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Trichinopoly	26,892	24,259	51,151	24,813	26,338	23,454	49,792	19,528	30,264
Madura	..	..	..	..	..	926	926	49	877
Coimbatore	22,544	15,624	38,168	15,326	22,842	15,601	38,443	17,632	20,811
Salem	16,580	14,611	31,191	15,183	16,008	13,644	29,652	17,081	12,571
Total	67,801	56,892	1,24,693	55,802	68,891	54,658	1,23,549	54,796	68,753

* Revised figures reported by the Collector.

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3. The receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 54,658, or Rs. 2,234 less than in 1897-98. The decrease would have been greater but for the collection of the cess, for the first time, under the Nilayur channel in the Madura district at As. 3 in the rupee, as sanctioned in G.O., No. 48, dated 28th January 1898. The decrease in Chingleput is attributed to the absence of any arrear demand; in Trichinopoly to the decrease in land revenue and in the outstanding balance, and in Salem, partly to delay in the settlement of certain items until after the close of the year and partly to the fact that the whole amount of the lease of the "Rent on trees" which ended with 30th June 1898 had been collected before April of that year, whereas during the year under report only seven months' kists from September 1898 to March 1899 were collected under the new system of lease. The decrease in Coimbatore amounted to only Rs. 23 and there were no collections in Tanjore.

4. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 54,796, or Rs. 1,006 less than in the previous year. There was a large decrease (Rs. 5,285) in Trichinopoly due to the diminished expenditure on korambu works and repairs of certain channels. On the other hand, there was an increase of Rs. 2,306 in Coimbatore owing chiefly to the execution of certain works by the Public Works Department at a cost of over Rs. 2,000, and of Rs. 1,898 in Salem due mainly to the large number of works carried out during the year and partly to the revised scale of channel establishment sanctioned in G.O., Mis. No. 1407, dated 21st March 1898. The expenditure shown against

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Coimbatore	10,816	15,601	+ 4,785	Add contribution from Village Service Fund on account of channel establishment 4,838
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				Total 5,037
				Deduct advance collections in 1897-98 brought to account in 1898-99 252
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Salem	13,593	13,614	+ 51	Deduct excess collection made in 1897-98 16
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M. J. S.
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Chingleput.
" " of Tanjore.
" " of Trichinopoly.
" " of Madura.
" " of Coimbatore.
" " of Salem.
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Exd. A. Rungasawmy Aiyangar.

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Tanjore represents the refund to the ryots concerned of the balance of Rs. 96 that stood to the credit of the fund at the close of the previous year. The expenditure in Madura represents solely the charges on account of establishment.

5. The details of the expenditure in each district are given below:—

Districts.	Establishment.	Construction and repair of channels, &c.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
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Tanjore	13,908	4,976	96	19,528
Trichinopoly	49	300	344	49
Madura	8,870	5,972	21	17,632
Coimbatore	7,896	3,895	6,035	17,681
Salem			265	
Total	31,012	14,057	8,104	54,796

Note.—Miscellaneous charges (Rs. 723) comprise the following items:—

(1) Contingencies	Rs. 9
(2) Stationery supplied from Central Stores	116
(3) Printing work done by Government Presses	83
(4) Travelling allowance of Special Fund and Local Fund Audit clerks	20
(5) Refunds	223
(6) Rents, rates and taxes	4
(7) Miscellaneous	318
Total	723

6. The total assets of the fund, including the balance at the beginning of the year, amounted to Rs. 1,23,549. Deducting Rs. 54,796, the amount expended during the year, the balance at the close of the year to the credit of the fund was Rs. 68,753. The Collector of Salem reports that the greater portion of the balance in his district will be utilized during the current year for carrying out the remaining improvements of the channels approved in G.O., No. 685, dated 18th October 1895. The Collectors of Trichinopoly and Coimbatore, where the balances are much larger, have not reported how they propose utilizing the amounts, though their attention was drawn to the matter in the report for the previous year. They are requested to submit a special report without further delay.

7. The subjoined statement shows the demand, collection and balance of the fund for 1898-99:—

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Tanjore	2,772	23,035	25,807	2,772	20,893	23,665	2,142	2,142	
Trichinopoly	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	
Madura	26	10,795	10,821	26	10,790	10,816	5	5	
Coimbatore	13,594	13,594	13,594	13,593	13,593	13,593	1	1	
Salem									
Total	2,798	49,097	51,895	2,798	46,919	49,717	2,178	2,178	

* Revised figure.

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(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR, Secretary.

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Copy to the Accountant-General.

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