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Coffee and Tea cultivation.—Forwarding to the Director-General of Statistics, statements of — for the calendar year 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 1396, dated 25th February 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending receipt of returns from Collectors, letter from the Director-General of Statistics asking for statistics of tea cultivation for 1897.

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 2854, dated 28th April 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remark, letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin forwarding statement of coffee and tea cultivation in Cochin State for 1897.

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 3130, dated 12th May 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending receipt of returns from Collectors, letter from the Director-General of Statistics asking for statistics of coffee cultivation for 1897.

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Collector of North Arcot,	dated	28th Jan.	1898,	Dis. No.	216-Ver.
" " of Vizagapatam	"	18th Feb.	"	" Nos.	487 and 503.
" " of Anantapur	"	16th Mar.	"	" No.	1081.
" " of Madura	"	31st May	"	" "	1884.
" " of Tinnevelly	"	4th April	"	" "	634.
" " of Coimbatore	"	2nd May	"	" "	1239-Rev.
" " of Nilgiris	"	4th April	"	" "	805.
" " of Salem	"	10th Mar.	"	No.	1028.
" " of "	"	11th "	"	"	1027.
" " of Canara, South	"	21st "	"	" "	228-Eng.
" " of Malabar	"	2nd April	"	No.	641-Rev.
" " of "	"	2nd "	"	"	641-A.-Rev.

RESOLUTION—No. 228, dated 1st July 1898.

The following letter will be despatched to the Director-General of Statistics:—

"I am directed to forward the statements of coffee and tea cultivation in the Madras Presidency including the Native State of Cochin during the calendar year 1897 and to return the printed tables received with your letters No. 126-A, dated 7th February 1898, and No. 301-A, dated 29th April 1898, with the figures for 1897 entered therein. The statements for the Travancore State have not yet been received."

2. Copy will be submitted to Government.

(True Extract.)

R. b. Srinivasan

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to all Collectors.
" to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

APPENDIX I.

STATEMENT illustrative of the state of *Tea* cultivation in the Madras Presidency during the calendar year 1897.

District.	Number of gardens or plantations on the 31st December.	Total number of persons employed during the year.		Area in acres.				Quantity in lb. of uncured leaf plucked in each garden.	Quantity in lb. of leaf manufactured in each garden whether grown in the garden or not.
		Actual number permanently employed throughout the year.	Average daily number temporarily employed during the year.	Under mature plants.	Under immature plants.	Total area under tea.	Taken up for planting but not yet planted.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.		
Nilgiris* ..	61	5,721	769	4,913	566	5,479	2,266	1,840,103	975,043
Malabar † ..	7	89	174	416	440	856	..	62,650	6,200
Total ..	88	5,810	943	5,329	1,006	[illegible]	2,266	1,902,753	981,243
Cochin	4	16	..	59	8	67	..	16,000	4,000

* A few estates are reported to have been abandoned during the year and a greater number of persons employed for planting new areas. The season was not on the whole very favourable for tea cultivation, which is said to account for the decrease in the yield in column 9. Figures in column 2 is exclusive of 17 detached patches.

† It is reported that the cultivation of tea is on the increase as planters from Ceylon have begun to open estates and that the decrease in the yield is due to the fact that planters do not give any information regarding the yield and that the figures in columns 9 and 10 are consequently only approximate. The increase in the area in columns 5 and 6 is said to be due to the omission in previous year's return of areas for which full particulars were not available.

APPENDIX II.

STATEMENT illustrative of the state of *Coffee* cultivation in the Madras Presidency during the calendar year 1897.

District.	Number of plantations.	Total number of persons employed during the year.		Area in acres.				Total yield in lb.
		Actual number permanently employed throughout the year.	Average daily number temporarily employed during the year.	Under mature plants.	Under immature plants.	Total area under coffee.	Taken up for planting but not yet planted.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	
Vizagapatam *	3	19	76	117	143	260	..	6,720
Anantapur	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	107
Madura †	7,129	2,773	7,142	7,595	2,045	9,640	1,142	517,562
Tinnevelly ‡	47	36	195	923	240	1,163	1,196	49,619
Coimbatore §	30	269	487	890	305	1,195	319	252,540
Nilgiris ‖	502	12,336	2,731	18,094	1,511	19,605	4,400	9,270,350
Salem ¶	466	2,567	2,867	3,155	2,194	5,349	6,107	1,079,423
South Canara **	15	18	2	57	29	86	43	8,070
Malabar ††	4,421	1,339	2,642	15,506	3,090	18,596	15,066	578,828
Total ..	12,615	19,360	16,142	46,338	9,557	55,895	28,273	11,763,219
Cochin ‡‡	19	295	1,484	3,337	287	3,624	4,877	350,176

* The decrease in the area of mature plants and in the yield as compared with the previous year, is said to be due to abandonment of some plantations as it was not worth keeping them up; the increase in the area of immature plants, to the opening of a new plantation.

† The decrease in the outturn is reported to be due partly to want of timely rains and partly to leaf disease in two talukas.

‡ Decrease in the number of plantations is ascribed to sale for arrears of revenue and to relinquishment; decrease in the number of hands employed is said to be due to the employment of a large number of hands during previous year owing to the construction of lines and roads in a few estates and to the abandonment practically of certain plantations, and the decrease in the yield is reported to be due to certain diseases, to want of seasonable rains and to the abandonment practically of certain plantations.

§ It is reported that the figures relating to some of the estates for which returns were not received from planters were based on the information gathered by the karnams on local enquiries.

‖ The variations are reported to be due to the planters having furnished more complete information than in the previous year. The number in column 2 is exclusive of 644 detached patches.

¶ The increase in the number of hands employed is reported by the Collector to be due to a large area having been taken up for coffee cultivation.

** The decrease in the number of plantations is said to be due to the burning of two plantations for kumari cultivation, and the decrease in the yield to the above cause and to want of timely rain.

†† The decreases are ascribed to the abandonment of plantations, to the absence of rainfall in April and to the excessive fall in August and September just when the berry began to grow. It is further reported that the Revenue Inspectors experienced great difficulty in getting correct information from the planters.

‡‡ The increase is ascribed to better season.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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