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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Statement of Demand, Collection, and Balance of

Land Revenue of the Madras Presidency up to the end of December 1897

Statement of Demand, Collection, and Balance of Land Revenue of the Madras Presidency																	
Districts.	Arrears at the beginning of the <i>fisli</i>	DEMAND.				COLLECTIONS.								Arrears remitted.	BALANCE.		
		Current			Total Arrears and Current.	Arrears			Current			Total Arrears and Current.	Arrears.		Current.	Total.	
		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	
Ganjam	287,042	74,938	3,74,992	4,49,930	7,36,972	209,057	29,122	238,179	66,756	1,56,361	2,23,117	4,61,296	537	48,326	2,26,813	275,139	
Vizagapatam	155,571	1,62,526	3,06,688	4,69,214	6,24,728	1,23,712	18,943	142,660	157,771	1,81,363	3,39,134	4,81,794	572	12,342	1,30,080	142,422	
Godavari	98,217	1,42,772	4,01,294	5,44,066	6,42,283	91,557	1,087	92,644	1,37,924	3,55,249	4,93,173	5,85,817	711	4,862	50,893	55,755	
Kistna	26,117	46,847	7,62,903	8,09,750	8,35,867	18,367	182	18,549	42,166	692,331	7,34,497	7,53,046	4,036	3,532	7,5253	7,8785	
Nellore	58,375	4,814	1,70,216	1,75,030	2,33,405	55,658	293	55,951	4,814	1,70,216	1,75,030	2,30,981	115	2,309	"	2,309	
Cuddapah	920,607	2,213	5,76,400	5,78,613	14,99,220	1,65,416	42,664	2,08,080	2,213	2,60,964	2,63,177	4,71,257	"	7,12,527	3,15,436	10,27,963	
Anantapur	604,168	214	217	431	604,599	53,616	14,106	67,722	214	217	431	68,153	"	53,646	"	53,646	
Bellary	431,022	2,610	2,05,703	2,08,313	6,39,335	17,685	43,204	2,20,060	2,610	82,364	85,241	3,05,301	300	2,10,662	1,23,072	3,33,734	
Kurnool	348,784	1,813	4,48,465	4,50,278	7,99,062	1,90,63	65,641	84,704	1,647	2,55,443	2,57,090	3,41,894	"	2,64,080	1,93,188	4,57,268	
Madras	804	44,302	8,130	52,432	53,236	639	5	644	39,750	6459	46,209	46,853	"	166	6223	6,383	
Chingleput	21,938	4,477	28,215	32,692	54,630	19,197	334	19,531	4,477	27,201	3,1678	51,209	716	1,691	1,014	2,705	
North Arcot	91,064	4,742	4,52,647	4,57,389	5,48,453	86,405	1,968	88,373	4,742	3,49,681	3,54,423	4,42,796	484	2,207	1,02,966	1,05,173	
South Arcot	10,654	5,491	1,217	6,708	17,362	8,145	259	8,404	4,601	1,917	6,508	14,912	640	1,610	200	1,810	
Tanjore	65,657	39,942	62,16	46,158	1,11,815	57,145	890	58,035	35,849	3,381	39,230	97,265	724	6,898	6,928	13,826	
Trichinopoly	1,42,774	17,609	551,387	5,68,996	7,11,770	12,7,772	6,115	1,33,887	16,899	4,88,138	5,05,137	6,38,924	341	8,546	63,959	72,505	
Madura	1,04,870	155,028	95,626	2,50,654	3,55,524	96,122	1,559	97,681	155,028	47,491	2,02,519	3,00,200	757	6,432	48,135	54,567	
Tinnevely	2,08,506	51,702	1,447	53,149	2,61,655	1,59,036	2,694	1,61,736	48,462	1,752	50,214	2,11,944	1,715	4,5061	2,935	47,996	
Coimbatore	15,168	4,978	3,216	8,194	23,362	9,866	4,395	14,261	4,488	1,578	6066	20,327	323	584	2,128	2,712	
Nilgiris	17,881	6,546	11,683	18,229	36,110	12,719	69	12,788	6,474	9193	15,667	28,455	230	4,863	2,562	7,425	
Salem	10,191	31,697	59,9185	6,30,882	6,41,073	9,176	"	9,176	31,557	59,6508	6,28,065	6,37,241	132	883	2,817	3,700	
South Canara	5,695	29,123	1,346	304,69	361,64	3826	1,080	4,906	29,123	1,346	304,69	35,375	6	783	"	783	
Malabar	1,35,153	14,999	54,169	5,56,168	6,91,321	30,789	1,876	32,665	14,999	4,27,470	4,42,469	4,75,134	3,339	99,149	1,13,699	2,12,848	
Total	37,60,201	8,49,383	55,48,362	63,97,745	1,01,57,946	15,34,144	2,36,486	17,70,630	8,12,564	41,16,880	49,29,444	67,00,074	15,618	19,73,953	14,68,301	34,42,254	

Note

The figures shown in cols. 3, 7 and 10 of this statement differ from those given in cols. 5, 9 and 12 of the previous month's statement as shown below:—

Districts.	Col. 3 (col 5) Current demand.	col. 7 (col 9) Arrear collection.	col. 10 (col 12) Current collection.
Gaujam.	-	-19	-
Godavari.	-775	+775	-775
Cuddapah.	+43	"	+43
Anantapur.	"	-2	"
Kurnool.	+24	-24	+24
N. Arcot.	"	-29	"
Malabar.	"	-1	"

2. Of the variations in Gaujam and Anantapur, the decrease of Rs 17 and 1 respectively is due to the adoption of the revised figures with reference to the gamabandi of Tashi 1306. The remaining variations are ascribed either to the rectification of errors or to the rounding off of a rupee being rounded off.

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Reviewing the Demand, Collection and Balance statements of Land Revenue and Cesses for December 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 December 1897.

RESOLUTION—No. 34, dated 5th February 1898.

According to the demand, collection and balance statements for December 1897,				
Districts.	Increase.	Decrease.		
	RS.	RS.		
Ganjam	..	1,20,888		
Anantapur	..	1,50,896		
Kurnool	..	86,140		
Madura	10	..		
Total ..	10	3,57,924		
Net decrease ..		3,57,914		

The arrear demand at the commencement of fasli 1307 amounted to Rs. 37,60,201 or Rs. 3,57,914 less than that shown in the statements for the previous month. The variations are noted in the margin. The decreases in Ganjam, Anantapur and Kurnool are ascribed to the adoption of revised figures with reference to the jama-bandi of fasli 1306 at which extensive remissions had to be granted. The increase in Madura is ascribed to the correction of errors.

2. *Arrears.*—Out of the arrear demand of Rs. 37,60,201 mentioned above, Rs. 17,70,630 or 47·1 per cent. were collected, Rs. 15,618 were written off the accounts, while Rs. 91,795 are irrecoverable, leaving a recoverable balance of Rs. 18,82,158.

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 No. 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 embezzled.	Covered by processes.	Other items.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Cuddapah	Rs. 219	Rs. ..	Rs. 30	Rs. ..	Rs. 6,32,000	Rs. 79	Rs. 45,812	Rs. 34,387	Rs. 7,12,527
2. Anantapur .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. 19	.. ..	5,03,859	.. ..	32,578	.. ..	5,36,437
3. Karnool	21,376	163	.. 30	.. ..	1,62,068	.. ..	79,116	1,336	2,64,078
4. Bellary	11,896	4,023	.. 534	.. ..	1,45,711	.. ..	48,989	.. ..	2,10,649
5. Ganjam	1,725	.. ..	.. 892	19,987	.. ..	2,714	43,242	.. ..	48,215
6. Tinnevely	87	206	.. 31	.. ..	7,067	1,339	5,493	9,219	44,830
7. Malabar .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. 804	2,605	1,374	81	11,644	.. ..	13,080
8. Vizagapatam	545	525	.. 437	.. ..	.. ..	6	7,568	289	12,342
9. Trichinopoly	989	87	.. 480	.. 206	.. ..	74	6,787	19	8,393
10. Tanjore	508	578	.. 563	.. ..	1,860	194	2,343	798	6,573
11. Madura	65	3,007	.. 386	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2,485	189	6,062
12. Godavari	1,019	.. ..	.. 371	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	2,485	.. ..	4,112
13. Kistna .. ..	.. ..	572	.. 371	.. ..	865	32	1,345	.. ..	3,185
14. Nilgiris .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. 135	.. ..	104	2,634	.. ..	.. ..	2,873
15. North Arcot	54	393	.. 428	1,112	.. ..	94	4	.. ..	2,085
16. Chingleput .. ..	.. ..	247	.. 405	.. ..	536	.. ..	447	.. ..	1,635
17. Nellore .. ..	.. ..	715	.. 563	.. ..	.. ..	48	108	.. ..	1,434
18. South Arcot	5	163	.. 195	.. ..	516	119	376	.. ..	1,374
19. Salem .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	883	.. ..	.. ..	883
20. South Canara	11	124	.. 115	.. 67	185	183	151	.. ..	719
21. Coimbatore .. ..	.. ..	136	.. 49	.. ..	57	67	136	.. ..	519
22. Madras	1	.. ..	.. 21	.. ..	.. ..	138	.. ..	.. ..	160
Total	38,500	10,992	6,457	23,977	14,52,750	8,164	2,92,684	48,094	* 18,82,158

* Includes Rs. 540 being the difference between the amount of recoverable balance shown in enclosure A to the demand, collection and balance statement of the Tinnevely district and the details given in enclosure B to the same statement. The Collector has been requested to explain the discrepancy.

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 55,949 (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. 14,76,727, 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).

5. The postponement of collections has been ordered in the districts shown below:—

below:—

1893-15-27) In its Proceedings noted in the margin, the Board in the Settlement Department ordered that, pending the settlement of the question of granting dry remissions in the affected parts of the Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts, the collection of revenue due from the ryots in those parts should not be pressed, and that the collection of the unremitted portion of the dry assessment should be postponed till the current fash. The amounts appearing against these districts represent the balance remaining uncollected out of the postponements sanctioned in the orders above referred to. Of the

1) Board's Proceedings, No. 94 (Revenue Settlement), dated 3rd February 1897.
2) Board's Proceedings, No. 295 (Revenue Settlement), dated 8th April 1897.
3) Board's Proceedings, No. 323 (Revenue Settlement), dated 28th April 1897.
4) Board's Proceedings, No. 330 (Revenue Settlement), dated 1st May 1897.
5) Board's Proceedings, No. 491 (Revenue Settlement), dated 10th July 1897.

amount shown against *Tinnevely* Rs. 4,168 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. 2,879, has been suspended by the Collector pending decision of certain appeals preferred to him. Of the amount shown against *Malabar*, Rs. 1,098 represent the janmabhogam due on certain estates and the collection of the amount has been suspended by the Collector pending inquiry into the objections of the proprietors thereof. Of the remainder, Rs. 192 also represent janmabhogam due on certain lands in the *Wynaad taluk* and its collection has been postponed pending submission of the report called for in Government Order, No. 531, dated 20th October 1896, and Rs. 83 represent prohibitory assessment imposed upon certain lands in the *Ponnani taluk* and the collection of the amount has been suspended pending final orders regarding the correctness of the charge. Rupees 536 appearing against *Chingleput* are due on certain lands taken up for public purposes and the collection of the amount has been suspended pending the settlement of compensation. The reasons for suspending the collection of Rs. 135 shown against *South Canara* have not been specified. The attention of the Collector is drawn to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 18, dated 19th January 1898, and he is requested to submit the report therein called for at an early date.

6. The arrears, for which processes have been issued, amounted to Rs. 2,92,684.

	Rs.
Arrears for which demand notice No. 1 was issued	2,27,343
Arrears for which moveable property was distrained or notified for sale	25,250
Arrears for which demand notice No. 4 was issued	12,504
Arrears for which land was attached or notified for sale	27,587
Total	2,92,684

The steps taken for the realization of this sum are shown in the margin. The amounts covered by demand notice No. 1 occur largely in *Ganjám*, *Cuddapah*, *Anantapur*, *Bellary* and *Kurnool* which are affected districts.

7. Of the amounts shown under "other items," those appearing against *Cuddapah* and *Tinnevely* call for remarks. The major portion of the amount appearing against *Cuddapah* is reported to have been included in the demand pending the adoption of the settled demand in *Jammalamadugu* and *Pulivendla taluks*. Of the amount appearing against *Tinnevely*, Rs. 9,003 represent sale-proceeds of lands placed under Revenue deposit to be adjusted after confirmation of sales by Divisional-officers and Rs. 216 are to be adjusted from Local funds.

Old arrears relating to fasli 1305.

Districts.	Balance at the		Difference.
	Beginning of the month.	End of the month.	
1	2	3	4
<i>Ganjám</i>	Rs. 113	Rs. 124	+ 11
<i>Vizagapatam</i>	40	40	..
<i>Kistna</i>	916	916	..
<i>Anantapur</i>	10	10	..
<i>Bellary</i>	85	76	9
<i>Kurnool</i>	53	2	51
<i>Chingleput</i>	213	213	..
<i>North Arcot</i>	73	..	73
<i>Tanjore</i>	384	383	1
<i>Trichinopoly</i>	148	123	25
<i>Madura</i>	163	162	1
<i>Tinnevely</i>	1,716	1,738	+ 22
<i>Nilgiris</i>	4	1	3
<i>Malabar</i>	2,970	2,617	353
Total	6,888	6,405	483

8. In round numbers the recoverable balance for the Presidency at the end of the month was Rs. 18,82,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 37,60,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,06,000 and Rs. 9,83,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 2,36,000 as against Rs. 14,000 in December 1896.

9. *Old Arrears*.—The marginal statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1305 outstanding at the beginning and end of December 1897.

Arrears relating to fasli 1304 and previous years are found in the ten districts shown in the subjoined statement:—

Old arrears.

Fasli.	Ganjám.	Vizagapatam.	Chingleput.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Trichinopoly.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Salem.	Malabar.
1298	Rs. 10	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..
1299	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1300	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	163
1301	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1302	..	124	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	584
1303	3	..	12	..	288	..	..	315	..	261
1304	2	32	12	364	762	53	21	1,309	576	727
Total	27	156	24	364	1,050	53	21	1,624	576	1,740
Arrears at the beginning of the month ..	59	156	24	364	1,051	61	21	1,773	576	1,864
Difference : ..	32	..	..	..	1	8	..	149	..	124

The arrears shown against *Vizagapatam*, *Chingleput*, *South Arcot*, *Madura* and *Salem* continue undiminished for the reasons explained in paragraph 9 of Board's Proceedings, No. 422, dated 1st December 1897. In *Ganjám*, Rs. 15 are stated to be under enquiry and the collection of Rs. 12 has been suspended or postponed. Rs. 1,050 in *Tanjore* and Rs. 29 in *Trichinopoly* are stated to be under enquiry. The balance of Rs. 24 in *Trichinopoly* is irrecoverable. In *Tinnevely*, Rs. 42 are covered by processes, Rs. 271 are adjustable from excess collections, deposits or other heads of accounts, Rs. 2 are under enquiry and the collection of Rs. 1,309 depends upon the decision of a suit filed against Government. The whole of the amount appearing against *Malabar* relates to the *Wynaad taluk*, of which Rs. 1,279 are covered by processes and Rs. 31 are stated to be under enquiry. The remainder, Rs. 430, is 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.

10. *Current*.—According to the demand, collection and balance statements for December 1897, the total current demand up to the end of the month amounted to Rs. 63,97,745 against Rs. 59,57,893 and Rs. 75,67,783 in faslis 1306 and 1305, respectively. Of this sum, Rs. 49,29,444 or 77 per cent. were collected before the close of the month, leaving at the end of it a balance of Rs. 14,68,301 or 23 per cent. of the demand against 11.2 per cent. and 29.6 per cent. at the end of December 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 No. 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	
	December 1896.	December 1897.	December 1897.	December 1897.	December 1896.	December 1897.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		
Ganjam	4,54,834	4,49,930	2,23,117	2,26,813	63.3	50.4
Vizagapatam	4,72,737	4,60,214	3,39,134	1,30,080	23.2	27.7
Godavari	5,31,422	5,44,066	4,93,173	50,893	18.7	9.4
Kistna	8,19,702	8,09,750	7,34,497	75,253	6.7	9.3
Nellore	1,87,785	1,75,036	1,75,036	..	..	..
Cuddapah	5,75,049	5,78,613	2,63,177	3,15,436	89.7	54.5
Anantapur	9,157	431	431	..	2.8	..
Bellary	2,01,244	2,08,313	85,241	1,23,072	62.3	59.1
Kurnool	4,36,557	4,50,278	2,57,090	1,93,188	49.0	42.9
Madras	52,816	52,432	46,209	6,223	11.7	11.9
Chingloput	31,433	32,693	31,678	1,014	2.3	3.1
North Arcot	1,45,322	4,57,389	3,54,423	1,02,966	39.0	22.5
South Arcot	6,943	6,708	6,508	200	12.3	3.0
Tanjore	56,595	46,158	39,230	6,928	5.7	15.0
Trichinopoly	5,76,979	5,68,996	5,05,037	63,959	17.2	11.2
Madura	1,06,217	2,50,654	2,02,519	48,135	36.6	19.2
Tinnevely	67,472	53,149	50,214	2,935	5.8	5.5
Coimbatore	10,330	8,194	6,066	2,128	28.4	26.0
Nilgiris	16,259	18,229	15,667	2,562	30.1	14.1
Salem	6,20,451	6,30,882	6,28,065	2,817	3.5	4
South Canara	31,933	30,469	30,469	..	..	..
Malabar	5,52,526	5,56,168	4,42,469	1,13,699	21.3	20.4
Total ..	59,57,893	63,97,745	49,29,444	14,68,301	29.6	23.

Nellore.
Anantapur.
Chingloput.
South Arcot.
Tanjore.

Madura.
Tinnevely.
Coimbatore.
South Canara.

In the marginally-noted districts, no ryotwari kists accrued during the month under review. Of the remaining districts, the collections exceeded 95 per cent. only in Salem.

11. The balances exceeded half a lakh of rupees in each of the ten 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. In Cuddapah, the collection of Rs. 2,51,000 is stated to have been suspended, apparently with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 9935 (Settlement), dated 15th December 1897.

Districts.	Balance.	Collected since the end of the month or covered by processes.	Remainder.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Cuddapah ..	3,15,436	50,014	2,65,422
2. Ganjam ..	2,26,813	1,74,563	52,250
3. Kurnool ..	1,93,188	1,72,331	20,857
4. Vizagapatam ..	1,30,080	1,24,018	6,062
5. Bellary ..	1,23,072	95,599	27,473
6. Malabar ..	1,13,699	1,10,221	3,478
7. North Arcot ..	1,02,966	1,02,966	..
8. Kistna ..	75,253	66,628	8,625
9. Trichinopoly ..	63,959	62,417	1,542
10. Godavari ..	50,893	50,787	106

the submission of the demand, collection and balance statement to Collectors.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a statement in manuscript.
,, all Collectors (Divisional-officers).

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the recoverable balance at the end of December 1897.

Districts.	Balance at the end of December 1897.	Irrecoverable arrears as per quarterly statements, less subsequent collections, if any.				Recoverable balance.
		Arrears of land revenue and cesses sanctioned up to the quarter ending 30th September 1897, but not written off.	Amount promised to be included in the Board's next review of irrecoverable arrears.	Amount in respect of which further explanation has been called for.	Total.	
		3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	48,326	111	..	..	111	48,215
Vizagapatam	12,342	..	..	..	..	12,342
Godavari	4,862	(a) 750	..	..	750	4,112
Kistna	3,532	347	..	..	347	3,185
Nellore	2,309	876	..	..	876	1,434
Cuddapah	7,12,527	..	..	..	..	7,12,527
Anantapur	5,36,446	..	..	..	..	5,36,446
Bellary	2,10,662	13	..	..	13	2,10,649
Kurnool	2,64,080	2	..	..	2	2,64,078
Madras	160	..	..	..	..	160
Chingloput	1,691	56	..	..	56	1,635
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Recording Board's Proceedings reviewing the — of land revenue and cesses for December
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution—No. 34, dated 5th February 1898.

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2. *Arrears*.—Out of the arrear demand of Rs. 37,60,201 mentioned above, Rs. 17,70,630 or 47.1 per cent. were collected, Rs. 15,618 were written off the accounts, while Rs. 91,795 are irrecoverable, leaving a recoverable balance of Rs. 18,82,158.

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 :—

Districts.	Increase. Rs.	Decrease. Rs.
Ganjám	..	1,20,888
Anantapur	..	1,50,896
Kurnool	..	86,140
Madura	10	..
Total	10	3,57,924
Net decrease ..		3,57,914

STATEMENT No. 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 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. Cuddapah	219	..	30	..	6,32,000	79	45,812	34,387	7,12,527
2. Anantapur	..	..	..	..	5,03,859	..	32,578	..	5,36,437
3. Kurnool	21,376	163	19	..	1,62,068	..	78,116	1,336	2,64,078
4. Bellary	11,896	4,023	30	..	1,45,711	..	48,989	..	2,10,649
5. Ganjám	1,725	..	534	..	..	2,714	43,242	..	48,215
6. Tinnevely	87	206	892	19,987	7,067	1,339	5,493	9,219	44,830
7. Malabar	..	31	..	..	1,374	..	11,644	..	13,080
8. Vizagapatam ..	545	525	804	2,605	..	6	7,568	289	12,342
9. Trichinopoly ..	989	87	437	..	..	74	6,787	19	8,393
10. Tanjore	508	578	480	206	..	1,860	2,343	798	6,573
11. Madura	65	3,007	563	..	..	194	2,044	189	6,062
12. Godávári	1,019	222	386	..	..	..	2,485	..	4,112
13. Kistna	..	572	371	..	..	865	32	1,345	3,185
14. Nilgiris	..	..	135	..	..	104	2,634	..	2,873
15. North Arcot ..	54	393	428	1,112	..	94	4	..	2,086
16. Chingleput ..	..	247	405	..	536	..	417	..	1,635
17. Nellore	..	715	563	..	..	48	108	..	1,434
18. South Arcot ..	5	163	195	..	..	516	119	376	1,374
19. Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	883	..	883
20. South Canara ..	11	124	115	..	135	183	151	..	719
21. Coimbatore ..	..	136	49	67	..	57	67	136	512
22. Madras	1	..	21	..	..	..	138	..	160
Total	38,500	10,992	6,457	23,977	14,52,750	8,164	2,92,684	48,094	18,82,158

* Includes Rs. 540 being the difference between the amount of recoverable balance shown in enclosure A to the demand, collection and balance statement of the Tinnevely district and the details given in enclosure B to the same statement. The Collector has been requested to explain the discrepancy.

4. Of the arrears outstanding at the end of the month, Rs. 55,949 (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. 14,76,727, 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).

5. The postponement of collections has been ordered in the districts shown below :—

In its Proceedings noted in the margin, the Board in the Settlement Department ordered that, pending the settlement of the question of granting dry remissions in the affected parts of the Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts, the collection of revenue due from the ryots in those parts should not be pressed, and that the collection of the unremitted portion of the dry assessment should be postponed till the current fasli. The amounts appearing against these districts represent the balance remaining uncollected out of the postponements sanctioned in the orders above referred to. Of the

amount shown against *Tinnevely* Rs. 4,158 represent second-crop assessment imposed on certain mitta 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. 2,579, has been suspended by the Collector pending decision of certain appeals preferred to him. Of the amount shown against Malabar, Rs. 1,098 represent the janmabhogam due on certain estates and the collection of the amount has been suspended by the Collector pending inquiry into the objections of the proprietors thereof. Of the remainder, Rs. 192 also represent janmabhogam due on certain lands in the Wynaad taluk and its collection has been postponed pending submission of the report called for in Government Order, No. 531, dated 20th October 1896, and Rs. 83 represent prohibitory assessment imposed upon certain lands in the Ponnani taluk and the collection of the amount has been suspended pending final orders regarding the correctness of the charge. Rupees 536 appearing against Chingleput are due on certain lands taken up for public purposes and the collection of the amount has been suspended pending the settlement of compensation. The reasons for suspending the collection of Rs. 135 shown against South Canara have not been specified. The attention of the Collector is drawn to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 18, dated 19th January 1898, and he is requested to submit the report therein called for at an early date.

6. The arrears, for which processes have been issued, amounted to Rs. 2,92,684.

	RS.
Arrears for which demand notice No. 1 was issued	2,27,343
Arrears for which moveable property was distrained or notified for sale	25,250
Arrears for which demand notice No. 4 was issued	12,504
Arrears for which land was attached or notified for sale ..	27,587
Total ..	2,92,684

Jammalamadugu and Pulivendla taluks.

Old arrears relating to fasli 1305.

Districts.	Balance at the		Difference.
	Beginning of the month.	End of the month.	
1	2	3	4
Ganjám	RS. 113	RS. 124	+ 11
Vizagapatam	40	40	..
Kistna	916	916	..
Anantapur	10	10	..
Bellary	85	76	9
Kurnool	53	2	51
Chingleput	213	213	..
North Arcot	73	..	73
Tanjore	384	383	1
Trichinopoly	148	123	25
Madura	163	162	1
Tinnevely	1,716	1,738	+ 22
Nilgiris	4	1	3
Malabar	2,970	2,617	353
Total ..	6,588	6,405	483

The steps taken for the realization of this sum are shown in the margin. The amounts covered by demand notice No. 1 occur largely in Ganjám, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool which are affected districts.

7. Of the amounts shown under "other items," those appearing against Cuddapah and Tinnevely call for remarks. The major portion of the amount appearing against Cuddapah is reported to have been included in the demand pending the adoption of the settled demand in Of the amount appearing against Tinnevely, Rs. 9,003 represent sale-proceeds of lands placed under Revenue deposit to be adjusted after confirmation of sales by Divisional-officers and Rs. 216 are to be adjusted from Local funds.

8. In round numbers the recoverable balance for the Presidency at the end of the month was Rs. 18,82,000 out of an arrear demand of Rs. 37,60,000 at the beginning of the fasli. The corresponding figures of the previous year were Rs. 1,06,000 and Rs. 9,83,000. The collections in the month aggregated Rs. 2,36,000 as against Rs. 14,000 in December 1896.

9. *Old Arrears.*—The marginal statement exhibits the arrears of fasli 1305 outstanding at the beginning and end of December 1897.

Arrears relating to fasli 1304 and previous years are found in the ten districts shown in the subjoined statement:—

Old arrears.

Fasli.	Ganjám.	Vizagapatam.	Chingleput.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Trichinopoly.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Salem.	Malabar.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1298	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1299	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1300	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168
1301	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1302	..	124	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	584
1303	3	..	12	..	288	..	..	815	..	261
1304	2	32	12	364	762	53	21	1,309	576	727
Total ..	27	156	24	364	1,050	53	21	1,624	576	1,740
Arrears at the beginning of the month ..	59	155	24	364	1,051	61	21	1,773	576	1,864
Difference ..	32	..	..	..	1	8	..	149	..	124

The arrears shown against Vizagapatam, Chingleput, South Arcot, Madura and Salem continue undiminished for the reasons explained in paragraph 9 of Board's Proceedings, No. 422, dated 1st December 1897. In Ganjám, Rs. 15 are stated to be under enquiry and the collection of Rs. 12 has been suspended or postponed. Rs. 1,050 in Tanjore and Rs. 29 in Trichinopoly are stated to be under enquiry. The balance of Rs. 24 in Trichinopoly is irrecoverable. In Tinnevely, Rs. 42 are covered by processes, Rs. 271 are adjustable from excess collections, deposits or other heads of accounts, Rs. 2 are under enquiry and the collection of Rs. 1,309 depends upon the decision of a suit filed against Government. The whole of the amount appearing against Malabar relates to the Wynaad taluk, of which Rs. 1,279 are covered by processes and Rs. 31 are stated to be under enquiry. The remainder, Rs. 430, is 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.

10. *Current.*—According to the demand, collection and balance statements for December 1897, the total *current* demand up to the end of the month amounted to Rs. 63,97,745 against Rs. 59,57,893 and Rs. 75,67,783 in faslis 1306 and 1305, respectively. Of this sum, Rs. 49,29,444 or 77 per cent. were collected before the close of the month, leaving at the end of it a balance of Rs. 14,68,301 or 23 per cent. of the demand against 11.2 per cent. and 29.6 per cent. at the end of December 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 No. 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	
	December 1896.	December 1897.	December 1897.	December 1897.	December 1896.	December 1897.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		
Ganjām	4,54,834	4,49,930	2,23,117	2,26,813	63.3	50.4
Vizagapatam	4,72,737	4,69,214	3,39,134	1,30,080	23.2	27.7
Górávari	5,31,422	5,44,066	4,93,173	50,893	18.7	9.4
Kistna	8,19,702	8,09,750	7,34,497	75,253	6.7	9.3
Nellore	1,87,785	1,75,030	1,75,030			
Cuddapah	5,75,049	5,78,613	2,63,177	3,15,436	89.7	54.5
Anantapur	9,157	431	431		2.8	
Bellary	2,01,244	2,08,313	85,241	1,23,072	62.3	59.1
Kurnool	4,36,557	4,50,278	2,57,090	1,93,188	49.0	42.9
Madras	52,846	52,432	46,209	6,223	11.1	11.9
Chingleput	31,433	32,692	31,678	1,014	2.3	3.1
North Arcot	1,45,322	4,57,389	3,64,423	1,02,966	39.0	22.5
South Arcot	6,943	6,708	6,508	200	12.3	3.0
Tanjore	56,595	46,158	39,230	6,928	5.7	15.0
Trichinopoly	5,76,979	5,68,996	5,05,037	63,959	17.2	11.2
Madura	1,06,217	2,50,654	2,02,519	48,135	36.6	19.2
Tinnevely	67,472	53,149	50,214	2,935	5.8	5.5
Coimbatore	10,330	8,194	6,066	2,128	28.4	26.0
Nilgiris	16,259	18,229	15,667	2,562	30.1	14.1
Salem	6,20,451	6,30,882	6,28,065	2,817	3.5	4
South Canara	31,933	30,469	30,469			
Malabar	5,52,526	5,56,168	4,42,469	1,13,699	21.3	20.4
Total	59,57,893	63,97,745	49,29,444	14,68,301	29.6	23.

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In the marginally-noted districts, no ryotwari kists accrued during the month under review. Of the remaining districts, the collections exceeded 95 per cent. only in Salem.

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3. Kurnool	1,93,188	1,72,331	20,857
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5. Bellary	1,23,072	95,599	27,473
6. Malabar	1,13,699	1,10,221	3,478
7. North Arcot	1,02,966	1,02,966	
8. Kistna	75,253	66,628	8,625
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10. Górávari	50,893	50,787	106

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APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT showing the recoverable balance at the end of December 1897.

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		Arrears of land revenue and cesses sanctioned up to the quarter ending 30th September 1897, but not written off.	Amount promised to be included in the Board's next review of irrecoverable arrears.	Amount in respect of which further explanation has been called for.	Total.	
		3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjām	48,326	111			111	48,215
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