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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Board of Rev to report on the
proposal of the ~~Board~~ Local Board
for the formation of fresh settlements in
the Western taluks of the Dt.

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Extract from the South Arcot District Board's address to H.E. the Governor during his eleventh tour:-

11. We beg leave to lay before your Excellency one other matter for consideration. Some parts of the district especially the coast taluks are getting densely populated; and as agriculture is the main source of living and as the land available for tilling must be limited, living for a considerable section of the population is becoming next to impossible for want of demand for labour. It is also a fact that in the western taluks large extent of assessed land fit for cultivation is this day lying waste. We venture therefore to make a suggestion both in the interest of Government and in the interest of needy ryots that sufficient facilities and encouragement may be held out by Government to enable the formation of fresh settlements in the western taluks.

His Excellency's reply.-

You then proceed in your address to deal with an important question arising out of the increasing density of population in your sea coast taluks. It is perfectly true that these coast taluks of the South Arcot District have a very close dense population. I see that they have respectively 753 and 672 souls to the square mile. That represents a far denser population than exists even in England or even in Belgium, which is the most thickly populated country in Europe. I must admit that there seems to be some ground for desiring that this population should be spread over a wider area. I understand your suggestion to be that endeavours should be made to get the surplus population of these taluks to migrate into thinly populat-

ed parts of the District which lie inland. The Collector tells me that very much of the waste land in the Tiruvannamalai taluk is comparatively poor land on which catch crops are raised in seasons of exceptionally favourable rainfall.

If this is the case it might be possibly ~~be~~ difficult to induce people who are in occupation of ~~the~~ fertile lands on the coast to occupy lands which they will find difficulty in cultivating. This matter is one which has been just brought to my notice, and you must excuse me if I do not attempt to go into it ~~xxxx ix xxxix~~ at all closely now. I will ask the Collector who has already given the matter some thought to go into it more in detail and to report to the Government on the subject. I will only remind you of a feeling which exists among you and which exists among other people of great reluctance to leave the land or country in which you have been brought up and in which your ancestors have lived for many years. And even if you could find suitable lands in these taluks I can well conceive

that there will be considerable difficulty in inducing them to take them up.

* in Cas 1440 of 88.

Read the following extract
from the address presented
to H.C. the Governor during
his eleventh tour, by the St
Board, South Arcot:—

(H.C. para 11 of the address
in the current)

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The Board of Revenue
is requested to favor Govt
with a report on the matter.

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To the Board of Rev (Land Rev).
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