originally demurred to receiving any allowance received it all in this fasli. There were also a few other arrears.
III	Peishensh and Kotepad tribute	19,000	19,000	.. 613	..	Is due to the increase of maintenance allowance to Rajendramanidevi (<i>vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 28th March 1894, No. 1551).
IV	Government Commission	11,367	11,880	.. 513	..	Board's Proceedings, dated 28th March 1894, No. 1551.
V-a	Allowance to the Minor	3,739	11,419	1,680	..	The mills practically did no work.
b	Education of the Minor	14,225	12,737	5,794	..	This was due to savings made.
VI	Allowance to other members of the family	850	6,644	291	..	Is a varying item.
VII	Forest operations including part purchase of Saw mill tools	24,209	24,500	.. 291	..	This has been explained in paragraph 27 of the report.
VIII	Saw Mills establishment and contingencies	8,635	7,252	.. 1,383	..	Is a varying item.
	.. .. .	6,828	3,158	3,670	..	Does not call for remark.
	Allowance to pagodas	794	340	454	..	Do. do.
	Law charges	26,689	21,375	5,314	..	The decrease is but nominal (Rs. 14,135 were the value of cloths and jewels purchased from the grant for jewellery, whereas the marriage was actually performed in fasli 1302).
	Annual ceremonies and festivals	6,257	4,323	1,934	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 16th August 1893, No. 4744.
	Grants for public purposes	9,153	16,457	6,304	..	This is not an item of expenditure properly so called.
	Upkeep of horses and elephants	2,575	3,893	1,318	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 12th February 1894, No. 2117, and 26th February 1894, No. 1017.
	Stable contingencies	2,371	2,916	.. 545	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 20th April 1894, No. 2117.
	Minor's marriage expenses	1,030	864	166	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd April 1894, No. 1739.
	Sundry charges	77,974	14,135	63,839	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 12th October 1893, No. 589.
	.. .. .	11,057	4,167	6,890	..	<i>Vide</i> Board's Proceedings, dated 1st May 1894, No. 2350.
	.. .. .	16,036	2,574,330	..	..	
	.. .. .	..	5,690	5,690	..	
	.. .. .	..	1,428	1,428	..	
	.. .. .	..	1,882	1,882	..	
	.. .. .	..	1,000	1,000	..	
	.. .. .	..	648	648	..	
		..	..	..	..	
	.. .. .	..	6,27,192	..	..	
	.. .. .	4,01,140	..	..	..	

28. Deducting debts recovered, sale-proceeds of property and the other items entered in column 13 of statement IV, the normal receipts amounted to Rs. 4,63,563. This, however, does not exclude the interest on debts recovered, which is liable to commission (*vide* Court's Proceedings, No. 2020, dated 16th June 1892). The percentage of establishment charges and Government commission comes to 29.01 or 5.37 more than in the preceding year. The excess was due to larger arrears of salaries paid during the fasli. Proposals for the distribution of the Dewan's salary (will follow) have been submitted in a separate communication.

29. Enclosure A to statement No. IV gives particulars of expenditure on estate public works. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 67,338, including Rs. 24,000, the usual contribution to the agency grant. The percentage of expenditure to allotment amounted only to 45.74, which was mainly due to (1) the Estate Engineer's absence on leave for five months during the year, (2) the non-entertainment of an irrigation overseer for whom provision was made in the budget, and (3) the short expenditure on the Rayaghada bridge and Narayanapatnam road. The two last works are being pushed on rapidly during the current year and will probably be completed early next fasli.

Rupees 5,428 were expended on irrigation works of a miscellaneous description. No important works of this kind were undertaken.

Under Buildings, New Works, the Koraput cutcherry was completed and the Kotepad cutcherry taken in hand and nearly finished by Mr. Taylor. Two granaries, one at Kotepad and another at Borigumma, were covered with corrugated roofing and half the wall round the present fort completed. All these I have seen to be good. There were no new works undertaken under this head in the Dewan's Division. The Estate Engineer was absent on leave, as has been stated already, for nearly half the year and the progress of works under him was consequently far from satisfactory. He merely built a house for himself, laid the foundations of the Manager's stables and commenced the foundations of the Jeypore hospital besides collecting materials for the fort and the hospital. He has made fair progress since; but he certainly should have done much better, and there is at least one disgraceful specimen of his neglect standing in Jeypore town, but it is a Government work. The fact is a man of this class should never have been put in independent charge; such an one is always liable to get "too big for his boots." He will be relieved soon, and an Estate Engineer appointed solely for estate works. I have advertised for one and got one and the present combined arrangement by which Government and Estate works are managed by one officer will be put a stop to (*vide* my letter, No. 64, dated 12th March 1895). The construction of godowns at Gunupur for market purposes was commenced during the year. They will be finished this year probably. The usual repairs to temple buildings, &c., were carried out during the year. They do not call for special comment.

Under Communications, Rs. 24,000 were contributed to the agency grant as usual, and all non-arterial communications in the estate kept in proper order. The roads in Jeypore are most excellent, in fact, with but few exceptions. Rupees 3,104 were spent on the Rayaghada bridge work which was only commenced during the year. It has since been pushed on with wonderful rapidity and is expected to be completed by next August or September. Only Rs. 1,430 were expended on the Narayanapatnam road out of the special grant of Rs. 10,500, owing to the death of the overseer at first appointed on this work, within a few months of his entertainment, and to the illness and absence on leave of his successor. Work is proceeding rapidly at present on this work under a Eurasian overseer, whom I borrowed from the District Board establishment for the purpose. Capital work has been done now under Mr. Thornton who takes an active interest in such matters. Both this and the Rayaghada tracts seem to occasion malaria to all employed in them, and a strong constitution is required to withstand it. I was at Rayaghada in November and at Narayanapatnam in December and traced out diversions on the latter road. If a railway line is made to Párvatipur a branch could go to Narayanapatnam and thence up a secluded and gently sloping valley which I got Mr. Thornton to explore to the upper plateau of

Jeypore, but a line is more likely to reach that town from Raipur on the north, or from the Gódávári valley and Motu on the south, from either of which there would be no ghât difficulty to contend with.

30. Statement No. V-A shows the debts due to the estate. As was remarked in the last year's statement, the debts due in the Manager's division are small. Of Rs. 4,001 which fell due, Rs. 3,030 were written off as anticipated last year (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 4006, Mis., dated 9th August 1893) and Rs. 460 collected leaving a balance of Rs. 511, the greater part of which the Manager expects to collect before the expiry of the current fasli. Rupees 450 shown in column 4 of the statement as "loans newly given during the year" represent the takkavi advances given to ryots (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 6271, Mis., dated 3rd October 1894). The Manager has not explained Rs. 203 shown in column 5 against his division, but the amount is too small to call for special explanation. The fresh loan shown as given during the year in the Dewan's division was the loan given to the Belgam estate and recovered with interest during the year, as soon as funds became available in that estate which is also under management. Of Rs. 76,708 which fell due, only Rs. 9,813 including the debt just referred to above were collected in the Dewan's division and Rs. 390 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 66,505. Of this Rs. 4,373 have since been written off and Rs. 50,000 are due under a decree passed against Srinivasa Bakshi Patro of Rayaghada; of this latter amount Rs. 25,000 have been already collected and the rest will be collected before the expiry of the current fasli. Rupees 2,000 of the remainder are due from the Kottakota people of Rayaghada under a decree. This item will also be recovered within this fasli. The remainder of the balance, viz., Rs. 10,132, are due from poor ryots and will have to be gradually recovered. The Dewan has not evidently excluded from the category of debts, arrears of rent secured by bonds. His attention has again been drawn to this point.

31. There are no debts due by the estate. Statement V-B is therefore blank.

32. Statement No. VI gives details of the minor's progress in education. He continues to improve; but the improvement is slow, as he has not much taste for education. He has lately returned from a tour in Northern India, and appears to have been greatly benefited by it. He seems a quiet but shrewd young man with a considerable sense of humour, and is said to be fond of money, rather too much so, in fact.

33. *Suits.*—The appeal made by Srinivasa Bakshi Patro to the High Court against the local District Court's decision in the matter of the jewelled belt sold to him by the late Maharaja of Jeypore, was dismissed during the year. The decretal amount is being collected. The appeals made by Singam Lakshmajee against the Lower Court's decisions about the recovery of Venkatarajapuram village and Setini Cheruvu istavas were also dismissed and possession of those villages obtained for the estate. The mesne profits due on account of these lands have also been decreed for the estate. The suit brought by the Pachipenta zemindar for the recovery of certain border villages, which he alleged had been encroached upon by the Jeypore estate, was lately dismissed. There were no other suits of importance.

34. *Inam alienations.*—The work of proceeding with the copying of the title-deeds has been completed, but all had not been examined and verified before the close of the fasli under report. In Kotepad a detailed examination of inam lands was made with reference to the question of imposing a quit-rent on that pargannah (*vide* Government Order, Nos. 3099 and 3100, dated 18th December 1894). The Dewan has not yet submitted the report regarding the inquiry made by him into the inam alienations existing in the muttas in his charge. The following statement shows the inams resumed during the year and the reasons for which they have been resumed. With the hope that the minor Raja's authority in these matters would be more cheerfully acknowledged, action is at present taken only in urgent and clear cases. The minor will attain his majority on the 6th December next:—

STATEMENT showing inam alienations resumed during fasli 1303.

Tanna.	Village.	Name of holder.	Extent.	Revenue.	Order of resumption.	Cause of resumption.	Date of resumption.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Huzur	Kolasbandi	Hari Gantaik	Whole village.	Rs. 150	A.P. 3561, 3rd Aug. 1893.	Services dispensed with	From fasli 1301.
	Ranipet	Mia Khan Kumundan	Do.	265	A.P. 30, 6th Oct. 1893.	Do.	Do.
Ramagiri	Dolaiput	Mohana Biso	Garces 3 Villages	100	Do.	Death without male issue	1303.
	Mundaguda	Gowrachandra Dorai	Do.	150	Do.	Do.	1303.
	Dongum Panso	Naran Mahanti	Do.	150	Do.	Services dispensed with	1303.
	Dhrasapalli	Harihandu Dolai	Do.	429	A.P. 2289, May 1893.	Do.	1303.
Singapur	Kotahandi	Nalakanta Biso	Do.	157	A.P. 289, 31st Jan. 1893.	Death and services of children dispensed with.	Do.
	Mokaput	Mokta Devi	Do.	215	Do.	Death of the maintenance-holder	Do.
Kotepad	Kusumi	Wife of Dullabha Biso	Do.	120	Do.	Death of service-holder	Do.
	Kusumi	Miakun Kumundan	Do.	600	Do.	Services dispensed with	Do.
	Kotepad	Temka Pradhani	Land	15	Do.	Madness of the service-holder	Do.
Koraput	Dolaiput	Miakun Kumundan	Village	71	Do.	Services dispensed with	Do.
							1303.
K. Singapur	Portibandy, Tota, Gadgadhara Santra putte villages.		Villages	Cash 120, Grain 110, putties 20	B.P. 732, 14th Feb. 1894.	Death of last holder without issue but leaving a widow for whom a monthly allowance of Rs. 12-8-0 has been sanctioned (vide Board's Proceedings, dated 20th April 1894, No. 2118).	Do.
	Budikomara Kari-nallice lands.	Do.	Lands	Rs. A. P. 22 8 8, 12 0 0	Do.	Do.	do.

35. *Forests*.—During the year rules were passed under the Forest Act, but these have been found to be utterly inadequate and revised rules have been proposed (vide correspondence ending with this office letter No. 572, dated 20th February 1895). There is not much time to work them satisfactorily, but a start can be made if they are passed without further reference. No great progress was made during the year in the matter of reservation owing to the death of the late Forest Ranger. His successor, Mr. Tapp, whose services have been lent to the estate, is doing good work during the current year. There was a great increase in the trade of myrabolams, this crop being extremely prolific. The Manager visited Motu, the forest station in the south-west of the estate, and revised the forest rates prevailing there. A thoroughly reliable officer is required at this station to be placed in charge of the timber traffic to which the amin, who has to travel and collect sist over 2,000 square miles of wild country, cannot possibly devote adequate attention. The question is now before the Board.

36. *Saw Mill's*.—The mills and necessary buildings in connection with the same were finally completed, but owing to the ill-health of the staff and insufficiency of skilled labour they did not begin regular work during the fasli; some work has been done in the current fasli up to date, but as much work as was originally expected cannot be done for the reasons given in my endorsement disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 74, dated 6th March 1895.

37. The following are the remarks of the Manager and Dewan on the condition of the estate ryots. The ryots are doing quite well. I am glad to say that I have not received even a single complaint of oppression or coercion by even the minor revenue subordinates.

Manager's remarks—"There is nothing to add to my previous report regarding the condition of the ryots in general."

Dewan's remarks—"The condition of the estate's ryots in the fasli under report remained the same as it was in the previous fasli."

During my late tour I saw these ryots in thousands when they turned out 500 a day to beat the jungles; they look, and are, quite prosperous. No one will grow two crops because one is enough for them; the fertility and water-supply of many large tracts in Jeypore is marvellous. It is a country which one day, when the population is large enough, will exceed Mysore in wealth. The great lower plateau is perfectly flat except for the range of hills, and wheeled communication is remarkably easy owing to the absence of rocks and deep nullahs. The soil is all very fair and there are plenty of rivers and streams to irrigate it when necessary. The forest is all very light and open everywhere and easily removed for purposes of cultivation; the water is most wholesome and plentiful and nearly everywhere close to the surface, and as I told the Rajah, if he lives to see 50 years of age and administers properly he will be one of the richest men in India. His people are quiet and easily ruled; but they are somewhat fond of drink and break open each other's heads in their cups.

RESOLUTION—dated 7th June 1895, No. 182.

Recorded with the following remarks:—

- (1) As observed by the Agent, the collections were satisfactory.
- (2) With reference to paragraph 28, the report regarding the adjustment of the Dewan's salary has not yet reached this office. It should be expedited.
- (3) The calculation of Government commission, entered at foot of statement IV-B, is incorrect—vide Court's Proceedings, dated 10th May 1894, No. 12, Press. The necessary adjustment should be made in the consolidated statement called for in Court's Proceedings, dated 15th May 1895, No. 497 R.
- (4) It is presumed that the statement referred to in clause (i) of Board's Proceedings, dated 14th April 1894, No. 157 (Land Revenue), is being maintained.

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(5) A son having been born to the ward in the course of the fasli in question, the necessary entry should have been made in statement I accompanying the report.

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