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No. 309. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1865, No. 5,262.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 20th July 1865, No. 140 A :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my Report on the settlement of escheats in Malabar during the past official year 1864-65. Copies of communications from the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, and from the Sub-Division Sheristadar deputed on this special duty in North Malabar, are enclosed.

2. The progress of the work will be seen by the following Statement :—

Description of land sold in 1864-65.															Gross value.	Deduction on account of compensation for improvements, settlements, liens, allowances for company, &c	Net valuation.						
Wet.			Dry.			Garden.			House sites, &c.			Total.											
Acre.	Ans.	16ths.	Acre.	Ans.	16ths.	Acre.	Ans.	16ths.	Acre.	Ans.	16ths.		Acre.	Ans.				16ths.					
North Malabar.															Rs.	A.	P.						
1,020	11	18	126	13	48	1,091	1	9	—	6	78	2,328	—	28	2,61,117	15	0	37,693	7	0	2,23,423	8	0
South Malabar.															Rs.	A.	P.						
2,319	4	—	1,379	4	—	470	8	—	6	8	—	4,178	8	—	8,11,019	9	7	26,777	14	0	7,74,241	11	7
Total...															11,72,137	8	7	74,470	6	0	10,97,667	5	7

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3. The aggregate extent of land sold during the year amounts, it will be observed, to 6,414 acres, with a gross valuation of Rupees 11,72,138. The sums deducted on account of compensation for improvements, payment of liens held by tenants, &c., &c., come to Rupees 74,470, shewing a net value of Rupees 10,97,667, which the purchasers have agreed to pay in the instalments noted below :—

Years.	North Malabar.			South Malabar.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1864-65	21,260	12	0	1,38,108	3	7	1,69,467	15	7
1865-66	62,361	0	0	1,60,932	8	0	2,23,293	8	0
1866-67	62,516	12	0	1,46,400	8	0	1,98,917	4	0
1867-68	42,672	8	0	1,26,407	8	0	1,69,080	0	0
1868-69	32,423	8	0	81,615	0	0	1,16,938	8	0
1869-70	23,688	0	0	51,020	0	0	74,708	0	0
1870-71	14,778	8	0	22,018	0	0	36,796	8	0
1871-72	9,909	8	0	10,373	0	0	20,282	8	0
1872-73	9,790	0	0	8,375	0	0	18,174	0	0
1873-74	8,804	0	0	8,000	0	0	16,804	0	0
1874-75	8,129	0	0	8,000	0	0	16,129	0	0
1875-76	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
1876-77	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
1877-78	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
1878-79	4,860	0	0	...	...	...	4,860	0	0
1879-80	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
1880-81	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
1881-82	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
1882-83	4,148	0	0	...	...	...	4,148	0	0
Total...	3,23,425	8	0	7,74,241	11	7	10,97,667	3	7

4. The total collections during the year amounted to Rupees 3,02,828, a total of Rupees 4,30,780 originally stood for collection in the year 1864-65, on account of that and former years. Deducting Rupees 2,95,833 collected, there was a balance at the close of the year, on the demand payable in the year, of Rupees 1,40,947. It is expected that the greater part of this will be collected during the current year; a sum of Rupees 6,995 was paid in advance of the instalments originally fixed.

Due in 1864-65.	Collected.			Balance.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Of previous balance	66,307	8	0	40,611	0	0
„ Instalments	3,70,472	3	7	2,55,221	8	2
Total...	4,36,779	11	7	2,95,832	8	2
Add collections in 1864-65, in advance of instalments fixed for subsequent periods...	...	...	...	6,995	8	0
Grand Total collected in 1864-65	...	...	...	3,02,828	0	2

5. The expenditure incurred aggregate Rupees 15,693* bearing a percentage of Rupees 1-0-10 over the net proceeds.

6. In consequence of the transfer of the Jemra right to private individuals, the sum of Rupees 9,232, hitherto payable annually on certain of the sold lands is, or will be very shortly relinquished. At five per cent. this annual payment would represent a capital of Rupees 1,84,640.

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Deducting then the expenses of establishment as above quoted, and the sum representing the capital of interest relinquished, we have a clear net gain to Government of Rupees 8,97,334 on the transactions of the year under report.

7. The following is an Abstract Statement of sales from the commencement :—

Particulars.	No. of Lands.	Extent in Acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation value of liens, &c., paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
North Malabar.		Acres Ans. 16ths	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Official year 1863-64	1,137	1,030 3 17	2,26,306 14 10	15,845 6 10	2,17,421 8 0
Do. 1864-65	1,537	2,238 0 24	2,81,117 15 0	37,692 7 0	2,23,425 8 0
Total...	2,664	3,268 3 41	5,07,424 12 10	53,537 13 10	4,50,847 0 0
South Malabar.					
Official year 1863-64 to do. 1867-68 inclusive	5,739	5,428 0	4,48,604 15 10	1,53,302 9 2	2,92,301 6 7
do. 1868-69	1,980	3,149 8	5,34,763 13 0	22,636 13 0	4,83,126 0 0
do. 1864-65	2,065	4,175 8	5,11,019 9 7	36,777 14 0	7,74,241 11 7
Total...	10,784	12,752 0	17,94,387 6 6	2,72,715 4 8	15,18,669 2 3
Grand Total (Demand)...					20,59,516 2 3
Of which has been collected up to 1864-65 inclusive.					
In North Malabar	...	...	...	...	1,19,449 9 7
„ South Malabar	...	...	...	...	6,51,277 9 7
Total Collections...					6,52,726 8 2
And remaining outstanding.					
In North Malabar	...	...	...	...	4,28,398 6 6
„ South Malabar	...	...	...	...	9,77,391 8 7
Total Balance...					14,05,789 15 0

8. This outstanding demand is composed partly of arrears hitherto due, but mainly of instalments hereafter payable. It is recoverable as follows :—

	North Malabar.			South Malabar.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
In 1865-66.									
(1) Arrears of demand previous to 1864-65	...	...	...	17,614	0	0	17,614	0	0
(2) Arrears of amount due in 1864-65, on account of that year	40,584	10	5	76,315	5	0	1,16,899	15	5
(3) Instalments payable in 1865-66	1,00,565	0	0	2,71,110	0	0	3,71,675	0	0
Total...	1,41,149	10	5	2,85,039	5	0	5,06,188	15	5
Instalments payable in 1866-67	74,974	4	0	2,25,012	0	0	2,99,986	4	0
Do. do. 1867-68	54,137	0	0	1,67,734	0	0	2,21,871	0	0
Do. do. 1868-69	35,305	8	0	1,05,032	3	7	1,43,337	11	0
Do. do. 1869-70	27,045	0	0	55,351	0	0	82,396	6	0
Do. do. 1870-71	16,915	8	0	24,173	0	0	41,088	8	0
Do. do. 1871-72	11,053	8	0	10,475	0	0	21,528	8	0
Do. do. 1872-73	10,304	0	0	8,475	0	0	18,779	0	0
Do. do. 1873-74	9,309	0	0	8,100	0	0	17,409	0	0
Do. do. 1874-75	8,129	0	0	8,000	0	0	16,129	0	0
Do. do. 1875-76	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
Do. do. 1876-77	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
Do. do. 1877-78	4,928	0	0	...	...	...	4,928	0	0
Do. do. 1878-79	4,860	0	0	...	...	...	4,860	0	0
Do. do. 1879-80	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
Do. do. 1880-81	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
Do. do. 1881-82	4,428	0	0	...	...	...	4,428	0	0
Do. do. 1882-83	4,148	0	0	...	...	...	4,148	0	0
Grand Total...	4,28,398	6	6	9,77,391	8	7	14,05,789	15	0

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9. In North Malabar, various lands belonging to Government, but which have hitherto been enjoyed as private property, have been brought to light, and sold during the year under report at a net price of Rupees 26,228; and in South Malabar similar lands realized the net amount of Rupees 50,639 during the year under review, and the previous one.

10. The lands in South Malabar, which form portions of Chenai Nair's and the Korut and Panangat Nambudries estates in Palghat, escheated to Government in 1811 or 1812. The Government title to many of them, however, has lain practically dormant till now, for though originally orders were issued for their formal leasing in a manner that would have kept the Government claims in prominent view, these orders were but partially carried out; the lands were left very much to be dealt with as the tenants pleased, and in fact have been occupied as private lands uninterruptedly, or changed hands as such in some instances several times.

In such cases it would be harsh in the extreme to ignore the intermediate claims that have sprung up; and indeed the attempt would lead to well-founded discontent and interminable litigation.

The Settlement officers have, therefore, been permitted and instructed to use a large discretion in their demands, and to make all legitimate allowance for *bona fide* payments to former occupants on entry by present tenants of long standing, who are now called on formally to purchase the proprietary right, and such like cases.

The deductions shewn in the Statements in paragraphs 2 and 7 are of this nature.

11. The value of lands remaining to be settled in North Malabar is approximately estimated at Rupees 3,40,000, and the work is expected to be completed by the end of the current official year, up to which time the existing establishment will have to be maintained, but if any reduction in the interim seems necessary, it will be made.

12. In South Malabar, many cases yet remain to be settled. Nearly the whole of the important ones will be finished during the current year. Till then the present establishment will be required. The settlement of the petty cases will occupy a few years more, but the establishment can be considerably curtailed.

13. Adverting to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th March last, No. 1,277, I have the honor to explain that the lands have almost in all cases been sold to the tenants, who have been allowed to pay up the purchase money by instalments confined generally within a period of ten years. The exceptions are one or two cases in North Malabar, where it was desirable to allow longer grace, as the holdings, the proprietary right of which is sold, are very extensive, and the amounts involved consequently large.

The sum of Rupees 6,10,830-15-7 noticed by the Board, is the amount of instalments thus payable calculated on the 30th April 1864.

The Statement in paragraph 7 of this letter will shew the full amount now remaining to be realized on account of lands sold, and the instalments by which it is expected to be recovered.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. CANAREN, Deputy Collector, Southern Division, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Cochin, 9th June 1865, No. 2.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the Report on the settlement of escheats in South Malabar during the past official year 1864-65.

2. The following table shews the progress of the work:—

Names of Escheats.	Particulars of lands sold.							Total.	
	Wet.		Dry.		Gardens.		Sites for houses, &c.		Jenny value.
	Acre.	Value.	Acre.	Value.	A.	Value.	A.	Value.	
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Mopla Rebels, &c. Escheated to Government more than fifty years since... Chenai Nair.	1,789	5,40,486 0 0	1,191	22,221 0 0	3,118	24,475 0 0	1	635 0 0	8,87,920 0 0
Palghat Rajah's Minister in Palghat, and Korat and Panangat Nambudries in Telampuram who died heirless...	861	1,09,177 0 0	183	6,030 4 0	89	11,204 8 0	3	2,936 8 0	1,29,418 2 0
Vetteth Rajah, who died heirless...	9	105 0 0	2	8 0 0	...	...	...	...	113 0 0
Dutch Escheats. In Manaprom village acquired by British Government.	186	84,621 10 10	2	485 0 0	82	8,356 12 0	1	305 0 0	83,668 7 7
Total ...	2,819	7,34,389 10 10	1,379	28,767 4 0	470	43,936 4 9	5	3,936 8 0	8,11,019 9 7
Deduct.									
Kooni Kannon, or compensation for improvement in garden lands ...								9,292 2 0	...
Vetloo Kannon, or expenses incurred in bringing lands into cultivation ...								1,374 0 0	36,774 14 0
Kannon, or mortgage ...								10,478 12 0	...
Relinquished on account of poverty, &c. ...								18,649 0 0	...
									Net value Rupees ... 7,74,241 11 7

Expenses incurred to carry on the work is Rupees 8,611-6-10, bearing a per-centage of Rupees 1-10-10.

3. The instalments, as per Statement annexed, have been agreed to by the purchasers for the payment of lands sold them. Of the amount of first instalment, only Rupees 1,08,452 have been collected:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Official year 1864-65	...	1,48,198	3	7
Do. 1865-66	...	1,60,932	8	0
Do. 1866-67	...	1,46,400	8	0
Do. 1867-68	...	1,26,407	8	0
Do. 1868-69	...	84,515	0	0
Do. 1869-70	...	51,020	0	0
Do. 1870-71	...	22,018	0	0
Do. 1871-72	...	10,375	0	0
Do. 1872-73	...	8,375	0	0
Do. 1873-74	...	8,000	0	0
Do. 1874-75	...	8,000	0	0

Total... 7,74,241 11 7

Total amount of Jenny Shistom relinquished in consequence of sale, is Rupees 5,865-13-3. At five per cent. this sum represents a capital of Rupees ... 1,17,316 4 5

Deducting which there remains a profit of Rupees ... 6,56,925 7 2

The balance 39,746-3-7 has been in arrears owing to the failure of crops, &c., but it is hoped that it will be realized in the current year.

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4. The following shows the total amount of Demand and Collection in the year under reference :—

	Demand.			Collection.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Arrears of old standing	40,470	0	0	22,856	0	0
Amount of instalments payable in the year under review as agreed in former years settlement	1,31,763	12	0	95,194	10	7
Instalments payable in the year under reference on account of Settlements of the year	1,48,198	3	7	1,08,452	0	0
Interest	3,20,431	13	7	2,20,502	10	7
Total	3,20,431	13	7	2,20,502	10	7
Grand Total	3,20,525	1	2	2,26,595	12	2

Expenses incurred to make the above collections	...	...	...	432	0	0
Bearing a per-centage of	...	...	...	0	3	1
5. Total expenses incurred during the year :—	Rs.	A.	P.			
Pay of the Establishment	7,818	0	2			
Saderward	61	0	5			
Contingent charges	149	6	3			
Dutta to arbitrators	1,315	0	0			
Total	9,343	6	10			

6. The annexed is an abstract Statement of sale from the commencement :—

Year.	Number.	Acre.	Total Joint value.	Deduction.	Net value.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
From official year 1853-54					
To do. 1862-63	5,739	5,423	4,45,604 15 10	1,53,303 9 3	2,92,301 6 7
Do. 1863-64	1,980	3,149	5,34,762 13 0	82,636 13 0	4,52,126 0 0
Total	7,719	8,572	9,80,367 12 10	2,35,940 6 3	7,44,427 6 7
Do. 1864-65	3,065	4,175	8,11,019 9 7	36,777 14 0	7,74,241 11 7
Grand Total	10,784	12,748	17,91,387 6 5	2,72,718 4 3	15,18,669 2 2
Amount collected from official years 1854-55 to 1863-64			3,14,774 15 0		5,41,277 9 7
Do. 1864-65			2,20,502 10 7		
Balance					9,77,391 8 7

7. This balance is expected to be realized as per following instalments :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Arrears of old standing	17,614	0	0
Amount uncollected during the year 1864-65 of the instalments fixed on settlements of that and former year	76,315	5	0
Instalments to be collected in 1865-66	2,71,110	0	0
1866-67	2,25,012	0	0
1867-68	1,67,734	0	0
1868-69	1,05,032	3	7
1869-70	53,351	0	0
1870-71	24,173	0	0
1871-72	10,475	0	0
1872-73	8,475	0	0
1873-74	8,100	0	0
1874-75	8,000	0	0
Total	9,77,391	8	7

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8. The following abstract exhibits the concealed lands discovered, and their value :—

In what year sold.	Particulars of lands sold.				Total.		Deduction.	Net value.
	Wet.	Dry.	Gardens.	Tanks, Wells, &c.				
	Ac. Value.	Ac. Value.	Ac. Value.	Ac. Value.	Acres.	Value.		
Official year 1863-64	183	84,864	90	2,133	42	4,897	3	1,380
Do. 1864-65	87	25,668	42	1,366	59	8,678	14	1,020
Total	271	1,10,532	131	3,499	111	13,575	47	2,380
					428	99,980	43,341	0 0 56,639 0 0

9. The whole of the above lands are in the Palghat Talook, and they are portions of Estates of Chenai Nair and Korut and Panangut Nambudries who died heirless. To conclude the settlement of these lands without dispute with the holders, a deduction of nearly half of the value had to be waived, and which, I hope, will be approved of by Government.

10. The above abstract of the settlement, made in 1863-64, was exhibited in my official report for that year, and beg to lay the same again before Government, in view to obtain instructions on the subject.

11. A brief account of the nature of the case is as follows :—

It was in 1811 or 1812 that the lands of the above three individuals became escheats. Mr. Thomas Warden, the then Collector, ordered his subordinate, Major Drummond, to have the titles of such lands renewed in the form which then obtained. It was shewn in that form that "If a person would come forward and offer to Government an increased Jenmy shistom, such lands will be taken off your hands and given him, when your Kannom, &c., will be returned to you."

12. Many small and large expensive houses of the tenants stand on these lands. Lands under cultivation also have been long in their possession, and their attachment to them is firmly adhered to. Their possessions on these lands having been thus disturbed, or rendered uncertain, the people through dislike turned their backs on Major Drummond.

13. Major Drummond, after strenuous endeavours, succeeded in getting only a few of the people to renew their titles, and the lands of others remained as they were for a lengthened period in the possession and enjoyment of the tenants thereof, and their successors, as their own.

14. While Mr. W. Robinson was head Assistant Collector in Palghat, he, with the permission of the Revenue Board, was about to have the deeds of lease executed in the time of Major Drummond renewed, the lands alluded to was made the subject of inquiry, and he caused them to be attached, but owing to his having left this for Europe, no settlement was then made.

15. I have now directed my attention to these lands, spoke to the holders thereof, and laid before them the revenue records, documents, &c., wherein is shown the rightful title of Government. Many of these holders purchased such lands of former holders; some of which have passed two and three hands in consequence of the rights to the lands being then undisputed. As it was owing to remissness on the part of Government Officers that poor people were led to these courses, it has become a matter calling for much consideration, and consequent deductions of one-half and two-thirds of the value in many cases, and to holders of some of the lands which had been in the possession of the same family from time immemorial, one-third on settlements, according to the circumstances of the people, had to be made.

16. There are many such cases which yet remain to be settled, value thereof may be estimated at several lacs of Rupees. If these are to be settled without dispute, large sums will have to be relinquished. I, therefore, beg that I may be informed of the wishes of Government on the subject.

17. What is next to be mentioned here is touching the cases remaining to be settled, which are of great weight, and will amount to more than those hitherto undertaken. I will endeavour to have nearly the whole of these done during the current year, up to which time the present establishment and other expenses should be maintained. At the end of the year there will be many petty

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cases unsettled. It will take some years more to finish this work, to carry on which, a small establishment will then be sufficient.

18. I have perused with regret paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 1,277 of 6th March last, in reference to the balances noted below. The Board's observations apply to "old arrears."

On account of settlement in Official year			Rs.	A.	P.
Do.	do.	1855-56	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1856-57	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1858-59	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1859-60	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1860-61	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1861-62	...	...	...
Do.	do.	1862-63	...	...	...
Total...			5,148	8	0

It is apparent that the escheat lands are in the possession of people of different classes, most of whom are of low circumstances in life.

I would here respectfully inquire whether this small sum, which fell in arrears, can be considered a matter of so much weight, whilst more than three lacs of Rupees have been peaceably collected, without disturbing the possession of the occupants, agreeably to the wishes of Government.

Be that as it may, the sum of Rupees 3,636-8-0 have been collected during the year under review, and the balance, Rupees 1,512, will, it is hoped, be collected in the current year

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD, Collector.

From C. NARANIAN, Sberistadar of the Sub-Division, on special duty, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 5th May 1865, No. 44.

- I respectfully beg to submit the result of the Escheat operations for the year 1864-65.
- The subjoined abstract will show the number of cases, as well as estates disposed of during the year under report, compared with the preceding one:—

Year.	Description of Estates.	Number of cases.	Number of Estates.	Acres.	Amount of gross value.	Amount of deductions.	Net amount.
1864-65.	Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Garden	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Building sites	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	436	1,237	2,236 0 21	8,61,117 18 0	37,691 7 0	8,23,426 0 0
1863-64.	As per account appended to paragraph 2 of the report for the last year	648	1,194	1,139 0 14	7,21,671 16 4	30,240 6 3	6,91,431 8 0
	Deduct cases reserved in last year for future disposal	8	87	20 12 12	15,164 16 7	1,496 16 7	13,670 0 0
	Remainder, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Garden	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Building sites	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	656	1,127	1,050 2 11	8,36,806 14 10	38,786 6 10	8,17,421 0 0
	Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Garden	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Building sites	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1,071	2,664	2,286 8 01	8,97,426 12 10	68,677 12 10	8,40,847 0 0
	Difference between the years 1863-64 and 1864-65	109	410	1,107 12 01	1,26,811 0 2	18,207 0 2	1,08,604 0 0

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- Abstract of the result of operations.
- Statement showing the various descriptions of Escheats disposed of.
- Statement of Talukwar do. do.
- Do. of cases of recovered estates.
- Demand Collection and Balance Statement.
- Statement of expenses.

3. Six statements, as noted in the margin, are submitted herewith, which are intended to afford particulars about the estates disposed of.

4. The operations have extended over the whole Division, and in thirty-five Amshoms, and seldom an estate has been valued without being personally inspected by myself.

5. In the number of cases disposed of during the year under report, there might appear a deficiency of 199, which can be fairly accounted for by a large number of estates valued to one single individual, the Chowakar Bappenkutti, who alone has about 380 estates.

6. In the number of estates disposed of, there is an increase of 410, and it would be satisfactory to learn that the amount of work done during the year has exceeded that of the previous one by nearly 150 per cent. in a financial point of view, being Rupees 3,23,425-8-0 over Rupees 2,17,421-8-0.

7. Out of the former sum, i. e., Rupees 3,23,425-8-0 valued, Rupees 26,228 are on 187 Government estates hitherto enjoyed by the occupants clandestinely as their private Jenm, and but just recovered in the eight Amshoms as shewn in the subjoined Statement, and in justice, I would beg to state that a part of which has been brought to light through the exertions of Inspector Suppu Patter:—

Talooks.	Amshoms.
1. Kottayom	1. Dharmapatam.
	2. Kandemkunn.
	3. Payassi.
	4. Palari.
2. Kurumbranad.	5. Kuttiadi.
	6. Kaviompara.
	7. Badagera.
3. Cherrackal	8. Thaliparamba.
Total	8.

8. Statement No. 4 will show how much of these are on Wet, Garden, and Dry lands, and the extent under each in detail in comparison with last year's result under similar account.

	1864-65.	1863-64.
	Rs.	Rs.
Wet	9,543	3,680
Garden	16,565	5,035
Dry	120	...
Total	26,228	8,715

9. The amount of demand up to this official year is Rupees 1,46,037-12-0, of which Rupees 1,12,448-9-7 have been collected up to 30th April 1865, which would leave a balance of Rupees 33,589-2-5, but this balance properly speaking will amount to Rupees 40,584-10-5 if Rupees 6,995-8-0 which are collections in advance of future kists, are deducted from the amount of actual collection. The arrears are in the course of collection. Parties generally withhold payment until some extreme measures, according to the tenor of the agreement, are taken. No estates were, however, sold during the year under report, on account of arrears of purchase money. Collections on account of interest on arrears amount to Rupees 1,444-10-3.

Demand.	Collections.	Balance.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1,46,037 12 0	Collection on account of kists...	1,05,453 1 7
	Do. in advance of kists...	6,995 8 0
	Total...	1,12,448 9 7
		40,584 10 5

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Reduced by subsequent collection up to 5th May of Rupees 2,667-4-7, to 37,917-5-10.

10. The instalments allowed generally have extended to ten years except in one or two special cases.

Years.	Rs.	A.	P.
1863	21,123	4	0
1864	89,989	0	0
1865	86,361	12	0
1866	76,040	0	0
1867	81,358	8	0
1868	85,402	0	0
1869	24,382	0	0
1870	15,521	8	0
1871	8,873	8	0
1872	5,128	8	0
1873	4,676	0	0
1874	4,041	0	0
1875	500	0	0
1876	500	0	0
1877	500	0	0
1878	500	0	0
1879	432	0	0

11. In some instances the parties who have purchased the escheats directly of Government, and consequently at a moderate price, have disposed of them to others with advantage to themselves.

12. The expenses during the year amounted to Rupees 6,349-8-0, which is about two per cent. on the net amount of sale.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of sale...	3,23,425	8	0
Expenses...	6,349	8	0

13. The amount of Jenma Shistom, to be given up consequent upon the disposal of the escheats, is Rupees 3,366-2-2, of which Rupees 622-1-0 are abandoned, because payment of the purchase money in full and part has been made into the Treasury.

14. In 265 cases title deeds have been given to purchasers, and the preliminary deeds have been executed in about 950 instances. It is clear that the amount of interest derivable from the capital* now being recovered in lieu of the right of Jenma Shistom† is far great.

	Rs.	A.	P.
...	8,40,847	0	0
...	8,346	2	2

15. The remaining work yet in hand, it is presumed, will be completed by the end of the present official year.

Talooks.	Number of Amshoms.	Approximate number of estates.	Approximate amount of valuation.
Kottayam	14	1,280	Rs. 2,00,000 0 0
Kurambanad	14	600	1,00,000 0 0
Cherrakal	11	200	40,000 0 0
Total		2,080	3,40,000 0 0

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD, Collector.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government. The last Annual Report for 1863-64 was submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings No. 5,247, dated 15th August 1864.

2. In the year under report, 6,413 acres were sold for Rupees 11,72,137, but deducting from this amount Rupees 74,470, paid to tenants as compensation for improvements, settlement of liens, allowances for occupancy, &c., the net proceeds amounted to 10,97,667 Rupees, or Rupees 4,23,119 more than the net proceeds of the previous year. The aggregate expenditure incurred was Rupees 15,693, or

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about Rupees 1-7-0 per cent. on the net proceeds which are to be collected, as in former cases, by annual instalments, extending in some of the cases disposed of in the year under report, over nineteen years, as shown in paragraph 3 of the Collector's report. The unusually long time allowed for payment in some of these cases was rendered by the necessary large extent of the holdings disposed of, and the large sums which had to be paid as purchase money.

3. The clear gain to Government on the year's transactions would, however, appear to be only Rupees 8,97,334; for a sum of Rupees 9,232, which hitherto formed an annual income to Government from some of these lands, will be relinquished in consequence of the transfer of the Jenm right to private individuals; and this sum is equivalent to the annual interest at five per cent. of a capital of Rupees 1,84,640, which, added to the year's expenditure, amounting to Rupees 15,693, should be deducted from the net proceeds as shewn in the margin,* in order to arrive at the net gain obtained by the year's transactions.

	Rs.
* Net proceeds	10,97,667
Deduct:	
Establishment, &c.	15,693
Capital	1,84,640
	2,00,333
Net gain	8,97,334

4. The gross collections of the year amounted to Rupees 3,02,828, including Rupees 6,995 paid in advance of instalments fixed for subsequent years. A balance of Rupees 1,40,947 out of the demand payable in the year, was due at its close; and it was expected that the greater part of this sum would be collected during the current year.

5. In paragraphs 7 and 8 of his report, the Collector furnishes Abstract Statements, shewing the results of the work from the initiation of the measure up to 1864-65, from which Statements it appears that the proprietary right in 16,036 acres has been sold for Rupees 23,88,811, and that deducting from this sum Rupees 3,29,295 paid to tenants for improvements, &c., the net proceeds, or total demand against the purchasers, amounted to Rupees 20,59,506, out of which Rupees 6,53,726 has been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 14,05,789 to be still realized by the annual instalments shewn in paragraph 8 of the Collector's report. A sum of Rupees 5,06,188 out of the above amount comprises arrears of instalments and instalments due in the current year.

6. As Government are aware* the Establishment with which the sale of these escheats in North and South Malabar

* Vide Government Order No. 14, dated 5th January 1865.

is being conducted, has been sanctioned by the Supreme Government up to the 30th April 1866, "but subject to such reduction as the Collector of Malabar may be able to effect in December 1865." The Collector now states that he will be unable to make any reduction before the 1st May next, as by far the most important part of the work remaining to be done will be completed only about that time, after which the Establishment can be considerably curtailed; but that if any reduction in the interim appears to be feasible, it will be effected.

7. The Board's call for information in paragraph 4 of their Proceedings, dated 6th March 1865, to which the Collector alludes in paragraph 13 and the

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Deputy Collector in paragraph 13 of their letters respectively, was made with the view of inducing the Officers immediately concerned to a speedy realization of the public revenue long outstanding; and was not intended to reflect prejudicially on the manner in which the Deputy Collector was conducting the responsible and delicate work entrusted to him. The zeal and efficiency of this Officer have been acknowledged by the Board and Government on former occasions, during the progress of the work. The out-turn of work in the year under report shows that no relaxation has taken place in his efforts to bring the sales to an early termination.

8. The value (in some cases amounting to half and two-thirds of the gross value) which requires to be relinquished on account of compensation for improvements, settlement of liens, allowances for occupancy, &c., in effecting a sale of some of the lands, may appear large; but under the explanation afforded by the Deputy Collector in paragraphs 9 to 10, and by the Collector in paragraph 10 of their reports respectively, the Board consider that these concessions are only proper, as extensive private rights have grown up, litigation is to be discouraged, and occupants are not to be disturbed in their possession. The Board accordingly approve of the large discretion with which, as the Collector reports, he has found it necessary to invest the two Officers concerned in making their settlements.

No. 310.

ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1865, No. 2,210.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government consider over that the report on the progress in the disposal of the Landlords' right in the Malabar

Escheats, submitted with the above letter, is very satisfactory.

2. The right in land, aggregating 6,414 Acres in extent, was sold to the tenants for Rupees 10,97,667, after making liberal allowance for the value of their improvements and investments. The Landlords' rent hitherto received but now relinquished, amounting to Rupees 9,232 represents, at 5 per cent., a capital of Rupees 1,84,640, deducting which from the net sale proceeds there remains a sum of Rupees 8,07,334 as representing the value attached by the tenants to the proprietary right in their holdings, which is a very satisfactory indication of the prosperous condition of the District.

3. The amount actually realized up to the present time by these Escheat sales is Rupees 6,53,726 out of a sum of Rupees 20,59,516, the sale proceeds of Acres 13,449 of land, the balance, Rupees 14,05,789, being payable hereafter by instalments. Only Rupees 17,614 is in arrears on account of instalments due previous to 1864-65.

4. The actual collections of the year were Rupees 3,02,828, and the charges Rupees 15,893, or Rupees 1-6-10 per cent. of the receipts.

5. It is expected that the bulk of the remaining cases will be settled in the current official year, when the Establishment will admit of reduction.

6. The Collector will be careful to credit the Local Fund with the 10 per cent. of the net sale proceeds granted by the Supreme Government in letter dated 17th January 1865, communicated in G. O. dated 11th February 1865, No. 205.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th Sept. 1865.

Read at the following
Bo. of the Bd. of Revenue.

Submitting for order with remarks, report of the Col. of Malabar on the settlement of Escheats during 1864/5.

(Here enter 28th Sept 1865, No. 5,262/-)

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