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READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 25th January 1895, No. 29.

Read—the following letter from H. MOBERLY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Meppadi, 10th December 1894, No. 139-$\frac{Gl.}{Isl.\ 94.}$:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Laccadive islands and Minicoy for fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

2. *Receipts.*—The total revenue from the islands including the Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, but excluding the temporary loans of Rs. 15,000 taken from Government to meet expenses incidental to island administration aggregated Rupees 51,555-12-11 as against Rs. 66,268-7-1 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
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Agathi	1,843	5	..	1,848	..	628	75
2. Kavarathi	9,635	2	..	9,637	..	680	60
3. Androth	9,689	5	..	9,694	..	..	..
4. Kalpeni	3,996	777	..	4,773	..	..	..
5. Minicoy	9,105	..	..	9,105	564	945	5
Mainland	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Total ..	34,268	789	..	35,057	564	2,253	216
Receipts in fasli 1302 ..	33,660	1,546	..	35,206	5,751	3,101	111

Islands.	Miscellaneous revenue—*cont.*			Receipts other than ordinary.				Grand Total.
	Poll-tax.	Sundries.	Total.	Amendivi compensation	Temporary loans.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Agathi	..	..	703	..	..	..	..	2,551
2. Kavarathi	..	21	761	..	..	..	..	10,398
3. Androth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,694
4. Kalpeni	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,773
5. Minicoy	323	4,454	6,291	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	15,396
Mainland	..	3,418	3,494	..	..	..	..	23,744
Total ..	323	7,893	11,249	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	66,556
Receipts in fasli 1302 ..	..	16,849	25,812	5,250	32,000	..	37,250	98,268

4. *Coir.*—The sale-proceeds of coir during the year amounted to Rs. 34,267-13-7 as against Rs. 33,659-4-0 during the previous year. 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 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Average.	Fasli 1303.	
1. Agathi	258	240	230	248	244	241	— 3
2. Kavarathi	381	369	306	435	373	354	— 19
3. Androth	447	482	489	529	487	132	— 355
4. Kalpeni	294	342	333	333	325	372	+ 47
5. Minicoy	..	..	..	85	21	182	+ 161
Total ..	1,380	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,450	1,281	..

The imports of coir from Agathi, Kavarathi and Androth are less than in fasli 1302 and considerably below the average imports of the preceding four years. In the case of Androth the decrease was due (1) to the prevalence of cholera on the island for a portion of the year, about 1,000 people having succumbed to it, and (2) to five odams only having come to the mainland with articles during the whole fasli against 19 in fasli 1302.

In the case of Kavarathi, the large increase observed in fasli 1302 was only temporary. The hurricane of 1891 destroyed a large number of trees on the island for which remission of rent for 1½ years was sanctioned by Government (*vide* paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 11th October 1893, No. 696, Political). A large quantity of nuts, ripe as well as unripe, consequently fell down and these were collected and their husks converted into coir.

The prices obtained for the different classes of coir sold at public auction, by tender and by private negotiation, varied from Rs. 25–8–0 to Rs. 35 during the year under report as against Rs. 28 to Rs. 32 in the year preceding. As in the last year no first-class coir was sold during the fasli. The receipts from coir amounted to 1,099 c. 10 m. 17 lb. (besides 181 c. 11 m. 21 lb. from Minicoy brought in part payment of rice supplied to the Amin of Minicoy). This, together with the balance of 904 c. 6 m. 7 lb. of last year, gives a total quantity of 2,185 c. 8 m. 17 lb. during the fasli under report. Out of this, 1,115 candies were sold during the year, leaving a balance of 1,070 c. 8 m. 17 lb. at the close of the year under report.

5. *Cowries.*—The total quantity of cowries imported during the year amounted to 10 c. 3 m. 22 lb. It was sold for Rs. 789–10–8. Out of this amount Rs. 357–11–0 was paid to the islanders as monopoly price at As. 2 per seer.

6. No tortoise shell was imported during the year.

7. *Miscellaneous revenue.*—The total collections under this head amounted to Rs. 11,248–4–8. The major portion of this is made up of items falling under the head "Sundries," details of which are given below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Amount deposited by bidders but subsequently returned to them	2,864	6	0
2. Amount recovered from Muhammad Azum, Hospital Assistant, who served in Minicoy in 1892–93	509	11	0
3. Value of rice paid in money by the Amin of Minicoy ...	1,595	0	0
4. Amount of advance recovered from the police constables who went to the islands during the last trip	42	0	0
5. Ten months' rent for the tidal observatory clerk's house at Minicoy at Rs. 2 per mensem	20	0	0
6. Sale-proceeds of jaggery	81	0	5
7. Do. of mas	2,704	13	4
8. Price of cocoanuts sold at Minicoy	52	12	6
9. Excess salary refunded by the Amin of Kavarathi	20	15	6
10. Other items	1	12	5
Total ...	7,892	7	2

8. *Charges.*—The total charges of the year under review exclusive of those under special payments amounted to Rs. 43,670–9–9. Out of this Rs. 31,445–12–9 were paid for the purchase of monopoly articles. This sum includes a sum of Rs. 35–3–6

paid in excess to a Kavarathi islander owing to an error in calculation. It will now be recovered. 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 islands.	Freight on cocoanut.	Sea customs charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Agathi	6,856	3	..	6,859	476	..	..	..
2. Kavarathi	10,062	3	..	10,065	469	..	..	..
3. Androth	3,767	3	..	3,770	275	..	..	..
4. Kalpeni	9,768	349	..	10,117	..	..	..	..
5. Minicoy	636	..	..	636	1,269	..	74	..
Mainland	..	..	..	..	782	..	..	605
Total ..	* 31,089	358	..	31,447	3,271	..	74	605
Charges in fasli 1302 ..	43,147	656	..	43,803	3,174	277	388	586

Islands.	Establishment and miscellaneous charges—*cont.*			Special charges.					Grand Total.
	Municipal tax paid for Ali Rajah.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindevi compensation.	Repayment of temporary loans.	Amount paid in liquidation of peishcush arrears.		Total.	
						Principal.	Interest.		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1. Agathi	..	..	476	..	..	..	..	..	7,335
2. Kavarathi	..	4	473	..	..	..	..	..	10,538
3. Androth	..	100	375	..	..	..	..	..	4,145
4. Kalpeni	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,117
5. Minicoy	..	69	1,412	..	..	..	185	20,783	2,048
Mainland	..	8,101	11,590	5,250	15,348	..	..	..	32,373
Total ..	2,102	8,274	14,326	5,250	15,348	..	185	20,783	66,556
Charges in fasli 1302 ..	..	15,535	19,960	..	32,635	..	1,870	34,505	98,268

* This amount includes a sum of Rs. 35–3–6 paid to a Kavarathi islander in excess owing to an error in calculation. The amount will now be recovered from him.

The details under sundries are given below :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Price of 527 bags of rice for use at Minicoy	3,658	6	0
2. Freight paid to the Amin, Minicoy	1,175	8	0
3. Deposit returned as the sale was not sanctioned	2,864	6	0
4. Grant paid to the schoolmaster at Androth	100	0	0
5. Do. do. Minicoy	12	0	0
6. Advance made to the hospital establishment	250	0	0
7. Printing sale notices and forms	44	6	3
8. For belts for peons	5	0	0
9. Medicine supplied to the islanders	49	9	0
10. Salvage paid to a Kavarathi islander	4	7	0
11. For a table and a chair for the island department	14	0	0
12. For polishing, &c., iron knives for cutting jungle	5	12	0
13. Refund of fine to a Kavarathi man	4	0	0
14. Monthly allowance to State *detemu* Seyd Buharikoya ...	4	0	0
15. Paint, oil, &c., for the hospital assistant's house at Minicoy	20	11	4
16. Cooly-hire	0	10	0
17. Excess money allowed to remain with the Amin of Minicoy for wages	25	8	6
18. Yearly donation to Mukries at Minicoy	31	4	0
19. For thatching, &c., Amin's cutcherry, Kavarathi	4	5	6
Total ...	8,273	13	7

9. *Peishkash arrears.*—The following statement shows the peishkash arrears due from Ali Rajah on 1st July 1894:—

Particulars.	Amount of arrears.			Amount of interest at 6 per cent. per annum.			Surplus income.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Total arrears on 1st July 1893 or beginning of fasli 1303	61,893	0	6	3,713	9	3	..	..	..
Surplus income available	3,529	0	5	..	..	..	184	8	10
Balance of interest to be added to arrears	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	65,422	0	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peishkash for fasli 1303, Rs. 15,000–0–11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deducting Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, the amount adjusted towards peishkash	9,750	0	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	75,172	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..

10. The following loans aggregating Rs. 15,000 were taken from the Imperial funds for expenses connected with the administration of the islands and were repaid within the year with interest at 6 per cent. per annum in accordance with the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1890, No. 175 (Land Revenue):—

Date of loan.	Amount of loan.			Amount of interest.			Total.			Remarks.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
5th July 1893 ..	500	0	0	7	14	5	507	14	5	This is interest up to the 25th June, on which date a sum of Rs. 9,700 was credited to the Imperial Treasury. Deducting interest Rs. 342–9–4 from Rs. 9,700 the principal paid off is Rs. 9,357–6–8. The balance of principal to be paid therefore is Rs. 5,642–9–4. For six days the interest on this sum amounts to Rs. 5–10–3. The total amount adjusted at the end of the fasli is therefore Rs. 5,648–3–7.
11th October 1893 ..	5,000	0	0	140	2	7	5,140	2	7	
13th March 1894 ..	3,000	0	0	81	4	9	3,081	4	9	
10th May 1894	6,500	0	0	113	3	7	6,613	3	7	
Total ..	15,000	0	0	342	9	4	15,342	9	4	

11. The islands were not visited during the year under report.

12. The spinning jenny does not appear to be much used by the islanders as there has not been an improvement in the quality of the coir since its introduction. During the next visit to the islands the matter will be made the subject of a special enquiry.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the receipts on account of the Laccadive islands and Minicoy for fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Revenue from monopoly articles.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.
Coir. Balance of last year's stock—														
First class ..	..	..	340 10 24	9,465 8 8	319 1 6	9,472 5 8	128 9 7	3,853 14 0	84 2 11	2,944 3 0	..	..	872 3 20	25,735 15 4
Second class ..	..	..	6 12 9	169 2 8	8 4 0	216 12 0	5 11 19	141 14 11	..	..	..	..	20 8 0	527 13 7
Third class ..	..	..												
Portion of current year's stock sold within the year—														
Frst class ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180 17 17	6,160 13 0	..	..	222 8 8	8,004 0 8
Second class ..	41 10 19	1,843 3 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 3 22	789 10 8
Third class ..	0 1 8	4 15 9	0 0 14	1 15 0	0 1 11	5 6 4	10 0 17	777 5 7	..	..	..	..		
Cowries									265 0 0	9,105 0 0	..	..	1,125 3 22	35,057 8 3
Total revenue from monopoly articles ..	41 11 27	1,848 3 5	347 3 19	9,636 10 4	327 6 17	9,694 8 0	144 1 15	4,773 2 6	No. 36,944	563 14 6	..	..	..	563 14 6
Miscellaneous revenue.										945 2 0	..	..	..	2,253 0 0
Cocoanuts	..	627 14 0	..	680 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	76 0 0	..	215 11 0
Rents	..	75 3 0	..	59 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	323 4 0	..	..	..	323 4 0
Fines	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,453 10 3	..	3,417 13 5	..	7,892 7 2
Poll-tax	..	..	..	20 15 6	..	..	..	..	..					
Sundries	..	..	..							6,290 14 9	..	3,493 13 5	..	11,248 4 8
Total of Miscellaneous revenue ..	..	703 1 0	..	760 7 6	..	..	..	..	..					
Receipts other than ordinary.												5,250 0 0	..	5,250 0 0
Compensation due to Ali Rajah for Amindivi islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,000 0 0	..	15,000 0 0
Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,250 0 0	..	20,250 0 0
Total receip s other than ordinary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,395 14 9	..	23,743 13 5	1,125 3 22	66,555 12 11
Grand Total ..	41 11 27	2,551 4 5	347 3 19	10,397 1 10	327 6 17	9,694 8 0	144 1 15	4,773 2 6	265 0 0					

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the charges on account of the Laccadives and Minicoy during fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

Items.	Kalpeni.		Agathi.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quan-tity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.
1	2	9	3		10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	14	15
Charges on account of monopoly articles.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.
Coir— First class ..	..	..	239 7 27	6,822 12 9	..	..	..	..	2 6 0	78 2 11	..	..	362 16 17	78 2 11
Coir— Second class ..	..	9,565 0 6	1 10 23	33 1 8	181 11 21	635 8 6	..	..	340 19 1	9,752 4 10	131 18 12	3,759 1 9	9 9 12	30,534 12 4
Coir— Third class ..	..	203 2 4	0 1 8	2 10 0	..	..	..	..	10 15 5	231 3 9	0 7 4	7 10 9	10 0 17	475 2 6
Cowries	..	348 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 0 14	2 14 3	0 1 11	3 6 0	..	357 11 0
Total of monopoly articles ..	..	10,116 15 7	241 0 2	6,858 8 5	181 11 21	635 8 6	..	..	354 0 20	10,064 9 9	132 6 27	3,770 2 6	4,145 6 18	31,445 12 9
Miscellaneous charges.														
Cocoanuts ..	..	..	..	..	No. 36,944	73 14 1	..	605 6 10	..	..	..	..	..	73 14 1
Sea customs charges ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	707 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	605 6 10
Establishment—Salary ..	..	..	..	476 0 0	1,242 0 0	..	..	..	..	456 0 0	275 0 0	..	1,718 0 0	3,156 0 0
Travelling allowance and contingency ..	..	..	..	..	..	27 6 0	..	75 0 6	..	13 4 0	..	..	..	115 10 6
Visit to the islands ..	..	..	..	..	..	68 12 6	..	8,100 11 7	..	4 6 6	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	8,273 13 7
Sundries	..	..	..	476 0 0	..	1,412 0 7	..	9,488 2 11	..	473 9 6	375 0 0	..	848 9 6	12,224 13 0
Total of Miscellaneous charges ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,348 3 7	..	..	..	..	..	15,348 3 7
Special payments.								5,434 8 10						5,434 8 10
Repayment of loans ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,102 6 9	..	..	..	..	..	2,102 6 9
Payment in liquidation of peishkash arrears ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22,885 3 2	..	..	..	..	..	22,885 3 2
Municipal tax paid on behalf of Ali Rajah ..	..	..	..	..	2,047 9 1	..	..	32,373 6 1	..	..	..	..	..	32,373 6 1
Total of special payments ..	..	..	..	..	2,047 9 1	..	..	1,291 6 4	..	..	..	..	..	1,291 6 4
Grand Total ..	..	10,116 15 7	241 0 2	6,858 8 5	181 11 21	635 8 6	..	66,555 12 11	354 0 20	10,064 9 9	132 6 27	3,770 2 6	4,145 6 18	31,445 12 9

Resolution—dated 25th January 1895, No. 29.

The paper read above is the report from the Collector of Malabar on the administration of the Laccadive islands for fasli 1303, *i.e.*, the year ending 30th June 1894.

2. The receipts and charges of the year compared with those of fasli 1302 are as follows:—

Items.	Fasli 1302.		Fasli 1303.	
	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.
	CANDIES.	RS.	CANDIES.	RS.
Receipts.				
1. Monopoly articles—				
(*a*) Coir	1,020	33,659	1,115	34,268
(*b*) Cowries	19	1,546	* 10	790
(*c*) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total of monopoly articles ..	1,039	35,205	1,125	35,058
	NO.		NO.	
2. Miscellaneous revenue—				
(*a*) Cocoanuts	344,689	5,752	36,944	† 617
(*b*) Rents	..	* 2,795	..	2,253
(*c*) Fines	..	112	..	216
(*d*) Poll-tax	..	306	..	323
(*e*) Sale of mas	..	607	..	2,704
(*f*) Sundries	..	† 2,296	..	5,135
Total of miscellaneous revenue ..	..	11,868	..	11,248
3. Other than ordinary—				
(*a*) Special Imperial loan to purchase rice for Minicoy	..	13,945	..	..
(*b*) Temporary loans from Government ..	..	32,000	..	15,000
(*c*) Compensation for Amindivi islands ..	..	5,250	..	5,250
Total of receipts other than ordinary ..	..	51,195	..	20,250
Grand Total of receipts ..	..	98,268	..	66,556
Charges.				
1. Price paid for monopoly articles—				
(*a*) Coir	1,547	43,146	1,281	§ 31,088
(*b*) Cowries	19	656	10	358
(*c*) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,566	43,802	1,291	31,446
2. Establishments and miscellaneous charges—				
(*a*) Salaries of establishment	..	2,977	..	3,156
(*b*) Travelling allowances of establishment and contingencies	..	198	..	116
	NO.		NO.	
(*c*) Freight on cocoanuts	194,689	388	36,944	74
(*d*) Sea customs house charges	..	586	..	605
(*e*) Charges on account of periodicial visit to the islands	..	277	..	..
(*f*) Payment of Municipal tax on account of Ali Rajah	..	..	..	2,102
(*g*) Sundries	..	‖ 15,535	..	8,274
Total ..	..	19,961	..	14,327
3. Special payments—				
(*a*) Adjustment of Amindivi compensation towards the peishkash	..	..	..	5,250
(*b*) Repayment of temporary loans from Government	..	32,635	..	15,348
(*c*) Interest on arrears of peishcush	..	1,870	..	185
Total ..	..	34,505	..	20,783
Grand Total of charges ..	..	98,268	..	66,556

* Rs. 3,101 shown in the last report included the poll-tax (Rs. 306) now separately shown.
† Includes Rs. 1,355, the price of rice remitted by the Amin of Minicoy, which was shown separately in the last report.
‡ Includes Rs. 53 entered under "Sundries" in the Collector's report.
§ Includes Rs. 35, an excess payment to be recovered.
‖ Includes as Rs. 13,945, the cost of rice supplied to Minicoy, which was shown under special payments in the last report.

3. The ordinary receipts (items 1 and 2 in the statement above) amounted to Rs. 46,306 against Rs. 47,073 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 767. There was an increase under coir, the chief source of the island revenue (Rs. 34,268 against Rs. 33,659 in the previous year) due to the sale of 1,115 candies against 1,020 candies in fasli 1302. It is observed, however, that the quantity sold consisted chiefly of the balance of the previous year's stock (904 candies) and is short of the average of sales of the past four years, viz., 1,259 candies. The quantity imported during the year (1,100 candies) was also considerably less than that in the previous year and the average importation of the previous four years as shown in the margin. The decreased import was due mainly to the prevalence of cholera in one of the islands (Androth) for a portion of the year. The other important sources of receipts are cocoanuts and rents. Under both these heads, there was a fall owing apparently to the damage caused by the storm of November 1891. It is noted that the sale of mas during the year contributed substantially to the income of the islands. Under sundries there is an increase of Rs. 2,839, and this is accounted for by the entry on both sides of the account of deposits amounting to Rs. 2,864 made by bidders and subsequently returned to them.

	Candies.
Fasli 1299	1,380
Do. 1300	1,433
Do. 1301	1,358
Do. 1302	1,547
	4)5,718
Average ..	1,429

4. The expenditure exclusive of the special payments amounted to Rs. 45,773 against Rs. 63,763 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 17,990. This is due (1) to the fact that the charges of fasli 1302 include a sum of Rs. 13,945, being the cost of rice purchased for use in the island of Minicoy during the monsoon, and (2) to the reduced import of coir during the year under review and the fall in the price of rice allowed for monopoly coir. The islands were not inspected during the year and no charges are therefore shown on that account. The sum of Rs. 2,102 shown as the Municipal tax paid on account of Ali Rajah presumably represents the payments made up to the end of 1893–94, with reference to Government Order, dated 12th August 1893, No. 548, Political. The surplus of the year's revenue was only sufficient to cover a portion of the interest charges. The Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250 was, however, adjusted towards the peishkash as usual.

5. In the adjustments shown in paragraph 9 of the Collector's report, interest has been calculated on the total arrears inclusive of the outstanding interest of fasli 1302, instead of on the arrears of the peishkash alone as required by the instructions in paragraph 10 of Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1890, No. 175. The correct figures would appear to be as shown in the margin and the Collector is requested to adopt them in the accounts after due verification.

	Peishkash. Rs. A. P.	Interest. Rs. A. P.
Arrears at the beginning of fasli 1303	61,002 14 6	890 2 0
Interest on the arrears of peishkash payable in the fasli at 6 per cent. per annum	..	3,660 2 9
Peishkash for fasli 1303 ..	15,000 0 11	..
Total ..	76,002 15 5	4,550 4 9
Deduct.		
Surplus income of the year	..	184 8 10
Amindivi compensation..	884 4 1	4,365 11 11
Arrears at the end of the fasli.	75,118 11 4	..

6. The Collector is requested to state how the amounts shown in column 3 of the statement subjoined to paragraph 10 of his report have been calculated. The amounts calculated in this office at 6 per cent. per annum for the different loans entered in column 2 for the periods intervening between the dates quoted in column 1 and the 25th June 1894, on which date the first instalment of repayment was made, are as shown in the margin.

	Rs. A. P.
(1)	29 2 8
(2)	212 8 0
(3)	51 0 0
(4)	48 12 0
Total interest ..	341 6 8

7. The report promised on the working of the spinning jenny will be awaited.

(True Copy 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.

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ORDER—dated 5th March 1895, No. 155, Political.

In paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings read above, the arrears due by Ali Raja at the end of fasli 1303 are placed at Rs. 75,118–11–4. This figure has apparently been calculated on principles other than those laid down in the Government of India letter recorded in G.O., dated 10th March 1894, No. 164, and those approved of by this Government in G.O., dated 30th January 1894, No. 54.

The statement in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings of the 25th January 1895 should be revised accordingly.

2. The reply of the Collector of Malabar to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings as regards the municipal tax paid on account of Ali Raja should be submitted to Government.

3. Further information should be called for from the Collector as to the visitation of cholera in the island of Androth alluded to in paragraph 4 of his report. In this it is stated that 1,000 persons succumbed to this disease, out of a population according to the census of 1891 of 2999. Full particulars should be furnished showing not only the origin and duration of the attack but also the measures (if any) adopted to combat it.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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FROM CIRCULATION
WITH REMARKS.

Submitted to C.S. for perusal.
The population of Androth is 2999 and
not 3320 - vide page 52 of the blue book

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NOTE FOR THE ~~UNDER SECRETARY.~~ SA

C.S. apparently means this to issue. The figure 3320 will be altered into 2999.

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Rud- the following papers

BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), 25TH JANUARY 1895, No. 29.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from H. MOBERLY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Meppadi, 10th December 1894, No. 139-$\frac{\text{Gl.}}{\text{Isl. 94.}}$:—

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Laccadive islands and Minicoy for fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

2. *Receipts.*—The total revenue from the islands including the Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, but excluding the temporary loans of Rs. 15,000 taken from Government to meet expenses incidental to island administration aggregated Rupees 51,555–12–11 as against Rs. 66,268–7–1 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.	Cocoants.	Rents in cash.	Fines.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Agathi	1,843	5	..	1,848	..	628	75
2. Kavarathi	9,635	2	..	9,637	..	680	60
3. Androth	9,689	5	..	9,694	..	..	..
4. Kalpeni	3,996	777	..	4,773	..	..	..
5. Minicoy	9,105	..	..	9,105	564	945	5
Mainland	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Total ..	34,268	789	..	35,057	564	2,253	216
Receipts in fasli 1302 ..	33,660	1,546	..	35,206	5,751	3,101	111

Islands.	Miscellaneous revenue—*cont.*			Receipts other than ordinary.				Grand Total.
	Poll-tax.	Sundries.	Total.	Amendivi compensation	Temporary loans.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Agathi	..	..	703	..	..	..	..	2,551
2. Kavarathi	..	21	761	..	..	..	..	10,398
3. Androth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,694
4. Kalpeni	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,773
5. Minicoy	323	4,454	6,291	..	..	..	..	15,396
Mainland	..	3,418	3,494	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	23,744
Total ..	323	7,893	11,249	5,250	15,000	..	20,250	66,556
Receipts in fasli 1302 ..	..	16,849	25,812	5,250	32,000	..	37,250	98,268

4. *Coir.*—The sale-proceeds of coir during the year amounted to Rs. 34,267–13–7 as against Rs. 33,659–4–0 during the previous year. 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 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.	Fasli 1302.	Average.	Fasli 1303.	
1. Agathi	258	240	230	248	244	241	— 3
2. Kavarathi	381	369	306	435	373	354	— 19
3. Androth	447	482	489	529	487	132	— 355
4. Kalpeni	294	342	333	333	325	372	+ 47
5. Minicoy	..	..	..	85	21	182	+ 161
Total ..	1,380	1,433	1,358	1,630	1,450	1,281	..

The imports of coir from Agathi, Kavarathi and Androth are less than in fasli 1302 and considerably below the average imports of the preceding four years. In the case of Androth the decrease was due (1) to the prevalence of cholera on the island for a portion of the year, about 1,000 people having succumbed to it, and (2) to five odams only having come to the mainland with articles during the whole fasli against 19 in fasli 1302.

In the case of Kavarathi, the large increase observed in fasli 1302 was only temporary. The hurricane of 1891 destroyed a large number of trees on the island for which remission of rent for 1½ years was sanctioned by Government (*vide* paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 11th October 1893, No. 696, Political). A large quantity of nuts, ripe as well as unripe, consequently fell down and these were collected and their husks converted into coir.

The prices obtained for the different classes of coir sold at public auction, by tender and by private negotiation, varied from Rs. 25–8–0 to Rs. 35 during the year under report as against Rs. 28 to Rs. 32 in the year preceding. As in the last year no first-class coir was sold during the fasli. The receipts from coir amounted to 1,099 c. 10 m. 17 lb. (besides 181 c. 11 m. 21 lb. from Minicoy brought in part payment of rice supplied to the Amin of Minicoy). This, together with the balance of 904 c. 6 m. 7 lb. of last year, gives a total quantity of 2,185 c. 8 m. 17 lb. during the fasli under report. Out of this, 1,115 candies were sold during the year, leaving a balance of 1,070 c. 8 m. 17 lb. at the close of the year under report.

5. *Cowries.*—The total quantity of cowries imported during the year amounted to 10 c. 3 m. 22 lb. It was sold for Rs. 789–10–8. Out of this amount Rs. 357–11–0 was paid to the islanders as monopoly price at As. 2 per seer.

6. No tortoise shell was imported during the year.

7. *Miscellaneous revenue.*—The total collections under this head amounted to Rs. 11,248–1–8. The major portion of this is made up of items falling under the head "Sundries," details of which are given below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Amount deposited by bidders but subsequently returned to them	2,864	6	0
2. Amount recovered from Muhammad Azum, Hospital Assistant, who served in Minicoy in 1892–93	509	11	0
3. Value of rice paid in money by the Amin of Minicoy ...	1,595	0	0
4. Amount of advance recovered from the police constables who went to the islands during the last trip	42	0	0
5. Ten months' rent for the tidal observatory clerk's house at Minicoy at Rs. 2 per mensem	20	0	0
6. Sale-proceeds of jaggery	81	0	5
7. Do. of mas	2,704	13	4
8. Price of cocoanuts sold at Minicoy	52	12	6
9. Excess salary refunded by the Amin of Kavarathi	20	15	6
10. Other items	1	12	5
Total ...	7,892	7	2

8. *Charges.*—The total charges of the year under review exclusive of those under special payments amounted to Rs. 43,670–9–9. Out of this Rs. 31,445–12–9 were paid for the purchase of monopoly articles. This sum includes a sum of Rs. 35–3–6 paid in excess to a Kavarathi islander owing to an error in calculation. It will now be recovered. 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 islands.	Freight on cocoanut.	Sea customs charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Agathi	6,856	3	..	6,859	476	..	..	..
2. Kavarathi	10,062	3	..	10,065	469	..	..	..
3. Androth	3,767	3	..	3,770	275	..	..	..
4. Kalpeni	9,768	349	..	10,117	..	..	..	..
5. Minicoy	636	..	..	636	1,269	..	74	..
Mainland	..	..	..	..	782	..	..	605
Total ..	* 31,089	358	..	31,447	3,271	..	74	605
Charges in fasli 1302 ..	43,147	656	..	43,803	3,174	277	388	586

Islands.	Establishment and miscellaneous charges—*cont.*			Special charges.					Grand Total.
	Municipal tax paid for Ali Rajah.	Sundries.	Total.	Amindevi compensation.	Repayment of temporary loans.	Amount paid in liquidation of peishcush arrears.		Total.	
						Principal.	Interest.		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1. Agathi	..	..	476	..	..	..	..	..	7,335
2. Kavarathi	..	4	473	..	..	..	..	..	10,538
3. Androth	..	100	375	..	..	..	..	..	4,145
4. Kalpeni	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,117
5. Minicoy	..	69	1,412	..	..	..	..	..	2,048
Mainland	2,102	8,101	11,590	5,250	15,348	..	185	20,783	32,373
Total ..	2,102	8,274	14,326	5,250	15,348	..	185	20,783	66,556
Charges in fasli 1302 ..	..	15,535	19,960	..	32,635	..	1,870	34,505	98,268

* This amount includes a sum of Rs. 35–3–6 paid to a Kavarathi islander in excess owing to an error in calculation. The amount will now be recovered from him.

The details under sundries are given below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Price of 527 bags of rice for use at Minicoy	3,658	6	0
2. Freight paid to the Amin, Minicoy	1,175	8	0
3. Deposit returned as the sale was not sanctioned	2,864	6	0
4. Grant paid to the schoolmaster at Androth	100	0	0
5. Do. do Minicoy	12	0	0
6. Advance made to the hospital establishment	250	0	0
7. Printing sale notices and forms	44	6	3
8. For belts for peons	5	0	0
9. Medicine supplied to the islanders	49	9	0
10. Salvage paid to a Kavarathi islander	4	7	0
11. For a table and a chair for the island department	14	0	0
12. For polishing, &c., iron knives for cutting jungle	5	12	0
13. Refund of fine to a Kavarathi man	4	0	0
14. Monthly allowance to State *detemu* Seyd Buharikoya ...	4	0	0
15. Paint, oil, &c., for the hospital assistant's house at Minicoy	20	11	4
16. Cooly-hire	0	10	0
17. Excess money allowed to remain with the Amin of Minicoy for wages	25	8	6
18. Yearly donation to Mukries at Minicoy	31	4	0
19. For thatching, &c., Amin's cutcherry, Kavarathi	4	5	6
Total ...	8,273	13	7

9. *Peishkash arrears.*—The following statement shows the peishkash arrears due from Ali Rajah on 1st July 1894 :—

Particulars.	Amount of arrears.	Amount of interest at 6 per cent. per annum.	Surplus income.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Total arrears on 1st July 1893 or beginning of fasli 1303	61,893 0 6	3,713 9 3	..
Surplus income available	..	..	184 8 10
Balance of interest to be added to arrears	3,529 0 5	..	..
Total ..	65,422 0 11	..	..
Peishkash for fasli 1303, Rs. 15,000-0-11	..	..	..
Deducting Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250, the amount adjusted towards peishkash	9,750 0 11	..	..
Total ..	75,172 1 10	..	..

10. The following loans aggregating Rs. 15,000 were taken from the Imperial funds for expenses connected with the administration of the islands and were repaid within the year with interest at 6 per cent. per annum in accordance with the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1890, No. 175 (Land Revenue) :—

Date of loan.	Amount of loan.	Amount of interest.	Total.	Remarks.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
5th July 1893	500 0 0	7 14 5	507 14 5	This is interest up to the 25th June, on which date a sum of Rs. 9,700 was credited to the Imperial Treasury. Deducting interest Rs. 342-9-4 from Rs. 9,700 the principal paid off is Rs. 9,357-6-8. The balance of principal to be paid therefore is Rs. 5,642-9-4. For six days the interest on this sum amounts to Rs. 5-10-3. The total amount adjusted at the end of the fasli is therefore Rs. 5,648-3-7.
11th October 1893	5,000 0 0	140 2 7	5,140 2 7	
13th March 1894	3,000 0 0	81 4 9	3,081 4 9	
10th May 1894	6,500 0 0	113 3 7	6,613 2 7	
Total ..	15,000 0 0	342 9 4	15,342 9 4	

11. The islands were not visited during the year under report.

12. The spinning jenny does not appear to be much used by the islanders as there has not been an improvement in the quality of the coir since its introduction. During the next visit to the islands the matter will be made the subject of a special enquiry.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the receipts on account of the Laccadive islands and Minicoy for fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.
Revenue from monopoly articles.														
Balance of last year's stock—														
First class ..	..	..	..	9,465 8 8	319 1 6	9,472 5 8	128 9 7	3,853 14 0	84 2 11	2,944 3 0	..	..	872 3 20	25,735 15 4
Second class ..	..	..	340 10 21	680 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 8 0	527 13 7
Third class ..	..	..	6 12 9	59 8 0	8 4 0	216 12 0	5 11 19	141 14 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Portion of current year's stock sold within the year—														
Frst class ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180 17 17	6,160 13 0	..	..	222 8 8	8,004 0 8
Second class ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Third class ..	41 10 19	1,843 3 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 3 22	789 10 8
Cowries	0 1 8	4 15 9	0 0 14	1 15 0	0 1 11	5 6 4	10 0 17	777 5 7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total revenue from monopoly articles ..	41 11 27	1,848 3 5	347 3 19	9,636 10 4	327 6 17	9,694 8 0	144 1 15	4,773 2 6	265 0 0	9,105 0 0	..	..	1,125 3 22	35,057 8 3
Miscellaneous revenue.														
Cocoanuts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No. 36,944	563 14 6	..	..	..	563 14 6
Rents	..	627 14 0	..	680 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	945 2 0	..	..	..	2,253 0 0
Fines	..	75 3 0	..	59 8 0	..	..	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	76 0 0	..	215 11 0
Poll-tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	323 4 0	..	..	..	323 4 0
Sundries	..	..	..	20 15 6	..	..	..	..	..	4,453 10 3	..	3,417 13 5	..	7,892 7 2
Total of Miscellaneous revenue ..	..	703 1 0	..	760 7 6	..	..	..	..	..	6,290 14 9	..	3,493 13 5	..	11,248 4 8
Receipts other than ordinary.														
Compensation due to Ali Rajah for Amindivi islands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,250 0 0	..	5,250 0 0
Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,000 0 0	..	15,000 0 0
Total receipts other than ordinary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,250 0 0	..	20,250 0 0
Grand Total ..	41 11 27	2,551 4 5	347 3 19	10,397 1 10	327 6 17	9,694 8 0	144 1 15	4,773 2 6	265 0 0	15,395 14 9	..	23,743 13 5	1,125 3 22	66,555 12 11

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the charges on account of the Laccadives and Minicoy during fasli 1303 (1st July 1893 to 30th June 1894).

Items.	Agathi.		Kavarathi.		Androth.		Kalpeni.		Minicoy.		Mainland.		Total.	
	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.	Quantity or weight.	Cost or charges.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Charges on account of monopoly articles.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.	C. M. LBS.	RS. A. P.
Coir { First class ..	.. 239 7 27	..	.. 2 6 0	..	.. .. ..	..	.. 16 17	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. 362 16 17	..
Coir { Second class ..	.. 1 10 23	6,822 12 9	.. 340 19 1	78 2 11	.. .. ..	..	.. 9 12	9,565 0 6	.. 181 11 21	635 8 6	.. .. ..	..	.. 9 9 12	10,116 15 7
Coir { Third class ..	.. 0 1 8	33 1 8	.. 10 15 5	9,752 4 10	.. .. ..	3,759 1 9	.. 0 0 17	203 2 4	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. 10 0 17	..
Cowries	.. .. ..	2 10 0	.. 0 0 14	231 3 9	.. 0 1 11	7 10 9	.. .. ..	348 12 9	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. 382 6 18	10,116 15 7
Total of monopoly articles ..	241 0 2	6,858 8 5	354 0 20	10,064 9 9	132 6 27	3,770 2 6	.. .. ..	..	181 11 21	635 8 6	.. .. ..	..	1,291 6 4	31,445 12 9
Miscellaneous charges.														
Cocoanuts ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	No. 36,944	73 14 1	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	73 14 1
Sea customs charges ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..
Establishment—Salary ..	.. .. ..	476 0 0	.. .. ..	456 0 0	.. .. ..	275 0 0	.. .. ..	1,242 0 0	.. .. ..	605 6 10	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	605 6 10
Travelling allowance and contingency ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	13 4 0	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	27 6 0	.. .. ..	707 0 0	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	3,156 0 0
Visit to the islands ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	75 0 6	.. .. ..	115 10 6
Sundries	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	4 5 6	.. .. ..	100 0 0	.. .. ..	68 12 6	.. .. ..	8,100 11 7	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	8,273 13 7
Total of Miscellaneous charges ..	..	476 0 0	..	473 9 6	..	375 0 0	..	1,412 0 7	..	9,488 2 11	..	75 0 6	..	12,224 13 0
Special payments.														
Repayment of loans ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	15,348 3 7	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	15,348 3 7
Payment in liquidation of peishkash arrears ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	5,434 8 10	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	5,434 8 10
Municipal tax paid on behalf of Ali Rajah ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	2,102 6 9	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	2,102 6 9
Total of special payments ..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	22,885 3 2	.. .. ..	..	.. .. ..	22,885 3 2
Grand Total ..	241 0 2	7,334 8 5	354 0 20	10,538 3 3	132 6 27	4,145 2 6	382 6 18	10,116 15 7	181 11 21	2,047 9 1	.. .. ..	32,373 6 1	1,291 6 4	66,355 12 11

RESOLUTION—dated 25th January 1895, No. 29.

The paper read above is the report from the Collector of Malabar on the administration of the Laccadive islands for fasli 1303, *i.e.*, the year ending 30th June 1894.

2. The receipts and charges of the year compared with those of fasli 1302 are as follows:—

Items.	Fasli 1302.		Fasli 1303.	
	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.	Weight or quantity.	Amount or value.
	CANDIES.	RS.	CANDIES.	RS.
Receipts.				
1. Monopoly articles—				
(*a*) Coir	1,020	33,659	1,115	34,268
(*b*) Cowries	19	1,546	10	790
(*c*) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total of monopoly articles ..	1,039	35,205	1,125	35,058
	NO.		NO.	
2. Miscellaneous revenue—				
(*a*) Cocoanuts	344,689	5,752	36,944	‡ 617
(*b*) Rents	..	* 2,795	..	2,253
(*c*) Fines	..	112	..	216
(*d*) Poll-tax	..	306	..	323
(*e*) Sale of mats	..	607	..	2,704
(*f*) Sundries	..	† 2,296	..	5,135
Total of miscellaneous revenue ..	..	11,868	..	11,248
3. Other than ordinary—				
(*a*) Special Imperial loan to purchase rice for Minicoy	..	13,945	..	..
(*b*) Temporary loans from Government	..	32,000	..	15,000
(*c*) Compensation for Amindivi islands	..	5,250	..	5,250
Total of receipts other than ordinary ..	..	51,195	..	20,250
Grand Total of receipts ..	..	98,268	..	66,556
Charges.				
1. Price paid for monopoly articles—				
(*a*) Coir	1,547	43,146	1,281	§ 31,088
(*b*) Cowries	19	656	10	358
(*c*) Tortoise shells	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,566	43,802	1,291	31,446
2. Establishments and miscellaneous charges—				
(*a*) Salaries of establishment	..	2,977	..	3,156
(*b*) Travelling allowances of establishment and contingencies	..	198	..	116
	NO.		NO.	
(*c*) Freight on cocoanuts	194,689	388	36,944	74
(*d*) Sea customs house charges	..	586	..	605
(*e*) Charges on account of periodicial visit to the islands	..	277	..	..
(*f*) Payment of Municipal tax on account of Ali Rajah	..	..	..	2,102
(*g*) Sundries	..	‖ 15,535	..	8,274
Total ..	..	19,961	..	14,327
3. Special payments—				
(*a*) Adjustment of Amindivi compensation towards the peishkash	..	..	..	5,250
(*b*) Repayment of temporary loans from Government	..	32,635	..	15,348
(*c*) Interest on arrears of peishcush	..	1,870	..	185
Total ..	..	34,505	..	20,783
Grand Total of charges ..	..	98,268	..	66,556

* Rs. 3,101 shown in the last report included the poll-tax (Rs. 306) now separately shown.
† Includes Rs. 1,355, the price of rice remitted by the Amin of Minicoy, which was shown separately in the last report.
‡ Includes Rs. 53 entered under "Sundries" in the Collector's report.
§ Includes Rs. 35, an excess payment to be recovered.
‖ Includes as Rs. 13,945, the cost of rice supplied to Minicoy, which was shown under special payments in the last report.

3. The ordinary receipts (items 1 and 2 in the statement above) amounted to Rs. 46,306 against Rs. 47,073 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 767. There was an increase under coir, the chief source of the island revenue, (Rs. 34,268 against Rs. 33,659 in the previous year) due to the sale of 1,115 candies against 1,020 candies in fasli 1302. It is observed, however, that the quantity sold consisted chiefly of the balance of the previous year's stock (904 candies) and is short of the average of sales of the past four years, viz., 1,259 candies. The quantity imported during the year (1,100 candies) was also considerably less than that in the previous year and the average importation of the previous four years as shown in the margin. The decreased import was due mainly to the prevalence of cholera in one of the islands (Androth) for a portion of the year. The other important sources of receipts are cocoanuts and rents. Under both these heads, there was a fall owing apparently to the damage caused by the storm of November 1891. It is noted that the sale of mas during the year contributed substantially to the income of the islands. Under sundries there is an increase of Rs. 2,839, and this is accounted for by the entry on both sides of the account of deposits amounting to Rs. 2,864 made by bidders and subsequently returned to them.

	Candies.
Fasli 1299 ..	1,380
Do. 1300 ..	1,433
Do. 1301 ..	1,358
Do. 1302 ..	1,547
	4)5,718
Average ..	1,429

4. The expenditure exclusive of the special payments amounted to Rs. 45,773 against Rs. 63,763 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 17,990. This is due (1) to the fact that the charges of fasli 1302 include a sum of Rs. 13,945, being the cost of rice purchased for use in the island of Minicoy during the monsoon, and (2) to the reduced import of coir during the year under review and the fall in the price of rice allowed for monopoly coir. The islands were not inspected during the year and no charges are therefore shown on that account. The sum of Rs. 2,102 shown as the Municipal tax paid on account of Ali Rajah presumably represents the payments made up to the end of 1893–94, with reference to Government Order, dated 12th August 1893, No. 548, Political. The surplus of the year's revenue was only sufficient to cover a portion of the interest charges. The Amindivi compensation of Rs. 5,250 was, however, adjusted towards the peishkash as usual.

5. In the adjustments shown in paragraph 9 of the Collector's report, interest has been calculated on the total arrears inclusive of the outstanding interest of fasli 1302, instead of on the arrears of the peishkash alone as required by the instructions in paragraph 10 of Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1890, No. 175. The correct figures would appear to be as shown in the margin and the Collector is requested to adopt them in the accounts after due verification.

	Peishkash. Rs. A. P.	Interest. Rs. A. P.
Arrears at the beginning of fasli 1303	61,002 14 6	890 2 0
Interest on the arrears of peishkash payable in the fasli at 6 per cent. per annum	..	3,660 2 9
Peishkash for fasli 1303 ..	15,000 0 11	..
Total ..	76,002 15 5	4,550 4 9
Deduct.		
Surplus income of the year	..	184 8 10
Amindivi compensation ..	884 4 1	4,365 11 11
Arrears at the end of the fasli.	75,118 11 4	..

5250
4365-11-11
884-4-1

6. The Collector is requested to state how the amounts shown in column 3 of the statement subjoined to paragraph 10 of his report have been calculated. The amounts calculated in this office at 6 per cent. per annum for the different loans entered in column 2 for the periods intervening between the dates quoted in column 1 and the 25th June 1894, on which date the first instalment of repayment was made, are as shown in the margin.

	Rs. A. P.
(1)	29 2 8
(2)	212 8 0
(3)	51 0 0
(4)	48 12 0
Total interest ..	341 6 8

7. The report promised on the working of the spinning jenny will be awaited.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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Submitting to Government report from the Collector of Malabar on the administration of the Laccadive islands for fasli 1303.

Sent 14/2/95

Telephone

From Second asstt.
chief Secrtt

To First asstt, Bd of Rev. LR.

In para 2 of Board's resolution dated 31st August 1894, No 368 - Confl 46, balance due by Ali Raja at end of fasli 1303 was placed at Rs: 23082-9-9 on Laccadives and at Rs 22342-10-4 on Cannanore lands. Coir on hand on 30th June 1894 was calculated to be worth Rs: 23632-10-6. This should have reduced arrears to Rs: 21,792-9-7. But in para 5 of Board's proceedings dt 25 Jany 1895, No 29 arrears at the end of fasli 1303 are shown to be Rs: 75118-11-4. Please explain how this is arrived at

Note

The variations noticed in the telephone message from the Second assistant Chief Secretariat, have arisen as follows:-

The figures furnished in Bl. 31-8-1894 / 368 (confidential No. 46) In the conf. cover were calculated on the principle of charging interest only on arrears of peshkash relating to Ali Rajah property on the mainland as apportioned under G.O. 30-1-94 / 54 Bl. and Do. of setting off the share of the Amin Devi Compensation to be credited to the mainland and the surplus income from the islands against the arrears of peshkash as ordered in the correspondence quoted at the head of G.O. 24-7-1894 / 510 Bl. On the other hand the figures in Bl. 25-1-95 / 29 have been calculated on the old lines. In all the revised figures have not been adopted pending the final order of Govt. approving of the revised account.

+ G.O. 30-1-94 / 52 Bl. + 10-3-94 / 164 Bl. & 7-5-94 / 295 Bl. (in the confl. cover put up)

+ Dr. Bl. 31-8-94 / 368 (Conf. 46)

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The two sets of figures are reconciled below-

below:—

	Rs	
Arrears at the end of fasli 1303 as per Bk 25-1-95 N. 29	75.119.	(A)
Deduct		
Abatement of total arrears at the end of fasli 1302 as per B.P. in G.O. 24-7-94 Bk 510 (in Bk 368 31-8-94)	27.116	
abatement of interest on arrears payable for fasli 1303	2.578	(D)
Value of coir on hand at the end of fasli 1303 for which no credit has been allowed in B.P. 25-1-95 N. 29	23.633	
Total abatement	53,327	(B)
Balance (ii) (A-B)	21792	

which is the amount arrived at in Bk. 31-8-94 / 368

arrears as given in the margin of para 5 of Bk. 25-1-95 / 29 — 61,893

Dc as given in Col. 8 (17) of the Statt at page 5 of G.O. 24-7-94 / 510 (in Bk 368 / 31-8-94) — 34777

Difference — 27.116.

(D) Interest as given in the margin of para 5 of Bk 25-1-95 N. 29 — 3660

correct amount (cdn's figure Rs 1134 vide 2 of Bk. 31-8-94 / 368 minus the excess charge vide 52 pointed out in para 3 (iv) of the Bk) — 1082

Difference 2578

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Reply to the Telephone message from the 2nd Assistant, Chief Secretariat.

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Second Assistant
Chief Secretariat

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Dear Mr Schmidt

Send an explanatory note on the difference noticed by you between our Aug '94 & Jany. 95 Bps re Ali Rajah's arrears. Mr Boyd has seen & initialled the note

Yours truly
C. D Swaminadhan

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