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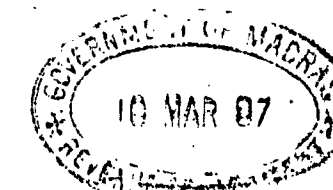
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Statement of Demand, Collected January 1897

Districts.	Arrears at the beginning of the <i>fasli</i> 1306	Current		Arrears remitted.	BALANCE.		
		Up to last Month.	In the Month.		Arrears.	Current	Total.
1	2	3	4	14	15	16	17
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Ganjam ..	73,266	4,54,834	42,377	282	5,125	4,19,680	4,24,805
Vizagapatam ..	46,889	4,72,737	3,071	500	3,693	1,92,044	1,95,737
Godavari ..	10,908	5,31,422	17,291	1,423		3,07,495	3,07,495
Kistna ..	83,693	8,19,702	15,721	1,242	8,120	1,09,905	1,18,025
Nellore ..	17,932	1,87,785	1,241	340	820	2,175	2,995
Cuddapah ..	5,575	5,75,049	6,011	72	96	8,36,465	8,36,561
Anantapur ..	2,307	9,157	1	332	78	261	339
Bellary ..	7,599	2,01,244	4,531	1,787	1,033	4,04,492	4,02,525
Kurnool ..	2,954	4,39,557	4,741	328	110	3,37,764	3,37,874
Madras ..	562	52,846	8	1	10	5,768	5,778
Chingleput ..	33,212	31,433	5,111	241	2,165	9,476	11,641
North Arcot ..	33,979	1,45,322	6,777	189	611	1,40,678	1,41,289
South Arcot ..	13,892	6,943	11,781	240	750	37,979	38,729
Tanjore ..	1,46,710	56,695	16,621	4,933	6,604	1,23,345	1,29,949
Trichinopoly ..	57,070	5,76,979	5,651	64	3,816	2,01,635	2,05,451
Madura ..	1,20,441	1,06,217	1,081	1,537	3,080	14,424	17,504
Tinnevelly ..	1,47,721	67,472	33,127	3,127	37,708	10,621	48,329
Coimbatore ..	12,272	10,330	8,251	478	214	63,961	64,175
Nilgiris ..	22,656	16,259	2,151	65	17,444	7,063	8,807
Salem ..	5,165	6,20,451	5,931	212	1,084	38,424	39,508
South Canara ..	4,272	31,932	0	4	42		42
Malabar ..	1,36,150	5,52,526	5,851	64,92	98,884	1,38,985	2,37,869
Total ..	9,85,165	59,57,892	124,631	0,85	1,75,787	33,99,640	35,75,427

Statement of Demand, Collection and Balance of Land Revenue

the Madras Presidency up to the end of

January 1897

Districts.	Arrears at the beginning of the <i>fashi</i> 1306	DEMAND.				COLLECTIONS.								BALANCE.			
		Current.			Total Arrears and Current.	Arrears.		Total.	Current.			Total Arrears and Current.	Arrears remitted.	BALANCE.			
		Up to last Month.	In this Month.	Total.		Up to last Month.	In this Month.		Total.	Up to last Month.	In this Month.			Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Ganjam ..	73,266	4,54,834	42,37,75	8,78,609	9,51,875	58,104	2,75,5	60,859	1,67,221	2,91,908	4,58,929	5,19,788	7,282	5,125	4,19,680	4,24,805	
Vizagapatam ..	46,889	4,72,737	3,07,795	7,80,532	8,27,421	39,614	3,082	42,696	3,62,742	2,25,746	5,88,488	6,31,184	500	3,693	1,92,044	1,95,737	
Godavari ..	10,908	5,31,422	17,29,645	22,61,067	22,71,975	9,481	4	9,485	4,32,160	15,21,412	19,53,572	19,63,057	1,423		3,07,495	3,07,495	
Kistna ..	83,693	8,19,702	15,72,941	23,92,643	24,76,336	69,698	41,633	74,331	7,65,095	15,77,643	22,82,738	23,57,069	1,242	8,120	1,09,905	1,18,025	
Nellore ..	17,932	1,87,785	1,24,471	3,12,256	3,30,188	16,770	2	16,772	1,87,785	1,22,296	3,10,081	3,26,853	340	820	2,175	2,995	
Cuddapah ..	5,575	5,76,049	6,01,602	11,76,651	11,82,166	5,315	32	5,347	57,007	2,81,179	3,49,186	3,45,533	72	96	8,36,465	8,36,561	
Anantapur ..	2,307	9,157	158	9,315	11,622	1,837	60	1,897	8,896	158	9,054	10,957	332	78	261	339	
Bellary ..	7,599	2,01,244	4,53,531	6,54,775	6,62,374	4,733	46	4,779	75,739	1,77,544	2,53,283	2,58,062	1,787	1,033	4,01,492	4,02,525	
Kurnool ..	2,954	4,30,557	4,74,254	9,04,811	9,07,765	2,516		2,516	2,19,484	3,47,563	5,67,047	5,69,563	328	110	3,37,764	3,37,874	
Madras ..	562	52,846	8,229	61,045	61,637	546	5	551	47,038	8,269	55,307	55,858	1	10	5,768	5,778	
Chingleput ..	33,212	31,433	5,11,613	5,43,046	5,76,258	30,508	298	30,806	30,714	5,02,856	5,33,570	5,64,376	241	2,165	9,476	11,641	
North Arcot ..	33,979	1,45,322	6,77,692	8,23,014	8,56,993	33,179		33,179	88,641	5,93,725	6,82,336	7,15,575	189	611	1,40,678	1,41,289	
South Arcot ..	13,892	6,943	11,78,785	11,85,728	11,99,620	12,699	3	12,702	6,088	11,41,661	11,47,749	11,60,457	440	750	37,979	38,729	
Tanjore ..	1,46,710	56,695	16,62,597	17,19,292	18,66,002	133,294	1,879	1,35,173	53,432	15,42,575	15,95,947	17,31,120	4,933	6,604	1,23,345	1,29,949	
Trichinopoly ..	57,070	5,76,979	5,65,695	11,42,674	11,99,744	52,956	234	53,190	4,77,829	4,63,210	9,41,039	9,94,229	64	3,816	2,01,635	2,05,451	
Madura ..	1,20,441	1,06,217	1,08,623	2,14,840	3,35,281	1,15,149	675	1,15,824	67,298	1,33,118	2,00,416	3,16,240	1,537	3,080	14,424	17,504	
Tinnevely ..	1,47,721	67,472	33,915	1,01,387	2,49,108	1,05,095	1,791	1,06,886	63,535	27,241	90,766	1,97,652	3,127	37,708	10,621	48,329	
Coimbatore ..	12,272	10,330	8,25,959	8,36,289	8,48,561	11,505	75	11,580	7,397	7,64,931	7,72,328	7,83,908	478	214	63,961	64,175	
Nilgiris ..	22,656	16,259	21,508	37,767	60,423	20,766	87	20,847	11,360	19,344	30,704	57,557	65	17,44	7,063	8,807	
Salem ..	5,165	6,20,457	5,93,925	12,14,376	12,19,541	3,869		3,869	5,98,856	5,77,096	11,75,952	11,79,821	212	1,084	38,424	39,508	
South Canara ..	4,272	31,932	628	32,560	36,832	4,230		4,230	31,932	628	32,560	36,790	4	42		42	
Malabar ..	1,36,150	5,52,526	5,85,588	11,38,114	12,74,264	24,416	6,358	30,774	4,34,612	5,64,577	9,99,129	10,29,903	64,92	98,884	1,38,985	2,37,869	
Total ..	9,85,165	59,57,892	124,62,929	184,20,821	194,05,986	7,56,280	22,013	778,293	41,96,651	10,824,530	150,24,181	157,99,474	31,085	1,75,787	33,99,640	35,75,427	

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Reviewing the demand, collection and balance statements of land revenue and cesses for January 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—Demand, collection and balance statements of land revenue and cesses in the several districts of the Madras Presidency for January 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 77, dated 8th March 1897.

According to the demand, collection and balance statements for January 1897, the arrear demand at the commencement of the current fasli amounted to Rs. 9,85,165, or Rs. 1,784 more than that shown in the statements for the previous month. The increase occurs in Ganjám (Rs. 1,614) and Malabar (Rs. 170). The increase in Ganjám is due partly to the revision of land-cess demand on certain permanently-settled estates for faslis 1303--1305 and partly to correction of errors, while that in Malabar is due to the inclusion of the arrears of land-cess payable for fasli 1305 on Sultan Musa Ali Rajah's Karar lands lying outside the Municipality of Cannanore.

2. *Arrears collected.*—Out of the arrear demand of Rs. 9,85,165 mentioned above, Rs. 7,78,293 or 79 per cent. were collected, Rs. 31,085 were written off the accounts, while Rs. 92,545 are irrecoverable, leaving a recoverable balance of Rs. 83,242.

3. The subjoined statement exhibits the recoverable balance in each district, together with the steps taken for its recovery or the reasons that preclude the taking of such steps:—

STATEMENT II.—Particulars of recoverable balance.

Districts.	Collected or adjusted after the close of the month.	Adjustable from excess collections deposited, or other heads of accounts, &c., but not yet adjusted.	Considered irrecoverable or of doubtful recovery.	Due on estates under attachment and Government management or under Court of Wards, or due from other minors and not adjusted for want of funds.	Collections suspended or postponed.	Arrears under enquiry or correspondence including amounts embezzled.	Covered by processes.	Other items.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Tinnevely ..	40	1,377	274	29,536	3,347	..	478	695	35,747
2. Malabar ..	155	88	534	..	505	2,808	8,612	1,109	13,811
3. Kistna ..	425	100	695	..	3,436	870	1,151	246	6,923
4. Tanjore ..	7	821	106	80	..	1,570	2,215	1,625	6,424
5. Ganjám ..	303	323	563	1,286	..	566	2,030	..	6,071
6. Trichinopoly ..	66	1,955	535	..	..	252	942	5	3,755
7. Vizagapatam ..	13	..	164	1,818	..	92	369	457	2,913
8. Madura ..	20	523	208	..	..	1,074	359	234	2,418
9. Chingleput ..	56	683	325	..	687	46	280	..	2,077
10. Nilgiris ..	..	..	41	..	..	42	898	262	1,243
11. Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	883	883
12. South Arcot ..	24	39	88	..	..	5	488	..	644
13. Bellary ..	14	85	249	..	..	..	20	154	522
14. North Arcot ..	..	24	425	..	..	73	..	..	522
15. Nellore ..	..	23	..	..	..	2	67	..	92
16. Coimbatore ..	..	18	12	..	..	..	26	24	80
17. Kurnool ..	..	..	1	..	..	60	..	..	61
18. South Canara ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	16	..	22
19. Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14
20. Anantapur ..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
21. Madras ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	10
Total ..	1,127	6,059	4,236	32,720	7,975	7,460	17,957	5,708	83,242

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 11,422 (columns 2, 3 and 4) have been either collected since the end of the month, or are in process of adjustment, or have been ascertained to be irrecoverable.

No immediate steps can be taken for the recovery of Rs. 40,695, as the arrear is due from estates which are under Government management, or which belong to minors (column 5), or its collection has been postponed (column 6). Nearly the whole amount shown in column 5 of the statement against Tinnevely represents the arrears of peishcush due from the Uthumalai estate and cannot be cleared off before the end of June next.

5. The postponement of collections has been ordered in the four districts mentioned below. The Collector of Tinnevely has not specified the reasons for suspending the collection of the amount shown against his district although his attention was specially drawn to the matter in paragraph 5 of the preceding month's review. The Collector is requested to see that the omission does not recur. As regards the amount appearing against Malabar, the explanation given in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 364, dated 28th September 1896, still applies. The collection of the amount appearing against Kistna has been suspended under the orders of the Board in the Settlement Department owing to loss of crop caused by floods. Of the amount appearing against Chingleput, Rs. 268 are due on lands taken up for public purposes, and the collection has been suspended pending the settlement of compensation. The collection of the remainder, Rs. 419, was postponed pending disposal of an appeal preferred to the Collector by a shrotriendmar regarding the land-cess demand fixed on his village.

6. The arrears for which processes have been issued amounted to Rs. 17,957. The steps taken for the realization of this sum are shown in the margin.

Arrears for which demand notice No. 1 was issued.	Rs. 4,484
Do. for which moveable property was attached or notified for sale	3,244
Do. for which demand notice No. 4 was issued.	478
Do. for which land was attached or notified for sale	9,751
Total	17,957

Districts.	Balance at the		Difference.
	Beginning of the month.	End of the month.	
1. Malabar ..	Rs. 2,611	Rs. 1,740	Rs. 871
2. Tinnevely ..	1,372	1,372	"
3. Tanjore ..	803	802	" 1
4. Salem ..	576	576	"
5. Trichinopoly ..	490	412	" 78
6. South Arcot ..	365	365	"
7. Ganjám ..	207	206	" 1
8. Vizagapatam ..	221	204	" 17
9. Chingleput ..	190	149	" 41
10. Madura ..	198	94	" 104
11. Bellary ..	30	25	" 5
12. Nilgiris ..	323	6	" 317
Total ..	7,386	5,951	1,435

Arrears relating to fasli 1303 and previous years are found in the seven districts shown in the sub-joined statement:—

Fasli.	Ganjám.	Vizagapatam.	Chingleput.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Malabar.
1296	Rs. 49	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 89
1298	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
1299	13	..	..	..	..	..	1
1300	..	..	..	..	..	..	324
1301	32	..	..	..	..	..	111
1302	107	377	..	..	..	..	1,457
1303	152	..	137	288	91	234	1,018
Total ..	354	377	137	288	91	234	3,000
Arrears at the beginning of the month.	343	443	179	288	91	1,495	3,848
Difference ..	+ 11	66	42	..	..	1,261	848

The amount collected during the month as well as that recommended to be written off for the past quarter was Rs. 2,206 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 6,687. The arrears shown against Tanjore and Madura do not show any improvement while those in Ganjám show an increase as compared with the arrears outstanding at the beginning of the month. The amount in Tanjore represents the water-rate and cesses charged on certain lands in the Tanjore taluk, the payment of which is objected to by the inamdar. The question as to the liability of the lands to such charges is under the consideration of the Board in the Settlement Department. The delay in the realization of the arrears in Madura has been explained in paragraph 8 of the preceding month's review. The increase in Ganjám referred to above is apparently due to the causes mentioned in paragraph 1 *supra* for the increase in the arrear demand.

9. *Current.*—According to the demand, collection and balance statements for January 1897, the total current demand up to the end of the month amounted to Rs. 1,84,20,821 against Rs. 1,92,87,993 and Rs. 1,88,37,952 in faslis 1305 and 1304, respectively. The decrease is due mainly to the change of kistbandi in Tanjore and Anantapur districts and to the Collector of North Arcot having excluded the demand

The amounts shown in column 9 "Other items" do not call for remarks.

7. In round numbers the recoverable balance for the Presidency at the end of the month was Rs. 83,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 9,85,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,62,000 and Rs. 13,80,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 22,000 as against Rs. 1,92,000 in January 1896.

8. *Old arrears.*—The marginally-noted statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1304 outstanding at the beginning and end of January 1897. In Tinnevely and Salem, the arrears continue undiminished for the reasons explained in paragraph 8 of the preceding month's review. The amount appearing against South Arcot has been shown as covered by processes from August last. It is not clear why the arrears have not yet been collected.

of the taluks north of the Pálar, the collections in which have been ordered to be postponed—*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 5805 (Revenue Settlement), dated 19th November 1896. The Collector of North Arcot promises to include the amount in the next demand, collection and balance statement, with reference to the instructions given in the previous month's review. Of the sum of Rs. 1,84,20,821 mentioned above, Rs. 1,50,21,181 or 81.5 per cent. were collected before the close of the month, leaving at the end of it a balance of Rs. 33,99,640 or 18.5 per cent. of the demand against 6.3 per cent. and 6.1 per cent. at the end of January 1895 and 1896, respectively. The subjoined statement shows by districts the demand, collection and balance of current kists and the proportion of the balance to the demand:—

STATEMENT III.

Districts.	Current demand up to the end of		Current collections up to the end of January 1897.	Current balance up to the end of January 1897.	Percentage of balance to the demand at the close of	
	January 1896.	January 1897.			January 1896.	January 1897.
Ganjám ..	Rs. 8,48,821	Rs. 8,78,609	Rs. 4,58,929	Rs. 4,19,680	16.4	47.8
Vizagapatam ..	7,98,462	7,80,532	5,88,488	1,92,044	10.8	24.6
Gódvári ..	22,56,912	22,61,067	19,53,572	3,07,495	1.3	13.6
Kistna ..	24,84,015	23,92,643	22,82,738	1,09,905	2.4	4.6
Nellore ..	3,01,206	3,12,266	3,10,081	2,175	..	..
Cuddapah ..	12,23,119	11,76,661	3,40,186	8,36,465	4.2	71.1
Anantapur ..	6,83,952	9,315	9,054	261	1.6	2.8
Bellary ..	6,95,496	6,54,775	2,53,233	4,01,492	4.5	61.3
Kurnool ..	9,46,438	9,04,811	5,67,047	3,37,764	3.9	37.3
Madras ..	59,586	61,075	55,307	6,768	8.2	9.4
Chingleput ..	5,33,001	5,43,046	5,33,570	9,476	1.5	1.7
North Arcot ..	11,94,706	8,23,014	6,82,336	1,40,678	5.6	17.1
South Arcot ..	11,81,952	11,85,728	11,47,749	37,979	1.0	3.2
Tanjore ..	13,42,646	17,19,292	15,95,947	1,23,345	5.8	7.2
Trichinopoly ..	11,19,401	11,42,674	9,41,039	2,01,635	24.8	17.6
Madura ..	2,21,789	2,14,840	2,00,416	14,424	3.8	6.7
Tinnevely ..	1,04,295	1,01,387	90,766	10,621	9.5	10.5
Coimbatore ..	8,41,938	8,36,289	7,72,328	63,961	15.5	7.6
Nilgiris ..	42,763	37,767	30,704	7,063	21.8	18.8
Salem ..	12,29,636	12,14,376	11,75,952	38,424	2.1	3.2
South Canara ..	45,621	32,560	32,560	..	..	..
Malabar ..	11,32,238	11,38,114	9,99,129	1,38,985	8.5	12.2
Total ..	1,92,87,993	1,84,20,821	1,50,21,181	33,99,640	6.1	18.5

In the marginally-noted * districts either no ryotwari kists or kists of only small amounts accrued during the month under review. Of the remaining districts, the collections exceeded 95 per cent. only in Chingleput, South Arcot, Salem and Kistna.

* Nellore. Anantapur. Madura. Tinnevely. South Canara.

† Districts.	Balance.	Collected since the end of the month or covered by processes.	Remainder.
Cuddapah ..	Rs. 8,36,465	Rs. 26,140	Rs. 8,10,325
Ganjám ..	4,19,680	2,91,163	1,28,517
Bellary ..	4,01,492	79,370	3,22,122
Kurnool ..	3,37,764	78,579	2,59,185
Gódvári ..	3,07,495	1,33,540	1,73,955
Trichinopoly ..	2,01,635	1,73,955	27,680
Vizagapatam ..	1,92,044	60,824	1,31,220
North Arcot ..	1,40,678	89,010	51,668
Malabar ..	1,38,985	1,38,600	385
Tanjore ..	1,23,345	1,14,681	8,664
Kistna ..	1,09,905	93,962	15,943
Coimbatore ..	63,961	63,952	9

30th November 1896, and No. 2 (Revenue Settlement), dated 1st January 1897. The Collector of Ganjám reports that a sum of Rs. 1,10,595 will probably have to be

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Recording Board's Proceedings reviewing the — for January 1897.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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3. The subjoined statement exhibits the recoverable balance in each district, together with the steps taken for its recovery or the reasons that preclude the taking of such steps:—

STATEMENT II.—Particulars of recoverable balance.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Tinnevely ..	Rs. 40	Rs. 1,377	Rs. 274	Rs. 29,536	Rs. 3,347	Rs. 478	Rs. 478	Rs. 695	Rs. 35,747
2. Malabar ..	155	88	534	..	505	2,808	8,612	1,109	13,811
3. Kistna ..	425	100	695	..	3,436	870	1,151	246	6,923
4. Tanjore ..	7	821	106	80	..	1,570	2,215	1,625	6,424
5. Ganjam ..	303	323	563	1,286	..	566	2,030	..	5,071
6. Trichinopoly ..	66	1,955	535	..	..	252	942	5	3,755
7. Vizagapatam ..	13	..	164	1,818	..	92	369	457	2,913
8. Madura ..	20	523	208	..	..	1,074	359	234	2,418
9. Chingleput ..	56	683	325	..	687	46	280	..	2,077
10. Nilgiris ..	..	..	41	..	..	42	898	262	1,243
11. Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	883	883
12. South Arcot ..	24	89	88	..	..	6	488	..	644
13. Bellary ..	14	85	249	..	..	..	20	154	522
14. North Arcot ..	..	24	425	..	..	73	..	..	522
15. Nellore ..	..	23	..	..	..	2	67	..	92
16. Coimbatore ..	..	18	12	..	..	..	26	24	80
17. Kurnool ..	..	..	1	..	..	60	..	..	61
18. South Canara ..	..	..	6	..	..	..	16	..	22
19. Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14
20. Anantapur ..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
21. Madras ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	10
Total ..	1,127	6,059	4,236	32,720	7,975	7,460	17,957	5,708	83,242

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 11,422 (columns 2, 3 and 4) have been either collected since the end of the month, or are in process of adjustment, or have been ascertained to be irrecoverable.

No immediate steps can be taken for the recovery of Rs. 40,695, as the arrear is due from estates which are under Government management, or which belong to minors (column 5), or its collection has been postponed (column 6). Nearly the whole amount shown in column 5 of the statement against Tinnevely represents the arrears of peishcush due from the Uthumalai estate and cannot be cleared off before the end of June next.

5. The postponement of collections has been ordered in the four districts mentioned below. The Collector of Tinnevely has not specified the reasons for suspending the collection of the amount shown against his district although his attention was specially drawn to the matter in paragraph 5 of the preceding month's review. The Collector is requested to see that the omission does not recur. As regards the amount appearing against Malabar, the explanation given in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 364, dated 28th September 1896, still applies. The collection of the amount appearing against Kistna has been suspended under the orders of the Board in the Settlement Department owing to loss of crop caused by floods. Of the amount appearing against Chingleput, Rs. 268 are due on lands taken up for public purposes, and the collection has been suspended pending the settlement of compensation. The collection of the remainder, Rs. 419, was postponed pending disposal of an appeal preferred to the Collector by a shrotriendard regarding the land-cess demand fixed on this village.

6. The arrears for which processes have been issued amounted to Rs. 17,957. The steps taken for the realization of this sum are shown in the margin.

Arrears for which demand notice No. 1 was issued.	Rs.
Do. for which moveable property was attached or notified for sale	4,484
Do. for which demand notice No. 4 was issued.	3,244
Do. for which land was attached or notified for sale	478
	9,751
Total	17,957

Districts.	Balance at the		Difference.
	Beginning of the month.	End of the month.	
1. Malabar	Rs. 2,611	Rs. 1,740	871
2. Tinnevely	1,372	1,372	..
3. Tanjore	803	802	1
4. Salem	576	576	..
5. Trichinopoly	490	412	78
6. South Arcot	365	365	..
7. Ganjam	207	206	1
8. Vizagapatam	221	204	17
9. Chingleput	190	149	41
10. Madura	198	94	104
11. Bellary	30	25	5
12. Nilgiris	323	6	317
Total	7,386	5,951	1,435

Arrears relating to fasli 1303 and previous years are found in the seven districts shown in the sub-joined statement:—

Fasli.	Ganjam.	Vizagapatam.	Chingleput.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Malabar.
1296	Rs. 49	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..
1298	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
1299	13	..	..	..	..	..	89
1300	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
1301	..	..	..	..	..	..	324
1302	32	..	..	..	..	..	111
1303	107	377	..	..	..	..	1,457
	152	..	137	288	91	234	1,018
Total	354	377	137	288	91	234	3,000
Arrears at the beginning of the month.	343	443	179	288	91	1,495	3,848
Difference	+ 11	66	42	..	..	1,261	848

The amount collected during the month as well as that recommended to be written off for the past quarter was Rs. 2,206 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 6,687. The arrears shown against Tanjore and Madura do not show any improvement while those in Ganjam show an increase as compared with the arrears outstanding at the beginning of the month. The amount in Tanjore represents the water-rate and cesses charged on certain lands in the Tanjore taluk, the payment of which is objected to by the iramdar. The question as to the liability of the lands to such charges is under the consideration of the Board in the Settlement Department. The delay in the realization of the arrears in Madura has been explained in paragraph 8 of the preceding month's review. The increase in Ganjam referred to above is apparently due to the causes mentioned in paragraph 1 *supra* for the increase in the arrear demand.

9. *Current*.—According to the demand, collection and balance statements for January 1897, the total current demand up to the end of the month amounted to Rs. 1,84,20,821 against Rs. 1,92,87,993 and Rs. 1,88,37,952 in faslis 1305 and 1304, respectively. The decrease is due mainly to the change of kistbandi in Tanjore and Anantapur districts and to the Collector of North Arcot having excluded the demand

The amounts shown in column 9 "Other items" do not call for remarks.

7. In round numbers the recoverable balance for the Presidency at the end of the month was Rs. 83,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 9,85,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,62,000 and Rs. 13,80,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 22,000 as against Rs. 1,92,000 in January 1896.

8. *Old arrears*.—The marginally-noted statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1304 outstanding at the beginning and end of January 1897. In Tinnevely and Salem, the arrears continue undiminished for the reasons explained in paragraph 8 of the preceding month's review. The amount appearing against South Arcot has been shown as covered by processes from August last. It is not clear why the arrears have not yet been collected.

of the taluks north of the Palár, the collections in which have been ordered to be postponed—*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 5805 (Revenue Settlement), dated 19th November 1896. The Collector of North Arcot promises to include the amount in the next demand, collection and balance statement, with reference to the instructions given in the previous month's review. Of the sum of Rs. 1,84,20,821 mentioned above, Rs. 1,50,21,181 or 81.5 per cent. were collected before the close of the month, leaving at the end of it a balance of Rs. 33,99,640 or 18.5 per cent. of the demand against 6.3 per cent. and 6.1 per cent. at the end of January 1895 and 1896, respectively. The subjoined statement shows by districts the demand, collection and balance of current kists and the proportion of the balance to the demand:—

STATEMENT III.

Districts.	Current demand up to the end of		Current collections up to the end of	Current balance up to the end of	Percentage of balance to the demand at the close of	
	January 1896.	January 1897.	January 1897.	January 1897.	January 1896.	January 1897.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Ganjam	8,48,821	8,78,609	4,58,929	4,19,680	16.4	47.8
Vizagapatam	7,98,462	7,80,532	5,88,488	1,92,044	10.8	24.6
Godavari	22,56,912	22,61,067	19,53,572	3,07,495	1.3	13.6
Kistna	24,84,016	23,92,643	22,82,738	1,09,905	2.4	4.6
Nellore	3,01,206	3,12,256	3,10,081	2,175	.9	.7
Cuddapah	12,23,119	11,76,651	3,40,186	8,36,465	4.2	71.1
Anantapur	6,83,952	9,315	9,054	261	1.6	2.8
Bellary	6,95,496	6,54,776	2,53,283	4,01,492	4.5	61.3
Kurnool	9,46,438	9,04,811	5,67,047	3,37,764	3.9	37.3
Madras	61,075	55,307	5,768	5,768	8.2	9.4
Chingleput	59,586	5,43,046	5,33,570	9,476	1.5	1.7
North Arcot	5,33,001	8,23,014	6,82,336	1,40,678	5.6	17.1
South Arcot	11,94,706	11,86,728	11,47,749	37,979	1.0	3.2
Tanjore	11,81,952	17,19,292	15,95,947	1,23,345	5.8	7.2
Trichinopoly	13,42,646	11,42,674	9,41,039	2,01,635	24.8	17.6
Madura	11,19,401	2,14,840	2,00,416	14,424	3.8	6.7
Tinnevely	2,21,789	1,01,387	90,766	10,621	9.5	10.5
Coimbatore	1,04,295	8,36,289	7,72,328	63,961	15.5	7.6
Nilgiris	8,41,988	37,767	30,704	7,063	21.8	18.8
Salem	42,763	12,14,376	11,76,952	38,424	2.1	3.2
South Canara	12,29,636	32,560	32,560	..	..	..
Malabar	45,621	11,38,114	9,99,129	1,38,985	8.5	12.2
Total	1,92,87,993	1,84,20,821	1,50,21,181	33,99,640	6.1	18.5

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Anantapur.
Madura.

Tinnevely.
South Canara.

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Vizagapatam	1,92,044	60,824	1,31,220
North Arcot	1,40,678	89,010	51,668
Malabar	1,38,985	1,38,600	385
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10. The balances exceeded half a lakh of rupees in each of the twelve districts noted in the margin.† A portion thereof appears, however, to have been collected since the end of the month or to be covered by processes. The remainder for which special explanation is furnished by Collectors is referred to below. Of the amount shown against *Cuddapah*, Rupees 7,48,318 represent portions of the kists that accrued in December and January, the collection of which has been postponed under orders from the Settlement Department—*vide* Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6068 (Revenue Settlement), dated 30th November 1896, and No. 2 (Revenue Settlement), dated 1st January 1897. The Collector of *Ganjam* reports that a sum of Rs. 1,10,595 will probably have to be

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