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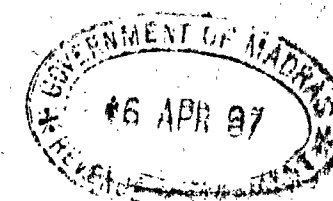
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Note. The figures in cols: 3, 7 and 10 of this statement differ from those shown in columns 5, 9 and 12 of the preceding month's stat. as shown below:-

Districts ..	col: 3 (col: 5) current demand	col: 7 (col: 9) arrears collection	col: 10 (col: 12) current collection
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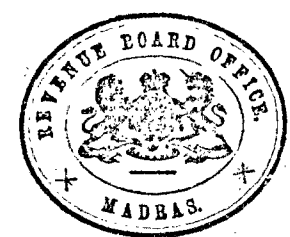
for current collection

Madras Presidency up to the end of February, 1897.

COLLECTIONS.					BALANCE.			
Sl.	Current.			Total Arrears and Current.	Arrears remitted.			
	Up to last Month.	In this Month.	Total.			Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
36	458,921	146,607	605,528	66,696	72,87	4544	53,934	54,388
890	588,488	260,701	849,189	49,307	737	2062	32,067	32,736
85	1,953,572	161,926	2,115,498	35,823	1423		4,916	4,916
977	228,273	172,657	400,930	40,863	2063	4,653	22,507	22,972
196	310,081	65,980	376,061	9,866	622	514	21,204	21,718
5350	340,186	354,257	694,443	6,997	72	73	108,458	108,468
1898	9054	120,319	127,373	13,127	345	64	194,087	194,151
1836	253,283	149,165	402,448	40,730	1787	956	70,704	70,996
576	56,704	278,371	335,075	84,793	328	110	50,622	50,632
557	55,307	7252	62,559	63,116	1	4	5892	5896
1,673	53,357	53,247	106,604	10,977	241	1298	17,503	18,801
3,179	682,336	6,091	688,427	12,914	227	573	50,662	50,719
2,737	114,774	10,805	125,579	22,828	440	715	10,647	10,718
1,683	15,959	15,013	30,972	32,341	4933	4947	26,761	27,257
53,959	941,039	4,374	945,413	78,493	64	3047	32,572	32,857
1,610	2,004	614,257	616,261	84,673	1880	2459	10,270	10,516
18,824	90,198	5,911	96,109	68,137	3469	37,909	17,584	17,757
1,601	77,232	850,263	927,495	16,341	482	189	57,267	57,456
0,930	30,704	132,611	163,315	64,895	231	1495	4,980	6,475
1869	11,759	627,936	639,695	180,388	212	1084	58,385	59,469
1,239	32,560	6867	39,427	43,666		33		33
1,366	9,991	28,533	38,524	15,651	6397	97,387	14,816	14,535
10070	150,206	127,207	277,413	2,153	33441	164,136	58,670	60,311

Statement of Demand, Collection and Balance of Land Revenue

Districts.	Arrears at the beginning of the	DEMAND.				Arrears.	
		Current.			Total Arrears and Current.		
		Up to last Month.	In this Month.	Total.		Up to last Month.	In this Month.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjam ..	73,267	8,78,609	266,260	11,44,869	12,18,136	60,859	577
Vizagapatam ..	46,889	7,80,532	389,331	11,69,863	12,16,752	42,696	1194
Godavari ..	10,908	22,61,067	180,340	40,64,477	40,75,385	9,485	
Kistna ..	83,693	23,92,643	184,176	42,34,410	43,18,103	74,331	2646
Nellore ..	17,932	3,12,256	678,832	9,91,088	10,09,020	16,772	24
Cuddapah ..	5515	11,76,651	6,02,377	17,79,030	17,84,545	5347	3
Anantapur ..	2307	9315	314,145	3,23,460	3,25,767	1,897	1
Bellary ..	7599	6,54,775	45,713	11,09,488	11,17,087	4,779	77
Kurnool ..	2954	9,04,811	44,682	13,51,640	13,54,594	2,516	
Madras ..	562	61,075	7376	6,84,51	6,90,13	557	6
Chingleput ..	33,212	54,304	54,050	1,08,353	11,16,762	30,806	867
North Arcot ..	33,979	8,23,014	9,75,107	17,98,121	18,32,100	33,179	
South Arcot ..	13,872	11,85,728	114,902	23,34,752	23,48,644	12,702	35
Tanjore ..	14,671	17,19,292	164,558	33,64,881	35,15,971	13,517	1657
Trichinopoly ..	57,070	11,42,674	36,153	17,04,213	17,61,283	53,190	769
Madura ..	120,441	2,14,849	702,540	9,17,380	10,37,821	11,584	278
Tinnevely ..	150,202	100,836	756,390	85,7226	100,7428	10,7462	1362
Coimbatore ..	12,272	83,628	84,356	16,79858	16,92,130	11,580	21
Nilgiris ..	22,656	37,767	11,178	48,945	71,601	20,847	83
Salem ..	5165	12,14,376	64,789	18,62,273	18,67,438	3,869	
South Canara ..	4272	32560	6867	39,427	43,699	4,230	9
Malabar ..	136,150	11,38,107	54,283	16,80,938	18,17,088	30,774	1592
Total ..	78,764	184,202	151,880	336,083	34,595	77,886	11,201



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement Land Records and Agriculture)
~~(Land Revenue)~~

Dated 20 January 1897.
Forest No. 420. Miscellaneous.

READ Letter from C. M. Mulla, Esquire, District
of Thiruvol, dated 9 January 1897,
Dis no 88 of 97, reporting for the infor-
-mation of the Board, the amounts
postponed for December 1896 in
the district, and submitting
report on the question of post-
ponement and dry remission.

Resolution

On the letter read above the
Collector submits certain proposals
regarding the postponement
of

of the collection of dry assessment in six affected taluks of his district.

2. It appears from the report that definite information has been furnished by the Divisional officers only for the three taluks of Nandikotkur, Nandiyal and Simel. As regards these taluks, the Collector's proposal is to postpone collection of the dry assessment till the next fasli in 44 villages and to suspend collections till next month in 39 more as shown in the margin.

3. As regards the remaining three taluks, the Collector states that complete information has not been received. He recommends that the collection of kishu may be suspended till the next Jannamandi in 38 villages.

Postponement		Suspend		Total	
Nandikotkur	7	44	51	44	39
Nandiyal	22		22		
Simel	15		15		
Total		44	39	44	39

of Hoilkuntla, 60 villages of Ramallakota and in 58 of Pattikonda.

4. The enclosure received with the Collector's letter is a bare list of the village of the several taluks involved in his proposal; and neither this list nor the Collector's report contains sufficient information to enable the Board to pass final orders. The Collector is therefore requested to submit definite proposals drawn up in accordance with the principles laid down in paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings No. 472, dated 31st December 1896, furnishing at the same time complete information on the several points noticed in the case of Bellary in paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings No. 448, dated 18 December 1896.

Exo 261
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Exo 159
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(True Extract)
Signed R. V. Sreenivasulu
Secretary
To the Collector of Kurnool
(True Copy)
L. Dwamkannu
Asst. Secretary
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

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MARCH.

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

RESOLUTION—No. 103, dated 30th March 1897.

According to the demand, collection and balance statements for February 1897, the arrear demand at the commencement of the current fasli amounted to Rupees 9,87,647, or Rs. 2,482 more than that shown in the statements for the previous month. The increase occurs in Ganjám (Rs. 1) and Tinnevely (Rs. 2,481). The increase in exhibition in the demand, collection and balance statement is due to the transactions relating to the revenue derived from the imposition of penal tax on mis-sing palmyrahs.

2. *Arrears collected.*—Out of the arrear demand of Rs. 9,87,647 mentioned above, Rs. 7,90,070 or 80 per cent. were collected, Rs. 33,441 were written off the accounts, while Rs. 89,597 are irrecoverable, leaving a recoverable balance of Rs. 74,539.

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, deposits, 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 inquiry or correspondence including amounts embroiled.	Covered by processes.	Other items.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Tinnevely ..	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2. Malabar ..	..	1,498	1,444	29,536	3,347	..	454	..	30,279
3. Kistna ..	..	701	1,456	..	870	1,501	8,213	..	12,400
4. Tanjore ..	..	275	80	..	1,080	870	522	450	4,808
5. Ganjám ..	..	273	42	57	..	2,112	1,385	280	4,808
6. Trichinopoly ..	..	..	1,451	496	1,286	300	2,074	775	4,767
7. Madura ..	..	75	448	300	..	241	793	..	4,490
8. Vizagapatam ..	..	4	1	278	10	808	382	5	2,948
9. Chingleput ..	..	11	..	313	967	92	31	119	2,140
10. Nilgiris ..	..	..	23	41	..	46	153	346	1,719
11. Salem ..	..	..	..	..	687	802	28	..	1,210
12. South Arcot ..	..	..	35	89	..	371	81	262	1,161
13. North Arcot ..	..	..	24	425	..	73	..	883	883
14. Bellary ..	..	10	85	240	..	57	3	33	609
15. Nellore ..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	20	522
16. Coimbatore ..	..	..	7	16	..	63	..	..	445
17. Kurnool ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	40	..	68
18. South Canara ..	..	..	7	6	..	60	..	..	63
19. Cuddapah ..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	61
20. Anantapur ..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	13
21. Madras ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Total ..	1,863	3,844	6,732	81,856	5,384	7,309	14,222	3,179	74,539

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 11,929 (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. 37,840, 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. Of the amount shown against Tinnevely Rs. 2,760 represent second-crop assessment imposed on certain mita lands and the collection of the amount depends on the decision of a suit filed against Government in respect of the charge. The collection of the balance, Rs. 587, has been suspended by the Collector pending decision of certain appeals preferred to him. Steps should be taken for the early disposal of these appeals. As regards the amount appearing against Malabar Rs. 12 represent the janmabhogam on certain lands in the identification of which some difficulty is said to exist. Rupees 730 are due on certain estates and the collection of the amount has been suspended by the Collector pending enquiry into the objections of the proprietors thereof. The remainder, Rs. 123, is also janmabhogam due on certain lands in the Wynad taluk and its collection has been postponed pending submission of the report called for in G.O., No. 531, dated 20th October 1896. 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 of the amount 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 shrotriendrar regarding the land-cess demand fixed on his village. The two items of arrears have been pending from July and October 1896, respectively, and should be disposed of at an early date.

6. The arrears under enquiry in Tanjore have increased from Rs. 1,570 to Rs. 2,112. Steps should be taken to complete the enquiries at an early date.

The arrears for which processes have been issued amounted to Rs. 14,222 against Rs. 17,957 in the previous month.

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. 75,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 9,88,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,07,000 and Rs. 13,97,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 11,000 as against Rs. 71,000 in February 1896.

8. *Old arrears.*—The sub-joined statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1304 and previous years outstanding at the beginning and end of February 1897:—

Fasli.	Ganjám.	Vizagapatam.	Bellary.	Chingleput.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Trichinopoly.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Nilgiris.	Salem.	Malabar.
1296 ..	Rs. 49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1297 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1298 ..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
1299 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
1300 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	215
1301 ..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
1302 ..	83	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,325
1303 ..	133	..	..	42	..	288	..	91	1,853	..	..	870
1304 ..	189	204	25	60	365	802	328	94	1,372	6	576	1,531
Total ..	500	554	25	102	365	1,090	328	185	3,225	6	576	3,979
Arrears at the beginning of the month ..	500	581	25	286	365	1,090	412	185	1,606	6	576	4,740
Difference ..	60	27	..	184	..	..	84	..	+ 1,619	..	..	761

Of the arrears outstanding in *Ganjām*, Rs. 53 have been collected since the end of the month, Rs. 13 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits Rs. 340, are irrecoverable and processes have been issued for the recovery of the balance, Rs. 94. In *Vizagapatam*, Rs. 4 were collected after the end of the month, Rs. 204 are irrecoverable and the remainder, Rs. 346, represents the balance of arrears of rent assigned by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. under G.O., No. 438, dated 3rd May 1892, which cannot be realized under Act II of 1864. The Collector of *Bellary* reports that the sum of Rs. 25 outstanding in his district is adjustable from Forest collections and that the Accountant-General's sanction for the adjustment is awaited. In *Chingleput* Rs. 44 are stated to be under enquiry and Rs. 58 are covered by processes. The enquiry as regards the first item should be completed at an early date. The sum of Rs. 365 in *South Arcot* is due from a cowledar, who objects to pay the amount and its recovery depends upon the decision of the suit filed by him against Government in respect of the claim. In *Tanjore* Rs. 1,050 represent the water-rate and cesses charged on certain inam 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 has been submitted for the decision of Government in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1780 (Revenue Settlement), dated 9th March 1897. The remainder, Rs. 40, represents the kaval fees imposed upon certain inam lands belonging to the same inamdar for fasli 1304. The objection of the inamdar to pay the amount is now under enquiry. The Collector is requested to see that the matter is disposed of at an early date. In *Trichinopoly*, Rs. 254 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits, Rs. 67 are stated to be irrecoverable, while Rs. 7 are under process. In *Madura*, Rs. 15 were collected after the end of the month, Rs. 7 remain to be adjusted from excess collections and deposits and Rs. 59 are irrecoverable. Of the balance, Rs. 76 represent the arrears of quit-rent, the payment of which has been objected to by the inamdars pending settlement of compensation for their lands taken up for the Periyár channels. The Collector reported in the demand, collection and balance statement for December last that orders had been issued for the early disposal of the matter. The item is still pending. The remainder, Rs. 28, is covered by processes. The arrears in *Tinnevelly* show an increase as compared with those outstanding at the beginning of the month, and this is due to the cause specified in paragraph 1 *supra*, viz., the increase under arrear demand. Of the total sum of Rs. 3,225, Rs. 1,450 are irrecoverable and the Collector promises to include the amount in the statement of irrecoverable arrears for the current quarter and the collection of Rs. 1,309 depends upon the decision of a suit filed against Government. This leaves a balance of Rs. 466, of which Rs. 370 are under process and Rs. 96 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits. The sum of Rs. 6 relating to *Nilgiris* is shown as irrecoverable. The amount appearing under *Salem* represents the arrears due from the Pavithram mitta. The sale of a portion of the mitta has been stopped by an injunction order received from the Civil Court. Further steps for the recovery of the amount will have to be taken after the Court's injunction is withdrawn. The whole amount outstanding in *Malabar* relates to the Wynaad taluk, of which Rs. 1,889 are under process, Rs. 709 are irrecoverable, Rs. 489 are covered by sales pending confirmation and Rs. 450 represent the balance of the value of a building purchased by the Taluk Board on condition of paying the amount in annual instalments of Rs. 150. The collection of the remainder, Rs. 442, has been postponed by the Collector for the reasons referred to in paragraph 5 *supra*.

It is hoped that the amount shown as irrecoverable in *Ganjām*, *Vizagapatam*, *Trichinopoly*, *Madura*, *Tinnevelly*, *Nilgiris* and *Malabar* will be included in the statements of irrecoverable arrears for the current quarter. As it is not desirable that these long standing arrears should be allowed to disfigure the accounts, the Collectors concerned are requested to make their best endeavours to clear them off at as early a date as possible.

9. *Current*.—According to the demand, collection and balance statements for February 1897, the total current demand up to the end of the month amounted to Rs. 3,36,08,340 against Rs. 3,35,76,335 and Rs. 3,29,94,423 in faslis 1305 and 1304,

respectively. Of this sum, Rs. 2,77,41,296 or 82.5 per cent. were collected before the close of the month, leaving at the end of it a balance of Rs. 58,67,044 or 17.5 per cent. of the demand against 7.3 per cent. and 5.7 per cent. at the end of February 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 February 1897.	Current balance up to the end of February 1897.	Percentage of balance to demand at the close of	
	February 1896.	February 1897.			February 1896.	February 1897.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Ganjām	11,09,220	11,44,869	6,05,528	5,39,341	14.6	47.1
Vizagapatam	11,93,784	11,69,863	8,49,189	3,20,674	11.6	27.4
Gódvári	39,02,987	40,64,477	35,72,836	4,91,641	2	12.1
Kistna	42,96,613	42,34,410	40,09,335	2,25,075	4.4	5.3
Nellore	10,03,597	9,91,088	9,69,884	21,204	1.3	2.1
Cuddapah	18,42,204	17,79,030	6,94,443	10,84,587	5.1	61
Anantapur	10,12,620	3,33,460	1,29,373	1,94,087	2.6	60
Bellary	11,63,398	11,09,488	4,02,448	7,07,040	4.4	63.7
Karnool	14,19,679	13,51,640	8,45,418	5,06,222	3.3	37.5
Madras	66,563	68,451	62,559	5,892	6.8	8.6
Chingleput	10,84,208	10,83,550	10,66,047	17,503	1.4	1.6
North Arcot	18,63,207	17,98,121	12,91,498	5,06,623	4.3	28.2
South	23,56,147	23,34,752	22,28,282	1,06,470	8	4.6
Tanjore	25,14,322	33,64,881	30,97,271	2,67,610	4.2	8
Trichinopoly	16,75,591	17,04,213	13,78,493	3,25,720	16.2	19.1
Madura	9,10,183	9,17,880	8,14,673	1,02,707	13.0	11.2
Tinnevelly	8,52,153	8,57,226	6,81,378	1,75,848	21.0	20.5
Coimbatore	16,54,655	16,79,457	16,22,591	57,267	9.8	3.4
Nilgiris	54,241	48,945	43,965	4,980	16.7	10.2
Salem	18,26,351	18,62,273	18,03,888	58,385	1.7	3.1
South Canara	45,43	39,427	39,427			
Malabar	16,69,059	16,80,938	15,32,770	1,48,168	8	8.8
Total	3,35,76,335	336,08,340	2,77,41,296	58,67,044	5.7	17.5

Ryotwari kists fell due in the month in all districts except South Canara. The collections exceeded 98 per cent. in Chingleput, 97 per cent. in Nellore and 96 per cent. in Salem and Coimbatore.

Districts.	Balance.	Collected since the end of the month or covered by processes.	Remainder.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cuddapah	10,84,587	1,30,106	9,54,481
Bellary	7,07,040	1,87,256	5,19,784
Ganjām	5,39,341	2,94,108	2,45,233
North Arcot	5,06,623	1,52,958	3,53,665
Karnool	5,06,222	1,78,383	3,27,839
Gódvári	4,91,641	2,12,973	2,78,668
Trichinopoly	3,25,720	3,11,889	13,840
Vizagapatam	3,20,674	1,72,605	1,48,069
Tanjore	2,67,610	2,51,210	16,400
Kistna	2,25,075	1,87,886	37,189
Anantapur	1,94,087	40,054	1,54,033
Bellary	1,75,848	1,01,367	74,481
Tinnevelly	1,48,168	1,42,513	5,655
Malabar	1,06,470	1,05,348	1,122
Madura	1,02,707	1,01,086	1,621

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APRIL.

Demand, Collection and Balance Statements.

Recording Board's Proceedings reviewing the — of land revenue and cesses for the month of February 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution—No. 103, dated 30th March 1897.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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2. Malabar			1,456				8,213		12,490
3. Kistna		701	121	1,028		1,501	522	450	4,008
4. Tanjore		275	83	80		870	522	286	4,008
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7. Madura		75	449	300		703		5	2,988
8. Vizagapatam		4		278	10	806	382	119	2,140
9. Chingleput		11		813	967	92	81	348	1,719
10. Nilgiris			28	41		46	153		1,210
11. Salem					687		28	262	1,161
12. South Arcot			35	80		802		883	883
13. North Arcot			24	425		371	81	83	609
14. Bellary		10	85	240		73			522
15. Nellore			3			67	8	20	445
16. Coimbatore			7	16		2	63		68
17. Karnool				1			40		63
18. South Canara			7	6		60			61
19. Cuddapah			11						13
20. Anantapur									10
21. Madras		4		10					11
Total	1,353	3,844	6,732	81,856	5,984	7,369	14,222	3,179	74,539

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 11,929 (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. 37,840, 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 Tinnevelly represents the arrears of peishcush due from the Uthumalai estate and cannot be cleared off before the end of June next.

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The arrears under enquiry in Tanjore have increased from Rs. 1,570 to Rs. 2,112. Steps should be taken to complete the enquiries at an early date.

6. The arrears for which processes have been issued amounted to Rs. 14,222 against Rs. 17,957 in the previous month.

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. 75,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 9,88,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,07,000 and Rs. 13,97,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 11,000 as against Rs. 71,000 in February 1896.

8. *Old arrears.*—The sub-joined statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1304 and previous years outstanding at the beginning and end of February 1897 :—

Fasli.	Ganjām.	Vizagapatam.	Bellary.	Chingleput.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Trichinopoly.	Madura.	Tinnevelly.	Nilgiris.	Salem.	Malabar.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1296	49	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
1298	1	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
1299	13	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	34
1300 .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2
1301	32	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	215
1302	83	350	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2
1303	133	.. ..	42	.. ..	288	.. ..	.. ..	91	1,353	.. ..	.. ..	1,325
1304	189	204	25	60	365	802	328	94	1,372	6	576	870
Total	500	554	25	102	365	1,090	328	185	3,225	6	576	3,979
Arrears at the beginning of the month ..	500	581	25	286	365	1,090	412	185	1,606	6	576	4,740
Difference ..	60	27	..	184	..	..	84	..	+ 1,619	..	..	761

Of the arrears outstanding in *Ganjám*, Rs. 53 have been collected since the end of the month, Rs. 13 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits Rs. 310, are irrecoverable and processes have been issued for the recovery of the balance, Rs. 94. In *Vizagapatam*, Rs. 4 were collected after the end of the month, Rs. 204 are irrecoverable and the remainder, Rs. 346, represents the balance of arrears of rent assigned by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. under G.O., No. 438, dated 3rd May 1892, which cannot be realized under Act II of 1864. The Collector of *Bellary* reports that the sum of Rs. 25 outstanding in his district is adjustable from Forest collections and that the Accountant-General's sanction for the adjustment is awaited. In *Chingleput* Rs. 44 are stated to be under enquiry and Rs. 58 are covered by processes. The enquiry as regards the first item should be completed at an early date. The sum of Rs. 365 in *South Arcot*—is due from a cowledar, who objects to pay the amount and its recovery depends upon the decision of the suit filed by him against Government in respect of the claim. In *Tanjore* Rs. 1,050 represent the water-rate and cesses charged on certain inam 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 has been submitted for the decision of Government in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1780 (Revenue Settlement), dated 9th March 1897. The remainder, Rs. 40, represents the kaval fees imposed upon certain inam lands belonging to the same inamdar for fasli 1304. The objection of the inamdar to pay the amount is now under enquiry. The Collector is requested to see that the matter is disposed of at an early date. In *Trichinopoly*, Rs. 254 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits, Rs. 67 are stated to be irrecoverable, while Rs. 7 are under process. In *Madura*, Rs. 15 were collected after the end of the month, Rs. 7 remain to be adjusted from excess collections and deposits and Rs. 59 are irrecoverable. Of the balance, Rs. 76 represent the arrears of quit-rent, the payment of which has been objected to by the inamdars pending settlement of compensation for their lands taken up for the Periyár channels. The Collector reported in the demand, collection and balance statement for December last that orders had been issued for the early disposal of the matter. The item is still pending. The remainder, Rs. 28, is covered by processes. The arrears in *Tinnevely* show an increase as compared with those outstanding at the beginning of the month, and this is due to the cause specified in paragraph 1 *supra*, viz., the increase under arrear demand. Of the total sum of Rs. 3,225, Rs. 1,450 are irrecoverable and the Collector promises to include the amount in the statement of irrecoverable arrears for the current quarter and the collection of Rs. 1,309 depends upon the decision of a suit filed against Government. This leaves a balance of Rs. 466, of which Rs. 370 are under process and Rs. 96 are adjustable from excess collections and deposits. The sum of Rs. 6 relating to *Nilgiris* is shown as irrecoverable. The amount appearing under *Salem* represents the arrears due from the Pavithram mitta. The sale of a portion of the mitta has been stopped by an injunction order received from the Civil Court. Further steps for the recovery of the amount will have to be taken after the Court's injunction is withdrawn. The whole amount outstanding in *Malabar* relates to the Wynad taluk, of which Rs. 1,889 are under process, Rs. 709 are irrecoverable, Rs. 489 are covered by sales pending confirmation and Rs. 450 represent the balance of the value of a building purchased by the Taluk Board on condition of paying the amount in annual instalments of Rs. 150. The collection of the remainder, Rs. 442, has been postponed by the Collector for the reasons referred to in paragraph 5 *supra*.

It is hoped that the amount shown as irrecoverable in *Ganjám*, *Vizagapatam*, *Trichinopoly*, *Madura*, *Tinnevely*, *Nilgiris* and *Malabar* will be included in the statements of irrecoverable arrears for the current quarter. As it is not desirable that these long standing arrears should be allowed to disfigure the accounts, the Collectors are requested to make their best endeavours to clear them off at as early a date as possible.

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STATEMENT III.

Districts.	Current demand up to the end of		Current collections up to the end of February 1897.	Current balance up to the end of February 1897.	Percentage of balance to demand at the close of	
	February 1896.	February 1897.			February 1896.	February 1897.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Ganjám	11,09,220	11,44,869	6,05,528	5,39,341	14.6	47.1
Vizagapatam	11,93,784	11,69,863	8,49,189	3,20,674	11.6	27.4
Gódvári	39,02,987	40,64,477	35,72,836	4,91,641	2	12.1
Kistna	42,96,613	42,34,410	40,09,335	2,25,075	4.4	5.3
Nellore	10,03,907	9,91,088	9,69,884	21,204	1.3	2.1
Cuddapah	18,42,294	17,79,030	6,94,443	10,84,587	5.1	61
Anantapur	10,12,620	3,23,460	1,29,373	1,94,087	2.6	60
Bellary	11,63,398	11,09,488	4,02,448	7,07,040	4.4	63.7
Kurnool	14,19,679	13,51,640	8,45,418	5,06,222	3.3	37.5
Madras	66,563	68,451	62,559	5,892	6.8	8.6
Chingleput	10,84,208	10,83,550	10,66,047	17,503	1.4	1.6
North Arcot	18,63,207	17,98,121	12,91,498	5,06,623	4.3	28.2
South "	23,56,147	23,34,752	22,28,282	1,06,470	.8	4.6
Tanjore	25,14,322	33,64,881	30,97,271	2,67,610	4.2	8
Trichinopoly	16,75,591	17,04,213	13,78,493	3,25,720	16.2	19.1
Madura	9,10,183	9,17,380	8,14,673	1,02,707	13.0	11.2
Tinnevely	8,52,153	8,57,226	6,81,378	1,75,848	21.0	20.5
Coimbatore	16,54,055	16,79,855	16,22,591	57,267	9.8	3.4
Nilgiris	54,241	48,945	43,965	4,980	16.7	10.2
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South Canara	45,943	39,427	39,427	..	..	..
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Total	3,35,76,335	336,08,340	2,77,41,296	58,67,044	5.7	17.5

Ryotwari kists fell due in the month in all districts except South Canara. The collections exceeded 98 per cent. in Chingleput, 97 per cent. in Nellore and 96 per cent. in Salem and Coimbatore.

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Ganjám	5,39,341	2,94,108	2,45,233
North Arcot	6,06,623	1,52,958	3,53,665
Kurnool	5,06,222	1,78,383	3,27,839
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Vizagapatam	3,20,674	1,22,605	1,98,069
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