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No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1868, No. 6,892 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th August 1868, No. 228:—

1. I have the honor to report on the progress of Escheat Settlement in Malabar, during the official year 1867-68.

2. The progress made during the year is shewn in the subjoined abstract:—

	Description of land sold in 1867-68.					Gross value.	Deduction on account of compensation for improvements, settlement of liens, allowances for occupancy rights, &c.	Net valuation.
	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	House site, &c.	Total.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar...	281 1/2	44 3/8	263 1/8	7/16	590 1/4	28,162 14 0	811 10 0	27,351 4 0
South Malabar...	718 3/16	356 1/8	1,274 1/4	5 5/16	2,355 3/16	4,05,462 3 5	86,167 0 0	3,19,295 3 5
Total...	999 1/16	401 1/16	1,538 3/16	5 1/8	2,945 1/16	4,33,625 1 5	86,978 10 0	3,46,646 7 5

The total extent of land sold in the year was 2,945 acres with a gross valuation of Rs. 4,33,625; from which a sum of Rupees 86,978 had to be deducted on account of compensation for improvements, payments of tenants' liens, &c., leaving Rupees 3,46,646 as the net value payable to Government on the year's settlement. The purchasers have agreed to pay this amount in instalments as noted below:—

Years.	North Malabar.			South Malabar.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1867-68...	6,146	12	0	31,776	3	5	37,922	15	5
1868-69...	5,690	8	0	31,610	8	0	37,301	0	0
1869-70...	5,038	0	0	36,036	0	0	41,074	0	0
1870-71...	4,050	0	0	35,012	8	0	39,062	8	0
1871-72...	2,782	0	0	33,484	8	0	36,266	8	0
1872-73...	1,892	0	0	32,387	8	0	34,279	8	0
1873-74...	1,182	0	0	31,357	8	0	32,539	8	0
1874-75...	570	0	0	27,402	8	0	27,972	8	0
1875-76...	...	...	...	22,625	8	0	22,625	8	0
1876-77...	...	...	...	17,061	8	0	17,061	8	0
1877-78...	...	...	...	11,553	0	0	11,553	0	0
1878-79...	...	...	...	2,888	0	0	2,888	0	0
1879-80...	...	...	...	1,600	0	0	1,600	0	0
1880-81...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
1881-82...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
1882-83...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
Total...	27,351	4	0	3,19,295	3	5	3,46,646	7	5

3. The aggregate settlement of the year shews an increase of only Rupees 10,397-0-11 over the previous years as reported upon by me in September last, though the present report embraces twelve months against eleven in the previous one. But it will be observed that only two out of the three sanctioned* Settlement Parties have been entertained. They have been working entirely in South Malabar during the year under report, and effected sales to the net value of Rupees 3,19,295, or Rs. 1,23,799 more than in the previous year. The entertainment of the third party sanctioned was not found desirable.

Net valuation of	Rs.	A.	P.
1866-67	3,36,249	6	6
1867-68	3,46,646	7	5
	10,397	0	11

* G. O., 2nd February 1867, No. 298.

For the completion of the settlement of North Malabar a few hands from the old establishment of that portion of the district were retained. The net value of the sales effected by them during the year is Rupees 27,351. The settlement of the few cases that still remain will be completed in the current year. The operations in North Malabar are being wound up, which accounts for the settlement not appearing as large as in previous years. It will be seen that the settlement in South Malabar does considerably exceed that of last year, the increase being, as abeve shewn, nearly a lac and a quarter.

4. The collections of the year amount to Rs. 2,65,597-10-6. The annexed statement shews the Demand, Collection, and Balance in detail:—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
On account of arrears of previous years	*3,76,763	1,15,846	2,60,917
Kists due in 1867-68 on account of settlement of past years	*2,98,275	1,35,642	1,62,633
Kists due in 1867-68 on account of settlement 1867-68 ...	37,923	9,068	28,855
Total...	7,12,961	2,60,556	4,52,405
Add collections on account of Cochin sales of 1865-66 ...	...	1,205	...
Do. do. in advance of instalments for subsequent periods...	...	3,569	...
	Total...	2,65,330	...
	Interest...	267	...
		2,65,597	...

On the balances I remark afterwards.

5. The expenditure in the year amounted to Rs. 21,244-4-6, bearing a percentage of Rs. 6-1-4 on the net value of the sales. The greater expenditure of the year, as compared with that of the previous one, is due to the partial entertainment of the larger establishment in Government Order, dated 2nd February 1867, No. 298, as noticed in paragraph 3 above. Its relatively higher percentage on the settlement amounts, is mainly due to the fact that the settlement in the north is

	Rs.	A.	P.
North Malabar	2,122	6	4
South Malabar	19,101	14	2
	21,224	4	6
Expenditure in 1866-67	9,522	11	9
Increase...	11,701	8	9

* The difference between the aggregate demand on account of arrears and on account of kists due in the year, Rupees 3,76,763 + 2,98,275 = 6,75,928, as shewn above, and Rupees 6,76,926 shewn in paragraph 8 of the previous year's report, Rupees 1,888, consists of (1) Rupees 1,061 which fell for collection in 1867-68, out of a total of Rs. 1,111 remitted in North Malabar on account of the poverty of the purchasers, and (2) Rupees 827 which fell for collection in South Malabar in 1867-68 out of a total of Rupees 957 relinquished; Rupees 92 on account of the site for the proposed Ernad Talook Cutcherry, (*vide* Government Order, dated 24th October 1867, No. 2,497,) and Rupees 865 credited on account of certain lands that had been sold by mistake as Government Escheat, but were found to have been private property; of this last mentioned amount of Rupees 865, Rupees 45 collected in former years, was repaid in the year, and Rupees 820 struck out of the demand in this and succeeding years as it fell due.

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approaching completion, and that the cases in the south now being dealt with are of small individual amount, or of a more intricate character than the mass of those disposed of in the earlier years of the settlement.

6. The Jenmi Shistom (or the annual rent due to Government as proprietor) relinquished by the settlement of the year amounts to Rupees 1,225 per annum, and represents at the rate of five per cent. a capital of Rs. 24,496. Deducting, therefore, the cost of establishment as given in paragraph 5, and the amount representing the capital of interest relinquished, there appears a clear net gain to Government of Rupees 3,22,150 on the transactions of the year.

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

	Particulars.	Number of lands.	Extent in acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation, &c., paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
	Official years			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar.	1863-64...	1,127	1,050 3 1¾	2,36,306 14 10	*19,996 6 10	2,16,310 8 0
	1864-65...	1,537	2,238 0 2½	3,61,117 15 0	37,718 7 0	3,23,399 8 0
	1865-66...	845	878 3 7¾	1,21,203 6 0	5,263 10 0	1,15,939 12 0
	1866-67...	674	754 3 8½	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0
	1867-68...	313	590 13 3¾	28,162 14 0	811 10 0	27,351 4 0
	Total...	4,496	5,511 7 8½	8,95,482 9 11	71,728 15 11	8,23,753 10 0
South Malabar.	From 1853 to 1863-64.	7,719	8,572 8 0	9,80,793 7 6	2,35,940 6 3	7,44,853 1 3
	1864-65...	3,065	4,175 8 0	8,11,019 9 7	36,777 14 0	7,74,241 11 7
	1865-66...	294	219 2 0	26,731 7 7	3,846 0 0	22,885 7 7
	1866-67...	612	1,094 7 0	2,21,291 12 6	25,795 0 0	1,95,496 12 6
	1867-68...	2,205	2,355 2 0	4,05,462 3 5	86,167 0 0	3,19,295 3 5
	Total...	13,895	16,416 11 0	24,45,298 8 7	3,88,526 4 3	20,56,772 4 4
	†Deduct...	7	14 1 0	1,002 0 0	45 0 0	957 0 0
	Net...	13,888	16,402 10 0	24,44,296 8 7	3,88,481 4 3	20,55,815 4 4
	Grand Total	...	.....	.....	.....	28,79,568 14 4

Of which amount has been collected up to 1867-68:	Rs.	A.	P.
In North Malabar	4,31,122	9	4
,, South Malabar...	9,92,592	7	4
Total Collections... ...	14,23,715	0	8
And remaining outstanding in North Malabar	3,92,631	0	8
Do. South Malabar	10,63,222	13	0
	14,55,853	13	8

* Rupees 1,111 is added to "Deductions on account of compensation, &c.," for 1863-64, and deducted from the net proceeds of the same year.—(*Vide* foot-note to paragraph 4.)

† This deduction is on account of the resumption of site for the Ernad Talook Cutcherry, relinquishment of claims, &c., as noticed in the foot-note to paragraph 4.

8. This balance is recoverable in the following instalments:—

Instalments in which payable.	North Malabar.	South Malabar.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Arrears balance remaining to be collected in 1868-69	87,610 12 8	3,64,795 0 0	4,52,405 12 8
Instalments fixed for 1868-69	75,256 0 0	2,24,595 13 0	2,99,851 13 0
Total...	1,62,866 12 8	5,89,390 13 0	7,52,257 9 8
Do. do. 1869-70	59,309 8 0	1,20,417 0 0	1,79,726 8 0
Do. do. 1870-71	40,452 12 0	84,769 8 0	1,25,221 8 0
Do. do. 1871-72	26,277 12 0	58,114 8 0	84,392 4 0
Do. do. 1873-74	23,370 0 0	51,930 8 0	75,300 8 0
Do. do. 1874-75	17,782 0 0	50,391 8 0	68,173 8 0
Do. do. 1875-76	16,945 0 0	41,399 8 0	58,344 8 0
Do. do. 1876-77	9,804 0 0	27,557 8 0	37,361 8 0
Do. do. 1877-78	8,604 0 0	18,711 0 0	27,315 0 0
Do. do. 1878-79	4,928 0 0	11,553 0 0	16,481 0 0
Do. do. 1879-80	4,860 0 0	2,888 0 0	7,748 0 0
Do. do. 1880-81	4,428 0 0	1,600 0 0	6,028 0 0
Do. do. 1881-82	4,428 0 0	1,500 0 0	5,928 0 0
Do. do. 1882-83	4,428 0 0	1,500 0 0	5,928 0 0
	4,148 0 0	1,500 0 0	5,648 0 0
Total...	3,92,631 0 8	10,63,222 13 0	14,55,853 13 8

In the above statements the Cochin valuations of 1865-66, reported upon by me in my letter, dated 17th December 1867, No. 283 *b*, are not included. I have received the Board's Proceedings, dated 4th June 1868, No. 4,129, on this subject, and will address the Board thereon separately.

9. It will be seen by paragraphs 3 and 8 of this report, that there outstood, at the commencement of the now current year for collection in it, arrears amounting to Rupees 4,52,405, and instalments due to Rupees 2,99,851, aggregating to Rupees 7,52,257. The demand of the current year's settlement may come to some 40,000 Rupees, so there will be a total demand of little less than eight lacs for collection in it.

	RS.
1853-54 to 1862-63 both, inclusive	2,31,598
In 1863-64	1,19,300
,, 1864-65	3,02,828
,, 1865-66	3,00,393
,, 1866-67	2,12,791
,, 1867-68	2,65,597

The actual collections of previous years have been as noted.

The collections of the now current year have been as under:—

Months.	1867-68.	1868-69.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
April	49,461 14 0	37,834 14 4
May	44,876 0 0	37,844 7 2
June	25,683 6 9	28,915 11 4
July	19,449 5 2	55,860 14 2
Total...	1,39,470 9 11	1,60,455 15 0

That the balances will be cleared off this year is not to be expected; but I have no doubt that the steps now being taken by me will secure a collection of about 3½ to four lacs. The Tahsildars will have the aid of the collection staff sanctioned in the Government Order, dated 7th April 1868, No. 918, and the usefulness of this is already manifest.

There are some remarks connected with the question of collections which I reserve for a special communication as finding place more appropriately there, than in a report of past operations.

The settlement in North Malabar will be brought to a close in the course of this year.

That in South Malabar will require a further period; but the future operations will be spoken of more at length in the proposed communication just alluded to.

From NARANIAH, Acting Serishtadar, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 27th May 1868.

1. I beg leave to submit the Statements connected with the operations of the Escheat Settlements in North Malabar, for the past official year 1867-68.

2. The number of estates disposed of is 313* involving a sum of Rupees 27,346-4-0.

* Cases 193.

3. The following statement shows the progress of the work during the year under report:—

Names of Escheat.	Description of land sold in 1867-68.								Total.	
	Wet.		Dry.		Garden.		Sites for houses, &c.		Acres.	Value.
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.		
		RS.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS.		RS. A. P.
Government Jenm	141 7 11½	3,530	39 8 6½	618 4 0	165 14 0	3,619 12 6	0 0 1½	15	346 14 3¾	7,783 0 6
Confiscated Estates of rebels... ...	140 4 5½	14,954	5 5	62 0 0	97 13 14	4,737 13 6	0 7 11½	621	243 15 0	20,374 13 6
Total...	281 12 1¼	18,484	44 13 7½	680 4 0	263 11 14	8,357 10 0	0 7 13	636	590 13 3¾	28,157 14 0
Deduct Kuyikanam, compensation for improvements...									811 10 0	... ...
Net Value...										27,346 4 0
Amount of deposit forfeited on account of default of payment of purchase money										5 0 0
Total... ...									... ...	27,351 4 0

4. The amount of gross valuation is Rupees 28,162-14-0, the deductions being Rs. 811-10-0, as shewn below:—

Talooks.	Gross valuation.	Deduction.	Net value.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Kottayam	13,958 2 5	468 14 5	13,489 4 0
Kurambranad	11,799 11 7	342 11 7	11,457 0 0
Cherrakel	2,405 0 0	... ...	2,405 0 0
Total...	28,162 14 0	811 10 0	27,351 4 0

5. The above sum has been agreed upon to be paid at instalments extending up to eight years:—

Official year.	Amount.
	RS. A. P.
1867-68	6,146 12 0
1868-69	5,690 8 0
1869-70	5,038 0 0
1870-71	4,050 0 0
1871-72	2,782 0 0
1872-73	1,892 0 0
1873-74	1,182 0 0
1874-75	570 0 0
Total...	27,351 4 0

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

Official year.	No. of cases.	No. of estates.	Acres.	Gross value.	Deduction.	Net value.
				RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1863-64... ...	635	1,127	1,050 3 1¾	2,36,306 14 10	*19,996 6 10	*2,16,310 8 0
1864-65... ...	436	1,537	2,238 0 2½	3,61,117 15 0	37,718 7 0	3,23,399 8 0
1865-66... ...	367	845	878 3 7¾	1,21,203 6 0	5,263 10 0	1,15,939 12 0
1866-67... ...	252	674	754 3 8½	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0
Total...	1,690	4,183	4,920 10 4½	8,67,319 11 11	70,917 5 11	7,96,402 6 0
1867-68... ...	193	313	590 13 3¾	28,157 14 0	811 10 0	27,351 4 0
Total...	1,883	4,496	5,511 7 8¼	8,95,477 9 11	71,728 15 11	8,23,753 10 0

Amount collected up to 1866-67.	3,14,381	6 8
Do. 1867-68.	1,16,741	2 8
Total...	4,31,122	9 4
Balance...	3,92,631	0 8

7. The balance, as per settlement, will have to be realized in the following years:—

Years.	Amount. RS. A. P.
From 1863 to 1867-68...	87,610 12 8
1868-69...	75,256 0 0
1869-70...	59,309 8 0
1870-71...	40,452 0 0
1871-72...	26,277 12 0
1872-73...	23,370 0 0
1873-74...	17,782 0 0
1874-75...	16,945 0 0
1875-76...	9,804 0 0
1876-77...	8,604 0 0
1877-78...	4,928 0 0
1878-79...	4,860 0 0
1879-80...	4,428 0 0
1880-81...	4,428 0 0
1881-82...	4,428 0 0
1882-83...	4,148 0 0
Total...	3,92,631 0 8

* A difference of Rupees 1,111, between the last and this year's account, which will be observable under the Columns deductions and net value in 1863-64, is attributable to the remission of the amount given on account of poverty.

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8. The demand for the year 1867-68, on account of the prices of estates disposed of, together with the arrears outstanding, amounts to Rs. 2,00,782-15-4, and the collection to Rs. 1,16,899-0-10, the particulars of the same are shewn under:—

Items.	Demand.	Deduct amount relinquished on account of poverty.	Remainder.	Collection	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
On account of arrears of 1863-64...	256 0 0	107	149 0 0	20 0 0	129 0 0
Do. 1864-65...	2469 11 2	204	2,265 11 2	729 8 0	1,536 3 2
Do. 1865-66...	21,871 0 2	30	21,841 0 2	12,225 10 0	9,615 6 2
Do. 1866-67...	70,348 12 0	245	70,103 12 0	50,451 2 0	19,652 10 0
Do. 1867-68...	1,00,751 12 0	475	1,00,276 12 0	43,982 14 8	56,293 13 4
Total...	1,95,697 3 4	1,061	1,94,636 3 4	1,07,409 2 8	87,227 0 8
Kist due in 1867-68 on account of Settlement of 1867-68 ...	6,146 12 0	.....	6,146 12 0	5,763 0 0	383 12 0
Total...	2,01,843 15 4	1,061	2,00,782 15 4	1,13,172 2 8	87,610 12 8
Add collections in advance of instalments for future years				3,569 0 0	
Interest... ...				157 14 2	
Total... ...				1,16,899 0 10*	

9. The balance is due from the talooks shewn below:—

Talooks.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Per-centage of balance on demand.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Kottayam... ...	1,13,443 15 4	59,874 14 8	53,569 0 8	47 0
Cherrakel... ...	12,212 12 0	10,469 4 0	1,743 8 0	14 0
Kurumbranad ...	75,126 4 0	42,828 0 0	32,298 4 0	43 0
Total...	2,00,782 15 4	1,13,172 2 8	87,610 12 8	44 0

	Amount. RS. A. P.
In 1863-64...	36,243 0 0
,, 1864-65...	76,205 9 7
,, 1865-66...	1,20,576 14 3
,, 1866-67...	81,355 14 10
,, 1867-68...	1,16,741 2 8
	4,31,122 9 4

10. The following statement exhibits dormant cases discovered and their value, which is included in the abstract in paragraph 6:—

Years.	Wet.		Dry.		Garden.		Total.	
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.
		Rs.		Rs. A. P.		Rs.		Rs. A. P.
1863-64.	21 6 9½	3,680	... ...	... ...	34 10 2¼	5,035	56 0 11¾	8,715 0 0
1864-65.	65 14 0¼	9,543	3 0 15	120 0 0	101 14 4½	16,539	170 13 3¾	26,202 0 0
1865-66.	92 1 5½	2,815	19 14 13½	362 8 0	15 15 2½	870	127 15 5½	4,047 8 0
1866-67.	25 1 7½	2,202	... ...	.. ..	2 4 7¾	280	27 5 15¼	2,482 0 0
Total...	204 7 6¾	18,240	22 15 12½	482 8 0	154 12 1	22,724	382 3 4¼	41,446 8 0
1867-68.	8 9 14¾	319	... ...	... ...	4 7 15½	148	13 1 14¼	467 0 0
Total...	213 1 5½	18,559	22 15 12½	482 8 0	159 4 0½	22,872	395 5 2½	41,913 8 0

11. The expenses incurred during the year amount to Rupees 2,122-6-4.

12. Three hundred and sixty-three title-deeds have been given to the purchasers.

13. The amount of establishment sanctioned has been reduced to a great degree, and the present strength is shewn below, compared with the sanctioned one :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
As per sanction	7,452	0	2
Actual disbursement on account of establishment	1,958	13	10
Difference...	5,493	2	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount of sales in 1867-68...	27,351	4	0
Charges in do.	2,122	6	4
Per-centage...	7	12	0

The main part of the work has been very nearly finished, and what remains are only a few scattered estates in isolated feverish and jungly localities where the estates are in least demand. This, it is hoped, will be disposed of in the current year.

From C. CANAREN, Superintendent of Escheat Establishment, Ponany, to the Collector of Malabar, dated 21st May 1868, No. 35.

1. I have the honor to submit the report on the Settlement of Escheats in South Malabar, during the past official year 1867-68.

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

Names of Escheat.	Particulars of land sold.								Total.	
	Wet.		Dry.		Garden.		Sites for houses, &c.		Acres.	Jenm value.
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	As.	Value.		
								Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Moplah rebels, &c., escheated to Government more than fifty years since	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	274 10 10	.....	274 10 10
Cherat Nair Palghat Raja's Minister in Palghat, &c., who died heirless, &c	173 15/16	43,635	46 5/16	1,793	101 15/16	12,670	5 1/16	975 0 0	327 7/16	59,073 0 0
Betat Raja who died heirless.....	...	.....	...	...	68 4/16	5,593	...	0 8 0	68 4/16	5,593 8 0
Dutch escheats in Cochin and Manapuram villages acquired by British Govt	544 5/16	1,14,024	310 5/16	6,441	1,104 11/16	2,19,807	1/16	249 0 7	1,959 7/16	3,40,521 0 7
Total...	718 5/16	1,57,659	356 13/16	8,234	1,274 13/16	2,38,070	5 5/16	1,499 3 5	2,355 5/16	4,05,462 3 5
Deduct ... Kuikanom, or compensation for improvements.....									65,346	
Vettookanom, or expenses in bringing lands into cultivation.....									3,781	
Kanom, or mortgage.....									4,482	
Relinquished on account of poverty, &c.....									12,558	
										86,167 0 0
Net value...										3,19,295 3 5

The net amount settled in the year under reference is Rupees 3,19,295, which is in excess to that of last year by Rupees 1,23,799. The cases settled were comparatively petty ones, consequently much time was employed for the settlement. It will be seen by Statement in paragraph 5 that 2,205 numbers had to be dealt with for the settlement of a sum of four lacs and odd rupees.

3. Expenses incurred to carry on the work is as follows, bearing a per centage of Rs. 5-15-9:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Pay of the Establishment	15,433	10	8
Batta, &c., to Establishment	3,457	4	3
Saderwared...	72	13	5
Contingent charges	138	1	10
Total ..	19,101	14	2

It is to be observed that the present establishment is formed chiefly for registering and valuing escheated lands in South Malabar. The progress of the work conducted by the two parties is shown in paragraph 9 of this report.

The amount expected to have been spent for this purpose per annum, as per sanction of the Government of India, dated 18th January 1867, No. 161, was Rupees 21,480, of which only Rupees 15,740 has been actually expended, leaving a balance of Rs. 5,740; of this deducting cost of the third party unemployed, namely Rs. 5,160, there remains a saving of Rs. 580 effected from the establishment of the two parties already employed.

4. The purchasers of the Jenm lands have agreed to pay the instalments as shewn below and the instalments have been fixed according to their circumstances.

Of the amount of first instalment Rupees 3,305-3-5 have been collected, and the balance Rupees 28,471 is in arrears:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
Official year	1867-68	31,776	3	5
Do.	1868-69	31,610	8	0
Do.	1869-70	36,036	0	0
Do.	1870-71	35,012	8	0
Do.	1871-72	33,484	8	0
Do.	1872-73	32,387	8	0
Do.	1873-74	31,357	8	0
Do.	1874-75	27,402	8	0
Do.	1875-76	22,625	8	0
Do.	1876-77	17,061	8	0
Do.	1877-78	11,553	0	0
Do.	1878-79	2,888	0	0
Do.	1879-80	1,600	0	0
Do.	1880-81	1,500	0	0
Do.	1881-82	1,500	0	0
Do.	1882-83	1,500	0	0
	Total...	3,19,295	3	5
Total amount of Jenmy Shistom or proprietor's share relinquished in consequence of sale is Rupees 1,100-2-3 at four cent., this sum represents a captial of Rupees		27,503	8	3
Deducting which there remains a profit of Rupees...		2,91,791	11	2

All the cases settled in the year under review have been sold to the original tenants themselves pursuant to the wishes of Government. To succeed in this object, I was obliged to extend the instalments to somewhat longer period. Tenants involved in petty cases are of low circumstances in life, and, unless a longer grace is allowed, it would be out of their power to pay up the purchase money.

In three and four cases only have the instalments exceeded ten years, which was found indispensably necessary in consideration of the circumstances of the parties, and the largeness of the amount involved.

5. The annexed statement shows the total amount of Demand, Collection, and Balance in the year under reference:—

Particulars.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Amount which had fallen in arrears in 1863-64	16,151	0	0	2,299	0	0	13,852	0	0
Do. 1864-65	47,645	13	0	8,534	14	0	39,110	15	0
Do. 1865-66	1,46,880	0	0	27,342	8	0	1,19,537	8	0
Do. 1866-67	1,66,098	0	0	14,243	6	0	1,51,854	10	0
Do. 1867-68	2,48,275	0	0	92,864	8	0	1,55,410	8	0
Instalments payable in the year under review on account of settlements of the year	31,776	3	5	3,305	3	5	28,471	0	0
Total...	6,56,826	0	5	1,48,589	7	5	5,08,236	9	0
Interest...	109	2	3	109	2	3	.....	...	...
Grand Total .	6,56,935	2	8	1,48,698	9	8	5,08,236	9	0
Deduct Cochin, the collection of which has been postponed...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	1,43,692	0	0
	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	3,64,544	9	0

The balance shown is to be realized from the following talooks:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Calicut	3,341	0	0
Ernad	1,74,349	0	0
Walluvanad	21,381	0	0
Palghat...	65,332	9	0
Ponany	1,00,141	0	0
Cochin	1,43,692	0	0
Total...	5,08,236	9	0

Expenses incurred to make the above collection...	RS.	A.	P.
	307	0	5
Bearing a per-centage ...	0	3	4

From the above balance Rs. 26,000 have been collected during the preparation of this report.

There is an advance of Rupees 18,173 in the amount of collection in this as compared with the last year, but less by Rupees 27,659 than that of 1875-66.

The decrease is chiefly attributable to the following two causes:—

1*st*.—The defaulters as well as other landholders, have of late been strongly impressed with the idea that Government could not dispossess them of the lands in their possession, nor have the Government means of compelling payment unless they recurred to a Court of Law. The principal defaulters are mostly wealthy and influential people, who taking advantage of this impression wilfully neglect the payment of arrears due by them. This difficulty is also extended towards the settlement, and I apprehend will be more so in future. They even refuse to attend the summons issued by this department for the settlement of their claims, and we have no means of compelling their attendance; had it not been for this reason, more settlement could have been made in the year. In order to remedy this evil, I have already brought the circumstance to your notice in my letter to you, dated 25th April 1868, No. 26. Immediate instruction on the subject is desirable, lest there be greater tardiness in realizing the arrears, and making settlement.

2*ndly*.—The general prospect of the year is rather unfavourable; owing to the general fall of trade, price of paddy and cocoanuts, which are the principal products of this country, has fallen considerably low, and in consequence a considerable quantity of paddy is in store unsold of many landholders; besides the very indigent circumstance of the people for the last three or four years on account of famine of which they have not yet been entirely relieved.

The outstanding balance would not have been so high as is now represented, had the question regarding the Cochin valuation been settled, pending which the collection of that place is postponed. That balance alone amounts to Rupees 1,43,692.

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

Particulars.	Numbers.	Acres.	Total Jenm value.				Deduction.			Net value.			Collection.			Balance.		
			RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
From official year 1853-54 to 1866-67	12,229	14,501 5/16	23,56,141	1	2		3,23,477	4	3	20,32,663	12	11	8,48,602	7	11	.....	...	...
In the year under reference...	2,205	2,355 2/16	4,05,462	3	5		86,167	0	0	3,19,295	3	5	1,48,589	7	5	.....	...	...
Total..	14,434	16,856 7/16	27,61,603	4	7		4,09,644	4	3	23,51,959	0	4	9,97,191	15	4	13,54,767	1	0
Deduct amount written off from the accounts, as per your Memorandum, No. 2,523, dated 20th November 1867, also Order, No. 241, dated 22nd November 1867, to the Ernad Tahsildar	7	14 1/16	1,002	0	0		45	0	0	957	0	0	45	0	0	912	0	0
Total...	14,427	16,842 6/16	27,60,601	4	7		4,09,599	4	3	23,51,002	0	4	9,97,146	15	4	13,53,855	1	0

Amount of Jenmy Shistom or proprietor's share received is Rupees 15,338-12-0 at four per cent., this sum represents a capital of Rupees...	3,83,468	12	0
Deducting which there remains a profit of Rupees	19,67,533	4	4

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

		RS.	A.	P.
1868-69.	Amount uncollected as shewn in paragraph 4 of this report	5,08,236	9	0
	Instalments fixed to be paid in 1868-69 ...	2,70,455	0	0
	1869-70	1,60,254	0	0
	1870-71	1,18,793	8	0
	1871-72	75,189	8	0
	1872-73	62,325	8	0
	1873-74	50,391	8	0
	1874-75	41,399	8	0
	1875-76	27,557	8	0
	1876-77	18,711	8	0
	1877-78	11,553	0	0
	1878-79	2,888	0	0
	1879-80	1,600	0	0
	1880-81	1,500	0	0
	1881-82	1,500	0	0
	1882-83	1,500	0	0
		7,78,691	9	0
	Total ..	13,53,855	1	0

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

In what year sold.	Particulars of land sold.								Total.		Deductions.	Net Value.
	Wet.		Dry.		Garden.		Tanks, Wells, &c.					
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	V.	As.	Value.	As.	V.	Acres.	Value.		
In the year under reference	$66\frac{1}{16}$	15,950	$12\frac{1}{16}$	292	32	5,760	$1\frac{4}{16}$	215	$112\frac{1}{16}$	22,217	12,978	9,239

9. The following statement shews the amount of work done in registering and valuing lands during the year under reference:—

Particulars.	Approximate amount of lands valued and registered.
	RS.
Ponany and Manapuram...	6,82,000
Estates of the Betat Rajah, &c	11,000
Chenat Nair's estate in Palghat...	5,84,000
Total....	12,77,000
Of this amount disposed of	4,05,000
Balance...	8,72,000
Add Tangacherry and Anjengo lands as valued by the Deputy Collector, Southern Division	1,50,000
Total..	10,22,000

The above figure is an approximate value of the lands registered and valued up to the year; of this, perhaps, a large sum will have to be relinquished in order to effect an amicable settlement in cases where the Government title on the lands is disputed, and which has lain dormant for a long period, the tenants having enjoyed and changed hands as their own Jenm property. For want of full and necessary information in our records, in regard to the escheated property, much trouble and difficulty are experienced in tracing them out, which requires great attention and patience. Considerable lands have been brought to light by several documents, and from information obtained from private parties.

Resolved that the foregoing letter, containing Mr. Ballard's report on the Settlement of Escheats in Malabar for 1867-68, be submitted to Government.

2. The aggregate extent of the several descriptions of land sold during the year was 2,946 acres, valued at Rupees 4,33,625. If from this amount be deducted Rupees 86,979 being the amount of deductions on account of compensation for improvements, settlement of liens, &c., there remains a balance of Rupees 3,46,646, which may be looked upon as the net proceeds of the sales of the year.

3. The absence of a perceptible increase in the settlement results of the year is, however, satisfactorily accounted for by the Collector. The main part of the work in North Malabar had already been completed, and the residue being naturally composed of the more intricate and difficult class of cases, a decrease in the rate of progress was to be expected.

4. It was not found necessary to take advantage, to the fullest extent, of the additional establishment sanctioned in Government Order, dated 2nd February 1867, No. 298, and two of the three Settlement parties sanctioned in that Order have been solely working in South Malabar, where the results of the settlement operations were also satisfactory.

5. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rupees 21,244-4-6 which is in excess of the preceding year by Rupees 11,701-8-9. This increase is chiefly due to the entertainment of additional hands under the authority of the Government Order already alluded to above.

6. If to the expenditure of Rupees 21,244 be added Rupees 24,496 representing the capital foregone at the rate of five per cent. on Rupees 1,225, being the amount of annual quit-rent (Jenmi Shistom) redeemed, and the sum total deducted from the net proceeds, the clear gain to Government on the transactions is stated by the Collector at Rupees 3,22,150. The correct amount appears to be Rupees 3,00,906, as shown in the margin.

	RS.	RS.
Net proceeds of the sales of the year		3,46,646
Cost of Establishment	21,244	
Capital for 1,225 Rupees given up ...	24,496	
		45,740
Gain to Government		3,00,906

7. Out of a demand of Rupees 7,12,961, the collections amounted to Rupees 2,60,556 exclusive of Rupees 5,041 realised by Cochin sales of 1865-66, advance of instalments fixed for subsequent periods and interest, and there was a balance of Rupees 4,52,405.

8. Since 1853, the year in which the Escheat Settlement was first initiated, the proprietary right in 16,402 Acres has been sold, and the net proceeds have amounted to Rupees 28,79,568-14-4, of which Rupees 14,23,715-0-8 having been collected, there remains a balance of Rupees 14,55,853-13-8 to be realised by instalments.

9. The collections during the year were in excess of the past year by Rupees 74,324; but there still remains a very large balance uncollected, the balance at the end of the year under review having been Rupees 4,52,405, against Rupees 3,78,081 in 1865-66. If to this be added Rupees 2,99,851, due from instalments, and Rupees 40,000, the probable demand from the current year's settlement, the aggregate demand of the year will amount to nearly eight lacs of Rupees. Mr. Ballard calculates on collecting nearly half this amount during the current year.

10. The Board await the Collector's report on the Cochin sales, and the report promised to be submitted in the concluding paragraph of the letter recorded above, relative to the further operations in South Malabar and to the question of collections.

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No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1868, No. 2,774.

Land Revenue.

1. The Board of Revenue submit their report on the working of the establishment for the Settlement of Escheats in Malabar District for the year 1867-68.

2. The total extent of land sold during the year was 2,946 Acres, and the net proceeds, after deducting cost of establishment, &c., were Rupees 3,00,906.

3. The results are rather more satisfactory than last year, but there are still heavy balances outstanding, which the Government trust will be realised as speedily as possible.

4. The Government await the early report of the Board on the points alluded to in paragraph 10 of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 4th.

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Ends.

G. O., 4th November 1868, *No.* 2,774.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 58-59.

Escheat Settlement in Malabar District.—Board's Proceedings on the Progress Report for the year 1867-68, reviewed.

Revenue Department.

No. 2774.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 4th October 1868.

Read the following Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting to Government report of Collector of Malabar on Settlement of Escheats for 1867-68. (Received 28th Septr 1868 No. 6892.)

The Board of Revenue submit their report on the working of the establishment for the Settlement of Escheats in Malabar District for the year 1867-68.

The total extent of land sold during the year was 2,946 acres, and the net proceeds after deducting Cost of establishment &c.

R/- 3,00,906/-

The results are rather more satisfactory than last year, but there are still heavy balances outstanding which the Government trust will be realised as speedily as possible.

The Government await the early report of the [illegible] on the points alluded to in para 10 of their proceedings.

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