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

READ—the following paper from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Madura, 5th February 1893, No. A :—

BRIEF report on the state of the season during the fortnight ending 31st January 1893, Madura district.

MADURA TALUK.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 27.38 inches against 33.70 in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was .05 against nil in January 1892. The total rainfall up to January 1893 being 27.43 against 33.70 in 1892 and against 33.21 the average of five years.

Progress of cultivation.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	52,311	43,621	95,932
In January 1893	290	754	1,044
Total	52,601	44,375	96,976
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	51,086	45,051	96,137
In January 1892	484	2,163	2,647
Total	51,570	47,214	98,784
Average of five years	51,010	45,469	96,479

Standing crops are over 33,654 acres as under :—

							ACS.
Government	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	3,834
	{	Wet	...	...	...	...	26,185
Inam	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	574
	{	Wet	...	...	...	...	3,061

and they have been estimated to yield 4 to 8 annas.

The extent harvested up to date is 76,260 acres as under :—

							ACS.
Government	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	48,767
	{	Wet	...	...	...	...	18,190
Inam	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	6,540
	{	Wet	...	...	...	...	2,763

Outturn is estimated to be between 4 to 8 annas. Early sown paddy in parts of Tirumukur firka are being harvested.

The prices of food-grains generally remain stationary. In villages principal food-grains are generally available in weekly markets. Importations largely received from different parts of the country. Markets well supplied.

Tiruvadur firka.—Standing dry and wet crops are both fading for want of rain.
Kottampatti firka.—Standing dry crop is *castor-oil* seeds which cannot yield much. Standing wet crops are under support of wells and cannot be expected to yield much.
Nattam firka.—Standing crops, both wet and dry, under wells are in fair condition, and those not under wells are in a bad condition and are likely to become *shavi*.
 The extent harvested up to date is as under:—

Meldr.			Tiruvadur			Kottampatti.			Nattam		
Dry.	Wet.	Outturn.	Dry.	Wet.	Outturn.	Dry.	Wet.	Outturn.	Dry.	Wet.	Outturn.
ACR.	ACR.	AS.	ACR.	ACR.	AS.	ACR.	ACR.	AS.	ACR.	ACR.	AS.
370	200	12	1,090	1,002	8	25	304	16	12	—	16
3,500	2,000	5	2,546	—	—	2	121	12	730	—	12
8,250	5,000	4	1,700	508	4	1,336	1,053	8	7,850	510	4
2,600	4,400	0	502	763	0	10,215	3,076	4	11,200	440	0
14,720	9,600	—	5,748	2,271	—	17,792	6,576	—	78,063	20,396	—

Price of grains.	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During the last day of the previous fortnight.	During the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rates.
Rice	—	—	—	—	—
Cholam	—	—	—	—	—
Ragi	—	—	—	—	—
Cumbu	—	—	—	—	—
	10-16	10-20	10-14	10-56	8-5
	12-96	13-56	12-96	12-96	14
	15-34	16-38	14-72	15-5	14
	15-30	14-77	15-43	14-7	12-6

Markets well supplied. Price of dry grains is dearer, but of paddy and rice cheaper.

Condition of people.—Generally fair. Harvest affords employment to laborers. Tank repairs in progress. People have left for Colombo, Rangoon, Tanjore, &c. Labour on a large scale is not now required.

No indications of rain. Pasture and drinking water-supply insufficient in affected parts. Shavi to the extent of 10,000 acres wet. Major portion azimoiished and shavi inspection being pushed on. Rs. 500 have been allotted to this taluk for wells under the Loans Act.

DINDIGUL.
 Rainfall up to December 1892 is 30.08 inches against 26.16 inches in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 is .05 against .05 in January 1892. The total rainfall up to January 1893 being 30.13 against 26.21 in 1892 and against 29.90, the average of five years—

	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding loans)	ACR.	ACR.	ACR.
In January 1893	311,219	19,183	330,402
	5,403	1,093	6,496
Total	316,622	20,276	336,898
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	315,841	20,433	336,274
In January 1892	6,180	1,185	7,365
Total	322,021	21,618	343,639
Average of five years	315,594	20,971	336,565

Garden lands are cultivated with white cholam in several villages. Rain is urgently wanted for standing crops. They are withering and have withered in most places. Crops under wells are in good condition, but water in wells is scanty. The extent of standing crops is 35,562 acres with outturn as under:—

ACRES.	ANNAS.
584	16
6,236	12
41,824	8
20,624	4
1,856	—
71,124	—

The extent harvested up to date is 223,207 acres, and the outturn is—

ACRES.	ANNAS.
262	20
1,076	16
12,869	12
86,691	8
109,918	4
10,391	—
233,207	—

Prices stationary—

	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During the last day of the previous fortnight.	During the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice	8-78	9-29	8-87	8-87	8-5
Cholam	13-28	12-16	13-36	13-36	14
Ragi	15-56	16-07	15-5	15-50	14
Cumbu	16-27	15-72	15-43	15-43	12-5

Markets are well supplied. Importations are brisk.

Condition of people.—Generally good. Sufficient employment is available, and no necessity exists at present to provide labour.

No possibility of rain. If rain falls, standing crops will be benefited. Shavi reported up to date is 883 acres, and the whole has nearly been inspected. No dry remission is necessary. Probable wet remissions to the amount of Rs. 23,000 will have to be granted. Almost all the wet crops in Batlagundu have been saved by a good fresh which came down the Manjalar river on 22nd January 1893. Rs. 3,000 have been allotted to this taluk under the Loans Act.

PERIYAKULAM.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 15.58 inches against 28.38 inches in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was 1.53 * against nil in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 17.11 against 28.38 in 1892 and against 30.26, the average of five years.

	INS.
* 19th	—
21st	—
22nd	—
23rd	—
Total	1.53

There was a fair downpour in cusbah division, but did not extend to other parts. In Uthamapoliem 2 inch of rain fell. The Varahanadi was in fresh for two days, but water has since run down—

	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
In January 1893	28,035	25,803	124,839
	2,630	583	3,213
Total	100,665	27,486	128,151
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	89,316	26,428	115,744
In January 1892	6,979	1,527	8,506
Total	96,295	27,955	124,250
Average of five years	121,650	30,709	152,359

The progress in cultivation was very slow owing to want of water.

Condition of standing crops not good. Dry crops are suffering much for want of rain. Wet crops, save where they have already withered, is fair in parts and moderate in others. Crops under wells are in fair condition throughout. The extent of standing crops is 20,617 acres (Government)—

Dry.	Wet.	Annas.
ACS.	ACS.	
300	656	16
1,994	2,144	12
2,853	4,314	8
4,361	2,987	4
691	1,247	
5,329	10,348	

The extent harvested up to date is 111,361 acres, outturn being as under—

Dry.	Wet.	Annas.
ACS.	ACS.	
3,656	149	16
8,137	1,977	12
22,434	2,789	8
37,569	1,978	4
30,353	2,944	
102,594	8,857	

Prices stationary; slight rise in ragi—

	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During last day of previous fortnight.	During last day of this fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice	8-45	10-14	8-45	8-45	8-5
Cholum	12-96	12-96	12-96	12-96	14-
Ragi	15-5	18-08	16-27	16-27	14-
Cumbu					12-5

Importation brisk from north. Markets are well supplied.
Condition of people.—Generally good, fever in parts.

Labour is available under the following heads:—

- (1) Periyar works.
- (2) Cardamom plantations on the Travancore hills.
- (3) Deepening of wells and wet fields.
- (4) Harvest.
- (5) Cutting, &c., of stalk for fodder; no necessity for relief works exists at present.

No probability of rain. If there be rain, standing wet and dry crops will be greatly benefited.

No dry remissions necessary. Wet remissions to the extent of Rs. 15,000 will have to be granted. Shavi to the extent of 3,200 acres has been reported and greater portion inspected. Necessity for relief works may arise in the near future if the present state of season continues. Rs. 1,500 have been allotted to this taluk for well-sinking.

PALNI.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 10.35 against 18.05 in 1891. That during January 1893 was .03 against nil in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 10.38 against 18.05 in 1892 and against 25.28, the average of five years—

	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
In January 1893	76,491	14,683	91,174
	2,211	572	2,783
Total	78,702	15,255	93,957
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	94,800	14,905	109,705
In January 1892	3,002	558	3,560
Total	97,802	15,463	113,265
Average of five years	106,225	27,334	133,559

The decrease in cultivation in January 1893 is due to scarcity of water. Owing to the same reason the cultivation of cholam, the staple dry grain, was much less than in the previous year.

Standing crops are over 46,625 acres and the outturn is estimated as below:—

	ACS.	AS.
Dry and wet	20	20
Do.	2,167	16
Do.	6,126	12
Do.	17,162	8
Do.	16,488	4
Do.	4,712	0

The extent occupied by the principal crops being—

	ACS.
Paddy	5,568
Cholum	18,234
Cumbu	393
Ragi	67
Other grains and pulses	17,275
Cotton	1,662
Sugar	233
Oil-seeds	1,684
Gingelly	4
Tobacco	705
Topes, &c.	800

Cholum, the important standing crop in gardens, is expected to yield 8 annas, and less except under irrigation from wells having good supply and from rivers, &c. Horse-gram is withering.

The extent harvested up to date is 50,650 acres stated cropwar and according to outturn—

Extent	Annas
1,224	20
6,353	16
9,672	12
10,007	8
7,638	4
15,756	0

	ACS.
Paddy	2,119
Cholum	10,051
Cumbu	7,105
Ragi	12,284
Other grains and pulses	17,476
Cotton	35
Oil-seeds	827
Gingelly	672
Tobacco	9
Topes	72

Markets well supplied. Prices under cholum and cumbu slightly risen—

	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During last day of previous fortnight.	During last day of fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice	8-45	10-14	8-45	8-45	8-5
Cholum	12-83	12-83	12-77	12-85	14
Ragi	15-5	17-00	15-5	15-5	14
Cumbu	13-42	16-17	13-05	13-23	12-5

Importations are brisk and keep up the prices. The absence of fluctuations during the present season is an index of the scope of trade.

Condition of people.—Generally healthy. Collecting road materials is in progress. In villages other than those situate by the riverside, scarcity of drinking-water supply felt. Rupees 1,200 is sanctioned by Local Fund Board for deepening wells.

No sufficient employment for agricultural labourers except Local Fund works. Women earn their living by selling firewood. Relief-works, such as earth-work, breaking stones, appear to be required. The number of coolies in Palni to Udumalpet road on 19th January 1893 was 362 (71 males + 291 chittals) in collecting and breaking stones.

No signs of rain. If rain falls, the ryots will be in a position to sow light crops under garden lands such as cumbu, varagu, thenai, &c., with the aid of wells. It has been arranged to open some of the Forest reserves for free grazing in communication with the District Forest-Officer.

Almost all wet lands have become or are becoming shavi. Remissions on account of shavi and waste are estimated at Rs. 14,000 and 15,000, respectively. Dry percentage remissions may amount to Rs. 76,000. The Tahsildar and the Sub-Collector have inspected 806 acres as under—

Padachi	594
Palni	212
Total	806

The remaining will be inspected as soon as accounts are received. Accounts for 200 acres more have already been received. The Tahsildar recommends the postponement of the kist collections, and considering the state of the season as regards this taluk, I submit that his request may be complied with. Orders have accordingly been issued in anticipation. Rupees 5,000 has been allotted for wells under the Loans Act.

RAMNAD.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 11.73 against 40.65 in 1891. That during January 1893 was 1.31 against nil in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 13.10 inches against 40.65 in 1892 and against 3.15, the average of 5 years; 1.14 inches of rain fell in Tirushuli on 23rd January 1893.

Progress of cultivation.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to Dec. 1892, excluding inams.	864	512	1,376
In January 1893	4	4	4
Total	864	516	1,380
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	531	453	984
In January 1892	354	28	382
Total	885	481	1,366
Average of five years	1,036	395	1,431

Rain during fortnight has helped materially the condition of standing crops. No cultivation in ain villages.

Nunjah crops have almost withered and shavi is being brought for sale from almost every village. No standing crops exist in ain villages.

Cumbu is being harvested in some of the villages and its yield is less than 4 annas. No harvest in the 4 ain villages.

The course of trade and prices—

	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During the last day of the previous fortnight.	During the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice	8-60	10-51	8-45	9-29	8-5
Cholum	13-95	23	13-7	13-17	14
Ragi	13-54	16-90	14-7	13-23	12-5
Cumbu					

There has been slight fall in the prices of rice, ragi and varagu, owing to importations. Markets are well supplied.

Distress continues to be felt by some of the poor classes.

Owing to want of sufficient employment, some of the poor people are emigrating to foreign places, Tanjore, &c., in quest of labour. The letter from the Collector of Tanjore regarding the emigration of the Ramnad population to his district has been submitted to Board. It is again requested that, if the lending of the amount of 2 lakhs recommended to be lent to the Raja of Ramnad for the repair of irrigation works be decided upon, it should not be entrusted to the zemindari officials, but a special officer appointed from Public Works Department cost as per normal rates may be debited to the zemin and the excess to "famine."

As clouds are still moving, possibility of rain exists. If it rains, the recently sown cumbu and gingelly crops will be benefited.

Rainfall of 23rd January 1893 has enabled the ryots to sow in most of the villages cumbu and gingelly oil-seeds. Shavi to the extent of 540 acres has been inspected in the four ain villages. No relief works started. Wet remissions to the extent of Rs. 2,829 will have to be granted. The Head Assistant Collector's report on the state of the division has already been submitted to the Board. There was good rain in the Tirushuli division on the 21st to 23rd ultimo, which has enabled ryots to commence dry cultivation and will greatly benefit cotton in Tirushuli taluk (vide Deputy Tahsildar's report sent herewith for perusal and return).

SIVAGANGA.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 38.57 inches against 30.70 inches in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was nil against nil in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 38.57 against 33.70 in 1892 and against 29.71 the average of five years.

Progress of cultivation.—Not available. No cultivation is in progress. In some places here and there nunjah crops of first-sort paddy are drooping for want of rain, and in many places they have decayed. Three-fourths of the nunjah and three-fourths of the punjah extent appear to have been harvested. Outturn of coarse paddy is pretty good, and of dry crops one-fourth the average.

The course of trade and prices—

	In January 1892.	In January 1893.	During the last day of the previous fortnight.	During the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice ..	10-14	10-08	9-29	10-14	2-2
Cholam ..	..	..	13-90	..	16-
Ragi ..	..	..	13-24	..	16-
Cumbu ..	..	..	..	..	17-5

Trade is generally carried on and markets are well supplied.

Condition of people.—Generally good.

Labour is said to be obtainable on tanks opened by lessees, but no certain information is available. A list of coolies employed has been called for. Nattukottai Chetties employ some labour on charitable works.

If rain falls in a week, the standing crops in scattered places will be benefited.

KODAIKANAL.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 42.58 inches against 54.16 inches in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was 2.06 inches against .05 in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 44.64 against 54.21 and against 63.33, the average of five years.

Progress of cultivation.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 ..	10,887	1,190	12,077
In January 1893 ..	1,131	1,137	2,268
Total ..	12,018	2,327	14,345
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891 ..	10,814	2,225	13,039
In January 1892 ..	45	202	247
Total ..	10,859	2,427	13,286
Average of five years ..	10,374	2,050	12,424

There was moderate progress in cultivation. The increase in cultivation up to date is due to the rains of August and September. The standing crops are withering for want of rain. The extent harvested up to date is 4,500 acres. That during the fortnight is 1,600 acres.

Ragi ..	..	..
Miscellaneous crops ..	..	..
Markets are well supplied.	..	..
Condition of people.—Generally fair.	..	..
Labour is sufficient in picking coffee seeds and weeding garlies in the villages.	..	..

If rain falls, garlies and wheat will be benefited.
No shavi.

GENERAL REMARKS.

2. The total extent of cultivation up to the end of December 1892, excluding inams was as follows:—

	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent up to December 1892 ..	686,170	104,189	850,359
In January 1893 ..	12,689	5,310	17,999
Total ..	698,859	109,499	868,358
Cultivation up to December 1891 ..	697,705	175,384	873,089
In January 1892 ..	21,845	8,332	30,178
Total ..	719,550	183,717	903,267
Average of five years ..	744,863	176,769	921,632

Thus the cultivation up to January 1893 is less than that up to January 1892 and than the average of last five years.

3. The Head Assistant Collector's detailed report as regards Ramnad Division, No. 72, dated 30th January 1893, has been sent to the Board with a demi-official note on 1st February 1893.

4. Shavi has extensively occurred and large remissions will have to be granted. The rains during the fortnight under review, especially in Ramnad, Tirushuli and Tirumangalam, have benefited standing crops to a certain extent and have enabled ryots to sow some dry grains.

5. Prices remain stationary and large importations keep the prices from rising. Markets are well supplied.

6. The Local Fund Board have opened relief works in Palni and Tirumangalam not as a famine work, but at normal rates to give employment and to test the condition of the people.

ENCLOSURE.

From Deputy Tahsildar of Tirushuli, to the Collector of Madura, dated Narikudi, 1st February 1893, No. A.

With reference to Official Memor. Order, No. 189, dated 29th January 1893, I beg to state that I have received information that there was rain throughout this division on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd ultimo. I was on circuit in the Arappukottah side on the 21st and 22nd ultimo and I saw there was good rain all over there. I returned to head-quarter on the 22nd ultimo and saw that there was slight rain all round Tirushuli also. I at once called for information from Kamudi, Mandapasalai and Pandalgudi, and I understand that there was good rain all over there. In the Kamudi side there was good rain on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, though not to such an extent as in the Tirushuli and Arappukottah side. There was some slight freshes in the river, and the Kamudi side people have ploughed all their punjah lands and are preparing to sow cholam and cumbu at the next rain. The tanks have not received sufficient supply for beginning nunjah cultivation.

READ—the following letter from W. FRANCIS, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Madura, dated Madura, 30th January 1893, No. 72:—

I have the honour to submit, with reference to your No. 5275, dated 15th December 1892, and No. 264, dated 27th January 1893, my report on the state of the season for the fortnight ending to-day, January 30th.

2. Since writing my last report, I have come through the whole of the centre of this division by easy marches, and have been at pains to notice the condition of the people in it. The route followed was Tirupuvanam, Sivaganga, Kaliarcovil, Hayangudi, Salagramam, Rajasingamangalam and thence to Ramnad, and I inspected many villages and much of the country on the marches and from the various camps.

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3. The country as far east as Sivaganga along this line does not seem to me to give cause for immediate anxiety. There is a fair crop of paddy in many villages and the dry crops were not a complete failure. The ryots do not appear to be hard pressed as yet and emigration on any considerable scale has not commenced.

4. From Sivaganga eastwards the state of affairs is worse, and beyond Kallarcoil and in the Tiruvengampathu taluk of the Sivaganga zemindari, and still more in the strip of poor country along the sea-shore, north and south of Tiruvadani, the pressure is felt keenly. The same remark applies to that portion of the division south of Kallarcoil and towards Rajasinganangalam through which the latter part of my tour led me.

5. Here the wet crops, where the water available has allowed any to be planted, have almost all, if not quite all, failed. Shavi paddy is to be seen in every direction, and the straw is being gathered in for fodder for bullocks. The dry crops were little better. There is some fair dhol in several villages, but the cumbu, cholam, ragi and varagu which has been got in is a scanty crop and of poor quality.

6. Very little of these crops is brought to sale either. The ryots in most cases prefer to store it against their own needs rather than sell it even at the high prices ruling here now.

7. Prices, however, are easier on the whole than they have been. I have not yet received the fortnightly returns from Deputy Tahsildars, but here in Ramnad they are now as follows:—

Rice.		Paddy.		Ragi.	Cumbu.	Cholam.	Varagu.
First.	Second.	First.	Second.				
5½	5½	10½	11	8½	9	13½	17

which is some improvement on those reported at the end of December. These latter may have been artificially raised by panic (which induced merchants to hold on to their stock) and by the fact that supply had not been able to suddenly equalize the increased demand following on the failure of local crops. Importation of all food-grains is now going on freely.

8. There has been some slight rain (varying from 1 to 2 inches) along the sea coast in the last week. In some places it has induced the ryots to again sow dry crops, but another similar shower within the next fortnight will be necessary to bring these on and even to save them. It was too early for the general sowing of the kodai crops. It however did something to relieve the water famine which was threatening (and still in some villages threatens) that part of the country. Wells in many places along the sea coast give nothing but saltish-water, and the people have to depend upon rain-fed uranis.

9. The great feature of the fortnight, however, is the increase in the emigration of the poor classes and labouring castes that has taken place. This has been greatest in the Mutukulatur and Kamuti firkas of the Ramnad zemindari, which are I think undoubtedly the worst parts of this division. It had begun when I was there in December last, but is now going on very much faster. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of the poorest classes have emigrated. I have met several bodies of them numbering 100 or 200 people. These included old men and women and children in arms as well as the more able-bodied members of the families. Most of those from Kamuti and Mutukulatur were bound for Tanjore district. There will be some work for them there in the coming harvest in the delta at the port of Negapatam and on the Mayavaram-Mutapet Railway. Others also may earn a living by letting out the herds of goats they are driving with them to be folded on the wet lands in that district.

10. This emigration however is going on not only from Mutukulatur and Kamuti, but from the strip of country along the sea-shore and from the parts of Mayangudi and Tiruvengampathu taluks which I have said are worst affected. The men from the shore country mostly go to Penang, Rangoon and Colombo. Those from further

inland who are less familiar with the sea, to Tanjore district. In many villages through which I rode as many as 30 or 40 per cent. of the population had gone, and others were getting ready to go.

11. This extensive emigration, especially if it continues unchecked, will I think alter the whole complexion of the problem in this division. For the people who are now going are the very people who would otherwise be certain to require relief in a very short time.

12. The condition of these emigrants is in no way bad. I have stopped and inspected and talked with very many of them. They are none of them emaciated or weak from insufficient food, and even the children are marching without trouble. They appreciate the fact that a bad time is coming and have had the sense to go before it stopped them altogether. This emigration must however do great harm to the zemindaris for these people will not return all at once (those who go to Penang and Rangoon usually bind themselves to stay a fixed time there) and the cultivation after the next monsoon will be proportionately less for want of their labour.

13. The general impression left by a visit to this part of the division (which includes the centre of Sivaganga zemindari, and the more northern part of Ramnad) is that it is not so hardly pressed as the Kamuti and Mutukulatur firkas. There are however signs that relief will be necessary before long in this quarter also. The whole population cannot emigrate bodily, and some few individuals are usually left behind to look after the cattle and homesteads in addition to those others who have not the courage or enterprise to move. These will have to be provided for I think before the next monsoon.

14. The difficulty however of suggesting relief works for them in this part of the division is considerable. There are no regular roads there, and it seems waste of money to spend it on constructing earth roads which can never be maintained, and the masonry works for which can never be built out of the slender funds of the Ramnad Taluk Board.

15. What is urgently wanted is repairs to the irrigation works of the zemindari. These are in a woful condition all along the sea-shore strip of country, and their irrigable ayacut has gradually got less and less during the last few years. I understand that the chetti who has leased the Kannangudy taluk from the Ramnad Raja proposes to undertake a certain amount of repairs to his tanks and channels, but I have been able to get no accurate figures.

16. The Raja has, as I have already written, backed out of his promise to spend two lakhs on repairs to his works, and nothing whatever is being done in the rest of the zemindari which is under his charge.

17. I regret that I am able only to send a general report and not to quote any figures. No statistics bearing on the question are available in the offices under me, and it takes so long to get information from the Raja's office that it is usually out of date when received. The emigration cannot be accurately estimated as much of it goes by road and a good deal more from Negapatam.

Endorsement by E. TURNER, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Madura, 8th February 1893, No. 42.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, with reference to his telegram of the 8th instant, and in continuation of the fortnightly report, dated 5th February 1893, No. A.

READ—the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 9th February 1893, No. C :—

In continuation of my fortnightly narrative, No. A, dated 5th February 1893, I have the honour to report very briefly, in narrative form, on the state of this district and the proposal I consider necessary to meet the present state of affairs.

2. *Palni taluk.*—I have not inspected this taluk myself as yet, but the Sub-Collector has and we have very full information about it. There will be heavy remissions of wet crops (Rs. 29,000), and dry remissions (Rs. 76,000) will also be needed in some cases. I have called for additional information as to the latter. Work is urgently required in that taluk. To meet the present emergency I have sanctioned Rs. 4,000 from the Local Fund Board for collecting and breaking stone at the quarries along the lines of roads Nos. 40 and 41, besides Rs. 1,200 and 470 for digging wells and clearing prickly-pear respectively. The work will be done on the piece-work system and the work paid for on measurement to the gang headmen. In this way each village may be represented by one or more gangs and the work turned out will be paid to their chosen headmen on regular estimate and measurement. I have also had estimates prepared for the repairs of a number of roads. These estimates are prepared in sections so that the worst sections may be taken on hand at first. The estimates provide for the supply and stacking of materials, both metal and gravel, on the sides of the roads. Material collected and prepared at the quarries will from time to time be transferred to the roadsides. The materials so collected can be laid down on regular estimates as soon as the rain commences. These repairs are all necessary and legitimate Local Fund works. In order to obtain more funds for the purpose we propose curtailing expenditure on other roads and on buildings and markets, &c. The roads now taken on hand will be so thoroughly done that they will require only a reduced maintenance for several years to come. This is all for this taluk. There are no tank repairs going on or to be done by the Tank Irrigation Department in this taluk. I therefore venture to request that the following works may be taken on hand :—

(1) *The water-works of the Palni Municipality.*—The Sanitary Engineer estimates the cost of this work at Rs. 80,000—*vide* G.O., No. 19-M., dated 5th January 1892. I believe that the estimates can be made ready at very short notice. The difficulty is that the municipality has no money.

(2) No other works may be required, but in case they are I request that the Public Works Department may have some work ready within the next 2 or 3 months so that labour can be found in case it is wanted. The Executive Engineer, Madura division, proposed 2 or 3 large projects, namely, Shammuganadi reservoir project, Palni reservoir project and Balasamudram reservoir project (not yet investigated) and the amount available for unskilled labour under each will not be less than Rs. 50,000. He may be asked to have the estimate ready. For myself I would greatly prefer that tank works may be carried out. There are a number of tanks in more or less need of repair. Money spent on tanks is never thrown away. The same cannot be said of large projects which may never be completed.

(3) *Forest works.*—The Forest Department has already an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,400, ready for cutting the trace of a road on the north side of the Palni Hills. The Board of Revenue has also sanctioned the estimate. This, I think, may be taken up advantageously. Rs. 5,000 has recently been allotted for well sinking under the Loans Act.

3. *Dindigul taluk.*—There will be heavy remissions (Rs. 23,000) of wet crops. No work is necessary at present. In case it is we must follow the same system as proposed for Palni taluk. I have got estimates ready for Rs. 7,000 for the collection and breaking of metal for the Dindigul-Palni road and some other roads and the works may be started at short notice; but I am afraid the Local Fund Board may not have

more money than Rs. 2,000 to spend unless Government contributes the remainder. There are also estimates ready for repairs to minor irrigation works at a cost of Rs. 1,003, and I mean starting them first of all. I have also issued instructions to have more estimates ready for works under the above head. The Forest Department has in its list of relief works the opening of a road from Vadamadura to Sengurichi (Rs. 5,000) and another from Ayalur to Panchantanghi hills (Rs. 5,000). One of these two should be done. The Conservator may be asked to arrange for the provision of funds and for estimates being kept ready. The Public Works Department has in its list of sanctioned estimates certain earthworks for Rs. 3,000 and these may be commenced. Rs. 3,000 has been recently allotted for well sinking.

4. *Periyakulam taluk.*—Large remissions (Rs. 15,000) of wet crops only will be necessary. No work wanted at present, as the Periyar project employs a large number of hands. It may, however, happen that the Periyar works will be unable to supply work for the number of laborers applying for it. Mr. DeWinton has informed me that he cannot find work for any more, and I know that there are many laborers who have started and many more will start for that work and will be turned back. Moreover, the work will close in the feverish season from April to June. We must be ready with work in case it is wanted. I have ordered the road from Chinnamanur to the ghât above Guruvanthu to be sectioned and made ready for repairs. A sum of Rs. 2,000 is sanctioned for the present; but, as I have said, the resources of the Local Fund Board are limited and it would be well if the Public Works Department had some work ready in case it should be wanted. I am informed that fever has broken out in the Periyar works. This might cause a panic and a rush from the works and we might have trouble. In this case I shall have to start immediately the work above mentioned. The District Forest-officer has an estimate ready for Rs. 4,000 for road works in the Cumbum valley and this may be done before the Public Works Department proposes any work on a large scale. Sanction of the Board of Revenue will be applied for for the forest estimate at once. Several minor irrigation works may be done. Estimate is said to be ready for one of them for opening a channel from Cumbum Chinnavaikal at a cost of Rs. 5,000. Strict orders have been issued to have more estimates prepared. Rs. 1,500 has been recently allotted for well sinking.

5. *Tirumangalam taluk.*—*Wet crops.*—Wet crops have failed throughout the taluk both from tanks fed by rivers and rainfed. The loss of revenue under this head will amount to two-thirds of the whole taluk, say 50,000.

Dry crops.—This taluk has not been properly inspected by the Deputy Collector in charge; his work in connection with the Madura Municipality prevents him from giving the attention he should do to his revenue duties. I inspected parts of the taluk on the west and east at the end of December and beginning of January. The conclusion I arrived at was that there will be no necessity for dry remissions in any part of the taluk. The Deputy Collector whom I met at Sindupatti was strongly in favour of remitting the whole of the varagu crop which, he says, has failed throughout the taluk. I do not agree with him for three reasons—(1) varagu is not a single crop; it is always sown with other dry crops, such as "cumbu," where varagu has failed there has been a "cumbu" crop on the same land; (2) varagu has not failed universally; it has returned 4 to 6 annas; (3) the only part of the taluk about which we need be the least anxious is the "Kallar country" to the north and west of the taluk. Very little varagu has been grown on that side. On the western side crops have been very fair and the people are well off. Any dry remissions on that side would be absurd. Cotton is the staple crop of this taluk and it is from this that they pay the kists. There is a very large area under cotton (one-third of the whole taluk). If a little rain had fallen in November or December, cotton would have been a bumper crop on the eastern side of the taluk and very fair over the whole taluk. The little rain that fell on 21st to 23rd January 1893 has done much good to the cotton crop and it will not be altogether a failure anywhere. This is a great thing. Cotton is up in the market and the sale of it will be of great assistance; but even on the eastern side the dry crops have not altogether failed and I am not at present inclined to recommend any remissions. There should be plenty of work available for the able-bodied as I will shortly show. Moreover, there is usually a

considerable migration of laborers from this tract. I camped at Tirumangalam, Sindupatti, Cheekannurani and Mallanginar and found the people generally in very good case. The markets are well supplied and buyers are not wanting. This taluk has improved very much since the famine of 1876-77. Cotton has brought money into the taluk, and on the eastern side, at all events, the reddie, who form the mass of the cultivating class, are evidently very well off. Drawing a line from Tirumangalam to Usilampatti, the country to the west of that line requires watching and labour at ordinary rates should be provided.

Works.—The north-western side of the taluk is the Saptur Zemindari which is now under the Court of Wards. There is a fair cotton crop, and dry crops have been pretty good near the hills. The Court of Wards will find labour for the able-bodied on tanks and channels.

Roads.—The Local Fund Board will find labour on 3 road lines which pass through the taluk:—

- (1) from Cheekannurani to Usilampatti pass right through the affected Kallar part,
- (2) from Tirumangalam to Usilampatti which also skirts the Kallar division, and
- (3) from Tirumangalam to Timnevelly border.

A sum of Rs. 6,000 has been allotted by the District Board and work on these is being carried on the same principle as in Palni. Metal is broken up at the quarries and paid for by the piece. The roads are estimated by sections so that the worst section may be put in hand at the commencement. The broken metal will be stored on the roadsides until the rain sets in when it will be laid down. The roads are for the most part in very bad order and require metalling. The work is most legitimate Local Fund work and no money ought to be wasted. No better work can be found during a season like the present. Money will be found as far as possible by transferring allotment from other roads and by delaying the construction of market buildings, &c.

Tanks.—As much as possible should be expended on minor irrigation works, and the Public Works Department should be asked to find money for the tanks already estimated for under the *Tank Irrigation Scheme*. These works should be put on hand as soon as possible. It is work that must be done sooner or later; in a year like this the sooner the better. Many of these tanks are on the Kallar side of the taluk where labour is wanted. We require work on regular estimates to employ the able-bodied not as famine works but as famine prevention works.

The Forest Department can spend about Rs. 4,500 on bridle-paths and line-clearing; but no estimates are ready. The District Forest-officer will be requested to frame estimates without delay.

Rupees 3,000 has been recently allotted for well sinking.

6. **Madura—Wet crops**—have failed very extensively. At least Rs. 80,000 will have to be granted as remission. The noticeable feature in this taluk, as everywhere else, is the complete failure of river water-supply. The Vagai had only one small trickle down it the whole year through. The result is great loss under river-fed tanks.

Dry crops.—Very little crop has come to maturity, but still there has not been absolute failure anywhere. The results are from 4 to 8 annas outturn. I do not think any dry remission is needed in this taluk.

Works.—Everything should be done to provide work at ordinary rates on the same principle as in Tirumangalam. It is very unfortunate that work should have to be curtailed on the Periyar distribution channels. Still much can be done on the Local Fund roads, and the tank irrigation party has commenced work in the Sholavandan side. The Local Fund Board allotted about Rs. 2,000 for breaking of metal in road No. 1. This will give much useful work. I should like to see the Nilayur channel cleared out. This channel supplies about 7 tanks. It is much silted up, and if not cleared, there will be and has been already much loss of revenue. It is hoped, I fear, to expect the ryots to clear this large channel by "kudimaramut." If the Public Works Department start their ordinary work on tanks at usual rates from the beginning of April, it will probably suffice for this taluk. There is always much work of one kind or another going on in Madura town and laborers from villages near

it resort there. When it is found necessary to start work outside the municipality, there will be no difficulty to provide it. There are estimates ready under minor irrigation works for Rs. 5,200 and estimates for Rs. 18,000 more will be prepared. The Forest Department may be asked to frame an estimate for the extension and widening of forest roads in Alanganur forest reserve. It is much wanted and would be a useful work in every way.

7. **Melur.**—I inspected this taluk in November and beginning of December and have not been there since. As elsewhere there will be great loss of revenue under wet crops. There will, I believe, be no necessity for dry remission. Works will be found on roads, tanks, &c. No special work will, I think, be required in this taluk. Rs. 500 has been recently allotted for well sinking.

8. **Ramnad.**—We want estate works at normal rates. If the rajah can in any way supply this, we shall probably tide over the year without very serious distress. If no local work is provided, distress may deepen into famine.

Sivaganga.—Work is wanted. It is to be hoped that the lessees may employ laborers on tank irrigation. I am writing to them about it. There will be also some Local Fund works in Sivaganga and Ramnad on roads.

9. **General remarks.**—The key note for this year in this district is work at normal rates. If this be supplied sufficiently, we shall probably get through the year without great suffering by the laboring classes. I shall of course apply separately for sanction to start the several works enumerated herein.

READ—the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 8th February 1893, No. 100:—

I have the honour to submit the special season report of this district for the fortnight ending 31st January 1893.

2. **The progress of cultivation—(a) Rainfall.**—The statement appended compares the rainfall in the month of January with the average, measured at the registering stations. The figures for the rainfall from 1st April 1892 to 31st January 1893 are also added:—

Rainfall.

Taluk.	Stations.	In January.		From 1st April to 31st January.	
		Average.	1893.	Average.	1893.
Nanguneri	Nanguneri	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
	Radhapuram	0.84	1.25	23.06	9.33
Tinnevely	Tinnevely	0.45	0.09	22.84	17.52
	Palameottah	1.21	1.27	26.67	17.66
Arakkonnam	Arakkonnam	0.90	1.45	24.08	18.82
Tenkasi	Tenkasi	2.16	1.66	31.84	20.45
Sankaranankottai	Sankaranankottai	1.55	2.60	35.77	23.65
Srivilliputhur	Srivilliputhur	0.61	1.55	31.24	13.52
	Varttirayirappu	0.55	0.60	25.55	8.40
Satūr	Satūr	0.52	0.50	25.55	8.40
	Virudupatti	0.29	0.80	25.42	18.47
Otapidaram	Vilatikulam	0.13	0.65	25.45	25.30
	Otapidaram	0.42	0.50	23.43	2.40
	Tutcorin	0.34		21.57	5.65
Tenkari	Tenkari	1.02	0.45	20.25	8.33
	Kulasekharapuram	1.16	0.20	23.08	11.09
		0.64	2.20	24.43	10.12

As the returns of the registering stations frequently fail to give a correct account of the distribution of the rainfall, I append a table compiled from the village reports showing approximately the maximum and minimum quantity received in the villages of the firkas or divisions of the taluks:—

RAINFALL in each of the firkas or divisions of the taluk in January 1893.

Taluka.	Divisions.	Minimum and maximum quantity on the					Number of reporting villages.
		20th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	
		INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	
Tinnevely	Cusba division	0.25 to 0.50	0.50	0.25 to 1.00	..	..	7
	Manur	..	0.12 to 0.25	0.12 to 1.00	..	..	3
	Munnirpallam	0.25	0.50	0.50 to 1.00	0.50	..	10
	Melappattam	0.12 to 0.25	0.25	0.50 to 1.50	0.50	..	17
Nanguneri	Kalakad	0.50 to 1.00	0.25	..	..	..	11
	Vijayanarayana	0.12 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	0.15 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	0.75	29
	Nanguneri	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.80	0.25 to 1.00	0.20 to 0.75	..	32
	Valliyur	0.25 to 0.50	0.15 to 0.50	0.50	..	..	8
Ambasamudram	Radhapuram	..	0.02 to 0.50	0.10	..	..	4
	Ambasamudram	..	0.25 to 1.00	0.20 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	..	25
	Pattamadai	..	0.30 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	..	25
	Adichani	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 1.00	0.40 to 1.50	..	28
Tenkasi	Kadayannallur	..	..	1.00 to 3.00	..	..	11
	Tenkasi	..	0.15 to 0.25	1.00 to 2.50	..	..	19
	Alankulam	..	0.10	0.25 to 1.20	0.50	0.12	10
	Vasudevanallur	0.50	0.12	0.50 to 1.00	1.00 to 1.50	..	19
Sankaranainarkoil	Karivalamvandanallur	..	..	..	..	..	17
	Nilthanallur	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 1.25	..	10
	Srivilliputur	0.12 to 0.50	1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	..	16
	Wattrap	0.06	0.12 to 0.50	0.12 to 0.50	..	..	7
Srivilliputur	Mangalam	..	0.06	0.12 to 1.00	..	..	4
	Rajakulam	..	..	0.12 to 0.50	0.40 to 0.60	..	6
	Rajapalem	0.12 to 0.25	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.90	..	7
	Neumeni	..	..	..	..	..	..
Satur	Virudupatti	..	0.12 to 0.50	0.12 to 1.00	0.15 to 0.25	..	20
	Sivakasi	0.25	0.12	0.12	0.12	..	6
	Satur	..	..	0.05 to 0.50	..	..	9
	Satur	0.12	0.12	0.12 to 0.75	0.25 to 0.80	..	16
Otapidaram	Otapidaram	..	0.12 to 0.50	0.12 to 0.25	0.12 to 0.25	0.12	6
	Pannikulam	..	..	0.12 to 0.50	..	0.50	5
	Kayatar	..	..	0.12	..	..	19
	Vilatikulam	0.12	0.12 to 0.90	..	0.20	..	6
Tenkari	Tenkari	..	..	0.25	0.12 to 1.00	0.12 to 0.25	11
	Karungulam	0.25	0.15 to 1.00	0.50 to 1.00	0.25	..	10
	Sathargulam	..	0.50 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	..	17
	Poringulam	..	0.25	0.12 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.30	..	9
Tenkari	Tentirupatti	..	0.50 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.90	0.12 to 1.50	..	15
	Tiruchendur	..	0.30 to 1.00	0.75 to 1.00	0.25	..	9

The rainfall in January was general and on the whole above the average of the month.

(b) *State of water-supply.*—The supply in irrigation wells was everywhere improved and is still sufficient, except in some parts of Srivilliputur.

Tinnevely.—All the river-fed tanks (85 in number) under the Tambraparni are about half full. The other river and rain-fed tanks (130) have no supply to serve for irrigational purposes.

Nanguneri.—A few tanks to the east of Nanguneri, where there was an inch and more of rain on the 20th and 22nd, have had between 5 and 10 days' supply. No supply elsewhere has been reported.

Ambasamudram.—The river-fed channels and tanks have a sufficient supply. Rain-fed tanks have little, if any.

Tenkasi.—In the north and west of the taluk the tanks received about 40 days' supply; in other parts a somewhat less quantity.

Sankaranainarkoil.—About 50 river-fed tanks received between 5 and 40 days' supply, and about 52 rain-fed tanks received from 5 to 110 days' supply.

Srivilliputur.—All the river and rain-fed tanks, 219 in number, were empty or nearly so at the beginning of the fortnight. About 50 tanks received in the fortnight supply ranging from 1 to 15 days.

Satur.—About 8 tanks received from 2 to 10 days' supply and only 7 tanks have water from 2 to 15 days.

Otapidaram.—Only 3 rain-fed tanks received from 2 to 5 days' supply.

Tenkari.—The river-fed tanks, except those of Tenkari and 6 tanks below it and eleven tanks below Kadamba received a moderate supply, but the rain-fed tanks received no supply. As some parts received a great deal more rain than Otapidaram or Sankaranainarkoil where some supply was reported, this must be wrong.

(c) *Cultivation.*—The total cultivation of the district to the end of January and in the month of January is compared in the appended tables with the average of the previous 5 years. It will be observed that in January a large area, both under "dry" and "wet," was cultivated in all the taluks, the former cultivation being in excess of the average in Tinnevely, Sankaranainarkoil, Srivilliputur, Satur and Otapidaram, and the latter below the average in all taluks except Nanguneri and Tenkasi. The total area of "dry" cultivation to the end of January 1893 is 729,633 acres against the average of 885,633 acres, or a decrease of 17 per cent., while the total area of wet cultivation is 221,220 acres against the average 271,540 acres or a decrease of 18 per cent.

CULTIVATION to end of January 1893.

Taluka.	Period.	Holdings.		Cultivation (Government and inam and sivojama).				Percentage of cultivation to holding.	
				First crop.		Second crop.			
		Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
Nanguneri	Average	ACS. 229,026	ACS. 29,895	ACS. 112,544	ACS. 28,163	ACS. 4,817	ACS. 5,746	ACS. 49.14	ACS. 93.87
	Fasli 1302	232,469	30,031	91,208	16,986	4,766	4,729	39.23	56.56
Tenkairi	Average	180,471	44,576	101,003	40,472	1,028	22,079	55.96	93.03
	Fasli 1302	181,630	43,915	95,109	33,523	924	20,668	52.36	77.01
Tinnevely	Average	101,218	28,725	50,665	27,980	1,513	17,293	50.05	97.33
	Fasli 1302	102,911	28,759	38,544	23,176	1,513	15,399	37.45	80.58
Ambasamudram.	Average	84,589	31,101	34,563	30,676	2,244	23,958	40.85	98.63
	Fasli 1302	84,967	31,126	30,104	28,703	1,473	22,433	35.96	90.22
Tenkasi	Average	64,098	19,781	44,396	20,826	9,351	10,369	67.70	105.28
	Fasli 1302	64,144	19,838	38,147	17,904	9,502	8,543	59.47	90.32
Sankaranainarkoil.	Average	121,405	13,772	97,175	11,546	3,165	1,725	80.04	83.83
	Fasli 1302	122,186	13,802	65,730	6,702	2,101	860	53.79	48.56
Srivilliputur	Average	155,666	22,449	142,133	21,360	1,883	2,597	91.30	95.18
	Fasli 1302	159,693	22,528	124,170	14,277	2,346	2,702	77.76	63.37
Satur	Average	142,513	3,677	143,159	3,650	886	408	100.45	99.26
	Fasli 1302	143,696	3,591	131,101	3,121	1,377	315	90.95	87.15
Otapidaram	Average	164,562	3,596	133,338	2,547	1,270	164	81.32	70.82
	Fasli 1302	165,870	3,280	89,607	1,076	1,812	103	54.02	32.80
Total	Average	1,243,548	197,572	850,476	187,200	26,157	84,340	69.11	94.69
	Fasli 1302	1,257,555	196,860	793,720	145,468	25,913	75,752	63.95	73.89

STATEMENT showing the area cultivated in the month of January compared with the average of the previous five years.

Taluk.	DRY CULTIVATION.				IRRIGATED AREA CULTIVATED.			
	Average.		1892.		Average.		1893.	
	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.
Nángunéri ...	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Tenkarai ...	6,287	1,382	3,691	2,151	876	309	589	699
Tinnevely ...	10,008	237	18,894	239	2,126	3,905	1,352	2,907
Ambasamudram ...	4,769	295	4,913	518	627	605	425	550
Tenkasi ...	3,934	229	3,777	241	877	426	579	415
Sankaranainarkoil ...	1,848	487	1,447	919	627	336	267	751
Srivilliputur ...	5,377	412	5,062	1,019	1,937	583	279	357
Sátir ...	406	316	1,143	480	1,455	461	94	328
Otapidaram ...	994	178	959	350	168	104	34	78
Otapidaram ...	4,997	268	14,637	685	350	50	120	33
Total ...	38,525	3,804	55,333	6,602	8,629	6,879	3,739	6,158

3. General condition of the district, state of the standing crops and of the harvest—
Ambasamudram.—The rainfall was of great benefit in saving the dry crops and in starting dry cultivation on "wet" lands under the rain-fed tanks in the north and south of the taluk. The irrigated crops under the river system and under wells are in good condition, but those under the rain-fed tanks have largely withered as the January rain was too late to save them. About 11,000 acres of paddy with an yield ranging from 4 to 20 annas and 3,000 acres of "dry" crops, such as cholam, cumbu, ragi, &c., with an outturn of from 4 to 8 annas were harvested up to the end of January during the "pishanam" season.

Tenkasi.—The condition of this taluk has still further improved, the rains of the fortnight being general and ranging from 50 inch in the eastern parts to 2.65 inches in the western and to 3.60 inches in the northern. The standing wet crops to the north and west of the taluk are practically safe, although a rather large portion of the wet crops in the eastern parts, where the rainfall was less copious, still require more rain to ensure against all loss. The standing dry crops are also believed to be all safe and will yield, it is estimated, an outturn of from 4 to 8 annas. Horse-gram and black-gram are being harvested.

Tinnevely.—The standing crops, both irrigated and dry, were materially improved during the fortnight. The extent harvested during the period is shown below:—

	ACS.
Paddy ...	32
Cholam ...	240
Cumbu ...	1,397
Ragi ...	656
Others ...	2,544

The outturn is estimated at 4 to 8 annas.

Tenkarai.—The standing cotton and the small extent of cumbu, varagu and pulses which survived the previous fortnights have also materially improved. The dry crops being harvested are returning only a scanty yield. The "pishanam" paddy harvest has not yet commenced.

Nángunéri.—About 10,800 acres of standing dry crops and 4,820 acres of wet crops are in good condition. The area completely withered of "dry" is returned at 19,744 acres out of a total cultivation to the end of December of 87,715 acres, and of

"wet" at 7,258 acres out of a total cultivation of 19,335 acres. The effect of the January rainfall which was most abundant in the Nángunéri and Vijianarayanam divisions, where it was most wanted, has been to benefit the dry crops and to improve the yield of the palmyras. There was unfortunately no large area of wet crop to be benefited by the rains in those divisions.

Satur.—The extent of the standing paddy crop is returned as 431 acres, of which only 19 acres are reported to be safe. The total area of standing dry crops is returned as 51,222 acres, of which 48,981 acres are safe. Of this standing dry crop 42,180 acres are under cotton, which the rain in January greatly benefited though more rain is required. Only about 526 acres of cotton are, it is believed, likely to wither; from the rest the yield is put at from 4 to 12 annas. Well lands are being prepared for cholam cultivation. Cumbu and cholam on rain-fed dry lands have been harvested and the yield is put at about 4 annas.

Sankaranainarkoil.—The rain in January has greatly restored the standing "dry" crops (about 30,000 acres) and to some extent the standing "wet" crops on about 1,400 acres in the western parts of the taluk. In the eastern tract, where the rainfall was more partial, the condition continues to be bad. Cotton sown in this part, which is chiefly of black soil, is not doing well though the same crop on red and other soils is in good state. Cholam and kadaikanni (*panicum mileaceum*) are being sown on dry lands under wells.

Srivilliputur.—The rainfall in this taluk was unfortunately neither abundant nor general, and the condition remains much the same as in the previous fortnight. The only notable improvement was to the standing cotton crop (30,000 acres) and to castor-oil seed plants.

Otapidaram.—This, the most affected taluk, has derived but little improvement from the rainfall of January, which was partial and scanty except in the Vilatikulam division, heretofore the least favored division not only of the taluk, but of the district, where about 1 inch was received. The standing dry crops (about 64,000 acres), such as cumbu, cotton and pulses are still, however, green in about 30 villages where there was rain in the fortnight, but elsewhere are withering. The wet crop under river-fed tanks is almost nil, while the crops on wet lands under rain-fed tanks, such as paddy, ragi, plantain, &c., are, excepting those under wells, in a bad condition. The extent of paddy harvested in January was 419 acres, of which 362 acres yielded below 4 annas and 50 acres yielded about a 4-anna crop. About 18,400 acres of dry crops were also harvested, of which about 12,000 acres yielded from 4 to 12 annas, but the rest little or nothing. The standing cotton crop in Kytar and Pannikulam divisions is in a fair condition.

4. The course of prices and of trade.—The appended statement will show that the prices of cholam in Sankaranainarkoil, rice in Ambasamudram, rice and ragi in Srivilliputur and Tenkarai and cholam, cumbu and ragi in Satur, have fallen; that the prices of all food-grains in Tenkasi, cholam in Ambasamudram and Srivilliputur, ragi in Sankaranainarkoil, rice in Satur and Otapidaram, and cumbu in Tenkarai, are stationary; and that the prices of all food-grains in Tinnevely, of rice in Sankaranainarkoil, cumbu in Srivilliputur and Otapidaram slightly rose.

Importation at Tuticorin from 17th to 30th January 1893.

	Bags.
Paddy ...	19,891
Rice ...	3,863
Ragi ...	4,686
Bajra ...	747
Jowari ...	2,723

The trade in food-grains is brisk. The imports by sea at Tuticorin are noted in the margin. There have also been large consignments by rail.

PRICES OF GRAIN IN SEERS PER RUPEE.

Taluka.	Date.	Rice, second sort.	Cholum.	Cumbu.	Bagi.
Tinnevely	14th January 1893	SEERS. 10.11	SEERS. 16.01	SEERS. 15.32	SEERS. 16.44
	21st "	9.81	..	13.75	15.75
	28th "	9.81	..	13.75	15.75
Nanguneri	14th January 1893	8.30	..	..	14.65
	21st "	8.15	..	..	14.65
	28th "	8.15	..	..	14.11
Ambasamudram	14th January 1893	8.32	13.68	..	..
	21st "	8.80	13.68	..	..
	28th "	8.80	13.68	..	..
Tenkasi	14th January 1893	8.80	11.40	16.65	14.30
	21st "	8.80	11.40	15.98	15.58
	28th "	8.80	11.40	16.68	14.30
Sankaranainarkoil	14th January 1893	8.80	11.40	..	16.44
	21st "	8.80	12.16	..	16.44
	28th "	8.40	12.16	..	16.44
Srivilliputur	14th January 1893	8.48	12.16	13.20	13.58
	21st "	9.12	12.16	13.20	14.30
	28th "	8.80	12.16	12.92	14.30
Satur	14th January 1893	8.80	12.16	11.81	13.58
	21st "	8.80	13.68	13.20	14.30
	28th "	8.80	12.92	13.20	15.01
Otapidaram	14th January 1893	9.60	..	11.81	15.01
	21st "	9.00	..	11.46	..
	28th "	9.00	..	11.12	..
Tenkurai	14th January 1893	8.80	..	11.12	13.58
	21st "	8.80	..	..	..
	28th "	8.00	..	11.12	15.87

5. *The condition of the people and the state of the labour market and general remarks.*—The public health and the general condition of the people are good. In the Vilatikulam division of the Otapidaram taluk, the breaking of road metal was started as a test measure on the 29th January, when about 110 persons, two-thirds being women and children, came forward for employment. They were paid at the usual rates per 100 cubic feet. In Srivilliputur taluk there is enough local labour available. The number of coolies employed on public works in the fortnight in this taluk was 589. In Sankaranainarkoil taluk about 100 coolies are daily employed on the ordinary minor irrigation works. In the other taluks there is no serious want of employment. The Board in the Revenue Settlement Department have, in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 700, dated 3rd instant, granted permission for the starting of selected works from the list of minor irrigation projects sanctioned for 1893-94 wherever that course is desirable, and I am in communication with the Divisional officers on the subject.

The list of supplemental works for 1892-93, the bulk of which lie in Srivilliputur and Nanguneri taluks, have also been sanctioned by the Board in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 446, dated 24th January 1893. The execution of these and the selected works from the list for 1893-94 will, I believe, afford sufficient employment for the laboring classes in need of work. The harvesting of the paddy crop in the Tambraparni valley, which is just beginning, will provide a large amount of labour for several weeks. I am also in communication with the Tank Restoration Party in view of their putting in hand as many of their works as possible during the next four or five months. Emigration to Ceylon is but little above the normal, but movement from the less favored to the more favored localities, notably in the Otapidaram and Nanguneri taluks, still continues.

The condition of the cattle remains the same as in the previous fortnight, except that pasturage has been generally revived. A considerable number of cattle in the affected parts, more especially in the black soil tracts, are being sold. The situation

of these tracts is peculiar. The cotton crop is so valuable that the ryot puts every acre he can afford under this cultivation, leaving the very narrowest margin for cereal or green crops. Consequently, if there is a failure, and he has no money to buy fodder, he must dispose of his cattle, for he has not even the resource of the short and withered food and fodder crops which are available in other places. With the incoming harvest of paddy in the Tambraparni valley more fodder however will become available and the price may be expected to fall at least temporarily.

6. With regard to the question of "dry remissions," the reports received from Divisional officers were defective and further reports have been called for; but I hope to be able to address the Board, if necessary, very shortly on the subject. My present view is that having regard to the fact that this is the first year of distress and that it follows a year of plenty, no dry remission need be granted, but at the most only a postponement of the collections in the most affected parts.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rain which fell on the 22nd and 23rd January brought the average rainfall of Madura and Tinnevely during that month up to the average. The fall was general in Tinnevely and was good in portions of Ramnad. It saved a good deal of standing crop, and has enabled the sowings of some hot-weather crop being taken up. Unfortunately it scarcely benefited the worst affected taluk of Tinnevely—Otapidaram—nor did it reach to much distance from the coast in Madura, although there was a good fall at Periyakulam. Since the beginning of the current month the only fall in the two districts was one on the 4th at Morekulam in Ramnad.

3. *Prices*, as shown in the statement given below, are still exceedingly high; they are slightly easier in Tinnevely, but rather dearer in Madura:—

	Average.	1893.
Madura	51	52
Tinnevely	1.02	1.09

PRICES IN SERIES OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPPEE.

Districts and stations.	Normals.			Current.			Normals.			Current.		
	1892.			1893.			1892.			1893.		
	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Tinnevely.</i>												
Nanguneri	11.8	11.6	12.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Tenkarai	12.8	12.6	13.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Tinnevely	12.7	12.4	13.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Tonkai	12.2	12.2	12.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Anbasaundram	12.4	12.0	13.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Sankaranthipattur	13.1	13.5	13.0	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Srivilliputur	13.6	13.7	13.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Sattur	13.2	13.8	13.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Obaidram	12.4	12.5	12.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Villukulam	12.8	13.0	12.9	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Tuticorn	14.1	14.0	14.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Average	13.8	14.0	14.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
<i>Madura.</i>												
Ramad	13.8	14.0	14.9	7.9	8.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Tirumangalam	12.6	12.2	12.7	10.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Madura	12.7	13.0	13.8	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Melur	14.3	15.2	16.3	9.3	10.2	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
Dindigul	11.7	11.9	11.8	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Pariyakulam	13.8	13.5	13.9	7.6	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Pala	14.4	14.3	15.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Average	14.1	14.5	15.1	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4

PRICES IN SERIES OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPPEE—CONT.

Districts and stations.	Normals.			Current.			Normals.			Current.		
	1892.			1893.			1892.			1893.		
	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.
	18	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Tinnevely.</i>												
Nanguneri	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
Tenkarai	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8
Tinnevely	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Tonkai	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1
Anbasaundram	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
Sankaranthipattur	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4
Srivilliputur	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7
Sattur	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8
Obaidram	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9
Villukulam	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1
Tuticorn	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2
Average	13.7	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1
<i>Madura.</i>												
Ramad	21.1	21.5	22.2	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
Tirumangalam	22.8	24.7	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8
Madura	23.8	27.0	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8
Melur	26.4	27.1	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5
Dindigul	26.4	27.9	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.7
Pariyakulam	27.1	27.3	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9
Pala	28.6	29.2	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1
Average	23.6	26.2	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1

* Include prices of an inferior variety in some cases.

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4. In *Madura*, on an average of years, by the end of January about 92 per cent. of the year's cultivation has been brought to account. During the current year by that date the area recorded was 53,274 acres or only 5.7 per cent. less than usual. In the Periyakulam and Palni taluks, however, the deficiency was much greater as noted on the margin. No statistics are available for the zemindari areas of Sivaganga and Ramnad. In

	ACS.
Periyakulam	24,165 or 16 per cent.
Palni	39,602 or 30 "

Periyakulam about 27 per cent., and in Palni about 22 per cent., of the crop sown has failed or is expected to fail entirely, whilst the remaining crops have already or will yield about a seven-anna crop. The Collector anticipates that heavy wet and considerable dry remissions, as well as postponement of kists, will be required in the latter taluk, and his detailed reports on these matters will be awaited.

For Ramnad, no statistics of cultivation and outturn are at present available, but the Head Assistant Collector reports that in the southern and eastern parts of the zemindari the wet crops, where the water available has allowed any to be planted, have almost all, if not quite all, failed, and that the dry crops were little better. There is some fair dhol in several villages, but the cumbu, cholam, ragi and varagu, which has been got in, is a scanty crop and of poor quality. The rain which fell in Ramnad on the 23rd of January allowed of cumbu and gingelly being sown in numerous villages in the south, but these crops need more rain.

5. The worst portion of the Ramnad zemindari appears to be in the centre in the Mutukulatur and Kamuti firkas, whence the emigration already reported has been greatest. "It began in December" the Head Assistant Collector states, "but is now going on very much faster. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of the poorest classes have emigrated. I have met several bodies of them numbering 100 or 200 people. These included old men and women and children in arms as well as the more able-bodied members of the families. The emigration is going on not only from Mutukulatur and Kamuti, but from the strip of country along the sea-shore. The men from the shore country mostly go to Penang, Rangoon and Colombo. Those from further inland, who are less familiar with the sea, go to the Tanjore district. In many villages through which I rode as many as 30 or 40 per cent. of the population had gone and others were getting ready to go."

As regards the condition of the emigrants the Head Assistant Collector writes that it is "in no way bad." "I have stopped" he says "and talked with very many of them. They are none of them emaciated or weak from insufficient food, and even the children are marching without trouble. They appreciate the fact that a bad time is coming and have had the sense to go before it stopped them altogether."

6. The Rajah of Ramnad is alive to the danger of allowing so large an emigration from his zemindari, especially in the case of emigrants to Colombo, Penang and Rangoon who would make a lengthy stay abroad, and his proposal to expend a lakh of rupees on the much needed repairs of the irrigation works in the zemindari, on condition of his being allowed to postpone payment till next year of a lakh of rupees of the peshkash due this year has already been approved by Government, and an officer of the Public Works Department will be shortly appointed to carry out these works.

The possibility of obtaining employment in the zemindari will enable all to remain at home who would find it a grave hardship to have to go to Tanjore and it will ensure work hereafter at home to any who find themselves unable to obtain continued employment in Tanjore when the harvest in the delta is over.

7. The Board sees no reason at present, for attempting to check the large emigration to Tanjore where for a considerable time at any rate, there is no reason to doubt that ample employment will be forthcoming at good wages. The Madura laborer is accustomed to emigrate, and it is no hardship to him to do so. The number of emigrants from Madura to Ceylon is large in all years, but in years of severe distress the numbers are enormous; in the years 1876-77 and 1877-78, the years of the great famine, the emigrants to Ceylon from the Madura ports were 111,784 in the former year and 108,104 in the latter year. The number of emigrants to Tanjore was

also very large and probably exceeded the above figures, but though the large influx of these emigrants into the delta caused much anxiety to the Collector of Tanjore they all managed to find employment and it did not become necessary to open any relief works in the district.

8. In Palni taluk, the Collector states that work is urgently required, and that he has ordered the starting of some Local Fund works on piece work, the work being given to village war gangs under their own chosen headmen, but the Collector considers that more works will be required than the Local Fund Board can do on any fairly large scale, and he requests that the Palni water-works may be put in hand, and that estimates may be got ready for tank works and for two or three large irrigation projects. The Board requests that the attention of the Public Works Department may be drawn to the matter with a view to their being prepared to put in hand such tank repairs as may be necessary in the taluk at very short notice. The commencement of any of the large projects named by the Collector is at present, quite out of the question.

9. In the remaining taluks of the district, there does not appear to be any urgent demand for starting special works, but some may be required later on, and the Board considers that it is very desirable that curtailment of the work on the Periyar distribution channels should if possible be avoided, and that the Public Works Department should be prepared to start their ordinary repairs early in April.

The attention of the Land Revenue Department will also be drawn to the various Forest works mentioned by the Collector, with a view to their being put in hand when required. These, with the works of the Tank Restoration Party, will probably suffice for most of the district.

10. In *Tinnevely*, in ordinary years, nearly 90 per cent. of the year's cultivation is brought to account by the end of January. During the current year, notwithstanding the fact that the area of sowings during January was much larger than usual, at the end of the month, the total area sown was 206,320 acres less than usual; about 50,000 acres pertaining to wet crops. The deficiency, as shown in the table appended, is most serious in the Nanguneri, Sankaranainarkoil and Otapidaram taluks. In the first-named taluk the rains of the latter part of January did great good. In the four central taluks there is no reason for anxiety, nor is there in the Sattur taluk of the northern portion of the district. In the other three taluks—Sankaranainarkoil, Srivilliputur and Otapidaram—some good was done to the standing crops in the first two and in parts of the latter by the January rain, and some sowings under wells are going on, but the situation otherwise remains unchanged.

The Collector's further report regarding the postponement or remission of revenue will be awaited.

The condition of the people is good, and emigration is but little above the normal, although people are moving about the district in search of work. The breaking of road metal at ordinary rates was started on a road in Otapidaram on the 29th January, and about 110 persons applied for employment; about 700 persons find employment on Public Works in Srivilliputur and Sankaranainarkoil taluks and arrangements are being made to start minor irrigation repairs wherever wanted.

11. In the tables given below, the average rainfall to be expected in these two districts is shown, from which it appears that in Tinnevely there is a probability of good rain falling in March to be followed by further falls in April and May; but in Madura the March rainfall is rather scanty, though that of April and May is fair:—

Rainfall in Madura.

Stations.	January.		February.	March.	April.	May.
	Average.	1893.	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.
Paini	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Vedasandur	0.20	0.03	0.31	0.73	1.59	2.71
Dindigul	0.20	0.03	0.08	0.47	1.51	2.92
Periyakulam	0.43	0.05	0.24	0.67	1.64	2.66
Uthamapalayam	0.70	1.53	0.70	1.74	2.54	2.86
Usilkampatti	0.22	0.20	0.10	0.77	1.69	2.28
Thirumangalam	0.18	1.15	0.37	0.49	1.92	2.72
Thirushuli	0.19	0.08	0.23	0.63	1.92	2.35
Mutakulstar	0.13	1.71	..	0.49	1.69	1.30
Maturangathapatnam	0.08	0.40	0.94	0.45	1.74	2.20
Morekulam	0.42	1.25	0.62	0.84	1.30	1.36
Pamban	0.87	0.89	1.18	0.63	1.44	1.36
Ramnad	1.56	1.54	0.08	0.25	3.15	1.82
Vattanam	0.59	1.87	0.75	0.64	1.67	1.42
Thirupattur	1.05	0.29	0.84	0.57	2.75	1.80
Sivaganga	0.27	0.28	0.16	0.14	..	2.75
Melur	0.12	..	0.17	0.44	1.26	2.28
Madura	0.40	0.02	0.24	0.64	1.17	3.14
	0.43	0.05	0.42	0.72	1.84	2.89
District average	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.74	1.79	2.36

Rainfall in Tinnevely.

Stations.	January.		February.	March.	April.	May.
	Average.	1893.	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.
Virdupatti	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Sator	0.13	0.65	0.42	0.22	1.75	2.41
Vilakkulam	0.23	0.80	0.54	1.08	1.57	2.44
Otapidaram	0.42	0.90	0.52	0.74	..	1.82
Tuticorin	0.84	..	0.54	1.85	1.19	1.56
Vattarayiruppu	1.02	0.43	0.56	1.03	1.47	1.01
Scrivilipatur	0.52	0.50	0.46	1.44	1.76	2.69
Sankaranainarkoil	0.86	0.80	0.48	1.29	1.02	2.43
Tenkasi	0.61	1.95	0.79	1.27	1.98	1.68
Ambasamudram	1.56	2.60	0.79	1.99	3.02	2.84
Tinnevely	2.16	1.60	1.18	1.87	1.89	1.97
Palancottah	1.21	1.17	0.78	1.65	1.92	2.04
Tenkasi	0.90	1.45	1.41	1.58	1.83	1.96
Kulasekharapatnam	1.16	0.20	0.76	1.22	1.25	1.21
Nanguneri	0.64	3.20	1.02	1.17	1.15	..
Radhapuram	0.84	1.25	1.06	1.71	1.35	1.23
	0.45	0.02	0.69	2.02	..	1.67
District average	1.02	1.09	0.81	1.44	1.67	1.80

STATEMENT of cultivation in the Madura and Tinnevely districts, 1892-93.

Districts.	Sowings (1st and 2nd crop) from April to January.						Average total for the year during the five years ending 1892-93.		
	Dry.		Wet.		Total.		Dry.	Wet.	Total.
	Average.*	1892-93.	Average.*	1892-93.	Average.*	1892-93.			
Madura.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
† Ramand ..	1,043	871	406	529	1,449	1,400	1,000	425	1,425
Tirunangalam ..	168,153	167,116	22,716	18,505	190,869	185,620	166,164	21,844	187,998
Madura ..	57,926	59,699	61,752	59,172	109,658	109,871	55,264	54,123	109,377
Melur ..	100,658	101,814	43,734	46,895	144,391	148,209	95,717	43,086	137,803
Dindigul ..	242,639	237,517	21,851	21,252	264,520	258,769	242,307	20,862	263,229
Periyakulam ..	126,260	103,944	32,693	29,221	158,953	133,165	135,414	34,476	169,890
Palm ..	120,354	93,621	20,613	18,099	140,967	111,620	117,238	20,855	138,073
Total ..	817,043	783,381	193,764	184,673	1,010,807	948,654	813,144	194,651	1,007,795
Tinnevely.									
Nanguneri ..	117,381	95,974	33,909	21,716	151,270	117,689	136,779	38,950	175,729
Tenkasi ..	102,031	26,038	62,551	54,191	164,562	150,224	111,108	76,552	187,660
Tinnevely ..	52,178	40,057	45,253	38,676	97,431	79,832	57,477	49,453	106,930
Tenkasi ..	53,747	47,649	31,195	26,447	84,942	74,096	58,335	33,705	91,940
Ambasamudram ..	36,897	31,577	54,634	51,136	91,441	82,713	42,182	56,488	98,655
Sankaranainarkoil ..	100,240	67,831	18,272	7,662	118,612	75,393	116,480	14,328	129,808
Scrivilipatur ..	144,016	126,616	23,957	16,979	167,973	143,594	157,954	26,634	183,588
Sator ..	144,045	132,478	4,055	3,486	148,103	135,914	144,562	4,231	148,793
Otapidaram ..	136,108	91,419	2,711	1,179	137,819	92,598	136,731	2,925	139,657
Total ..	885,633	729,633	271,540	221,220	1,157,173	960,853	960,503	302,262	1,262,770

* Of five years ending 1891-92.

† Only refer to four Government villages.

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" Collector of Madura.
" " of Tinnevely.
" Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
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Exd. A. Grubert.

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Submitting to Government, with remarks, report
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January 1893.

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Communicated to the
Suptg. Engineer VI circle and
the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Estimates for such repairs of
tanks in the Palni Taluq as
may be necessary should be
got ready at once and arrange-
ments made to put the
works in hand at short
notice. The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation will report
the nature and amount of
work likely to be available.

2. Attention is also directed
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Proceedings. Curtailment of
Work on the Periyar distribu-
-taries is unavoidable in this
official year on account of
want of funds, but it may
be resumed with vigour in
April in which month
also the ordinary repairs of
irrigation works should be
pushed on with.

(S/o) L. J. W.
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The L & Municipal Dept with
copy of note by H.E. the Commr.
& remarks thereon.

S. E. VI circle
Ch. for Irrigation
Revenue Dept.