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10. Madras ..	1,079	1,079	—	—	..	..	..
11. Chingleput ..	24,100	23,769	-331	-1.37	3,274	15.97	..
12. North Arcot ..	42,000	36,513	-5,487	-13.06	3,826	11.70	..
13. South Arcot ..	50,355	50,060	-295	-0.59	4,399	9.63	..
14. Tanjore ..	6,140	6,142	2	0.03	473	8.34	..
15. Trichinopoly ..	14,808	14,626	-182	-1.23	1,882	14.77	..
16. Madura ..	20,000	19,043	-957	-4.79	1,342	7.58	..
17. Tinnevely ..	31,000	30,339	-661	-2.13	3,315	12.27	264
18. Coimbatore ..	4,200	3,547	-653	-15.55	..	..	168
19. Salem ..	18,830	17,858	-972	-5.16	2,460	15.98	..
20. Malabar ..	30	30	—	—	..	..	..
Total ..	3,81,317	3,60,327	-20,990	..	39,083	..	1,235
Deduct—General savings anticipated by the Board and surrendered accordingly ..	6,317	..	-6,317	..	..	..	..
Balance ..	*3,75,000	3,60,327	-14,673	-3.91	39,083	12.17	1,235
Amount placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department ..	85,000	27,771	-57,229	-67.33	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,10,000	3,88,098	-21,902	-5.34	39,083	11.20	1,235

* This does not take account of the additional re-appropriation of Rs. 0.53 lakh sanctioned in G.O., No. 332, Financial, dated 31st March 1898.

3. The expenditure which amounted to 96.09 per cent. of the allotment was

Districts.	Average of three years' expenditure.	Sanctioned grant for 1897-98.	Actual expenditure in 1897-98.	Short outlay as compared with grants.
Nellore ..	Rs. 21,366	Rs. 27,885	Rs. 21,177	Rs. -6,708
North Arcot ..	49,819	42,000	36,513	-5,487
Anantapur ..	24,857	20,700	18,735	-1,965
Kurnool ..	7,160	8,610	7,372	-1,238

satisfactory. The districts to which the major portion of the unexpended grants appertains are Nellore, North Arcot, Anantapur and Kurnool. The Collector of Nellore explains that the large balance of nearly 25 per cent. in his district was due to the circumstance that several works were ordered to be executed under the piece-work system on account of the prevailing distress, that progress in such works was in consequence slow and that the allotments sanctioned therefor could not be fully spent before the close of the year.

In North Arcot, certain works are reported to have been commenced late in the year and left incomplete, because the estimates sent to the Executive Engineer for approval were not received back in time. Another work in the same district estimated at Rs. 950 could not be commenced owing to the existence of water in the tank. In Anantapur, the major portion of the unexpended balance represents either the value of work done but not paid for or that of work done by famine labour. The Collector of Kurnool says that two of the sanctioned works were taken in hand but could not be completed and that two others were not taken up, because in one case there was water in the tank and in the other it was thought advisable to have the work executed by the Public Works Department. The Board observes that in Nellore and Kurnool the expenditure reached the average of the three years ending 1896-97.

4. The total charges on account of establishment and contingencies for the year under report amounted to Rs. 39,083 or 12.17 per cent. of the net outlay on works. As usual, no establishment was entertained in the Coimbatore district where tanks under the Revenue Department are very few. In Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary, Chingleput and Salem, the charges exceeded the limit of 15 per cent. prescribed in G.O., No. 1029, dated 23rd November 1886. The heavy charge in Bellary was, as in previous years, due to the debit of the pay of the Tungabhadra Channel Superintendents to the minor irrigation grant under B.P., No. 432, dated 13th October 1894. The Collector of Salem reports that the charges exceeded the prescribed limit in consequence of a surrender of Rs. 2,120 from the sanctioned grant. The Board considers that the Collector should have reduced the strength of the temporary establishment as soon as it was known that the sanctioned grant could not be utilised in full. The Collectors of Cuddapah, Anantapur and Chingleput have not explained why the prescribed limit was exceeded in their districts. They are requested to keep the expenditure on establishment within the prescribed limit in future.

5. In the districts noted below, the total expenditure reported by Collectors differs from the figures furnished by the Accountant-General:—

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Godavari ..	16,898 14 2	18,104 1 1	+1,205 2 11
Kistna ..	15,997 8 11	16,027 10 5	+30 1 6
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South Arcot ..	50,060 0 0	55,823 11 2	+5,763 11 2
Coimbatore ..	3,546 15 8	3,156 15 8	-390 0 0

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