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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	200	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	2,168	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.

	Prices				
	In January 1892.	In January 1893.	During last day of previous fortnight.	During last day of fortnight under review.	Scarcity rates.
Rice	10-15	8-65	8-65	8-87	8-5
Cholam	12-96	13-77	12-96	13-77	14
Ragi	15-6	16-27	15-6	16-27	14
Cumbu	15-31	13-23	13-23	13-23	12-5

Condition of people.—Generally healthy. No epidemic of any kind.

Poorer classes of people find work in the Periyar Project No. I, Water Works and Mills Company. The last two afford labour to people near the town and the first to those of Alanganallur and Tirumukur.

Certain Local Fund works of collecting material on road No. 1 have been started.

No probability of rain. Rain at present cannot be of any appreciable use to the standing crops which have already withered or been harvested, but will be useful to kodai cultivation and to dry crops on wet lands raised by well irrigation. River-fed tanks failed completely. Villages near the river suffer a good deal.

Shavi reported up to date is 12,231 acres. Wet remissions will have to be granted to the extent of Rs. 80,000. The entire extent of shavi reported has been azimoished by the Tahsildar and the Deputy Collector.

TIRUMANGALAM.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 19-96 inches against 37-80 inches in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was .08 against nil in January 1892. The total rainfall up to January 1893 being 20-04 against 37-80 in 1892 and against 30-19 the average of five years.

Progress of cultivation.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
In January 1893	147,056	16,122	163,178
Total	147,518	16,844	164,362
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	146,637	23,019	169,656
In January 1892	2,167	802	2,969
Total	148,804	23,821	172,625
Average of five years	148,243	20,362	168,605

The extent of standing crops is 69,135 acres and the estimated outturn is as under:—

Annas 16	ACS.
" 12	2,429
" 8	6,274
" 4	49,367
Shavi	10,092
.. .. .	973
Total	69,135

The extent harvested up to date is 116,485 acres outturn as under:—

Annas 16	137
" 12	3,918
" 8	46,600
" 4	56,289
" 0	9,541
Total	1,16,485

Prices almost stationary and markets are well supplied.

	In January 1892.	In January 1893.	On the last day of the previous fortnight.	On the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rates.
Rice	11-08	8-88	8-87	9-29	8-5
Cholam		11-71	12-96		14
Ragi	16-67	15-52	15-50	16-50	14
Cumbu	14-79	14-50	14-7	14-70	12-5

Condition of people.—Generally healthy. Fever and small-pox prevalent in parts. People who went to Periyar works have returned and are suffering from fever which proves fatal in certain cases.

Harvest, picking of cotton and irrigation works afford labour. Road works have been started under Local Fund supervision, and the number of coolies that attended on the 31st January 1893 was 190.

There were slight showers of rain in Tirumangalam on the 22nd and 23rd January 1893 which extended over several villages, and cotton crops will be benefited to some extent.

Shavi has all nearly been inspected. Cotton in parts of this taluk is very fair, and as the price of it is very high, the villagers will obtain much assistance from picking and selling cotton. One-third of the whole taluk is under cotton. Rupees 3,000 has been allotted to this taluk for well-sinking under Loans Act.

MELUR.

Rainfall up to December 1892 is 36-11 inches against 27-59 in 1891. Rainfall during January 1893 was .02 against nil in January 1892. The total rainfall up to January 1893 is 36-13 inches against 27-59 in 1892 and against 32-34 the average of five years.

Progress of cultivation.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
In January 1893	86,306	42,075	131,381
Total	86,865	42,418	132,283
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	88,686	42,766	131,440
In January 1892	2,736	708	3,444
Total	91,416	43,455	134,844
Average of five years	89,502	39,884	129,186

Cultivation during the fortnight is 572 acres dry and 233 wet raised by well irrigation.

Melur firka.—Standing wet crops in eastern and northern villages (Sennagarampatti and Melavalavu) except those supplemented by well irrigation have withered. In western parts, those raised on high lands and those unsupported by well water have withered and others are in fair condition. The chief standing dry crop is castor-oil plants which are in a fading condition. Other dry crops have been harvested.

Tiruvadur fiska.—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:—

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 azimoided 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 50.13 against 26.21 in 1892 and against 29.90, the average of five years—

Garden lands are cultivated with white cholom 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:—

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

Prices stationary—

Markets are well supplied. Importations are brisk.

Condition of people.—Generally good.

No possibility of rain. If rain falls, standing crops will be benefited.

No possibility of rain. 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 28.88 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 28.88 in 1892 and against 30.26, the average of five years.

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.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	98,036	26,803	124,839
In January 1893	2,630	655	3,285
Total ..	100,666	27,458	128,124
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891 ..	89,816	26,438	116,254
In January 1892	6,879	1,527	8,406
Total ..	96,695	27,965	124,660
Average of five years ..	121,650	30,769	152,419

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	15
1,004	2,144	12
2,885	4,214	8
4,861	2,087	4
691	1,247	..
9,269	10,348	..

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

Dry.	Wet.	Annas.
3,666	149	16
9,137	1,977	12
23,434	2,769	8
27,989	1,978	4
30,258	2,944	..
102,504	8,857	..

Prices stationary; slight rise in ragi—

	In January 1893.	In January 1892.	During last day of previous fortnight.	During last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice ..	8-45	10-14	8-45	8-45	8-6
Cholam ..	13-50	12-50	13-50	12-50	13-
Ragi ..	10-5	10-00	10-27	10-27	13-0
Cumbu ..	..	..	..	..	..

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 10.33 against 18.05 in 1892 and against 25.28, the average of five years—

	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Extent of cultivation up to December 1892 (excluding inams)	76,491	14,683	91,174
In January 1893	3,211	572	3,783
Total ..	79,702	15,255	94,957
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891 ..	94,800	14,805	109,605
In January 1892	3,002	538	3,540
Total ..	97,802	15,343	113,145
Average of five years ..	106,235	27,334	133,569

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.	16,438	4
Do.	4,712	0

The extent occupied by the principal crops being—

	ACS.
Paddy	5,568
Cholam	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
Peas, &c.	800

Cholam, 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
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	12-85	12-86	12-77	12-85	14
Ragi	15-5	17-09	15-5	15-5	14
Cumbu	13-43	15-17	13-96	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 302 (71 males + 291 chittal) 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, themai, &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 33.15, 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
Total	864	516	1,380
Extent of cultivation up to December 1891	531	453	984
In January 1892	364	28	382
Total	895	481	1,366
Average of five years	1,036	396	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	13-64	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 1893.	In January 1892.	During the last day of the previous fortnight.	During the last day of the fortnight under review.	Scarcity rate.
Rice	10-14	10-98	9-29	10-14	8-5
Cholum	..	..	..	..	14
Ragi	..	..	13-55	..	14
Cumba	..	..	13-23	..	12-5

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 against .05 in January 1892, the total rainfall up to January 1893 being 44.64 against 54.21 and against 62.33, 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	2,325	13,139
In January 1892	43	392	435
Total	10,857	2,717	13,574
Average of five years	10,878	2,654	13,532

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	686,176	164,189	850,365
In January 1893	12,689	5,310	17,999
Total	698,865	169,499	868,364
Cultivation up to December 1891	697,706	175,384	873,090
In January 1892	21,845	8,333	30,178
Total	719,551	183,717	903,267
Average of five years	744,363	176,769	921,132

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 23rd 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 cholum and cumba 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, Kalarcovil, Ilayangudi, Salagramam, Rajasingamangalam and thence to Ramnad, and I inspected many villages and much of the country on the marches and from the various camps.

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 Kaliarcoil 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 Kaliarcoil and towards Rajasingamangalam 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 dholl in several villages, but the annbu, 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.	Cumbar.	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-Mutupet 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 Ilayangudi 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 farther

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 Kanungudy 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 have been placed before the meeting of the Local Fund Board and sanctioned. The 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 estimate 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 the Local Fund Board can do on any fairly large scale. We shall want more works 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, Shanmuganadi 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 Panchantangi 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 ghat 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 Chinnayaikal 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 taluk. 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, Chekanurani 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 reddies, 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 Chekanurani 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 Tinnevely 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 hopeless, 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.
		INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Nanguneri	Nanguneri	0.54	1.25	23.96	9.33
	Mahapuram	0.45	0.02	22.34	17.52
Tinnevely	Tinnevely	1.21	1.17	25.57	17.66
	Palamediah	0.90	1.45	24.08	19.63
Ambassanudram	Ambassanudram	2.16	1.50	31.84	20.45
	Tenkasi	1.30	2.50	35.77	23.86
Sankaranandakottai	Sankaranandakottai	0.51	1.95	21.24	13.82
	Sciivilipatur	0.52	0.50	29.56	9.60
Sciivilipatur	Vartirayappa	0.33	0.80	22.42	18.27
	Sitor	0.13	0.65	25.45	25.30
Sitor	Vrudupati	0.42	0.90	23.43	9.40
	Vilatikulam	0.84	..	21.67	8.05
Otapidaram	Otapidaram	1.02	0.43	20.25	8.53
	Talcooria	1.15	0.20	23.03	11.66
Tenkani	Tenkani	0.64	3.20	24.43	10.12
	Kulasekharapattam	..	..	..	..

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.
		30th.	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	
		INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	
Tinnevely	Casba division	0.25 to 0.50	0.50	0.25 to 1.00	..	..	7
	Menur	..	0.12 to 0.25	0.12 to 1.00	..	..	3
	Mannirpallam	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
Nāngunéri	Kalakad	0.50 to 1.00	0.25	..	..	0.75	11
	Vilvanarayana	0.12 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	0.15 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	..	29
	Nāngunéri	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.75	..	32
	Valliyur	0.25 to 0.50	0.15 to 0.50	0.50	..	..	8
	Rādhiparam	..	0.02 to 0.50	0.10	..	..	4
Ambāsamudram.	Ambāsamudram	..	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	..	25
	Palamanadai	..	0.50 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	..	25
	Adachani	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 1.00	0.40 to 1.50	..	28
Tenkāsī	Kadayanallur	..	..	1.00 to 3.00	..	..	11
	Tenkāsī	..	0.15 to 0.25	1.00 to 2.50	..	0.13	19
	Alankulam	..	0.10	0.25 to 1.20	0.50	..	10
Sankaranainārkoil.	Vasudevanallur	0.50	0.12	0.50 to 1.00	1.00 to 1.95	..	19
	Karivalamvandanallur	..	..	..	0.25 to 1.25	..	17
	Nilthanallur	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.70	..	10
	Srivilliputur	0.12 to 0.50	1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.50	..	16
Srivilliputur	Watrap	0.05	0.12 to 0.50	0.12 to 0.50	..	..	7
	Mangalam	..	0.05	0.12 to 1.00	..	..	4
	Rajakulam	..	..	0.12 to 0.50	0.40 to 0.60	..	6
	Rajapallam	0.12 to 0.25	..	0.25 to 0.50	0.25 to 0.90	..	7
Sātūr	Nenmeni	..	0.12 to 0.50	0.12 to 1.00	0.15 to 0.25	..	20
	Virudupati	..	0.25	0.12	0.12	..	6
	Sivakasi	..	..	0.05 to 0.50	..	..	9
	Sātūr	0.12	0.12	0.12 to 0.75	0.25 to 0.80	..	16
Otapidāram	Otapidāram	..	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	..	0.25	0.12	0.20	..	19
	Vidāikulam	0.12	0.12 to 0.90	..	0.60	..	6
Tenkarai	Tenkarai	..	..	0.25	0.12 to 1.00	0.12 to 0.25	11
	Karungulam	0.25	0.40 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25	..	10
	Sethangulam	..	0.50 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	0.25 to 1.00	..	17
	Perungulam	..	0.25	0.12 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.90	..	9
	Tentirapperi	..	0.50 to 1.00	0.25 to 0.90	0.12 to 1.60	0.13	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 Tāmbraparni are about half full. The other river and rain-fed tanks (130) have no supply to serve for irrigational purposes.

Nāngunéri.—A few tanks to the east of Nāngunéri, 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.

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

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

Sankaranainārkoil.—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.

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

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

Tenkarai.—The river-fed tanks, except those of Tenkarai 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 Otapidāram or Sankaranainārkoil 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, Sankaranainārkoil, Srivilliputur, Sātūr and Otapidāram, and the latter below the average in all taluks except Nāngunéri and Tenkāsī. The total area of "dry" cultivation to the end of January 1893 is 723,633 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.

CULTIVATION TO END OF JUNE 1903									
Taluka.	Period.	Holdings.		Cultivation (Government and inam and sivoijama).				Percentage of cultivation to holding.	
				First crop.		Second crop.			
		Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Nāngunēri	Average	229,026	29,835	112,544	28,163	4,817	5,746	49.14	93.87
	Fasli 1302	292,469	30,621	91,208	16,986	4,706	4,729	39.23	66.56
Tenkāri	Average	180,471	44,576	101,003	40,472	1,028	22,079	55.96	93.93
	Fasli 1302	181,630	43,915	95,109	33,523	524	20,668	52.36	77.01
Tinnevely	Average	101,218	28,725	50,665	27,260	1,512	17,293	50.05	97.33
	Fasli 1302	102,911	28,759	38,544	23,176	1,513	15,399	37.45	80.58
Ambāsamudram.	Average	84,539	31,101	34,563	30,576	2,244	23,968	40.85	98.63
	Fasli 1302	84,967	31,125	30,104	28,703	1,473	22,433	35.56	90.22
Tenkāsi	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
Sankarānainār-koil.	Average	121,405	13,772	97,175	11,545	3,165	1,726	80.04	83.83
	Fasli 1302	122,186	13,802	65,730	6,702	2,101	860	53.79	48.66
Srivilliputur	Average	155,656	22,449	142,133	21,360	1,883	2,597	91.30	95.18
	Fasli 1302	159,683	22,528	124,170	14,277	2,445	2,702	77.76	69.37
Sātūr	Average	142,613	3,677	143,159	3,650	886	408	100.45	99.26
	Fasli 1302	143,696	3,581	131,101	3,121	1,377	815	90.95	87.15
Otapidāram	Average	164,552	3,506	133,838	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	859,475	187,200	26,157	84,340	69.11	94.69
	Fasli 1302	1,257,656	196,860	703,720	146,489	25,913	75,752	55.96	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.		1893.		Average.		1893.	
	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.	First crop.	Second crop.
Nanguneri	ACS. 6,187	ACS. 1,393	ACS. 3,091	ACS. 2,151	ACS. 876	ACS. 509	ACS. 589	ACS. 699
Tenkarai	16,066	237	18,804	239	2,126	3,065	1,352	2,267
Tinnevely	4,769	295	4,913	518	877	426	679	415
Ambasamudram ..	5,954	229	5,777	241	627	665	267	751
Tenkasi	1,843	487	1,447	919	223	436	279	357
Sankaranainarkoil ..	5,377	612	5,962	1,019	1,857	583	84	78
Srivilliputur	666	316	1,143	480	1,455	401	34	33
Satur	904	175	959	350	158	104	120	33
Otapidaram	4,997	268	14,637	982	359	50		
Total	38,526	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.

Nanguneri.—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 Nanguneri and Vijayanarayanam 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 192 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 mileecum*) 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.

Olapidaram.—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 369 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 were 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.

	Rags.
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.	Cholam.	Onbam.	Ragi.
Tinnevely.	14th January 1893	10-11	16-01	15-22	15-14
	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	..	..	14-05
	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	16-68	14-30
	21st	8-80	11-40	16-68	13-58
	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
Sriviliputur	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	13-20	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	9-00	..	11-81	15-01
	21st	9-00	..	11-45	..
	28th	9-00	..	11-12	..
Tenkasi	14th January 1893	9-00	..	11-12	13-58
	21st	8-80	..	11-12	15-37
	28th	9-20	..	11-12	15-37

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 Sriviliputur 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 Sriviliputur 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.

RESOLUTION—dated 14th February 1893, No. 62.

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 Rammad. 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 Rammad.

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

PRICES IN SEER OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPEE.

Prices in Rupee of 80 Tola's per Rupee.															
Districts and stations.	Normals.			Current.			Normals.			Current.					
	1892.			1893.			1892.			1893.					
	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.	December.	January.	February.			
													4th.	11th.	4th.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Tamil.															
	Rice.														
Mangudi	11.5	11.5	12.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.6	..	..	..	13.6	14.5	14.1	14.1	14.1
Tenali	12.8	12.5	12.2	8.6	8.8	9.2	8.3	..	..	..	13.4	14.6	14.0	14.0	14.0
Tenali	12.7	12.4	12.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.6	23.4	22.6	..	14.9	16.0	15.7	15.7	15.7
Tenali	13.5	13.2	12.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.3	25.1	25.1	24.0	14.4	13.9	14.3	14.3	14.3
Tenali	12.1	12.0	12.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.3	..	..	..	11.4	11.4	..	..	..
Ambaravathi	13.1	13.0	13.0	8.3	9.4	9.4	8.4	22.8	22.8	..	15.3	16.0	16.4	16.4	16.4
Sankaravathi	13.1	13.0	13.0	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	26.6	26.6	25.7	12.9	13.9	14.3	14.3	14.3
Sankaravathi	13.1	13.0	13.0	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	21.7	21.7	20.5	13.6	14.7	15.0	15.0	15.0
Sankaravathi	13.1	13.0	13.0	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3	22.5	22.5	21.1	..	15.0	..	..	..
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Sankaravathi															

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

	ACR.
<i>Periyakulam</i> ...	24,165 or 16 per cent.
<i>Palni</i> ...	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 dholl 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. Those from 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 *Satur* taluk of the northern portion of the district. In the other three taluks—*Sankaranainarkoil*, *Srivilliputtur* 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 *Srivilliputtur* 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.
Palni	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Vedamandur	0.20	0.03	0.31	0.73	1.56	2.71
Dindigul	0.43	0.05	0.08	0.47	1.51	2.65
Periyakulam	0.70	1.53	0.70	0.67	1.64	2.85
Uthamapalayam	0.23	0.20	0.10	0.77	2.54	3.23
Uthamapattinam	0.18	1.15	0.37	0.49	1.69	2.72
Thiruvangalam	0.19	0.08	0.23	0.63	1.92	3.36
Thiruvahur	0.13	1.71	..	0.49	1.69	1.80
Mutakulam	0.38	0.40	0.94	0.45	1.74	2.20
Mutakulam	0.42	1.25	0.62	0.84	1.30	1.86
Morekulam	0.37	0.48	1.18	0.63	1.44	1.82
Pamban	1.56	1.54	0.08	0.25	3.15	1.42
Raman	0.39	1.37	0.76	0.64	1.67	1.80
Vattanam	1.05	0.29	0.54	0.67	2.75	2.76
Thirupattur	0.27	0.28	0.16	0.14	1.20	2.28
Nivaganga	0.12	..	0.17	0.44	1.17	3.14
Melur	0.40	0.02	0.24	0.64	1.84	2.89
Madura	0.43	0.05	0.42	0.72	1.84	2.89
District average ..	0.51	0.53	0.64	0.74	1.79	2.36

Rainfall in Tinnevely.

Stations.	January.		February.	March.	April.	May.
	Average.	1893.	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.
Vindupatti	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Satir	0.13	0.05	0.42	0.23	1.75	2.41
Viduthikulam	0.36	0.85	0.84	1.08	1.57	1.82
Otapidaram	0.42	0.99	0.82	0.74	..	1.82
Talavara	0.84	..	0.54	1.55	1.19	1.66
Vartivirappu	1.02	0.43	0.66	1.03	1.47	1.01
Erivilliputar	0.52	0.30	0.46	1.44	1.76	2.69
Sankaranainarkoil	0.85	0.80	0.48	1.29	1.62	2.43
Tenkasi	0.61	1.04	0.79	1.27	1.98	1.68
Ambasamudram	1.56	2.60	0.79	1.99	3.02	2.64
Tinnevely	2.16	1.60	1.18	1.87	1.89	1.97
Palamottah	1.21	1.17	0.78	1.65	1.92	2.04
Tenkasi	0.90	1.46	1.41	1.68	1.83	1.96
Kalasekharapattinam	1.15	0.20	0.76	1.22	1.25	1.21
Nanguneri	0.64	3.20	1.02	1.17	1.15	..
Madhapuram	0.84	1.25	1.06	1.71	1.35	1.23
Madhapuram	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 1889-90.		
	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.
† Ramnad	1,048	871	406	329	1,449	1,400	1,000	425	1,425
Thirumangalam	168,153	167,115	22,716	18,565	190,869	195,630	166,164	21,844	187,998
Madura	57,926	69,699	61,732	59,172	106,658	109,871	65,284	51,123	109,377
Melur	160,068	101,314	43,723	38,895	144,391	148,200	95,717	20,802	268,229
Dindigul	242,530	237,517	21,881	21,552	264,520	268,769	133,165	34,476	189,890
Periyakulam	126,260	108,944	32,898	29,221	158,953	133,165	117,238	20,855	138,073
Palni	120,854	93,521	20,513	18,099	140,967	111,629	813,144	194,651	1,007,795
Total ..	817,943	763,981	193,784	184,673	1,010,807	948,654			
Tinnevely.									
Nanguneri	117,361	65,974	33,909	21,715	161,270	117,689	136,779	28,950	175,729
Tenkasi	102,031	96,933	62,551	54,191	164,582	150,224	111,198	76,552	187,690
Tinnevely	52,178	49,957	45,253	38,575	97,431	76,833	57,477	42,463	106,950
Tenkasi	53,747	47,619	31,195	26,437	84,942	74,096	58,285	33,705	91,940
Ambasamudram	36,597	31,577	54,634	61,136	91,444	82,718	115,480	56,433	28,665
Sankaranainarkoil	100,360	67,831	13,372	7,582	113,612	76,293	25,634	14,328	129,868
Erivilliputar	144,016	126,615	23,867	16,978	167,973	143,594	144,562	4,231	148,793
Satir	144,915	133,475	4,064	3,495	148,103	135,911	136,731	2,925	139,657
Otapidaram	185,198	91,419	2,711	1,479	197,819	92,568	960,568	302,262	1,262,770
Total ..	885,623	729,633	271,560	221,220	1,107,173	950,863			

* Of five years ending 1891-92.

† Only refer to four Government villages.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Madura.
" " of Tinnevely.
" Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
Copy to the Collectors of other Southern Districts.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, report on the state of the season in Madura and Tinnevely districts for the fortnight ending 31st January 1893.

With reference to the
Ltr of H.E. The Governor
d/Mar. 11. 93, attached to
the current, it will be
seen from L. 0153 d/15 Feb.
92. Resolved para - that
there is no information
before the Govt as to whether
the village roads want
improving - and it was
subsequently decided by
the Govt of India - para 3
of letter recorded in the
L. 01026 Res. d/7 Apr. 92
that such proposals of road
in Tanke hedges were not
proposed to be taken up.
Cannot do so till the
Bel. in the Ltr. all present at
Bek. do not see the point
Yes. That the present all
But his Excellency
Worshipful also proposed
at meeting of the present,
on 28. 11. 92 the point was
which it was proposed
to improve the

Note

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With reference to the note of H.E. the Governor dated 24th February attached to the current it will be seen from G.O. 153 of 15th February 1892, Revenue, last para, that there is no information before the Government as to whether the village roads want improving, and it will take time to decide on the best lines of communication to be improved.

2. Orders are requested that under the circumstances, the requisite investigations should be started.

15/3/93
1/3/93

DEPARTMENT.
OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board

Revenue Settlement, Land Records and
14th February 1893, No. 62.
24th February 1893, No. 190

Recorded

9 of the Board's Proceedings will be
Public Works Department.
(true extract)

[Signature]

Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

of Revenue Settlement, Land Records &
Public Works Department, with copy of H.E. the Gov.
Municipal Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read *Proceedings of the Board**of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 14th February 1893, No. 62.**Order thereon, 24th February 1893, No. 190*

Recorded

*2. Paras 8 and 9 of the Board's Proceedings will be considered in the Public Works Department.**(True Extract)**P. A. C. C. C. C. C.**Ag. Under Secretary to Government.*

To

*The Commissioners of Revenue Settlement, Land Records &c.
Public Works Department, with copy of H.E. to Govt.
Local and Municipal Department.*

Government of {1893} Madras.
Revenue.

To

The Public Works Department

No 362 J 4/3-8-89
" 4973C - 2-12-90
" 249D - 22-5-91
" 927D - 23-9-91
" 381-29 - 9-7-90
" 4915C - 7-11-91
" 2289 - 8-3-92
" 252 J - 14-3-92
" 9959 - 25-11-92
" 1030J - 8-12-92
" 493 - 24-1-90
" 8879 - 1-11-92
" 248D - 25-8-92

G.O. 24th February 1893, No. 190.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.
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Read the following:—

FOR ORDERS. Draft order
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the Board of Revenue
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lately under the
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remain only about
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No II Perias work to
be hurried on with,
but I suppose that
under the circumstances
it cannot be helped

Can't be helped.
Will probably be
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on in June or July

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J. W.

No 650 Wd 9 March 1893

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To The Local & Municipal Dept.
with copy of note by H.E. the
Governor & remarks thereon.

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To The Supts. Engrs. & Civil
Chief Engineer for Engrs
Revenue Department

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