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No. 20. From Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, Resident of Travancore and Cochin; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cochin, 8th February 1858, No. 8.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit the Annual Financial Statements of the Cochin Sirkar for the year 1032 (1856-57.)

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will observe that there is an increase, as compared with that of the preceding year, on all the Chief items of Revenue.

On Land and Garden.	Rupees	9,181
Customs...	„	3,906
Fees, Fines, renewal of Documents.... ...	„	5,911
Tobacco...	„	11,166
Salt...	„	6,731
Dried Teak trees...	„	13,685
Extra Revenue...	„	2,443
Total.	„	53,023

3. The total Revenue is Rupees 8,13,353.

Do. Disbursements „ 7,40,481.

4. One Lac of Rupees from the surplus of the preceding and past years has been invested in Government Securities.

5. The bad state of the high-road from the Cochin frontier to Wuddakancherry in the Temalapoorum Talook, a distance of 6 miles, I have already brought to notice in my report to Government, No. 28 of the 31st May 1857, para : 13.

6. Fifteen years ago the road was only practicable for Carriage Cattle, but the Cochin Sirkar have long since made every portion of the road within the Sirkar limits over a distance of 50 miles practicable for Carts to the great convenience not only of the Sirkar, but to the residents of the town of Cochin generally.

From Vencut Row, Dewan of Cochin; to Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, British Resident of Travancore and Cochin, dated 26th November 1857, No. 642.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Account Current of the actual Receipts and Disbursements of the Cochin Sircar, for the year 1032, M. E. (1856-57,) with an account particular of

its Items, as well as a comparative Statement showing the amount collected and disbursed in the year in question 1032 (1856-57,) and in the two preceding years.

2. There is an increase you will observe in the Land Revenue, over the receipts of the preceding year, of Rupees 9,180-12-2.

3. This is owing to the following causes: increased cultivation in the Trichoor Lake, the season having been favorable for it, and the Assessment of certain wet lands, chiefly in the Chittoor District, which had not hitherto paid the regular tax due for such lands.

4. Under the head of "Polich Elloot or fees on the renewal of old deeds" there is an increase of Rupees 3,037-8-5, over the preceding year. This increase was derived principally from lands belonging to Pagodas in the Trichoor, Tallapilly and Chittoor Districts.

5. In the Forest Department the expenses you will perceive exceed the income by Rupees 3,503-1-4. This is chiefly owing to the large outlay in the Nelliampathy hills, on Teak timber which has not yet been brought into the Market, owing chiefly to some unexpected opposition from the Colengode Numbady through part of whose forest tract the Sircar Teak was to have been conveyed. The objections were most unreasonable and as you are aware Mr. Robinson has since promised to grant the requisite transit. The expenses incurred on this account have been carried to the debit of the year 1032 (1856-57,) whereas the profits derivable from the timber are still to be realized and can only appear in the next year's account.

6. Under the head of "Servants' Wages" there is an increase, you will observe, over the preceding year of Rupees 2,000. This arises from the Establishment entertained for the Survey of Gardens now in progress.

7. The Garden Survey which I stated to you when last at Cochin, that I was prepared to undertake, has now been greatly advanced, and I expect that it will produce in the course of the current year (1033) an increase of upwards of 12,000 Rupees.

8. The sales of Tobacco have been somewhat larger in 1032 than 1031, partly owing to the larger original purchases and partly to greater exertions to check smuggling. The Revenue on Tobacco is however realized with the greatest difficulty, for the Company's Town of Cochin is constantly filled with Tobacco ready to be smuggled into the Sircar territory. Had the Tobacco been a staple of the Port, or had it as formerly been imported only in such quantities as were required for the consumption of the Town, no grounds would have existed for representation, but it is only since the abolition of the Monopoly that it has been exported in such overwhelming quantities solely for the purpose of smuggling into the territories of Cochin and Travancore, to to the great detriment of their Revenue, a result which the Government cannot but appreciate although difficult perhaps to be remedied. If the suggestion, however, which I understand to have been offered by the Travancore Sircar to undertake the supply of Tobacco for Port of Cochin on the lowest market rates be permitted, it would at once put a stop to the smuggling and enable at the same time these Sircars to gradually reduce their selling rates to the inhabitants, and eventually effect an abolition of the Monopoly.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 12*th March* 1858.

9. You are aware also that soon after my appointment as Dewan I expressed a desire to introduce paper as a substitute for the cadjans hitherto alone used for all correspondence and records. The change has now been carried out, and paper is alone used in the Huzzoor Cutcherry, much to the satisfaction and convenience of all parties. I hope to be able to extend it at an early date to the Talooks.

10. I beg to be permitted to make one more remark, *viz.*, on the exceedingly bad state of the high-road from Waddakancherry in the Palghat Talook to Vaniemparah on the route to Trichoor ;—there is an immense traffic by Carts on these routes to and from Cochin, and the whole of the road within the Sircar limits is in excellent order, but the portion from Vaniemparah to Waddakancherry of only 6 miles is nearly impassable.

Annual Account Current of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Cochin Circar during the Malabar year 1032 or 1856-57.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To balance of last year 1031 M. E. (1855-56)...				1,62,427	14	2
„ Amount of Land and Garden Revenue	4,23,199	5	6			
„ Ditto of Custom Collections..	30,599	15	5			
„ Ditto of Arrack from ditto.	5,986	12	7			
„ Ditto of Fees and Fines received from the Judicial Department..	12,987	4	4			
„ Ditto of Cranganore Tribute.....	6,857	2	4			
„ Ditto of Pollich Elloot or fees on the renewal of Old Deeds ...	4,842	4	0			
„ Amount sale of Jaffna Tobacco... 84,804 13 0						
„ Ditto of Coimbatore ditto... ... 8,049 15 9						
	92,354	12	9			
„ Ditto of Salt	1,20,018	11	4			
„ Ditto ditto of Teak Timber..... 25,875 4 0						
„ Ditto ditto of Teak Timber from the Chittoor Forest... ... ... 19,714 8 6						
	45,589	12	6			
„ Ditto ditto of Pepper and Sundry goods....	13,988	8	9			
	2,71,951	13	4			
„ Ditto of Interest received from the British Resident for one year, *viz.*, from the 1st September 1855 to 30th September 1856, on 50,000 Rupees vested in the 5 per cent. Public Works Loan as per Promissory Note, No. 10781 of 1854-55.	2,500	0	0			
„ Ditto of intermediate Interest received from the British Resident for 3 months and 12 days, *viz.*, from the 18th May to the 31st August 1857, on 1,00,000 Rupees vested in the 5 per cent. Loan as per acknowledgment received from the British Resident, No. 2, dated 18th May 1857....	1,416	10	8			
„ Ditto of Interest received from the British Resident for one year, *viz.*, from 1st August 1856 to 1st August 1857, on 4,60,000 Company's Rupees vested in the 4 per cent. Loan as per Promissory Notes, Nos. 200, 4185, 8144, 8954, of 1842-43.....	18,400	0	0			
„ Ditto of Interest received from the British Resident for one year, *viz.*, from 30th June 1856 to 30th June 1857, on Company's Rupees 2,90,000 vested in the 4 per cent. loan as per Promissory Notes, Nos. 29602, and 39053, of 1854-55..... ...	11,600	0	0			
				7,56,324	9	6
„ Ditto of Stamp Revenue	2,512	10	6			
„ Ditto of Revenue derived from the Mint	702	12	8			
„ Ditto of Extra Revenue.	16,859	0	1			
				33,916	10	8
„ Ditto of Revenue arrears of former years now collected	.....	...	...	20,075	0	3
„ Ditto of ditto ditto of former Revenue Servants..... ...	18	4	6	1,882	7	11
„ Ditto realized from former Revenue Shroffs.	265	2	0			
„ Ditto ditto ditto Tobacco Shroffs.	1,248	7	5			
„ Ditto ditto ditto Hill ditto.	23	0	10	1,554	14	9
Grand Total.....				9,76,281	9	3

(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. CULLEN,
Resident.

N. B.—From the outstanding Balance of Rupees 21,080-10-0, against former Public Servants as per explanation annexed to the Account Current of last year 1031, the sum of Rupees 1,554-14-9 has been realized, during the Current year 1032 and credited to the Sircar in this Account Current and the Balance still to be realized amounts as per Account particular, No. 1, to Rupees 19,525-11-3.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs	A.	P.
By amount of Subsidy to the Honorable Company...	.....	...	...	2,00,000	0	0
„ Ditto of established Allowance to His Highness the Rajah and Establishment...	1,31,146	0	0			
„ Ditto of Dewastums	44,604	15	9			
„ Ditto of Ootperahs and other charitable Institutions	27,034	2	10			
„ Ditto of Pensions...	7,496	4	8	2,02,785	2	7
„ Ditto of Pattom Meechavarom or Quit Rent...	669	0	0			
„ Ditto of Tax paid to the Honorable Company on account of lands situated in their Dominions (Calicut Collectorate.)	3,232	3	9			
„ Ditto of Public Servants' wages.	1,10,099	4	0	11,397	8	5
„ Ditto of Nair Troops' ditto...	16,322	9	0			
„ Amount purchase of Jaffna Tobacco 30,625 6 0				1,26,423	13	0
„ Ditto ditto of Coimbatore Tobacco 3,862 8 0						
	34,487	14	0			
„ Ditto ditto of Salt...	43,951	15	3			
„ Ditto ditto of Sundry Goods.....	452	7	2			
	78,892	4	5			
„ Ditto of Bullock, Boat and Cooly hire to convey Tobacco, Salt and Pepper...	15,792	8	6			
„ Ditto of Commercial Establishment..	2,223	8	0			
„ Ditto of Hill expence...	20,573	0	10			
„ Ditto of ditto Establishment.	8,806	4	6			
	29,378	5	4	1,26,286	10	3
„ Ditto of established extra Charges...				14,855	1	7
„ Ditto of Waga Neky Dhellavoo or deduction paid back upon some particular lands....				3,675	0	0
„ Ditto expended on Works of Irrigation or for the direct improvement of the Revenue. 7,004 3 7						
„ Ditto expended on Roads, Bridges and other Maramut Works. 30,409 3 3						
	37,473	6	10			
„ Ditto of Charges extraordinary...	17,585	1	5	55,058	8	3
„ Ditto vested in the Honorable Company's 5 per cent Loan as per acknowledgment, No. 2, granted by the British Resident, under the 18th May 1857...				1,00,000	0	0
Total.				8,40,481	12	1
Balance.				1,35,799	13	2
Grand Total.				9,76,281	9	3

Excess in Disbursements.

	Rs.	A.	P.
In 1028	13,821	2	3
„ 1029	60,398	9	6
„ 1030			
„ 1031			
„ 1032			

Surplus.

Rs.	A.	P.
63,550	8	11
57,051	9	7
73,372	1	0

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Per

HUZZOOR CUTCHERRY,
Ernacolum in Cochin, 26th November 1857.

(Signed) VENCATA ROW,
Dewan.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 167; dated 8th March 1858.

1. The Financial Statements of the Cochin Sirkar for the year 1032 (A. D. 1856-57) were forwarded to the Resident with the Dewan's report of the 26th November 1857, and they have now been submitted to Government, with a few remarks from the Resident, after more than two months from the date of receipt.

Decrease.

Pepper and Sundry Goods, &c., Rupees 3,641.
Revenue arrears realized from former Public Servants,.....1,554.

2. With the two exceptions noted in the margin which present a trifling decrease, there was an increase in all the other sources of Revenue, the more considerable occurring under the following heads:

Dried Teak Trees.....	Rupees,	13,685
Tobacco.....	„	11,166
Land and Garden.....	„	9,181
Salt.....	„	6,731

Total Revenue 1032,..... *Rupees* 8,13,853
„ 1031,..... „ 7,63,793

Increase Rupees 50,060

The net result was an increase of half a Lac of Rupees above the receipts of the preceding year 1031, (A. D. 1855-56.)

3. There has been increased cultivation under the Trichoor Lake, and this, with the levy of the regular assessment on certain wet lands, has raised the Revenue from "Land and Garden" by Rupees 9,181 in the year under notice. The Government are glad to observe from para: 7 of the Dewan's report that a still further increase of upwards of 12,000 Rupees is expected in the current year (1033) from the Garden Survey which is stated to be now greatly advanced.

4. There were larger sales of Tobacco in 1032, which yielded Rupees 11,166 in excess of the proceeds of the previous year, this increase is ascribed "partly to greater exertions to check smuggling." Against the above sum there is an increase of Rupees 7,432 in the amount disbursed for the purchase of Tobacco. The Resident does not notice the suggestion which is stated by the Dewan to have been offered by the Travancore Sirkar to undertake the supply of Tobacco for the Port of Cochin on the lowest market rates, and which, if adopted, the Dewan considers would at once put a stop to smuggling and enable both Sircars to gradually reduce their selling rates to the inhabitants, and eventually effect an abolition of the Monopoly.

5. The items of Disbursement call for little remark. There was a reduction of only Rupees 1,025 in the expenditure on account of "Ootooperahs," which in 1031 had exceeded that of the previous year by Rupees 3,415. The charges of the "Maramut Department" have been exhibited separately from "Charges Extraordinary" in the Accounts now furnished by the Dewan. The amount disbursed on the former account is entered at Rupees 37,473, or nearly 7,000 Rupees above the outlay of the preceding year. It is shown in the Account Current that Rupees 7,061 have been expended on Works of irrigation or for the direct improvement of the Revenue, and the remainder, Rupees 30,409, on Roads, Bridges and other works. This is satisfactory.

Increase 1031, (1855-56)..... *Rupees* 30,586
„ 1032, (1856-57)..... „ 37,473

Excess Rupees 6,887

6. On the whole, the Disbursements of the year 1032 (1856-57,) amounted to Rupees 7,40,481, exceeding those of 1031 by Rupees 34,540. The Revenue Collection of the year being Rupees 8,13,853, there was a surplus of Rupees 73,372, which added to the balance of the previous year, Rupees 1,62,427, raised the available funds to Rupees 2,35,799. Of this, one Lac of Rupees has been invested in the Company's Five per cent Loan, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,35,799 to the credit of the Cochin Sircar. The value of the Goods on hand being Rupees 14,975 and the amount invested in the Government Loan, Rupees 9,00,000, the Finances of the Sircar stood at the close of the year 1032 at Rupees 10,50,775.

7. Paras: 5 and 6 of the Resident's letter and the last para: of the Dewan's report will be communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to para: 8 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 15th July 1857, No. 649.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department.

No 167

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 8th March 1858.

Read a letter from the
President of Travancore
and Cochin

(Dated 5th February 1858 No 18)

1. The Financial State-
-ments of the Cochin Sir-
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few remarks from the
President, after more
than two months from
the date of receipt

2. With the two ex-
-ceptions noted in the
margin which present a
trifling decrease, there

Pepper and Sundry Goods &c Rupees 3641
Revenue arrears realized from former Public Servants 1554

1931-1855/56 — Rs. 33,580
1932-1856/57 — 37,473.
Excess — 6,884.

account is entered at Rs. 37,473 or nearly 7,000 Rupees above the outlay of the preceding year. The sums in the Account Current that Rs. 7,064 have been expended on Works of irrigation or for the direct improvement of the revenue, and the remainder Rs. 30,409 on Roads, Bridges and other works. This is satisfactory.

6. In the abstract, the disbursements & encumbrances of the year 1932-1856/57 amounted to Rs. 744,681. according thereto of 1931 by Rs. 134,540. The Receipts from collection of the year being Rs. 843,833, there was a surplus of Rs. 73,872. which added to the balance of the previous year Rs. 1,024,317 raised the available funds to Rs. 2,098,189. Of this, one

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at once put a stop to smuggling and enable both Sircars to gradually reduce their selling rates to the inhabitants, and eventually effect an abolition of the Monopoly.

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5. The items of disbursement call for little remark. There was a reduction of only Rs. 838 in the expenditure on account of "Establishments," which in 1931 had exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 2,415. The charges of the "Inland Establishment" have been exhibited separately from "Charges of Ordinary" in the Accounts now furnished by the Board. The amount disbursed on the former account

one Lac of Rupees has
been invested in the Com-
pany's Five per Cent. Loan
leaving a balance of
Rs. 135799. to the credit of
the Cocos Islands. The
value of the Goods on hand
being Rs. 14,975, and the
amount invested in the
Govt Loan, Rs. 900,000, the
Finances of the Islands stood
at the close of the year,
1882 at Rs. 1,050,774.

7. Paras 5 & 6 of the
Resident's letter and the
last para of the Remarks
of Report will be communi-
cated to the Public Works
Department with reference
to para 8 of Gr. Govt. of Com.
dated 15 July 1867. Rs. 8th

To the President of Penang
and Cocos
Para 7 to Public Works Dept

Dept 15th

Statistical Letter to Engd 24th May. No 18 of 1858

Paras 2 & 6

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