

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd February 1861.*

No. 356. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd February 1861, No. 1,001 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government, dated

232, From Ganjam, 4th, in Cons. 14th Jan. 1861.		
508, do. 18th, " 28th " "	In Cons. 21st Nov. 1860,	21st November
413, " Vizagapatam, 15th, " 22nd " "	No. 6,047.	1860, No. 2,194,
303, " Godavery, 10th, " 16th " "		I am directed by
331, " Kistna, 8th, " 14th " "		the Board of Revenue to submit for the
483, " Nellore, 19th, " 25th " "		information of the Government of India the
402, " Bellary, 16th, " 21st " "		letters entered in the margin, received from
106, " Cuddapah, 5th, " 8th " "		Collectors in reply
238, " Kurnool, 8th, " 14th " "	Dated 26th Nov. 1860,	to the Board's
216, " Madras, 10th, " 12th " "	No. 5,479.	Circular, calling
234, " N. Arcot, 9th, " 14th " "		upon them to
392, " S. Arcot, 19th, " 21st " "		report the progress made in introducing the
237, " Tanjore, 10th, " 14th " "		Income Tax in their Districts.
302, " Trichinopoly, 14th, " 16th " "		2. The accompanying Statement pre-
235, " Madura, 9th, " 14th " "		pared in this Office from the Collectors'
159, " Tinnevely, 5th, " 10th " "		replies, shows in one view the operations of
240, " Coimbatore, 9th, " 14th " "		the Tax for the period ending 30th December
236, " Salem, 9th, " 14th " "		1860, and it will be seen that the total assess-
233, " N. Canara, 4th, " 14th " "		ment made to the above date under Sched-
120, " S. Canara, 4th, " 9th " "		ules 1 and 2 and Case 2 of Schedule 4
105, " Malabar, 3rd, " 8th " "		amounted to Rupees 2,26,036-4-7, and the
		collections to only Rupees 21,839-6-5.

3. This somewhat unsatisfactory result is to be mainly ascribed to the complicated nature of the Act and of the forms prescribed in it, and to the difficulty of obtaining those forms in the numerous Vernacular languages of this Presidency, and in the requisite numbers.

4. The Board hope that more satisfactory results will be shown by the Returns called for by them for the two first quarters ending 1st February.

5. The Board have issued a Circular* pointing out to Collectors the serious responsibility they will incur if further delay is allowed to occur without good and sufficient cause.

* Dated 14th February 1861, No. 838.

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1861, No. 435.

1. Ordered to be forwarded with the enclosed Statement for the information of the Government of India.

Nellore.	Salem.	2. The progress made by the Collectors up to the
Bellary.	North Canara.	end of 1860 is less than the Government had expected.
Madras.	South Canara.	In the eight Districts named in the margin, no assessments
Coimbatore.	Malabar.	at all appear to have been made up to that time. The
		Government approve of the order issued by the Board as
		noticed in the closing paragraph of their letter; and
		trust that the Returns to the close of the month of January will show greatly improved results.

3. It will be pointed out to the Board of Revenue that the form in which the information is placed before Government is inconvenient. It is that of a tabular Statement of which more than half the columns are almost wholly blank, with the particulars of information for each

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District thrown into the column of remarks in small and close print. In future the Board will be requested to give in the body of their Report the bulk of the information to be conveyed, summarizing as far as can conveniently be done the details from the several Districts, and with a Tabular Statement giving the figures.

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 358. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Home Department, dated 23rd February 1861, No. 436:—

SIR,

1. Adverting to my letter of the 6th instant, No. 288, I have now the honor to forward for the information of the Government of India a Report from the Board of Revenue of the progress made in the working of the Income Tax up to the close of the year 1860, together with a statement designed to show the details for each District in a compendious form.

2. The papers have reached the Government at so late an hour that it is possible to do no more than simply forward them to you.

3. It will be seen that the progress made has not been great. In eight Districts it appears that no assessments had been made at the date specified. On the whole the amount of the assessment made was 2,26,086; while that of the collections was Rupees 21,839. The cause assigned for this backwardness are the novelty of the tax and the complexity of the forms.

4. The Board have called for further reports of operations up to the end of January; and his information shall be transmitted to you on receipt.

IN CONS. 8TH JANUARY 1861, No. 105.
From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of MALABAR,
dated Calicut, 3rd January 1861, No. 1.

I have received your Circular* No. 5,479, calling for information as to the amount of assessments under Act XXXII of 1860.

2. No assessments have as yet been made in this province. There have been difficulties in starting the Act, but these, I trust, have been overcome, and by the end of the current month, I hope that the majority of the Returns will have been rendered.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Letter from the Collector, Madras
to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
of 3rd January 1861 regarding the
intermediate revenue.

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Enclosed find in a separate
form the statement to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
dated 28th January 1861.

IN CONS. 8TH JANUARY 1861, No. 106.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Officiating Collector of CUDDAPAH,
dated 5th January 1861.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters ending 31st
December 1860, in the District of Cuddapah.

Number of Schedule.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected and brought to account at 1 per cent.	Ditto ditto, at 2 and 3 per cent.	Assessment by Panchayet.		Assessment by composition.		Total number of cases of surcharge under all heads.	Number of appeals from do.	Number of cases in which surcharge was reversed.	Number of complaints against the Officers of the department.	Number of cases in which defendant was convicted.	Remarks.
				Number of cases.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount assessed.					
1	776 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	The late receipt of printed vernacular forms delayed the serving of the special Notices, and subsequently the originally sanctioned forms, regarding the profits from trades were found in operation, to be difficult of comprehension and fulfilment by the ordinary run of Native traders. It has, therefore, appeared expedient to circulate the revised form of No. 7 in the vernacular in lieu of the original form. This will explain the delay in the progress of assessment. There have been no complaints against any of the Assessors or other officers concerned in the operation of the Act. No difficulty in realising the proceeds of assessment is anticipated. The chief object and difficulty is in familiarising an uneducated class with the forms required in the returns, and in which the utmost simplicity and brevity are desirable, which will be effected by the promulgation of the revised forms.
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Exd. J. Wright.

IN CONS. 9TH JANUARY 1861, No. 120.
 From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of SOUTH CANARA,
 dated Mangalore, 4th January 1861, No. 1.

With reference to the Board's Circular, dated the 26th November last, No. 5,479, I have the honor to state for their information that the issue of the Special Notices with the forms has been completed, but they are not expected to be returned for the next 15 days. It has been impossible to do this sooner, owing to the long time it took to print all the forms in Canarese both for this district and North Canara.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Continued to be collected
 from the day to the
 Board of Revenue to the
 day to the day. (2)
 dated 27th January 1861 No. 1.*

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*With the form the collector
 sends to the Board of Revenue
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Enclosure No. 100 in the
from the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue to the Secretary to
Government 4th Jan 1861
January 1861 p. 111.

IN CONS. 10TH JANUARY 1861, No. 159.
From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,
dated 5th January 1861, No. 14.

I have the honor to forward prepared according to the form annexed to your Circular of the
26th November 1860, No. 5,479, a statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the
first two quarters ending 31st January 1861, in this district.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters
ending 31st January 1861, in the district of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

IN CONS. 12TH JANUARY 1861, No. 216.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Income Tax Commissioner for the Madras District,
dated Caroongooly, 10th January 1861.

With reference to the Circular Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November last, No. 5,479, calling for a report on the working of the Income Tax Act, I have the honor to state that no sooner were the instructions of the Board conveyed in their Circular of the 28th September last received in this Office, than orders were at once issued to the several Assessors to carry them into effect. But the novelty of the tax, and the difficulty felt by the people in comprehending the forms circulated to them, have materially retarded the successful operation of the Act in its present early stages. I regret to observe that notwithstanding repeated calls, I have not as yet been able to obtain from more than four Assessors even estimates of the number of persons in each Taluq liable to be taxed, and the probable collections that may be looked for annually. I have but yesterday received from only one Taluq, viz., Tirvullur, the Assessors' returns accompanied by the forms duly filled in by about 200 individuals; but the estimate has not been received from that Taluq. I have, however, called upon all the Assessors to hasten their returns, without at the same time committing themselves in the performance of their duty. As respects those who wished to be assessed by myself, Mr. V. Seth Sam is the only gentleman that has made a request of that kind up to the present time, and I have accordingly assessed him 49 Rupees under Schedule No. 1 for the year ending 30th June 1861, which will be duly collected by the Assessor of Tirvullur. Under these circumstances, I beg to state that the return called for in the Circular under reply, is blank for the quarter ending 31st December 1860.

Exd. J. Wright.

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from the Secretary to the B.
of Revenue to the Secretary
to the Government of B.R. dated
22^d Sept 1861 No. 1001.
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Letter from the
Collector of Tiruvallur to
the Board of Revenue dated
5th January 1861 No. 14 -
regarding the Income Tax
Returns.

IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 231.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Avenegudda, 8th January 1861, No. 5.

1. In reply to your Circular letter No. 2,194, dated 21st November 1860, calling for a report on the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters, I have the honor to inform you that the Act is not in operation to such an extent as to enable me to give the Board with any degree of completeness, the information called for in the statement which accompanied their Circular.
2. As already reported to the Board in my letter of the 26th November 1860, No. 7,263, special notices were issued to the people up to 31st October.
3. The total number of special notices subsequently sent to the Assessors was 3,200, and the work of serving these is still continued in some Taluqs. I hope that by the end of this month the whole number will have been served.
4. The whole of November was occupied in furnishing the Assessors with requisite forms and answering the questions asked by them.
5. Some neglected to make their returns under an impression, which I believe to have existed very generally, that the tax would be abandoned. Almost all, both European and Natives, complained of the obscurity of the Forms, and many pleaded that their accounts had not been made up for several years past. In all these cases explanations have been fully given through the Assessors, and all who desired it have been allowed the option of making their returns on the average of three years' profits.
6. The publication, as widely as possible, of the penalties prescribed in Part 19 of the Act had some effect in inducing parties to send in their returns to the Assessors during the month of December; but judging from the manner in which such returns have been made, I fear that surcharges will be heavy.
7. The assessment of two Taluqs only is nearly completed, and the total assessment fixed by me under Schedules 1 and 2 is Rupees 1,766-15. The accompanying statement will show the sums assessed under each schedule. The collections can hardly be said to have commenced under those schedules, the amount realised being only Rupees 2-5-0.
8. Total number of surcharges hitherto made is 63, against which I have received as yet but one appeal. Measures will be adopted for realising the sums due as soon as the appeal time is over.
9. No cases of assessment by Punchayet or by composition have occurred; and I hope to be able to give the Board a much more satisfactory result of the working of the Act by the end of the third quarter.
10. I have received a few remonstrances against the Tax from the merchants, but there has been no appearance of combination to resist it in any way.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters ending 31st December 1860, in the District of Kistna.

Exd. J. Wright.

*Received 12.10 in letter
from his Secretary to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Govt. R. C.
dated 12.10.1861 No. 1001*

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*By the from the Income Tax Comm.
-information for the - Taxpayers
- had to be returned & the Board
of Revenue of 12.10.1861.*

With reference to the Circular of the Board, dated 30th October last, No. 4,992, I have the honor to report briefly on the progress made in carrying out the provisions of the Income Tax in this district.

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Enclosure No. 5 in a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to the Government dated 27th January 1861.

IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 232.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,
dated Chatterpore, 4th January 1861, No. 32.

With reference to the Circular of the Board, dated 30th October last, No. 4,992, I have the honor to report briefly on the progress made in carrying out the provisions of the Income Tax in this district.

2. The total number of Notices issued was 2,834. The number of Returns received up to this time is 1,250, but they are very few of them of a reliable character, and Notices of Surcharge are still being sent out by almost all the Assessors.

3. Great delay occurred from the useless character of the original forms, and the reluctance of the people to make any return at all has only been overcome by repeated explanations, and latterly by the threat that the penalties of the Act would be enforced.

4. The assessment as it at present stands, is about 50,000 Rupees, probably next years' assessment will be higher. It is felt that the Act proceeds upon mistaken premises in counting upon the local knowledge of the Assessors regarding the income of individuals. Among the native community this is but generally known even by a man's most intimate associates, and is not ascertainable with certainty by official Assessors—neither has the Collector the means of testing satisfactorily the justice or otherwise of appeals.

5. The amount now collected, or in process of collection, is about 5,000 Rupees.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

By the Honble the Chief Secretary
to the Government of the Straits Settlements
Received 14th January 1861
Respecting the income tax Act.

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By the Honble the Chief Secretary
to the Government of the Straits Settlements
Received 14th January 1861
Respecting the income tax Act.

IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 233.
From W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of NORTH CANARA,
dated Honore, 4th January 1861:

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters ending 31st
December 1860, in the District of North Canara.

Number of Schedule.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected and brought to account at 1 per cent.	Do. at 2 and 3 per cent.	Assessments by Punchayet.			Assessment by composition.		Total number of cases of sur-charge under all heads.	Number of appeals from do.	Number of cases in which sur-charge was reversed.	Number of complaints against the officers of the department.	Number of cases in which defendant was convicted.	Remarks.
				Number of cases.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount assessed.						
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No collections have been made during the quarters under report. Special Notices indeed have not been served for want of the greater portion of the Vernacular printed forms which have not been as yet received from South Canara. Special Notices with forms of Returns in English have, however, been issued to the European residents.
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Exd. J. Tulloch.

IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 234,
From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Ranepet, 9th January 1861, No. 7.

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 26th November 1860, No. 5,479, and to paragraph 5 of my letter to their address, dated 22nd idem, No. 282, I have the honor to report that as the Income Tax forms were not fully received until the end of November last, the time originally fixed for the submission of Returns was extended to the 30th of that month. The Returns received up to the 31st December last from the Assessors of the Chittoor, Chendragiri and Palamaner taluqs have been carefully scrutinized and abstracts prepared, duplicates of which have been forwarded to the above-mentioned officers, to enable them at once to commence levying the duties.

2. The forms have now been served throughout the district, and of the 100 Returns received up to the close of the year, 85 have been sent back to be realised within their respective ranges.

3. Considering the novelty of the impost, the variety and complicated character of the Returns, and the general reluctance to take the lead, our progress though slow, is perhaps as good as was to be looked for under the circumstances. Besides these counteracting influences, the prospect of the season are, it must be remembered, singularly gloomy; and failing crops and famine prices are heavy drags on the smooth working of the machinery. Now, however, that the small end of the wedge is fairly in, I am in hopes I may be able to show better practical results when next I report on operations under the Act.

4. Of the 85 Returns received up to 31st December last, as many as 29 have had to be surcharged, being on their very face untrustworthy, and in nine cases have treble duties been imposed under the provisions of Section 210 of the Act, the parties concerned having failed alike, though the Returns were duly served on them, to send them in or give any explanation. The additional penalty was not, however, enforced in these cases. The total amount of duty assessed up to 31st December is Rupees 4,406-5-0, the demand for the 1st and 2nd quarters being Rupees 2,203-2-6, which I am still sanguine I shall be able to realise and credit in the accounts by the end of the current month.

5. No Returns have yet been received from the Wallaja, Vellore, Gudiatam and Arcot taluqs in which, as I need scarcely observe, the wealthiest classes of the agricultural and commercial community reside; nor have any Returns, I regret to add, come in from the large Zemindaries and Poliems of this district. The usual objections have been urged in those quarters, and extensions of time solicited on the ground that the notice was short, the forms complicated, and their private accounts incomplete and incapable of so speedy an adjustment.

6. To all such applications, I have returned firm but courteous answers, pointing out that the first instalment was overdue, and that every information respecting the mode of filling in the Returns might be procured from the Assessor of the range, or on application at my own office.

7. Beyond these applications for extensions of time, no open remonstrances have reached me from any quarter, nor has any active and organised hostility been manifested in the larger towns.

8. A statement prepared in the form received with the Proceedings already adverted to, is herewith appended.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters, ending 31st December 1860, in the district of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Consent given in a letter
from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Government dated
22nd February 1861.
• 18/10/61.

Letter from the
Collector of North Arcot
to the Board of Revenue
dated 4th January 1861
regarding the Income Tax
Returns.

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STATEMENT showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters, ending 31st December 1860, in the District of Madura.

Number of Schedule.	Amount assessed.	Amount collect- ed and brought to account at 1 per cent.	Amount collect- ed and brought to account at 2 and 3 per cent.	Assessments by Panchayets.		Assessment by composition.		Total num- ber of cases of surcharge under all heads.	Number appeals from of	Number of cases in which sur- charge was reversed.	Number of complaints against the officers of the department.	Number of cases in which de- fendant was convicted.	Remarks.
				Number of cases.	Amount assessed. collected.	Number of cases.	Amount assessed.						
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		1,982 0 0	6,135 11 6	Collections made by the Assessor at Ramnad who has not given the amount under each Schedule but in the gross. Collections made under the 1st part of Schedule 4, above that deducted by the Civil Auditor, and to which the parties become liable when their incomes from other sources are considered in connection with their pay or pension as the case may be.									
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Total.....				14,729 12 0									

be issued. At first some alarm was experienced by the recipients at the wording of some of the headings, but this was at once dispelled on explanation of their meaning; for instance, *situation of property* was supposed to mean the place where valuables, &c. were kept or concealed, and there was naturally great dislike and dread of revealing the hiding place. There has been no open opposition to the tax whatever. I find that the returns are more freely rendered in the towns than in the taluqs, more especially in the town of Madura; out of 836 issued in it 600 have been spontaneously rendered. The two leading men in the town, Teekarum Tobaje Iyer and Adamsab, almost at once gave in their returns and I am sure exerted themselves to persuade others to make theirs. I also received the greatest assistance from pensioned Sheristadar Venkat Row and an influential townsman Adymoolam Pillay who exerted themselves in explaining the forms and advising parties to accept the tax. I consider the Government is greatly indebted to these men for the part they have taken and the aid they have given. The Deputy Collector, Shashagiri Row, in charge of the treasury who is Assessor for the rich town of Madura containing nearly 50,000 inhabitants, has worked well as has also Mr. Hayes who, without any establishment whatever, has assessed a large number of people in the Ramnad Zemindary and has made large collections amounting to Rupees 8,117-12-0. Collections have been made in Madura town, Madura taluq and Shivegunza Zemindary for one quarter, and in Ramnad Zemindary for two quarters. None have been made yet that I am up to this aware of, in the taluqs of Tiruonunpalam, Periacolam, Malboor, Diniligi and Palani. The richest merchants in the district, the Nautukotai Chetties, have not yet been assessed; after the Pongal feast is over, I expect the heads of their caste to meet me for the purpose of assessment by composition. I look to get about 40,000 Rupees per annum from them, and expect that the tax for the district will yield about 70,000 Rupees. No complaints have been made against any of the collecting officers or Assessors. Though I am convinced many of the returns are understated, I have refrained for the present from surcharging, that I propose doing hereafter where I think necessary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Good morning Mr. V. H. Levinge
I am with pleasure to receive
the return of the amount to the
Government to the Government
of the District of Madura
dated 9th January 1861.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Collector of the District of Madura
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Enclosure. P. 1861 is a letter
from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Govt. B. D. O.
dated 22nd February 1861
No. 1001.

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Letter from the Collector of Madras
to the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue of 9th January 1861. No. 2
regarding the income tax returns.

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IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 236.
From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of SALEM,
dated 9th January 1861, No. 6.

With reference to the order of Government, dated the 21st November 1860, No. 2,194, calling for a report on the operation of the Income Tax and the Board's Proceedings thereon, dated the 26th idem, No. 5,479, I have the honor to state that up to the end of the year no actual assessments had been made in this district. The Assessors in each of the taluqs were supplied in November and December with the necessary forms, but only in a few cases had Returns and Abstracts been sent in, before the year closed.

2. The number of forms on account of Schedules 1 and 2, distributed in the taluqs, according to Returns sent in by the Assessors, was 1234. I have required the Assessors to send in a statement, every third day, showing the number of forms served in the interval, and have pressed on them the importance of at once fulfilling their duty in distributing the forms.

3. Under the circumstances now stated, I have not thought it necessary to submit any statement in the form sent by the Board. It will, I hope, be in my power to report far greater progress, in respect both to Returns and assessments, at the end of the present quarter.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure No. 18 in a letter from
the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue to the Secretary, to
Govt. R. D. dated 22nd May
1861 No. 1111

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Letter from the Collector to the Board
of Revenue dated 9th June 1861
re: regarding the Income Tax
Returns.

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IN Cons. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 237.
From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of TANJORE,
dated Vallum, 10th January 1861, No. 12.

As directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 26th November last, No. 5,479, I have the honor to submit the statement showing the progress made in the introduction of the Income Tax in this district up to the 31st December 1860.

2. Another statement showing what has been done in each taluq is also forwarded for the information of the Board and from which it will be seen that although a large number of Returns have yet to be sent in, they have come in much faster than we have been able to overtake them. Till the commencement of December, as the Board are aware, the season was a most critical one and my object throughout has been more to familiarize the people with the tax itself than to press for Returns.

3. I have every expectation that the assessment will be completed by the 10th proximo at furthest, and the realization of the impost, when once settled, will, I apprehend, be attended with no difficulty whatsoever.

ENC. 1:

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters ending 31st December 1860, in the district of Tanjore.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing what has been done regarding the Income Tax in the district of Tanjore.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

IN CONS. 14TH JANUARY 1861, No. 240.
From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated 9th January 1861, No. 6.

With reference to your Circular of the 26th November 1860, No. 5,470, I have the honor to inform you that no Income Tax has as yet been levied under Schedules 1 to 4.

2. The deductions made from the salaries of public servants up to 31st ultimo, amount to Rupees 3,929-10-10, of which 50-2-0 were refunded and the rest, viz., Rupees 3,899-9-10,* carried to the credit of Income Tax.

3. Printed forms of Returns and the requisite Notices have been distributed throughout the district; every effort has also been made to induce the parties to return their profits within a given time. It is hoped that collections will commence shortly.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

As reported in my letter, dated 23rd Nov. 1860, No. 228, Rupees.	3,014	0	0
Since recovered.....	55	9	10
	3,899	9	10

Enclosure No. 13 is a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. B. D. dated 28th January 1861.

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I have from the office of the Secretary to the Board of Revenue of the 15th Jan 1861 No. 13 regarding the income tax returns.

IN CONS. 16TH JANUARY 1861, No. 302.

From **Æ. R. McDONELL**, Esq., Officiating Collector of TRICHINOPOLY,
dated 14th January 1861, No. 14.

As directed in the Board's Circular, No. 5,479, dated the 26th November 1860, I have the honor to submit in the prescribed form the information called for. I further take this opportunity of making a brief report on the introduction and working of the Income Tax Act up to December 31st in this district.

2. The establishment for the Income Tax office was appointed on the 16th of October, the

General Notices were at once issued, and the Notification* explaining to the public the reasons which induced Government to impose this tax, was widely circulated, and its contents made known in every village in the district. Special Notices were then served on those liable to be taxed among the European and East Indian community residing in Trichinopoly; but owing to the unavoidable delay which occurred in printing the Vernacular forms, the Special Notices could not be served upon the Native community, till about the 1st of November. Fifteen days was the time allowed in every instance for making the Returns; however, no return was received and several of the merchants having appeared before me and stated that they were unable to understand the forms, and that they wished for further time to refer to parties at a distance with whom they did business, I extended the period to the 1st of December. Some of the most influential merchants of this town made their returns within the extended period, but still it was evident to me that the greater body of the people held back and evinced, to say the least of it, a spirit of passive resistance. I notified to them that I and the other Assessors were at all times willing to afford any explanation required, and I distributed copies of the Act in Tamil, calling attention to the penalties; however, from the 1st of December up to the 15th, as no returns were made, and as I found all conciliatory measures were useless, I determined to make an example and the penalties laid down in Section 210 were enforced against three recusant parties; this had the desired effect and from that moment everything has worked well, and returns come in regularly.

3. Up to this about 1,182 Notices have been issued, but the work is still going on.

4. I personally explained to the people the objects of Part XI of the Act, and with this view Tamil translations of this part of the Act were circulated, but the people would not avail themselves of the privilege of being assessed by a Panchayet, neither was any desire shown to take advantage of the composition provisions.

5. The sum collected and credited to "Income Tax" up to the 12th of this month, and the amount of assessments actually made up to the same date is shown in the margin.

Collections in the Taluq, including fine and forfeiture.....	Rs.	A.	P.
Assessments.....	2,288	2	6
	11,420	0	0

6. I regret I am quite unable at present to give the probable financial result, as called for by the Board in their Circular of the 30th of October last, I have positively no data to go upon. Notices are still being served, and as returns come in assessments in arrears will be made; the people are only now beginning to comprehend the nature of the impost. I have accepted for the most part their returns as correct, deeming it of great consequence this first year to introduce the Act quietly; all will come right eventually, and the sum realised next year will, I doubt not, be much in excess of this year's estimate.

7. No complaint has been preferred against any of the subordinate officers in the department.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters, ending 31st December 1860, in the district of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Enclosed by the Collector
the statement of the Board of the
income & the statement to the Board
dated 15th February 1861.*

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*By the form the Collector has
at the Secretary to the Board of the
of 9th January 1861 No. 6 by order
the Income Tax Returns.*

IN CONS. 16TH JANUARY 1861, No. 303.
From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the GODAVERY DISTRICT,
dated Pithapur, 11th January 1861.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Income Tax Act for the first two quarters ending 31st December 1860, in the Godavery District.

No. of Schedules.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected and brought to account at 1 per cent.	Do. do. at 2 and 3 per cent.	Assessments by		Assessment by compulsion.		Total number of cases of surcharge under all heads.	No. of appeals from do.	No. of cases in which surcharge was reversed.	No. of complaints against the officers of the department.	No. of cases in which defendant was convicted.	Remarks.
				No. of cases.	Amount assessed.	No. of cases.	Amount assessed.						
1	7,727 9 0	394 15 3	1,188 7 3	...	...	...	...	380	5	1	...	...	The date ultimately fixed for sending in the great bulk of the Returns was the 12th November, for a few issued later the 20th was the date named. There was some delay in the Returns coming in but, except in the town of Ellore, no general disinclination to obey the law was exhibited. By the end of the past month several Assessors' lists had been received, but not in time to admit of any very great progress being made in making the assessments, or to admit of the result of surcharges being reported. Surcharges Notices are being issued and disposed of and assessments are being now made with all possible rapidity. There is little doubt the Returns from Ellore will speedily be sent in.
2	5,215 13 0	173 3 3	546 11 3	...	...	...	...						
4	36 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	12,980 4 0	568 2 6	1,735 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosed with this is a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. of P. (D) dated 27th December 1861 No. 1001

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Letter from the City of Bristol
replied to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue of 14th Jan
1861 with regarding the income
tax Returns.

Enclosure No. 4 in a letter
from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue to the
Secretary to Govt. P. D.
dated 19th February 1861

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Letter from the Secretary Dis-
tributed to the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue of 11th Jan'y 1861 re:
- regarding the income tax Returns.

IN CONS. 21ST JANUARY 1861, No. 392.
From H. WOOD, Esq., Collector of SOUTH ARCOT,
dated Cuddalore, 19th January 1861, No. 1.

I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the Income Tax in this district called for in the Board's Circular, dated 26th November 1860.

2. My press could not complete the forms required until November. The General Notice had been circulated previously.

3. Antecedent to transmitting the forms to the Tahsildars, I sent them a paper describing in accordance with the Board's instructions exactly how they were to proceed.

4. The Tahsildar of Cuddalore returned me some of the Returns in his taluqs early in December. He had had the advantage of an explanation from me of orders of the Government of India, dated 2d November 1860, No. 10,980, directing the inclusion of the profits arising from lands in cases in which those profits with other gains would make a party liable to taxation, which I had seen published in a Madras journal. The other Tahsildars received the order in question about the middle of December only, and then had in many instances to revise their Returns.

5. In consequence the Returns did not begin to come in numerously until the end of December. Early this month I commenced the assessment. I have had the advantage of the assistance of Mr. Pugh, of the Firm of Parry and Company, a gentleman well acquainted with many of the traders in the district, in fixing it.

6. Upon the whole the assessment of the Tahsildars has been accepted, but in some cases it may prove too high. In others, on the other hand, it was thought it might have been raised without oppression; and in some instances it has been raised accordingly.

7. The assessment has been completed in Kullacoorchi and Trinamalle. The former a fourth, the latter a fifth class taluq. Returns as per margin were sent in from these taluqs. It will be seen that surcharges are the rule. In very few cases, it is presumed, has

a true statement been made. Men known to be wealthy returned their property at 2 or 3 Rupees a month, and many supposed to be taxable at the same amount per year. Most of the assessments were on an income of 2 to 300 Rupees. The appeals against the surcharges will occur towards the close of the month.

8. The Taluq of Velloppuram is a second class taluq. 258 Returns, giving an assessment of Rupees 1,932, are done. The remainder of the Returns are expected shortly, they should much increase the Tahsildar's estimate which amounted to the sum assessed on the Returns completed.

9. The estimates of the remaining taluqs are shown in the margin. I anticipate from a conversation I have had with the Tahsildar that the estimates from Cuddalore will be exceeded by the results considerably.

10. There has been no active resistance to the tax; a passive dislike to it has been shown in certain villages by parties of the same trade, agreeing amongst themselves to return a small fixed amount only. The system has operated to render the incidence

of the tax far from fair, favoring the rich, and, perhaps, making it unduly heavy on many not well off. This state of things can only be remedied by the insight into the incomes of individuals, the operations of future years will impart.

11. No applications for a Punchayet have been made, and no one has as yet expressed a desire to compound. No complaints have as yet been presented against the Assessors.

In the taluqs already completed 49 persons have not given in their Returns. They have been surcharged under the Act; but I suppose they will have an explanation to make of their delay which will relieve them from the penalties to which they are now exposed.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

	No. of Returns.	Assess- ment.	Sur- charges
Kullacoorchi...	768	Rs. 4,741	744
Trinamalle	331	2,438	259

1st Class, Chedumbrum.....	6,210
2nd " Tindevanum.....	3,780
3rd " Cuddalore.....	8,160
4th " Ellavanasore.....	9,923
Verdachelum.....	793
	28,166
Add Kullacoorchi.....	4,741
Trinamalle.....	2,438
Velloppuram.....	1,932
Total Rupees....	37,290

IN CONS. 21ST JANUARY 1861, No. 402.
From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of BELLARY,
dated Kamalapur, 16th January 1861, No. 14.

1. With reference to the Circular Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,479 of 26th November last, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board of Revenue, that owing to the neglect on the part of those liable to the Tax to send in their returns, no assessments were made in this District on account of Income tax up to 31st December 1860.

2. On the 10th October last, general notices were freely distributed throughout the District; but as the forms of Returns, &c., were not ready till the 12th November, I was unable to issue special notices earlier.

3. The serving of nearly the whole number of forms sent to the Taluqs, viz., 6,500, was continued actively during the months of November and December. The Taluq Assessors were authorized to allow 15 clear days from the date of issuing the forms, and they were directed to forward to the Huzur, the returns that might be sent in within the prescribed time, with an abstract according to Form No. 12, and to send in an abstract as per Form No. 13, of persons who had omitted to make their returns.

4. Constant applications have been made for explanation in regard to the forms and provisions of the Act; and many persons have applied for information as to the manner in which returns should be made, all which has been afforded. But notwithstanding this, and that considerable forbearance was shown, I found that almost all the people who were served with forms had omitted to return their profits, partly from ignorance, and partly from an anxiety to be allowed to follow the course that might be sanctioned for the Town of Bellary. I, therefore, thought it advisable to issue another notice to all those concerned, warning them that the penalty prescribed by the Act will be enforced if they neglect or refuse to make their returns within a week from receipt of this notice. The Sub-Collector also gave similar warning to the people at the settlement of the Taluqs of his division. Since the issue of these stringent orders, the people have commenced to send in their returns.

5. Out of 6,124 forms issued, 1,200 returns have been made up to the end of December; and it is probable that the remainder will be sent in without further delay. As most of the returns hitherto received have been prepared very inconsistently, the profits are being arranged under each of the different schedules.

6. It is estimated that about 5,000 special notices will have to be served hereafter; and it seems likely that by the end of this month, nearly the whole number to be sent out will have been issued, and the work of making assessments will be completed, and duplicates issued throughout the District by the end of February next.

7. On the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Government were pleased to order the assessment of Income tax being made by a Panchayet in the Towns of Bellary and Adoni. But on notifying this by proclamation, a number of leading members of the Native community of Bellary, presented a Petition on the 26th December, declining to be assessed by Panchayet, and praying to be allowed to fix a lump assessment for the whole Town, as originally proposed by them. This mode of assessment not being in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Petitioners were informed by me that the Government would not accede to their request; and that they must make individual returns, as contemplated under the Act, without further delay. They were further informed that the inhabitants of Madras have made their returns without any demur or difficulty. On the issue of this order, they commenced to make returns, and up to this date, about 30 returns have been received.

8. The assessment in the Town of Adoni is being made by a Panchayet sanctioned by me, and it is probable that they will complete the work by the end of the current month.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure will be a letter from the Huzur to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. P. S. dated 22nd January 1861.

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*Bellary from the Collector's Office
direct to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue dated 19th
January 1861 No. 14 regarding
the income tax Returns.*

IN CONS. 22ND JANUARY 1861, No. 413.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of VIZAGAPATAM,
dated 15th January 1861, No. 15.

I have the honor to send herewith the statement required*
by the Board of Revenue, showing the operations of the Income
Tax as far as it has as yet gone.

2. In my letter, dated November 26th, I informed you of the lateness of the receipt of the forms at my office from Madras, and how after certain of the forms had been printed at the press here by desire of the Board, the same forms were received from Madras by steamer or banghy in driblets. No forms were, therefore, distributed till the 15th November 1860; when distributed, all the Assessors and many of the Native merchants and tax-payers came to my office at Vizianagrum, asking for an interpretation of the forms and of the numerous English words as per margin, introduced into the forms, and written in the Telugu language, and in a Telugu peculiar to Madras, and consequently incomprehensible to all. A Circular explaining the meaning of those various terms had, therefore, to be published in the Gazette of the 11th December 1860, and after that only did the returns commence to come in.

3. All the Zemindars had the forms sent to them from my own office and their vakeels had full explanation and instructions given them at the time: their returns were, therefore, sent in quicker than those from the taluqs, and have been found generally pretty correct. The result of those returns is shown in column 2 of the present statement as 51,477 per year, or 25,738 for the first two quarters, which will all be collected, I trust, on or before the 1st of February.

4. The Zemindars who have not sent in their returns as yet, are chiefly residents in the hill tracts; but they also will, I hope, have duly made their returns and paid their two quarters due by the 10th of February.

5. As regards the returns from the native merchants both of the cusbah town and taluqs, I regret I cannot report at all so favorably. The returns have been sent in, and the Abstract (Form No. 12) has been duly prepared from the returns and forwarded to me by most of the Assessors. The correctness of any one of them, however, I very much doubt. The Abstract of the Assessor is correct, but the return of the tax-payer is what is not to be trusted.

6. The large trading ports of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam have put down their profits respectively, the former at Rupees 68,977-3-10, and the latter at Rupees 24,038. The Vizagapatam returns are decidedly false throughout, and the amount of tax the town ought to pay should, I imagine, come near to 10,000 Rupees. At Bimlipatam the chief traders are certainly only agents for firms at Madras, Negapatam, Pondicherry, &c., but still I think that there too the merchants have sent in false returns. I purpose therefore in accordance with Section 19, Act XXXII of 1860, calling in to-morrow to my assistance a few of the principal merchants of the above two places, and with them will take into consideration the returns, and assess the senders of them according to circumstances.

7. Mr. Dalzell, my Principal Assistant, has been instructed to examine the returns of the Ammani sub-division of Survasiddy, where he is now on jumabundy, and has been desired to call in there also the assistance of any respectable natives he may think proper.

8. Captain Owen will do the same to Nursipatam and Golcondah.

9. In spite, however, of the general dilatoriness and unwillingness to make returns, I hope before the 1st of February to have got in the greater portion of the tax which is exclusive of surcharges. If however every one were assessed according to his real means, and not according to the returns sent in, I fear that most part of the tax would consist of surcharges. I may be mistaken, and may have been more sanguine as to the general profits of the merchants and shop-keepers than I ought to be, but I shall be able to speak more positively of the returns from the two towns of

*Letter from the Collector of Madras
to the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue of 16th January 1861 with
regards to the income tax returns.*

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*Enclosed is 1st of 2nd letter
from the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue to the Secretary to
Government of 12th January 1861.
January 1861 No. 1001.*

Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam, after I have had the proposed consultation spoken of in the 6th paragraph of this letter, and shall then better know what faith to put in the returns from the rest of the district.

10. If however the returns are correct, I can now promise no more than 80,000 Rupees from the whole district, exclusive of the sums paid under Schedules 3 and 4, and of the sums paid by the firms at Bimlipatam, &c., who have expressed their wish to pay their portion of the tax at other places than those of this district where their head offices are located. I regret the slight delay that has occurred in forwarding this report, but it was inevitable, as I have been absent on important political duties in the interior of the district some time, and only returned last night.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act, for the first two quarters, ending 31st December 1860, in the district of Vizagapatam.

IN CONS. 25TH JANUARY 1861, No. 483.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of NELLORE,
dated Kothapatnam, 19th January 1861, No. 8.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,479, and dated 26th November 1860, directing the submission in the first week of January of the reports called for by the Government of India as to the progress made in introducing the Income tax.

2. The Board give at the same time a tabular statement, into which, they think, the information could be conveniently thrown, and in accordance to which I have shown on the next sheet, the progress made in this District under the several heads enumerated. Having been constantly on the move since the 2d of January, there has, I regret, been some delay in the submission of this report.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the operations of the Income Tax Act, for the period ending 31st December 1860, in the District of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enc^d. No 22 in a letter from
the Secy to the Q of Rev^y
to the Secy to Gov^r R.D. dated
22 February 1861. - No 1051.

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Statement shewing
the operations of the Income
tax Act for the period
ending 31 Dec 1860 in the
within mentioned Districts
of the Madras Presidency.

Ad. M.

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Enclosed herewith
is the Decree to the
Board of Revenue in the
decreeing to Government
of the subject of the
1861 R. 1001.

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Not from the Gov^r of
Madras to the Secy to the
to the Board of Revenue
dated 19th January 1861
regarding the income
tax returns.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the INCOME TAX ACT for the period ending 31st December 1860, in the undermentioned Districts of the Madras Presidency.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the INCOME TAX ACT for the period ending 31st December 1860.																							
DISTRICTS.	Number of Schedule.	Amount assessed.		Amount collected and brought to account at 1 per cent.		Do. do. at 2 and 3 per cent.		Assessments by Panchayet.				Assessment by Composition.		Total number of cases of surcharge under all heads.	Number of Appeals from do.	Number of cases in which surcharge was reversed.	Number of complaints against the Officers of the department.	Number of cases in which Defendant was convicted.	Abstract of the Collectors' remarks.				
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Number of cases.	Amount assessed.	Amount collected.	Number of cases.	Amount assessed.											
Ganjam.....	1	46,386	0 0	5	1 6	15	4 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	292	20	9	.....	.....	The Collector reported that the total number of notices issued was 2,834, the number of returns received 1,250, but that very few of them are of a reliable character. Notices of surcharge were still being sent out by almost all the Assessors. Great delay occurred from the useless character of the original forms, and the reluctance of the people to make any returns at all has only been overcome by repeated explanations, and latterly by the threat that the penalties of the Act would be enforced. It is expected that Rupees 25,738 for the first two quarters will all be collected before the 1st of February.				
Vizagapatam.....	4	4,240	0 0	961	1 10	3,279	0 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The assessment made is solely on the Zemindars' returns so far as received. The Native merchants of the large trading ports of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam had returned their profits respectively, the former at Rupees 68,977-3-10, and the latter at Rupees 24,038. The Collector considers these amounts to be decidedly understated, and he therefore proposed to associate with himself a few of the principal merchants of the above two places, and to assess the parties according to circumstances.				
Godavery District.....	1	50,121	8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	He has instructed his Principal Assistant, Mr. Dalzell to do the same in the Aumany sub-division of Survasiddy and Captain Owen in Narsipatam and Golgondah, where the returns are equally untrustworthy.				
Kistna District.....	2	1,356	3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	There was some delay in the returns coming in, but, except in the town of Ellore, no general disinclination to obey the law was exhibited. By the end of December several Assessors' lists had been received, but not in time to admit of any very great progress in making the assessments, and issuing notices of surcharges, or to admit of the result of the latter being reported. Surcharges notices are being issued and disposed of, and assessments are being now made with all possible rapidity.				
Nellore.....	4	7,727	9 0	394	15 3	1,188	7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	380	5	1	.....	.....	In this District 7,265 special notices have been issued to the people, 3,200 notices are still with the Assessors for issue in some Taluks, the whole will be served by the end of January 1861. Some persons neglected to furnish their returns under an impression that the Act would be abandoned, and almost all, both Europeans and Natives, complained of the obscurity of the forms. The assessment of two Taluks only is nearly completed. A few remonstrances against the tax have been received from the merchants, but there has been no appearance of combination to resist the tax in any way.				
Cuddapah.....	2	5,215	13 0	173	3 3	546	11 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No applications had been received for either panchayets or assessments by composition; the hearing of Appeals from surcharges had not commenced, and no complaints have been made. The Collections were to commence on the 1st February.				
Bellary.....	4	36	14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The 1st receipt of printed Vernacular forms delayed the serving of the special notices. Subsequently it appeared expedient to circulate the revised Form of No. 7 in the Vernacular in lieu of the original form. There have been no complaints against any of the Assessors or other officers concerned in the operation of the Act.				
Kurnool.....	1	776	3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No difficulty in realizing the proceeds of assessment is anticipated.				
Madras District (not including the Presidency town.).....	2	5,380	6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Owing to the neglect of those liable to the tax to send in their returns no assessments were made up to 31st December 1860, the serving of forms continued during November and December. Constant applications have been made for explanation in regard to the forms, and the provisions of the Act. Out of 6,124 forms issued 1,200 returns had been received up to the end of December. It was expected that the remainder would be sent in shortly, and that by the end of February the work of making the assessments would be completed. The people of Bellary after applying to be assessed by panchayet objected to be so assessed, and prayed to be allowed to fix a lump assessment on the town, which application being inadmissible under the Act they commenced to make their individual returns. The assessment in the town of Adoni was being made by a panchayet which it is expected would be completed by the end of January.				
North Arcot.....	4	372	2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The amounts entered are the assessment of only one Taluk in this district. Difficulty in procuring the necessary forms has delayed the general settlement of the tax, but it was expected that the assessments would be all fixed within the second quarter. Out of 537 special notices issued 408 were returned filled up before the close of the year, and several parties to whom special notices had not been issued themselves applied for the forms, and returned them filled up to the Assessors. There appears no general effort to evade the tax, and its introduction into this District will be effected without any difficulty or discontent amongst the people.				
South Arcot.....	1	92	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Owing to the novelty of the tax and the difficulty felt by the people in comprehending the forms circulated, little progress had been made in introducing the provisions of the Act, only 200 returns having reached the Collector. No collections have been yet made.				
Tanjore.....	2	4,133	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The returns from three Taluks up to 31st December last had been disposed of, and abstracts sent for levying the duties. The total amount of duty assessed up to the end of December last, was Rupees 4,406-5-0 and the amount due it was expected would be realized by the end of January.				
Trichinopoly.....	4	1,116	13 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No returns had been received from four large Taluks, nor from the large Zemindaries and Poliams of the District. The usual objections have been urged to the tax, and extensions of time solicited on the ground that the notice was short and the forms complicated, but beyond this no open remonstrances have been made from any quarter, nor has any active or organized hostility been manifested.				
Madura.....	2	2,799	14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The printing of the forms required could not be completed till November, and returns did not come in numerously until the close of December. The assessment made is that of two Taluks, and part of a third. The returns generally are not truthful, and surcharges are the rule. No active opposition is shown against the tax. No applications for assessment by panchayet or composition had been received.				
Tinnevelly.....	4	4,922	2 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A large number of returns had yet to be sent in. Till the commencement of December the season was a most critical one, and the Collector's object throughout has been more to familiarize the people with the tax itself than to press for returns. He expected to complete the assessment by the 10th February 1861, at furthest.				
Coimbatore.....	1	9,114	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	With the exception of some of the most influential merchants of the town of Trichinopoly returns were not received within the time allowed, viz., 1st December 1860, and the greater body of the people evinced a spirit of passive resistance to the Act, which was not overcome till the penalties laid down in Section 210 were enforced against three recusant parties; from that moment returns have been sent in regularly. Although the Collector personally explained the objects of Part XI of the Act, the people would not avail themselves of the privilege of being assessed by panchayet, neither was any desire shown to take advantage of the composition provisions.				
Salem.....	2	5,589	6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Up to the end of December 1,182 notices have been issued, and others are still being served. The people are only now beginning to comprehend the nature of the impost.				
North Canara.....	4	6,668	8 0	32	10 2	97	14 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No complaint has been preferred against any of the subordinate Officers in the Department.				
South Canara.....	2	3,838	4 0	46	12 6	142	2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Up to date 2,561 notices had been issued. At first some alarm was experienced by the recipients at the wording of some of the heads, but this was at once dispelled on explanation of their meaning, for instance situation of property was supposed to mean, the place where valuables, &c., were kept or concealed, and there was naturally great dislike and dread of revealing the hiding place. There has been no open opposition to the tax whatever, the returns are more freely rendered in the towns than in the Taluks, more especially in the town of Madura; out of 836 issued in it 600 have been rendered. The two leading men in the town Teekaram Tobaji Iyer and Adamsaib town of Madura; almost at once gave in their returns and exerted themselves to persuade other to make theirs. Pensioned Sheristadai Venketrow and an influential townsman A. Lymoolam Pillay exerted themselves in explaining the forms and afforded great assistance. Collections have been made in Madura town, Madura Taluk and Shevargunga Zemindary for one quarter, and in Ramnad Zemindary for two quarters. The richest merchants in the District, the Nautukottai Chetties had not yet been assessed, after the Pongal feast the Collector expected the heads of their caste to meet him for the purpose of a assessment by composition. The Collector expects that the tax for the district will yield about Rupees 70,000. No complaints have been made against any of the collecting Officers or Assessors.				
Malabar.....	4	19	4 0	0	2 0	0	6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The great deficiency of Officers in Tinnevelly prevented greater progress in introducing the Act.				
Total.....	Genl. Stat. New form of Return.	891	0 0	.....	.....	223	8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	In this district no Income Tax had as yet been levied by the Collector under Schedules 1 to 4, but he expected to commence collections shortly. He failed to furnish the information called for by the Board.				
		32,141	13 0	1,369	11 0	4,183	15 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Up to the end of the year, no actual assessment had been made, the Taluk Assessors were supplied in November and December with the necessary forms, and 1,234 forms of Schedules 1 and 2 were distributed before the year closed. The Collector expected to be able to report far greater progress in respect both to return and assessment at the end of the second quarter.				
		7,141	6 0	212	2 0	798	1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Difficulty in obtaining the Vernacular printed forms has delayed the introduction of the tax in North Canara.				
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	The issue of the special notices with the forms had been completed, but they were not expected to be returned for the next 15 days from date, delay in their distribution having been unavoidable, owing to the long time it took to print all the forms in Canara both for this District and North Canara.				
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No assessments had been made in this District. There have been difficulties in starting the Act, but it was expected that by the end of January the majority of the returns would have been received.				
		230	5 0	3	11 0	44	7 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
		5,760	1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
		1,997	3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
		592	10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
Total.....		2,26,086	4 7	5,181	15 6	16,657	7 0	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,856	26	10	.....	.....					

* Collections made by the Assessor at Kannal who has not given the amount under each Schedule but in the gross.
† Collections made under the 1st part of Schedule 4, above that deducted by the Civil Auditor and to which the parties become liable when their incomes from other sources are considered in connection with their pay or pension as the case may be.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th Feb 1864

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

Submitting with observations for
the information of Govt of India
letters from the Collrs reporting ^{Here enter 22nd February 1864}
on the progress made in intro-
ducing ^{the} Tax in the Districts

Ordered to be for-
warded with the enclosed
Statement for the information
of the Govt of India.

2 The progress made
by the Collrs up to the end
of 1860 is less than the Govt
had expected. In the eight
Districts named in the
margin no assessments
all appear to have been
made up to that time.
The Govt approve of the
Order issued by the Board
as noticed in the closing
Para

MR

W. All

W. W.

- Mylapore
- Pillay
- Chidambaram
- Coimbatore
- Salem
- North Canara
- South Canara
- Malabar.

Para of their letter, and
trust that the Returns
to the close of the month
of January will show greatly
improved results

3 It will be point-
ed out to the Board of
Revenue that the form in
which the information is
placed before Govt is incon-
venient. It is that of a
tabular statement of which
more than half the Co-
lums are almost wholly
blank, with the particulars
of information for each Dist^{ct}
thrown into the column of re-
marks in small and close
prints. In future the Board
will be requested to give in the
body of their Report the bulk
of the information to be
conveyed, summarizing as
far as can conveniently be
done the details from the
several Districts, and with
a Tabular Statement
giving

the figures for the same

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Colls of Income Tax
in the Districts up to
the end of 1860

No 356 + 357.

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By the Collector
of 23 February/61.

Board's letter, forwarding
my reports from the Colls
on the progress made in
introducing the Income
Tax into the Districts, with
orders thereon.