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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 778, Political, dated 9th November 1894.

ABSTRACT.—Addressing the Government of India as regards the future administration of the Laccadives.

G.O., No. 411, Political, dated 26th June 1895.

ABSTRACT.—Calling upon the Board of Revenue to submit detailed proposals for the future administration of the Laccadives on the lines approved of by the Secretary of State.

READ—also the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 48, dated 3rd February 1896.

Read—the following letter from J. HEWETSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calicut, 13th November 1895, Dis. No. 166-Tel. :—

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy for fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

2. *Receipts.*—The total revenue from the islands, including the Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250 (but excluding the temporary loans of Rs. 17,000) taken from Government to meet expenses incidental to island administration, aggregated Rupees 56,580–12–5, as against Rs. 51,555–12–11 during the previous year.

3. A statement showing the receipts from the several sources is given below :—

Islands.	Gross receipts from sale of monopoly articles.				Miscellaneous revenue.		
	Coir.	Cowries.	Tortoise shell.	Total.	Cocoanuts.	Rents in cash.	Fines.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Kavaratti	7,663	6	..	7,669	..	888	34
Agatti	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	14,397	..	..	10
Minicoy	1,880	..	..	1,880	672	721	17
Mainland	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	40,532	1,563	..	42,095	847	2,262	133

Islands.	Miscellaneous revenue—cont.			Receipts other than ordinary.				Grand total.
	Poll-tax.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindivi compensation.	Temporary loans.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,669
Kavarathi	..	..	959	..	..	..	..	12,782
Androth	..	..	862	..	..	..	..	7,188
Kalpeni	..	25	35	..	..	..	..	14,432
Minicoy	302	284	1,996	..	..	..	..	3,876
Mainland	..	5,383	5,384	5,250	17,000	..	22,250	27,634
Total ..	302	5,692	9,236	5,250	17,000	..	22,250	73,581
Receipts in fasli 1303 ..	323	7,893	11,249	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	66,556

4. *Coir.*—The sale-proceeds of coir during the year under report amounted to Rs. 40,532–6–9, as against Rs. 34,267–13–7 during the previous year. The quantity of coir sold during the same period was 1,402 candies against 1,115 candies during the previous year. The sales were mostly effected by tender. Periodical auction sales of coir proved a failure in Calicut owing to combination among the bidders. In the beginning of the year, notices inviting tenders were widely circulated throughout the principal cities of India, and advertisements were inserted in not less than ten important newspapers. But I regret to state that no good results were produced by these measures. The offers from outstations were too low to be accepted and the coir was sold to the local firms who offered better prices.

A statement showing the quantities of coir imported from the several islands during the last five years is given below:—

Islands.	Quantity in candies of 560 lb. each.						Increase or decrease as compared with the average.
	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Average.	Fasli 1304.	
Agathi	240	230	248	244	240	228	— 12
Kavarathi	369	306	435	373	370	285	— 85
Androth	482	489	529	487	496	418	— 78
Kalpeni	342	333	333	325	333	381	+ 48
Minicoy	..	..	85	21	26	51	+ 25
Total ..	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,281	1,465	1,363	..

The imports of coir from Agathi, Kavarathi and Androth are less than in the previous fasli, and far below the average of the preceding four years. The decrease in the case of Agathi does not call for any remark. In the case of Kavarathi, trees are just beginning to revive from the effects of the hurricane of 1891, referred to in paragraph 4 of the report for last year, No. 139-Gl.—Islands, dated 10th Decem[illegible] 1894, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, Mis., No. 1454, dated 21st Ma[illegible]. Besides, the collection of rents according to the revised paimash c[illegible]. Batten commenced only during the fasli under report. In the case of Androth, the decrease is due to the effects of cholera which had reduced the population of the island in 1894, by nearly one-half. In the case of Kalpeni, an annual increase in the yield of coir is perceptible. In spite of the decrease in three of the islands, the total receipts of coir from all the islands during the fasli under report exceeds that of the preceding year by 89 candies.

The price[illegible] tender and private negotiation varied fr[illegible] report as against Rs. 25–8–0 to Rs. 35 during the preceding year. Fourteen candies 12 maunds and 20 lb. of first-class coir were sold during the fasli. The receipts in coir in the year under report amounted to 1,312 candies and 22 lb. (besides 50 candies 16 maunds and 22 lb. from Minicoy brought in part-payment of the rice

supplied to the Amin for sale) as against 1,099 candies 10 maunds and 17 lb. of the preceding year, showing an increase of 212 candies 10 maunds. and 5 lb. This together with the balance of 1,070 candies 8 maunds and 17 lb. of the last year gives a total quantity of 2,433 candies 6 maunds and 5 lb. during the year under report. Out of this 1,402 candies 9 maunds and 5 lb. were sold during the year leaving a balance of 1,030 candies and 17 maunds at its close which has now been disposed of to Messrs. D. Maneckji and Co. of Calicut.

5. *Cowries.*—The total quantity of cowries imported during the year amounted to 20 candies 16 maunds and 26 lb. as against 10 candies 3 maunds and 22 lb. during the previous year. The largest consignment is every year imported from the Island of Kalpeni, which, with the annual increase of coir above noted, illustrates the industrious habits of the people residing on this island. The cowries were sold for Rs. 1,562–1–8. Out of this amount, Rs. 778–8–0 were paid to the islanders as monopoly price at 2 annas per seer realizing a net profit of Rs. 783–9–8.

6. *Tortoise shell.*—No tortoise shell was imported during the year. This article has not been imported for several years past.

7. *Miscellaneous Revenue.*—The total collections under this head amounted to Rs. 9,236–4–0 as against Rs. 11,248–4–8 in the preceding year. The major portion of this is made up of items falling under the head "Sundries," details of which are given below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sale-proceeds of flotsam got at Kalpeni after the payment of salvage	24	12	0
Price of 38 bags of rice supplied to the observatory clerk, compounder, &c.	283	10	0
Sale-proceeds of the Hydross Odi	200	0	0
Amount sent by the Hospital Assistant, Minicoy, for rice ...	90	0	0
Value of rice paid in money by the Amin of Minicoy	2,825	0	0
Customary fees for the construction of mas boats, at Rs. 20 per boat	80	0	0
Rent of the house of the Tidal observatory clerk for one year ...	24	0	0
Money received from the Collector of South Canara on account of the effects left by two islanders belonging to this group who died at Kiltan included in the Amin group and deposited in the Island funds to be made over to their respective heirs.	253	8	6
Sale-proceeds of mas	1,352	15	10
" of jaggery	557	11	2
Total ...	5,691	9	6

8. *Charges.*—The total charges of the year under review exclusive of those under special payments amounted to Rs. 59,288–10–4. Out of this amount Rupees 32,804–13–11 were paid for the purchase of monopoly articles. The details of the charges are given in the subjoined statement:—

Islands.	Price paid for monopoly articles.				Establishment and miscellaneous charges.			
	Coir.	Cowries.	Tortoise shell.	Total.	Establishment and contingent charges.	Charges on account of visit to the islands.	Freight on account of cocoanuts.	Sea Customs charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	6,262	3	..	6,265	..	..	..	..
Kavarathi	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	8,945	804	..	15	..
Androth	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..
Kalpeni	9,358	740	..	10,098	1,301	..	..	..
Minicoy	178	..	..	178	1,260	..	47	..
Mainland	..	..	..	..	744	..	..	260
Total ..	32,027	778	..	32,805	4,575	..	62	260
Charges in fasli 1303.	31,089	358	..	31,447	3,271	..	74	665

Islands.	Establishment and miscellaneous charges—*cont.*			Special charges.				Total.	Grand total.
	Municipal tax paid for Ali Raja.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindivi compensation.	Repayment of temporary loans.	Peishcush.	Interest.		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,265
Kavarathi	..	..	466	..	..	..	..	..	7,788
Androth	..	203	1,022	..	..	..	..	..	9,964
Kalpeni	..	26	1,327	..	..	..	..	..	11,425
Minicoy	..	23	1,330	..	..	..	..	..	1,508
Mainland	..	21,334	22,338	..	14,287	..	..	14,287	36,625
Total ..	..	21,586	26,483	..	14,287	..	..	14,287	73,575
Charges in fasli 1303.	2,102	8,274	14,326	5,250	15,348	..	185	20,783	66,556

The increase of Rs. 1,300 under establishment charges is due to the irregular attendance of the Island Amins to receive their salaries.

The details under "Sundries" are given below :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Androth establishment charges paid in advance	98	0	0
2.	Repairs to the Androth Amin's Cutcherry	105	0	0
3.	Repairs to the Amin's Cutcherry at Kalpeni	26	3	0
4.	Customary payments to the Mukris at Minicoy	14	4	0
5.	Expenses for the burial of the tidal observatory clerk's wife who died at Minicoy	3	8	0
6.	Paint purchased for the use of the Hospital Assistant's house at Minicoy	5	0	0
7.	Allowance paid to the State detenu Seyed Buhari Koya for three months	12	0	0
8.	Advance paid to the Hospital Assistant deputed for the island duty	150	0	0
9.	Cooly wages for taking the Hospital Assistant's baggage to the sea-shore for shipment to Colombo	4	7	0
10.	Steamer charges for the Hospital Assistant from Calicut to Colombo	112	8	0
11.	Price of rice supplied to the Minicoy Amin for sale ...	19,808	8	0
12.	Freight paid on Government material brought from Minicoy.	635	0	11
13.	Value of two wooden boxes for safe custody of the island records	25	0	0
14.	Charges for printing forms	182	0	0
15.	Advance paid to the Amin of Minicoy for meeting expenses incidental to the sale of rice on that island	250	0	0
16.	Charges incurred for advertising notices inviting tenders for the purchase of the island coir	154	7	0
	Total ...	21,585	13	11

Note.—*Item No.* 5.—Orders have been issued to the Amin of Minicoy to recover Rs. 3-8-0 from the tidal observatory clerk.

Item No. 10.—The Hospital Assistant Muhammad Ibrahim proceeded to Minicoy *via* Colombo under sanction of Government conveyed in Government Order, No. 725, dated the 28th October 1894.

Item No. 11.—This item consists of Rs. 13,945 paid in liquidation of a special loan taken in 1893 for the purchase of 2,028 bags of rice for sale at Minicoy under Government Order, No. 273, dated 3rd May 1893. The Government was pleased to waive the interest chargeable on this sum (*vide* Government Order, No. 607, dated the 30th August 1894), and the balance Rs. 5,863-8-0 is the price of rice subsequently supplied.

[illegible] for use on the islands, and for [illegible] several Amins.

Item No. 15.—This is a new charge incurred during the year. When Dom Malikhan was the Amin of Minicoy he was able to effect the sale of rice without incurring charges, such as rent for the warehouse for storing in rice, wages of persons employed for selling it and for keeping accounts, &c., but the present Amin has to engage labour necessary for the purpose. These charges are, however, taken into account when fixing the rate at which the Amin should sell the rice at Minicoy.

Item No. 16.—These charges were incurred in advertising notices regarding the sale of coir, in not less ten important dailies in India.

[illegible] seen from the comparison of the total receipt[illegible]d expenditure for [illegible]nder report, that there is an increase of Rs. 5-11-5 on the side of "Recepts." [illegible]ne final adjustment of accounts on the last day of the fasli, after liquidating the [illegible]cial loan of Rs. 13,945 referred to above, it was found that the surplus amount [illegible]ailable was insufficient to clear the loans taken from Government for meeting the [illegible]rking expenditure of the administration of the islands during the fasli. The loan which remained to be paid at the end of the fasli amounted to Rs. 3,000; it has, however, now been paid.

10. The following statement shows the peishcush arrears due from Ali Raja on the 1st July 1895. Interest is calculated only on the arrears due from the Raja on account of the Karar lands—*vide* Government Order, No. 778, Political (Confidential), dated 9th November 1894 :—

Particulars.	Amount of arrears.	Amount of interest at 6 per cent. per annum.	Surplus income.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Total arrears on 1st July 1894 or beginning of fasli 1304	45,425 4 1	1,340 8 11	..
Interest to be added	1,340 8 11	..	..
Peishcush for fasli 1304, Rs. 15,000-0-11.	15,000 0 11	..	..
Total ..	61,765 13 11	..	..

11. The following loans aggregating Rs. 17,000 were taken from the Imperial treasury for expenses connected with the administration of the islands, of which Rupees 14,000 were repaid with interest at 6 per cent. per annum within the fasli in accordance with Board's Proceedings, No. 175, Land Revenue, dated 22nd March 1890. The balance Rs. 3,000 was adjusted after the close of the fasli :—

Date of loan.	Amount of loan.	Amount of interest.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3rd July 1894	500	22 14 8	522 14 8
20th December 1894	5,000	90 13 4	5,090 13 4
2nd February 1895	1,000	11 0 0	1,011 0 0
8th ,, 1895	5,000	50 0 0	5,050 0 0
19th March 1895	5,500	18 5 4	5,518 5 4
Total ..	17,000	193 1 4	17,193 1 4

12. The islands were not visited during the fasli under report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the receipts on account of the Laccadives and Minicoy for fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

Items.	Agathi.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Kalpeni.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.
REVENUE FROM MONOPOLY ARTICLES.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.
Coir—														
Balance of last year's stock.														
First class	..	..	2 6 0	82 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 6 0	82 12 9
Second class	201 17 19	6,056 8 4	345 9 2	10,019 4 3	132 18 12	3,927 7 4	365 0 20	10,217 9 2	0 14 4	23 0 6	..	..	1,046 0 1	30,243 13 7
Third class	1 10 23	36 15 9	10 15 5	219 8 4	0 7 4	8 9 1	9 9 12	227 4 11	..	..	..	..	22 2 16	492 7 1
Portion of current year's stock sold within the year.														
First class	11 16 20	426 1 3	0 10 0	18 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 6 20	444 1 3
Second class	39 2 4	1,095 0 0	53 5 21	1,483 6 8	80 10 14	2,234 9 1	84 1 16	2,333 2 10	51 12 9	1,856 10 0	..	..	308 12 8	9,002 12 7
Third class	2 0 14	48 9 7	..	..	4 0 12	96 10 2	5 1 0	121 3 9	..	..	..	..	11 1 26	266 7 6
Cowries	0 1 6	5 14 4	..	..	0 15 11	58 10 0	19 19 27	1,497 9 4	..	..	..	..	20 16 26	1,562 1 8
Total of monopoly articles	256 9 2	7,669 1 3	412 6 0	11,823 1 0	218 11 25	6,325 13 8	483 12 19	14,396 14 0	52 6 13	1,879 10 6	..	..	1,423 6 13	42,094 8 5
Miscellaneous revenue.														
Cocoanuts	..	..	..	..	No. 10,220	174 14 1	..	..	No. 23,600	672 5 3	..	..	No. 33,820	847 3 4
Rents	..	..	..	888 6 3	..	653 0 9	..	..	..	721 4 0	..	..	..	2,262 11 0
Fines	..	..	..	71 3 0	..	33 12 0	..	9 8 0	..	17 4 0	..	1 7 2	..	133 2 2
Poll-tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	301 10 0	..	..	..	301 10 0
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 12 0	..	283 10 0	..	5,383 3 6	..	5,691 9
Total of miscellaneous revenue	..	..	..	959 9 3	10,220	861 10 10	..	34 4 0	23,600	1,996 1 3	..	5,384 10 8	33,820	9,236
Receipts other than ordinary.														
Compensation due to the Raja for Amindivi Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,250 0 0	..	
Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,000 0 0	..	
Total of receipts other than ordinary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,250 0 0	..	
Grand Total ..	256 9 2	7,669 1 3	412 6 0	12,782 10 3	218 11 25	7,187 8 6	483 12 19	14,431 2 0	52 6 13	3,875 11 9	..	27,634 10 8	1,423	

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accounts of the new year should begin without an opening balance

Arrears

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5. The Board of Revenue will be requested to explain to the Collector of Malabar very carefully the exact position of affairs and the steps he should take. The distinction between the islands and the mainland accounts should be clearly explained to the Raja, and he should be approached on the subject politely, before any action is taken under the Act. In the event of his being desirous to apportion the sum at present to the credit of the islands towards the mainland debt, no objection should be raised.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Revenue Department.

7. Paragraph 11 of the Collector's report contains an account of the temporary loans taken from Government to meet the working expenses of the island administration. From this it would appear that against a loan of Rs. 17,000, Rs. 14,000 on account of principal and Rs. 193–1–4 on account of interest or Rs. 14,193–1–4 in all were adjusted at the close of the fasli. But the amount of repayment shown under charges is Rs. 14,287. The Collector is requested to explain the discrepancy and to furnish particulars of dates and of instalments of repayment so as to enable the Board to check the interest as calculated in the report.

8. The islands were not inspected during the year, but arrangements have been made by the Collector for paying them a visit in the current fasli.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department.
„ Collector of Malabar.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 203, Political, dated 17th March 1896.

From paragraph 3 of its despatch to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, No. 38 (Internal), dated 27th February 1895, it appears to have been the intention of the Government of India that no portion of any surpluses from the islands should be devoted to the liquidation of the arrears due on account of the lands in Cannanore which are held by Sultan Musa Ali Raja in ordinary Revenue tenure. The islands and the mainland accounts should therefore be kept perfectly distinct, and the Board of Revenue will be requested to arrange accordingly.

G.O., No. 411, Political, dated 26th June 1895.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* Surplus islands income for faslis 1291–93, 1299 and 1300	53,935	10	0
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation for fasli 1302	1,266	0	0
	52,669	10	0
Deduct arrears at the end of fasli 1304 ..	34,465	10	8
Balance to credit of islands at the end of fasli 1304 ..	18,203	15	4

	Rs.	A.	P.
† Surplus income of islands wrongly credited to Cannanore lands in faslis 1291—93, 1299 and 1300.	53,935	10	0
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation which should have been credited to Cannanore lands in fasli 1302	1,266	0	0
..	79,928	14	4

2. Under the above ruling the statement appended to letter, No. 778, Political, dated 9th November 1894, requires revision, as in that statement (column 15) the surpluses accruing on the islands i faslis 1291–93, 1299 and 1300, amounti on the aggregate to Rs. 53,935–10–0, h, credited towards the Cannanore peis ate whilst in fasli 1302 the propo) was Amindivi compensation (Rs. 1, . Cor- not credited to the latter acc statement rected in these particulars, 203–15–4 to shows a balance * of Rs. the islands, and a debit † balance of Rs. 79,928–14–4 against the Cannanore lands, at the end of fasli 1304.

3. The amount to the credit of the islands will be held in deposit and should not be utilized towards liquidating the mainland arrea sions Reco realiz

accounts of the new year should begin without an opening balance. As accounts of the fasli under co show an undischarged temporary Government of Rs. 3,000, the balance of Rs. 6 should be adjusted t that liability.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Arrears of peishcush on account of the islands at the end of fasli 1303	23,082	9	9	
Add proportionate peishcush for fasli 1304	11,383	0	11	
Total ...	34,465	10	8	(A)
Arrears of peishcush exclusive of interest on account of the Cannanore lands at the end of fasli 1302	18,043	7	3	
Add proportionate peishcush of fasli 1303	3,617	0	0	
Add proportionate peishcush of fasli 1304	3,617	6	0	
Total ...	25,277	7	3	(B)
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1302 ...	865	9	5	
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1303 ...	1,082	9	8	
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1304 ...	1,299	10	0	
Total ...	3,247	13	1	(C)
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation of fasli 1303	1,266	0	0	(D)
Balance (C)—(D)	1,981	13	1	(E)
Total of arrears of peishcush and interest of the Cannanore lands (B)+(E) ...	27,259	4	4	(F)
Grand Total of arrears of peishcush of the islands and of the mainlands including interest on the latter (A)+(F)	61,724	15	0	

5. The marginal particulars show the state of the peishcush account at the end of the fasli. The Collector has calculated the interest as Rs. 1,340–8–11, evidently overlooking the fact that the total arrears of Rs. 45,425–4–1 at the beginning of the fasli included a sum of Rs. 682–3–1, being the unpaid interest of fasli 1303, on which no interest can be charged.

6. The peishcush demands represent partly a tribute for the islands, which have been declared to belong to Ali Raja as a *quasi* independent potentate, and partly *assessment* on the Cannanore lands held by the Raja as a subject of the British Government. Though the tribute and the assessment are now being separately calculated, both continue to be kept in one account and shown as a debit against the island administration. In the correspondence printed in Government Order, No. 411, Political, dated 26th June 1895, however, the sum of Rs. 23,082–9–9, referred to in paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 368, Confidential No. 46, dated 31st August 1894, was considered to be the only claim for which the island administration was responsible and it would, therefore, seem necessary that the sum of Rupees 22,342–10–4, referred to in the Board's Proceedings above quoted as the outstanding demand against the Cannanore lands up to the end of fasli 1303, together with the subsequent demands on them, should be carried to a separate account and that their payment should be enforced as far as possible under the provisions of Act II of 1864. The definite instructions of Government are requested on this point which also formed the subject of the marginally-noted correspondence. From the statement appended to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3387, Confidential No. 13, dated 19th June 1894, and printed in Government Order, No. 510, Political, dated 24th July 1894, and from paragraph 6 of the Malabar Collector's letter, dated 26th July 1894, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 368, Confidential No. 46, dated 31st August 1894, it is observed that the sum of Rs. 22,342–10–4 does not represent the entire separate liability of the Cannanore lands at the end of fasli 1303, as surplus balances of the island administration, amounting to Rs. 53,935–10–0, were credited to the Cannanore peishcush in faslis 1291–93, 1299 and 1300, while the proportionate Amindivi compensation was not credited towards the latter in fasli 1302.

Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6973, dated 18th December 1893.
Government Order, No. 54, Political, dated 30th January 1894.
Government Order, No. 295, Political, dated 7th May 1894.

...e result of sale by tender instead of by periodical auctions, but the prices obtained under the new system have fallen below the average * realised in the three previous years. In April last the Collector reported that sales by auction did not prove successful owing to strong combination among bidders and suggested the direct shipment of coir to the London market for disposal at the fortnightly public sales there. The Board, however, disallowed the Collector's proposal, as satisfactory reason was not shown for conveying the coir to London at Government cost. The import of coir during the year, compared with that for fasli 1303, shows some increase, but it was still below the average for the previous four years as will be seen from the subjoined statement :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Fasli 1301	33	10	7
„ 1302	33	0	0
„ 1303	30	11	9
„ 1304	28	14	6

Islands.	Quantity in candies of 560 lb. each.						Increase or decrease as compared with the average.
	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Average.	Fasli 1304.	
Agathi	240	230	248	241	240	228	— 12
Kavarathi	369	306	435	354	366	285	— 81
Androth	482	489	529	132	408	418	+ 10
Kalpeni	342	333	333	372	345	381	+ 36
Minicoy	..	..	85	182	67	51	— 16
Total ..	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,281	1,426	1,363	— 63

The Board here observes that the corresponding statement at paragraph 4 of the Collector's report is vitiated by a clerical error, viz., the substitution of a column of averages for the actuals relating to fasli 1303, as they stood in the report printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 29, dated 25th January 1895. On the strength of these erroneous figures the Collector supposes that there was a decrease in the manufacture of coir in Androth which was not the case. On the contrary that island has almost entirely recovered from the effects of cholera which swept it in 1894, but the island of Kavarathi is still suffering from the results of the hurricane of 1891 which destroyed a large number of trees on the island. Under cowries there was an increased import which is attributed to the industrious habits of the Kalpeni islanders, whose outturn of coir also shows a steady increase.

4. The expenditure, exclusive of special payments, amounted to Rs. 45,343 or nearly the same as that of the previous year, which was Rs. 45,773. The variations under the detailed items are small and call for no special remarks.

The Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, one of the special payments, was not adjusted against the peishcush as usual, as this sum, together with the surplus of the ordinary receipts over ordinary payments, was required to provide for the repayment of the special Imperial loan of Rs. 13,945 sanctioned in Government Order, No. 273, Political, dated 3rd May 1893. In Government Order, No. 607, Political, dated 30th August 1894, the advance of Rs. 13,945 was exempted from charge of interest and the loan was intended to be recouped by recoveries made from the Minicoy islanders to whom rice was supplied in fasli 1302. It is not clear whether the full value of the rice supplied has already been recovered from the islanders. The Collector will be requested to report on the point.

The accounts, as closed for the year, show a balance of Rs. 6. Under paragraph 9 of Board's Proceedings, No. 175, dated 22nd March 1890, the whole of the surplus balance at the end of a year should be transferred to the peishcush account and the

Resolution ...ated 3rd February 1896.

The ...gs to submit to Government the report of the Collector of M... on the ... ation of the Laccadive Islands during fasli 1304 (the 12 m... ending ... ne 1895).

2. The receipts and charges of the year, compared with those of fasli 130..., ... as follows :—

Items.	Fasli 1303.		Fasli 1304.	
	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.
Receipts.	CANDIES.	Rs.	CANDIES.	Rs.
1. Monopoly articles—				
(a) Coir	1,115	34,268	1,402	40,532
(b) Cowries	10	790	21	1,563
(c) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,125	35,058	1,423	42,095
2. Miscellaneous revenue—				
(a) Cocoanuts	36,944	617	33,820	847
(b) Rents	..	2,253	..	2,262
(c) Fines	..	216	..	133
(d) Poll-tax	..	323	..	302
(e) Sale of mas	..	2,704	..	1,353
(f) Sale of jaggery	..	81	..	558
(g) Sundries	..	5,054	..	3,781
Total ..	..	11,248	..	9,236
3. Other than ordinary—				
(a) Temporary loans from Government	..	15,000	..	17,000
(b) Compensation for Amindivi Islands	..	5,250	..	5,250
Total ..	..	20,250	..	22,250
Grand Total ..	..	66,556	..	73,581
Charges.				
1. Price paid for monopoly articles—	CANDIES.		CANDIES.	
(a) Coir	1,281	31,088	1,363	32,027
(b) Cowries	10	358	21	778
(c) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,291	31,446	1,384	32,805
2. Establishments and miscellaneous charges—				
(a) Establishment and contingencies	..	3,272	..	4,575
(b) Freight on cocoanuts	No. 36,944	74	No. 33,820	62
(c) Sea Customs house charges	..	605	..	260
(d) Visit to the islands	..	..	..	..
(e) Municipal tax on Ali Raja's buildings at Cannanore ..	..	2,102	..	..
(f) Sundries	..	8,274	..	7,641
Total ..	..	14,327	..	12,538
3. Special payments—				
(a) Adjustment of the Amindivi compensation towards the peishcush	..	5,250	..	..
(b) Repayment of special loans from Government	..	..	..	13,945
(c) Do. of temporary loans from Government ..	..	15,348	..	14,287
(d) Credit towards peishcush	..	* 185	..	..
Total ..	..	20,783	..	28,232
Grand Total ..	..	66,556	..	73,575

* Erroneously shown in the Collector's report under "Interest."

3. The ordinary receipts (Rs. 51,331) show an increase of Rs. 5,025 over those of the previous year owing to the sale of 1,402 candies of coir against 1,115 candies sold in fasli 1303. The 1,031 candies which formed the unsold balance of the year's stock have, it is reported, been since disposed of. The prompt disposal of the coir was

Enclosure No. 2.

Statement showing the charges on account of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy during fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

Items.	Agathi.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Kalpeni.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.
	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.	C. M. Lb.	Rs. A. P.
Charges on account of Monopoly articles.														
Coir—														
First class	.. ..	..	0 10 0	16 8 0	.. ..	..	372 6 21	9,172 12 4	.. ..	177 14 11	.. ..	..	0 10 0	16 8 0
Second class	922 4 9	6,138 10 11	282 18 1	7,269 11 2	410 15 11	8,764 9 10	8 17 17	185 4 11	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	1,339 1 26	31,623 11 2
Third class	5 17 20	122 12 3	1 14 20	36 3 7	6 15 25	141 14 0	19 19 27	740 3 0	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	23 5 26	486 2 9
Cowries	0 1 16	3 1 0	.. ..	..	0 15 11	35 4 0	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	20 16 26	778 8 0
Total, Monopoly articles ..	928 3 17	6,264 8 2	285 2 21	7,322 6 9	418 6 19	8,941 11 10	401 4 9	10,098 4 3	50 16 22	177 14 11	.. ..	..	1,383 14 4	32,804 13 11
Miscellaneous charges.														
Coconuts	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	No. 10,220	15 5 3	.. ..	..	No. 23,600	47 3 2	.. ..	..	No. 33820	62 8 5
Sea Custom charges ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	260 8 3	..	260 8 3
Establishment salary ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	455 0 0	.. ..	799 0 0	.. ..	1,301 0 0	.. ..	1,234 10 10	.. ..	708 0 0	..	4,498 10 10
Travelling allowance and contingencies ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	9 10 0	.. ..	5 1 0	.. ..	..	.. ..	25 14 0	.. ..	85 10 0	..	76 3 0
Visit to the island ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	203 0 0	.. ..	26 3 0	.. ..	22 12 0	.. ..	21,333 14 11	..	21,585 13 11
Sundries	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Total of Miscellaneous charges ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	465 10 0	10,220 1,022 6 3		.. ..	1,327 3 0	23,600 1,330 8 0		.. ..	22,388 1 2	..	26,483 12 5
Special payments.														
Repayment of loans ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	14,286 6 8	..	14,286 6 8
Payment in liquidation of Peishcush arrears ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Municipal tax paid on behalf of the Rajah ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	..	..
Total of Special payments ..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	.. ..	14,286 6 8	..	14,286 6 8
Grand Total ..	928 3 17	6,264 8 2	285 2 21	7,788 0 9	418 6 19	9,964 2 1	401 4 9	11,425 7 3	50 16 22	1,508 6 11	.. ..	36,674 7 10	1,388 14 4	73,575 1 0

Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 48, 3rd February 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(Land Revenue).

Read—the following letter from J. HEWETSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calicut, 13th November 1895, Dis. No. 166-Tel. :—

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy for fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

2 *Receipts.*—The total revenue from the islands, including the Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250 (but excluding the temporary loans of Rs. 17,000) taken from Government to meet expenses incidental to island administration, aggregated Rupees 56,580-12-5, as against Rs 51,555-12-11 during the previous year.

3. A statement showing the receipts from the several sources is given below :—

Islands.	Gross receipts from sale of monopoly articles.				Miscellaneous revenue.		
	Coir.	Cowries.	Tortoise shell.	Total.	Cocoanuts.	Rents in cash.	Fines.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	7,663	6	..	7,669	..	..	..
Kavarathi	11,823	..	..	11,823	..	888	71
Androth	6,267	59	..	6,326	175	653	34
Kalpeni	12,809	1,498	..	14,397	..	..	10
Minicoy	1,880	..	..	1,880	672	721	17
Mainland	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	40,532	1,563	..	42,095	847	2,262	133
Receipts in fasli 1303 ..	34,268	789	..	35,057	564	2,253	216

Islands.	Miscellaneous revenue—*cont.*			Receipts other than ordinary.				Grand total.
	Poll-tax.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindivi compensation.	Temporary loans.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,669
Kavarathi	..	..	959	..	..	..	..	12,782
Androth	..	..	862	..	..	..	..	7,188
Kalpeni	..	25	35	..	..	..	..	14,432
Minicoy	302	284	1,996	..	..	..	..	3,876
Mainland	..	5,383	5,384	5,250	17,000	..	22,250	27,634
Total ..	302	5,692	9,236	5,250	17,000	..	22,250	73,581
Receipts in fasli 1303 ..	327	7,893	11,249	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	66,556

4. *Coir.*—The sale-proceeds of coir during the year under report amounted to Rs. 40,532-6-9, as against Rs. 34,267-13-7 during the previous year. The quantity of coir sold during the same period was 1,402 candies against 1,115 candies during the previous year. The sales were mostly effected by tender. Periodical auction sales of coir proved a failure in Calicut owing to combination among the bidders.

In the beginning of the year, notices inviting tenders were widely circulated throughout the principal cities of India, and advertisements were inserted in not less than ten important newspapers. But I regret to state that no good results were produced by these measures. The offers from outstations were too low to be accepted and the coir was sold to the local firms who offered better prices.

A statement showing the quantities of coir imported from the several islands during the last five years is given below:—

Islands.	Quantity in candies of 560 lb. each.						Increase or decrease as compared with the average.
	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Average.	Fasli 1304.	
Agathi	240	230	248	244	240	228	— 12
Kavarathi	369	306	435	373	370	285	— 85
Androth	482	489	529	487	496	418	— 78
Kalpeni	342	333	333	325	333	381	+ 48
Minicoy	..	..	85	21	26	51	+ 25
Total ..	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,281	1,465	1,363	..

The imports of coir from Agathi, Kavarathi and Androth are less than in the previous fasli, and far below the average of the preceding four years. The decrease in the case of Agathi does not call for any remark. In the case of Kavarathi, trees are just beginning to revive from the effects of the hurricane of 1891, referred to in paragraph 4 of the report for last year, No. 139-Gl.—Islands, dated 10th December 1894, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, Mis., No. 1454, dated 21st March 1895. Besides, the collection of rents according to the revised paimash of Mr. Batten commenced only during the fasli under report. In the case of Androth, the decrease is due to the effects of cholera which had reduced the population of the island in 1894, by nearly one-half. In the case of Kalpeni, an annual increase in the yield of coir is perceptible. In spite of the decrease in three of the islands, the total receipts of coir from all the islands during the fasli under report exceeds that of the preceding year by 82 candies.

The prices obtained for the different classes of coir sold at public auction, by tender and private negotiation varied from Rs. 20 to Rs. 36 during the year under report as against Rs. 25–8–0 to Rs. 35 during the preceding year. Fourteen candies 12 maunds and 20 lb. of first-class coir were sold during the fasli. The receipts in coir in the year under report amounted to 1,312 candies and 22 lb. (besides 50 candies 16 maunds and 22 lb. from Minicoy brought in part-payment of the rice supplied to the Amin for sale) as against 1,099 candies 10 maunds and 17 lb. of the preceding year, showing an increase of 212 candies 10 maunds. and 5 lb. This together with the balance of 1,070 candies 8 maunds and 17 lb. of the last year gives a total quantity of 2,433 candies 6 maunds and 5 lb. during the year under report. Out of this 1,402 candies 9 maunds and 5 lb. were sold during the year leaving a balance of 1,030 candies and 17 maunds at its close which has now been disposed of to Messrs. D. Maneckji and Co. of Calicut.

5. *Cowries.*—The total quantity of cowries imported during the year amounted to 20 candies 16 maunds and 26 lb. as against 10 candies 3 maunds and 22 lb. during the previous year. The largest consignment is every year imported from the Island of Kalpeni, which, with the annual increase of coir above noted, illustrates the industrious habits of the people residing on this island. The cowries were sold for Rs. 1,562–1–8. Out of this amount, Rs. 778–8–0 were paid to the islanders as monopoly price at 2 annas per seer realizing a net profit of Rs. 783–9–8.

6. *Tortoise shell.*—No tortoise shell was imported during the year. This article has not been imported for several years past.

7. *Miscellaneous Revenue.*—The total collections under this head amounted to Rs. 9,236–4–0 as against Rs. 11,248–4–8 in the preceding year. The major portion of this is made up of items falling under the head "Sundries," details of which are given below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sale-proceeds of flotsam got at Kalpeni after the payment of salvage	24	12	0
Price of 38 bags of rice supplied to the observatory clerk, compounder, &c.	283	10	0
Sale-proceeds of the Hydross Odi	200	0	0
Amount sent by the Hospital Assistant, Minicoy, for rice	90	0	0
Value of rice paid in money by the Amin of Minicoy	2,825	0	0
Customary fees for the construction of mas boats, at Rs. 20 per boat	80	0	0
Rent of the house of the Tidal observatory clerk for one year	24	0	0
Money received from the Collector of South Canara on account of the effects left by two islanders belonging to this group who died at Kiltan included in the Amin group and deposited in the Island funds to be made over to their respective heirs.	253	8	6
Sale-proceeds of mas	1,352	15	10
„ of jaggery	557	11	2
Total	5,691	9	6

8. *Charges.*—The total charges of the year under review exclusive of those under special payments amounted to Rs. 59,288–10–4. Out of this amount Rupees 32,804–13–11 were paid for the purchase of monopoly articles. The details of the charges are given in the subjoined statement:—

Islands.	Price paid for monopoly articles.				Establishment and miscellaneous charges.			
	Coir.	Cowries.	Tortoise shell.	Total.	Establishment and contingent charges.	Charges on account of visit to the islands.	Freight on account of cocoanuts.	Sea Customs charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	6,262	3	..	6,265	..	..	..	..
Kavarathi	7,322	..	..	7,322	466	..	..	..
Androth	8,907	35	..	8,942	804	..	15	..
Kalpeni	9,358	740	..	10,098	1,301	..	..	..
Minicoy	178	..	..	178	1,260	..	47	..
Mainland	..	..	..	..	744	..	..	260
Total ..	32,027	778	..	32,805	4,575	..	62	260
Charges in fasli 1303.	31,089	358	..	31,447	3,271	..	74	605

Islands.	Establishment and miscellaneous charges—*cont.*			Special charges.				Total.	Grand total.
	Municipal tax paid for Ali Rajah.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindivi compensation.	Repayment of temporary loans.	Peishcush.	Interest.		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Agathi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,265
Kavarathi	..	..	466	..	..	..	..	..	7,788
Androth	..	203	1,022	..	..	..	..	..	9,964
Kalpeni	..	26	1,327	..	..	..	..	..	11,425
Minicoy	..	23	1,330	..	..	..	..	..	1,508
Mainland	..	21,334	22,338	..	14,287	..	..	14,287	36,625
Total ..	..	21,586	26,483	..	14,287	..	..	14,287	73,575
Charges in fasli 1303.	2,102	8,274	14,326	5,250	15,348	..	185	20,783	66,556

The increase of Rs. 1,300 under establishment charges is due to the irregular attendance of the Island Amins to receive their salaries.

The details under "Sundries" are given below :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Androth establishment charges paid in advance	98	0	0
2.	Repairs to the Androth Amin's Cutcherry	105	0	0
3.	Repairs to the Amin's Cutcherry at Kalpeni	26	3	0
4.	Customary payments to the Mukris at Minicoy	14	4	0
5.	Expenses for the burial of the tidal observatory clerk's wife who died at Minicoy	3	8	0
6.	Paint purchased for the use of the Hospital Assistant's house at Minicoy	5	0	0
7.	Allowance paid to the State detenu Seyed Buhari Koya for three months	12	0	0
8.	Advance paid to the Hospital Assistant deputed for the island duty	150	0	0
9.	Cooly wages for taking the Hospital Assistant's baggage to the sea-shore for shipment to Colombo	4	7	0
10.	Steamer charges for the Hospital Assistant from Calicut to Colombo	112	8	0
11.	Price of rice supplied to the Minicoy Amin for sale ...	19,808	8	0
12.	Freight paid on Government material brought from Minicoy.	635	0	11
13.	Value of two wooden boxes for safe custody of the island records	25	0	0
14.	Charges for printing forms	182	0	0
15.	Advance paid to the Amin of Minicoy for meeting expenses incidental to the sale of rice on that island ...	250	0	0
16.	Charges incurred for advertising notices inviting tenders for the purchase of the island coir	154	7	0
	Total ...	21,585	13	11

NOTE.—*Item No.* 5.—Orders have been issued to the Amin of Minicoy to recover Rs. 3-8-0 from the tidal observatory clerk.

Item No. 10.—The Hospital Assistant Muhammad Ibrahim proceeded to Minicoy *via* Colombo under sanction of Government conveyed in Government Order, No. 725, dated the 28th October 1894.

Item No. 11.—This item consists of Rs. 13,945 paid in liquidation of a special loan taken in 1893 for the purchase of 2,028 bags of rice for sale at Minicoy under Government Order, No. 273, dated 3rd May 1893. The Government was pleased to waive the interest chargeable on this sum (*vide* Government Order, No. 607, dated the 30th August 1894), and the balance Rs. 5,863 8-0 is the price of rice subsequently supplied.

Item No. 14.—This sum was incurred for printing manifest and receipt forms and forms of civil and criminal registers for use on the islands, and for binding the latter into books. These forms and registers have been distributed to the several Amins.

Item No. 15.—This is a new charge incurred during the year. When Dom Malikhan was the Amin of Minicoy, he was able to effect the sale of rice without incurring charges, such as rent for the warehouse for storing in rice, wages of persons employed for selling it and for keeping accounts, &c., but the present Amin has to engage labour necessary for the purpose. These charges are, however, taken into account when fixing the rate at which the Amin should sell the rice at Minicoy.

Item No. 16.—These charges were incurred in advertising notices regarding the sale of coir, in not less ten important dailies in India.

9. It will be seen from the comparison of the total receipts and expenditure for the fasli under report, that there is an increase of Rs. 5-11-5 on the side of "Recepts." In the final adjustment of accounts on the last day of the fasli, after liquidating the special loan of Rs. 13,945 referred to above, it was found that the surplus amount available was insufficient to clear the loans taken from Government for meeting the working expenditure of the administration of the islands during the fasli. The loan which remained to be paid at the end of the fasli amounted to Rs. 3,000; it has, however, now been paid.

10. The following statement shows the peishcush arrears due from Ali Rajah on the 1st July 1895. Interest is calculated only on the arrears due from the Rajah on account of the Karar lands—*vide* Government Order, No. 778, Political (Confidential), dated 9th November 1894 :—

Particulars.	Amount of arrears.	Amount of interest at 6 per cent. per annum.	Surplus income.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Total arrears on 1st July 1894 or beginning of fasli 1304	45,425 4 1	1,340 8 11	
Interest to be added	1,340 8 11	..	..
Peishcush for fasli 1304, Rs. 15,000-0-11.	15,000 0 11	..	..
		..	..
Total ..	61,765 13 11	..	..

11. The following loans aggregating Rs. 17,000 were taken from the Imperial treasury for expenses connected with the administration of the islands, of which Rupees 14,000 were repaid with interest at 6 per cent. per annum within the fasli in accordance with Board's Proceedings, No. 175, Land Revenue, dated 22nd March 1890. The balance Rs. 3,000 was adjusted after the close of the fasli :—

Date of loan.	Amount of loan.	Amount of interest.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
3rd July 1894	500	22 14 8	522 14 8
20th December 1894	5,000	90 13 4	5,090 13 4
2nd February 1895	1,000	11 0 0	1,011 0 0
8th ,, 1895	5,000	50 0 0	5,050 0 0
19th March 1895	5,500	18 5 4	5,518 5 4
Total ..	17,000	193 1 4	17,193 1 4

12. The islands were not visited during the fasli under report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the receipts on account of the Laccadives and Minicoy for fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

Items.	Agathi.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Kalpeni.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.
REVENUE FROM MONOPOLY ARTICLES.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.
Coir—														
Balance of last year's stock.														
First class	..	..	2 6 0	82 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 6 0	82 12 9
Second class	201 17 19	6,056 8 4	345 9 2	10,019 4 3	132 18 12	3,927 7 4	365 0 20	10,217 9 2	0 14 4	23 0 6	..	..	1,046 0 1	30,243 13 7
Third class	1 19 23	36 15 9	10 15 5	219 9 4	0 7 4	8 9 1	9 9 12	227 4 11	..	..	..	..	22 2 16	492 7 1
Portion of current year's stock sold within the year.														
First class	11 16 20	426 1 3	0 10 0	18 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 6 20	444 1 3
Second class	39 2 4	1,095 0 0	53 5 21	1,483 6 8	80 10 14	2,234 9 1	84 1 16	2,333 2 10	51 12 9	1,856 10 0	..	..	308 12 8	9,002 12 7
Third class	2 0 14	48 9 7	..	..	4 0 12	96 10 2	5 1 0	121 3 9	..	..	..	..	11 1 26	266 7 6
Cowries	0 1 6	5 14 4	..	..	0 15 11	58 10 0	19 19 27	1,497 9 4	..	..	..	..	20 16 26	1,562 1 8
Total of monopoly articles	256 9 2	7,669 1 3	412 6 0	11,823 1 0	218 11 25	6,325 13 8	483 12 19	14,396 14 0	52 6 13	1,879 10 6	..	..	1,423 6 13	42,094 8 5
Miscellaneous revenue.														
Cocoanuts	..	..	..	..	No. 10,220	174 14 1	..	..	No. 23,600	672 5 3	..	..	No. 33,820	847 3 4
Rents	..	..	..	888 6 3	..	653 0 9	..	..	..	721 4 0	..	..	..	2,262 11 0
Fines	..	..	..	71 3 0	..	33 12 0	..	9 8 0	..	17 4 0	..	1 7 2	..	133 2 2
Poll-tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	301 10 0	..	..	..	301 10 0
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24 12 0	..	283 10 0	..	5,383 3 6	..	5,691 9 6
Total of miscellaneous revenue	..	..	..	959 9 3	10,220	861 10 10	..	34 4 0	23,600	1,996 1 3	..	5,384 10 8	33,820	9,236 4 0
Receipts other than ordinary.														
Compensation due to the Rajah for Amindivi Islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,250 0 0	..	5,250 0 0
Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,000 0 0	..	17,000 0 0
Total of receipts other than ordinary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,250 0 0	..	22,250 0 0
Grand Total ..	256 9 2	7,669 1 3	412 6 0	12,782 10 3	218 11 25	7,187 8 6	483 12 19	14,431 2 0	52 6 13	3,875 11 9	..	27,634 10 8	1,423 6 13	73,580 12 5

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the charges on account of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy during fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

Items.	Agathi.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Kalpeni.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value	Quantity or weight.	Amount or value.
Charges on account of Monopoly articles.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LB	RS. A. P.
Coir—														
First class	..	..	0 10 0	16 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 10 0	16 8 0
Second class	222 4 9	6,138 10 11	282 18 1	7,269 11 2	410 15 11	8,764 9 10	372 6 21	9,172 12 4	50 16 22	177 14 11	..	..	1,339 1 8	31,523 11 2
Third class	5 17 20	122 12 3	1 14 20	36 3 7	6 15 25	141 14 0	8 17 17	185 4 11	..	..	..	..	23 5 26	486 2 9
Cowries	0 1 16	3 1 0	..	..	0 15 11	35 4 0	19 19 27	740 3 0	..	..	..	..	20 16 26	778 8 0
Total, Monopoly articles ..	228 3 17	6,264 8 2	285 2 21	7,322 6 9	418 6 19	8,941 11 10	401 4 9	10,098 4 3	50 16 22	177 14 11	..	..	1,383 14 4	32,804 13 11
Miscellaneous charges.														
Cocoanuts	..	..	..	..	No. 10,220	15 5 3	..	..	No. 23,600	47 3 2	..	..	No. 33820	62 8 5
Sea Custom charges ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260 8 3	..	260 8 3
Establishment salary ..	..	..	..	456 0 0	..	799 0 0	..	1,301 0 0	..	1,234 10 10	..	708 0 0	..	4,498 10 10
Travelling allowance and contingencies	..	..	..	9 10 0	..	5 1 0	..	..	..	25 14 0	..	35 10 0	..	76 3 0
Visit to the island	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	203 0 0	..	26 3 0	..	22 12 0	..	21,333 14 11	..	21,585 13 11
Total of Miscellaneous charges	..	..	..	465 10 0	10,220	1,022 6 3	..	1,327 3 0	23,600	1,330 8 0	..	22,338 1 2	..	26,483 12 5
Special payments.														
Repayment of loans ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,286 6 8	..	14,286 6 8
Payment in liquidation of Peishcush arrears ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Municipal tax paid on behalf of the Rajah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total of Special payments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,286 6 8	..	14,286 6 8
Grand Total ..	228 3 17	6,264 8 2	285 2 21	7,788 0 9	418 6 19	9,964 2 1	401 4 9	11,425 7 3	50 16 22	1,508 6 11	..	36,624 7 10	1,383 14 4	73,575 1 0

RESOLUTION—No. 48, dated 3rd February 1896.

The Board begs to submit to Government the report of the Collector of Malabar on the administration of the Laccadive Islands during fasli 1304 (the 12 months ending 30th June 1895).

2. The receipts and charges of the year, compared with those of fasli 1303, were as follows:—

Items.	Fasli 1303. Weight or quantity.	Fasli 1303. Amount or value.	Fasli 1304. Weight or quantity.	Fasli 1304. Amount or value.
Receipts.	CANDIES.	RS.	CANDIES.	RS.
1. Monopoly articles—				
(a) Coir	1,115	34,268	1,402	40,532
(b) Cowries	10	790	21	1,563
(c) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total	1,125	35,058	1,423	42,095
2. Miscellaneous revenue—				
(a) Cocoanuts	36,944	617	33,820	847
(b) Rents	..	2,253	..	2,262
(c) Fines	..	216	..	133
(d) Poll-tax	..	323	..	302
(e) Sale of mas	..	2,704	..	1,353
(f) Sale of jaggery	..	81	..	558
(g) Sundries	..	5,054	..	3,781
Total	..	11,248	..	9,236
3. Other than ordinary—				
(a) Temporary loans from Government	..	15,000	..	17,000
(b) Compensation for Amindivi Islands	..	5,250	..	5,250
Total	..	20,250	..	22,250
Grand Total	..	66,556	..	73,581
Charges.				
1. Price paid for monopoly articles—	CANDIES.		CANDIES.	
(a) Coir	1,281	31,088	1,363	32,027
(b) Cowries	10	358	21	778
(c) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total	1,291	31,446	1,384	32,805
2. Establishments and miscellaneous charges—				
(a) Establishment and contingencies	..	3,272	..	4,575
(b) Freight on cocoanuts	NO. 36,944	74	NO. 33,820	62
(c) Sea Customs house charges	..	605	..	260
(d) Visit to the islands	..	..	..	..
(e) Municipal tax on Ali Raja's buildings at Cannanore	..	2,102	..	..
(f) Sundries	..	8,274	..	7,641
Total	..	14,327	..	12,538
3. Special payments—				
(a) Adjustment of the Amindivi compensation towards the peishcush	..	5,250	..	..
(b) Repayment of special loans from Government	..	..	..	13,945
(c) Do. of temporary loans from Government	..	15,348	..	14,287
(d) Credit towards peishcush	..	* 185	..	..
Total	..	20,783	..	28,232
Grand Total	..	66,556	..	73,575

* Erroneously shown in the Collector's report under "Interest."

3. The ordinary receipts (Rs. 51,331) show an increase of Rs. 5,025 over those of the previous year owing to the sale of 1,402 candies of coir against 1,115 candies sold in fasli 1303. The 1,031 candies which formed the unsold balance of the year's stock have, it is reported, been since disposed of. The prompt disposal of the coir was

the result of sale by tender instead of by periodical auctions, but the prices obtained under the new system have fallen below the average * realised in the three previous years. In April last the Collector reported that sales by auction did not prove successful owing to strong combination among bidders and suggested the direct shipment of coir to the London market for disposal at the fortnightly public sales there. The Board, however, disallowed the Collector's proposal, as satisfactory reason was not shown for conveying the coir to London at Government cost. The import of coir during the year, compared with that for fasli 1303, shows some increase, but it was still below the average for the previous four years as will be seen from the subjoined statement:—

	RS.	A.	P.
* Fasli 1301	33	10	7
„ 1302	33	0	0
„ 1303	30	11	9
„ 1304	28	14	6

Islands.	Quantity in candies of 560 lb. each. Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Fasli 1303.	Average.	Fasli 1304.	Increase or decrease as compared with the average.
Agathi	240	230	248	241	240	228	— 12
Kavarathi	369	306	435	354	366	285	— 81
Andróth	482	489	529	132	408	418	+ 10
Kalpeni	342	333	333	372	345	381	+ 36
Minicoy	..	..	85	182	67	51	— 16
Total	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,281	1,426	1,363	— 63

The Board here observes that the corresponding statement at paragraph 4 of the Collector's report is vitiated by a clerical error, viz., the substitution of a column of averages for the actuals relating to fasli 1303, as they stood in the report printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 29, dated 25th January 1895. On the strength of these erroneous figures the Collector supposes that there was a decrease in the manufacture of coir in Androth which was not the case. On the contrary that island has almost entirely recovered from the effects of cholera which swept it in 1894, but the island of Kavarathi is still suffering from the results of the hurricane of 1891 which destroyed a large number of trees on the island. Under cowries there was an increased import which is attributed to the industrious habits of the Kalpeni islanders, whose outturn of coir also shows a steady increase.

4. The expenditure, exclusive of special payments, amounted to Rs. 45,343 or nearly the same as that of the previous year, which was Rs. 45,773. The variations under the detailed items are small and call for no special remarks.

The Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, one of the special payments, was not adjusted against the peishcush as usual, as this sum, together with the surplus of the ordinary receipts over ordinary payments, was required to provide for the repayment of the special Imperial loan of Rs. 13,945 sanctioned in Government Order, No. 273, Political, dated 3rd May 1893. In Government Order, No. 607, Political, dated 30th August 1894, the advance of Rs. 13,945 was exempted from charge of interest and the loan was intended to be recouped by recoveries made from the Minicoy islanders to whom rice was supplied in fasli 1302. It is not clear whether the full value of the rice supplied has already been recovered from the islanders. The Collector will be requested to report on the point.

The accounts, as closed for the year, show a balance of Rs. 6. Under paragraph 9 of Board's Proceedings, No. 175, dated 22nd March 1890, the whole of the surplus balance at the end of a year should be transferred to the peishcush account and the

accounts of the new year should begin without an opening balance. As however the accounts of the fasli under consideration show an undischarged temporary loan from Government of Rs. 3,000, the closing balance of Rs. 6 should be adjusted against that liability.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Arrears of peishcush on account of the islands at the end of fasli 1303	23,082	9	9	
Add proportionate peishcush for fasli 1304	11,383	0	11	
Total ...	34,465	10	8	(A)
Arrears of peishcush exclusive of interest on account of the Cannanore lands at the end of fasli 1302	18,043	7	3	
Add proportionate peishcush of fasli 1303	3,617	0	0	
Add proportionate peishcush of fasli 1304	3,617	6	0	
Total ...	25,277	7	3	(B)
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1302	865	9	5	
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1303 ..	1,082	9	8	
Interest on arrears of peishcush of the Cannanore lands charged in fasli 1304 ...	1,299	10	0	
Total ...	3,247	13	1	(C)
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation of fasli 1303	1,266	0	0	
Balance (C)—(D)	1,981	13	1	(D)
Total of arrears of peishcush and interest of the Cannalands (B)+(E)	27,259	4	4	(E)
Grand Total of arrears of peishcush of the islands and of the mainlands including interest on the latter (A)+(F)	61,724	15	0	(F)

5. The marginal particulars show the state of the peishcush account at the end of the fasli. The Collector has calculated the interest as Rs. 1,340–8–11, evidently overlooking the fact that the total arrears of Rs. 45,425–4–1 at the beginning of the fasli included a sum of Rs. 682–3–1, being the unpaid interest of fasli 1303, on which no interest can be charged.

6. The peishcush demands represent partly a tribute for the islands, which have been declared to belong to Ali Rajah as a *quasi* independent potentate, and partly *assessment* on the Cannanore lands held by the Raja as a subject of the British Government. Though the tribute and the assessment are now being separately calculated, both continue to be kept in one account and shown as a debit against the island administration. In the correspondence printed in Government Order, No. 411, Political, dated 26th June 1895, however, the sum of Rs. 23,082–9–9, referred to in paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 368, Confidential No. 46, dated 31st August 1894, was considered to be the only claim for which the island administration was responsible and it would, therefore, seem necessary that the sum of Rupees 22,342–10–4, referred to in the Board's Proceedings above quoted as the outstanding demand against the Cannanore lands up to the end of fasli 1303, together with the subsequent demands on them, should be carried to a separate account and that their payment should be enforced as far as possible under the provisions of Act II of 1864. The definite instructions of Government are requested on this point which also formed the subject of the marginally-noted correspondence. From the statement appended to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3387, Confidential No. 13, dated 19th June 1894, and printed in Government Order, No. 510, Political, dated 24th July 1894, and from paragraph 6 of the Malabar Collector's letter, dated 26th July 1894, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 368, Confidential No. 46, dated 31st August 1894, it is observed that the sum of Rs. 22,342–10–4 does not represent the entire separate liability of the Cannanore lands at the end of fasli 1303, as surplus balances of the island administration, amounting to Rs. 53,935–10–0, were credited to the Cannanore peishcush in faslis 1291–93, 1299 and 1300, while the proportionate Amindivi compensation was not credited towards the latter in fasli 1302.

Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6973, dated 18th December 1893.
Government Order, No. 54, Political, dated 30th January 1894.
Government Order, No. 295, Political, dated 7th May 1894.

7. Paragraph 11 of the Collector's report contains an account of the temporary loans taken from Government to meet the working expenses of the island administration. From this it would appear that against a loan of Rs. 17,000, Rs. 14,000 on account of principal and Rs. 193–1–4 on account of interest or Rs. 14,193–1–4 in all were adjusted at the close of the fasli. But the amount of repayment shown under charges is Rs. 14,287. The Collector is requested to explain the discrepancy and to furnish particulars of dates and of instalments of repayment so as to enable the Board to check the interest as calculated in the report.

8. The islands were not inspected during the year, but arrangements have been made by the Collector for paying them a visit in the current fasli.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department.
„ Collector of Malabar.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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Your telephone message re B. P. 48 d 3-2-96. The coir referred to has been sold partly in Fasli 1304 & partly in Fasli 1305 vide para 4 of the collector's report in above B.P. The value of the portion sold in 1304 of which exact particulars are not available is included in the figures given in the B.P. The proportionate compensation of Rs 12.66 for Fasli 1302 was required to meet the charges incidental to the Island admn which the ordinary receipts of the year were not sufficient to meet. vide para 5 of B.P. 26 d 17th Jany 94.

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For orders

The Board of Revenue submits with its remarks a report of the Collector of Malabar on the Administration of the Laccadives and Minicoy for fasli 1304 (1st July 1894 to 30th June 1895).

In the statement ~~ap~~ furnished by the Board of Revenue and appended to G.O. No 778 Political d 9-11-94 the arrears against the islands stood at Rs: 23082-9-9 at the end of fasli 1303. But it was reported that there was coir in store worth Rs. 23632-10-6 thus leaving a balance of Rs: 550-0-9 to the credit of the islands - vide para 3 of Boards Pros. N. 368/31-8-94 at page 5 of G.O. 778/9-11-94. This coir is reported to have been sold partly in fasli 1304 and partly in fasli 1305. The accounts as closed for the year 1304 show a balance of only Rs 6 and the arrears against the Cannanore lands stand at Rs: 27259-4-4 and against the islands at Rs: 34465-10-8. The arrears against the islands and the Cannanore lands stand on

differ

The Colr. says there was no revenue from Tortoise shell, which is one of the Island monopolies. Yet I find in Mr. Couchman's report on the S. Canara islands (a remarkably creditable production for so junior an officer) Complaints that the fishermen of these Southern islands had been poaching on the Canara islands & collecting tortoise shell. There wd. therefore appear to be some fraud on the part of the Southern islanders

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different footings, for whilst the former are arrears of tribute fixed by treaty, the latter are arrears of land revenue payable to Govt as in ordinary cases of landholding. This view was taken by the Court of Directors - (vide para 6 of the Precis) and was explained to the Govt. of India in para 3 of letter No 778 d 9-11-94 and that Govt. has raised no objection to this view. The arrears of peshkash ~~against~~ due on the property on the mainland can therefore, it is submitted, be realised under the provisions of Madras Act II of 1864 (the Revenue Recovery Act)

This will have to be done. W

page 2 of G.O. $\frac{411}{26.6.95}$

7 In para 3 of its despatch to the Secretary of State the Govt. of India stated that the value (Rs. 23632-10-6) of coir in hand at the end of fasli 1303 might legitimately be set off against the arrears due on account of the islands but not also against those due in respect of the lands in Cannanore held by the Raja on ordinary revenue tenure from the British Govt. From this it is clear that the Govt of India do not intend that the surplus income from the islands should ~~not~~ be made use of for liquidating the arrears on the Cannanore lands. If this view is accepted then the statement appended to G.O. No. $\frac{778}{9.11.94}$ will require revision, for in this statement (vide column 15) the surplus balances ~~at the~~ of the island administration amounting to Rs 53935-10-0 were credited to the Cannanore peshkash in faslis 1291-93, 1299, & 1300, while the proportionate Amindivi✕ compensation (Rs: 1266) was not credited towards the latter in fasli 1302. These Rs: 53935-10-0 less Rs: 1266 (which it is reported were required in 1302 to meet the charges of island administration) should, it is submitted, now be credited towards the islands. This recalculation will show a balance of Rs: 18203-15-4 to the credit of the islands at the end of fasli 1304. Thus:-

✕ Total amount Rs 5250- (vide para 33 of precis)

Surplus island income for faslis 1291-93, 1299 & 1300	Rs. 53935

Sub

	Rs	As	Ps
	53935	10	0
Subtract proportionate Amindivi Compensation for fasli 1302.	1266	0	0
	52669	10	0
Subtract arrears at the end of fasli 1304	34465	10	8
Balance at end of fasli 1304 to credit of islands	18203	15	4

This sum of Rs: 18203-15-4 must be held to credit of the islands and cannot be used towards liquidating the arrears against the Cannanore lands. These arrears will now stand at Rs: 79928-14-4. Thus:-

This ruling must be followed
W

	Rs	As	Ps
Surplus income of islands wrongly credited to Cannanore lands in 1291-93, 1299 & 1300	53935	10	0
Subtract proportionate Amindivi Compn. which should have been credited to Cannanore lands in 1302	1266	0	0
	52669	10	0
Add present arrears	27259	4	4
Total arrears	79928	14	4

There is apparently no chance of this large amount of arrears being ever liquidated as the only sum that goes every year towards reducing it is Rs 1266 i.e. proportionate Amindivi Compn. Submitted therefore that the Collector of Malabar should be instructed to take early steps to recover this sum under Madras Act II of 1864. There seems to be no provision in this Act to seize the Rs 18203-15-4 now standing over to the credit of the islands in part satisfaction of the Cannanore arrears.

Yes
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JG

The Board should, it is subd, be told to keep the islands and the mainland accounts perfectly distinct. The figures as worked out above show that the Raja

		Rs
	(i) has to credit on island a/c	18,203.15.4
against	(ii) a debt on mainland a/c	79928.14.4

i.e. a net debit of Rs 61,724-15-0 which is the figure in [illegible] the margin of para 6 of the Board's Pro. in C. No. 226.

Probably if pressure is placed on the Raja as regards the Cannanore lands he will ask that the sum of Rs 18,203 to his credit on the island account be taken towards the mainland debt & there wd. seem to be no objection to this course. The islands [illegible] are under the care of the British Govt. & there is [illegible] necessity to pay the [illegible]

Ld 2/3/96.

The Raja must be approached politely - and the situation clearly explained to him.

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4 Mar

The matter is complicated & will have to be very carefully explained to him before the Colr. acts under M. Act II of 1864

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ORDER No. 203 d/ 17 March 96
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From para: 3 of its despatch to the Rt: Hon: the Secy: of State for India No.38 (internal) d/27th Feb: 1895, it appears to have been the intention of the Govt. of India that no portion of any surpluses from the islands should be devoted to the liquidation of the arrears due on account of the lands in Cannanore which are held by Sultan Musa Ali Raja in ordinary revenue tenure. The islands and the mainland accounts should therefore be kept perfectly distinct and the Board of Revenue will be requested to arrange accordingly.

2. Under the above ruling the statement appended to letter No.778 Pol d/ 9-11-94, requires revision, as in that statement (column 15) the surplus so accruing on the islands in faslis 1291-93, 1299 & 1300 amounting on the aggregate to Rs.53,935-10-0 were credited towards the Cannanore peshkash, whilst in fasli 1302 the proportionate Amindivi compensation (Rs.1,266) was not credited to the latter account. Corrected in these particulars the statement shows a balance of Rs.18,203-15-4 to the credit

	Rs. as.ps.
Surplus islands income for faslis 1291-93, 1299 and 1300 - - - - - - -	53,935-10-0
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation for fasli 1302 - - - - -	1,266- 0-0
	52,669-10-0
Deduct arrears at the end of fasli 1304 - - -	34,465-10-8
Balance to credit of islands at the end of fasli 1304 - - - - - - -	18,203-15-4

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credit of the islands, and a debit balance of Rs.79,928-14-4 against the Cannanore lands at the end of fasli 1304.

3. The ~~sum~~ amount of Rs.12,203-15-4 to the credit of the islands will be held in deposit and should not be utilized towards liquidating the arrears against the mainland except with the consent of Sultan Musa Ali Raja.

4. As regards these latter arrears the Govt. considers that the provisions of Madras Act II of 1864 (Revenue Recovery Act) should be applied for their realization.

5. The Board of Rev: will be requested to explain to the Collector of Malabar very carefully the exact position of affairs and the steps he should take. The distinction between the islands and the mainland accounts should be clearly explained to the Raja and he should be approached on the subject politely, before any action is taken under the Act. In the event of his being desirous to apportion the sum at present to the credit of the islands towards the mainland debt, no objection should be raised.

(from orders)

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To

The Board of Rev: (L.R.)

,, Rev: dept: (with copy of H.M's note)

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	Rs. as.ps.
Surplus income of islands wrongly credited to Cannanore lands in faslis 1291-93, 1299 & 1300 - - - - - - - - - - -	53,935-10-0
Deduct proportionate Amindivi compensation which should have been credited to Cannanore lands in fasli 1302. - -	1,266- 0-0
	52,669-10-0
Add arrears at the end of fasli 1304 - - - - - - - -	27,259- 4-4
Total arrears at end of fasli 1304 - - - - -	79,928-14-4

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