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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th November 1862.*

No. 73. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1862,
No. 6,741 :—

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Report on the Settlement of the Revenues of the Madras Presidency for Fasli 1270.

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2. In paragraph 2 the Government notice the tardy submission of the report in so many successive years, but the Board beg leave to observe that this has not been the case in recent years. On reference it will be found, that the reports for Faslis 1268 and 1269 were submitted much earlier than usual, they being dated 20th February 1860 and 16th February 1861, respectively. The Board admit that in the submission of the Report for Fasli 1270 delay occurred, but this was unavoidable for reasons already explained.

3. In paragraph 2 the Government desire to be informed of the reason for the failure in the Districts noted in the margin, to carry out their orders directing the continuance of the system of issuing fresh Puttahs every year as a matter of course, whether any alteration had or had not taken place in the Ryots' holdings. The Settlement Reports from these Districts contain the following information on the subject. The Collectors of Vizagapatam and South Arcot observed that in the Fasli under notice, Puttahs were for the first time issued in the permanent form, and that in future only those which require to be changed will be renewed. In Tinnevely the issue of fresh Puttahs in every case was rendered necessary by the very adverse character of the season, and the consequent grant of large remissions for waste, &c., which involved too numerous changes to be conveniently noted in the old Puttahs. The peculiarities of the Land Assessment in this District, tended also to oppose the change of system, but Mr. Silver promised to adopt measures for introducing it from Fasli 1271, as far as practicable. The Collector of Trichinopoly states that it will be impossible to carry out the wishes of Government in regard to permanent Puttahs, till the new assessment is fixed for the District, but as this is likely to take place at no distant date, the Board consider it inexpedient to press the change at present. Mr. McDonell will however be requested in the meanwhile to explain more fully the nature of the difficulties experienced, and the Board will consider how these can be overcome. The new form of Puttah, recently approved by Government in their Order dated 27th September 1862, No. 2,108, is better adapted for a permanent Puttah than that now in use.

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Additional establishment.....	6,872	8,687	+	1,815
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contributed to swell the charges of the Department. An Abstract is given in the margin, showing the principal items of charges incurred in Fasli 1270 compared with Fasli 1269.

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7. With reference to paragraph 21, directing the Board to place themselves again in communication with the Inam Commissioner on the subject of certain irrecoverable balances in the Guntoor District, the Board observe that they recently addressed the Acting Inam Commissioner, under date 19th August 1862 on the subject, but no reply having been yet received, the Commissioner's attention will be again drawn specially to the requisition of Government.

8. The return of Receipts and charges for the last several years referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Order of Government under reply, will continue to be sent up with each ensuing year's Report as directed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLSTON, Secretary.

No. 74.

ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1862, No. 2,330.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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[Signature]
Secretary.

To Honorable T. Pycroft, Chief Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. Wright.

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