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No. 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1870, No. 5,818 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 6th August 1870, No. 284.

I HAVE the honour to report on the progress of the Escheat Settlement in Malabar during the official year 1869-70.

2. The total extent of land sold was 657 acres for the gross value of Rupees 72,863-3-7, from which a sum of Rupees 7,591 had to be deducted on account of compensation for improvements, payment of liens held by tenants, etc., leaving Rupees 65,272-3-7 as the net value payable to Government on the year's settlement. The above particulars are given in detail for North and South Malabar separately in the following statement :—

	Description of land sold in 1869-70.								Gross value.			Deduction on account of compensation for improvement, settlement of liens, allowances for occupancy rights, etc.			Net value.		
	Wet.		Dry.		Garden.		House site, etc.		Total.								
	ACRES.		ACRES.		ACRES.		ACRES.		ACRES.			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
North Malabar ...	65	14 4	4	8 1½	0	6 5	...		70	12 10½		2,258	9	7	20	0	0	2,238	9	7
South Malabar ...	186	11 10	119	0 2	280	10 0	0	4 11	586	10 7		70,604	10	0	7,571	0	0	63,033	10	0
Total...	252	9 14	123	8 3½	281	0 5	0	4 11	657	7 1½		72,863	3	7	7,591	0	0	65,272	3	7

Among the operations of the Escheat Department during the year is included the settlement of the lands in Anjengo and Tangacherry, reported on separately in this office letter, dated 27th January 1870, No. 42.

3. The amount of Rupees 65,272-3-7 the purchasers have agreed to pay in instalments as noted below :—

Years.	North Malabar.			South Malabar.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1869-70...	438	9	7	2,585	10	0	3,024	3	7
1870-71...	200	0	0	5,422	0	0	5,622	0	0
1871-72...	200	0	0	4,575	0	0	4,775	0	0
1872-73...	200	0	0	4,017	0	0	4,217	0	0
1873-74...	200	0	0	3,435	0	0	3,635	0	0
1874-75...	200	0	0	3,032	0	0	3,232	0	0
1875-76...	200	0	0	2,852	0	0	3,052	0	0
1876-77...	200	0	0	2,200	0	0	2,400	0	0
1877-78	200	0	0	1,913	0	0	2,113	0	0
1878-79...	200	0	0	1,813	0	0	2,013	0	0
1879-80...	.....			1,625	0	0	1,625	0	0
1880-81...	.....			625	0	0	625	0	0
1881-82...	.....			625	0	0	625	0	0
Amount of settlement of Anjengo, Tangacherry and pattom lands, realization of which has not yet been sanctioned by Government ...	.....			28,314	0	0	28,314	0	0
Total...	2,238	9	7	63,033	10	0	65,272	3	7

4. The settlement of the year compared with that of 1868-69 shows a decrease of Rupees 74,021, due partly to the reduction of establishment sanctioned in Government Order, dated 4th August last, No. 2,252, and partly to the difficult and intricate nature of the cases disposed of as mentioned in last year's report. The lands sold in South Malabar, though small in extent, were considerable in number

scattered over a wide extent of territory and mixed up with property either belonging to individuals or with other escheats already settled. Besides, many of them were involved in dispute, and numerous old accounts as well as private documents had to be carefully scrutinized and local inquiries made to ascertain and identify them.

——	Settlement in								
	1868-69.			1869-70.			Decrease.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
North Malabar	16,764	4	0	2,238	9	7	14,525	10	5
South Malabar	1,22,529	09		63,033	10	0	59,495	6	9
Total...	1,39,293	4	9	65,272	3	7	74,021	1	2

5. The expenditure in the year amounted to Rupees 7,941-4-7, being a percentage of Rupees 12-2-7 on the net value of the sales, a somewhat smaller percentage than that of 1868-69.

——	Settlement Establishment and Batta charges.			Collection Establishment.			Contingencies, Registration, and Sadorward charges.			Total.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
North Malabar	571	15	6	624	0	0	241	4	0	1,437	3	6
South Malabar	4,545	6	1	1,487	0	0	471	11	0	6,504	1	1
Total...	5,117	5	7	2,111	0	0	712	15	0	7,941	4	7

6. The Jenmi Shistom or proprietor's share relinquished by the settlement of the year was Rupees 1,248-14-2, which represents, at the rate of 5 per cent., a capital of Rupees 24,974. Deducting the cost of establishment and other charges as given in the preceding paragraph, and the amount representing the capital of the interest relinquished, there appears a clear net gain to Government of Rupees 40,298-3-7 on the year's settlement.

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

——	Particulars	Number of lots	Extent in Acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
			Acres. As. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar	From official year 1863-64 to 1868-69 ...	4,879	6,038 12 10½	9,16,382 4 3	72,864 6 3	8,40,717 14 6
	Ditto, year 1869-70 ...	20	70 13 10½	2,268 9 7	20 0 0	2,248 9 7
	Total...	4,899	6,109 9 6½	9,18,649 13 10	72,884 6 3	8,42,766 7 7
South Malabar	From official year 1863-64 to 1868-69 ...	15,082	18,263 14 10	22,03,215 13 4	4,37,589 4 3	24,67,628 9 1
	Ditto, year 1869-70 ...	360	566 10 7	70,604 10 0	7,971 0 0	62,965 10 0
	Total ...	15,442	18,830 5 1	22,73,820 7 4	4,45,560 4 3	25,30,660 3 1
	Deduct for Cochin, the collection of which has been suspended.	.....	.....	167 0 0	.....	167 0 0
	Total ...	15,442	18,830 5 1	22,73,687 7 4	4,45,560 4 3	25,30,827 3 1
	Deduct Rent (as in Statement No. 2 of 1870-71) of Cochin Lands.	1	1 5 8	8,261 0 0	.....	8,261 0 0
	Total ...	15,441	18,824 3 9	22,65,426 7 4	4,45,560 4 3	25,22,566 3 1
	Grand Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	33,65,332 10 8

		Rs.	A.	P.
Of this the amount collected up to 1869-70...	North Malabar...	6,12,853	11	7
	South Malabar...	14,19,633	11	3
Total Collections...		20,32,487	6	10
Balance outstanding	North Malabar...	2,29,902	12	0
	South Malabar...	11,02,932	7	10
Total...		13,32,835	3	10

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 1870-71	47,319	4	0	4,64,713	0	0	5,12,032	4	0
Instalments fixed for 1870-71	40,799	4	0	1,58,914	3	10	1,99,713	7	10
Total..	88,118	8	0	6,23,627	3	10	7,11,745	11	10
Instalments fixed for 1871-72	28,219	4	0	1,20,821	12	0	1,49,041	0	0
Do. 1872-73	25,325	12	0	86,922	8	0	1,12,248	4	0
Do. 1873-74	20,678	0	0	68,931	8	0	89,609	8	0
Do. 1874-75	19,253	4	0	57,453	8	0	76,706	12	0
Do. 1875-76	11,274	0	0	48,920	8	0	60,194	8	0
Do. 1876-77	9,414	0	0	28,017	8	0	37,431	8	0
Do. 1877-78	5,128	0	0	18,035	0	0	23,163	0	0
Do. 1878-79	5,060	0	0	9,979	0	0	15,039	0	0
Do. 1879-80	4,428	0	0	6,160	0	0	10,588	0	0
Do. 1880-81	4,428	0	0	2,125	0	0	6,553	0	0
Do. 1881-82	4,428	0	0	2,125	0	0	6,553	0	0
Do. 1882-83	4,148	0	0	1,500	0	0	5,648	0	0
Arrears in Anjengo and Tangacherry...	.....			28,314	0	0	28,314	0	0
Total...	2,29,902	12	0	11,02,932	7	10	13,32,835	3	10

8. The collections of the year amount to Rupees 2,92,516. The Demand, Collection, and Balance, is shown in the statement below :—

——	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
On account of previous years	5,58,659	1	2	1,94,275	5	2	3,64,383	12	0
Kists due in 1869-70 on account of settlement up to 1868-69	2,40,061	4	0	93,506	12	0	1,46,554	8	0
Kists due in 1869-70 on account of settlement of that year	3,044	3	7	1,950	3	7	1,094	0	0
	8,01,764	8	9	2,89,732	4	9	5,12,032	4	0
Collections in advance	.....			2,411	1	6	.....		
Interest	.....			372	14	0	.....		
	.....			2,92,516	4	3	.....		
Deduct the arrears of Cochin, the collection of which has been suspended.	.....			.....			2,29,243	0	0
Net balance...	.....			.....			2,82,789	4	0

There is a difference of Rupees 26,642 between the demand shown in this report and that shown in last year's report. This is owing to extension of instalments granted in some cases.

The balance above noted has been reduced by Rupees 62,367 by collections made since the close of the year.

9. The amount to be collected in 1870-71 is Rupees 7,11,745 shown in paragraph 7, *plus* the amount that may have to be collected on account of the settlement of 1870-71.

10. One hundred and ten acres of land, of the value of 16,920 Rupees, have been discovered during the year to be Government escheats.

11. The expectation *that* the settlement would be completed in the year under report has not been realized, but it is hoped that when the sanction for the current Fasli shall have expired, the cases remaining will have become so much reduced in number as to admit of the Special Department being dispensed with, and the remaining work carried on by the Tahsildars, with possibly some slight addition to their ordinary establishment.

12. The report of the Acting Deputy-Collector Cannan is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From O. CANNAN, Acting Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Tonany, 7th July 1870, No. 40.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the Escheat Department in South Malabar during the past official year 1869-70.

2. The subjoined statement shows the progress of the work for the year under report :—

Statement No. 1.

PARTICULARS OF LAND SOLD.

Names of Escheats.	Wet. Acres.	Wet. Value.	Dry. Acres.	Dry. Value.	Gardens. Acres.	Gardens. Value.	Sites for houses, etc. Acres.	Sites for houses, etc. Value.	Total Value.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Mapila schools, etc., declared to Government in Kotad and Vallarnad More than 100 years since Chanat Nair Nambiani Kunhi's Minister, who died heirless	5 2 25	1,350 0 0	0 3 2	10 0 0	0 15 14	45 0 0	...	...	1,732 13 7
Hamat Kunji, who died heirless	91 9 11	22,500 0 0	90 14 5	2,535 0 0	30 13 3	2,726 0 0	0 4 11	287 13 7	28,007 0 0
Dutch cashews in Godam and Mana.	19 0 12	1,200 0 0	2 8 6	95 0 0	66 2 1	6,488 12 0	...	388 0 5	7,751 12 0
grant of Chemmeth Nambudri in Kotad declared to Government ...	7 1 12	1,350 0 0	14 0 11	173 0 0	11 0 6	2,595 0 0	...	301 9 5	4,334 0 5
Vallarnad escheated to Government in the Revenue year	2 14 8	425 0 0	2 5 8	93 0 0	0 15 12	25 0 0	...	...	465 0 0
Total ...	60 18 5	1,925 0 0	.....	.....	170 10 12	26,991 0 0	0 4 11	976 14 0	28,314 0 0
Deduct—	186 11 10	28,725 0 0	110 0 2	2,653 0 0	280 10 0	38,272 12 0	.....	.....	70,004 10 0
Kathanam, or compensation for improvements	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vasoola-vaka or expenses for bringing lands into cultivation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pension or maintenance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Re-granted on account of poverty, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,571 0 0
Total...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62,433 10 0
Net value...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

3. The net amount settled in the year under report is Rupees 63,033-10-0, which is less than that of last year by Rupees 59,495-6-9. The cases settled were comparatively petty ones, more petty than in any of the former years. Many of them were involved in disputes, lying scattered about together with private property, and mixed with the escheat lands already settled. The records connected with them had to be carefully scrutinized before a satisfactory conclusion could be arrived at. Almost all the important cases involving large sums had been disposed of in previous years, and those remained were of small value but considerable in number. What remains yet to be settled are of similar nature. The parties concerned, who generally contended the right of Government, had to be persuaded in convincing them of the truth of the right of Government, therefore more time and exertions than are necessary in ordinary cases had to be employed.

4. The purchasers of the jenm lands have agreed to liquidate the amount due by them in instalments as shown below. They have been fixed according to their circumstances. All the cases settled in the year under review have been sold to their respective tenants *themselves* without disturbing their possession of the property :—

Statement No. 2, (showing instalments).

Official year.	Rs.	A.	P.
1869-70	2,585	10	0
1870-71	5,422	0	0
1871-72	4,575	0	0
1872-73	4,017	0	0
1873-74	3,435	0	0
1874-75	3,032	0	0
1875-76	2,852	0	0
1876-77	2,200	0	0
1877-78	1,918	0	0
1878-79	1,813	0	0
1879-80	1,625	0	0
1880-81	625	0	0
1881-82	625	0	0
Amount of settlement of Anjengo, Tangacherry, and pattom lands, realization of which has not yet been sanctioned by Government	28,314	0	0
Total ...	63,033	10	0
Total amount of jenmi Shistom or proprietor's share relinquished in consequence of sales is Rupees 1,234-15-0 ; at 4 per cent. this sum represents a capital of	30,873	7	0
Deducting which there remains a profit of	32,160	3	0

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

Statement No. 3.

Particulars.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount which had fallen in arrears in 1863-64...	5,032	6	0	3,591	12	0	1,190	4	0
Do. do. 1864-65...	23,424	7	2	5,234	7	2	17,130	0	0
Do. do. 1865-66...	74,707	8	0	10,269	12	0	64,437	12	0
Do. do. 1866-67...	99,124	0	0	22,028	0	0	77,096	0	0
Do. do. 1867-68...	1,27,814	10	0	48,034	14	0	79,783	12	0
Do. do. 1868-69...	1,70,972	0	0	36,542	4	0	1,01,429	12	0
Do. do. 1869-70...	1,82,730	8	0	61,409	0	0	1,21,321	8	0
Instalments payable in the year under review on account of settlement of the year	2,585	10	0	1,691	10	0	894	0	0
Total...	6,84,234	11	2	2,30,241	11	3	4,6,,216	0	0
Deduct the amounts of Cochin, the collection of which has been suspended	.....			.....			2,29,646	0	0
Net balance...	.....			.....			2,35,470	0	0

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

	Rs.	A.	P.				
Charges incurred in realizing the sum collected in the year bearing a per-centage of ...	1,248	0	0	Chowgat ...	.....	.....	2,035	8	0
	0	2	11	Mattra ...	.....	.....	81,840	14	0
				Vellavanaddu ...	.....	.....	6,165	10	0
				Palghaut ...	.....	.....	10,910	8	0
				Ponany ...	.....	.....	1,82,475	0	0
				Total...	.....	.....	2,35,470	0	0

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17th December 1870.

There is an increase of Rupees 17,079-10-5 in the amount of collection in this year compared with that of the last, and Rupees 71,622 with that of 1867-68. The balance (excluding that of Cochin) in the end of the last year was Rs. 3,30,640, and that of the present Rs. 2,35,470, that is, Rupees 95,170 less than in the former year. This is owing to the speedy steps undertaken in recovery. From this balance Rupees 38,000 have been collected during the preparation of this report.

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

Statement No. 4.

Particulars.	No.	Acres.	Total Jenm value.	Deduction.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
From official year 1863-64 to 1868-69	15,088	19,252 13 10	30,05,224 5 4	4,37,389 4 3	24,67,835 1 1	11,99,420 8 1	11,92,082 7 10
Increase on account of sanction	.....	.....	167 0 0	.....	167 0 0	.....	.....
Grand Total...	15,088	19,252 13 10	30,05,391 5 4	4,37,389 4 3	24,67,732 1 1	11,99,420 8 1	11,92,082 7 10
Deduct—							
On account of refund, etc., as per Annexed Statement No. 5	1	1 5 8	8,561 0 0	.....	8,561 0 0	.....	.....
Balance...	15,087	19,251 8 2	30,05,830 5 4	4,37,389 4 3	24,59,531 1 1	11,99,420 8 1	11,92,082 7 10
Settlement in the year under review	860	596 10 7	70,604 10 0	7,571 0 0	63,033 10 0	9,30,911 11 2	.....
Total...	15,947	19,848 3 9	30,76,434 15 4	4,45,160 4 3	25,22,564 11 1	14,19,662 3 3	11,92,082 7 10
Amount of Jenmi Shistom or proprietor's share to Rupees 1,234-15-0 ; at 4 per cent. this sum represents a capital of	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,24,073 15 3	.....	.....
Deducting which there remains profit of	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,98,490 13 10	.....	.....

N. B.—Rupees 167 in columns 4 and 6 is the sum realized from auction of lands, the value of which the tenants had failed to pay up according to the settlement.

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

Statement No. 5.

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1870-71	Amount of arrears uncollected as shown in Statement No. 3 of this report ...	4,64,713	0	0			
	Instalments fixed to be paid in 1870-71 ...	1,58,914	3	10			
					6,23,627	3	10
1871-72					1,20,821	12	0
1872-73					86,922	8	0
1873-74					68,931	8	0
1874-75					57,453	8	0
1875-76					48,920	8	0
1876-77					28,017	8	0
1877-78					18,035	0	0
1878-79					9,979	0	0
1879-80					6,160	0	0
1880-81					2,125	0	0
1881-82					2,125	0	0
1882-83					1,500	0	0
Arrears in Ariengo and Tangacherry, the realization of which has been postponed					28,314	0	0
				Total ..	11,02,932	7	10

8. Particulars of deductions as shown in Statement No. 4.

Statement No. 6.

Particulars.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
Amount refunded, being the excessive price in Valluvanad Taluq—*Vide* Government Order	6,975	0	0
Do. refunded, being the price of a piece of land given as a present to the heirs of the deceased Coonoony Nambiyar, late Adigarry of Tuvur Amshom, of Valluvanad Taluq—*Vide* Government Order ...	531	0	0
Do. deducted from the original excessive price of land sold to one Kurumbayil Tupren Nair at Ernad Taluq	755	0	0
Total ...	8,261	0	0

9. The following statement exhibits the concealed lands recovered during the current year :—

Statement No. 7.

In what year sold.	Particulars of land sold. Wet. Acres.	Wet. Value.	Dry. Acres.	Dry. Value.	Gardens. Acres.	Gardens. Value.	Tanks and wells, etc. Acres.	Tanks and wells, etc. Value.	Total. Acres.	Total. Value.	Deductions.	Net Value.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
In the year under review.	0 1	10,411	14 6 0	355	42 2 0	6,014	...	140	119 9 0	16,920	3,060	13,860

Cases involved in this item were disputed ones, the tenants questioning the right of Government, and could not have been brought to settlement unless recourse was had to law, but the holders thereof have afterwards acknowledged the validity of Government right thereon.

10. The following statement shows the amount of work done in registering and valuing land during the year under reference :—

Statement No. 8.

PARTICULARS OF LANDS VALUED AND REGISTERED, AND THEIR APPROXIMATE EXTENT AND AMOUNT.

Names of Taluqs.	Wet. Acres.	Wet. Value.	Dry. Acres.	Dry. Value.	Gardens. Acres.	Gardens. Value.	Sites for houses, etc. Acres.	Sites for houses, etc. Value.	Total. Acres.	Total. Value.	Balance as per last year.	Grand Total.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ernad	5¾	1,390	0¼	10	1	45			6¾	1,445	1,445	
Valluvanad	295	60,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	295	60,000	60,000	
Palghaut	.....	.....	33	586	54¼	5,260	.....	.....	42¼	2,926	7,13,000	7,15,926
Ponany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,30,000	1,30,000
Cochin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	200	2	200	1,74,000	1,74,200
Ariengo and Tangacherry ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,50,000	1,50,000
Total ...	300¾	61,390	33¼	596	55¼	5,305	2	200	391¼	67,491	12,37,413	12,80,126
Of this the amount disposed of this year ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69,877	69,877
Balance ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,67,536	11,67,536
Difference of value of lands of Ariengo, Tangacherry, and patom between the settlement of the present and of the former one	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,19,536	1,19,536
Balance ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,48,000	10,48,000

11. In the year under report, reduced as the escheat establishment were, much has been done by the remnants of the department, lands were valued to the amount of one lakh* of Rupees against three lakhs of the preceding year. The reduction affected the department in no small degree. The cases disposed of in the year under report were intricate ones; for the escheat property in South Malabar is, as already noticed, in a scattered position, being interspersed among lands already sold or belonging to the private jenm tenants, who allege that the tracts inquestion appertain to their lands, and flatly deny every right of Government thereon, and those lands are being enjoyed by them from time immemorial, much time was consequently wasted in tracing them out by local inquiries and examination of old revenue accounts, (most of which are written in foreign language, and the inconvenience and difficulty of scrutinizing them, were great,) as well also of private documents, and to settle such disputes and surmount the difficulties was no small concern to the department.

* Vide Statement No. 8...

	Rs.
Valuation of Anjengo and Tangacherry lands, etc.,...	70,413
	30,464
	1,00,877

12. Expenses incurred in carrying out the work are as follow, bearing a per-centage of Rupees 7-6-11 on the net amount of sale :—

Statement No. 9.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Pay of establishment	3,354	15	9
Batta do.	1,190	6	4
Saderward	18	9	5
Contingent charges	121	1	7
Total ...	4,685	1	1

13. The above figures would show that the per-centage of the year under report is Rupees 7-6-11 against Rupees 14-14-5 of the preceding year, or nearly half of the past official year 1868-69. Thus there is great fiscal saving in the year effected by the laborious working of the department.

14. It will be seen that most of the properties valued during the current year were traced out by the inquiry prosecuted during it, and that although they were individually of trifling value, yet they numerically came to a large amount. I see that the closer the inquiries are made the more are the advantages developed. There are apparently somewhat large numbers of petty cases still remaining to be traced out, and I perceive that, without the employment of a special department, no requisite and satisfactory information can be gathered. It is for collecting information connected with the concealed property and tracing it out, which is apparently involved in great difficulty, and cannot be surmounted without great perseverance on the part of those who are employed for the purpose, that the service of a special department is particularly wanted. I therefore consider that the retention of the existing reduced establishment is necessary for another year more, and that it will prove greatly advantageous to the State.

15. It would not be out of place to mention here that the officers of the department, unlike the past year wherein they have been indefatigable in their exertions for the benefit of the State, had to undergo a greater trouble and fatigue, especially when they had to accompany me to Travancore, a distance of 200 miles off the head-quarters. It is binding upon me to bear testimony upon their good conduct and faithful discharge of duties entrusted to them, which were of a very trying nature. They are all selected men.

16. The Escheat Sheristadar P. Achuda Menon, has been continually employed in the department for a space of eight years; the ability and exertion he has displayed during his employment in this department were remarkable, and my predecessor, under whom he was employed for a series of years, likewise gave testimony of his character, and I quite agree with him in my estimation of this officer, whose talents entitles him to a Taluq Sheristadarship, which appointment I conceive he should have obtained long before had he not been returned in this special duty.

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17th December 1870.

I have likewise to bear testimony on the ability and trustworthiness of the Inspectors Mayiliyaden Shangaun Nair and Paringolum Gramom Venkedasura Putter, whose careful and confidential discharge of duties in collecting information has enabled me to surmount a considerable difficulty in settling the affairs of escheat to a satisfactory footing, and I consider that they are necessarily deserving of the favourable consideration of Government. They have been well trained, and are fit for any important and responsible revenue work.

Madayambeth Govindan, Panangat Vellapa Menon, P. C. Francis, Karai Ramen, Clerks of the Escheat Department, have also given me great satisfaction. They are all men of intelligence, and are very hard working. They proved themselves very useful in carring out the special work satisfactorily. They have been well trained up for any revenue work, and are deserving of promotion.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The operations of the Escheat Establishment of Malabar during the year 1869-70 extended over acres 657, including the valuation of the Government properties of Anjengo and Tangacherry, which comprise about 252 acres of land.

Board's Procs., 16th June 1870, No. 4,182.

3. The net value of the fee simple (Jenmom) of all land brought under settlement has been fixed at Rupees 65,272, of which Rupees 28,314 belong to the above-mentioned dependencies whose final settlement awaits the orders of Government. The landlord's rent (*Jenmabhogam*) on the whole area to be relinquished amounts to Rupees 1,249 a-year, which represents a capital of Rupees 24,974, leaving on the whole a profit of Rupees 40,000 on the settlement of the year.

4. The actual *escheat* operations in Malabar proper were confined to about 405 acres settled at Rupees 36,958, or Rupees 91 per acre. Reasonable periods have been assigned for payment of the amount by instalments.

5. The increasing intricacy of the cases to be disposed of, and the lengthened employment of the establishment within the Travancore limits, account for a smaller quantity of work turned out; but the charges have been about 12 per cent. on the valuations of the year against 15 per cent. last year.

6. The abstract statement in paragraph 7 of the Collector's letter shows that 20,853 holdings, comprising acres 25,000, have been brought under final settlement since the commencement of these operations. The net value of the fee simple (*Jenmom*) transferred to the tenants has been taken at Rupees 33,65,338, of which Rupees 20,32,487 have been realized up to the date of the report under review, leaving Rupees 13,32,835 still due under instalments, arrangement or as arrears, in respect of which the tenant-purchasers have temporarily failed to fulfil their engagements. The balance under the latter head (excluding the authoritatively suspended balance against Cochin, Rupees 2,29,243) at the close of the year was Rupees 2,82,789; of this sum Rupees 62,367 had been subsequently realized, leaving a net balance of Rupees 2,20,422. The outstanding balance has been very considerably reduced as compared with the previous year, when it amounted to Rupees 5,79,622.

No. 345. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1870, No. 2,055.

Land Revenue.

* Extent of land sold, acres		657
Gross value	Rupees	72,863
Deduct compensation for improvements, etc.	Rupees	7,591
Net value ...		65,272

THE report on the operations of the Escheat Establishment in Malabar in 1869-70 needs no particular notice. The amount* of work performed during the year is satisfactory, considering the difficulties the establishments have had to contend with, and their employment in the Travancore territory in connection with the settlement of the Government lands at Anjengo and Tangacherry and the four patoms which formed the subject of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1870, No. 4,182, disposed of in the Order of Government, dated 19th October last, No. 1,590.

2. The collections in the year amounted to Rupees 2,89,732, (exclusive of the sum of Rupees 2,784 realized in advance and on account of interest), out of the total demand of Rupees 8,01,764, and the balance left was Rupees 5,12,032, of which the sum of Rupees 62,327 has been subsequently realized. The Government trust that the remainder will be collected without unnecessary delay. They have in their Order, dated 14th December 1870, No. 2,024 authorized the collection of the balance of Rupees 2,29,243 due on the Cochin Escheat Settlement stated to have been hitherto suspended.

3. The Government in their Order, dated 14th January 1870, No. 89, expressed the hope that the work connected with the settlement will be completed in 1869-70, but the Collector states that this expectation has not been realized. He promises, however, not to continue the special establishment beyond the current Fusli, and to have the remaining work, which will be much reduced by that time, carried on by the Tahsildars with some slight temporary additions to their ordinary establishment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant-General.

Rd. E. R. Lapidemar.

Rev. Department

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Under date the 17th November 1870

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Proceedings of the Board

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Submitting with remarks Collector's report on progress made in settlement of estates in Inalabar Dist. during 1869/70. (H.E. 21st Sept. 70 No. 5818)

R. V. N.

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REVENUE.

To

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Dated December 17th.

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G. O., 7th December 1870, No. 2,055.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 344-345.

Escheats in Malabar District.—Report on the operations of the establishment during 1869-70, reviewed.

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