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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1860,
No. 1,495 :—

Read letters from

The Collector of Ganjam,	No. 5,562, dated 29th Oct. 1859, in Con. 8th Nov. No. 319.
" Vizagapatam,	" 4,880, " 20th Sept. " 30th Sept. " 910.
" Rajahmundry,	" 5,227, " 15th Oct. " 20th Oct. " 151.
" Masulipatam,	" 5,295, " 29th Oct. " 5th Nov. " 191.
" Guntoor,	" 4,742, " 17th Sept. " 22nd Sept. " 114.
" Nellore,	" 4,648, " 15th Sept. " 17th Sept. " 149.
" Cuddapah,	" 4,607, " 12th Sept. " 15th Sept. " 138.
" Bellary,	" 5,276, " 21st Oct. " 24th Oct. " 157.
" Kurnool,	" 4,856, " 22nd Sept. " 29th Sept. " 3.
" Chingleput,	" 4,680, " 16th Sept. " 19th Sept. " 45.
" North Arcot,	" 5,091, " 10th Oct. " 12th Oct. " 244.
" South Arcot,	" 4,777, " 24th Sept. " 26th Sept. " 218.
" Tanjore,	" 5,196, " 15th Oct. " 18th Oct. " 213.
" Trichinopoly,	" 4,678, " 12th Sept. " 19th Sept. " 177.
" Madura,	" 4,916, " 27th Sept. " 3rd Oct. " 178.
" Tinnevely,	" 5,027, " 4th Oct. " 8th Oct. " 409.
" Coimbatore,	" 5,570, " 3rd Nov. " 9th Nov. " 204.
" Salem,	" 5,476, " 1st Nov. " 4th Nov. " 307.
" Canara,	" 5,782, " 12th Nov. " 18th Nov. " 198.
" Malabar,	" 5,175, " 11th Oct. " 17th Oct. " 244.

In their Proceedings, dated 13th August 1859, No. 1,085, the Government while noticing the delay in the submission of the Statement of Revenue Collections for June 1859, allude to the very late period at which the yearly Settlement is now made in many Districts; and desire the Board to investigate the real causes of the delay and report to Government what they are, and how far and by what means they may be obviated. This Order has been circulated to all Collectors with a call for full information on the subject, and the Board will not notice the replies of these Officers.

2. The Board observe from the Collectors' Reports, that in most Districts the Settlement is concluded generally before the end of the Fasli. The dates on which the Settlement of Fasli 1268 was commenced and completed in the several Districts are given below :—

Districts.	Date of commencement.	Date of conclusion.
1 Ganjam	1st December 1858	14th February 1859.
2 Vizagapatam	11th do. "	4th March "
3 Rajahmundry	2nd do. "	7th April "
4 Masulipatam	21st do. "	10th do. "
5 Guntoor	16th do. "	15th do. "
6 Nellore... ..	10th November "	20th do. "
7 Cuddapah... ..	15th December "	11th July "
8 Bellary... ..	23rd November "	Before the end of April 1859.
9 Kurnool	2nd December "	26th April 1859.
10 Chingleput	In February 1859... ..	In May "
11 North Arcot	14th March "	12th August "
12 South Arcot	4th do. "	27th May "
13 Tanjore	25th do. "	26th June "
14 Trichinopoly	20th January "	End of April "
15 Madura	8th March "	7th June "
16 Tinnevely	10th May "	30th June "
17 Coimbatore	In January "	3rd July "
18 Salem	"	End of April "
19 Canara	7th December 1858	12th May "
20 Malabar	23rd February 1859	10th June "

3. The only Districts in which the Settlement was concluded after the Fasli are Cuddapah, North Arcot, and Coimbatore. In the first two Districts the delay is inconsiderable being only a few days after the Fasli. It is attributed in the three Districts generally to the change of Officers during the year. In Cuddapah the additional reason is urged that the old plan of allowing remission on individual holdings for wet land consumed much valuable time from the strict

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scrutiny that was necessary. The Board do not regard this as sufficient to account for the non-completion of the Settlement within the Fasli. In North Arcot the delay was unusually great, chiefly owing to the Jamābandī having been commenced at so late a period, viz. 14th March 1859. None of these causes are such as are likely to occur every year to prevent an early Settlement.

4. The Collector of Chingleput states that the Settlement might be completed, and the Demand, Collection and Balance Statement for June closed at a much earlier period, if the Siwāi-jama cultivation carried on after the conclusion of the Settlement, were held to belong to the following instead of the current Fasli. The Board do not understand what this cultivation refers to, and whether the lands so cultivated are entered in the Patta. Under the new system all land held is to be paid for without reference to the cultivation, and it is not clear how, under such circumstances, there can be Siwāi-jama to such a large extent. The Collector is requested to submit full explanation on the subject, and to state whether the cultivation refers to wet or dry lands or both.

5. The Collector of South Arcot submits a form to be substituted in lieu of the present form No. 18 for individual Pattas to avoid delay and save unnecessary labor. In this form he proposes to enter by fields and in detail only those items which differ from the previous year's Patta, and in those instances where the Patta does not vary from last year's, he proposes that no particulars are to be entered. Fresh Pattas need not be granted (unless specially desired,) when no change has taken place in the previous year's Patta, and in such cases it will be quite sufficient to deduct from the gross assessment in the same Patta any remission that may be granted and exhibit the net assessment; but in cases in which some fields are abandoned and others taken up, it will be necessary to enter by fields the details of the holding of the year to render the document complete.

6. The Districts to be noticed next are Tanjore, Tinnevely and Madura, in which the Settlement was concluded just at the end of the Fasli. In the first-mentioned District though the Settlement of the "field-assessed" villages was completed a few days before the end of the Fasli, yet the accounts of the "Olungu" and "Motta-faisal" villages for Fasli 1268 were not all received till the 12th July. This delay is attributed to a large extent of land having been brought under "Amāni," or sharing system, consequent on the losses occasioned by the disastrous floods of the year. As arrangements are, however, in progress for superseding the "Olungu" system, the Collector expects that the Settlement of the District will in future years be completed long before the conclusion of the Fasli. The Board observe that the Settlement of the "field-assessed" Tālūqs is commenced at a very late period, viz., the end of March. They see no reason for such long delay, and it should in future be avoided.

7. The Collector of Tinnevely ascribes the delay to the necessity of fixing the commutation price of the "Mēlvāram," or Government share of the grain, with reference to the selling prices in each Tālūq in the months of March and April, and to the cultivation account being closed up to the end of April, and makes certain suggestions to prevent the delay. The Board, however, observe that the introduction of the Motta-faisal system into these villages, which has been ordered, will put an end to these difficulties, and future Settlements may be much sooner completed.

8. The Collector of Madura states that the difficulty in making an early Settlement arises from the necessity of bringing to account and including in the Settlement all lands cultivated and cropped within the year; and observes that if the tax of the second crops be consolidated and applications for lands refused after October, the accounts might ordinarily be closed and Pattas prepared in November. The Board are not at present prepared to discuss these important changes; nor is it desirable that the Settlement should be closed so early as November. It will be quite sufficient if it be completed at latest by the end of April of each Fasli.

9. On the whole the Board have reason to believe, from a perusal of the Collectors' Reports now reviewed, that under better arrangements the Settlement of every District may be completed, under all ordinary circumstances, at the latest, by the end of May; and that it is quite feasible for the Collectors to close their accounts at the end of the Fasli, and transmit their monthly and annual Returns and Reports within the time prescribed. The difficulties which prevented an early Settlement in some Districts in Fasli 1268 have been specially noticed above, and will be obviated hereafter by the instructions issued. The Board look to the Collectors with confidence to prevent unnecessary delays, and ensure a punctual transmission of their periodical Returns to which the Board and Government attach much importance.

10. The Collectors of Coimbatore and Kurnool allude in their present Reports to the delays of the Tālūq Post. This subject was brought under the consideration of Government by the Board, and in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of Government, *In Con., 15th August 1859.* dated 13th August 1859, it was referred for the particular notice of the Post Master General; and the Board hope that the necessary arrangements have been made by that Officer to render the Post efficient. The Collector

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of Ganjam states that the Tālūq Post in his District is excessively dilatory, and the Collector of Vizagapatam also notices its slowness. The Board suggest that Government should call the early attention of the Post Master General to its improvement in these Districts also.

11. Resolved, that these Proceedings be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 13th August 1859, No. 1,085, *In Con., 15th August 1859, No. 4,087.* and that they be circulated to all the Collectors for their information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 71.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1860, No. 721.

In these Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit the information required by Government as to the late period at which the yearly Settlement is made in many Districts.

2. From the Table appended to paragraph 2, it is observed that the Settlement was completed as follows:—

In one District in February;	In four in June;
In one District in March;	In two in July; and
In eight Districts in April;	In one not till the 12th August.
In three in May;	

3. Thus in ten out of twenty Districts the Settlement was completed before the end of April; and it is evident that the delay in the other Districts is owing rather to defective arrangements or an inadequate sense of the importance of an early Settlement, than to any necessity arising from climate or other circumstances. In the two Districts of *Paragraphs 6 and 7.* Tanjore and Tinnevely valid excuse has been given for the lateness of the Settlement. In both Districts the causes are connected with the Olungu system of Settlement heretofore prevailing there; but in both Districts that system has now been abolished.

4. Mr. McDonell's suggestion mentioned in paragraph 5, appears to merit more particular notice than it has there received. The conversion of the present annual Patta into a more permanent document is an object which the Government regard as of great importance; not only on account of the saving of time and trouble which would thereby accrue both to the Raiyat and to Government servants, but still more for the sake of the security and permanency which would thereby be given to landed property. There are difficulties, for the present insuperable, in the way of the complete attainment of that object, but Mr. McDonell's proposal seems to be a step in that direction, and the Government would wish the Board to consider it more closely, and report more fully upon it, suggesting at the same time any improvements which may occur to them. The Board are aware that a similar practice has been adopted by Mr. Thomas in Coimbatore. The form of Patta used by him is annexed.

5. The Board express the opinion that the Settlement might every where be completed in May, and the Report submitted by the end of December. It appears to Government that there is no reason why the Settlement should not in all Districts be completed in May, and the accounts made up and the Report despatched by the end of July. The Board would then be able to submit their general Report by the end of September; the printed copy of the Board's Report for the Fasli year 1268, which ended on the 30th June 1859, has only now been laid before Government.

6. Paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings and the concluding paragraphs of the letters from the Collectors of Coimbatore and Kurnool therein referred to, will be communicated to the Post Master General with reference to the Order of the 13th August 1859, No. 1,085.

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

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Patta granted by E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Catta Jogee, inhabitant of
Todanad in the Nilgiri Taluq for Fasli 1265, No. 57.

	R.	A.	P.
November	0	5	6
December	0	11	0
January	1	0	6
February	1	6	0
March	1	6	0
April	1	0	6
May	0	11	0
June	0	5	5

The following are the particulars of the
Beriz of the lands in your occupation, the
Assessment of which amounts to Rs. 6-13-11
which you should pay to the Monigar, according
to the instalments noted in the margin, obtain-
ing receipts for the same—in the event of your
failing to pay it regularly, due measures will
be adopted for the recovery of the balance
This Patta holds good till a change is requested.

Description of land.	Irrigation.	Crop.	Class.	Particulars of the field.		Extent.	Assessment.	Description of Crop raised.	Remarks.
				Name.	No.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Dry		1 Crop	9th Class.	Tereary púnjy..	77	Bullahs. 1 8 0	R. A P. 1 12 2	Raggy.	
Do.		Do.	Do.	Oorúpúnjy....	78	1 0 0	1 2 4	Samy.	
Do.		Do.	10th do.	Sappaipúnjy....	79	1 0 0	0 14 1	Dill seed.	
Do.		Do.	1st do.	Solamarapúnjy..	58	0 14 0	3 1 4	Raggy.	
Total...					0	4 6 0	6 13 11		

Here enter the date
of the Patta.

Signature of the Karanam.

Rupees six, Annas thirteen, and Pice eleven.
Here the Stamp of the Collector's
name is affixed.

	R.	A.	P.		R.	A.	P.
November	0	7	0	* Assessment according to Patta of last Fasli	6	13	11
December.. ...	0	14	0	1265.....			
January.	1	5	0	Add increase cultivated from waste in the Cur-			
February... ..	1	12	0	rent Fasli 1266, viz. Survápúnjy, No. 25,			
March	1	12	0	measuring 1 Bullah bearing 7th class Assess-			
April.	1	5	0	ment cultivated with a crop of "Ganja".....	1	12	2
May	0	14	0				
June.	0	5	1				
Total... 8 10 1				Total... 8 10 1			
				Rupees eight, Annas ten, and pice one.			
				The instalments are noted in the margin.			
				Date			
				Karanam's Signature.			
				Collector's Stamp.			
November	0	8	8	* Assessment according to Patta of last Fasli	8	10	1
December.	1	1	4	1266.....			
January.	1	10	0	Add increase cultivated from waste in the Cur-			
February... ..	2	2	8	rent Fasli 1267, viz. Ovordypúnjy, No. 18,			
March	2	2	8	measuring 1 Bullah bearing the 6th class			
April.	1	10	0	Assessment cultivated with a crop of Wheat..	2	3	7
May	1	1	4				
June.	0	9	0				
Total... 10 13 8				Total... 10 13 8			
				Rupees ten, Annas thirteen, and Pice eight.			
				The instalments are noted in the margin.			
				Karanam's Signature.			
				Collector's Stamp.			

* Alterations in the Holding, Increase or Decrease, which can be endorsed on the Original Patta.

Revenue Dept

No 721
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th April 1860.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's re-
marks Reports from the several
Collectors furnishing the information (Here enter 24th March 1860
No 1195)
required by Government as to the
very late period at which the yearly
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and Karnul the settlement

was closed in April, in

Cuddalore it was not finished

in the month. I have been
struck by the zeal which they
showed on this point for the
public interest.

paras 6 and 7

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Spence the Chingleput Collector
meant that the Jundys could be
finished earlier, if the authorities
made after the settlement was
allowed to be entered as "Jundys"
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his explanation. - In Chingleput
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been abolished.

4. The Board's

remarks in Para 4.

are sound, and deserve

the attention of all

Collectors. The further

explanation called

for

for from the Col-
lector of Chingleput
should be laid before
Government.

Of Mr. McDonnell's
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and the Report despatched of a Board is entitled to weigh.
by the ^{end} ~~middle~~ of July. The But when ought to be done
Board would then be before the end of July & the
able to submit their Board to furnish their return
general Report by the September.
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of the Board's Report as to show the state
for the Fasli, which ended of the collections at the
year 1258, close of the Revenue year.

on the 30th June 1859 has
now been laid before
Government.

7. Para 10 of the
Board's Proceedings
and the concluding para-
graphs of the letters from
the Collectors of Qumbatur
and Kumbatur therein
referred to, will be com-
municated to ^{the Post Master General} with
reference to the Order
of the 13th August 1859
No 1085.

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11 Copies to the Board of Rev: Ceylon
1 " Post Master General with the papers referred to.

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No 721.

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Respecting the late
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