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No. 150. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1868, No. 1,287.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 25th September 1867, No. 214.

1. I have the honor to report on the progress of the Escheat Settlement in Malabar, during the official year 1866-67.

The reports of the two Officers who conducted the Settlement are herewith submitted.

2. The subjoined abstract shews the progress made during the year:—

2. The subjoined abstract shows the progress of the									
Description of land sold in 1866-67.						Gross value.	Deduction on account of compensation for improvements, settlements of lines, allowances for occupying, &c.	Net valuation.	
Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	House-site, &c.	Total.					
A. AS. A.	A. AS. A.	A. AS. A.	A. AS. A.	A. AS. A.	RS. A. P.				RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
North Malabar ...	400 6 3½	29 7 8	287 3 7	37 2 6½	754 3 8½	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0	
South Malabar ...	541 6 0	292 15 0	248 10 0	11 8 0	1,094 7 0	2,21,291 12 6	25,795 0 0	1,95,496 12 6	
	941 12 3½	322 6 8	535 13 7	48 10 6½	1,848 10 8½	3,69,983 4 7	33,733 14 1	3,36,249 6 6	

The total extent of land sold was 1,848 acres, with a gross valuation of Rupees 3,69,983. The sums deducted on account of compensation for improvements, payment of liens held by tenants, &c., come to Rupees 33,734, leaving a net value of Rupees 3,36,249, 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.
1866-67 ...	24,722	2 0	23,750	12 6	48,472	14 6
1867-68 ...	30,331	4 0	27,739	0 0	58,070	4 0
1868-69 ...	19,635	8 0	27,842	0 0	47,477	8 0
1869-70 ...	15,322	0 0	26,945	0 0	42,267	0 0
1870-71 ...	12,004	0 0	25,139	0 0	37,143	0 0
1871-72 ...	9,854	12 0	22,755	0 0	32,609	12 0
1872-73 ...	9,750	0 0	17,813	0 0	27,563	0 0
1873-74 ...	5,886	0 0	10,934	0 0	16,820	0 0
1874-75 ...	5,886	0 0	5,997	0 0	11,883	0 0
1875-76 ...	3,676	0 0	4,932	0 0	8,608	0 0
1876-77 ...	3,676	0 0	1,650	0 0	5,326	0 0
Total ...	1,40,752	10 0	1,95,496	12 6	3,36,249	6 6

3. It will be seen that the settlement of the year under report shews an increase of Rupees 1,97,424 over that of the previous years, as reported upon by me last year. I exclude the valuations in Cochin made by the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, in 1865-66, from the comparison, as the question regarding

	RS.	A.	P.
Net valuation in 1865-66, exclusive of sales in Cochin ...	1,38,825	3	7
Do. do. in 1866-67 ...	3,36,249	6	6
Increase ...	1,97,424	2	11

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them has not yet been settled. I have only just received the Deputy Collector's report on this subject, which shall engage my early attention. The valuations would

NOTE.—If the Cochin valuations be taken into account, the net valuation of 1865-66 will amount to Rupees 4,34,013, with which if the net valuation of 1866-67 is compared, a decrease of Rupees 97,764 appears.

have been greater but for the very adverse season from which the district suffered in 1866-67, and it must not be forgotten that this report embraces the transactions of only eleven months as against twelve months in the previous one; the official year under review commencing with May 1866, but ending with March last.

4. The collections of the year amount to Rupees 2,06,216, out of a demand of Rupees 5,84,297. The annexed abstract gives in detail the Demand, Collection, and Balance:—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
On account of arrears of previous years	RS.	RS.	RS.
Kists due in 1866-67 on account of Settlements of past years	2,62,021	82,621	1,79,400
Kists due in 1866-67 on account of Settlement in 1866-67.	2,73,804	1,12,868	1,60,936
	48,472	10,727	37,745
Total	5,84,297	2,06,216	3,78,081
Add collections on account of Cochin sales of 1865-66		2,482	
Do. collections in advance of instalments fixed for subsequent periods.....		3,064	
	Total	2,11,762	
	Interest.....	1,029	
		2,12,791*	

On the balances I shall remark further on.

5. The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 9,522-11-9, and bears a percentage of Rupees 2-13-3 over the net proceeds. The lower expenditure of the year as compared with the preceding one is ascribable to a reduction of establishment in the north, preparatory to winding up the settlement, and in the south to a change of arrangement now introduced, which was then in contemplation and partially being carried out.

6. The Jenmi Shistom (or annual rent paid to Government as proprietor) relinquished by the settlement of the year, amounted to Rupees 1,323, which, calculated at five per cent., would represent a capital of Rupees 26,460. Deducting, therefore, the cost of establishment as above given, and the amount representing the capital of interest relinquished, there appears a net gain to Government of Rupees 3,00,265 on the year's settlement.

* There is a difference of Rupees 85 between collections shewn in the Treasury accounts and that shewn in this report. This is owing to a deduction made in the Treasury account on account of a corresponding over-credit made erroneously in 1865-66, by which Rupees 78-12-0, being amount of compensation to be paid to a certain tenant, and Rupees 6-8-0, sale proceeds of certain waste land, were credited to escheats.

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

Particulars.	No. of lands.	Extent in Acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation value of liens, &c., paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
North Malabar. { Official year					
1863-64...	1,127	1,050 3 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,36,306 14 10	18,885 6 10	2,17,421 8 0
1864-65...	1,537	2,238 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,61,117 15 0	37,718 7 0	3,23,399 8 0
1865-66...	845	878 3 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,21,203 6 0	5,263 10 0	1,15,939 12 0
1866-67...	674	754 3 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0
Total...	4,183	4,920 10 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,67,319 11 11	69,806 5 11	7,97,513 6 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
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
Total...	11,690	14,061 9 0	20,39,836 5 2	3,02,359 4 3	17,37,477 0 11
Total ...					25,34,990 6 11
Of which has been collected up to 1866-67.					
In North Malabar ...					3,14,381 6 8
„ South Malabar ...					8,45,252 15 11
Total collections ...					11,59,634 6 7
And remaining outstanding.					
In North Malabar ...					4,83,131 15 4
„ South Malabar ...					8,92,224 1 0
Total balance ...					13,75,356 0 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 1867-68	94,945 7 4	2,83,135 9 0	3,78,081 0 4
Instalments fixed for 1867-68	*1,00,751 12 0	1,98,094 0 0	2,98,845 12 0
1868-69	1,95,697 3 4	4,81,229 9 0	6,76,926 12 4
1869-70	72,355 0 0	1,93,070 8 0	2,65,425 8 0
1870-71	54,976 0 0	84,381 0 0	1,39,357 0 0
1871-72	36,464 8 0	49,757 0 0	86,221 8 0
1872-73	23,558 4 0	24,630 0 0	48,188 4 0
1873-74	21,478 0 0	19,543 0 0	41,021 0 0
1874-75	16,600 0 0	19,034 0 0	35,634 0 0
1875-76	16,375 0 0	13,997 0 0	30,372 0 0
1876-77	9,804 0 0	4,932 0 0	14,736 0 0
1877-78	8,604 0 0	1,650 0 0	10,254 0 0
1878-79	4,928 0 0		4,928 0 0
1879-80	4,860 0 0		4,860 0 0
1880-81	4,428 0 0		4,428 0 0
1881-82	4,428 0 0		4,428 0 0
1882-83	4,428 0 0		4,428 0 0
Total ...	4,83,131 15 4	8,92,224 1 0	13,75,356 0 4

* The excess of Rupees 579 in comparing this amount with the aggregate of Rupees 69,841-8-0, the amount of instalments for 1867-68 shewn in paragraph 8 of last report, and Rupees 39,331-4-0, the rents in 1867-68 on account of the change in the official year, and is the difference between the instalment payable in

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In the above statement the Cochin valuations are not included.

As I intend proceeding to Cochin before the close of the current year, I will take the opportunity of settling personally the Cochin valuations, and embody the sales as may then be confirmed in the current year's report.

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 3,78,081, and instalments due amounting to Rupees 2,98,845. The demand in the current year from the current settlement may come to some Rupees 50,000 more, so there will be a total demand of about $7\frac{1}{4}$ lacs of Rupees.

The very adverse nature of last season does to a great extent account for the increase of arrears during it. But I must confess that more might and should have been done in it, and previously, to prevent the accumulation of the balances that outstood at its commencement.

The Escheat Settlement has some peculiar difficulties, and the demands must in fairness, and due consideration for the circumstances, be enforced with peculiar moderation. But there has been a slackness in some localities which is not altogether justified. I have lately directed particular attention to the subject, and I am taking measures, which I hope will very considerably reduce the balance in the course of the current year if the general circumstances of the district continue favorable; and in that case, I hope it may be almost entirely collected by the termination of 1868-69.

From NARANIAH, Acting Serishtadar, to the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 17th
May 1867, No. 28.

1. I beg leave to submit the statements connected with the operations of the Escheat Settlement in North Malabar for the past official year 1866-67.

* Cases 252.

2. The number of estates disposed of is 674,* involving a sum of Rs. 1,40,752-10-0.

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

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* The amount of valuation in 1865-66 as fixed by the Serishtadar

RS. A. P.
1,16,154 12 0

And as settled by the Collector...
Do. in 1866-67...

1,15,939 12 0
1,40,752 10 0

Increase 24,812 14 0

4. There is an advance of Rupees 24,812-14-0* in the amount of sales in this as compared with the last year.

The amount of gross valuation is Rupees 1,48,691-8-1, the deductions being Rupees 7,938-14-1, as shewn below:—

Talooks.	Gross valuation.	Deduction.	Net value.
Kottayom ...	90,938 15 8	5,990 9 8	84,948 6 0
Kurumbranad ...	45,968 10 7	1,102 10 7	44,866 0 0
Cherrakal ...	11,783 13 10	845 9 10	10,938 4 0
Total ...	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0

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

Official year.

Official year.	Amount.
RS. A. P.	
1866-67 ...	24,722 2 0
1867-68 ...	30,331 4 0
1868-69 ...	19,635 8 0
1869-70 ...	15,322 0 0
1870-71 ...	12,004 0 0
1871-72 ...	9,854 12 0
1872-73 ...	9,759 0 0
1873-74 ...	5,886 0 0
1874-75 ...	5,886 0 0
1875-76 ...	3,676 0 0
1876-77 ...	3,676 0 0

1,40,752 10 0

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

Official year.	No. of cases.	No. of estates.	Acres.	Gross value.	Deductions.	Net value.
1863-64 ...	635	1,127	1,050 3 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2,36,306 14 10	18,885 6 10	2,17,421 8 0
1864-65 ...	436	1,537	2,238 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,61,117 15 0	37,718 7 0	3,23,399 8 0
1865-66 ...	367	845	878 3 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,21,203 6 0	5,263 10 0	1,15,939 12 0
Total ...	1,438	3,509	4,166 6 12	7,18,628 3 10	61,867 7 10	6,56,760 12 0
1866-67 ...	252	674	754 3 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,48,691 8 1	7,938 14 1	1,40,752 10 0
Total ...	1,690	4,183	4,920 10 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,67,319 11 11	69,806 5 11	7,97,513 6 0
Amount collected up to 1865-66				2,33,034 15 10		
Do. in 1866-67				81,346 6 10		
Total				3,14,381 6 8		
Balance				4,83,131 15 4		

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

	Amount.
RS. A. P.	
From 1863-64 to 1866-67	94,945 7 4
In 1867-68	1,00,751 12 0
1868-69	72,355 0 0
1869-70	54,976 0 0
1870-71	36,464 8 0
1871-72	23,558 4 0
1872-73	21,478 0 0
1873-74	16,600 0 0
1874-75	16,375 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	4,83,131 15 4

8. The demand for the year 1866-67, on account of the prices of estates disposed of, together with the arrears outstanding, amounts to Rupees 1,73,227-14-2, and the collection amounts to Rupees 82,282-7-6, the particulars of which are shewn below:—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
On account of arrears of 1863-64	300 0 0	44 0 0	256 0 0
Do. do. 1864-65	4,097 0 0	1,627 4 10	2,469 11 2
Do. do. 1865-66	52,951 0 2	31,080 0 0	21,871 0 2
Do. do. 1866-67	91,157 12 0	37,880 8 0	53,277 4 0
Total	1,48,505 12 2	70,631 12 10	77,873 15 4
Kist due in 1866-67 on account of Settlement of 1866-67	24,722 2 0	7,650 10 0	17,071 8 0
Total	1,73,227 14 2	78,282 6 10	94,945 7 4
Add collections in advance of instalments fixed for future years		3,064 0 0	
Interest		936 0 8	
Total		82,282 7 6	

The less collection during the year is to be imputed to the famine which was fearfully raging to need explanation.

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

Talooks.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Per-centage of balance on demand.
Kottayom	1,11,177 6 2	58,950 6 10	52,226 15 4	47 0 0
Cherrakal	10,009 12 0	6,035 4 0	3,974 8 0	39 12 0
Kurumbranad	52,040 12 0	13,296 12 0	38,744 0 0	72 8 0
Total	1,73,227 14 2	78,282 6 10	94,945 7 4	...

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

	WET.			DRY.			GARDEN.			TOTAL.		
	Acres.	Value.		Acres.	Value.		Acres.	Value.		Acres.	Value.	
		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.
1863-64	21 6 9½	3,680	0 0	.....	.....	.....	34 10 2½	5,035	0 0	56 0 11½	8,715	0 0
1864-65	65 14 ½	9,543	0 0	3 0 15	120	0 0	101 14 4½	16,539	0 0	170 13 3½	26,202	0 0
1865-66	92 1 5½	2,815	0 0	19 14 13½	362	8 0	15 15 2½	870	0 0	127 15 5½	4,047	8 0
Total...	179 5 15½	16,038	0 0	22 15 12½	482	8 0	152 7 9½	22,444	0 0	354 13 5	38,964	8 0
1866-67	25 1 7½	2,202	0 0	.....	.....	.....	2 4 7½	280	0 0	27 5 15½	2,482	0 0
Total...	204 7 6½	18,240	0 0	22 15 12½	482	8 0	154 12 1	22,724	0 0	382 3 4½	41,446	8 0

Amount of sales in 1866-67. ... Rupees 1,40,752 10 0
Charges in do. ... " 4,990 1 1
Per-centage Rupees 3 8 9

11. The expenses incurred during the year amount to Rupees 4,990-1-1, which is less by Rupees 779-13-2 compared with last year, and this is owing to the partial reduction of the establishment.

12. Seven hundred and sixty-nine Title Deeds have been given to the purchasers.

13. There are yet a few scattered estates to be disposed of, which would be effected in the course of this year conjointly with my other duties.

From the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 13th July 1867, No. 37.

1. I have the honor to submit the Report on the Settlement of Escheats in South Malabar, during the past official year 1866-67.

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

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Names of Escheats.	PARTICULARS OF LANDS SOLD.										TOTAL.	
	WET.		DRY.		GARDEN.		SITES FOR HOUSES, &c.		JENN VALUE.		Acres.	Jenn value.
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.		
Moplah rebels, &c., escheated to Government more than fifty years since	5½	2,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5½	2,243 7 4
Chenat Nair, Palghat Rajahs Minister, in Palghat, who died heirless	392½	97,220 0 0	238	3,960 0 0	13½	1,332 0 0	10½	2,350 0 0	654½	1,04,862 0 0	654½	1,04,862 0 0
Betat Rajah, who died heirless.	.....	.....	1½	16 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	28 4 0	1½	28 4 0
Dutch escheats in Cochin and Manapuram acquired by British Government	143	45,257 0 0	54½	1,396 8 0	235½	67,215 0 0	1½	289 9 2	433½	1,14,158 1 2	433½	1,14,158 1 2
Total	541½	1,44,477 0 0	292½	5,372 8 0	248½	68,547 0 0	11½	2,895 4 6	1,094½	2,21,291 12 5	1,094½	2,21,291 12 5
Kuyikanom, or compensation for improvements	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	RS. A. P.	.....
Vettykanom, or expenses in bringing lands into cultivation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,347 0 0	.....
Kanom or mortgage	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,072 0 0	.....
Relinquished on account of poverty, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,062 0 0	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,314 0 0	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,795 0 0	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,95,496 10 6	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,91,099 12 6	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,397 0 0	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Net value	.....
											Of this sum settlement made by me	
											Do. by the Superintendent of the Escheat Establishment	

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Expenses incurred to carry on the work is as follows, bearing a per-centage of Rupees 2-5-1 :-

	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of the Establishment	4,142	11	7
Batta to Establishment... ..	267	10	0
Saderward	35	3	11
Contingent charges	87	1	2
Total ...	4,532	10	8

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

Of the amount of first instalment, Rupees 3,075-4-6 have been collected, and the balance Rupees 20,674, is in arrears :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Official year 1866-67....	23,750	12	6
Do. 1867-68....	27,739	0	0
Do. 1868-69....	27,842	0	0
Do. 1869-70....	26,945	0	0
Do. 1870-71....	25,139	0	0
Do. 1871-72....	22,755	0	0
Do. 1872-73....	17,813	0	0
Do. 1873-74....	10,934	0	0
Do. 1874-75....	5,997	0	0
Do. 1875-76....	4,932	0	0
Do. 1876-77....	1,650	0	0
Total....	1,95,496	12	6

Total amount of Jenmi Shistom (or proprietor's share) relinquished in consequence of sale is Rupees 981-15-0 ; at 4 per cent. this sum represents a capital of Rupees ... 24,548 7 0

Deducting which there remains a profit of Rupees ... 1,70,948 5 6

The cause of the decrease in the amount of the settlement in the year under review is as follows :—First—The official year having closed on the 31st March 1867, this report embraces the accounts for eleven months only. Second—I was absent on one month's privilege leave. Third—Owing to the failure of crop, there was a great famine (the like never experienced in the course of a century) amongst the inhabitants, and the landholders have in consequence been dis-spirited and felt themselves grieved, and during such a calamitous time, the discourse of effecting sales of lands would sound unpleasant to them ; therefore the settlement was postponed for a few months. Fourth—My chief duties are those connected with the charge of a division, whilst the escheat settlement is only an extra work, and my original duties during the year under review having fallen very heavy, in consequence of criminal cases hitherto committed by the second class Sub-Magistrate to the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court of Calicut, having been discontinued by order of the High Court, and all these cases have since been disposed of by me, which amount to 120 numbers in the official year.

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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.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Amount which had fallen in arrears in 1855-56 ...	21 0 0	21 0 0	.....
Do. do. 1863-64 ...	16,162 0 0	.....	16,162 0 0
Do. do. 1864-65 ...	53,389 5 0	5,311 8 0	48,077 13 0
Do. do. 1865-66 ...	1,93,151 0 0	46,189 0 0	1,46,962 0 0
Do. do. 1866-67 ...	2,21,448 12 0	75,817 12 0	1,45,631 0 0
Instalments payable in the year under review on account of Settlement of the year.	23,750 12 0	3,076 12 6	20,674 0 0
Total ...	5,07,922 13 6	1,30,416 0 6	8,77,506 13 0
Interest ...	93 3 8	93 3 8	.....
Grand Total ...	5,08,016 1 2	1,30,509 4 2	3,77,506 13 0
The balance shewn is to be realized from the following Talooks :—			
Calicut ...	.....	.....	372 0 0
Ernad ...	.....	.....	1,29,846 0 0
Waluvanad ...	.....	.....	16,508 0 0
Palghaut ...	.....	.....	46,871 5 0
Ponany... ..	.....	.....	89,538 8 0
Cochin ...	.....	.....	94,371 0 0
Expenses incurred to make the above collections ... Rupees 987 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Bearing a per-centage of Rupee 0 12 1	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	3,77,506 13 0

From the above balance Rupees 76,541-12-0 have been collected during the preparation of this report. Owing to the unfavorable crop during the last six months of the year under review, and also in the previous three years, landholders have in consequence been in indigent circumstances ; hence the cause of this balance : but I think it could be collected gradually. The cause of the outstanding balance in Cochin is owing to an order from the Board of Revenue, directing to postpone the collections of the money due by Fernandez, as well as to your letter, dated 21st March 1866, No. 1,017A, directing me not to make collections from any other tenants there, and therefore this balance remains outstanding.

The inhabitants of other talooks live on their crops ; in consequence of the failure thereof, it was not advisable to press the landholders for the payment of their instalments.

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

Particulars.	Num-ber.	Acres.	Total Jenm value.	Deductions.	Net value.	Collections.	Balance.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
From official year 1853-54 to 1865-66 ...	11,617	13,406½	21,34,850 12 8	2,97,682 4 3	18,37,168 8 5	7,18,187 15 5	.....
In the year under reference ...	612	1,094½	2,21,291 12 6	25,795 0 0	1,95,496 12 6	1,30,416 0 6	.....
Total...	12,229	14,501½	23,56,142 0 2	3,23,477 4 3	20,32,665 4 11	8,48,603 15 11	17,84,061 5 0
Amount of Jenmi Shistom (or proprietor's share) received is Rupees 14,238-9-9 ; at 4 per cent., this sum represents a capital of Rupees ...					3,55,965 3 9		
Deducting which there remains a profit of Rupees ...					16,76,700 1 2		

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

1867-68.	{ Amount uncollected as shewn in paragraph 4 of this report		3,77,506	13	0
	{ Instalments fixed to be paid in 1867-68		2,48,370	0	0
1868-69...			6,25,876	13	0
1869-70...			2,38,929	8	0
1870-71...			1,24,218	0	0
1871-72...			83,781	0	0
1872-73...			41,705	0	0
1873-74...			29,938	0	0
1874-75...			19,034	0	0
1875-76...			13,997	0	0
1876-77...			4,932	0	0
			1,650	0	0

7. The total expenditure incurred from official years 1853-54 to 1866-67 is Rs. 47,414-5-9, as follows:—

Expenses incurred for the Settlement	43,554	5	9
Bearing a per-centage of Rupees 2-2-3 on the net value.			
Expenses incurred for collection	3,860	0	0
Bearing a per-centage of Annas 7 and Pies 3 on the amount collected.			
Total...	47,414	5	9

8. In your letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1866, No. 252, you have stated that the amount shewn in my last official report, on the settlement of the gardens in British Cochin, requires certain reduction from the proposed valuations of the garden in question, and if this is to be effected according to your proposal, the amount that will have to be deducted would be Rupees 30,537. I, therefore, humbly and respectfully beg to observe here, that, when any sum of money is being given away in charity to the tenants in the name of Government, it would be absurd on my part to object to it; but I think, in my humble opinion, that even a rupee should not be deducted, on the mere consideration that my settlement was not such as it ought to have been, or according to the state of the country, and my reasons for this are explained in my letter of this date to your address.

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

PARTICULARS OF LANDS SOLD.												TOTAL.		Deductions.	Net value.
In what year sold.	WET.		DRY.		GARDEN.		TANKS, WELLS, &c.		Acres.	Value.					
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.							
In the year under reference...	29½	7,195	9¾	195	9¾	375	1	205	50	7,970	3,899	4,071			

10. This being my last report regarding the Escheat Settlement, I deem it necessary to mention here a few points.

Undermentioned are the lands which were valued by arbitrators under me, and which now remain to be settled:—

1. { In Chowghat and Manapuroom... }	In Ponany talook	6,00,000
{ Estates of the Betat Rajah, &c.. }		80,000
		6,80,000

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2. Chenat Nair's estate in Palghaut talook	7,00,000
3. Escheat of the Moplah rebels in Ernad and Waluvanad	1,40,000
4. Gardens remaining to be sold in British Cochin. It is to be borne in mind that the value of the building yards is not included in this sum...	50,000
5. Lands situated within the limits of Cochin Circar, to purchase which the Dewan of that Circar has applied	1,24,515

NOTE.—A report shewing the transfer of these lands was submitted to you on the 3rd March 1866, No. 23, to which no reply has been received.

6. The statement shewing the value estimated with the aid of arbitrators on lands situated in Anjengo and Tangacherry to be transferred to the Travancore Circar was submitted to you...	1,50,000
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Total Rupees ... 18,44,515

11. I beg here to record my opinion of the servants employed under me in the Escheat Department.

First.—Talur Achudan Nair, my Head Accountant, has given me entire satisfaction in the manner in which he served under me for a period of eighteen years; he is an honest and trustworthy servant, and is acquainted with Civil and Criminal Laws, and I would recommend that his claims should be considered on the first vacancy of a Tahsildarship taking place.

Second.—My Inspectors Payadeth Achuda Menon and Myiliyaden Shangaren Nair, and Accountant Venkidishwara Putter, have also given me satisfaction, and have discharged their duties with faithfulness and honesty, the first of whom is a clever Accountant, and deserves to be noticed on the very first vacancy of a Talook Serishtadarship occurring.

I beg to conclude this report with my remarks on the Clerks, &c., of the establishment, of whom I must say some were chosen from different talooks for service in the escheat work, and I am satisfied with the discharge of their respective duties.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Lakadi, in Wynaad talook, 26th October 1867, No. 238.

1. In connection with my report, dated 25th ultimo, No. 214, on the escheat operations in Malabar, I have the honor to lay before the Board, for submission to Government, a proposition for an additional sanction of a monthly sum of Rupees 208, or an annual sum of Rupees 2,496, in connection with the escheat operations:—

Offices for which establishment is proposed.	Number of Clerks.	Pay.	Number of Peons.	Pay.	Total.	
		RS.		RS.	RS.	P.
Huzoor Office	2 Clerks at 20 Rupees	40	2 Peons.	12	52	0 0
Kottayom Talook	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
Kurumbranad do.	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
Ponani do.	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
Ernad do.	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
Waluvanad do.	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
Palghaut do.	1 do.	20	1 do.	6	26	0 0
				Total	208	0 0

The late sanction of the Government of India, dated 18th January 1867, amounting to Rupees 22,320, provides only for the conduct of the settlement of the escheats. The duties connected with the collections and with the accounts of Demand, Collection, and Balance, have hitherto been entrusted to the Talook officials, but the arrangement has not been satisfactory, and has been frequently complained of by the Tahsildars whose establishments are really generally fully occupied with the current duties.

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2. I need hardly point out that the collections and the accounts connected therewith are not duties which devolve on the Settlement Officers, and indeed it is directly desirable on some accounts that the original settlement and the subsequent collection should be entrusted to different establishments.

3. The outstanding arrears up to the end of August 1867 amount to Rupees 3,50,101. These require to be collected from several thousand individual defaulters. There are also large sums already settled, aggregating about fourteen lacs, to be collected on demands becoming due each year, besides the further sums that will be fixed for demand and collection by the current settlement :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Settlement for collection in 1867-68	6,76,926	12	4
1868-69	2,65,425	8	0
1869-70	1,39,357	0	0
1870-71	86,221	8	0
1871-72	48,188	4	0
1872-73	41,021	0	0
1873-74	35,634	0	0
1874-75	30,372	0	0
1875-76	14,736	0	0
1876-77	10,254	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	13,75,356	0	0

The work does require special attention, and I am convinced that the employment of special hands will be true economy in the end.

The collections of the last four years have amounted to Rupees 8,77,681, but they would have been larger probably if what I now recommend had been before adopted.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg that sanction may be obtained for the entertainment of an additional establishment as noted in paragraph 1 of this letter, for a term of six years.

The application in the prescribed form is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of proposed Establishment in the Escheat Department recommended for sanction.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Escheat Revenue, for August 1867.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government. The last Annual Report was submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 12th September 1866, No. 6,583.

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2. In the year 1866-67, 1,848 acres were sold for Rupees 3,69,983, from which a sum of Rupees 33,734 is to be deducted on account of compensation for improvements, settlements of lines, &c., leaving Rupees 3,36,249 as the net proceeds on the sales of the year.

3. This is in excess of the net proceeds of last year by Rupees 197,424, but is still greatly below those of the two previous years, as shewn in the subjoined table :—

Year.	Extent of land sold.	Gross value.	Compensation.	Net lue.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	
1863-64...	4,289	7,75,294	1,05,746	6,69,548
1864-65...	6,414	11,72,138	74,470	10,97,668
1865-66...	1,098	1,47,935	9,110	1,38,825
1866-67...	1,848	3,69,983	33,734	3,36,249

It is to be observed that in the net valuation for 1865-66, the proceeds of certain sales in Cochin, which are not yet finally settled, are not included; if they were, the net valuation for that year would amount to Rupees 4,34,013, and in that case the valuation for 1866-67 would shew a decrease instead of a slight increase.

4. The Collector attributes this unsatisfactory result to the adverse nature of the season, and points out also that the report only embraces the transactions of eleven months.

5. The total expenditure incurred was Rupees 9,522-11-9, or Rupees 2-13-3 per cent. on the net proceeds, which will, as in former cases, be paid to Government by annual instalments, extending in no case to more than ten years.

6. Deducting from the net proceeds the amount expended, viz., Rupees 9,522-11-9, and also Rupees 26,460, as representing the amount of Jenmi Shistom or annual rent relinquished by Government by the settlement of the year, a sum of Rupees 3,00,265 remains as the net gain to Government on the year's transactions.

7. The expenditure on establishments is less than that of the previous year by Rupees 2,911-4-3, and this decrease is attributable to a reduction of establishment in North Malabar prior to winding up the settlement, and to a change of arrangement in the South.

8. The gross collections of the year amounted to Rupees 2,06,216 (excluding collections on account of Cochin sales in 1865-66, and also collections in advance of instalments fixed for subsequent periods). The demand amounted to Rupees 5,84,297, leaving thus a balance of Rupees 3,78,081.

9. In paragraph 7 of his Report, the Collector furnishes Abstract Statements shewing the results of the work from initiation of the measure in 1853, up to 1866-67, from which statement it appears that the proprietary right in 18,981 acres had been sold, the net proceeds being Rupees 25,34,990-6-11. Of this Rupees 11,59,634-6-7 had been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 13,75,356 to be still realized by the annual instalments, shewn in paragraph 8 of the Report.

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10. The collections during the past year were considerably less than during the two previous years, the amount being as shewn above Rupees 2,06,216, against Rupees 2,90,548 and Rupees 2,95,832 in 1866 and 1865 respectively.

11. To the large balance of Rupees 3,78,081 thus remaining to be collected during the current year, there must be added Rupees 2,98,845 as instalments due, and also some Rupees 50,000 more, which the Collector estimates the current settlement may come to, making thus a total demand of about 7½ lacs of Rupees

12. The Board need scarcely remark that unless a very much larger amount of work is got through than in 1866-67, the arrears must soon accumulate to such an extent as to cause very serious inconvenience.

13. The Board trust that the Cochin sales referred to in paragraph 8 may be speedily settled.

14. In the second letter above recorded, the Collector applies for a separate establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 208, for realizing the collections and keeping the accounts connected with the escheats. Considering the large amount of arrears, and the difficulty experienced in making the collections, the Board are of opinion that an extra establishment is necessary. The Collector proposes two Clerks and two Peons for the Huzoor Cutcherry, while one Clerk and one Peon is considered sufficient for each talook. The Board believe that one Clerk at the

	rs.	Hoozoor could keep the accounts, and
1 Clerk for the Hoozoor Cutcherry ...	20	no Peons appear to be necessary. They
1 Clerk at 20 Rupees and 1 Peon at 6		accordingly request the sanction of
Rupees a month for each of the six		Government for the establishment noted
talooks	156	in the margin, at a monthly cost of Rupees
	176	176.

15. With the aid of this establishment, the Collector should be able to have all the arrears collected, and the current kists punctually realized.

No. 151.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1868, No. 918.

Land Revenue.

1. From the Collector's report, and the review of the Board of Revenue, it appears that the net amount of the sales effected by the Escheat Department in Malabar during the year 1866-67 was Rupees 3,36,249, or Rupees 1,97,424 in excess of the net valuation of 1865-66, exclusive of the Cochin sales, but if these were included, the result would be a decrease on the operations of the previous year. The report embraces the transactions of eleven months only, but allowing for this and for the effect of another unfavorable season, the result cannot be considered very satisfactory.

2. The demand for the year amounted to Rupees 5,84,297, the gross collections to Rupees 2,06,216, leaving the large balance of Rupees 3,78,081. This sum, in addition to instalments due, and the demand for the current year, is estimated to create a total demand of about seven and a half lakhs of rupees.

The Government trust that the measures to be adopted by Mr. Ballard, during the present year, will effect a very considerable reduction in the outstanding accumulation.

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3. The reduction of expenditure on establishment is satisfactory, the total charge bearing a per-centage of Rupees 2-13-3 on the net proceeds against Rupees 8-15-3 in 1865-66.

4. The extra temporary establishment applied for is sanctioned for one year, as revised by the Board of Revenue, at a monthly cost of Rupees 176.

5. The Collector no doubt bears in mind that ten per cent. of the net proceeds realized by the sale of escheat lands is to be credited to the Local Funds for local improvements.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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the review of the Board of Revenue,
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