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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*To Government 20th April* 1859, *No.* 1422.

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| *Accountant General's statement Rs.* | 11,92,075 | |
| *Board's do.* „ | 11,63,821 | |
| *Difference* „ | 28,254 | |

| Districts. | As per statement prepared in this office from the monthly Demand Collection and Balance statements. | As per statement received from the Accountant General. | Difference. | |
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| | | | Increase. | Decrease. |
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| Nellore... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1,15,849 | 1,13,037 | ... | 2,812 |
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prior to 1253, but by subsequent collections and remissions particularly in Fuslies 1255 and 1261, the whole of this amount disappeared from the accounts, so that the Board's statement exhibits no balance for any Fusly before 1253.

4. The difference in Madura consists chiefly of Rupees 1,296, the peishcush balance of Fusly 1261, and Rupees 209, the Ryotwar balance of Fusly 1259, both which being nominal were not included in the Collectors' Demand Collection and Balance statements sent to the Board. In North Arcot it is owing to certain differences between the two statements in the balances from Fuslies 1562 to 1266, especially in that of Fusly 1264, and the amount now entered, Rupees 1498, is the net result of those differences. The balance of Fusly 1264, entered in the Accountant General's statement, shews an excess of Rupees 1,771, which is the ryotwar balance of that year remitted under the orders of Government, and which, therefore, is not included in the Board's list.

*No. 2020, from Madura 17th in Con. 24th July 1855.—Vide paras. 3, 4 and 5.*

| Ryotwar balance at the close of Fusly 1267. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| As per statement received from the Accountant General | 88,649 | 11 | 2 |
| Do. as per Board's list | 90,427 | 9 | 3 |
| Add amounts omitted in the Accountant General's statement. | 1,777 | 14 | 3 |
| Rents for one year | 633 | 6 | 9 |
| Amany | 399 | 13 | 7 |
| Total Rs. | 2,811 | 2 | 5 |

5. The difference in Nellore and Canara may be explained as follows. In the former it amounted to Rupees 2,812, the particulars of which are given in the margin; and in Canara the difference arises from the balances in the Accountant General's statement for Fuslies 1264 and 1265, being less than those in the Board's list by Rupees 40 and 2,148, respectively.

6. It will be seen from the foregoing remarks that the differences in the Accountant General's statement in regard to these few districts, arise either from including in the balances the sums collected and remitted or from excluding sums in excess of those collected and remitted. In some cases the collections or remissions belonging to Land Revenue are entered in the Accountant General's statements under some heads of sundry sources of revenue and vice vertâ thus producing differences under several heads; such discrepancies would have been avoided had the monthly and annual statements sent to the Accountant General been compared and checked in the Collectors' offices before despatch with those sent to the Board of Revenue.

7. On a former occasion, when the Board submitted the explanation called for by Government, regarding the arrears of Land Revenue up to the close of Fusly 1264, they noticed in their proceedings of 14th August 1856, similar discrepancies to those now under review. Some of them still continue in the Accountant General's statements. The remarks of the Board on that occasion were probably not communicated by Government to the Accountant General.

8. The subject of these discrepancies attracted the notice of Government for the first time on the receipt of the annual revenue returns submitted by the Accountant General for Fusly 1266, and in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 23d August 1858, he was called upon to explain them. The Accountant General stated that he had no means of checking his returns, and proposed that the Collectors' Demand Collection and Balance statements for the last month of each Fusly, received into the Board's office, should be forwarded to him for that purpose, which was approved of in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 14th October 1858. The statements for June last received from all the districts have, accordingly, been forwarded to the Accountant General for comparison with his returns, and the Board hope that the amounts of Demand Collection and Balance in Fusly 1298, on account of the several sources of revenue in the Accountant General's statements will be all rectified, so that the accounts of Fusly 1269 at least may commence with correct figures.

9. With regard to the other requisition from Government, calling for explanation as to the large increase in the amount of arrears since Fusly 1264, the Board observe, that of Rupees 11,63,821 outstanding at the close of Fusly 1267 on account of arrears up to Fusly 1266, the sum of Rupees 3,34,278 was subsequently collected or remitted in Fusly 1268, so that the balance at the end of the Fusly on the 30th June last, amounted to only Rupees 8,29,543. Of this sum again Rupees 4,19,837 having been ascertained to be irrecoverable, by reason of deaths, desertion, poverty, and other causes affecting the Ryots by whom the arrears were due, the Board recommended it for remission in their General Repost for Fusly 1267, for which sanction was conveyed in paragraph 19, Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 26th September 1859, No. 1301, the balance of the sum (Rupees 4,30,505 therein remitted,) being due on account of sundry sources of revenue. The balance for future adjustment has thus been reduced to little more than four lacs of Rupees.

*In Con. 27th September* 1859.

10. The arrears on account of previous Fuslies at the end of each Fusly appear large, because the amount of remission recommended in one Fusly is generally sanctioned and written off the accounts inthe following year. Thus the above sum of Rupees 4,19, 837 was ascertained to be irrecoverable in Fusly 1267, and was reported upon by the Collectors during Fusly 1268, and recommended by the Board for remision at the end of that Fusly. The sanction of Government will reach the Collectors through the Board, and the amount be written off in the course of current Fusly 1269. By this reason the amount of balance at the end of 1268, will appear as large as Rupees 8,29,543, instead of only Rupees 409,706, which would be the case if the amount recommended for remission in Fuly 1268 were sanctioned and written off in the same Fusly. The arrears of Fusly 1267, Rupees 8,75,004 being added to the above balance of Rupees 8,29,543, make the total balance at the end of Fusly 1268 as much as Rupees 17,04,547. It must be here observed that the sum of Rupees 8,75,004 above alluded to, includes nearly six lacs of Rupees in Tanjore, being the difference of price according to the terms of Oloongoo Settlement which was suspended from collection under the orders of Govnrnment, dated 13th July 1858. This will be written off the accounts in the usual course.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

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No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1859, No. 1485.

Ordered that the explanation furnished in these proceedings of the discrepancies in the statement of arrears of land revenue for the last 15 years furnished by the Accountant General be forwarded to the Home Government in continuation of the letter dated 5th May 1859, No. 14.

2. The Government cannot but regard these differences, and the cause of them as stated by the Board, as evincing a slovenly mode of working in the Account Department of the districts concerned; but they trust the arrangements now made by the Board in communication with the Accountant General, will ensure the correct preparation of similar Returns for the future.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

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Acting Secretary.

To

T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.
Copy to Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No 1485.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 2nd November 1859

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Here enter 7th Oct.r/59 & No 40447

Submitting the information required by Government regarding the abstract statement received from the Accountant General of the arrears of land revenue for the last 15 years, and forwarded to the Board for verification.

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Copy of a Govt Letter
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Explanation of the
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Statement of Arrears
of land revenue, to be
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