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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1877, No. 2,924.

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No. 648. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1877, No. 3,028.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 22nd May 1877, No. 1,785, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Collections of Revenue in the Madras Presidency.*—Requesting the Board of Revenue to inquire whether pressure might not be exercised without hardship to recover a good deal of the —.

The B[illegible] and B Statements for

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	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
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2. Bellary	20,72,611	2,31,960	— 18,40,651	— 88·8
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4. Chingleput	8,25,343	2,14,256	— 6,11,087	— 74·0
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6. North Arcot	18,34,815	5,14,659	— 13,20,156	— 71·9
7. Salem	17,17,504	5,22,844	— 11,94,660	— 69·5
8. Nellore	16,51,766	7,37,562	— 9,14,204	— 55·3
9. Coimbatore	19,16,729	10,17,091	— 8,99,638	— 46·9
10. Kistna	35,94,206	22,89,003	— 13,05,203	— 36·3
11. South Arcot	22,08,047	14,43,969	— 7,64,078	— 34·6
12. Trichinopoly	14,19,746	11,21,568	— 2,98,178	— 21·0
13. Tinnevelly	21,55,445	18,27,953	— 3,27,492	— 15·1
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15. Tanjore	28,84,949	27,01,908	— 1,83,041	— 6·3
16. Ganjam	10,57,006	10,55,606	— 1,400	— ·1
17. Malabar	14,80,527	16,29,372	+ 1,48,845	+ 10·0
18. South Canara	9,16,155	9,80,297	+ 64,142	+ 7·0
19. Nilgiris	33,247	45,532	+ 12,285	+ 36·9
20. Godavery	38,30,960	39,68,045	+ 1,37,085	+ 3·6
21. Vizagapatam	10,76,436	10,90,677	+ 14,241	+ 1·3
Total ...	357,60,157	223,24,610	— 134,35,547	— 37·6

2. There is no decrease in the collections of the district of Vizagapatam, and the Collector has explained that the remark in the March statement that the falling off was due to the non-payment of Zemindari kists was erroneous. The decrease was under Ryotwari owing to the lateness of the Jamabandi, and there was an increase under Zemindari collections.

3. The collections in the district of Kistna up to the 30th of April are more backward than those up to the end of March, the percentage of the decrease in the former case being 36 against 33 per cent. in the latter. The Collector attributes the decrease to the famine, but the Board do not understand how such a large decrease could be due to that cause. The Collector is requested to report in what taluqs the decrease occurs, and what the remissions in those taluqs have been or are likely to be.

	Kistna.	
	Up to March.	Up to April.
	Rs.	Rs.
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4. Collections in the districts of Salem, North Arcot, and South Arcot are also very slack, and the falling off appears to be in excess of what the circumstances of the districts warrant. The Collectors concer... are requested to report whether collections cannot be improved by resort to coercive process without hardship to the ryots.

5. The Collectors of the other districts in which there is a decrease are also requested to take measures for collecting all the realizable demand without delay.

6. The D, C, and B Statement for June should be forwarded as early as possible with full explanation in regard to any heavy arrears. If, owing to the non-completion of the Jamabandi of any taluqs, the correct demand cannot be ascertained, a statement showing the approximate demand should be submitted before the 15th July, leaving the statement showing the correct demand to be furnished [illegible]

7. As regards Abkari, the districts in which the collections are most slack are those noted in the margin. The Board have already drawn the attention of the Collectors of all these districts, excepting Kistna and Vizagapatam, to the subject (Board's Proceedings, 13th April 1877, No. 1,638), and the Collectors of the districts marked with an asterisk have been requested to report the amount of deposits available to set against outstandings, what chance there is of the rents being realized in full if time be allowed, and what concessions, if any, are required. The Collector of Madura has reported that the deposits in many cases are larger than the arrears due, and that the amounts will probably be realized if time, not exceeding three months, is given. The discretion asked for has accordingly been granted. The Collector of Salem has asked for three months' time, and this also has been granted. The Collector of North Arcot reported that he had already adopted measures for the collection of the revenue, but recommended that as the Toddy Renters have sustained heavy losses, half of such balance as may remain uncollected at the end of the fasli should be suspended till the season improves. The Board promised to consider the recommendation on learning the state of the balances at the close of the other districts and what time the Collector proposed to give. The Collectors of the other districts noted above in the margin will now be requested not to relax their efforts to collect the revenue, and to submit reports at an early date stating what concessions, if any, are necessary.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 649. Order thereon, 25th September 1877, No. 2,924.

Land Revenue, No. 11. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

No. 3,028.

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Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" all Collectors, with copy of Government Order.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.