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5. During the Jamabandi of Faslies 1282 and 1283, the Ryotwari system was fully introduced into the Estate, and the benefits thereof actually felt by the ryots. The arbitrary enhancement of the rates of land assessment, and the impost of various unauthorized taxes and cesses, brought to notice in my letter of the 19th December 1872, No. 682, (*vide* Court's Proceedings, dated 12th May 1873, No. 771), and which were the main reasons of the heavy accumulation of the irrecoverable balance just noticed, were carefully remedied, in accordance with the

instructions of the Court on the subject. The aggregate amount of the estimates for the repair of some 120 Irrigation works, sanctioned by the Court of Wards during their management of the Estate, was about Rupees 86,830, of which, about eighty tanks were completely repaired at a cost of some 44,000 Rupees, a boon altogether unknown to the ryots of the Estate during the administration of the late Jaghiredar. At the request of the young Jaghiredar, it has been arranged that all the works sanctioned by the Court of Wards before the Estate was made over to him shall be carried on under my supervision, amounting to Rupees 27,117. Twenty-four works are now in progress and fourteen others, amounting to Rupees 15,713, will be put in hand as soon as possible. In this one respect alone, an immense benefit has been conferred on the Estate. Every encouragement was given to the ryots to increase their cultivation.

6. In the margin is given the net beriz of the past three faslies, which shows an increase in the beriz of Faslies 1282 and 1283 over that of Fasli 1281. This is a sufficient proof that our administration had at least commenced to be of real benefit to the Estate.

	Rs.
Fasli 1281	1,03,412
,, 1282	1,20,814
,, 1283	1,16,756

7. The net collections, both arrear and current, during the past three faslies, are given in the margin, and the figures shew a decided improvement during our management as compared with that under the late Jaghiredar. There would have been a larger collection in the current fasli had not the Estate been handed over in May last.

	Rs.
Fasli 1281	94,470
,, 1282	1,45,127
,, 1283	1,29,174

8. The amount of recoverable debts due to the Estate when the management was taken up by us was Rupees 56,109, and the interest which accrued on such debts during Faslies 1282-1283, amounted to Rupees 8,948. Of the total amount of Rupees 65,057, Rupees 11,333 were collected, and Rupees 53,724 are yet to be collected. Three hundred and forty-eight suits were filed against the debtors, of which one hundred and twenty-five were decreed in favor of the Jaghiredar, and one hundred and thirty-three are still pending. Ninety suits were either withdrawn or dismissed. A very large number of decrees in favor of the Jaghiredar are yet to be executed, which will very materially decrease the amount of debts due.

9. The Jaghire Office was in a state of utter confusion when its charge was taken up; but now, the Office and the Executive establishment have been thoroughly re-organized according to the scale of a first class Government Taluq, and order and regularity have been introduced in the working of the staff.

10. The valuable jewels of the Jaghiredar's family were left by the deceased in terrible confusion, without any inventory or descriptive list, which has since been prepared, shewing their respective weight and valuation. This was an important act done for the good of the young Jaghiredar.

11. On the whole, I am gratified to report to the Court of Wards that their management of the Estate of Arnee, short as it was, has terminated with very satisfactory results. Now that we have brought it to a proper footing, it is for the young Jaghiredar to manage it efficiently in future. If the Jaghire is continued to be administered hereafter in the same manner as during the Court's management, there is every reason to expect that it will ere long be in a very prosperous and wealthy condition. The young Jaghiredar seems to be a promising landlord, and I trust he will prove to be an efficient manager of his fine property. When he took charge from me he assured me that he had every intention of carrying on the working of the Estate in precisely the same manner in which he found it. He has up to this date maintained the same Office establishment, and he has assented to the expenditure of upwards of Rupees 42,800 in carrying out improvements to various Irrigation works, which will not only prove a vast boon to the ryots of the Jaghire, but also largely increase his own income. I therefore am hopeful that he will be found a wise and generous administrator of the Estate which has just been handed over to him.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th October 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Court are gratified at learning that the Collector's management of the Arnee Estate has proved so successful, and has resulted in such marked benefit not only to the proprietor, but also to the people generally. Order has been evolved out of chaos in the short space of two years and a quarter and this has been mainly due to the untiring zeal and energy of Mr. Whiteside to whom the Court's acknowledgments are due.

3. Mr. Whiteside having enumerated the principal features of the Court's administration it is unnecessary to say more now than that the Jaghiredar's evident desire to carry out the improvements suggested by the Court for the benefit of his Estate augurs well for its future prosperity.

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter, it appears that the gold coins referred to were sold and their value included in the sum of Rupees 75,000 remitted to him. The item Rupees 14-14-9 should, therefore, be expunged from the Statement of Accounts, whereby the balance of Rs. 3,25,073-7-0 shown as remaining to the credit of the Jaghiredar in the Collector's Treasury on the 24th May 1874 will be reduced to Rupees 3,25,058-8-3.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1874, No. 1,274.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASETR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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