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No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1872, No. 881:—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 27th March 1872, No. 90:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the formal report on the progress of the Escheat Settlement for the official year 1870-71.

The leading facts in the year's settlement were embodied in my report disposed of in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th February 1871, No. 379.

2. The total extent of land sold during the year under report was 1,517 Acres of the gross value of Rupees 79,103-13-8, from which a sum of Rupees 13,671-7-9 had to be deducted on account of compensation for improvements, mortgage remission, etc., leaving a net amount of Rupees 65,432-5-11 payable to Government on the year's settlement.

The particulars of settlement for North and South Malabar are shown in detail in the following statement:—

—	Description of Land sold in 1870-71.					Gross value.	Deduction on account of compensation for improvement, settlement of liens, allowance for occupancy rights, etc.	Net value.
	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	House-site, etc.	Extent in Acres.			
	A. A. SIX.	A. A. SIX.	A. A. SIX.	A. A. SIX.	A. A. SIX.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar.....	110 0 13	52 8 9	117 5 7¾	... ...	279 14 13¾	7,360 15 6	65 7 9	7,295 7 9
South Malabar.....	244 4 0	751 4 0	239 12 0	2 0 0	1,237 4 0	71,742 14 2	13,606 0 0	58,136 14 2
Total...	354 4 13	803 12 9	357 1 7¾	2 0 0	1,517 2 13¾	79,103 13 8	13,671 7 9	65,432 5 11

3. The purchasers have agreed to pay the amount of Rupees 65,432-5-11 in instalments as noted below:—

Years.	North Malabar.	South Malabar.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1870-71... ...	5,412 14 11	3,882 2 2	9,295 1 1
1871-72... ...	1,371 2 5	8,832 4 0	10,203 6 5
1872-73... ...	461 6 5	6,642 8 0	7,103 14 5
1873-74... ...	50 0 0	5,592 8 0	5,642 8 0
1874-75... ...	... ...	4,541 8 0	4,541 8 0
1875-76... ...	... ...	3,899 0 0	3,899 0 0
1876-77... ...	... ...	3,295 0 0	3,295 0 0
1877-78... ...	... ...	2,986 0 0	2,986 0 0
1878-79... ...	... ...	2,661 0 0	2,661 0 0
1879-80... ...	... ...	2,458 0 0	2,458 0 0
1880-81... ...	... ...	2,347 0 0	2,347 0 0
1881-82... ...	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1882-83... ...	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1883-84... ...	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1884-85... ...	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1885-86... ...	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
Total...	7,295 7 9	58,136 14 2	65,432 5 11

4. Although the settlement of the year as compared with that of 1869-70 shows an increase of Rs. 160-2-4, yet there has actually been a decrease of Rupees 4,896-11-10 in South Malabar which is owing to the cases settled being petty and intricate costing much time and labour in their disposal :—

—	Settlement.			
	1869-70.	1870-71.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar	2,238 9 7	7,295 7 9	5,056 14 2	... ...
South Malabar	60,033 10 0	58,136 14 2	... ...	4,896 11 10
Total...	65,272 3 7	65,432 5 11	5,056 14 2	4,896 11 10

5. The expenditure in the year amounted to Rupees 7,751-3-0 being a per-centage of Rupees 11-13-6 on the net value of the sales which is less than that of 1869-70 :—

—	Settlement Establishment and Batta charges.	Collection Establishment.	Contingencies, Registration, and Sadirward charges.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
North Malabar	364 0 0	624 0 0	113 1 0	1,101 1 0
South Malabar	4,550 5 0	1,487 9 10	612 3 2	6,650 2 0
Total...	4,914 5 0	2,111 9 10	725 4 2	7,751 3 0

6. The jenmi shistom or proprietor's share relinquished this year was Rupees 104, which represents at the rate of five per cent. a capital sum of Rupees 2,080. The year's settlement shows a clear net gain to Government of Rupees 55,601-2-11 after deducting the cost of establishment and other charges given in the preceding paragraph and the amount representing the capital of the annual payments relinquished.

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

Particulars.	—	Extent in Acres.	Gross proceeds.	Deduct compensation paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
North Malabar.		A. A. Six.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
From official year 1863-64 to 1869-70.	4,892	6,109 9 5½	9,15,640 13 10	72,884 6 3	8,42,756 7 7
For the official year 1870-71.....	81	279 14 13¾	7,360 15 6	65 7 9	7,295 7 9
	4,973	6,389 8 3	9,23,001 13 4	72,949 14 0	8,50,051 15 4
Deduct decrease by re-sale	...	... ...	759 0 0	... ...	759 0 0
Total...	4,973	6,389 8 3	9,22,242 13 4	72,949 14 0	8,49,292 15 4
South Malabar.					
From official year 1853-54 to 1869-70.	15,941	18,838 2 9	29,67,726 7 4	4,45,160 4 3	25,22,566 3 1
Official year 1870-71.....	922	1,237 4 12	71,742 14 2	13,606 0 0	58,136 14 2
	16,863	20,075 7 5	30,39,469 5 6	4,58,766 4 3	25,80,703 1 3
Deduct decrease by re-sale	...	... ...	93 8 0	... ...	93 8 0
Total...	16,863	20,075 7 5	30,39,375 13 6	4,58,766 4 3	25,80,609 9 3
Grand Total...	...	... ...	... .	... ...	34,29,902 8 7
Of this, the amount collected up to 1870-71.				{North Malabar...	6,68,617 10 4
				{South Malabar...	15,61,627 4 10
				Total collection...	22,20,244 15 2
Balance outstanding.....				{North Malabar...	1,80,675 5 0
				{South Malabar	1,02,892 4 5
				Total	12,09,657 9 5

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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 1871-72	37,251 0 2	4,97,471 4 5	5,29,722 4 7
Instalments fixed for 1871-72 ...	29,325 14 5	1,30,469 8 0	1,59,795 6 5
Total...	66,576 14 7	6,22,940 12 5	6,89,517 11 0
Instalments fixed for 1872-73	25,969 2 5	94,450 0 0	1,20,419 2 5
1873-74	20,568 0 0	75,440 8 0	96,008 8 0
1874-75	19,253 4 0	62,113 0 0	81,366 4 0
1875-76	11,274 0 0	52,927 8 0	64,201 8 0
1876-77	9,414 0 0	31,420 8 0	40,834 8 0
1877-78	5,128 0 0	21,021 0 0	26,149 0 0
1878-79	5,060 0 0	12,640 0 0	17,700 0 0
1879-80	4,428 0 0	8,618 0 0	13,046 0 0
1880-81	4,428 0 0	4,472 0 0	8,900 0 0
1881-82	4,428 0 0	4,325 0 0	8,753 0 0
1882-83	4,148 0 0	3,700 0 0	7,848 0 0
1883-84	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1884-85	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
1885-86	... ...	2,200 0 0	2,200 0 0
Arrears in Anjengo and Tangasherri.	... ...	28,314 0 0	28,314 0 0
Total...	1,80,675 5 0	10,28,982 4 5	12,09,657 9 5

9. The collections of the year amounted to Rupees 1,87,774-2-4. 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	5,03,722 8 0	1,06,748 7 7	3,96,974 0 5
Kists due in 1870-71 on account of settlement up to 1869-70	2,02,475 3 10	72,613 10 1	1,29,861 9 9
Kists due in 1870-71 on account of settlement of that year	9,289 1 1	6,402 6 8	2,886 10 5
	7,15,486 12 11	1,85,764 8 4	5,29,722 4 7
Collections in advance...	... ...	1,389 12 0	
Interest...	... ...	619 14 0	
	... ...	1,87,774 2 4	
Deduct the arrears of Cochin the collection of which has been suspended ...	... ...	... ...	2,63,597 0 0
Net balance...	... ...	... ...	2,66,125 4 7

The difference in the demand between this and last year's report is owing to the extension of instalments granted in some cases. In the amount collected, a sum of Rupees 527 has been erroneously entered in the Treasury Account under the head of waste lands which accounts for the difference between this report and the Treasury Account.

The demand for 1871-72 is Rupees 6,89,517.

Land to the extent of 463 Acres of the value of Rupees 38,607 have been discovered during the year as being Government escheats.

The reductions in establishment have been carried out, and sanction for the establishment at its reduced scale remains in force for another year.

The report of the Deputy-Collector is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From O. CANNEN, Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 12th October 1871, No. 27.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the working of the Escheat Department in South Malabar during the past official year 1870-71.

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

Name of Escheats.	Particulars of Land sold.								Total.	
	Wet.		Dry.		Gardens.		Sites for Houses, etc.			
	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.	Acres.	Value.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
1. Mopla Rebels' escheated to Government in Ernad, Walluvenad, and Calicut Taluqs ...	6½	1,153 0 0	2	52 0 0	3	931 0 0	...	422 8 2	11½	2,558 8 2
2. Chenat Nair's, Palghaut Rajah's Minister who died heirless	136½	34,538 0 0	213½	3,332 0 0	47½	5,903 0 0	2	2,503 4 0	399½	46,276 4 0
3. Betat Rajah's who died heirless	95	5,241 0 0	528½	4,164 0 0	180	11,308 0 0	...	... ...	803½	20,713 0 0
4. The Dutch possessions acquired by Government in Manapuram	6½	968 0 0	7½	99 0 0	9	1,117 0 0	...	11 2 0	23	2,195 2 0
Total...	244½	41,900 0 0	751½	7,647 0 0	239½	19,259 0 0	2	2,936 14 2	1,237½	71,742 14 2

Deduct.

	Rs.	
Kuyikanom or compensation for improvements	8,929	
Vettukanom or expenses for bringing lands into cultivation ...	1,535	
Vettukanom or expenses for bringing lands into cultivation ...	2,460	
Kanom or mortgage	682	
Relinquished on account of poverty, etc		13,606 0 0
Net valu e...		58,136 14 2

The net amount settled in the year under report is Rupees 58,136-14-2 which is less than that of the preceding year by Rupees 4,896-11-10. The cases settled were petty ones, cases of importance being fewer than in the former year, which accounts for the decrease. It is to be observed here that lands to the value of Rupees 38,607 have been lying dormant, and on which the Government was not enjoying any Jenmabhogam or proprietary share. To discover and settle these lands and to convince their occupants of Government right on them called for no little trouble and time.

3. The purchasers of the lands have agreed to liquidate the amount due by them in instalments as shown below. They have been fixed with a due regard to their circumstances. Of the first-mentioned amount only Rupees 1,529-2-2 have been collected, a balance of Rupees 2,353 being still outstanding. In the case of one purchaser the instalments have been further extended.

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Statement No. 2 (*showing instalments.*)

Official year.	Rs.	A.	P.
1870-71	3,882	2	2
1871-72...	8,832	4	0
1872-73...	6,642	8	0
1873-74...	5,592	8	0
1874-75...	4,541	8	0
1875-76...	3,899	0	0
1876-77...	3,295	0	0
1877-78...	2,986	0	0
1878-79...	2,661	0	0
1879-80...	2,458	0	0
1880-81...	2,347	0	0
1881-82...	2,200	0	0
1882-83...	2,200	0	0
1883-84...	2,200	0	0
1884-85...	2,200	0	0
1885-86...	2,200	0	0
Total...	58,136	14	2

	Rs.	A.	P.
Jenmabhogam or proprietor's share from land settled in the year under review	99	1	7
At 4 per cent. this sum represents a capital of	2,477	7	7
Deducting which there remains a profit of	55,659	6	7

4. The following statement indicates the total 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 1863-64...	1,190	4	0	575	4	0	615	0	0
Do. do. 1864-65...	17,056	0	0	6,818	14	0	10,237	2	0
Do. do. 1865-66...	64,283	12	0	6,606	4	0	57,677	8	0
Do. do. 1866-67...	75,372	0	0	7,113	8	0	68,258	8	0
Do. do. 1867-68...	79,027	4	0	14,555	8	0	64,471	12	0
Do. do. 1868-69...	1,03,305	12	0	25,594	7	8	77,711	4	4
Do. do. 1869-70...	1,21,567	0	0	15,833	5	11	1,05,733	10	1
Do. do. 1870-71...	1,58,820	11	10	53,407	3	10	1,05,413	8	0
Instalments payable in the year under review on account of settlement thereof	3,882	2	2	1,529	2	2	2,353	0	0
Total...	6,24,504	14	0	1,32,033	9	7	4,92,471	4	5
Interest...	... ...			14	4	0	... ...		
Deduct the arrears of Cochin...	... ...			... ...			2,63,597	0	0
Net balance...	... ...			... ...			2,28,874	4	5

	Rs.	A.	P.
The above balance is to be realized from the following taluqs :—			
Expenses incurred in making the above collection is	1,487	9	10
Charges incidental thereto	16	9	0
Total...	1,504	2	10
Bearing a percentage of	1	2	3
Stamp value for documents	207	8	0
Stamp papers	1,569	8	0
Registration Fees ...	62	8	0
Total...	1,839	8	0

Calicut	4,788	0	0
Ernad	72,021	12	5
Walluvanad...	791	12	0
Palghaut	8,035	0	0
Ponany	1,43,237	12	0
Total...	2,28,874	4	5

From this balance Rupees 33,789-4-0 has been collected during the preparation of this report. The balance (excluding that of Cochin) in last year was Rupees 2,35,470 and that of the following year is Rupees 2,28,874-4-5 or Rupees 6,595-11-7 less than that of the former year. Collection in the last year was Rupees 2,20,211-11-2 and that of the present Rs. 1,32,033-9-7 or Rupees 88,178-1-7 less than in the former year. This is attributable to the tenants being short of money owing to fall in the prices of articles.

5. The annexed is an abstract statement of sales from the very creation of the department:—

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.	Rs. A. P.
From official year 1853-54 to 1869-70	15,941	18,838 2 9	29,67,724 15 4	4,45,160 4 3	25,22,564 11 1	14,19,632 3 3	... ...
Net decrease* in auction as particularized below on account of default of payment.....	...	... ...	93 8 0	... ...	93 8 0	... ...	... ...
Deduct the refunds to a tenant.....	...	.. ..	... ...	... .	... ...	40 0 0	... ...
Balance...	15,941	18,838 2 9	29,67,631 7 4	4,45,160 4 3	25,22,471 3 1	14,19,592 3 3	... ...
Settlement in the year under review	922	1,237 4 12	71,742 14 2	13,606 0 0	58,136 14 2	1,32,033 9 7	... ...
Total...	16,863	20,075 7 5	30,39,374 5 6	4,58,766 4 3	25,80,608 1 3	15,51,625 12 10	10,28,982 4 5
Amount of Jenmi shistom or proprietor's share is Rupees 17,062-0-10 at 4 per cent.; this sum represents a capital of	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	4,26,551 4 10	... ...	... ...
Deducting which there remains a profit of.....	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	21,54,056 12 5	... ...	... ...

* Decrease.
	Rs	A.	P.
Palghaut Taluq	134	0	0
Ernad do.	100	0	0
Walluvanad do.	4	8	0
Increase.—Ponany do.	145	0	0
Net decrease...	93	8	0

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

Statement No. 5.

	Rs.	A.	P.		
1871-72.—Amount of arrears uncollected as shown in Statement No. 3 of this report	4,92,471	4	5		
Instalments fixed to be paid	1,30,469	8	0	6,22,940	12 5
1872-73...				94,450	0 0
1873-74...				75,440	8 0
1874-75...				62,113	0 0
1875-76...				52,927	8 0
1876-77...				31,420	8 0
1877-78...				21,021	0 0
1878-79...				12,640	0 0
1879-80...				8,618	0 0
1880-81...				4,472	0 0
1881-82...				4,325	0 0
1882-83...				3,700	0 0
1883-84...				2,200	0 0
1884-85...				2,200	0 0
1885-86...				2,200	0 0
Arrears in Anjengo and Tangacherry the realization of which has been postponed				28,314	0 0
Total...				10,28,982	4 5

7. The statement below exhibits concealed lands discovered:—

Statement No. 6.

In what year sold.	Particulars of Land sold. Wet. Acres.	Wet. Value.	Dry. Acres.	Dry. Value.	Gardens. Acres.	Gardens. Value.	Tanks, Wells, etc. Acres	Tanks, Wells, etc. Value.	Total. Acres.	Total. Value.	Deduction.	Net value.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Settled in Palghaut in the year under review	96¾	23,603	100	1,663	34½	3,927	2	1,600	233	30,793	1,786	29,007
Do. Ponany do. ...	70	3,500	40	3,200	120	7,200	...	...	230	13,900	4,300	9,600
Total...	166¾	27,103	140	4,863	154	11,127	2	1,600	463	44,693	6,086	38,607

8. The following statement shows the amount of valuation and registration of lands during the year under reference:—

Statement No. 7.

Name of Taluqs.	Particulars of Lands valued and registered and their approximate extent and amount. Wet. Acres.	Wet. Value.	Dry. Acres.	Dry. Value.	Garden. Acres.	Garden. Value.	Sites for Houses, etc. Acres.	Sites for Houses, etc. Value.	Total. Acres.	Total. Value.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Ernad (Rebels') ...	...	...	...	...	7¼	1,211	...	...	7¼	1,211
Palghaut (Chenat Nair's)	93¾	23,763	119	1,795	12¾	2,618	2	1,700	227½	29,876
Ponany (Betat Rajah's)...	97	7,884	954	6,646	272	12,855	...	...	1,323	27,385
Total...	190¾	31,647	1,073	8,441	292	16,684	2	1,700	1,557¾	58,472

9. The charges incurred in carrying out the work during the year under notice are particularized in the annexed tabular statement:—

Statement No. 8.

Particulars.				Amount.		
				Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment salary...				3,182	0	0
	Rs.	A.	P.			
Batta to the servants	1,568	5	0			
Railway Charges to do.	3	2	0			
Batta to Arbitrators	130	0	0			
				1,501	7	0
Saderwarid	20	12	6			
Contingent Charges	24	11	8			
				45	8	2
Total charges...				4,728	15	2
Bearing a per-centage of Rupees 8-2-2 on the net value of the settlement.						
Reward for bringing escheat lands to light				147	0	0

10. The subjoined statement indicates the total amount of charges incurred from the official year 1853-54 to the close of the year 1870-71:—

Statement No. 9.

Particulars.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.
Expenses connected with the settlement which bear a per-centage of Rs. 3-9-5 on the net amount	92,654	1	10
Do. for collections bearing a per-centage of Annas 8 and Pie 1 on the entire collection...	7,843	6	9

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The quantity of land, the jenm of which was sold in 1870-71, amounted to 1,517 Acres and the net value was Rupees 65,432.

3. There was an increase in North Malabar but a decrease in South Malabar resulting from the fact that the cases there are becoming more and more petty and intricate.

4. The net gain to Government by the year's operations was Rupees 55,601.

5. Considering the difficulties which have to be dealt with and which have been brought to the notice of Government from time to time, the Board think the report is satisfactory though the uncollected balance is large, viz., Rupees 5,29,722, Rupees 2,63,597 of which belongs to Cochin arrears the collection of which has been suspended.

——	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1869-70 ...	8,01,765	2,89,732	5,12,032
1870-71 ...	7,15,487	1,85,765	5,29,722

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25. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1872, No. 1,379.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded:

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Re. 1379.

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