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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th August 1861.

No. 128. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1861, No. 3,550:—

Read the following letters:—

From Ganjam,	14th,	in Cons.	23rd July	1860,	No,	3,034.
,, Vizagapatam,	30th June,	,,	9th ,,	,,	,,	3,313.
,, Godavery,	15th,	,,	23rd June	,,	,,	3,022.
,, Kistna,	13th,	,,	19th ,,	,,	,,	2,947.
,, Nellore,	7th,	,,	11th ,,	,,	,,	2,763.
,, Bellary,	14th,	,,	18th ,,	,,	,,	2,934.
,, Cuddapah,	8th,	,,	18th ,,	,,	,,	2,909.
,, Kurnool.	6th,	,,	14th ,,	,,	,,	2,861.
,, Madras,	8th,	,,	11th ,,	,,	,,	2,764.
,, Salem,	7th,	,,	12th ,,	,,	,,	2,809.
,, North Arcot,	9th,	,,	12th ,,	,,	,,	2,825.
,, South Arcot,	8th,	,,	13th ,,	,,	,,	2,844.
,, Tanjore,	16th,	,,	21st ,,	,,	,,	2,974.
,, Trichinopoly,	7th,	,,	11th ,,	,,	,,	2,765.
,, Madura,	21st,	,,	25th ,,	,,	,,	3,063.
,, Tinnevelly,	21st,	,,	27th ,,	,,	,,	3,125.
,, Coimbatore,	15th,	,,	22nd ,,	,,	,,	3,006.
,, North Canara,	10th,	,,	18th ,,	,,	,,	2,931.
,, South Canara,	21st,	,,	29th ,,	,,	,,	3,158.
,, Malabar,	6th,	,,	12th ,,	,,	,,	2,817.

In Cons. 8th May 1860, No. 2,135.

1. In circulating the Proceedings of Government, dated 7th May 1860, No. 721, the Board requested the Collectors to submit a short report stating when the settlement of Fasli 1269 was commenced and concluded in each District, with explanation of the causes of delay if any, and also whether the practice of making inquiries on claims for remissions after the close of the settlement exists in any District; and if so, to what extent, and under what circumstances. The letters recorded at the head of these Proceedings were received in reply to that reference.

2. The following abstract shows the dates of commencement and conclusion of the settlement for Fasli 1269 in the different Districts:—

Districts.	Date of commencement.	Date of conclusion.
1 Ganjam	7th December 1859.	2nd April 1860.
2 Vizagapatam	18th January 1860.	28th March ,,
3 Godavery	6th December 1859.	28th April ,,
4 Kistna	20th ,, ,,	7th May ,,
5 Nellore	22nd ,, ,,	26th April ,,
6 Cuddapah	13th February 1860.	11th June ,,
7 Bellary	16th November 1859.	2nd March ,,
8 Kurnool	14th December ,,	7th April ,,
9 Madras	10th February 1860.	28th May ,,
10 North Arcot	16th January ,,	9th June ,,
11 South Arcot	27th February ,,	14th May ,,
12 Tanjore	7th ,, ,,	16th June ,,
13 Trichinopoly	1st ,, ,,	30th April ,,
14 Madura	27th April ,,	30th June ,,
15 Tinnevelly	23rd ,, ,,	10th July ,,
16 Coimbatore	17th January ,,	30th June ,,
17 Salem	3rd ,, ,,	30th April ,,
18 North Canara	23rd February ,,	24th ,, ,,
19 South Canara	31st January ,,	7th May ,,
20 Malabar	10th ,, ,,	30th June ,,

3. It will be seen from the foregoing abstract that in thirteen Districts the settlement was brought to a close at different periods before the end of May; in six Districts it was completed in June, and in one District, viz., Tinnevelly, not till the 10th of July. Thus in seven* Districts only was the settlement closed later than May, and in two of these, viz., Cuddapah and North Arcot, the delay was inconsiderable being only a few days after the end of May. In Madura, Coimbatore, and Malabar, the causes assigned for the delay in concluding the settlement are of a temporary or local nature, being chiefly the absence on other duty of Officers who were to aid the Collectors in conducting the settlement. In regard to one of the Táluqs of Coimbatore, viz., Colligal, Mr. Thomas observes that its Jamabandy can never be made till June owing to the unhealthy and feverish character of the place till that month. In Tanjore and Tinneveily, the causes assigned for the delay are of a different kind. It is stated with regard to the former that in the Olungu and Amani, &c., villages, the accounts of the average rate of price are closed by the end of May, and that consequently the Jamabundy accounts of those villages are usually commenced only at the beginning of June. The Board observe that these causes have now ceased to exist, and there can therefore be no excuse for any delay in future. The Collector of Tinnevelly observes that the settlement of his District may be closed by the end of May, if instead of waiting to ascertain the cultivation raised in April, the demand on account of Land Revenue be closed with the cultivation of March, the assessment on that of April being carried to the head of "Sevoi Jumma." The Board cannot consent to this mode of disposing of the difficulty. The assessment on the April cultivation is properly an item of the regular Land Revenue, and should be entered in the accounts as such. The amount of the second crop *Nunjah* sown in April is not very large (see margin) and must be confined to a few villages only, and these villages alone might be settled after April, and the settlement of the rest of the Districts concluded within the time desired. There is an item it seems of Punjah 4,213 Rupees put down as cultivated second crop in April. The Board would wish to be informed on what principle a second tax is taken on Punjah crop sown at so late a period of the year.

* Cuddapah. Malabar. North Arcot. Tanjore. Madura. Tinnevelly. Coimbatore.

The extent of Peshanum cultivation in April of Fasli 1263 is as follows:—

	Acres.
Nunjah...	4,392
Punjah	4,213
Bagayet	604

They would also wish to know what is the rule in Tinnevelly for closing the accounts of the year; that is, after what date any cultivaion made is carried to the next year's account, and whether the whole of the assessment on the April crop might not be carried on to the next year's demand and excluded from that of the year in which the cultivation takes place.

4. With regard to the second inquiry made by the Board, viz., whether the practice of making inquiries on claims for remission after the close of the settlement and granting them afterwards exists in any District. It appears that except in the six Districts noted in the margin, the practise is not unusual, though no where is it the rule; and claims for remission after the Jamabandy arise only in special cases, such as the failure of a second crop on a tract of Nunjah cultivation which promised well at the time of settlement, and which subsequently perished from want of water. In these cases alterations are made in the Patta, but the cases are of rare occurrence.

Ganjam. North Canara. Vizagapatam. South Canara. Madura. Malabar.

5. During the settlement of the past Fasli (1269), special instances occurred in several of the Districts in which remissions had to be granted after the Jamabandy. The Orders of Government, dated 18th June 1859, had been carried out literally, and claims for remissions for waste, though the result of an unfavorable season, had been refused. On the receipt of the modified order of the 10th March 1860, in which remissions for waste wet land from failure of water were again allowed, the Pattas issued previously had to be altered. Except in such cases, the Collectors state that the settlement of each Táluq once completed is considered final.

6. In Madras, inquiries regarding Shavi in "Navarai" and "Mudangal" cultivation, or cultivation of late crops of the year, appear to be conducted even after the close of the Fasli. This must inevitably retard the completion of the settlement accounts, and the early submission of the

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report to the Board; but such minute inquiries regarding the second crop cultivation are quite unnecessary, and are not found in any other District situated as Madras is. The whole cultivation should be brought to demand, and remission should be allowed only in extraordinary cases, in which such relief may be absolutely necessary. The Board are of opinion that the determination of the demand ought on no account to be delayed beyond the Fasli.

7 The Board trust that the Collectors will make every endeavour to complete their settlements by an early date, and to submit their Settlement reports by the end of August in each year.

8. Resolved that the foregoing Proceedings be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order of 7th May 1860, No. 721.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1861, No. 1,593.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

IN CON., 11TH JUNE 1860, No. 2,763.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of NELLORE,
dated Nellore, 7th June 1860, No. 78.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 7th May 1860, No. 721, communicated through the Board under date the 23rd idem, No. 2,494, I have the honor to state that the settlement of this district for the current Fasli was commenced on the 22nd December 1859, and completed on the 26th April 1860. In the principal division it was completed by the 31st March, but, in the sub-division, owing to the absence of the Sub-Collector, it was not commenced so soon, and consequently was not closed so soon.

2. As regards remissions, I find it has been the practise in this district to grant remissions for Shavi, Nir Munuka, Tirva Kammi, Vandra and Kasuri Banjer, subsequent to the completion of the settlement; and to such extent as these items are retained, it is not possible to get the necessary accounts wholly prepared before the commencement of the settlement. For as regards Shavi the wet cultivation of the Kasuri crop, for which Shavi is usually granted, only commences in the months of December and January in this district, and it is only when the crop should be coming to maturity at the close of March or April, that the claim for Shavi will probably arise; whilst it will take some time after that for the Taluq and Huzur examinations to be made. Again, as regards Nir Munuka, it is found that many lands under water during the Jamabandi are subsequently left dry and cultivated. And when it was the practise to remit the assessment on all such lands indiscriminately, this formed a second head of remissions to a large extent, that required to be disposed of after the Jamabandi. In future, however, I hope that this head will disappear to a great extent, whilst under recent orders Tirva Kammi, Vandra and Kasuri Banjer will also become less and less, as regards their gross amounts and proportionately less as regards the extent to which they require to be considered, subsequent to the conclusion of the Jamabandi. That the settlement of a Taluq should be final, except in very special cases, is manifestly essential to good management. And I beg to state that every attention shall be given on my part to the attainment of this end.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Board of Revenue dated 7th June 1860 No 78. reporting on the Settlement of Fasli 1269 now commenced and concluded.

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In Con., 11th June 1860, No. 2,764.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of MADRAS,

dated Saidapet, 8th June 1860, No. 181.

Adverting to the 2nd paragraph of the Board's Proceedings of the 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report that the settlement of this district for the current Fasli was commenced on the 10th February last, and brought to a close by the 28th ultimo.

2. In regard to the information required by the Board, as to whether the practice of making enquiries for the grant of remissions after the close of the settlement and allowing them afterwards, the necessary alterations being effected in the putta, exists in this district, I beg to refer the Board to my letter of the 21st May 1860, from which they will observe that this practice has all along existed and will necessarily exist, until the Board withhold all remissions whatever. If this indulgence is continued, alterations will often have to be made in the putta; the earlier the settlement indeed, the more probable the subsequent alteration.

3. To give a common illustration; a Raiyat has reaped one crop and another is on the ground and growing, the 2nd crop teerva is entered in the putta, but it cannot be declared with certainty whether the crop will be reaped or perish from drought.

4. As a rule, it may be said that the greater portion of the shavi and consequent remission, occur after the settlement has been concluded.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. N.C.S. dated 8th July 1860 No. 3550.

Letter from the Collr. of Madura to the Secr. of the Board of Revenue dated 8th June 1860 No. 181 reporting when the settlement of Fasli 1269 was commenced and completed.

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In Con., 11th June 1860, No. 2,765.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of TRICHINOPOLY,
dated Trichinopoly, 7th June 1860, No. 71.

In reply to the Board's Circular, No. 2,494, dated the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that the settlement for the current Fasli 1269 commenced in this district on the 1st of February and was completed on the 30th of April last.

2. When the settlement is completed early in the season as in this year, it has been found necessary to grant remission in some instances after the actual distribution of the puttahs, as on some occasions the cultivation made late in the season withers from want of water, it is only after the crop has been inspected and pronounced past all chance of recovery that the remission is allowed.

3. In future there can be no trouble in arranging to complete the settlement within the official year 30th of April, and care shall be taken that such settlement of each taluq is final.

4. In ordinary seasons I anticipate there will be no difficulty in this district in carrying out the Board's wishes; in a season of great drought, &c., when large tracts of cultivation have to be examined the settlement may be delayed, but even then, I think, that as the settlement of each taluq is made, it should be final.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure No 14 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Government
dated 6th July 1860 No 3550

Letter from the Collr. of Trichinopoly to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
dated 7th June 1860 No 71
reporting when the settlement of Fasli 1269 was commenced and concluded.

In Con., 12th June 1860, No. 2,809.

From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of SALEM,
dated Oossoor, 7th June 1860, No. 150.

With reference to the Board's Circular, dated the 23rd May last, No. 2,494, requesting the several Collectors to report on what dates the settlement for Fasli 1269 was commenced and completed, and calling for certain information relative to remissions made after the close of the settlement; I have the honor to inform the Board that the settlement of this District for Fasli 1269 was commenced on the 3rd January last, and was completed on the 30th April.

2. It has not been a common practice in this district to grant remissions after the close of the settlement, excepting for withered corps; but other cases have occurred, as, for instance, when part of a field has been taken up for building purposes. In cases of this kind, the enquiry has sometimes been postponed, and the claim allowed to lie over till after the settlement. On these occasions the sums remitted have been left uncollected; and, ultimately have been included under the head of irrecoverable balances.

3. The practice here described was not regular; and there is no need, I think, in any instance, except one, to grant remissions after the close of the settlement. Claims to shavy remissions will often occur after a Taluq has been settled, but in that case the amount remitted is stated in the jamabundy report, and sanction is obtained in due course for writing it off. I do not know of any other case in which claims for remission may not be enquired into and disposed of before the close of the settlement.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Letter from the Collr of Malabar to the Board of Rev. dated 7th June 1860 No. 106 forwarding Abstract shewing the settlement of Taluq Ernad completed.

Read 12th July 1860.

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. No. D. dated 13th July 1860. No. 3582.

In Con., 12th June 1860, No. 2,817.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of MALABAR,
dated Calicut, 6th June 1860, No. 106.

With reference to the Board's Circular, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report, that the Jamabundi settlement in this district was commenced on the 10th January and completed, in all but the three Taluqs noted marginally, on the 26th May last.

Palghat—Sub-Collector's division.
Ernad—Spl. Asst. Collector's do.
Shernad—Deputy Collector's do.

2. The settlement of these three Taluqs has been delayed from unavoidable causes; but it will, I trust, be completed by the end of the current month of June.

3. In the sub-division, I believe, the Jamabundi is completed; but on this point, I am not qute certain. One great cause of delay was the withdrawal of the Sub-Collector from his division to attend the Uncovenanted Service examination. The committee appointed consisted entirely of Revenue men, who were obliged to leave their settlement duties, and come in long distances to Calicut.

4. In the Special Assistant Collector's charge, the cause of delay was owing to the absence of that officer in North Malabar, where he had gone, on Revenue and Magisterial duties, to places 100 miles distant from his head quarters: but the want of a Head Assistant rendered his presence there necessary.

5. The Deputy Collector has been much engaged in arranging the accounts of his Taluqs, and bringing them to tally with the actual holdings. Once the work is completed, the state of the Taluq will be more satisfactory than has ever yet existed, and future settlements will be arranged without the least trouble.

6. The practice animadverted on by the Board of making remissions after the close of the settlement, does not exist in this district.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Encloses No 20 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government P.D. dated 8th July 1861 No 3550.

Letter from the Collector of Madura to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 6th June 1860 No 106 reporting upon the settlement of Fasli 1269 as commenced and concluded.

In Con., 12th June 1860, No. 2,825.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Palmaner, 9th June 1860, No. 131.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Circular of the 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, and in reply to state that the settlement of the district for the current Fasli 1269, was commenced on the 16th January and was completed this day.

2. The practice of making inquiries for remission after the close of the settlement, and granting them afterwards is only resorted to in special cases. My own jamabandi tour has been so conducted and arranged, that I have been able to give to the affairs of each Taluq, which I have personally settled, a very full measure of my time and attention. The order of the 10th March last reached me after the settlement of the Kaverepak and Sholinghur Taluqs had been completed, and whilst engaged on that of Chendragiri. The claims for remission in the former Taluqs had, however, been so thoroughly sifted on the spot in view to being specially reported, that I felt I could most conscientiously dispose of them under the discretion which the order allows me, and upon which I have acted in the settlement of the three remaining Taluqs of Chendraghiri, Chittur and Palmaner.

3. The above remarks apply only to that portion of the district settled by myself. Of the sub-division, I do not now speak, as I have no data to show how many of the Taluqs had been settled by Mr. Eliott, before the order reached his hand. My impression, however, is that the time spent by the sub-divisional kacheri, in the three outlying Taluqs of Poloor, Wandavash and Trivettur was far too short to justify the Acting Sub-Collector in disposing, under the new order, of claims for remission without further local enquiry on his own and Sheristadar's part. So far as I can gather the great majority of these remission claims are only now being disposed of in the sub-division; and under this impression, I declined in my answer to a recent reference from Mr. Elliott on this subject to accept mere Taluq statements unless verified by further personal enquiry.

4. I concur with the Board in opinion that when the settlement of a Taluq is once completed, it should be considered final, and should not undergo revision except in very special cases. Such special cases will, however, always arise, and may probably be numerous under the late order which requires that the jamabundi be commenced early enough to admit of the annual report being in the hands of Government soon after the expiration of the Fasli. The cause for such remissions only arise in fact to any extent during the months of March and April when the tanks fail and the settlement is already necessarily in an advanced stage. But much may be done even in such cases, and if the preliminary local enquiry be complete they may be dealt with specially as they arise with due regard to the interests of Government, and the claims of the Ryot who may seek indulgence under the recent order.

5. I have taken no action on the Board's Proceedings of the 24th March 1860, as they did not reach me until the latter end of April, by which time all the ordinary pattas had been prepared afresh and the pattas which remained were for the most part precisely those to which the order would not have been applicable. The Board's instructions on this point shall, however, have my careful attention during the settlement arrangements for the ensuing Fasli.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure No 11 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government P.C. dated 5th July 1861. No 3550.

Letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 9th June 1860 No 131 Reporting when the Settlement of Taluk 126 was commenced and concluded

IN CON., 13TH JUNE 1860, No. 2,844.

From H. WOOD, Esq., Collector of SOUTH ARCOT,
dated Cuddalore, 8th June 1860, No. 81.

Adverting to Board's Proceedings, under date 28th ultimo, I have the honor to report for the information of the Board, that the settlement of the district was commenced at Kullakurchi by the Sub-Collector on the 27th of February, and was completed at Paliemcottah on the 14th ultimo.

2. The practice referred to in paragraph 2 of these Proceedings is partially followed in this district, and this must continue to be the case especially in a year like the present when the settlement of the whole district with the exception of one Taluq had to be hurried over by the Sub-Collector and myself, in consequence of the Head Assistant's removal at its commencement and the Sub-Collector himself and both managers having been gazetted to other appointments during its progress.

3. As a general rule, however, in this district the settlement of a Taluq when completed is considered final, except in special cases brought to notice only when the European Officer is about to leave the Taluq when it may be necessary to depute a servant to hold a personal enquiry on the spot, situated perhaps at a considerable distance from the place where the settlement is made.

4. It is certainly most desirable that this practice should cease, but this can only be the case when more time is devoted to the settlement of a Taluq than is now considered necessary.

5. The instructions contained in paragraph 3 will be attended to in future, the renewed puttah for the present year having already been distributed.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Letter from the Collr of Kurnool dated 6th June 1860. No 51 Reporting when the settlement of Fasli 1269 was commenced & concluded.

In Con., 14th June 1860, No. 2,861.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Acting Collector of KURNOOL,
dated Yerrachelma, 6th June 1860, No. 76.

As directed in your Circular No. 2,494, of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to report that the settlement of the current Fasli was commenced on the 14th December, and completed on the 7th April 1860.

2. The settlement of many Taluqs being closed before the completion of the cultivation, the system advocated by the Board, that that settlement should be considered final, and should not undergo revision except in special cases, could only be carried out fairly on a liberal construction as to what constituted the special cases thus referred to.

3. It has been the practice in this district to make a revision of the settlement, wherever such was necessary either in the interest of Government or in fairness to the Ryot. Wet lands brought under cultivation after the settlement, late garden crops raised on dry lands with Government water, and like cases, are often brought to account after the close of the settlement. On the other hand where under the recent orders of Government, remission can be granted to Ryots, either on account of withered crops, or land left waste for want of water, (a point which may not always be determinable early in the season, especially in the case of second crops,) it would render the indulgence of no avail, if such remission could not be granted when required, as much after, as before the completion of the settlement.

Exd. T. Dunn.

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of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt. P. D.
dated 6th July 1861. No. 3557.

Letter from the Acty
Collector of Cuddapah to
the Board of Revenue dated
6th June 1861. No. 76. on
subscribing when the settle-
ment of Fasli 1269 was
commenced and concluded.

In Con., 18th June 1860, No. 2,909.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Officiating Collector of CUDDAPAH,
dated Muddenpully, 8th June 1860, No. 66.

I have the honor to reply to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,494 of 23rd May 1860, requiring a statement of the date on which the settlement of the current Fasli 1269, was commenced, and the date on which it was completed, and requesting information whether the practice of making enquiries for remissions after the close of the settlement, obtains in this district.

2. The settlement commenced on the 13th February and I expect to complete it within three days. It might have been closed earlier, but for the following circumstances:

Settlement of the Sub-division commenced 12th January 1860.

—On assuming charge of the district from the late Acting Collector it appeared that he had on the 19th of March, owing to indisposition, only completed one Taluq. Being detained in Cuddapah by the examination of candidates for the uncovenanted service, I could only commence the settlement of Chitwail by the 2nd of April. Having taken one of the Sub-Collector's Taluqs which remained for settlement, the time occupied in travelling caused a further delay. In future, by a proper arrangement, the settlement may be closed by the end of April. I may here allude to another and chief cause of delay. I found that the settlement accounts of this district were still encumbered with the details of fixed remissions, calculated on the obsolete coinage of conteroy pagodas, which I had abolished in my late sub-division four years ago with the view of simplifying the accounts and facilitating the introduction of the new forms. On enquiry into the cause of the retention of the old system, which entailed an annual charge on Government every settlement of Rupees 480* in the shape of additional Gumastahs, I was shown a takeed of the late Collector Mr. Murray, dated 8th November 1856, ordering the retention of the conteroy pagodas in the accounts. As the conversion of this coinage into Rupees could not be made within the time allowed for the settlement, I was obliged to receive the accounts on this form, and to issue orders for the change previous to next settlement. I need not perhaps explain how the entry, in both kulwary chittahs and Ryots puttahs of the original over assessment in conteroy pagodas. Colonel Munro's fixed remission, ⅓ or ¼ as the land might be garden, or wet and dry respectively, in the same, the result, and finally the conversion of the net sum into the ordinary currency must swell the bulk of an account without securing its accuracy. The calculation of these, to the generality of Ryots, unknown quantities, occupied unnecessarily the whole of the Curnum's time, and involved a simple proceeding in a mystery, which can be beneficial neither to the interest of Government, nor to its tenants.

* Only Rupees 360, for Fasli 1269.

3. With regard to remissions after the settlement, I must ask the forbearance of the Board during this Fasli, and promise that in future the practice will cease. I found that in the sub-division, the Orders of Government of 18th June 1859 had been too literally acted upon, and remissions for waste had been refused. Such waste being the result of the unfavorable season in the Balaghat part of the district last year. The Sub-Collector had completed two Taluqs, before the Order of 10th March last appeared, in which remissions for waste wet land, from failure of water, are allowed to be taken into consideration. I have not interfered with the Sub-Collector in his attempts to rectify a somewhat hard settlement, which would have discouraged the cultivator and probably left some irrecoverable balances for future remission; but these remissions will be strictly confined to land left waste from want of water; and whole numbers, or fields (and not parts or shamilat bunjer) will alone receive relief. The principle on which these remissions should be made appeared to me this, that when a Ryot's wet cultivation had been reduced one half or more in extent, owing to deficient water, a full remission of the unavoidable waste should be granted but when the proportion of whole numbers so left waste was less, that the cultivator might bear a proportion of the loss, which I restricated to 20 per cent. of the waste. A general remission or per centage on the beriz, seems to me objectionable, unless the waste is distinguished from the cultivated, as the Inamdar or village authority whose land is generally favorably situated close to the tank bund would receive as much remission, as the proprietor of distant high and dry land under the same tank.

4. The Board's orders in respect to the non-renewal of puttahs, where slight changes in the holdings only have taken place, such changes being inserted in the form of puttah annexed to the Order of Government, will be attended to.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

In Con., 18th June 1860, No. 2,931.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of NORTH CANARA,

dated Honore, 11th June 1860, No. 75.

In reply to your Circular No. 2,494, dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the dates of the commencement and completion of the settlement of the current Fusly.

2. It will be observed that the settlement of supa is entered as still incomplete. This arises from a complaint, made during the jamabundi, impugning the correctness of a shanbogues cameri accounts. A fresh survey became necessary and the person entrusted with it furnished accounts, the correctness of which there was so much reason to suspect, that the Tahsildar was instructed to re-measure the ground. He did so, but the accounts he furnished contained errors, which necessitated their return to him, and he has been allowed a week to forward correct returns, which are expected daily.

3. This delay could never have occurred if the Huzur Kacheri had been equal to the performance of their duties.

4. The question at issue could have been properly examined and settled on the spot, but the clerk who accompanied Mr. Levinge had unfortunately no experience in such matters and the work, which he should have gone into and prepared for settlement, was thrown back on the Tahsildar, who in his turn has been careless in exhibiting particulars, a correct knowledge of which is essential to the settlement of the demand.

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Abstract.—Statement showing the dates of the commencement and completion of the settlem ent of Fusly 1269.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Encl. in Circulary Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. P.D. dated 16th July 1861. No. 3558.

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Letter from the Collector of Canara to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th June 1860. No. 66. reporting upon the settlement of Fusly 1269 now commenced and concluded.

IN CON., 18TH JUNE 1860, No. 2,934.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of BELLARY,
dated Ramandrug, 14th June 1860, No. 100.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,494 of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to report, that the settlement for Fusly 1269 of this district, was commenced on the 16th November 1859, and completed on the 2nd March 1860.

2. The practice of making enquiries for remissions after the close of the settlement, and granting them afterwards, does not exist in this district; but in the Fusly under report, the sanction of the Board of Revenue for remissions to be granted on account of the great extent of land left waste, in consequence of the insufficiency of rain, having been received after the termination of the settlement, it was necessary to obtain the pattas and accounts from the Taluqs, and grant the necessary remissions.

3. I concur with the Board that when the settlement of a Taluq is once completed, it should be considered final; and should not undergo revision, except in very special cases, such as the failure of the 2nd crop, after the termination of the settlement, &c.

4. The subject of paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, under reply, will be noticed in my Settlement Report.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Letter from the
Collector of North Canara
to the Board of Revenue
dated 11th June 1860. No. 45.
reporting with reference to letter
of Paul. 1269 now commenced
and some ended.

IN CON., 19TH JUNE 1860, No. 2,947.

From W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Dindi, 13th June 1860, No. 119.

In reply to the Circular Proceedings of the Board, dated 23rd May last, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report that I commenced the jamabandi of the new district on the 20th December, greater part of January was taken up in making myself acquainted with the Guntoor part, for which purpose I went to Guntoor. I then settled eight Taluqs by the 13th of April, and had intended at once taking up Repalli but was obliged to make it over to the Head Assistant Collector.

2. Mr. Chase, Acting Sub-Collector, settled five Taluqs of the late Guntoor district before he left it on 10th March. He commenced the settlement of them on 9th January and completed on 23rd February 1860.

3. Mr. Melville, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, settled four Taluqs including part of Ellore before it was transferred to the Godavery district, and two more while in charge of the sub-division. He commenced at Gudivada on the 2nd January, and completed the first four Taluqs on 20th February. The Bapetla Taluq occupied him from 23rd March to 8th April, and Repalli from 27th April to 7th May.

4. The Deputy Collector C. Venkatarao settled three Taluqs of the Guntoor district under his charge. He began the settlement on 22nd January and finished it on the 2nd of March.

5. The jamabandi of this district may, I think, be begun in the middle of December, and taking one Taluq with another, and allowing for travelling, two Taluqs a month as they now stand may, with ease, be settled, and the accounts thoroughly looked into. When they are reduced to eleven, the time for each Taluq must of course be extended; but I consider that, by the end of March and middle of April, the whole jamabandi might be done with ease. I would, however, remark that if this important part of a Collector's duty is hurried over, the Ryots lose the advantage of his stay in each Taluq and the opportunity afforded them of bringing their wrongs and complaints to him on the spot, when surrounded by their fellows able to prove or disprove their statements without being harassed by a long march to head quarters and with less chance of being tampered with by the party accused.

6. As a general rule, I quite agree with the Board that a settlement of a Taluq once made should be final and such has always been my practice, though at times I have had to revise my settlement in special cases—such for example as the failure of a second crop which promised well when the settlement was made, but if this practice becomes the rule and not the exception, it will lead to heavy balances being left uncollected and open a door to much chicanery.

7. I am now engaged in looking into the remissions granted by Mr. Melville in Bapetla and Repalli, as the Ryots complain that they have been hardly dealt with; and I am unwilling that the first year of the new district should be marked by heavy outstanding balances, and I have reason to believe that in several cases it would be judicious to show more leniency to them; as for instance, in the case of the Ryots of Murukondapad in Bapetla Taluq where Mr. Melville acted up to an order of Mr. Dykes, and as a punishment to the Ryots for not filling up a breach of their tank ordered the full assessment to be collected, to do which, would be utter ruination to the Ryots as their whole agricultural capital would not meet the demand. This inquiry will probably be completed this week.

Encl. J. Tulloch.

IN CON., 21ST JUNE 1860, No. 2,974.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of TANJORE,
dated Vallum, 16th June 1860, No. 171.

With reference to the Board's Circular, dated the 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report that the settlement of the current Fasli 1269 commenced in this district on the 7th February last in the wet Taluqs, and on the 19th March last in the dry Taluqs. As regards the settlement of the entire district, it may be said to be completed and would have been so ere this had not the Special Assistant Collector, Mr. Kerr, been deputed on special duty under the Commissioner of Tanjore. The practice of making enquiries and granting remissions after the close of the settlement is by no means general, and all the necessary additions and deductions in the puttahs on account of remissions are made previous to their distribution. Occasions, however, do occur when revision is considered necessary, but these are exceptional cases and they are yearly becoming fewer in number. The accounts of the average rate of price for the jammabundy settlement of the Olungu and Amani, &c. villages are closed by the end of May and consequently the jammabandy accounts of those villages are usually commenced in the beginning of June. The examination of those villages where the harvest is short and in which the Merassidars claim a division of the produce is somewhat tedious, but ought to be completed by the end of April or early in May. For the closing of the jammabandi accounts in the Taluqs about a month or 20 days is required after the expiration of the Fasli, and further about six weeks are necessary for the preparation of the accounts in the Huzur according to the several forms and for framing the report thereon.

I am, therefore, of opinion that the settlement report cannot be despatched till the first week in September and with our reduced establishment, I am doubtful whether in future it can be forwarded so soon.

Rxd. J. Tulloch.

IN CON., 22ND JUNE 1860, No. 3,006.

From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated Polachy, 15th June 1860, No. 79.

In reply to the Board's Circular of the 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report that the settlement of this district for the current Fasli 1269 was commenced on the 17th January 1860, and 12 Taluqs have been completed—the other three, viz., Colligal, Polachy, Chuckragherry are now being done, and will, it is hoped, be finished within the end of this month.

2. As regards Colligal, the Jamabundy never can be done there till June, until the south-west monsoon has well set in; it is very feverish and unhealthy there, especially to all new comers, European and Native. I cannot fairly send any Assistant in May; this has been the practice, (of real necessity) for the last 30 years. There is no difficulty in the Taluq, and no local inconvenience from the delay in the Jamabundy.

3. As regards Polachy, I was really prevented by illness and press of other work, from coming out to complete it earlier; it will now be finished in a few days.

4. Mr. Roberts, my Sub-Collector, has been ill for some time, and unable to visit Chuckragherry, in his division; he is at this moment under medical treatment, but hopes to be at Chuckragherry within a few days; the above are the real causes of delay in the completion of that and the other two Taluqs.

5. The practice which the Board state, appears to obtain in some districts, of making enquiries for remissions after the close of the settlement, and granting them afterwards (the necessary alterations being effected in the puttahs), does not exist in this district except to a small extent and on special grounds. During the Jamabundy of each Taluq, all claims for remissions are fully enquired into at the time, and disposed of before the distribution of puttahs; and it is only in urgent cases that this rule is departed from—ex. gr., if the nunjah crops which are in fair condition at the *time* of *settlement*, fail *subsequently* from want of water in these instances enquiry and remission becomes unavoidably necessary; this, however, is not a general or frequent occurrence.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Letter from the
Collector of Cuddalore to
the Board of Revenue
dated 15th June 1860. No 79.
Reporting when the settlement
of Fasli 1269 was commenced
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In Con., 23rd June 1860, No. 3,022.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of GODAVERI DISTRICT,
dated Cocanada, 15th June 1860, No. 77.

In reply to the Board's Circular, dated the 23rd May last, I have the honor to state that the settlement of this District for the current Fasli was commenced on 6th December last and completed on the 28th April with the exception of one village, the settlement of which was made in May.

2. The practice of making inquiries after the close of the settlement and granting remissions founded on the result of the same, does not generally obtain in this District, though instances of the kind have occurred. Care shall be taken to prevent the necessity of such in future.

3. The time required for getting in the accounts of the second crop cultivation under the annicut channels has hitherto been one of the main causes of the delay in finally determining the demand for the year. Every endeavor is being made by me to secure, on the present occasion, the transmission of the Demand, Collection and Balance Statements for June and the Report for the year in due time.

Exd. J. Wright.

Tulloch.

In Con., 23rd June 1860, No. 3,034.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,
dated Chetterpore, 14th June 1860, No. 155.

With reference to the Board's Circular Proceedings, dated the 23rd ultimo, No. 2,494, I have the honor to state that on the 21st November, I left Chetterpore for Russelkonda, but was unable to commence the settlement up to 7th December, owing to the departure of the troops from that station on the 1st; the preparations for this march having fully occupied the time of the Tahsildar for some days. The settlement was, however, completed on the 16th.

2. An attack of illness prevented me from settling the other Taluqs in the principal division, but Mr. Davidson, who assumed charge of the District on the 1st, commenced the Jumabundy on the 14th February and completed it on the 21st March.

3. The settlement of the Taluqs in the Sub-division was delayed up to 2nd ultimo, owing to the sudden departure of Mr. Morris (unauthorised by me) in the middle of the settlement of Wadada.

4. In this District, the settlement once made is considered final, and it is never subjected to subsequent revision, nor are the Pattahs renewed on account of slight changes in the holdings, such changes being entered on the back of the previous year's Pattahs.

Exd. J. Wright.

Tulloch.

In Con., 25th June 1860, No. 3,063.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,
dated Madura, 21st June 1860, No. 122.

In reply to the Board's Circular, No. 2,494, dated 23rd May 1860, I have the honor to report that the settlement of the Taluqs comprising the Collector's division commenced on the 27th April, and was finished on the 20th June. Settlement of the sub-division commenced the 14th May and will not be concluded before the 30th June.

2. The cause of the delay in the sub-division is owing to the Sub-Collector having been in charge of the Collectorate till the 7th of May, and owing to the non-preparation of accounts in one of the villages of Tenkarai Taluq, the Karnam of which village was suspended.

3. The practice of making enquiries and granting remissions after the settlement does not new exist. In cases where shavi is likely to occur the settlement is not made till the necessity or otherwise of granting remissions is ascertained.

4. If it is determined that the settlement is to be concluded early in the year and if remission for shavi is to be allowed, it will be necessary to make enquiries for granting remission after the settlement is concluded, for the final result of the season cannot be fully ascertained before the end of March.

5. The Puttas in this district can be distributed easily within the month of May.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

IN CON., 27TH JUNE 1860, No. 3,125.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,

dated Vasudevanullur, 21st June 1860, No. 232.

In reply to the Board's Circular of the 23rd May 1860, No. 2,494 calling on me to submit a short report showing the date on which the settlement of the current Fasli 1269 was commenced, and the date on which it was completed or is likely to be brought to a close, as well as the cause of any delay that might have occurred in the earlier completion of the settlement, I have the honor to state as follows :—

On the 15th February, Goomastas from the Huzur Cutcherry were deputed as usual to the several Taluqs to examine and test the correctness of the cultivation account of each village, to see that the statements prepared by the Curnums showing the total teerwah of each village are correct, and to frame a general statement with reference to them for the Huzur; to examine the Curnum's accounts of remissions to be granted, and to superintend the preparation of the puttahs. As disputes or doubtful questions arise from time to time during these enquiries, they are referred to the Collector for his orders.

2. I commenced giving out puttahs on the 23rd April, and by the 31st May the settlement of seven Taluqs was completed. I expect to finish the settlement of the entire district by the 10th proximo.

3. The cultivation raised in the month of April is included in the regular settlement of the current Fasli, and under this system the settlement of this district has never been completed before the end of June. In this year particularly, I beg to remind the Board that I have been left without a Sub-Collector, or an efficient Head Assistant to help me in the jamahbundy work, so that the settlement of the whole district has devolved upon myself.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 24th March 1860, No. 1,495, paragraph 9.
Proceedings of Government, dated 7th May 1860, No. 721.

The Board are of opinion that the settlement of every district may be completed, at the latest by the end of May. I beg to observe that this may be done in future in this district, if, instead of waiting to ascertain the cultivation raised in April, the demand of land revenue be limited to the cultivation of March, that of April being carried to the head of "sevoy-jummah," as explained in paragraph 7 of the Acting Collector's letter, dated the 4th October 1859.

4. With reference to that part of the Circular under reply, enquiring whether the practice exists in this district of granting remissions after the close of the settlement, and making the necessary alterations in the puttahs, I beg to state that such a system does prevail here to a limited extent under the following circumstances :—

1st. Certain poonjah lands in this province have no permanent or well defined boundaries, to distinguish a Ryot's holding unmistakably. The consequence is that the Curnums occasionally enter in the accounts, in the name of one Ryot, a portion of land that was in reality cultivated by another, and until the puttahs which are prepared with reference to those accounts are given, the parties affected are precluded from applying for the puttahs to be altered.

2nd. Sometimes the Curnums, either through inadvertence or through enmity, overcharge a Ryot whilst in other cases partiality may lead them to reduce the assessment, and which the Ryots are unable to bring forward till they receive their puttahs, and then, after enquiry, the puttahs necessarily have to be altered. Any enquiries on these points are made with as little delay as possible, so that the demand for each Taluq may be finally determined as early as possible in July.

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ly retard the completion of the settlement accounts, and the early submission of the

In Con., 29th June 1860, No. 3,158.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of SOUTH CANARA,
dated Mangalore, 22nd June 1860, No. 94.

* 23rd May 1860. In reply to the Circular from the Board noted* marginally, I have the honor to state that the settlement of this District for the current Fasli, was commenced in the Taluq of Bekal on the 31st January, and terminated on the 7th May with the Taluq of Mangalore.

2. In this District remissions when granted are always made for each Taluq during the settlement of it, and not after the close of the whole settlement.

3. Pattahs are still issued annually in this district, whether there are changes in the holdings or not. I propose to give notice in good time before the commencement of next Jumabundy, that fresh Pattahs will be issued only in the event of considerable changes in the holdings. Few Pattahdars attend here to receive these documents in person. As a rule only those do who have any cause of complaint. Consequently the fresh Pattahs have, after the close of the settlement of each Taluq, been handed over to the respective Tahsildars for distribution.

4. The Order of the Board contained in paragraph 3 of their Circular under reply shall be attended to in future.

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Enclosure to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1860, No. 3158.

Letter from the Collector of South Canara, dated 22nd June 1860, No. 94.

In Con., 9th July 1860, No. 3,313.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of VIZAGAPATAM,
dated Vizagapatam, 30th June 1860, No. 643.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May last, No. 2,494, I have the honor to report that the settlement of the Taluqs of Survasiddy and Golcondah for Fasli 1269, was commenced on the 18th January, and finished on or before the 28th March last.

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must inevitably retard the completion of the settlement accounts, and the early submission of the report to the Board; but such minute inquiries regarding the second crop cultivation are quite unnecessary and are not found in any other District situated as Madras is. The whole cultivation should be brought to demand, and remission should be allowed only in extraordinary cases, in which such relief may be absolutely necessary. The Board are of opinion that the determination of the demand ought on no account to be delayed beyond the Fasli.

7. The Board trust that the Collectors will make every endeavour to complete their settlements by an early date and to submit their Settlement reports by the end of August in each year.

8. Resolved that the foregoing Proceedings be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order of 7th May 1860, No. 721.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to all Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Enclosure 2 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th January 1861 No. 353.

Letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam to the Board of Revenue dated 30th June 1860 No. 243 reporting the commencement of Fasly 1269 was commenced and completed.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

To the Secretary to Government, R. D., and all Collectors.

Dated 6th July 1861.

No. 3,550.

Submitting with reference to the order of 7th May 1860, a report stating when the settlement of Fasli 1269 was commenced and concluded in each District.