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Submitting Board's report on the working of Cattle Pounds and on the operations of the Village Service Fund for the official year 1898-99.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

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The Hon'ble Mr. A. F. NICHOLSON, I.C.S.

READ—Reports from Collectors.

RESOLUTION—No. 215, dated 12th September 1899.

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Trichinopoly ..	12,418	998	734	71	14,221	6,768	4,859	748	12,375	
Vizagapatam ..	7,019	560	865	19	7,963	3,456	3,953	402	7,811	
Total ..	2,85,875	22,889	37,748	1,632	3,48,144	1,42,302	78,778	39,336	2,60,416	

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3. The following is a classified abstract of the receipts and charges of Cattle pounds as compared with those of the previous year :—

Items.	* 1897-98.	1898-99.	Increase or decrease.	Remarks.
<i>Receipts.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Fines on stray cattle..	2,87,748	2,85,875	— 1,873	The decrease which is small is the net result of a decrease in eleven districts and an increase in the rest. The fall was most marked in Kistna, Godavari and Vizagapatam, amounting to Rs. 3,616, Rs. 2,391 and Rs. 1,072, respectively. The decline in Kistna was due partly to the abolition in 1897-98 of a large number of pounds which had no appreciable income and partly to the fact that the ryots had large stocks of fodder on hand which enabled them to dispense with the necessity of sending out their cattle to graze. The decrease in Godavari is ascribed to the fact that in consequence of the favourable character of the season fewer cattle were sent from the delta taluks to graze in the uplands, while in Vizagapatam there was a reduction in the rates of the fees levied on cattle trespassing in the forest reserves of the Palkonda taluk. The increase was large in Bellary and is attributed (1) to the opening of additional pounds in the year, (2) to the favourable character of the season, by which it is presumably meant that a larger area was under cultivation and that trespassing cattle were more frequently impounded by the aggrieved cultivator, and (3) to the increased energy displayed by forest guards in the matter of impounding stray cattle.
2. Sale-proceeds of impounded cattle.	20,714	22,889	+ 2,175	
3. Recovery of feeding charges.	40,548	37,748	— 2,800	
4. Miscellaneous ..	2,145	1,632	— 513	
Total ..	3,51,155	3,48,144	— 3,011	
<i>Charges.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	
5. Establishment ..	1,46,426	1,42,302	— 4,124	The decrease under "charges" follows the decrease under "receipts." The expenditure on "construction and repair of pounds" fell short of the sanctioned estimate by Rs. 8,922.
6. Construction and repair of pounds.	75,513	78,778	+ 3,265	
7. Miscellaneous ..	42,792	39,336	— 3,456	
Total ..	2,64,731	2,60,416	— 4,315	

* The figures have been taken from the last year's report.

4. The following statement shows the variations during the year in the number of pounds :—

Districts.	At the end of 1897-98.	Abolished in 1898-99.	Opened in 1898-99.	At the end of 1898-99.
Anantapur ..	262	..	36	298
Arcoot, North ..	688	1	11	698
Arcoot, South ..	502	5	3	500
Bellary ..	341	..	5	346
Canara, South ..	664	..	3	667
Chingleput ..	224	2	1	223
Coimbatore ..	626	17	..	609
Cuddapah ..	425	..	3	428
Ganjām ..	181	1	..	180
Godavari ..	447	7	3	443
Kistna ..	888	1	3	890
Kurnool ..	464	..	9	473
Madura ..	683	4	12	691
Malabar ..	430	3	10	437
Nellore ..	443	1	2	444
The Nilgiris ..	† 26	..	..	26
Salem ..	353	2	2	353
Tanjore ..	280	..	..	280
Tinnevely ..	593	8	2	587
Trichinopoly ..	264	..	..	264
Vizagapatam ..	265	1	..	264
Total ..	9,049	53	105	9,101

† Revised figure. (2/2/98)

5. The condition of pounds at the close of the triennium ending 1898-99 is disclosed by the subjoined statement :—

Districts.	Pounds.		Pounds having				Roofed structures.		Mere enclosures.		Total.
	In good repair.	Others.	Feeding racks and water-troughs only.	Feeding racks only.	Water-troughs only.	Neither.	Having substantial buildings.	Others.	Under shady trees.	Others.	
Anantapur ..	271	27	270	2	18	8	169	7	108	14	298
Arcot, North ..	566	132	698	..	..	..	40	656	2	..	698
.. South ..	325	175	75	..	..	..	380	60	36	24	600
Bellary ..	319	27	341	..	..	..	330	1	3	12	346
Canara, South ..	664	3	667	..	..	..	3	664	..	..	667
Chingleput ..	174	49	170	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	223
Coimbatore ..	563	46	329	..	45	8	255	1	196	157	609
Cuddapah ..	407	21	400	18	270	10	21	65	283	59	428
Ganjām ..	120	60	84	2	9	1	46	125	7	2	180
Gōdāvari ..	340	103	312	21	77	17	22	337	24	60	443
Kistna ..	689	201	744	19	69	41	70	109	442	269	890
Kurnool ..	460	23	451	12	8	44	11	1	163	293	473
Madura ..	538	153	655	3	18	15	55	329	226	81	691
Malabar ..	406	31	389	15	5	20	104	44	212	84	437
Nellore ..	352	92	366	34	24	28	24	1	..	..	444
The Nilgiris ..	12	14	19	8	3	1	24	1	..	..	26
Salem ..	285	68	342	9	..	..	233	27	14	6	280
Tanjore ..	240	40	258	1	15	6	119	79	36	30	264
Tinnevely ..	456	131	556	11	20	..	83	180	..	1	264
Trichinopoly ..	184	80	206	17	22	19	..	..	..	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	264	..	264	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7,625	1,476	7,596	168	1,049	288	3,154	2,993	1,818	1,136	9,101
Total at the end of the previous triennium ..	7,693	1,598	7,785	210	744	552	2,422	3,268	2,175	1,426	9,291

* The correct figure is 9,298—vide paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 312, dated 20th September 1897.

The decrease of 190 in the total number of pounds as compared with the previous triennium was mainly due to the abolition in Kistna of those pounds in which the transactions were insignificant, and the income insufficient for the maintenance of the necessary establishment. The number of pounds requiring repair was larger than at the close of the previous triennium in ten districts; in two of these, viz., North Arcot and Tinnevely, the retrogression was marked. The Collector of North Arcot ascribes this to the heavy rains of the north-east monsoon in 1898-99 which damaged many pounds; no explanation has been offered in the case of Tinnevely. The number of pounds requiring repair continues to be large in Kistna, South Arcot and Madura.

About 83·5 per cent. of the total number of pounds are provided with both feeding racks and water-troughs, as against 83·8 per cent. at the close of 1895-96. There has thus been no improvement in this direction. On the other hand the number of pounds not fitted with either feeding racks or water-troughs was slightly over 3 per cent. in the triennium ending 1898-99, the corresponding figure for the previous triennium being nearly 6 per cent. Again there has been a decided advance in the provision of suitable buildings, though there is still room for further improvement under this head. The number of pounds which are mere enclosures has decreased by 647 while the number of roofed structures has risen by 457. The number of mere enclosures in Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Kistna, Kurnool, Madura and Nellore is still very large, being in fact about 84 per cent. of the total number in the Presidency. On the whole there has been an improvement in the condition of pounds, materially restricted no doubt by the want of sufficient funds to carry out all the repairs and improvements considered necessary by local officers. The Board is confident that much better results will be achieved in the current triennium if there is no recurrence of the financial pressure which restricted budget allotments to such an extent during the past three years.

6. Village Service Fund.—The receipts and charges of the Village Service Fund are shown in the annexed table:—

Districts.	* Balance on 1st April 1898.	Receipts during 1898-99.				Total receipts including balance.	* Charges during 1898-99.	Balance at the end of 1898-99.	
		Contributions from Government Revenues.		Contributions from ryots.					
		Amount transferred from Land Revenue.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Village-cess.	Miscellaneous receipts.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	RS.	RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.	
Anantapur ..	..	46,908	..	46,908	..	93,816	..	1,71,650	..
Arcot, North ..	..	90,686	3	90,698	..	1,81,357	..	3,30,583	..
" South ..	..	1,55,952	..	1,55,952	..	3,11,904	..	4,72,501	..
Bellary ..	..	77,440	31	77,549	..	1,55,020	..	2,08,388	..
Canara, South.	..	52,250	..	52,250	2	1,04,503	..	91,827	..
Chingleput ..	..	77,428	1	77,416	..	1,54,845	..	2,31,853	..
Coimbatore ..	..	1,18,113	..	1,18,113	..	2,36,226	..	2,74,178	..
Cuddapah ..	..	1,07,475	1	1,07,477	..	2,14,953	..	2,95,830	..
Ganjām ..	..	39,239	..	39,239	..	78,478	..	1,03,164	..
Gōdāvari ..	..	1,96,822	..	1,97,140	..	3,93,962	..	2,96,237	..
Kistna ..	..	2,23,182	..	2,23,187	..	4,46,369	..	4,29,384	..
Kurnool ..	..	80,270	..	80,263	6	1,60,539	..	3,37,574	..
Madura ..	..	76,840	..	76,839	..	1,53,679	..	1,76,791	..
Malabar ..	..	22,795	..	22,796	21	45,612	..	31,894	..
Nellore ..	..	1,02,131	..	1,02,191	..	2,04,322	..	2,31,724	..
The Nilgiris ..	..	4,371	..	4,413	..	8,784	..	10,421	..
Salem ..	..	71,293	1	71,297	..	1,42,591	..	2,89,712	..
Tanjore ..	..	2,31,393	9	2,31,426	..	4,62,823	..	2,78,622	..
Tinnevely ..	..	1,07,255	7	1,07,270	..	2,14,532	..	2,48,239	..
Trichinopoly ..	..	77,736	1	77,738	..	1,55,475	..	1,85,361	..
Vizagapatam ..	..	21,555	15	21,685	..	43,255	..	64,279	..
Total ..	13,28,170	19,81,134	69	19,81,848	29	39,63,080	52,91,250	47,10,210	5,81,040
(Portion of Malabar in which the Cess Act IV of 1893 is not in force) ..	59,942	..	..	..	..	96,193	1,56,135	77,057	79,078
Total ..	13,88,112	..	..	..	..	40,59,273	54,47,385	47,87,267	6,60,118

* Accountant-General's figures.

Note.—The figures in columns 3 to 7 are those reported by Collectors. The difference between the "contributions from Government revenues" and the "contributions from ryots" is due to adjustments in the current year of the amounts erroneously credited in previous years.

Receipts.—In spite of an increase † in the total land revenue collections of the Presidency the receipts under the Village Service Fund exhibit a decline ‡ which is due to the circumstance that the reduced rate of village-cess, viz., 7 pies in every rupee of assessment and water-tax, which was levied from 1st July 1897 was in force throughout the official year 1898-99. In the taluks of Ernad, Walluvanad, Palghat and Ponnāni and in part of Kurumbranāt in Malabar where the Madras Village-cess Act IV of 1893 is not in force, there was an increase of Rs. 8,785 in the receipts §, which followed the increase in the land revenue collections in the district.	
Land Revenue.	Collections for the whole Presidency.
† 1897-98	Rs. 5,39,65,653
1898-99	5,55,33,107
	+ 15,67,754
Cess collections.	
‡ 1897-98	43,04,986 (a)
1898-99	39,63,080
	— 3,41,906
§ 1897-98	87,498 (a)
1898-99	96,193
	+ 8,785
1897-98	19,72,849
1898-99	20,68,393
	+ 95,544

(a) Revised final figures reported by the Accountant-General.

credit of the Village Service Fund, at the end of the year, including the amount

collected in the tracts where the Cess Act is not in force, was Rs. 16.60 lakhs or Rs. 1.40 lakhs less than the amount forecasted in Board's Proceedings, No. 311, dated 18th November 1898. To obviate the deficit which would have resulted if the cess had continued to be levied at the old rate, the rate of cess was raised to 8 pies in the rupee, and this increased rate has been levied from the 1st July last.

7. Charges.—The expenditure during the year 1898-99 amounted to Rupees 47,87,267 as against Rs. 46,87,653 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 99,614. The district variations are noted below:—

Districts.	Increase.	Districts.	Decrease.
Arcoot, North	Rs. 15,927	Anantapur	Rs. 286
Arcoot, South	16,008	Kistna	23,317
Bellary	5,836	Malabar (where the Cess Act is in force).	590
Canara, South	142	The Nilgiris	445
Chingleput	10,472	Salem	2,281
Coimbatore	11,716	Trichinopoly	3,080
Cuddapah	13,936		
Ganjām	5,740		
Gōdāvari	189		
Kurnool	19,731		
Madura	6,437		
Nellore	10,123		
Tanjore	2,092		
Tinnevely	6,783		
Vizagapatam	2,756		
Malabar (where the Cess Act is not in force).	1,745		

The large variation in Kistna is due to the fact that the amount disbursed as famine batta during the previous year was Rs. 32,678 more than the charge incurred on that account during the year under review. In the marginally-noted districts the increase was for the most part due to the disbursement of the pay of the karnams on the increased scale sanctioned in Government Order, No. 513, dated 6th September 1898. A portion of the increase in Bellary was also due to the introduction of the scheme for the revision of village establishments sanctioned in Government Orders, Nos. 402 and 805, Revenue, dated 28th May and 23rd September 1897. In Kurnool the revision of village establishments sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 58, dated 15th February 1897, was fully given effect to during the year, and this accounts in a measure for the increased expenditure in that district. In Ganjām the increase is ascribed to the payment during the year of famine batta due to village establishments in the Berhampur and Goomsur taluks for the period from 4th March to 31st December 1897, and in Tinnevely to the scheme for the revision of village establishments which came into effect in July 1898. The disbursement of the pay of certain karnams which had been withheld in Tanjore in the previous year for short survey work raised the expenditure in that district, and the appointment of gumasta menons in the Ernad taluk accounts for the slight increase in that portion of Malabar where the Cess Act is not in force. The decrease in Salem is due to the strict enforcement of the rule that village officers in charge of other offices in addition to their own should not receive the combined pay of the two sets of offices for more than three months. The Collector of Trichinopoly explains the decrease in his district by the fact that arrears of pay had to be disbursed during the previous year.

(True Extract.)

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Items.	* 1897-98.	1898-99.	Increase or decrease.	Remarks.
<i>Receipts.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Fines on stray cattle..	2,87,748	2,85,875	— 1,873	The decrease which is small is the net result of a decrease in eleven districts and an increase in the rest. The fall was most marked in Kistna, Gódvári and Vizagapatam, amounting to Rs. 3,616, Rs. 2,391 and Rs. 1,072, respectively. The decline in Kistna was due partly to the abolition in 1897-98 of a large number of pounds which had no appreciable income and partly to the fact that the ryots had large stocks of fodder on hand which enabled them to dispense with the necessity of sending out their cattle to graze. The decrease in Gódvári is ascribed to the fact that in consequence of the favourable character of the season fewer cattle were sent from the delta taluks to graze in the uplands, while in Vizagapatam there was a reduction in the rates of the fees levied on cattle trespassing in the forest reserves of the Palkonda taluk. The increase was largest in Bellary and is attributed (1) to the opening of additional pounds in the year, (2) to the favourable character of the season, by which it is presumably meant that a larger area was under cultivation and that trespassing cattle were more frequently impounded by the aggrieved cultivator, and (3) to the increased energy displayed by forest guards in the matter of impounding stray cattle.
2. Sale-proceeds of impounded cattle.	20,714	22,889	+ 2,175	
3. Recovery of feeding charges.	40,548	37,748	— 2,800	
4. Miscellaneous ..	2,145	1,632	— 513	
Total ..	3,51,155	3,48,144	— 3,011	
<i>Charges.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	
5. Establishment ..	1,46,426	1,42,302	— 4,124	The decrease under "charges" follows the decrease under "receipts." The expenditure on "construction and repair of pounds" fell short of the sanctioned estimate by Rs. 8,922.
6. Construction and repair of pounds.	75,513	78,778	+ 3,265	
7. Miscellaneous ..	42,792	39,336	— 3,456	
Total ..	2,64,731	2,60,416	— 4,315	

* The figures have been taken from the last year's report.

4. The following statement shows the variations during the year in the number of pounds:—

Districts.	At the end of 1897-98.	Abolished in 1898-99.	Opened in 1898-99.	At the end of 1898-99.
Anantapur ..	262	..	36	298
Arcot, North ..	688	1	11	698
.. South ..	502	5	3	500
Bellary ..	341	..	5	346
Canara, South ..	664	..	3	667
Chingleput ..	224	2	1	223
Coimbatore ..	626	17	..	609
Cuddapah ..	425	..	3	428
Ganjām ..	181	1	..	180
Gódvári ..	447	7	3	443
Kistna ..	888	1	3	890
Kurnool ..	464	..	9	473
Madura ..	683	4	12	691
Malabar ..	430	3	10	437
Nellore ..	443	1	2	444
The Nilgiris ..	† 26	..	..	26
Salem ..	353	2	2	353
Tanjore ..	280	..	..	280
Tinnevely ..	593	8	2	587
Trichinopoly ..	264	..	..	264
Vizagapatam ..	265	1	..	264
Total ..	9,049	53	105	9,101

† Revised figure.

5. The condition of pounds at the close of the triennium ending 1898-99 is disclosed by the subjoined statement:—

Districts.	Pounds.		Pounds having				Roofed structures.		Mere enclosures.		Total.
	In good repair.	Others.	Feeding racks and water-troughs only.	Feeding racks only.	Water-troughs only.	Neither.	Having substantial buildings.	Others.	Under shady trees.	Others.	
Anantapur ..	271	27	270	2	18	8	169	7	108	14	298
Arcot, North ..	566	182	698	..	..	..	40	656	2	..	698
" South ..	325	175	75	..	..	..	380	60	36	..	698
Bellary ..	319	27	341	..	..	..	330	1	3	24	600
Canara, South ..	664	3	667	..	..	..	330	1	3	12	346
Chingleput ..	174	49	223	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	607
Coimbatore ..	563	46	609	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	223
Cuddapah ..	407	21	428	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	609
Ganjām ..	120	60	180	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	428
Gōdāvari ..	340	103	443	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	180
Kistna ..	689	201	890	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	443
Kurnool ..	450	23	473	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	890
Madura ..	538	153	691	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	473
Malabar ..	406	31	437	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	691
Nellore ..	352	92	444	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	437
The Nilgiris ..	12	14	26	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	444
Salem ..	285	68	353	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	26
Tanjore ..	240	40	280	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	353
Tinnevely ..	456	131	587	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	280
Trichinopoly ..	184	80	264	..	..	..	255	1	..	..	587
Vizagapatam ..	264	..	264	..	..	..	214	4	..	..	264
Total ..	7,625	1,476	9,101	168	1,049	288	3,154	2,993	1,818	1,136	9,101
Total at the end of the previous triennium ..	7,693	1,598	9,291	210	744	552	2,422	3,268	2,175	1,426	9,291

* The correct figure is 9,298—vide paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 312, dated 20th September 1897.

The decrease of 190 in the total number of pounds as compared with the previous triennium was mainly due to the abolition in Kistna of those pounds in which the transactions were insignificant, and the income insufficient for the maintenance of the necessary establishment. The number of pounds requiring repair was larger than at the close of the previous triennium in ten districts; in two of these, viz., North Arcot and Tinnevely, the retrogression was marked. The Collector of North Arcot ascribes this to the heavy rains of the north-east monsoon in 1898-99 which damaged many pounds; no explanation has been offered in the case of Tinnevely. The number of pounds requiring repair continues to be large in Kistna, South Arcot and Madura.

About 83·5 per cent. of the total number of pounds are provided with both feeding racks and water-troughs, as against 83·8 per cent. at the close of 1895-96. There has thus been no improvement in this direction. On the other hand the number of pounds not fitted with either feeding racks or water-troughs was slightly over 3 per cent. in the triennium ending 1898-99, the corresponding figure for the previous triennium being nearly 6 per cent. Again there has been a decided advance in the provision of suitable buildings, though there is still room for further improvement under this head. The number of pounds which are mere enclosures has decreased by 647 while the number of roofed structures has risen by 457. The number of mere enclosures in Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Kistna, Kurnool, Madura and Nellore is still very large, being in fact about 84 per cent. of the total number in the Presidency. On the whole there has been an improvement in the condition of pounds, materially restricted no doubt by the want of sufficient funds to carry out all the repairs and improvements considered necessary by local officers. The Board is confident that much better results will be achieved in the current triennium if there is no recurrence of the financial pressure which restricted budget allotments to such an extent during the past three years.

6. *Village Service Fund.*—The receipts and charges of the Village Service Fund are shown in the annexed table:—

Districts.	* Balance on 1st April 1898.	Receipts during 1898-99.					Total receipts including balance.	* Charges during 1898-99.	Balance at the end of 1898-99.
		Contributions from Government Revenues.		Contributions from ryots.		Total.			
		Amount transferred from Land Revenue.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Village-cess.	Miscellaneous receipts.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Anantapur ..	RS.	RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.	
Arcot, North ..	..	46,908		46,908	..	93,816	..	1,71,650	..
" South ..	..	90,686	3	90,698	..	1,81,387	..	3,30,583	..
Bellary ..	..	1,55,952	..	1,55,952	..	3,11,904	..	4,72,501	..
Canara, South ..	..	77,440	31	77,549	..	1,55,020	..	2,08,388	..
Chingleput ..	..	52,250	..	52,251	2	1,04,503	..	91,827	..
Coimbatore ..	..	77,428	1	77,416	..	1,54,845	..	2,31,853	..
Cuddapah ..	..	1,18,113	..	1,18,113	..	2,36,226	..	2,74,178	..
Ganjām ..	..	1,07,475	1	1,07,477	..	2,14,953	..	2,95,830	..
Gōdāvari ..	..	39,239	..	39,239	..	78,478	..	1,03,164	..
Kistna ..	..	1,96,822	..	1,97,140	..	3,93,962	..	2,96,237	..
Kurnool ..	..	2,23,182	..	2,23,187	..	4,46,369	..	4,29,382	..
Madura ..	..	80,270	..	80,263	6	1,60,539	..	3,37,574	..
Malabar ..	..	76,840	..	76,839	..	1,53,679	..	1,76,791	..
Nellore ..	..	22,795	..	22,796	21	45,612	..	31,894	..
The Nilgiris ..	..	1,02,131	..	1,02,191	..	2,04,322	..	2,31,724	..
Salem ..	..	4,371	..	4,413	..	8,784	..	10,491	..
Tanjore ..	..	71,293	1	71,297	..	1,42,591	..	2,39,712	..
Tinnevely ..	..	2,31,393	9	2,31,426	..	4,62,828	..	2,78,622	..
Trichinopoly ..	..	1,07,255	7	1,07,270	..	2,14,532	..	2,48,239	..
Vizagapatam ..	..	77,736	1	77,738	..	1,55,475	..	1,85,361	..
	..	21,555	15	21,565	..	43,255	..	61,279	..
Total ..	18,28,170	19,81,134	69	19,81,848	29	39,63,080	52,91,250	47,10,210	5,81,040
(Portion of Malabar in which the Cess Act IV of 1893 is not in force) ..	59,942	..	..	..	..	96,193	1,56,135	77,057	79,078
Total ..	18,88,112	..	..	..	..	40,59,273	54,47,385	47,87,267	6,60,118

* Accountant-General's figures.

Note.—The figures in columns 3 to 7 are those reported by Collectors. The difference between the "contributions from Government revenues" and the "contributions from ryots" is due to adjustments in the current year of the amounts erroneously credited in previous years.

Receipts.—In spite of an increase † in the total land revenue collections of the Presidency the receipts under the Village Service Fund exhibit a decline ‡ which is due to the circumstance that the reduced rate of village-cess, viz., 7 pies in every rupee of assessment and water-tax, which was levied from 1st July 1897 was in force throughout the official year 1898-99. In the taluks of Ernad, Walluvanad, Palghat and Ponnāni and in part of Kurumbranāt in Malabar where the Madras Village-cess Act IV of 1893 is not in force, there was an increase of Rs. 8,785 in the receipts §, which followed the increase in the land revenue collections || in the district.

Land Revenue.	Collections for the whole Presidency.
† 1897-98 ..	5,39,65,653
1898-99 ..	5,55,33,407
	+ 15,67,754
Cess collections.	
‡ 1897-98 ..	43,04,986 (a)
1898-99 ..	39,63,080
	- 3,41,906
§ 1897-98 ..	87,408 (a)
1898-99 ..	96,193
	+ 8,785
1897-98 ..	19,72,849
1898-99 ..	20,68,393
	+ 95,544

(a) Revised final figures reported by the Accountant-General.

credit of the Village Service Fund, at the end of the year, including the amount

The realizations from the village-cess under Madras Act IV of 1893 for the Presidency as a whole amounted to 19·82 lakhs against the budget estimate of Rs. 20·75 lakhs and the revised estimate of Rs. 21·15 lakhs. The balance to the

collected in the tracts where the Cess Act is not in force, was Rs. 6.60 lakhs or Rs. 1.40 lakhs less than the amount forecasted in Board's Proceedings, No. 311, dated 18th November 1898. To obviate the deficit which would have resulted if the cess had continued to be levied at the old rate, the rate of cess was raised to 8 pies in the rupee, and this increased rate has been levied from the 1st July last.

7. *Charges.*—The expenditure during the year 1898-99 amounted to Rupees 47,87,267 as against Rs. 46,87,653 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 99,614. The district variations are noted below:—

Districts.	Increase.	Districts.	Decrease.
Arcot, North	rs.	Anantapur	rs.
Arcot, South	15,927	Kistna	286
Bellary	16,008	Malabar (where the Cess Act is in force).	23,317
Canara, South	5,836	The Nilgiris	590
Chingleput	142	Salem	445
Coimbatore	10,472	Trichinopoly	2,281
Cuddapah	11,716		3,080
Ganjam	18,936		
Godavari	5,740		
Kurnool	169		
Madura	19,731		
Nellore	6,437		
Tanjore	10,123		
Tinnevely	2,092		
Vizagapatam	6,783		
Malabar (where the Cess Act is not in force).	2,756		
	1,745		

The large variation in Kistna is due to the fact that the amount disbursed as famine batta during the previous year was Rs. 32,678 more than the charge incurred on that account during the year under review. In the marginally-noted districts the increase was for the most part due to the disbursement of the pay of the karnams on the increased scale sanctioned in Government Order, No. 513, dated 6th September 1898.

A portion of the increase in Bellary was also due to the introduction of the scheme for the revision of village establishments sanctioned in Government Orders, Nos. 402 and 805, Revenue, dated 28th May and 23rd September 1897. In Kurnool the revision of village establishments sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 58, dated 15th February 1897, was fully given effect to during the year, and this accounts in a measure for the increased expenditure in that district. In Ganjam the increase is ascribed to the payment during the year of famine batta due to village establishments which came into effect in July 1898. The disbursement of the pay of certain karnams which had been withheld in that district, and the appointment of gumasta survey work raised the expenditure in Tanjore in the previous year for short menons in the Ernad taluk accounts for the slight increase in that portion of Malabar where the Cess Act is not in force. The decrease in Salem is due to the strict enforcement of the rule that village officers in charge of other offices in addition to their own should not receive the combined pay of the two sets of offices for more than three months. The Collector of Trichinopoly explains the decrease in his district by the fact that arrears of pay had to be disbursed during the previous year.

(True Extract.)

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