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No. 274. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1866, No. 6,533 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 29th August 1866, No. 256.

1. I have the honor to submit my Report on the settlement of Escheats in Malabar during the past official year 1865-66. Copies of the communications received from the two officers deputed for the work are enclosed.

2. The subjoined statement shews the progress of the work during the year under report :—

	Description of land sold in 1865-66.												Gross value.			Deduction on account of compensation for improvements, settlements of liens, allowances for occupying, &c.			Net valuation.		
	Wet.			Dry.			Garden.			House-sites, &c.			Total.								
	A.	A.	S.	A.	A.	S.	A.	A.	S.	A.	A.	S.	A.	A.	S.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
North Malabar... ...	298	10	1¼	137	9	0½	417	7	4½	24	9	1¼	878	3	7¾	1,21,203	6	0	5,263	10	0	1,15,939	12	0
South do.	291	6	0	133	12	0	233	0	0	0	12	0	658	14	0	3,43,037	11	7	24,964	0	0	3,18,073	11	7
Total ...	590	0	1¼	271	5	0½	650	7	4½	25	5	1¼	1,537	1	7¾	4,64,241	1	7	30,227	10	0	4,34,013	7	7
Deduct Cochin sales.	205	8	0	1	0	0	233	0	0	0	4	0	439	12	0	3,16,306	4	0	21,118	0	0	2,95,188	4	0
Remainder..	384	8	1¼	270	5	0½	417	7	4½	25	1	1¼	1,097	5	7¾	1,47,934	13	7	9,109	10	0	1,38,825	3	7

I must observe that valuations were made during the year by the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, of Government properties in Cochin, to the extent of Rupees 2,95,188. Petitions, however, objecting to certain of these valuations were presented to the Board, and in J. H. Fernandez's case, the Board directed that no demand should be made until their orders were received. Under the circumstances I thought it best to postpone all demands on this account. But a small sum of Rupees 869 was collected previously. I have now entered these Cochin figures separately, and excluded the amount from the Statement of Demand and Balance. Hence the difference observable between my figures and those of the Deputy Collector, in which latter the Cochin valuations are included.

3. It will be seen from the Statement that the total extent of land sold amounts to 1,098 acres, with a gross valuation of Rupees 1,47,935. Deducting from this Rupees 9,110 on account of compensation for improvements, of liens held by tenants, &c., there is a net value of Rupees 1,38,825, which, when compared with the net valuation of sales of the previous year, shews a decrease of Rupees 9,68,841. The decrease shewn by the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, amounts to Rupees 4,56,168, and is ascribed by him to the progress of the settlement having been arrested by the great prevalence of cholera, and by the generally unfavorable season. He was absent at Anjengo and Tangacherry for some time. But the deduction of the Cochin valuations takes near five-sixths from the total given by the Deputy Collector.

The Serishtadar on special duty mentions somewhat similar causes. He also was absent on leave for two months during the year.

I consider that the causes advanced are sufficient, and that the progress of the valuations has been as great as could, under the untoward circumstances of the year, well be looked for.

The purchasers have agreed to pay in the instalments noted below :—

Official year.	North Malabar.	South Malabar.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1865-66	31,365 4 0	71,098 11 7	1,02,463 15 7
1866-67	28,000 0 0	57,148 0 0	85,148 0 0
1867-68	16,489 0 0	52,897 0 0	69,386 0 0
1868-69	13,722 8 0	48,414 0 0	62,136 8 0
1869-70	12,195 0 0	41,922 0 0	54,117 0 0
1870-71	6,515 0 0	34,469 0 0	40,984 0 0
1871-72	2,668 0 0	8,475 0 0	11,143 0 0
1872-73	1,385 0 0	3,650 0 0	5,035 0 0
1873-74	1,200 0 0	.....	1,200 0 0
1874-75	1,200 0 0	.....	1,200 0 0
1875-76	1,200 0 0	.....	1,200 0 0
Total ...	1,15,939 12 0	3,18,073 11 7	4,34,013 7 7
Deduct Sales at Cochin, for which particulars of instalments have not been furnished by the Deputy Collector			2,95,188 4 0
Remainder ...			1,38,825 3 7

4. The total collections during the year amounted to Rupees 3,00,393, against a demand of Rupees 5,52,569. The particulars of these items are shewn below :—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
On account of arrears of previous years	*1,34,636	60,670	73,969
Kists due in 1865-66, on account of settlements of past years	3,79,506	2,07,069	1,72,437
Kists due in 1865-66, on account of settlement in 1865-66	38,424	22,809	15,615
Total ...	5,52,569	2,90,548	2,62,021
Add—Collections on account of Cochin sales		869	
Add—Collections in advance of instalments fixed for subsequent periods		5,420	
Total ...		†2,96,837	
Interest ...		3,556	
Grand total ...		3,00,393	

North Malabar	... ...	5,770
South Malabar	... ...	6,664
		12,434

5. The expenditure aggregates Rupees 12,434, and bears a per-centage of Rupees 8-15-3 over the net proceeds.

6. The total amount of Jenmi shistom or annual rentals relinquished in consequence of sales during the year, is Rupees 1,782, which, calculated at five per cent., would represent a capital of Rs. 35,640.

Deducting, then, the expenditure incurred on account of establishment as above shewn, and the sum representing the capital of interest relinquished, there is a clear net gain to Government of Rupees 90,751, on the transactions of the year.

* This amount differs from the balance shewn in the last year's report by Rupees 6,308 Explanation has been called for from the Settlement officers. In the meanwhile, the present figures appear correct, and explanation will be submitted as soon as possible.

† There is a small difference of Rupees 130 between the collections as entered here and the Treasury account, for which explanation will be furnished shortly.

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7. An abstract of sales from the commencement is given below :—

Particulars.	Number of lands.	Extent in Acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation, value of liens, &c., paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
North Malabar. Official year 1863-64 ...	1,127	1,050 3 1¼	2,36,306 14 10	18,885 6 10	2,17,421 8 0
North Malabar. ,, 1864-65 ...	1,537	2,238 0 2½	3,61,117 15 0	*37,718 7 0	3,23,399 8 0
North Malabar. ,, 1865-66 ...	845	878 3 7½	1,21,203 6 0	5,263 10 0	1,15,939 12 0
Total ...	3,509	4,166 6 12	7,11,628 3 10	61,867 7 10	6,56,760 12 0
South Malabar. Official year 1853-54 to 1863-64 ...	7,719	8,572 8 0	9,80,793 7 6	2,35,940 6 3	7,44,853 1 3
South Malabar. ,, 1864-65 ...	3,065	4,175 8 0	8,11,019 9 7	36,777 14 0	7,74,241 11 7
South Malabar. ,, 1865-66 ...	833	219 2 0	26,731 7 7	3,846 0 0	22,885 7 7
Total ...	11,617	12,967 2 0	18,18,544 8 8	2,76,564 4 3	15,41,980 4 5
Grand total (Demand)					21,98,741 0 5
Of which has been collected up to 1865-66 (inclusive)					
In North Malabar					2,33,034 15 10
,, South Malabar					7,17,318 11 5
Total Collections...					9,50,353 11 3
And remaining outstanding					
In North Malabar					4,23,725 12 2
,, South Malabar					8,24,661 9 0
Total Balance...					12,48,387 5 2

8. This balance is recoverable by a series of easy instalments, as particularized below :—

Instalments in which payable.	North Malabar.	South Malabar.	Total.
	RS A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
In 1866-67. Amount uncollected as shewn in paragraph 4 (exclusive of Rupees 5,121 paid in advance in 1864-65).	57,348 0 2	2,62,723 5 0	3,20,071 5 2
In 1866-67. Instalments fixed for 1866-67	98,510 12 0	2,79,326 8 0	3,77,837 4 0
	1,55,858 12 2	5,42,049 13 0	6,97,908 9 2
1867-68	69,841 8 0	2,20,631 0 0	2,90,472 8 0
1868-69	51,830 8 0	1,53,209 12 0	2,05,040 4 0
1869-70	39,240 0 0	97,273 0 0	1,36,513 0 0
1870-71	23,430 8 0	58,642 0 0	82,072 8 0
1871-72	13,721 8 0	18,950 0 0	32,671 8 0
1872-73	11,689 0 0	12,125 0 0	23,814 0 0
1873-74	10,509 0 0	8,100 0 0	18,609 0 0
1874-75	9,329 0 0	8,000 0 0	17,329 0 0
1875-76	6,128 0 0	.....	6,128 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 ...	4,23,725 12 2	11,18,980 9 0	15,42,706 5 2
Deduct—Balance in Cochin, the instalments for which were not separately given by the Deputy Collector.	.....	2,94,319 0 0	2,94,319 0 0
Remainder ...	.....	8,24,661 9 0	12,48,387 5 2

* This amount includes Rupees 26, being remission granted during the year on account of the demand of 1864-65, in consideration of the poverty of the individuals from whom it was due.

9. Several lands belonging to Government, but hitherto enjoyed as private property, have been brought to light and sold during the year in North and South Malabar at Rupees 4,047 and 1,000, respectively. The remarks made in last year's report will be remembered, or can be referred to on this part of the subject.

10. The Cochin valuations and proposals for the continuance of operations form the subject of separate communications now being despatched.

From the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ponani, 29th June 1866, No. 31.

1. I have the honor to submit the Report on the settlement of Escheats in South Malabar during the past official year, 1865-66.

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

Names of Escheats.	PARTICULARS OF LANDS SOLD.								TOTAL.	
	WET.		DRY.		GARDENS.		SITES FOR HOUSES, &c.,			
	Acres.	Value.	A.	Value.	A.	Value.	A.	Value.	Acres.	Jenm value.
Mopla rebels, &c., escheated to Government more than fifty years since	31⅛	9,067 0 0	50¼	1,059 0 0	...	... ...	...	236 7 11	81¼	10,362 7 11
Chenat Nair, Palghat Rajah's Minister in Palghat, who died heirless.	49¼	13,345 0 0	82½	981 0 0	...	... ...	½	300 4 0	132¼	14,626 4 0
Bettut Rajah, who died heirless ..	...	75 0 0	...	... ...	...	37 0 0	...	... ...	...	112 0 0
Dutch Escheats in Cochin and Manaprom villages, acquired by British Government... ...	210¼	99,160 0 0	1	175 0 0	233	2,18,201 4 0	¼	400 11 8	444¾	3,17,936 13 8
Total...	291⅛	1,21,647 0 0	133¾	2,215 0 0	233	2,18,238 4 0	¾	937 7 7	658¼	3,43,037 11 7
Deduct... Kooyekanom, or compensation for improvements ... ... Vettokanom, or expenses for bringing lands into cultivation... ... Kanom or mortgage ... ... Relinquished on account of poverty, &c.								19,376 0 0 411 0 0 1,717 0 0 3,430 0 0		21,964 0 0
								Net value, Rupees...		3,18,073 11 7

The expenses incurred to carry on the work is Rupees 4,517-13-8, bearing a per-centage of Rupee 1-6-9.

3. The instalments, as shewn below, have been agreed to by the purchasers for the payment of lands sold them. Of the amount of the first instalment, only Rupees 6,500-11-7 has been collected. The balance Rupees 64,598 are in arrears, of which Rupees 58,050 should have been ere this paid by the tenants of British Cochin :—

		RS.	A.	P.
Official year	1865-66	71,098	11	7
Do.	1866-67	57,148	0	0
Do.	1867-68	52,897	0	0
Do.	1868-69	48,414	0	0
Do.	1869-70	41,922	0	0
Do.	1870-71	34,469	0	0
Do.	1871-72	8,475	0	0
Do.	1872-73	3,650	0	0
		3,18,073	11	7

Total amount of Jenmy shistom relinquished in consequence of sale is Rupees 3,975-10-10 ; at four per cent. this sum represents a capital of 99,391 14 10

Deducting which, there remains a profit of 2,18,681 12 9

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4. The following statement shews the total amount of Demand, Collection and Balance in the year under reference :—

Particulars.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
Amount which had fallen in arrears in 1855-56	21 0 0	.....	*21 0 0
Do. do. do. 1863-64 ...	17,593 0 0	1,431 0 0	16,162 0 0
Do. do. do. 1864-65 ...	76,315 5 0	22,926 0 0	53,389 5 0
Do. do. do. 1865-66 ...	2,73,943 8 0	1,45,390 8 0	1,28,553 0 0
Total ...	3,67,872 13 0	1,69,747 8 0	1,98,125 5 0
Instalments payable in the year under review on account of settlements of the year	71,098 11 7	6,500 11 7	64,598 0 0
Total ...	4,38,971 8 7	1,76,248 3 7	2,62,723 5 0
Interest ...	135 6 3	135 6 3	.....
Grand Total ...	4,39,106 14 10	1,76,383 9 10	2,62,723 5 0
Expenses incurred to make the above collections	.....	933 6 9	.....
Bearing a per-centage	.....	0 8 6	.....

The balance shewn above is to be realized from the Talooks shewn below :—

	RS.	A.	A.
Calicut Talook	2,718	0	0
Ernad do.	83,965	0	0
Wallawanad do.	15,590	8	0
Palghaut do.	25,258	13	0
Ponany do.	77,141	0	0
Cochin do.	58,050	0	0
Total ...	2,62,723	5	0

Of this balance, Rupees 49,478-11-8 has been collected after the close of the official year under notice.

Owing to the unfavorable crops during the year under review, and the two previous ones, the landholders have suffered much, which has been the cause the amount exhibited above to have fallen in arrears, but which is expected to be realized by degrees.

5. The subjoined is a statement of the total expenses incurred during the year :—

	Expenses for making settlements.	Expenses for making collections.	Expenses incurred for valuation of Anjengo and Tangacherry lands.	Total.
Pay of the Establishment	4,299 6 2	933 6 9	889 5 7	6,122 2 6
Saderwarid	14 10 6	.....	1 0 9	15 11 3
Contingent Charges	121 8 0	.....	9 0 0	130 8 0
Batta to office servants	68 5 0	.....	130 9 0	198 14 0
Do. to arbitrators	14 0 0	.....	183 0 0	197 0 0
Total ...	4,517 13 8	933 6 9	1,212 15 4	6,664 3 9

• Had escaped notice, but will soon be realized.

6. The annexed is an abstract statement of sales from the commencement :—

Particulars.	No.	Acres.	Total Jenm value	Deduction.	Net value.
From official year 1853-54 to do. do. 1863-64	7,719	8,572½	9,80,793 7 6	2,35,940 6 3	7,44,853 1 3
Do. do. 1864-65...	3,065	4,175½	8,11,019 9 7	36,777 14 0	7,74,241 11 7
Total ...	10,734	12,748	17,91,813 1 1	2,72,718 4 3	15,19,094 12 10
In the year under reference.	833	658$\frac{1}{16}$	3.43,037 11 7	24,964 0 0	3.18,073 11 7
Grand total ...	11,617	13,406$\frac{1}{16}$	21,34,850 12 8	2,97,682 4 3	18.37,168 8 5
Amount collected from the year 1854-55 to 1864-65				5,41,939 11 0	7,18,187 15 5
Do. do. 1865-66				1,76,248 3 7	
				Balance ...	11,18,980 9 0

7. The above balance is expected to be realized in the following years :—

1866-67	Amount uncollected as shewn in paragraph 4 of this Report	2,62,723 5 0	5,42,049 13 0
	Instalments fixed to be paid in 1866-67 ...	2,79,326 8 0	
1867-68	... ...	...	2,20,631 0 0
1868-69	... ...	...	1,53,209 12 0
1869-70	... ...	...	97,273 0 0
1870-71	... ...	...	58,642 0 0
1871-72	... ...	...	18,950 0 0
1872-73	... ...	...	12,125 0 0
1873-74	... ...	...	8,100 0 0
1874-75	... ...	...	8,000 0 0
		Total ...	11,18,980 9 0

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

In what year sold.	PARTICULARS OF LANDS SOLD.								TOTAL.			
	WET.		DRY.		GARDENS.		TANKS, WELLS, &c.					
	Acre	Value.	Acre	Value.	Acre	Value.	Acre	Value.	Acre	Value.	Deduction.	Net value.
Official year 1863-64 ...	183½	54,864	99½	2,133	42	4,897	3	1,360	328	63,254	28,761	34,493
1864-65 ...	87¾	25,665	42	1,366	69¼	8,675	1½	1,040	200¼	36,726	14,580	22,146
1865-66 ...	9	1,005	11¼	300	...	...	...	...	20¼	1,305	305	1,000
Total ...	280¼	81,534	152¾	3,799	111¼	13,572	4½	2,380	548½	1,01,285	43,646	57 639

9. I wished to make more settlement in the year under review than in the previous one, but regret I have not been able to do so, in consequence of the epidemic cholera which had prevailed for several months in the year in all the talooks of South Malabar, and which had caused great mortality among the people ; therefore I thought it inexpedient to send for the landholders who live at a great way off from my station, at such critical time, for the purpose ; and besides the rice-crops, which had been unfavorable for the last three years in Malabar, having disheartened the landholders, I was induced to carry on the settlement somewhat loosely.

(True Copy.)

Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

From NARANIAH, Serishtadar on Special duty, North Malabar, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 9th June 1866, No. 59.

1. I respectfully beg leave to submit the Statements connected with the operations of the Escheat Settlements in North Malabar, for the official year ending 30th April 1866.

2. Three hundred and sixty-seven cases have been disposed of during the year under report involving 845 Estates, valued at Rupees 1,16,154-12-0.

3. The following abstract will shew the result compared with the transactions of the preceding years :—

Years.	Description of Estates.	No. of cases.	No. of Estates	Extent in Acres.	Amount of gross Valuation.	Amount of Deductions.	Net amount of Valuation.
1865-66.	Wet		141	298 10 13¾	51,739 8 0	790 0 0	50,949 8 0
	Garden ...		213	417 7 4¼	24,286 10 0	2,525 10 0	21,761 0 0
	Dry		103	137 9 0½	3,685 8 0	100 0 0	3,585 8 0
	Building sites.		388	24 9 1¼	41,491 12 0	1,633 0 0	39,858 12 0
	Total ...	367	845	878 3 7¼	1,21,203 6 0	5,048 10 0	1,16,154 12 0
1864-65.	Wet		519	1,020 11 13	1.99,955 3 2	11,865 3 2	1,88,090 0 0
	Garden ...		906	1,091 1 9	1,55 710 3 10	*25,753 3 10	1,29,957 0 0
	Dry		88	125 12 4¾	4,396 0 0	100 0 0	4,296 0 0
	Building sites.		24	0 6 7¾	1,056 8 0	... ...	1,056 8 0
	Total ...	436	1,537	2.238 0 2½	3,61,117 15 0	37,718 7 0	3,23,309 8 0
	Decrease ...	69	692	1,359 12 10½	2,39,914 9 0	32,669 13 0	2.07,244 12 0
		635	1,127	1,050 3 1½	2,36,306 14 10	18,885 6 10	2,17,421 8 0
63-64							
	Grand total ...	1,438	3,509	4,166 6 12	7,18,628 3 10	61,652 7 10	6,56,975 12 0

4. It will be observed, from the above table, that the amount of work done in the present official year, is less to what it has been in the year preceding. The Serishtadar's absence on privilege leave during the earlier part of the year, and the epidemic diseases which prevailed to a more awful extent subsequently, have contributed to the less operations in the year under report.

5. Statement No. 1 shews the gross result of sales during the year in each talook, which amounts to Rupees 1,21,203-6-0. or to a net sum of Rupees 1,16,154-12 0.

Talook.	Gross amount.			Net amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Kottayom	52,342	10	10	50,379	12	0
Kurumbranad	66,180	11	2	63,095	0	0
Cherakel...	2,680	0	0	2,680	0	0
Total ...	1,21,203	6	0	1,16,154	12	0

Statement No. 2 exhibits the gross and net result of sales under each item and in each talook, from the commencement up to the official year under report, as well as the number of cases† and properties‡ disposed of.

† Number of cases, 1,438.
‡ Do. properties, 3,509.

Statement No. 3 is intended to shew the nature of escheats, such as those lapsed to Government by forfeiture, &c.

* This includes the sum of 26 Rupees remitted by order of the Collector, dated 2nd May 1865, No. 44.

Statement No. 4 is the Demand, in aggregate collection, and balance up to the official year 1865-66.

Demand	6,56,975	12	0
Collection	2,31,768	7	10
Balance ...	4,25,207	4	2

The following table will shew the demand, as per instalments granted up to 30th April 1866, the collection, and the balance :—

Demand up to 30th April 1866.	Collection.	Balance.
2,83 012	2,25,740 3 10	57,271 12 0
In advance of kists	7,285 4 0	... ...
Sales of trees...	2,33,025 7 10	... ...
	9 8 0	... ...
Total ...	2,33,034 15 10	... ...

Collection on account of interest amounts to Rupees 4,866-6-5.

A sum of Rupees 1,257 in one instance, and Rupees 9-8-0 in another, will be found under the head of Collection, which it would seem to require explanation ; the former, Rupees 1,257, is the value of certain estates sold, which has been paid into the Talook Treasury before the final order of the Collector confirming the sale has been received into the office, to admit of the demand being struck. The latter sum of Rupees 9-8-0 is the value of sale proceeds of certain trees on escheat lands sold through the Talook, and ordered, after the close of the accounts, to be carried to the credit of the Escheat Office, and which did not, likewise, admit of being carried under the head of Demand. Under this circumstance of the case, the actual collection would amount to Rupees 2,33,034-15-10 on account of sales, and Rupees 4,866-6-5 on account of interest, making in all Rupees 2,37,901-6-3.

	Rs.	A.	P.
For sales effected in 1863-64	57,127	0	0
Do. 1864-65	89,143	12	0
Do. 1865-66	1,36,741	4	0
Total ...	2,83,012	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Up to 30th April 1865	34,917	0	0
In 1865-66	4,047	8	0
Total ...	38,964	8	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Up to 30th April 1865	56,603	13	0
In 1865-66	5,048	10	0
Total ...	61,652	7	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Up to 30th April 1865	14,115	4	11
In 1865-66	5,769	14	3
Total ...	19,885	3	2

Sales up to 30th April 1866 ...	6,56,975	12	0
Expenses up to do.	19,885	3	2
Per-centage of expenses upon the sales ...	3	0	5

Statement No. 5 shews the dormant cases cleared and disposed of from the beginning up to the 30th April, amounting to Rupees 38,964-8-0.

Statement No. 6 is intended to exhibit the amount of deductions from the gross valuations on account of claims such as Kanom, Kuyikur, &c., which amounts to Rupees 5,048-10-0 in the year under report.

Statement No. 7 shews the expenses incurred on account of the establishment up to, and during the year under report, amounting to Rupees 19,885-3-2, bearing a per-centage of Rupees 3-0-5 from the commencement, or Rupees 5 upon the transaction of the year under report.

6. About 540 title deeds have been given to the purchasers.

7. Most of the Escheats in the Division have been disposed, and what remains are comparatively few, in scattered localities and in and about the Military Cantonment at Cannanore, and it is presumed that the remaining work, which is

estimated at a value of about two lacs of Rupees, will be finished by the end of the present calendar year.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. A. BALLARD, *Collector.*

1. Submitted for the information of Government. The Board consider the progress satisfactory under the circumstances.

2. The Cochin cases will be disposed of by the Board, immediately on receipt of the Collector's reports.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1866, No. 3,077.

Land Revenue

1. The Board should have reviewed the Collector's report, and shewn concisely what the operations during the year have been. The Government observe a great decrease in the amount of work performed in 1865-66, as shewn in the subjoined table:—

	Extent of land sold.	Gross valuation.	Compensation for improvements, &c.	Net valuation.
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1863-64	4,289	7,75,294	1,05,746	6,69,548
1864-65	6,414	11,72,138	74,470	10,97,667
1865-66	1,098	1,47,935	9,110	1,38,825

2. The work done in the year under report is very small, compared with the progress of each of the two previous years. Making allowance for the great prevalence of cholera, the unfavorable season, and the postponement of the cases in Cochin, the Government cannot concur with the Board in considering the "progress satisfactory under the circumstances."

3. The immediate result of this tardiness was disproportionate expenditure, as proved by the following figures:—

		Per-centage on the net proceeds.
1863-64	Rs. 16,426	2 7 3
1864-65	,, 15,693	1 6 10
1865-66	,, 12,434	8 15 3

The Board will instruct the Collector to watch the progress of these sales more closely in future.

4. The collections out of the settled demand were also slow. Only forty-five per cent. of the arrears of years previous to 1865-66 were realized, and more than forty-five per cent. of the Kists due in 1865-66 have not been received.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department. 6

No. 3077.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th October 1866

Read the following
Gro. of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting for information letter from Collr of Malabar, reporting on Settlement & Escheats during 1865/66

(Were enter 12 Sept/66 No 8553)

The Board should have reviewed the Collector's report & shown concisely what the operations during the year have been. The Govt observe a great decrease in the amount of work performed

performed in 1865/66
as shown in the sub-
joined table.

	extent of land sold	Gross valuation	compensation for improvements &c	Net valuation
	acres	Rs	Rs	Rs
1863/64	4289	775294	105746	669548
1864/65	6414	1172138	74470	1097667
1865/66	1198	147935	9110	138825

2 The work done in the year under report is very small compared with the progress of each of the two previous years. Making allowance for the great prevalence of Cholera, the unfavorable season and the postponement of the cases in Cochin, the Govt cannot concur with the Board in considering the progress "satisfactory under the "circumstances."

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3 The immediate result of this tardiness was disproportionate expenditure, as proved by the following figures.

		Percentage on net proceeds
1863/64	Rs 16,426	2-7-3
1864/65	" 15,673	1-6-16
1865/66	" 12,434	8-15-3

The Board will ~~have~~ instructed the Collr to watch the progress of these sales more closely in future.

4 The collections out of the settled demand were also slow. Only 45 per cent of the arrears of years previous to 1865/66 were realized, and more than 45 per cent of the Kists due in 1865/66 have not been received.

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Pro of the Madras
Government
of 13th November 1866.

Pro. No. 309. 310 & 14.9.65

The decrease in the
work performed in Malabar
escheats in 1865/66 noticed
and the Board of Revenue
requested to instruct the
Collr to watch the pro-
gress of sales more closely

No 2711-2715