

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1274

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From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Sir,
I am directed by the Board of Revenue, to submit the accompanying statement of payments made during the year 1857, in the several districts of this Presidency, on account of allowances to Hindoo Devastanums, and Mahomedan shrines, &c., called for in the Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 15th May 1858, No. 637, R. D., in obedience to a requisition from the Honorable the House of Commons.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Hindoo Pagodas, &c.....	9,06,433	13	6
Mahomedan Mosques, &c. .	42,360	10	7
Total ..	9,48,794	8	1

	Rs.	A.	P.
Rajahmundry.....	12,864	14	0
South Arcot.....	3,532	0	0
Tanjore.....	38,473	14	9
Total ..	54,870	12	9

2. The total amount was Rupees 9,48,794-8-1 of which sum Rupees 54,870-12-9 were collected by the servants of Government on behalf of the several institutions to which they were paid, as marginally shown, while the remainder was composed partly of *money allowances granted in lieu of lands, fees derived from a per centage on certain sources of revenue and other similar privileges resumed by the British Government, and partly of direct money allowances granted under Purwanahs issued by former dynasties, or paid in accordance with immemorial custom.*

3. Of the collections made on behalf of these institutions by Government servants, that in Rajahmundry is on account of an item included during and since the time of the Zemindars in the general demand under the head of "village charges," and disbursed to the pagodas for whose benefit it was intended.

4. In South Arcot it was the amount included in the general demand in commutation of certain grain fees formerly paid by the ryots to the pagodas, and similarly disbursed.

5. In Tanjore it was the "Swamibhogum" or landlord's rent on certain lands belonging to the temples, and which was collected with the Government tax, and paid to the institutions to which it belonged.

6. The lands themselves have since been restored in Tanjore to the care of the Trustees. In South Arcot, the demand will be separated from that of the Government in the revision of the assessment which is now being made and its future collection may properly be left to those concerned as a voluntary contribution from the ryots. In Rajahmundry also the assessment is about to be revised, and this item can then be similarly adjusted.

7. The Board regret the delay that has occurred in the submission of this statement which has unintentionally resulted from their desire to ensure its perfect correctness. They perceive that in some districts all Yeomahs or personal allowances on account of service in pagodas, mosques, &c., have been distinctly and properly included, and they believe that they have been so in all cases, but they wished to compare the entries with those in the returns called for in compliance with another order of Government, but which are not yet complete. They incline, moreover, to think that payments similar to those of the "Swamibhogum" in Tanjore being in fact merely a disbursement to the pagodas of the "Landlord's rents" of their own lands, have been elsewhere included though not distinguished, they know that many of the items included have been commuted for land since 1857, so that the amount must at this time be certainly less than that shown, and that this process is still going on, but to distinguish and verify these particulars as they wished would have involved so serious a further delay that they have resolved to submit the statement as it stands, feeling convinced that if it errs any where it is in conveying an exaggerated rather than inadequate idea of the extent to which the Hindoo and Mahomedan religious institutions of the country are at the present moment dependant on direct payments from the State revenues for support.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
15th September 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

Copy to all Collectors.

STATEMENT shewing the money allowances paid either in lieu of resumed lands, offices, and privileges, or with reference to the Purwapha of the former Governments on account of Hindoo and Mahomedan religious institutions in the several districts of this Presidency during the year 1857 or Fusly 1266 (1856-57.)

Districts.	Hindoo Paggodas, &c.		Mahomedan Mosques, &c.		Total.	
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
1 Ganjam...	2,911	8 0	289	0 4	3,200	8 4
2 Vizagapatam...	2,154	11 9	.....	.....	2,154	11 9
3 Rajahmundry...	17,797	12 9	228	6 3	18,026	3 0
4 Masulipatam...	198	.....	379	2 3	577	2 3
5 Guntoor...	92	9	462	6 3	554	15 3
6 Nellore...	2,681	6	4,871	7 7	7,552	13 7
7 Cuddapah...	29,053	3 1	4,052	13 5	33,086	0 6
8 Bellary...	15,321	1 8	4,147	1 0	19,468	2 8
9 Kurnool...	.....	.....	1,847	5 0	1,847	5 0
10 Chingleput...	32,390	10 4	2,539	0 0	34,929	10 1
11 North Arcot...	26,483	11 9	11,260	15 3	37,744	11 0
12 South Arcot...	73,480	7	.....	.....	73,480	7 0
13 Tanjore...	2,08,181	6 5	243	14 0	2,08,430	4 5
14 Trichinopoly...	56,296	11 9	.....	.....	56,296	11 9
15 Madura...	48,448	2 10	1,350	11 9	49,798	14 7
16 Tinnevely...	1,83,837	14 9	1,689	0 6	1,90,526	15 3
17 Coimbatore...	51,995	.....	.....	.....	51,995	0 0
18 Salem...	51,135	14 7	865	6 7	55,001	5 2
19 Canara...	93,642	15 4	5,039	13 8	98,682	13 0
20 Malabar...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21 Madras...	2,350	10 9	3,689	2 9	5,439	13 6
Total...	2,06,433	13 6	42,360	10 7	2,48,794	8 1

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

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27/10/57*

Revenue Dept

12/7/57

Cecil Beadon, Esq.
Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

With reference to
Genl. Secy. of India 22 April 1858 10419 the papers noted in the mar-
From - do - 26 July - 1125
" do - 1st Oct - 1500
" do - 12 March 1859 - 469
Honorable the Governor in
Council to forward copy of
a letter from the Board of
Revenue dated 18th Instant
giving cover to a statement
of disbursements made in
the year 1857 on account of
Hindoo and Mahomedan
religious institutions in the
several Districts of this
Presidency called for by
the

the Government of India
for the purpose of being laid
before the House of Commons.

[Signature]

Not. Secy. 21st Sept 1859

Statement showing the money Allowances paid either in lieu of
Summed Lands, Offices, and Privileges, or with reference to the
Purwanahs of the former Governments on account of Hindoo
and Mahomedan Religious Institutions in the several Districts
of this Presidency during the year 1857 or July 1266 (1856/57)

Districts	Hindoo		Mahomedan		Total
	Pagoda	As	Mosque	As	
1 Tanjore	2911	8	289	4	3200 12
2 Vizagapatnam	2154	11 9			2154 11 9
3 Rajahmundry	17797	12 9	228	6 3	18026 3
4 Masulipatam	198		379	2 3	577 2 3
5 Guntoor	92	9	462	6 3	554 15 3
6 Nellore	2681	6	487	7 7	3168 13 7
7 Cuddapah	29083	3 1	4052	13 5	33086 6
8 Bellary	15321	1 8	447	1	15768 2 5
9 Kurnool			4807	5	4807 5
10 Chingleput	32390	10 1	3339		35729 10 1
11 North Arcot	26283	11 9	4260	15 3	30543 11
12 South Arcot	73480	7			73480 7
13 Tanjore	208481	6 5	208	14	208689 19
14 Trichingopoly	56296	11 9			56296 11 9
15 Madurai	48468	2 10	1350	11 9	49818 11 9
16 Tirunelveli	188837	12 9	1689	6	190526 15 3
17 Coimbatore	51995				51995
18 Salem	54135	14 7	865	6 7	55001 5 2
19 Coonoor	93642	15 4	5039	10 5	98682 13 1
20 Malabar					
21 Madras	2350	10 7	3089	2 9	5439 13 1
Total	966422	13 6	42360	14 7	1008782 8

Per Secy. Office
W. H. George
13 Sept 1859

[Signature]
Secretary

[Signature]

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of Jan 20 - 24/10

2 No 12/4.

To the Secretary to the
Board of India.
22/10 24/10/59.

Forwarding statement
of disbursements made
in 1859, on account of
the Indian Revenue
Administration.

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