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From

E. MALTBY, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George;

To

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3	Kelinjeecoopum	3	211	1,187	1,647	743	38	782	926	38	964	2,357	2,178	
4	Poodoocaday	1	38	424	691	282	155	436	292	118	410	1,446	1,328	
5	Singarigoody	1	83	501	356	159	56	214	173	54	227	698	631	
6	Madalaput	7	148	995	1,728	803	93	895	792	74	866	2,369	2,180	
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8	Cauranaput...	1	48	345	624	349	131	480	197	93	290	912	831	
9	Nagappanoor	0	9	50	344	29	115	144	10	50	60	274	245	
10	Theroopanampaukum	1	55	366	636	135	329	464	78	219	297	1,589	1,454	
11	Calayoor...	0	41	222	532	89	173	263	98	174	272	1,264	1,160	
12	Malalinjeeput	0	58	379	376	151	82	233	123	59	182	876	802	
13	Odalaput...	0	25	100	323	61	167	227	53	125	178	876	803	
14	Keelacomanramungalum	0	69	403	273	141	44	185	139	45	184	827	759	
15	Oollairiput	0	27	220	757	161	58	220	145	49	194	710	646	
16	Malapeeroomaulagarum	1	66	576	897	311	329	640	283	262	545	2,215	2,046	
17	Pulleput...	0	81	625	665	218	297	516	184	226	410	1,973	1,824	
18	Thookenampaukum	1	120	886	656	336	178	514	285	118	403	1,527	1,388	
19	Rendayeravelagum...	0	28	195	396	106	148	254	41	107	148	857	778	
20	Keelalinjeeput	0	51	297	383	189	71	261	143	49	192	825	756	
21	Sellenserikee	3	157	1,092	939	432	263	696	319	173	492	1,668	1,531	
22	Nullahtoor...	3	242	1,415	1,507	664	296	960	666	216	882	3,235	3,083	
23	Ooppalavaudy...	3	193	717	1,448	360	53	413	348	18	366	1,044	1,009	
24	Oochemodoo	0	49	235	245	111	15	126	104	6	110	367	355	
25	Gunganamcoopum...	0	47	163	385	175	29	204	115	25	140	638	623	
26	Chinna Gunganacoopum	0	16	91	232	58	46	104	75	37	112	414	396	
27	Paukum...	6	289	2,157	4,573	1,928	1,166	3,094	1,661	994	2,655	12,189	11,449	
28	Pully Thennel	1	159	890	649	361	98	459	344	70	414	1,199	1,055	
29	Navamal Thennel	1	69	250	473	271	66	337	250	45	295	895	816	
30	Condoor	1	57	370	747	459	53	512	427	41	468	1,146	1,048	
31	Navamal Couppair	1	57	351	932	468	278	746	362	220	582	2,464	2,271	
32	Pully Cuppair	0	0	0	19	13	5	18	12	5	17	75	68	
33	Navamal Murdoor	0	120	693	1,035	426	245	670	303	174	477	2,088	1,928	
34	Cundamungalum...	0	35	165	717	528	2	530	508	3	511	1,424	1,240	
35	Pullepoodooput	2	107	674	1,532	848	145	993	584	107	691	2,169	1,998	
36	Cottampaukum	1	56	475	647	213	145	358	186	152	338	1,793	1,657	
37	Pullecherry	0	19	135	171	99	34	134	82	9	91	360	329	
38	Navamal Nareyanoor	0	27	217	141	38	71	110	28	59	87	550	470	
39	Pully Nareyanoor	0	18	243	369	70	147	217	43	112	155	924	844	
40	Chinnapaupasamoodrum	3	249	1,728	1,935	964	353	1,317	974	258	1,232	3,786	3,535	
41	Pareapaupasamoodrum	3	181	1,022	2,200	1,357	180	1,537	1,097	110	1,207	3,519	3,278	
42	Cadapairy Coopum	0	74	610	797	307	319	625	214	103	317	1,054	963	
43	Vurdoor	1	180	1,502	1,313	661	202	863	291	95	386	1,456	1,332	
44	Puckrepolliem	1	82	718	460	286	74	360	240	58	298	1,152	1,051	
45	Moottramputtoo	0	40	242	845	307	171	477	231	58	289	1,055	966	
46	Nerconum	0	45	350	659	353	184	537	210	94	304	1,254	1,150	
47	Kalingamoolay	0	23	155	445	344	32	376	280	24	304	821	746	
48	Puttahnoor	3	45	292	1,847	1,039	0	1,039	391	0	391	561	503	
49	Cottacoopum	4	264	1,346	3,641	331	136	467	1,255	148	1,403	2,770	2,599	
50	Parumbay	2	64	289	660	135	141	276	237	134	371	1,380	1,265	
51	Eroombay	2	76	523	2,739	592	93	685	693	110	803	1,820	1,674	
52	Ammanumcoopum	0	24	160	481	253	37	290	248	29	277	722	659	
53	Caletarumputtoo	1	59	351	361	257	11	267	229	9	238	852	780	
54	Vanoor...	1	159	1,259	2,933	1,411	192	1,603	728	151	879	2,624	2,426	
55	Thiroochittumbalum	2	52	376	1,668	1,101	66	1,168	357	44	401	969	883	
56	Vadahnoor...	1	135	776	927	304	173	477	329	147	476	2,140	1,981	
57	Sashunganoor....	1	69	398	577	420	52	472	326	55	381	1,148	1,052	
58	Auleyoor	0	69	851	996	500	132	632	359	83	442	1,607	1,476	
59	Ucharumputtoo	0	18	91	303	155	20	175	73	20	93	279	253	
60	Coorampolliem	0	25	187	387	192	89	280	112	38	150	508	462	
61	Codoocoor	0	101	680	700	426	56	481	281	55	336	1,060	969	
	Moottah.													
62	Alaghenuttum	0	88	397	695	180	268	448	0	0	0	2,207	2,103	
63	Mundagapat	0	220	2,258	1,080	631	208	838	0	0	0	2,671	2,598	
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64	Bommayapolliem	2	100	516	2,640	1,211	0	1,211	0	0	0	30	30	
65	Thennunpaukum	1	87	372	728	307	182	489	0	0	0	7	7	
	Total.....	66	5,477	36,195	60,759	26,019	9,226	35,242	19,755	6,347	11,133	95,530	88,437	19,275

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The extra sources of Revenue are Salt, Customs, Stamps, Abkarry, and Mobturpha. The amount entered in this column is fixed in reference to the land revenue, at the ratio which the total extra revenue of the District bears to its land revenue. The Collector calculates that we shall lose rather more, or Rupees 25,624 but this is supposition only.

(True Copy.)

Exd. H. Morgan.

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List of Villages with their Population, Area & Revenue - proposed to be transferred from the District to the Tamil Govt

near Pondicherry in the District of South Arcot

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					acres	acres	acres
1	Poyapakkam	"	14	150	169	70	"
2	Karamadoo	"	37	324	255	45	176
3	Kalinjeecoopum	3	211	1187	1647	748	38
4	Pradeecadoy	1	38	424	691	282	153
5	Singarigudy	1	83	501	356	159	56
6	Mudaliapet	1	148	995	1728	808	93
7	Kaliparudy	"	22	168	341	5	57
8	Kamaradpet	1	48	345	624	349	431
9	Agapparoor	"	9	50	344	29	45
10	Veeraperumpattum	1	58	366	636	135	89
11	Cadagoor	"	41	222	532	89	1
12	Kalinjeepet	"	58	379	376	181	89
13	Cadalapet	"	25	100	323	61	167
14	Kadaramarasamy Salimy	"	69	403	273	141	44
15	Vellaroopet	"	21	220	757	161	58
16	Kalaperamanal	1	111	576	897	311	329
17	Pallepet Agaram	"	81	625	665	218	297
18	Kuchenampattum	1	120	886	636	336	178
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20	Veelalinjeepet	"	61	297	383	189	71
21	Velleroor	3	137	1092	939	432	266
22	Subbadoo	3	342	1415	1507	664	296
23	Coppalaveroudy	3	176	717	1448	360	53
24	Cochomadoo	"	49	235	245	111	15
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27	Pauthum	6	284	2157	457	1728	1166
28	Pally Thennel	1	159	590	649	351	98
29	Karanal Thennel	1	61	250	473	271	66
30	Kandoor	1	57	370	747	459	55
31	Karanal Cuppam	1	57	351	932	468	270
32	Pally Cuppam	"	"	"	19	13	6
[illegible]	[illegible]	"	[illegible]	603	1035	426	245
34	Kandaramangalam	"	35	115	111	[illegible]	"
35	Pallipoodoopet	2	107	674	1532	848	166
36	Cottampattum	1	56	475	647	313	115
37	Pullicherry	"	19	135	171	99	34
38	Karanal Chavadi	"	27	217	141	58	71

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Revenue.	Average cultivation of 5 Years.			Average gross land revenue	Average Net Land Revenue	Extra Years of Revenue
Total acres	Dry acres	Irrigated Acres	Total acres	Rupees	Rupees	
70	65	1	66	92	82	
221	37	155	192	1100	1026	
782	926	38	964	2357	2278	
436	292	118	410	1446	1328	
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464	70	249	319	1589	1454	
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640	286	262	548	2215	2046	
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413	348	18	366	1044	1007	
126	104	6	110	367	355	
204	115	25	140	638	623	
104	75	37	112	414	396	
3094	1661	984	2645	12,189	11449	
459	344	70	414	1199	1095	
327	250	46	296	895	838	
572	427	41	468	1146	1048	
746	562	220	582	2464	2271	
78	12	5	17	75	68	
670	303	174	477	2088	1928	
580	608	3	611	1426	1240	
998	684	107	691	2169	1998	
368	186	162	388	1793	1657	
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I can only discover the following particulars

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French Lodge - Mahé - } This is a piece of ground a few hundred yards square in the middle of the Cantonment - Major Macaulay Rs 3550 to induce the French Govt to give up licensing the manufacture & sale of Spirit within it. -

Of the revenues of Mahé itself there is no account - but we held, until lately, 4 Villages near it in trust for the French - Their average annual revenue was Rs 2941 -

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Dispt for the Steamer
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