

APPENDIX, No. 22.

Extract from General Report of Board of Revenue at Fort St. George ; dated 5th October 1808 ; on MALABAR REVENUES.

Extract General Report of Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, 5th October 1808, as to improvement of revenues in Malabar.

Para. 618. BEFORE we concluded our report, we requested the attention of the honourable the Governor in Council to the following abstract Statement of actual Collections in Malabar, from the period of its cession to the Company, compared with the jumma of Fusly 1217.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT, showing the Actual Collections in the Province of MALABAR, from the period of its Cession to the Company, compared with the Jumma of Fusly 1217.

Fusly:	Collections on account of Land Revenue.		Collections on account of Farms, Licences, Sayer, and Salt.		Total Collections, inclusive of Farms, Licences, Sayer and Salt.		Above the Jumma of 1217.		Below the Jumma of 1217.	
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1202 ...	2,17,619	25 55	} Not on the Records.	2,17,619	25 55	—	—	4,20,889	7 35	
1203 ...	4,25,268	14 59		4,25,268	14 59	—	—	2,15,220	18 31	
1204 ...	3,53,589	28 24		22,568	5 13	3,76,247	33 37	—	2,62,240	41 53
1205 ...	3,54,224	— 22		26,126	19 70	3,80,350	20 12	—	2,57,138	12 73
1206 ...	3,85,149	4 47		23,489	31 39	4,08,638	25 6	—	2,29,850	8 4
1207 ...	3,73,531	14 72		26,946	41 57	4,00,478	14 49	—	2,38,010	18 41
1208 ...	4,09,024	4 77		30,358	— 79	4,30,382	25 76	—	2,08,106	27 14
1209 ...	4,47,997	— 7		27,335	8 47	4,75,032	8 56	—	1,63,656	24 36
				Total	...	31,14,017	22 28	—	—	94,070
1210 ...	5,08,399	23 39	36,078	41 61	5,44,478	23 20	—	—	—	—
1211 ...	5,94,591	1 41	74,212	26 41	6,68,803	28 2	30,314	36 72	—	—
1212 ...	5,00,529	37 47	81,006	23 23	5,81,536	18 70	—	—	55,952	14 20
1213 ...	5,18,834	41 58	77,348	2 57	5,96,183	2 35	—	—	42,305	30 55
1214 ...	5,31,117	22 27	75,526	10 17	6,06,643	32 44	—	—	39,845	— 46
1215 ...	5,27,406	36 16	72,955	22 22	6,00,362	16 38	—	—	38,126	16 52
1216 ...	5,07,961	11 54	92,100	36 48	6,00,062	6 22	—	—	38,426	26 68
1217 ...	5,16,073	33 10	1,22,415	—	6,38,488	33 18	—	—	—	—
			Total	...	48,36,558	35 1
			Average	...	6,04,569.	37. 70.

Jumma of

619. It was hence observable, that the revenues of Malabar had progressively increased; and that the jumma of (1801-2.) the current year exceeded, in a very considerable amount, the jumma of any other year, Fusly 1211 alone excepted, in which year Major Macleod succeeded to the Bombay Commissioners, and effected a sudden rise in the land revenue, by adopting rates of assessment inconsistent with the long established local usage, and from which it was soon after found expedient, to recede.

620. It was moreover to be observed, that the jumma of Fusly 1217, as now submitted was exclusive of extra revenue, and exclusive of a further sum expected to be realized in the department of customs. It was also to be recollected, that the tax on pepper vines, amounting to pagodas 38,147. 7. 34. was remitted by order of government in Fusly 1216, and that the proposed equivalent, had not as yet been adjusted. The communication recently promised on this subject, we observed, would be submitted so soon as the desired information should be received from the collector.

621. We finally observed, that if allowances were made for these deductions, it would appear that the revenue of the current Fusly was higher even than that of Fusly 1211; and we had the pleasure to state, at the same time, that it had been realized without difficulty or objection, because the increase had been obtained by indirect modes of taxation, bearing equally on the community at large; while the direct tax upon the land affecting one class in particular, had been levied according to established usage, by a scale which is exceedingly moderate. [798]
