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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1333.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd December 1857.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Reporting on the management of the estates of incapacitated proprietors for fusly 1263. } (Here enter 8th Sept. 1857, No. 2973.)

Para. 1. In this letter, the Court of Wards furnish a report on the management of the Estates of incapacitated proprietors for fusly 1263, or for the year ending on the 30th June 1854. The late date at which this report has been submitted, three years after the settlement to which it refers, makes it useless for Government to review it at any length. It is observed that the Court promise to forward the reports for fuslies 1264 and 1265 at an early date, and that they attribute the delay in the transmission of the one under consideration to an oversight.

2. There were, in all, 59 such Estates; of which number, 11 in the Districts named in the margin, were under the direct management of the officers of Government as agents to the Court of Wards; and 48 were entrusted to the management of the parties interested in them.

Chingleput, ...	1	Tinnevelly, ...	2
Tanjore, ...	2	Coimbatore, ...	3
Madura, ...	3		—
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3. The net settlement of the Oottoocaudoo Estate in Chingleput was Rupees 3027, being Rupees 1120 below fusly 1262, and Rupees 694 below the average of the previous ten years. This result is attributed to the unfavorable nature of the season which necessitated large remissions. The collections amounted to Rupees 3025, and the charges for management, maintenance, and Peishcush, to Rupees 3040, shewing a balance of Rupees 15 against the Estate. The Board recommend the remission of a small balance of Rupees 6-0-3 due for fusly 1262 and 1263 by indigent ryots, which the Government sanction. The accounts of this Estate, closed up to 11th July 1854, shewed a balance of Rupees 13,652 in its favor.

Chingleput.
Paras. 6 *to* 9.

4. The Gundracotah Estate, in common with the rest of the Tanjore province, suffered severely from the season. The total demand was Rupees 19,981; of which, Rupees 7127 remained uncollected. A large proportion of this amount, Rupees 4632, is represented to be the tax on lands either waste or wholly unproductive, and Rupees 2049 that on lands which, though productive, scarcely yielded sufficient to cover the expenses of cultivation; while the remainder Rupees 446 is made up of small items reported to be irrecoverable. Thus in fact the whole balance of Rupees 7127 is irrecoverable, and the Board, in reference to the disastrous nature of the season, recommend the remission of that amount, as well as of a further sum of Rupees 793, the collection of which was suspended in the preceding year, but which cannot be realized. The Government approve and sanction this proceeding.

Tanjore.
Paras. 10 *to* 16.

5. The receipts of the year amounted to Rupees 18,447, and the charges, for peshcush, minors maintenance, establishment &c. to Rupees 12,243. Including a cash balance of the previous year, and the sums invested, the total amount to the credit of this Estate was Rs. 31,349.

6. The Cabistellum Estate, in the same district, also suffered from the nature of the season. The settlement for the year was Rupees 40,993, or Rupees 7026 above that of the previous one, a result which is attributed entirely to the gain by price, and in no way arising from abundant produce. Of the above demand, a sum of Rupees 29,678 was collected within the year, and Rupees 2553 subsequently; besides which, a further sum of Rupees 3245 it was expected would be recoverable, leaving a balance of Rupees 5517. Of this sum

Paras. 17 *to* 25.

Rupees 3604, is the Estate's share of the measures of relief sanctioned by Government throughout the district

Rupees 1254, the amount suspended in the Woolungoo rented villages, and

Rupees 125, in villages whose gross beriz has been fixed.

Rupees 147, suspended as the Swamy Bhogum on Poonjah land which could not be cultivated.

Rupees 87, excluded as a customary balance composed of inadmissable items.

Total Rs. 5,517.

7. In respect to the second item, the Court of Wards observe that the Collector deemed it necessary to allow the same remission in the Woolungoo villages as had been granted by Government in other parts of the district, and therefore suspended the collection of Rupees 1254. Of this arrangement the Government approve.

8. The Government approve of the Collector's proceedings recorded in para. 6 of his report, and sanction the remission of Rupees four hundred and twenty five. The renters of the gross beriz settled villages having been placed in a position similar to that occupied by those who rented Woloongoo villages, were entitled to the same indulgence. The Government also sanction the remission of the sum of Rupees 147 referred to in para. 21 of the Court's letter.

Paras. 23-24.

9. Besides the collections of current revenue in Cabistellum before noticed, a sum of Rs. 3178 was realized on account of arrears. The net balance in favor of the Estate at the close of the year was Rs. 12,172, which, with previous investments, made a total credit of Rs. 30,278.

Para. 25.

10. The Government hope that the removal of the minor to the Provincial school at Combaconum, reported in this paragraph, will be the means of bringing him under stricter discipline, and of advancing his education. The Collector should be directed to obtain from the Head Master a brief monthly report of the attendance and progress of all pupils placed in the school under orders of the Court of Wards.

Madura.
Paras. 26 to 36.

11. The Shevagunga Zemindaree in the District of Madura suffered from the season, and from the scantiness of the supply from the Vegay river. There was a decrease in both cultivation and produce, but high prices, occasioned by the drought in the neighbouring talooks, more than compensated for those deficiencies, and the demand amounted eventually to Rupees 4,34,819, or Rupees 21,018 above that of the previous year.

12. The collections already made amounted to Rupees 4,02,974, and the balance of Rs. 31,844 it was hoped would be collected of arrears due from Fusly 1258, a sum of Rs. 874-12-10, appertaining to Fusly 1262, is reported to be irrecoverable, and will be written off as recommended by the Court. The arrears for years antecedent to Fusly 1257, are represented to have been reduced by the 31st December 1854, to Rs. 31,225. This sum consists of items merely requiring adjustment, and the Government would wish this to be effected as soon as possible. The financial result of the management of this Estate to the close of February 1855, was a surplus of Rs. 1,50,830, which however was required to meet current expenses.

Para. 37 *to* 45.

13. The Ayacoody Poliput, which comprizes the Rattiembady Mootah, is reported on by the Board in paras. 37 to 45. This property was managed by the brother of the deceased Poligar from September 1851 to June 1853, when he was removed, and the charge transferred to the Tahsildar of Ayempully.

Para. 39.

14. The Government are of opinion that the Court have acted wisely in disconnecting Obalakondama Naick from the management of this Estate.

Paras. 40 *to* 45.

15. The settlement of the Poliput including the Mootah amounted to Rupees 39,260, and of this demand Rupees 4,125 remained uncollected at the close of the Fusly; there were besides old balances which accrued between fuslies 1256 and 1262. Debts due by the Estate to the extent of Rupees 45,967 have been cleared off, and the sum remaining in deposit on the 31st December 1854 was Rupees 809.

Paras. 44-45.

16. The evidence of increasing prosperity exhibited in this property and noticed by the Court in para. 44 is certainly very gratifying. The account given in para. 45 of the Minor has afforded the Right Honorable the Governor in Council much satisfaction.

Tinnevelly.
Paras. 46 *to* 55.

17. The management of the Paryoor and Manarcottah Zemindaries in the Tinnevelly District is reported on in these paragraphs. The result may be briefly exhibited in a tabular form as follows.

	Paryoor.	Manarcottah.
	Rs.	Rs.
Settlement of fusly 1263, ...	18,884	11,702
Collections.		
Current revenue.	16,301	8,130
Arrears, ...	1,146	2,440
Extra Sources, ...	10,679	3,685
Balance of previous year brought forward, ...	5,916	4,650
Total Rs...	34,042	18,906
Charges, ...	13,836	7,812
Balance in favor of the Estates, ...	20,206	11,094

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The Government observe that the Court have ordered the investment in the Public Works loan of the sum of Rupees 20,000 appertaining to the former Estate, and Rupees 12,000 to the latter.

Coimbatore.
Paras. 56 *to* 62.

18. The gross demand on the Estates of Shamattoor, Cotamputty, and Poraveepollem, in the Coimbatore District was slightly in excess of that of the previous year. The net demand and collections were as follows.

Current.

	Rupees.
Demand, ...	11,287
Realized within the fusly, ...	8,495
Do. Subsequently, ...	1,290
Balance, ...	1,502
	11,287

Arrears.

Demand, ...	2,609
Realized within the fusly, ...	1,548
Do. Subsequently, ...	538
Do. by the sale of land, ...	194
Recoverable, ...	182
Irrecoverable and recommended to be written off, ...	147
	2,609

In deposit at the close of the year in favor of the Estate. Rs...18,647

The Government sanction the remission of the sum reported to be irrecoverable viz., Rupees 146-13-2 one hundred and forty six, annas thirteen, and pice two.

Estates under the management of the relatives of Minors or other independent parties.
Paras. 63 *to* 68.

19. In these paras. the Board refer to the management of the 48 Estates entrusted to relatives of the Minors or other independent parties. In Chingleput there were 26 Estates so circumstanced, and the report on their administration was in every way satisfactory. Out of three Estates in Madura, the Collector gives an unfavorable account of the management of the Ramnad Estate. This property belongs to a female, but its affairs are administered by her brother, and his administration is so ill conducted, as to render the Collector desirous of taking it under charge of the Court of Wards. It is observed that this proposition has already been negatived by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation 23d July 1855, No. 892.

Dy. to Cons. 21th July 1855, Nos. 49-50.

20. Of three Estates in Tinnevelly, one was in the hands of a renter, and two with the minor's relatives, whose administration is well reported upon. One Estate in Coimbatore, and 14 in Salem, and one in Canara have likewise been in the hands of relatives of the proprietors, and their administration is favorably reported on.

21. The Court give no account of the financial state of any of the Estates managed by the relatives of minor proprietors. The Governor in Council is of opinion that information on this point is essential towards ascertaining the well doing of the Estates; he desires therefore that the Collectors be instructed to obtain, as far as practicable, from the managers of such properties, a report, at the close of the year, shewing the assets to the credit of the Estates, the sum invested in public securities, and the cash balance. The managers should be enjoined to take advantage of the present open loan to invest in 5 per cent. securities any money now invested in only 4 per cent. paper where cash balances are available.

22. The Government observe that the report on the management for Fusly 1263 of the Estates of incapacitated proprietors in the district of the Northern Circars was disposed of in Extract Minutes Consultation 14th August 1855, No. 963.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St George,
8th September 1857.

No 2973

From,

L. Forbes Esqre
Ag. Sub Secretary to the Court of Wards.

To

H. Forbes Esqre
Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 17th April 1855, to submit the following report upon the management during Fasly 1263 of the Estates of Incapacitated Proprietors under the direct charge of the Court of Wards, as also of those not immediately under their control but entrusted to the care of relatives and independent parties.

2. The Court desire me to express their regret that through an oversight the submission of this report has been

been thus long delayed, and to state that the reports for Fusslies 1264 and 1265 are now in course of preparation.

3. In the Fusly under review there were 11 Estates under the Court's management, and 18 other properties were left, with the Board's sanction, in the hands of the parties interested.

4. The details supplied by the Collectors for this Fusly are for the most part too incomplete to allow of the new forms of accounts received with Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th August 1855, being filled up and submitted on the present occasion.

5. The Board therefore proceed to notice in detail the reports on each Estate under their charge.

6. The only Estate under their custody in the Chingleput District is that of Cottocandoor, the settlement of which for the year, after deducting remissions &c, amounted to Rs. 3,027, or Rs. 1120 below that of last Fusly, and Rs. 694 below the average of the previous 10 years.

Fr. Chingleput 13th Jan. to 21st Oct. 1854.

× Reshent Rs. 1750.

* Rupees — 3721
Demand — 3027
Decrease — 694.

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7. 1333/7 The whole amount has been realized with the exception of Rs. 2. 1. 3 which with Rs. 3. 15 .. due by indigent Ryots on account of Fusly 1262 is declared to be irrecoverable, and is recommended for remission.

8. The cause of the decrease in the settlement is stated to be the unfavorable nature of the season and the necessity for increased remission in consequence of the supply of water in the tank being insufficient to admit of second crop-land being cultivated.

9. The total receipts for the Fusly amounted to Rs. 3025, and the disbursements, including Management Rs. 90, maintenance Rs. 1200, and Peshcush Rs. 1750, to Rs. 3040, thus leaving a balance against the Estate of Rs. 15. The accounts closed up to 11th July 1855 exhibited a balance of Rs. 13,652 in favor of the Estate.

× With Official assignee — 11562
Cash with Collector — 2090
13,652

Fr. Tanjore 18th Nov. 1854 to 17th July 1855.

10. In the District of Tanjore the Court have four Estates under their charge, viz. Gundracottah and Capistelhum.

11. The former of these in common with

with the rest of the Tanjore Province, suffered severely during the Fasly under report, and being in a Cadarumbum Country dependent entirely upon rain falls for its supply of water. The failure of the N. East Monsoon caused a very serious falling off in the produce.

The total demand was
12. Rs 19981 or Rs 749 below that of the preceding year. Rs 12842 was collected in the Fasly, and Rs 12 subsequently - leaving a balance of Rs 7127.

Of this balance a large
13. proportion viz Rs 4632 is Tax on land either waste or wholly unproductive. Rs 2049 is chargeable on lands which although they produced a scanty and poor Crop, yielded in the majority of cases barely sufficient to cover the expences of cultivation, and Rs 446 consists of small items set down as irrecoverable.

It is stated that the
14. 2nd Crop which comprises about ½ of the dry cultivation yielded nothing whatever.

For the reasons assigned
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by the Collector and considering the distressed nature of the season and the hardship which the collection of this balance would entail, the Court recommend the remission of the whole, as also of Rs 793 the collection of which was suspended in the year preceding and cannot now be enforced under circumstances so unfavorable.

16. After deducting charges amounting to Rs 12343 the surplus to the credit of the Estate including the receipts of the year and the sum already invested was Rs 34339.

17. The results of this very unfavorable season were felt nowhere in the Estate of Capisthalam than in that just reported on and the excess to the extent of Rs 7026 over the out turn of the previous year is not to be set down as indicative of abundant produce. The net increase was the result of gain by price in favor of the Estate amounting to Rs 12767, and a decrease of Rs 3741 from other causes.

The

Rs 7127 ✓

× Invested - Rs 24000
In Cash — " — 10339
34339.

Note. Rs 6000. of the Cash in deposit have been since invested in the Public Works Loan.

@ Fr. Tanjore 9th Dec. 1854
to Cash 4th Sept. 1865.

12767
3741
Net Increase - 7026.

18. The demand for the year including all items reached to 10993 of which Rs 29678 was realised within the Fusly. and Rs 2553 subsequently, a further sum of Rs 3245 being stated to be still recoverable. The remainder was therefore Rs 5517.

19. In the Woorlungoor rented villages of this Estate the Collector deems it necessary to allow the same remission as had been granted by Government to Meerasdars in other parts of the District, and therefore suspended the Collection of Rs 1254 and now requests sanction for its remission.

20. In those villages whose gross Beriz is fixed the renters according to the terms of their engagements should pay the rent to the Estate according to the commutation rates fixed for many villages for that due to Government according to the rate fixed for the Woorlungoor rented villages. The gain in price would thus be a source of profit to the Estate only and not to Government but owing to the adversity of season, the Collector considers the same abatement necessary as in the Woorlungoor villages, and solicits sanction for writing off the sum of Rs 1178.

21. A balance of Rs 147 due on Punjah lands which could not be cultivated is recommended for remission.

22. Of the remainder viz Rs 5517 appearing in para 18, Rs 1896 is referred to in paras 19, 20, and 21. Rs 87 is a customary balance composed of inadmissible items, and Rs 3604 is the Estate's share of the general remission already sanctioned for the Government villages.

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A. 369 M.D.

23. Of the arrears due standing at the commencement of the Fusly. the sum of Rs 3178 was realised.

24. The net balance in favor of the Estate at the close of the Fusly amounted to Rs 12172, which with Rupees 18106 and not 18116 as stated by the Collector invested in Government Securities made a total credit of Rs 30278 at that date.

25. Chundracanta Mookerjea the

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* Invested — Rs 18106.
In cash — 12172.
30278.

Note. A further sum of Rs 6000 has been since invested in the Public Works Loan.

the Minor whose studies were liable to constant interruption and whose character was likely to be spoilt by being allowed to remain with his family was removed to Vellum and afterwards placed in the Government Provincial School at Combaconum, where he is now prosecuting his studies.

26. In the Sheevagunga Zemindary the settlement was conducted by the Manager.

Tahsildar Madura
2nd March in Con 2nd July 1855.
Peshcush Rupees 262,500.

Two villages were added
27. to the Zemindary during the year under review; one resumed in consequence of the continued absence of the person who held it on Cowle and was a defaulter to a considerable amount: the other formed out of the lands which neighbouring Cowledars were found to have cultivated beyond their limits.

During the first part
28. of the year there was rain but this ceased in the middle of November, when a drought ensued which continued till the close of the Fusly.

The

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29. The "Vegay" Freshes were scanty, a circumstance which is always detrimental to the Estate which receives a supply of water from this source after the Government Tahsildars have been vested.

30. The consequence was a falling off in both cultivation and proportion of yield, but the rise of nearly 5% in the price of grain owing to the drought in the neighbouring Tahsildars more than compensated for this, the demand Rs. 4,34,579 exceeding that of the previous year by Rs. 21,018. The Proprietors share of the Produce is either made over to the Ryots or sold to independent Contractors. The proceeds cannot therefore be fully realized within the Fusly.

× or in Abstract Summary Rs. 4,57,415.

31. The collections within the Fusly fell short of the demand by Rs. 17,601 of which 14,471 were subsequently realized thus leaving a balance of Rs. 3,130 consisting of Rs. 1074 due in ready money and Rs. 2,097 in Kind, all of which it is hoped may be collected.

32. The arrears due from Fusly

1258

1858 to 1862 inclusive amounted on 31st December
1854 to Rs. 17,056 of which Rs. 13,291 are
set down as recoverable, and Rs. 1,465 as
doubtful. The remainder or Rs. 2,300 con-
sists of Rs. 1,428 already remitted by
Government (but of which Rs. 3 were subse-
quently collected) and Rs. 874. 12. 10 irre-
coverable balance due for July 1862 which
latter sum is recommended for remission.

33. Of the arrears amounting
to Rs. 77,717 which accrued prior to July
1857 and were due, (as per last report) in
January 1854, Rs. 36,082 were remitted by
Government in their review of that report,
leaving Rs. 41,635 still outstanding. This
was still further reduced by Rs. 10,410, and
the balance due on 31st December 1854 amounted
to Rs. 31,225 which consists for the most
part of items merely requiring adjustment
will speedily disappear from the accounts.

34. The marginal Statement
exhibits the financial result
of the management up to 31st
January 1855 when the accounts
were closed. The surplus was required to meet
Current expences.

Note. Rs. 18 of the amount was collected

Total receipts including balance in hand — 577,362
Disbursements — 426,532
Surplus Rs. 150,830.

Mr.

35. Mr. Parker remarks that
the Minor hardly does justice to the exertions
of his Tutor Mr. Fletcher, and that although
he can read English, Tamil and Telugoo,
and has some knowledge of Geography
and Arithmetic he lags considerably behind
his fellow pupils.

36. Neither the Manager nor the
Guardian have altogether given satisfaction
the former on account of his delicate state
of health since &c.

From Sub Collector 15th February 1855.

37. The other Estate under the
Court's management in the Madura District
is the Polepat of Ayacoody in which
is comprised the Frontick of Battenbuly.

* Peshcush Rs. 16785.
* Do —— 11,778.

38. The late Poligar died in
1851 and his younger brother Abalakondama
Naick was appointed Guardian of the Minor
and Manager of the Estate. The results of
his management between September 1851
and June 1853 are shewn in the marginal
Statement.

o Th. Gaz 11 July 1851

x Receipts —— Rs. 70,625.
Disbursements — 67,151.
Balance Rs. 3,474

39. Abalakondama Naick having
shewn himself incompetent was removed
in June 1853 and his place supplied
by

by the Tahsildar of Ayempully who on receiving charge of the Estate as Manager in behalf of the Court of Wards found it to consist of Rs 3,474 in ready money assets to consist of Rs 3,474 in ready money and Rs 9,780 uncollected rent.

The Mootah of Rattiembady

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was vested in portions by the deceased Poligar to 3 persons for periods of 10, 13 and 20 years respectively for Rs 17,538 including Peishcush. The Vallava Naick who holds 15 out of the 17 villages which it comprises is represented as managing them with great ability and as being influenced by liberal and enlightened principles in all his dealings with his cultivators who are thriving and prosperous.

The Settlement for the year

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amounted in Pagoda to Rs 21,723 and in Rattiembady to Rs 17,538 making a total of Rs 39,260.

Of the demand a sum of

12.

Rs 4125 was still outstanding at the close of the Fasly, as also Rs 729 due on account of old balances which accrued between Fushes 1256 and 1262.

Heavy debts to the extent

of

13.

or with Sunny Jummah (Rs 1145) Rs 21868.

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of Rs 15,967 due by the Estate were paid after the close of the Fasly, and the balance in deposit on 31st December 1854 when the accounts were closed was Rs 809.

14.

The Court are gratified to observe the marked evidence of increasing prosperity exhibited in this property each succeeding year since Fasly 1260 shewing an advance in the amount of the annual settlement, and that too in spite of the disadvantages under which it has labored in consequence of the adverse nature of the late seasons. Cotton it is observed has been cultivated to the extent of 4,794 Cawnies during the year under report.

15.

The Sub Collector reports favorably of the Minor who is, with the young Zemindar of Sheraganga, under the tuition of Mr Fletcher, and evinces considerable aptitude as well as pleasure in receiving instruction.

16.

In the Tinnevelly District the Court had charge of two Zemindaries Paryer and Manarcoddah paying as Peishcush

Fr Tinnevelly 13th Dec 1854. in Con 8 September 1855.

Peshcush Rs. 11857 and 5072 respectively.

47. The Jummah of the former amounted to Rs. 18,884 or Rs. 434 in excess of the preceding Fusly. The unfavorable character of the season and the deficiency of water in the Amāny Villages caused a considerable falling off in the cultivation

48. Of the demand a sum of Rs. 16301 was realized in Chit, and Rs. 1135 after the close of the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rs. 1148. Rs. 6 of this is entered as doubtful balance being Teeruh due on land now in dispute between a Village of the Zemindar and a neighboring Government Talook. orders have been issued for the collection of the remainder.

49. Of Rs. 1318 arrear due at the commencement of the Fusly Rs. 1146 and subsequently Rs. 7 were collected leaving a balance of Rs. 165.

50. Of the recoverable balance Rs. 51 have been since realized and orders have been issued for the collection of the remainder. The doubtful balance must remain

× Or with Survey Jummah (Rupees 459) Rupees 19353.

Recoverable — 97
Doubtful — 8
Irrecoverable — 60
165.

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remain unadjusted pending the settlement of the boundary dispute. The amount set down as irrecoverable was remitted by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation of 4th August 1855. para 4.

51. The marginal Statement exhibits the financial result of the year.

Balance of preceding year brought forward	5916.
Current Revenue	16301.
Collection of arrears	1146.
Extra Sources	10679
Total	34042.
Charges	13836.
Balance	20206.

52. The gross Jummah in the Munnarcoil Estate amounted to Rs. 12001 (or Rs. 609 in excess of Fusly 1262) and the net demand after deducting Enam &c. to Rs. 11702. The whole of this was collected by 25th November 1854 except Rs. 6 being a doubtful item of Teeruh due on certain land in dispute between this Zemindary and that of Ettiapooram.

× or with Survey Jummah (Rs. 139) Rs. 11841.

53. Of the outstanding arrears amounting to Rs. 2484 the sum of Rs. 2439 was collected during the Fusly leaving a balance of Rs. 45. The amount entered as doubtful comes under the same head as the item appearing (in the preceding para). The irrecoverable balance was remitted

Doubtful — 28
Irrecoverable — 17
45.

remitted by Government in the Extract
Minutes Consultation above quoted.

Deducting charges amount-
54. ing to Rs. 7812 there remained at the
close of the Fusly a balance of Rs. 11094
to the credit of the Estate.

The Court of Wards have
55. sanctioned the investment in the Public
Works Loan of the sums mentioned
in paras 20 and 39 as mentioned in the
margin.

Purgoor — 20000
Mahmarcottah — 12000

In the Coimbatore District
56. the Estates were under the charge of
the Court during Fusly 1263, one comprizing
the Polliams of Shamalloor and Cotampully
and the other that of Poravepollam.

Coimbatore
8 in Con 16 Pollams

57. The mode of settlement
was Ryotwar, and the total demand
for the year amounted to Rupees
12136 or Rs. 65 in excess of the
previous year.

	Demand Rs	Excess
Shamalloor	2968	17
Cotampully	3950	5
Poravepollam	5218	43
Total	12136	65

Deducting charges of
58. village Sibbandi (Rs 849) the net demand
on account of the Estates was Rs. 11287 of
which Rs. 8495 was realized within the
Fusly

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Fusly and Rs. 1290 subsequently, thus leaving
a balance of Rs. 1502 for future adjustment.

The amount of arrears at
59. the commencement of the Fusly was Rs.
2609 of which Rs. 1548 were collected within
the Fusly, Rs. 538 after its close, and
Rs. 174 subsequently by the sale of land.
of the balance (Rs. 329) Rs. 146. 13. 2 are
set down as irrecoverable and the Board
recommend the sum to be written off, as
and measures have been taken for realis-
-ing the remainder Rs. 182.

There remained in deposit
60. on 11 July 1854 a sum of Rs. 8647 in favor
of the Estates.

The season under review
61. was not a favorable one for the Ryots
as the produce fell short of the average
yield in consequence of the rains being
scanty and partial. Subsequent reports
received after the close of the Fusly
tell of fearful ravages of Cholera in
Poravepollam and more particularly
in Pulachy, and of a mortality to the
extent of 50 per Cent among the Cattle.

Select

62. School Masters have been provided for both the Minors who receive Education in Tamil.

63. Having thus reported in detail upon all the Estates under the direct charge of the Court of Wards, it only remains to notice briefly those which have been entrusted to the management of relatives or other independent parties.

64. In the Chengleput Division there were in July 1863, 26 Estates, the management of which had not been assumed by the Court of Wards, and the Collector reports that their administration by the parties named in his Statement was in every way satisfactory.

Chengleput 15 in Con 30 Oct 1855 × Aggregate Peishcush Rs 19,981-

Madura

65. The Collector of Madura in the 25th and two following paras of his report above reviewed, notices the three Estates of Vellagoondum. Jatched. Vaikkur and Ramnad.

66. The first of these is in the hands of a Renter whose management does not call for any particular remark,

remark, except that he does not agree well with the Ryots.

67. The second was managed by the Mother and Uncle of the Minor, and no complaint has been made of its administration.

68. The Collector continues to give an unfavorable account of the management of the Ramnad Estate. This is in the hands of a female Zemindar but managed through her brother. The general administration was so lax and ill conducted as to render the Collector desirous of having the Estate taken under the Court's charge, so soon as the services of an additional Sub Collector or Special assistant can be placed at his disposal for the purpose, but so long a time has elapsed since the request was made that it is inexpedient to notice it.

Tinnevelly 26th Feby 1855 in Con 2d May 1856 ¥ Peishcush Rs 8813.

69. The Estate of Saptoor in the Tinnevelly District was during the July in the hands of a Renter under

under the sanction of Government dated
17th November 1851 and does not call for
particular remark. The total receipts
during the year were Rs. 30815 (including
the balance in deposit) and the charges
13594, leaving at the close of the Fasly
a sum of Rs. 17251 in favor of the property.
The ten years lease having expired the
Estate was taken under the direct
management of the Court of Wards
from the beginning of Fasly 1264.

The Zemindaries of Woot
70.
toonally and Sheroalputty also in
Tinnevelly left to the management
of the Minors relatives under the
sanction of Government dated 3d December
1851 and 5th April 1853 respectively
are reported to have been carefully
administered, and the charges of
management appear just and moderate.

The Estate in Coimbatore
71.
chat of Ramapatnam and the in Salem
have been in the hands of relatives
of the Proprietors and of parties inde-
pendent of the Court of Wards, and
their administration has been connected
with

F. Tinnevelly
15 Feby 1855 in Con 15
July 1856

* Fr Coimbatore
18th in Con 19 Oct 18
° From Salem 15 in Con
20 November 18

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with due regard to the interests of the
Minors.

Fr. Canara.
15 Jany in Con 5
Feby 1858.
From Canara 3d May in Con
7th July 1863.

72. In Canara the Estate of
Athawen Venkappa was ordered to be made over to
the Civil Court of Mangalore, and was
by it entrusted to the care of one of the
relatives of the deceased Minor - who
appears to have managed it judiciously.

73. The following abstract
exhibits the total amount recommended
in the foregoing paras: for remission.

		on account of arrears.			Fasly 1263.			Total.			Reference to Board's Rs:
Chingleput	Collorcandoc	3.	15	-	2.	1.	3.	= 6.	-	3.	Para 7.
Tanjore	Gandracodah	793	-	-	7127	-	-	= 7920	-	-	Para 15.
	Capistellum	-	-	-	1826	-	-	= 1826	-	-	Paras 19. 20. 21.
Madura	Sheragungah	874	12	10	-	-	-	= 874	12	10	Para 32.
Coimbatore	Kolampully & Poravecpollem	146	13	2	-	-	-	= 146	13	2	Para 59.
	Total Rs.	1818	9	-	+ 8955	1	3.	= 10773	10	3.	

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St George,
8th September 1857.

I have the honorable,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,
Louis Dacres.
ag Secretary.

To,
H. Forbes Esqr
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

x. 2 Rols.

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Revenue 1857 Department
Cover 23d Dec.
No 1012.

From
The Sy. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To
The Sy. Secretary to
Government
Revenue Dept.

Dated 8
Rec. 9th } Sept. 1857

No 2973

Forwarded

Sc No. 1333. 22nd December

Reporting on the
management of the Re-
sales of incumbered
Properties for Sale

No 46

1253.

Sc 30th Nov 28 Dec No 8 1114

Rev. Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 22nd ~~November~~ December 1857.

Read the following letter

from the Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue.

(Herewith 8th Sept/57 No 2973)

P.1 In this letter the Court

of Wards furnish a report

on the Management of the

Estates of incapacitated

Proprietors for fasly 1263, or

for the year ending on the

30th June 1856. The late date

at which this report has been

submitted, three years after

the settlement to which it

refers, makes it needless for

Government to review it at

any

any length. It is observed that the Court promises to forward the reports for fasties 1264 and 1265 at an early date, and that they attribute the delay in the transmission of the one under consideration to an oversight.

2 There were, in all, 89 such Estates, of which number 11 in the Districts named in the margin, were under the direct management of the Officers of Government as Agents to the Court of Wards; and 48 were entrusted to the management of the parties interested in them.

Chingleput — 1
Tanjore — 2
Madura — 3
Tinnevelly — 2
Combatore — 3
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3 The next settlement of

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Chingleput
P. C. Q.

of the Cottoocandoo Estate in Chingleput was Rs 3027, being Rs 1120 below fasly 1262, and Rs 694 below the average of the previous ten years. This result is attributed to the unfavorable nature of the season which necessitated large remissions. The collections amounted to Rupees 3035, and the charges for management, maintenance, and Peishcush to Rs 2040, showing a balance of Rs 15 against the Estate. The Board recommend the remission of a small balance of Rupees 6. 2. 3 due for fasly 1262 and 1263 by indigent Ryots, which the Government sanction.

sanction. The accounts of this Estate, closed up to 11th July 1854, shewed a balance of Rs 73,652 in its favor.

4 The Gundracotah Estate, in Comanan with the rest of the Tanjore province, suffered severely from the season. The total demand was Rs 19,984; of which Rs 7,137 remained uncollected. A large proportion of this amount, Rs 4,632, is represented to be due on lands either wholly or wholly unproductive, and Rs 2049 that on lands which, though productive, scarcely yielded sufficient to cover the expences of cultivation, while the remainder

Tanjore
No 10.16.

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remainder Rs 456 is made up of small items reported to be irrecoverable. Thus in fact the whole balance of Rs 7127 is irrecoverable, and the Board in reference to the disastrous nature of the season, recommend the remission of that amount, as well as of a further sum of Rs 793, the collection of which was suspended in the preceding year, but which cannot be realized. The Government approve and sanction the proceedings.

5 The receipts of the year amounted to Rs 18,547, and the charges, for pushcurts, minor manteinance, establishments to Rs 12,243. Including a cash

balance

balance of the previous year, and the sums invested, the total Amount to the credit of this Estate was Rs 34339.

6 The Cabistellam Estate, in the same District, also suffered from the nature of the season. The Settlement for the year was Rs 10993 or Rs 7026 above that of the previous one, a result which is attributable entirely to the gain by price and in no way arising from abundant produce. Of the above demand, a sum of Rs 29678 was collected within the year, and Rs 2553 subsequently, besides which a further sum of Rs 3245 it was expected would be recoverable, leaving a balance of Rs 557. Of this sum Rs

$17 c 25.

Rs 3604 is the Estate's share of the measures of relief sanctioned by Government throughout the Dist.

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Rs 1254. the amount suspended in the Woolungoo rented Villages.

Rs 425. in Villages whose gross being has been fixed.

Rs 147 Suspended as the Swamy bho: gum on Poonjah lands which could not be cultivated.

Rs 87 Excluded as a Customary balance composed of inadmissable items

Total Rs 5,517.

7 In respect to the second item, the Court of Wards observe that the Collector deemed it necessary to allow the same remission in the Woolungoo Villages as had been granted by Govt in other parts of the District, and therefore suspended the Collection of ~~on account exceed the~~ Rs: 1254 ~~It is not clear from~~

Rs

this representation of the circum-
stance to whom this remission
was given, indeed, as the
Court refer to the remis-
sion granted by Govern-
ment to the Meerasidars
in other parts of the Dis-
trict, it would be natural
to infer that it had been
given to the Minor's Estate,
whereas, on turning
to the Collector's re-
port para 4. it is
seen that the indulgence
was, not from the Go-
vernment to the Meera-
sidars, but from the Col-
lector, acting for the
Meerasidar, to the renters. It
is there said, as notwithstan-
ding the liberal measures

I do not see how there
is reference can be drawn
from "in the Warlungoo
Fasli Village
Rupees 1254 8
Less
Land rent as in other
parts of the District
Govt had granted a
similar indulgence -
the Meerasidars
can only be responsible for
that. The remission was
made to the Renters
the Ryotwars were

of relief adopted by the Govt
throughout the District, some
loss fell upon the Meerasidars,
so it was necessary, in the
Capitallam — state, to abate
something from the Swamy bhogum
— by the renters, so that
the effects of the season should
fall in due proportion on the
Govt the landowner, and the
farmer". This has the approval
of Govt, and the remission
of Swamy Bhogum amounting to
Rupees 1254 8 accordingly is sanctioned.

In the Villages, the
gross levy only of which is
fixed, the renters were, accord-
ing to the terms of their agree-
ments, to pay their Swamy Bhogum
or rent to the Estate, according
to

to the rates fixed for the Amany villages, but the Mailwaram, or proportion of the gross produce due to Govt, according to the rate fixed for Woolungoo rented Villages. — On this the Court of Wards remark that, "the gain in fixed would then be a source of profit to the Estate only, not to the Govt's but this conclusion does not necessarily follow, and is only stated as a fact by the Collector and not as a necessary deduction from the premises, the Govt will entertain more detailed review of the matter.

All the rates para 5

but being a fact obs. B. do not dispute but simply state that need is there for some explanation

9 The peons of the Capitallum Villages are said by the Collectors

sanction the remission of Rupees four hundred and twenty five. The renders of the grop being settled Villages having been placed in a position similar to that occupied by those who rented Woolungoo Villages, were entitled to the same indulgence. The Govt also sanctioned the remission of the sum of Rs 147 as referred to in para 21 of the Court's Board's letter

¶ 23. 24.

¶ Besides the Collections of current revenue in Cabs stallum before noticed, a sum of Rs 378 was realized on account of arrears. The net balance in favor of the estate at the close of the year was Rs 12,172 which, with previous investments, made a total credit of Rs 30,278.

The

5 The Government hope that the removal of the prisoner to the Presidency at Coimbatore mentioned in this paragraph will be the means of bringing him under stricter discipline, and of advancing the education for the Collector should be directed to obtain from the Head Master a brief monthly report of the attendance and progress of all persons placed in the School under order of the Court of Wards.

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16 The Shevagunga Zemindary in the District of Madura suffered from the season, and from the scantiness of the supply from the Vegay river. Their

Madura p 26 & 36

15 Collector to be the paracoodies or Cultivators, men of no capital, living only from hand to mouth, and able to meet the Govt demand only by the immediate sale of their grain. The Villages in question are exposed to be those or which the profs berry only have been fixed, without being distributed on the fields, and in such Villages the commutation price is fixed, no addition is made when current prices are high, and no deduction is made when they are low. It is obvious that the pentars, being such as are described above, would be wholly unable to meet the Govt demand framed at the standard

standard rate of perhaps three
double fanams the Cullum,
in a year when they were
selling their grain at only two
double fanams; and hence it
was necessary, as the Collector
explains, to relieve them from
the chances of such heavy losses,
and to agree with them that
the Government rent should be
demanded according to the rates
fixed for the Woolungoo Villages,
in which, as is well known,
allowance is made for all
decrease in price of more
than five per cent below the
standard. As the peasants, although
renting grass settled Villages,
were thus to have all the benefit
of the Woolungoo system in
years when prices were low,
it is obvious that they could
must abide by that
~~not be allowed the benefit of~~

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that system when prices were
~~as~~ unusually high; if the
Estate bears the loss of the Wo-
lungoo system, it must also
the profits,
have, hence the Collector's state-
ment "that the Government
demand was to be made accord-
ing to the rates fixed for
Woolungoo Villages, while, at
the same time, the gain by
price would be a source of
profit only to the estate," was
perfectly correct.

10 It is only further
necessary on this point to explain
the Collector's meaning in say-
ing that although the Government
demand would be made
according to the Woolungoo rates,
the swamy Rogum, or landlord
rent, would be paid accord-
to the rates for Amany Villages.

11 In Wolunyoo rented known Villages, as it ~~is said to be~~, a deduction of 10 per cent from current rates is made in the Meerasidars favor when the commutation rate for the year is fixed; that is, the Govt commute the grain assessment on his Land at current rates, less 10 per cent - This indulgence is however not given in Amany Villages where the actual crop is divided, and the Meerasidars share of the crop produce is commuted at the average rate of the season, without any deduction. Now the Meerasidar when managing his own Estate, of course enjoys the full benefit of high prices on the sale of that portion of his produce which

which is considered as the rent of his land over and above the expenses of cultivation and his dues to the State, and he has therefore a clear right to the same advantage when his estate is managed for him by the Agent of the Court of Wards; he would not have this full advantage however, if the rents of his Villages paid his assamy bhogum at the commutation rates fixed for Wolunyoo Villages; because they are 10 per cent less than the current rates, and therefore it was that, in renting the Capitallam Villages, the Collector arranged that the landlord's rent should be paid at the

Amany

Among rates, or according to current selling prices, without any deduction.

12 The Government have entered into a lengthened review of this part of the Collector's report, as it appears to have been but imperfectly understood by the Court of Wards, and is yet a point of considerable interest and importance, as showing the care that has been taken to protect the renters of the minor's Villages from loss, while, at the same time, the interests of the Estate have been duly cared for.

13 The Government approve of the Collector's proceedings recorded in para 6 of his report, and

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exemplified in this case; as no one is so much interested as a relation in the well being of the minor, it might be supposed that no one would more carefully manage an Estate; but the same evils which are apparent in native management when wholly uncontrolled, are found to exist, although in a minor degree, where the estate of a minor is managed by a near relation. The Government are of opinion that the Court have acted wisely in disconnecting absolutely and unconditionally Naick from the management of this Estate.

para 39.

2014 The settlement of the Dolipur Pergunnah, including the Mostuls amounted to Rupees 39,260, and of this demand Rupees 4,125 remained uncollected at the close of the Fasly; there were besides old

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balances

balances which accrued between
fasslies 1256 and 1262. Debts due
by the Estate to the extent of
Rupees 5,967 have been cleared
off, and the sum remaining
in deposit on the 31st December
1853 was Rupees 809.

21/6 The evidence of increasing prosperity exhibited on other property and noticed by the Court in para 44, is certainly very gratifying. The account given in para 45 of the Minor has afforded the Right Honorable the Governor in Council much satisfaction.

22/6 The Management of the Paryoor and Manur scottah Zemmindaries in the Tinnevelly District is reported on in these paragraphs. The result may be briefly exhibited in a tabular form as follows.

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Tinevelly
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	Paryoor Rs.	Manaracottah Rs.
Settlement of fasly 1263	18884	11782
Collections		
Current revenue	10301	8130
Arrears	1146	2440
Extra Sources	10679	3685
Balance of previous year brought forward	5916	4650
Total Rs	34042	18906
Charges Rs	13836	7812
Balance in favor of the Estates	20206	11094

Coimbatore
p: 56 & 62

The Government observe with much satisfaction that the Court have ordered the investment in the Public Works loan of the sum of Rupees 20,000 appertaining to the former Estate, and Rs 12,000 to the latter.

23/6 The gross demand on the Estates of Thumattum, Kotampatty and Pooravipollam in the Coimbatore District was slightly in excess of that of the previous year. The net dividend

and

and Collections were as follows

Current.

Demand	Rs 11,287
Realized within the fusly	8795.
Do. Subsequently	1290.
Balance	1502.
	11287.

Arrears.

Demand	2609
Realized within the fusly	1548.
Do. Subsequently	538.
Do. by the Sale of land	194.
Recoverable	182
Irrecoverable and recommended to be written off	147.
	2609

In deposit at the close of the year in favor of the Estate Rs 18647.

The Government Sanctions the remission of the Sum reported to be irrecoverable Viz. Rupees 146-13-2 One hundred and forty six, annas thirteen, and Pies two.

Estates under the management of Minors or other independent parties.

In these paragraphs the Board refer to the Arrangements of the 48 Estates entrusted to relatives of the Minors or

was a decrease in both cultivation and produce, but high prices occasioned by the drought in the neighbouring taloohs more than compensated for those deficiencies, and the demand amounted eventually to Rupees 1,34,819 or Rupees 2108 above that of the previous year.

17/ The Collections already made amounted to Rupees 102974, and the balance of Rupees 31,844 it was hoped would be collected of arrears due from fusly 1258 a Sum of Rupees 874-12-10 appertaining to fusly 1262 is reported to be irrecoverable, and will be written off as recommended by the Court. The arrears for years antecedent to fusly 1257 are represented to have been reduced by the 31st December 1854 to Rupees 31225. This Sum consists of items merely

requiring

requiring adjustment, and the Government would wish this to be effected as soon as possible. The financial result of the management of this Estate to the close of February 1855, was a surplus of Rupees 150,830, which however was required to meet current expenses.

18 The Shyaccody Zeliput, which comprizes the Pattam-baddy Mootah, is reported on by the Board in para 37. to 54 This property was managed by the brother of the deceased Polygar from September 1851 to June 1853, when he was removed, and the charge transferred to the Tahsildar of Dyrumpilly.

19 The evils of entrusting the estates of minors to the care of their relations is

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6 Com 24 July 55 No 49 &

25 Of three Estates in Tinnevelly, one was in the hands

hands of a Renter, and
two with the Minors relat-
-tives, whose administra-
-tion is well reported upon.
One Estate in Coimbatore,
and the in Salem, and one
in Canara have likewise
been in the hands of re-
relatives of the proprietors,
and their administration
is favourably reported on -

26 The Court give
no account of the financi-
-al state of any of the re-
Estates managed by the
relatives of Minor Proprietors.
The Governor in Council
is of opinion that informa-
-tion on this point is essenti-
-al towards ascertaining
the well-doing of the Estates.
He desires therefore that the
Collectors be instructed to

obtain

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obtain as far as practica-
from the managers of such
properties a report, at the clo-
of the year, shewing the sys-
to the credit of the Estates, th
sums invested in public
Securities, and the cash ba-
The managers should be en-
-ed to take advantage of t
present open loans to inve
in 5 percent Securities any
money now invested in
only 4 percent paper wher
cash balances are available

27. The Government obser
that the Report on the manag
-ment for fasly 1263 of the Estat
of incapacitated proprietors
the Districts of the Northern Cir
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ment of the Estates of incapa-
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1263, or for the year ending on
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