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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

1. The first edition of this Manual was compiled by Sir James Douie in 1908, on the orders of the Punjab Government. Though not professing to be authoritative for matters of opinion it was issued, after examination by the Financial Commissioner and with the approval of the Punjab Government, as a guide to revenue officers. The Manual included much matter which was originally in the old Revenue circulars and the old Land Revenue rules.

2. The instructions in the old Revenue circulars and the old Land Revenue rules have since been replaced by the Financial Commissioners' Standing Orders and the rules under the Punjab Land Acts, and all references to them have now been brought into line with existing policy.

3. Advantage has also been taken of the opportunity to incorporate the various changes brought about by the introduction of the reforms, and accordingly in some instances new matter has been inserted, while in others some paragraphs have been recast and some omitted altogether.

4. The numbering of the paragraphs in the first edition has been retained, and all new matter has been distinguished by the letters A, B and C or (i), (ii) and (iii) after the paragraph number.

5. Appendix I has been omitted entirely, as all the matter that it contained is now given in the rules under the Punjab Land Acts, in the Financial Commissioners' Standing Order No. 64, and in the Rules and Orders of the High Court, volume I, chapter ~~X~~/section XXI.

6. The revision of the Manual has not been so thorough-going as it would have been, were it not for the financial stringency and dearth of officers. In intention this Manual is confined to general questions of history and policy while detailed instructions are relegated to Standing Orders; but it cannot be said that this distinction has been observed on entirely uniform lines, and revenue officers must refer both to this Manual and to the Standing Orders, before they can feel sure that they have before them the whole of the instructions on any given subject.

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GLOSSARY

OF

VERNACULAR WORDS.

A.

- ABADI .. Inhabited sité of village.
 ABI .. Watered by lift from tanks, pools, marshes, or streams.
 AIMA .. Land given as a reward or favour by the king at a very low rent; a grant of land, etc., to the people who attend at the tomb of a saint.
 AK .. A bush. *Calotropis procera*.
 'ALA LAMBARDAR .. A chief headman.
 'ALTAMGHA .. Literally "the seal." A grant of land under the royal seal conveying property to a man and his heirs in perpetuity.
 ARE IBSAL .. A memorandum given by the patwari to the village headman showing the distribution under the proper heads of the money he takes to the tahsil.

B.

- BAGHH .. Distribution of revenue over holdings.
 BAGHH BOBKAR .. Proceeding showing how the *baghh* has been made.
 BADSHAHI .. Royal.
 BARANI .. Dependent on rainfall.
 BANJAR JADID .. New fallow, (see Settlement Manual, paragraph 267).
 BANJAR KADIM .. Culturable waste, (see Settlement Manual, paragraph 267).
 BARTAN .. A right of user.
 BATAI .. Rent taken by division of produce.
 BHADOM .. Middle of August to middle of September.
 BIGHA .. A measure of area. In the western Punjab the *bigha* is half a *ghumao*, in the eastern Punjab the *shahjahaní bigha* is five-eighths of an acre, and the *zamindari* or *kacha bigha* five-twenty-fourths of an acre. But the actual *bigha* used by the *zamindars* in many places does not correspond with the *kacha bigha* of five-twenty-fourths of an acre.
 BIR .. A preserve, a *rañá*, *q. v.*
 BUI .. A plant, prob. *Aerua Javanica*. Several plants in the Punjab are called *bui*.

C.

- CHADABANDAKI .. "Throwing of the sheet." A simple marriage ceremony adopted when the bride is a widow.
 CHAHARAKI .. A share properly one-fourth of the revenue or of the State's share of the produce allowed by the ruler to an individual.
 CHABI .. Irrigated from a well.
 CHABI SAILAB .. Dependent partly on well irrigation and partly on river flooding.
 CHABI-NANRI .. Applied to crops started by canal irrigation and matured by the help of a well.
 CHAK .. A block of land, a tract (see paragraphs 440 and 772).
 CHAKDAR .. Lessee of grazing in a tract of land known as a *chak*, *q. v.*
 CHALISA .. The terrible famine of 1783 A. D., Sambat 1940, hence the name.
 CHARI .. *Jowar* (*Sorghum vulgare*), grown close for fodder.
 CHAUDHRI .. A rural notable.
 CHIL OR CHUP .. A tree. *Pinus longifolia*.
 CHO .. A torrent in submontane tracts.
 CHUNDAVAND .. A custom of inheritance under which several sons by one wife inherit together the same share as a single son by another wife. Under the usual custom of *paywad* each son takes an equal share.

D.

DAG ..	.. A tract of land, same as <i>chak</i> , <i>q. v.</i>
DAKHILA ..	.. A receipt for land revenue, (<i>see</i> paragraph 509).
DARBAR ..	.. A levee in an Indian State.
DARYABANNA ..	.. The rule under which the deep stream or main channel for the time being forms the boundary of estates on opposite sides of a river.
DASTAK ..	.. Writ of demand for payment of land revenue, (<i>see</i> paragraph 521).
DRODAR ..	.. A tree, <i>Cedrus deodar</i> .
DHAL BACHH ..	.. Distribution of revenue over holdings.
DHAMMAN ..	.. A small tree, <i>Grewia oppositifolia</i> .
DHAR KALAN ..	.. The main channel of a river.
DHARAMSALA ..	.. A Hindu or Sikh religious building. A place in which charity is exercised from religious motives.
DOHLI ..	.. Death-bed gift of a small plot of land to a Brahman.

F.

FAKIR ..	.. A religious mendicant.
FARASH ..	.. A tree, <i>Tamarix articulata</i> .
FARD DHAL BACHH ..	.. Statement showing revenue realizable from each holding.
FARD LAKHIRAJ ..	.. Statement of revenue-free holdings.

G.

GARANDA ..	.. A bush, <i>Carissa spinarum</i> .
GHAIRMUMKIN ..	.. Unculturable.
GHAIR-TIRNI-GUZAR ..	.. Not paying <i>tirni</i> , (<i>see</i> paragraph 772).
GIRDAWARI ..	.. Harvest inspection.

H.

HADD SIRANDEI ..	.. Same as <i>daryabanna</i> , <i>q. v.</i>
HAQ-UL-TAKSIL ..	.. Fee realized from assignees of land revenue for collection of the revenue payable to them.
HALKADAR ..	.. A rural notable in charge of a circle of villages, (<i>see</i> paragraph 346).
HARMAL ..	.. A plant, <i>Pegnum harmala</i> .
HUKA ..	.. An Indian pipe.

I.

ILAKADAR ..	.. A rural notable in charge of a circle of villages, (<i>see</i> paragraph 346).
INAM ..	.. A cash allowance paid out of the land revenue generally in return for specific duties.
INAMDAR ..	.. The holder of an <i>inam</i> , <i>q. v.</i>
INKARI ..	.. Declining to pay <i>tirni</i> , <i>q. v.</i>
ISTAMRAR ..	.. A grant of the land revenue of a tract subject to the payment of a sum as quit rent, fixed in perpetuity.
ISTAMBARDAR ..	.. The holder of an <i>istamrar</i> grant.

J.

JADID ..	.. <i>See banjar jadid</i> .
JAGIR ..	.. An assignment of land revenue, usually applied to those assignments which have been given for political reasons to men of local influence or ex-rulers or to men who have served the Government well.
JAGIRDAR ..	.. The holder of a <i>jagir</i> .
JAL ..	.. A small tree, <i>Salvadora oleoides</i> .
JAMA ..	.. Land revenue demand.
JAMABANDI ..	.. Record of rights, (<i>see</i> paragraph 368, <i>et seq.</i>).
JAND ..	.. A tree, <i>Prosopis spicigera</i> .
JANGAL ..	.. Uncultivated land covered with trees or scrub.
JANGAL-TARASHI ..	.. The clearing of <i>jangal</i> for cultivation.
JARI ..	.. In use, applied to a well.
JINSWAR ..	.. Return of crops.

K.

- KACHA Not lined with masonry, applied to a well. See also *bigha*.
 KAOHMACH .. Same as *daryabanna, q. v.*
 KAOHNAR .. A tree, *Bauhinia variegata*.
 KADIM .. See *banjar kadim*.
 KAIL .. A tree, *Pinus excelsa*.
 KANGAR .. A tree, *Pistacia intergerrima*.
 KANKAR .. Nodules of lime used for metalling roads.
 KANKUT .. Appraisalment of crops—realization of landlord's share of produce in cash after appraising its amount and value.
 KANUNGO .. Supervisor of *palwaris*.
 KARIL .. A bush, *Cappris aphylla*.
 KASUR .. Assignment of a fractional share of the revenue to a local magnate (see paragraph 137).
 KHAIR .. A bush, *Cappris aphylla*. In north-west Punjab, a tree, *Acacia catechu*.
 KHALI .. Not under crop. For exact technical meaning, see paragraph 355.
 KHALSA .. Revenue not assigned to a private individual.
 KHAM TAHSIL .. Direct management of an estate by Government, (see paragraph 531).
 KHANKAH .. A Muhammadan shrine.
 KHARABA .. Failed, applied to crops which fail to ripen.
 KHARIF .. The autumn harvest.
 KHARIF PARTA .. Not assessed to land revenue.
 KHASRA GIRDAWARI .. Crop inspection register.
 KHATAUNI .. (a) Village statement showing demand and collections of sums paid in by headmen.
 (b) A statement of the demand on a holding.
 KISHTI-BANNA .. Same as *daryabanna, q. v.*
 KISHTRANDI .. Land revenue roll.
 KULAR .. Same as *kachnar, q. v.*
 KURK TAHSIL .. A coercive process by which an estate or holding is attached on account of arrears of land revenue, (see paragraph 526).

L.

- LAKHIRAJ .. Assigned, applied to land of which revenue is assigned to a private individual.
 LAMBARDAR .. Village headman.
 LAMBARDARI .. Relating to a *lambardar, q. v.*
 LANA .. A salsolaceous plant.

M

- MACHCHI SIM .. Same as *daryabanna, q. v.*
 MADAD MA'SH .. A grant of means of subsistence, an assignment for support of a religious house.
 MAFI .. An assignment of land revenue—the smaller grants and those not made to ex-rulers, or men of much local influence, or on account of distinguished political or military services are usually called *ma'afis*. Compare *jagir*.
 MAHAL .. An estate, (see paragraph 304).
 MAHDUDA .. Village forest in Hazara, (see paragraph 720).
 MUKADDIM .. A leading man in a village, (see paragraph 306).
 MALBA .. Fund out of which common village expenses are defrayed.
 MALGURARI .. Paying revenue, assessed.
 MALIKANA .. Proprietary fee or due.
 MAURA .. Villages, (see paragraph 304).
 MUSTAJIR .. A farmer of land revenue.

N.

- NAHRI .. Irrigated from a canal.
 NAIB TAHSILDAR .. The deputy or assistant of the *tahsildar, q. v.*
 NAKSHA JINSWAR .. Crop statement.
 NAURAMAD .. Cattle brought for grazing from another district and from which *ta'ras fees* are leviable, (see paragraph 772).
 NAZUL .. Land or buildings in or near towns or villages which have escheated to the Government, (see paragraph 785).

P.

PACHOTRA	.. A surcharge of 5 per cent. on the revenue paid to village headmen.
PAGVAND	.. A custom of inheritance under which sons by different-wives e same share of the property, division being <i>per capita</i> . Com <i>vand</i> .
PANCHAYAT	.. A village council.
PARCHA	.. A statement showing demand, etc., on a holding.
PARGANNA	.. A sub-division of a tahsil or district.
PARTA ..	.. Land revenue rate.
PATTI ..	.. A sub-division of an estate.
PATTIDAR	.. The holder of one or more horseman's share in a Cis-Sutlej <i>jagi</i> graph 104).
PATTIDARI JAGIR	.. A Cis-Sutlej <i>jagir</i> held by fraternities, division being by horse (<i>see</i> paragraph 104).
PATWARI	.. The village registrar and accountant.
PHOG ..	.. A bush, <i>Calligonum polygonoides</i> .
PHULANI	.. A tree, <i>Acacia modesta</i> .
POWINDAR	.. Name of a group of Afghan tribes. Powindahs are great camel traders.

R.

RABI ..	.. The spring harvest.
RAKH ..	.. A forest preserve.
ROZNAMEHA	.. Diary.

S.

SADR-TIRNI GUZAR	.. Leading men entrusted with the duty of collecting <i>tirni</i> , (<i>see</i> 770).
SADR WASIL BAQI	District revenue accountant.
NAVIS.	
SAILAB ..	.. Flooded or kept permanently moist by a river.
SAJJI ..	.. Name of several saline plants on which camels browse.
SANAD ..	.. A deed of grant.
SANATHA	.. A bush, <i>Dodonæa viscosa</i> .
SABBARAH	.. Substitute for a village headman.
SABDAR ..	.. A title of honour, a chief.
SHAMILAT DER	.. Common land of a village.
SHAEJAHANI BIGHA	.. <i>See bigha</i> .
SIYAHA ..	.. Daily cash account of tahsil.
SIYAHANAVIS	.. Clerk responsible for writing up the <i>siyaha</i> .
SOWAB ..	.. Horseman.-

T.

TAHSIL ..	.. A sub-division of a district.
TAHSILDAR	.. Officer in chief executive charge of a tahsil.
TAHVILDAR	.. Treasurer of a tahsil.
TAIUL ..	.. Royal domain, the Emperor of Delhi's private estates.
TAKAVI ..	.. Loan for agricultural purposes given by the State.
TAKIYA ..	.. A small building occupied by a Muhammadan fakir, who supplies water to travellers.
TALBANA	.. Charge for serving a summons.
TARADDADI	.. Ploughed but not sown, (<i>see</i> paragraph 356).
TARAF ..	.. Sub-division of an estate.
TAUKH ..	.. Monthly account of land revenue collections.
THANA ..	.. Police station.
TIRNI ..	.. Dues charged for grazing in waste land belonging to the State.
TIRNI-GUZAR	.. Paying <i>tirni</i> .
TRIHAI Portion of a forest closed against exercise of rights, (<i>see</i> paragraph
TUMANDAR	.. Chief of a Biloch tribe.

U.

UFTADA Fallen in, not in use, (of a well).
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V.

- VESH** Periodical distribution of land among proprietors.
VYAH Marriages with full ceremonial rites.

W.

- WAJIR-UL-'ARZ** .. Village administration paper.
WARFAB Rule of fixed boundaries in riverain estates.
WASIL BAKI HAVIS .. Revenue accountant.

Z.

- ZAID RABI** .. Extra rabi consisting of late spring crops such as tobacco or melons sown about April.
ZAIL A group of villages in charge of a zaildar.
ZAILDAR A man of local influence appointed to have charge of a *zail*.
ZAILDARI JAGIR .. A description of *jagir* in Cis-Sutlej States in which the *jagirdars* were dependants of a *Sardar* holding a "large estate", (see paragraphs 103 and 104).
ZAMUNDAR .. Landed proprietor—shareholder in estate.

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