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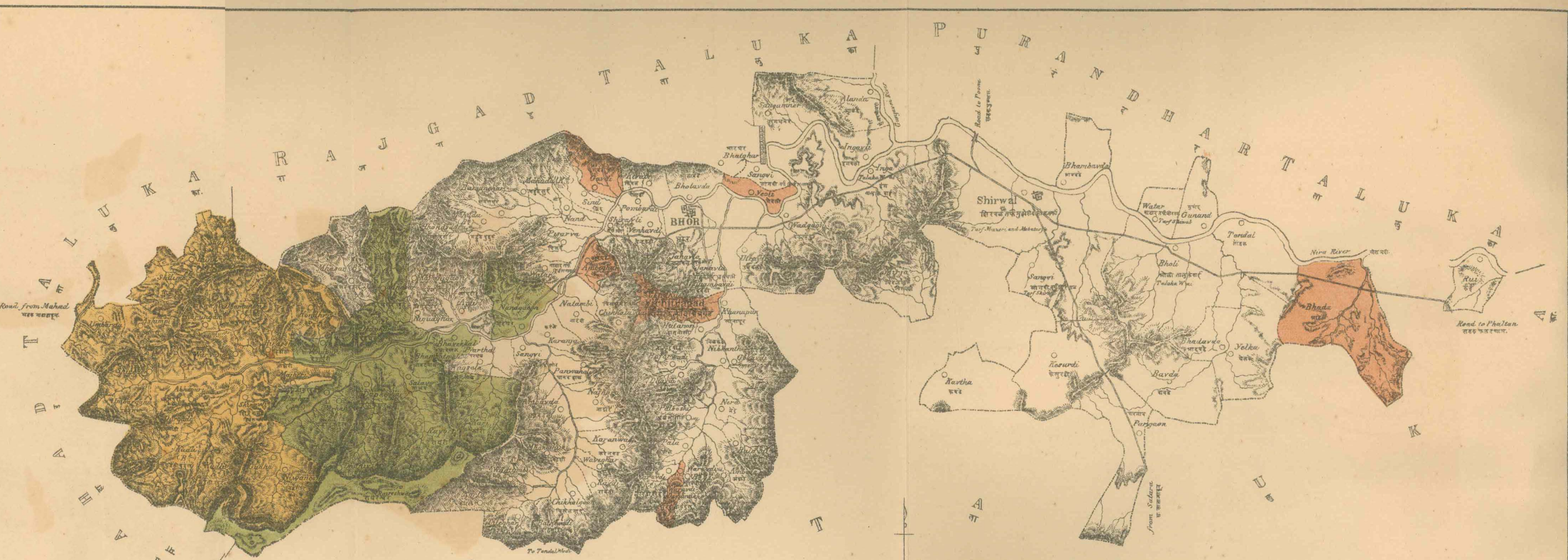
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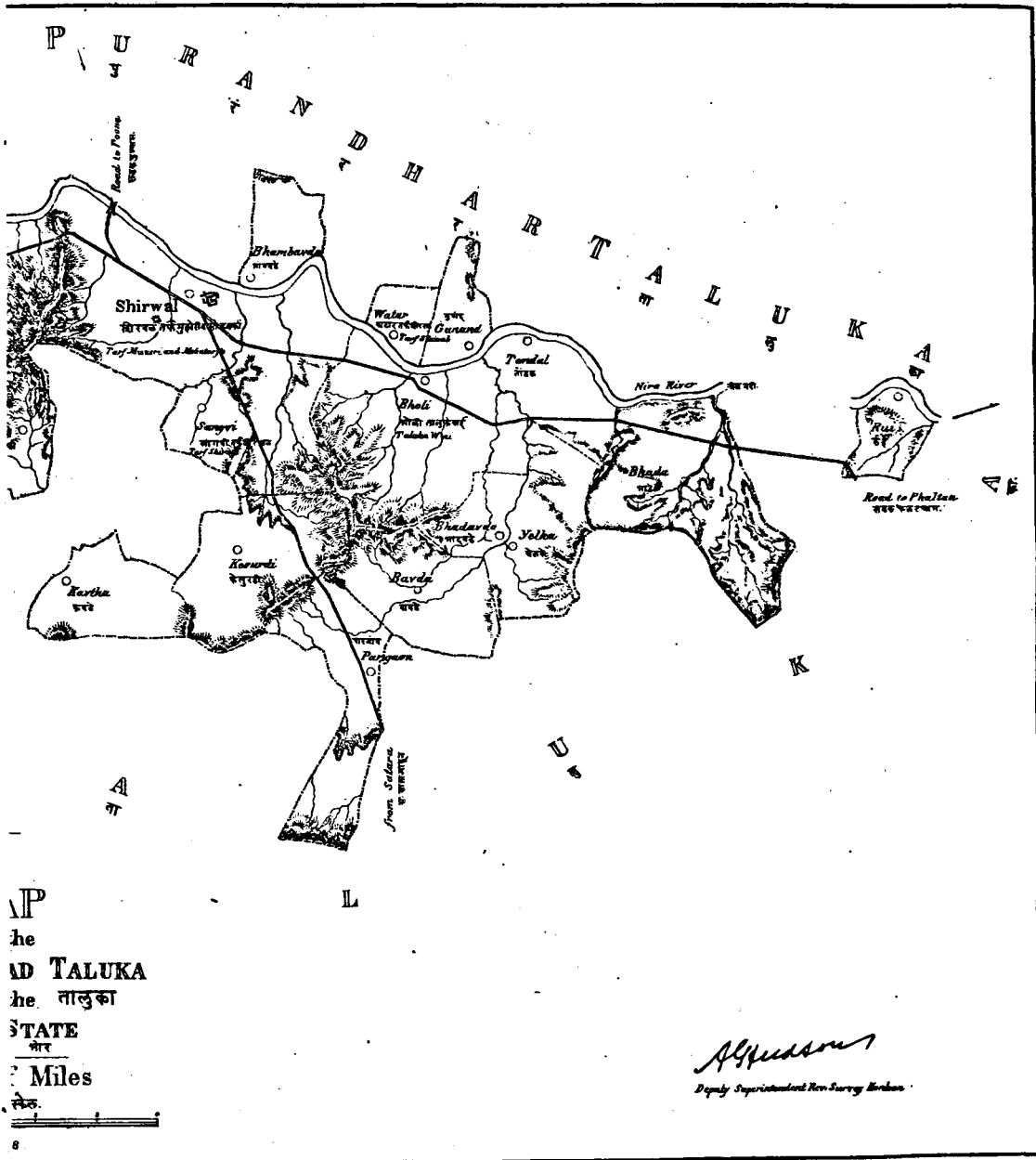


MAP  
of the  
**VICHITRAGAD TALUKA**  
विचित्रगड of the तालुका  
**BHOR STATE**  
संस्थान भोर  
Scale of Miles  
मीलांचें तालिका.

Class.	Villages.	Maximum	
		Dry crop rate.	Rice rate.
I	6	Rs. 2-8	Rs. 8-0
II	14	2-0	9-0
III	20	1-8	8-0
		40	

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Inam Villages इनाम गाव

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No. 1062 of 1895.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,  
KONKAN REVENUE SURVEY;

To

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,  
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE,

*Konkan Survey Superintendent's Office,  
Poona, 27th July 1895.*

SIR,

I have the honour to submit proposals \* for the original settlement of forty villages of the Vichitragad Táluka of the Bhor State.

2. The Táluka contains 111 villages, 73 of which are Khálsa, 19 Inám and 19 Isáfat. 65 villages of the above number have been already settled by the State.

3. Forty villages have now to be settled, as 4 Inám and 2 Isáfat villages have not agreed to have their villages surveyed. Out of the 40 villages, 29 are Khálsa, 8 Inám, and 3 Isáfat. 30 were measured by the Konkar Revenue Survey and 10 by the State. These villages were also classed, viz. 36 by the Konkan Survey and 4 by the State.

4. The following statement gives the whole area of the 40 villages :—

Description.	Government.		Alienated.		Total.	
	Survey Number.	Area.	Survey Number.	Area.	Survey Number.	Area.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Cultivable Land.</i>						
Rice ... ..	1,040	945	210	222	1,250	1,167
Garden ... ..	43	148	1	7	44	155
Jiráfít ... ..	384	3,770	48	525	432	4,295
Warkas ... ..	1,009	20,698	135	2,727	1,144	23,425
Total ...	2,476	25,561	394	3,481	2,870	29,042
<i>Unassessed Land.</i>						
Grazing land ... ..	14	723	...	...	14	723
Public Works Stores ... ..	3	46	...	...	3	46
Forest ... ..	192	9,929	...	...	192	9,929
Kuran ... ..	...	120	...	...	...	120
Government waste ... ..	1	975	...	...	1	975
Sacred forest ... ..	11	55	...	...	11	55
Total ..	221	11,848	...	...	221	11,848

\* With Map.

Description.	Government.		Alienated.		Total.	
	Survey Number.	Area.	Survey Number.	Area.	Survey Number.	Area.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<i>Uncultivable Land.</i>					
Village sites ... ..	...	185	...	...	...	185
Roads, Rivers, &c. ... ..	...	1,072	...	...	...	1,072
Burial grounds ... ..	1	9	...	...	1	9
Temples ... ..	1	7	...	...	1	7
Karab in Survey Numbers ...	...	5,838	...	538	...	6,376
Total ...	2	7,111	...	538	2	7,649
Grand Total ...	2,699	44,520	394	4,019	3,093	48,539

5. With the exception of the village of Bhadé, which lies on the Eastern border of the Táluka, and four other villages which are situated about the centre of the Táluka, the remaining villages are situated in the Western portion of the district.

6. The village of Bhadé lies in an open country on the borders of the Nira River, four in a rough part of the district, and the rest in a rugged hilly country. To the West, as the Gháts are more nearly approached, the country becomes more rugged and cut up by deep ravines.

7. The climate is good, and the general health of the people satisfactory. Appendix A gives the average fall of rain for the last eight years to be 23 inches and 89 cents. This has been gauged at the village of Shirwal, which is about 10 miles due East of Bhor, and on the border of the Táluka. This fall of rain cannot be taken for the villages due West of Bhor, as the fall there must be four times as much, and greater still for the villages bordering the Gháts.

8. The valuable and important crop is Rice, which does not cover a large area. The largest area is situated in the second group of villages, whilst the third group contains very little. The Jeráit land is restricted to a few villages. Warkas soils predominate, showing that the country is rugged and not capable of growing better crops. The whole garden area is situated in the village of Bhadé.

9. The following are the different crops grown, Rice, Nagli, Sawa, Til, Jowári, Bájri, Udid, Rali, Mutki, Tur, Hulga, Mug, Hemp, Shalu, Kardai, Wheat, Gram. Most of the area being hill land is cultivated at short or long intervals according to its position.

10. The mode of husbandry in this part of the district differs in no way from that practised in the adjoining country. Dahli or Kumri cultivation is carried on to an appreciable extent in the Western villages. There are no local industries.



11. With regard to communications, there is an excellent cart road bridged and drained, which runs right through the centre of these villages. This road adjoins the Sátára and Poona road at Shirwal, and then runs through Bhor and down the Warandha Ghát to Mahád. The portion from Bhor to Mahád, including the Ghát, was built by the British Government, whilst the bit from Bhor to Shirwal has been built by the State.

12. There is a toll at Rámbág, near Bhor, which on an average for five years from 1888-89 to 1892-93 realized Rs. 2,672. There is another toll at Hirdoshi for the Warandha Ghát, but the money realized there is levied by the British Government and credited by them. The amount realized has not been given by the Wái Mámldár, but he gives the number of carts and live stock which have passed through for two years, as follows:—

1889-90	Carts	...	...	7,591	Animals	...	...	7,507
1892-93	Do.	...	...	7,334	Do.	...	..	17,860

13. The toll at Rámbág realized annually for five years from 1888-89 to 1892-93 as follows:—

				Rs.
1888-89	...	...	...	2,800
1889-90	...	...	...	2,825
1890-91	...	...	...	2,830
1891-92	...	...	...	2,550
1892-93	...	...	...	2,355
Total Rs.				13,360

Average for five years Rs. 2,672.

14. Markets are held at Bhor and Shirwal, on Tuesdays at the former and Fridays at the latter. Their weekly sales are as follows: at Bhor for the months of December and January Rs. 2,565 and for the remaining months Rs. 965. At Shirwal Rs. 175 for the months of December and January and Rs. 35 for the remaining months.

15. Appendix B gives the detail of population according to religion and education. This information has been supplied by the Mámldár. Its density is 107·7 to the square mile, which, considering that 40·2 per cent. of the total area is comprised in unassessed waste and uncultivable land, such as hills, forests &c., is a high proportion. The percentage of those who can read and write amongst the males is small, being 4·3 and *nil* for females.

16. Appendix C, which gives the agricultural stock, has also been supplied by the Mámldár. The number of animals, viz. 1,882, used for agricultural purposes seems to be ample, as there is such a large area of warkas lands which remain fallow for years, and also not ploughed, but dug up by hoes.

17. There are three schools kept up by the State and one by a private individual, 50 boys attend the former and 10 the latter.

18. The forests have all been demarcated. Occupants of land are at liberty to cut down all trees except the following, for which permission is necessary, viz. Teak, Blackwood, Hirda, Chandan, Ranbhendi, Cocum, Bilwa and the Shikaki vine and the tree on which it may happen to be growing. The occupants also have a right to the fruit of all trees.

19. The following are the groups and maximum rates now proposed; they are similar to those now proposed for the Rájgad Táluka.

*Group I,—6 Villages.*

Maximum Dry-crop rate Rs. 2-8-0.

Maximum Rice rate Rs. 8-0-0.

These villages are nearly all situated near a good road and are not far from a market.

*Group II,—14 Villages.*

Maximum Dry-crop rate Rs. 2-0-0.

Maximum Rice rate Rs. 9-0-0.

These villages lie to the West of the first group, and occupy nearly the central portion of the district, and have a moister climate and also have the benefit of a good road which leads to Bhor, and also down to the Konkan.

*Group III,—20 Villages.*

Maximum Dry-crop rate Rs. 1-8-0.

Maximum Rice rate Rs. 8-0-0.

These villages occupy the Westerly portion of this Táluka and have an ample rainfall, they contain mostly the poorer kinds of soil which grow Nágli, Vari, &c.

20. The garden area is restricted to one village, Bhadé, which contain both Pátasthal and Motasthal, for which I propose Rs. 10 per acre for the former and Rs. 5 for the latter.

Appendix D. 21. The following statements show the present and proposed assessment, and also the area and average rates per acre.

No. 1.

Class.	Number of Villages.	Present payment, 10 years' average.	PAYMENTS ACCORDING TO PROPOSED RATES.					Increase.	Decrease.	Percent- age.
			Rice.	Garden.	Jirát.	Warkas.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
I... ..	6	3,691	636	557	2,671	20	3,884	193	...	5.2
II... ..	14	5,211	2,658	...	224	2,645	5,527	316	...	6.1
III... ..	20	5,171	634	...	1	2,766	3,401	...	1,770	-34.2
Total ...	40	14,073	3,928	557	2,896	5,431	12,812	509	1,770	-9.0

Class.	AREA CULTIVABLE.				AVERAGE RATE PER ACRE.			
	Bica.	Garden.	Jirait.	Warkas.	Rice.	Garden.	Jirait.	Warkas.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
I ...	128	148	3,515	100	4 15 6	3 12 3	0 12 2	0 3 2
II ...	648	...	253	9,262	4 1 8	...	0 14 2	0 4 7
III ...	169	...	2	11,336	3 12 0	...	0 8 0	0 3 11
Total...	945	148	3,770	20,698	4 2 6	3 12 3	0 12 3	0 4 2

22. From the above Statement No. 1 it will be observed that villages in the 1st and 2nd groups have had their assessment increased slightly, but the 3rd group has been lowered considerably. The villages in this group and those of the same group in the Rájgad Táluka are similarly situated, and hence their assessments should be almost alike, which they nearly are, according to the assessment now proposed, so there is every reason to suppose that they were too highly assessed formerly.

23. The subjoined statement gives the results of the former assessment, and proposed settlement, contrasted under every head.

Class.	Number of Villages.	FOR CULTIVABLE LAND ONLY.				Increase.	Decrease.	Percentage.
		According to Mámul.		According to Survey.				
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Rs.		Rs.			
I ...	6	No record.	3,691	3,891	3,884	193	...	5.2
II ...	14	No record.	5,211	10,163	5,527	316	...	6.1
III ...	20	No record.	5,171	11,507	3,401	...	1,770	-34.2
Total ...	40	...	14,073	25,561	12,812	509	1,770	-9.0

24. The assessment now proposed should be considered as including all "Bábs" applicable to lands and which are no longer to be levied after the imposition of the Survey rates. "Sayar Bábs" only remain. The Local Fund cess has not been included in the assessment but will be levied from occupants according to their payments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. H. HEARN,

Acting Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey.

APPENDIX A.

*Statement showing Monthly Rainfall, Táluka Vichitrágad, Bhor State, from 1886 to 1893 (eight years.)*

Year.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.
1886 ...	...	...	...	...	...	4 31	7 79	2 21	1 45	10 65	0 65	2 15	29 21
1887 ...	...	...	...	...	0 85	3 20	10 49	1 68	5 55	0 70	5 80	...	28 27
1888 ...	...	...	...	...	...	2 75	9 2	3 20	7 95	2 65	0 50	...	26 7
1889 ...	...	...	...	...	0 30	3 8	4 75	4 80	9 50	7 15	...	...	29 58
1890 ...	...	...	...	...	...	3 95	6 85	2 77	1 0	1 25	2 70	2 40	20 92
1891 ...	...	...	...	...	...	0 25	4 15	2 85	1 40	1 0	...	...	9 65
1892 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1 90	8 15	1 57	5 25	8 55	0 25	...	25 67
1893 ...	...	...	...	...	1 72	9 45	...	4 30	2 36	3 45	0 45	...	21 73
Total ...	...	...	...	...	2 87	28 89	51 20	23 38	34 46	35 40	10 35	4 55	191 10
Average ...	...	...	...	...	0 36	3 61	6 40	2 92	4 31	4 43	1 29	0 57	23 89

APPENDIX B.

*Detail of Population according to Religion and Education in 40 Villages of the Vichitragad Taluka of the Bhor State.*

Sex.	As per Village Census.	Percentage on total Population able to read or learning.	RELIGION.							
			Hindu Castes.			Musalmán Sects.	Christians.	Pársis.	Others.	
			Kunbia.	Bráhmans.	Others.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Males ... ..	4,261	4.3	3,115	44	1,099	3	.....	.....	.....	
Females ... ..	3,928	.....	2,886	33	1,007	2	.....	.....	.....	
Total ... ..	8,189	2.3	6,001	77	2,106	5	.....	.....	.....	

APPENDIX C.

*Statement showing the Agricultural Stock of the 40 Villages in the Vichitragad Taluka of the Bhor State during the year 1894.*

Number of Villages.	Taluka.	CATTLE.											Horses and Ponies.	Sheep.	Goats.	Ploughs.		Carts.		Cropped Land per pair of Plough Cattle.
		For Plough.		For Breeding.		For other purposes.		Milch Cattle.		Young Stock.		Total.				Small.	Large (i. e. of over two Cattle).	For Passengers.	For Produce and Goods.	
		Oxen.	He-buffaloes.	Bulls.	Bull-buffaloes.	Oxen.	He-buffaloes.	Cows.	She-buffaloes.	Calves.	Buffalo-calves.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
40	Vichitragad ...	1,882		...	...	...	...	1,993	739	1,664	587	6,865	27	915	686	...	690	...	79	25.3

## APPENDIX

## Statement contrasting the Survey Settlement with Mámul Assessment

Number.	Name of Village.	ACCORDING TO MAMUL ASSESSMENT.		ACCORDING TO SURVEY.									
		10 years' average.	According to Fasil San 1303.	Maximum Rates.				Rice.		Dry-crop.		Bágát.	
				Rice.	Dry-crop.	Bágát.	Varkas.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<i>Group I.</i>	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a.	Rs.		Rs.			Rs.
1	Ambeghar ... ..	302	302	8	2 8	...	...	43	236	412	290	...	...
												P. 20 M. 128	111 446
2	Bháde ... ..	2,146	2,146	...	2 0	P. 10 M. 5	...	...	...	1,913	1,326	148	557
3	Gavendi ... ..	711	715	8	2 8	...	...	38	158	433	395	...	...
4	Gherákile Vichitragad ... ..	23	23	...	...	...	1 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Varádi Dáimukh ... ..	223	223	8	2 8	...	...	47	242	297	180	...	...
6	Yeoli ... ..	286	286	...	2 8	...	...	...	...	460	480	...	...
6	Total of the 1st Group ...	3,691	3,695	...	...	...	...	128	636	3,515	2,671	P. 20 M. 128 148	111 446 557
	<i>Group II.</i>												
7	Bhávekhal ... ..	249	249	9	2 0	...	1 8	48	239	15	14	...	...
8	Bhámbatmál ... ..	243	244	9	2 0	...	1 8	25	111	3	2	...	...
9	Dabkeghar ... ..	364	349	9	...	...	1 8	65	305	...	...	...	...
10	Devghar ... ..	258	257	9	...	...	1 8	23	100	...	...	...	...
11	Dhánavlí ... ..	108	108	...	2 0	...	1 8	...	...	5	4	...	...
12	Kári ... ..	354	355	9	...	...	1 8	117	339	...	...	...	...
13	Mhasarkhurd ... ..	398	399	9	...	...	1 8	54	254	...	...	...	...
14	Nándgaon ... ..	732	732	9	2 0	...	1 8	102	352	122	100	...	...
15	Parthal ... ..	...	...	9	...	...	1 8	3	15	...	...	...	...
16	Parhárkhurd ... ..	340	340	9	...	...	1 8	29	137	...	...	...	...
17	Parhár Budruk ... ..	564	564	9	...	...	1 8	19	90	...	...	...	...
18	Rayari ... ..	614	636	9	2 0	...	1 8	71	291	108	104	...	...
19	Sálar ... ..	672	671	9	...	...	1 8	60	287	...	...	...	...
20	V enupuri ... ..	265	265	9	...	...	1 8	32	138	...	...	...	...
14	Total of the 2nd Group ...	5,211	5,219	...	...	...	...	648	2,658	253	224	...	...
	<i>Group III.</i>												
21	Ambhepuri ... ..	185	185	8	...	...	1 8	4	13	...	...	...	...
22	Ashimpi ... ..	102	102	8	...	...	1 8	2	7	...	...	...	...
23	Durgádi ... ..	301	301	...	...	...	1 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Dhámansi ... ..	293	293	8	...	...	1 8	2	7	...	...	...	...
25	Gunde ... ..	244	244	8	...	...	1 8	13	52	...	...	...	...
26	Hirdoshi ... ..	265	266	8	...	...	1 8	31	117	...	...	...	...
27	Kondhari ... ..	422	423	8	...	...	1 8	37	141	...	...	...	...
28	Kárunjan ... ..	222	222	8	...	...	1 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Kundali Khurd ... ..	310	310	8	...	...	1 8	9	35	...	...	...	...
30	Kundali Budruk ... ..	309	309	8	...	...	1 8	6	18	...	...	...	...
31	Kund ... ..	194	194	8	...	...	1 8	1	2	...	...	...	...
32	Mánzeri ... ..	244	244	8	1 8	...	1 8	18	67	2	1	...	...
33	Nivgan ... ..	213	244	8	...	...	1 8	1	2	...	...	...	...
34	Rájivde ... ..	194	194	8	...	...	1 8	1	3	...	...	...	...
35	Sílimb ... ..	222	222	8	...	...	1 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Siravli ... ..	537	537	8	...	...	1 8	32	127	...	...	...	...
37	Shirgaon ... ..	291	294	8	...	...	1 8	4	13	...	...	...	...
38	Umbarde ... ..	222	222	8	...	...	1 8	1	5	...	...	...	...
39	Umbargani ... ..	74	74	...	...	...	1 8	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Várwand ... ..	244	244	8	...	...	1 8	7	25	...	...	...	...
20	Total of the 3rd Group ...	5,171	5,174	...	...	...	...	169	634	2	1	...	...
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40	Grand Total ...	14,073	14,088	...	...	...	...	945	3,928	3,770	2,896	148	557

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of 40 Villages in the Vichitragad Taluka of the Bhor State.

Varkas.		Total.		Average rate per Acre.				Increased Assessment.	Decreased Assessment.	PERCENTAGE.		REMARKS.
Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Rice.	Dry-crop.	Baghat.	Varkas.			Increase.	Decrease.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Rs.		Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.			
...	...	455	526	5 7 10	0 11 3	.....	...	224	...	74.2	...	
...	...	2,061	1,883	...	0 11 1	P. 5 8 10 M. 3 7 9 3 12 3	...	...	263	...	12.3	
100	20	100	20	4 2 6	0 14 7	.....	0 3 2	...	158	...	22.2	
...	...	344	422	5 2 5	0 9 8	.....	...	199	...	89.2	...	
...	...	460	480	...	1 0 8	.....	...	194	...	67.8	...	
100	20	3,891	3,884	4 7 5 6	0 12 2	P. 5 8 10 M. 3 7 9 3 12 3	0 3 2	617	424	...	5.2	
372	118	435	371	4 15 8	0 14 11	.....	0 5 1	122	...	49.0	...	
297	91	325	204	4 7 0	0 10 8	.....	0 4 11	...	89	...	16.0	
955	295	1,020	600	4 11 1	...	.....	0 4 11	236	...	64.8	...	
563	160	586	250	4 5 7	...	.....	0 4 3	...	8	...	3.1	
213	61	218	55	...	0 12 10	.....	0 3 10	...	53	...	49.1	
970	230	1,087	569	2 14 4	...	.....	0 3 10	215	...	60.7	...	
616	204	670	458	4 11 3	...	.....	0 5 4	60	...	15.1	...	
710	174	934	626	3 7 3	0 13 1	.....	0 3 11	...	156	...	19.9	
84	20	67	35	5 0 0	...	.....	0 5 11	35	...	...	...	
554	157	583	294	4 11 7	...	.....	0 4 6	...	46	...	13.5	
542	130	561	220	4 11 9	...	.....	0 3 10	...	344	...	61.0	
2,429	694	2,608	1,079	4 1 7	0 15 5	.....	0 4 7	475	...	77.4	...	
563	211	623	498	4 12 6	...	.....	0 6 0	...	174	...	25.9	
424	120	466	253	4 5 0	...	.....	0 4 6	...	7	...	2.6	
9,262	2,645	10,163	5,527	4 1 8	0 14 2	.....	0 4 7	1,143	827	6.1	...	
642	154	646	167	3 4 0	...	.....	0 3 10	...	18	...	9.7	
386	84	368	91	3 8 0	...	.....	0 3 6	...	11	...	10.8	
540	120	540	120	...	...	.....	0 3 7	...	181	...	60.1	
390	105	592	112	3 8 0	...	.....	0 4 4	...	181	...	61.8	
678	172	691	224	4 0 0	...	.....	0 4 1	...	20	...	8.2	
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366	91	366	91	...	...	.....	0 4 0	...	131	...	59.0	
413	96	422	131	3 14 2	...	.....	0 3 9	...	179	...	57.7	
809	178	815	196	...	...	.....	0 3 6	...	113	...	36.6	
236	51	237	52	...	...	.....	0 3 5	...	141	...	72.7	
468	1.9	488	197	3 11 7	0 8 0	.....	0 4 5	...	47	...	19.3	
616	162	617	164	...	...	.....	0 4 2	...	79	...	32.5	
549	321	550	124	...	...	.....	0 3 6	...	70	...	36.1	
716	159	716	159	...	...	.....	0 3 7	...	63	...	28.4	
1,044	272	1,076	399	3 15 6	...	.....	0 4 2	...	188	...	32.0	
616	124	620	137	3 4 0	...	.....	0 3 3	...	157	...	53.4	
780	173	781	178	5 0 0	...	.....	0 3 7	...	44	...	19.8	
222	49	222	49	...	...	.....	0 3 6	...	25	...	33.8	
693	177	700	202	3 9 2	...	.....	0 4 1	...	42	...	17.2	
11,336	2,766	11,507	3,401	3 12 0	0 8 0	.....	0 3 11	14	1,784	...	34.2	
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No.  $\frac{8}{1910}$  of 1895.

From

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,  
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE,  
Bombay;

To

THE COLLECTOR AND POLITICAL AGENT,  
Poona.

*Poona, 12th August 1895.*

SIR,

I have the honour to forward report No. 1062, dated 27th ultimo, from the Acting Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, making proposals for the Survey Settlement of 40 villages of the Vichitragad Táluka of the Bhor State.

2. The Vichitragad Táluka contains in all 111 villages, of which 65 villages have been surveyed, classed and assessed by the Bhor State Survey Agency, leaving 46 villages for settlement; of these, 4 Inám and 2 Isáfat villages have not been surveyed owing to the refusal of the Inámdárs and Isáfatdárs to take the Survey settlement, and hence 40 villages only are now reported on. Of these 40 villages, 8 are Inám and 3 Isáfat villages which have to be settled in accordance with agreements taken presumably by the Bhor Chief from the Inámdárs and Isáfatdárs concerned, and 29 are Khálsa villages of the Bhor State.

3. Ten villages were surveyed and four villages classed also by the Bhor State Survey Agency, and thirty villages were surveyed and 36 classed by the Konkan Survey Department. With regard to the adoption of the measurement and classification Records prepared by the Bhor State Survey Agency, I must refer you to paragraph 3 of my letter No.  $\frac{8}{1909}$  of this day's date on the settlement of the Rájgad Táluka as the circumstances in Vichitragad are similar.

4. With regard to the situation, configuration, the subdivision of "Desh" and "Mawal" tracts, the grouping and the rating of this Táluka, I must again refer you to my letter above quoted as the two Tálukas of Rájgad and Vichitragad are in many, I might say in all, respects similar and their survey settlements are proposed on the same lines. The two Tálukas have a co-terminous boundary for a long distance and the grouping is continued from one into the other, as if both together formed really one district for settlement.

5. I have no alteration to propose in the grouping and rating of this Táluka. The result of the rates proposed is a reduction of 9 per cent. on the past ten years' average revenue, inclusive of Bábs, obtained by the Bhor Chief. The advantages of having a fixed revenue without remissions have been referred to in my letter already quoted. The principal reason for the decrease being greater in this Táluka than in the Rajgad Táluka, is due to the heavy decrease of Rs. 1,770 in the 20 villages of the 3rd group, which were undoubtedly too heavily assessed formerly. These villages are situated in the Western part of the Táluka in very rough and rugged hilly country on the summit of the Western Gháts. There are only 169 acres of Rice land in 16 villages, giving on an average a little over  $10\frac{1}{2}$  acres to each village, and 4 villages have none at all. With this small amount of Rice land it is unreasonable to expect a large amount of revenue or an increase on the Mámul which was already high. In the first two groups there is a small increase of 5 and 6 per cent. respectively.

6. There is no reason why the villages of this Táluka should not have the advantage of the full 30 years' guarantee for the duration of the Survey settlement, and, therefore, I recommend its being given for the favourable consideration of the Bhor Chief.



7. Paragraph 9 of my letter already quoted on the Survey Settlement of the Rájgad Táluka applies also to this Táluka, and I would suggest that the Bhor Chief may be asked to give his consent early, so that the Survey rates may be introduced into this Táluka simultaneously with those to be introduced into the Rájgad Táluka.

I have &c.,  
C. W. GODFREY, Colonel,  
Acting Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture.

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No. <sup>s.</sup><sub>1995</sub> OF 1895.

*Poona, 21st August 1895.*

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, with reference to his No. 1062, dated 27th ultimo, for information.

H. V. SATHE,  
*for* Acting Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture.

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No. <sup>Pol.</sup><sub>453</sub>.

To

MEHERBAN SHUNKAR RAO PANDIT PANT SACHIV,  
Chief of Bhor.

*Poona, 12th September 1895.*

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. <sup>Pol.</sup><sub>452</sub>, dated 12th instant, I have the honour to forward for your perusal and return the accompanying letter No. 1062, dated 27th July 1895, together with its enclosures, from the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, to the address of the Survey Commissioner, relative to the Survey Settlement of 40 villages of the Vichitragad Táluka, and to request that you will be so good as to express your consent to the announcement of the survey rates proposed by Mr. Hearn.

2. It will be seen that the settlement has been arrived at after careful consideration, and that the grouping and rating of lands in this Táluka is based on the same lines as those of the Rájgad Táluka, the nature of the soil and the general aspect of the country and its people being in all respects similar to that Táluka.

3. As it is proposed that the villages of this Táluka should have the advantage of the full 30 years' guarantee for the duration of the Survey Settlement, and that the Survey rates may be introduced into this Táluka simultaneously with those to be introduced into the Rájgad Táluka, I shall feel obliged by your favouring me with an early reply.

4. The accompaniments may be returned after taking copies of such of them as may be required.

I have &c.,  
H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent, Poona.

No. 166 of 1895.

From

PANT SACHIV,  
Chief of Bhor ;

To

THE POLITICAL AGENT,  
Poona.*Bhor, 22nd September 1895.*

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 453, dated 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I have gone through the report of Mr. Hearn relative to the introduction of the Survey Settlement into 40 villages of the Vichitragad Táluka. Although, on the whole, the revenue of these 40 villages is a little decreasing by the announcement of rates, still on minute observation it will be seen that there is a little increase in the revenue of wholly or partially alienated villages, and a considerable decrease in the revenue of Khálsa villages. However, I do not object to the announcement of Survey rates as they have been arrived at by the Superintendent after a careful consideration of the general aspect of the country.

2. As no villages have been surveyed and classed in this Táluka by the British Survey Party beforehand, I have no objection to allow these 40 villages the advantage of the full 30 years' guarantee for the duration of Survey Settlement.

3. The information regarding the eight kinds of reserved trees is just the same as given in paragraph 3 of my letter No. 165, dated 22nd instant, and, therefore, I hope that requisite amendments will also be made in the accompanying report.

4. In the concluding paragraph of his report regarding these 40 villages Mr. Hearn has promised the retention of Sáyar Bábs, and, therefore, I request that their names will be given distinctly at the time of introduction, so that there should be no future conflict with the Rayats.

5. All the accompaniments received with your letter under reply are herewith returned.

I have &amp;c.,

SHUNKER RAO,  
Chief of Bhor.No. <sup>Pol.</sup><sub>487</sub> OF 1895.*Poona, 30th September 1895.*

True copy forwarded with compliments to the Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay, with reference to his No. <sup>S.</sup><sub>10103</sub> dated 12th ultimo.

I have &amp;c.,

H. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent.

No. <sup>s.</sup><sub>2362</sub> OF 1895.

Poona, 3rd October 1895.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, for information and guidance with reference to this office endorsement No. <sup>s.</sup><sub>1955</sub>, dated 21st August last.

2. The Superintendent is requested to arrange for the introduction of the settlement as sanctioned by the Chief.

3. The Superintendent should arrange as early as possible in communication with the Political Agent to decide what Bābs are to be abolished on introduction of the Survey rates and which Bābs are to be considered Sáyar Bābs and are therefore allowed to be continued as heretofore under the sanction of the Political Agent. The decision arrived at should be announced with the rates to the assembled villagers.

C. W. GODFREY, Colonel,  
Acting Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture.

┌ No. S—1924 OF 1895.

From

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,  
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE;

To

THE COLLECTOR AND POLITICAL AGENT,  
Poona.

Poona, 14th August 1895.

SIR,

With reference to my letters noted in the margin regarding proposals for the introduction of a Survey Settlement in the Rājgad and Vichitrāgad Tālukas of the Bhor State, I have the honour to forward a petition from the Rayats of the Rājgad Tāluka. It will be seen from the petition that the Rayats assert a right over the produce of the Hirda trees standing in their lands. As to other trees they do not state expressly what their rights are.

2. It will be seen from the Vernacular correspondence ending with Superintendent Konkan Survey's No. 5 of 7th instant, which I also append, that the reservations made at the Survey Settlement introduced before in 24 villages of the Rājgad Tāluka were as follows:—

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sandalwood.</li> <li>2. Blackwood.</li> <li>3. Hirda.</li> </ul>	}	The rights to trees named in the margin were entirely reserved by the State.
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(2) As regards Teak one-third share only was reserved to the State, two-thirds given up to the occupant of the number, the trees to be cut only on permission being granted by the State.

(3) As to all other kinds of trees the existing rights of occupants to remain unaffected.

3. I append another Vernacular correspondence ending with Superintendent Konkan Survey's No. 74 of 7th instant, from which it will be seen that the Bhor Chief wishes to make further reservations besides those referred to above in the villages of the Rājgad Tāluka remaining to be settled (*vide* his No. 14 of 23rd June 1895 in this correspondence).

4. As the question will have to be settled and as the Survey Settlement proposals for the villages in question have been submitted to you, I have thought it advisable to refer the matter to you, and trust that I shall be favored with a decision so that it may be notified to the Rayats at time of announcing the Survey rates should they meet with your approval and that of the Chief.

I have &c.,  
C. W. GODFREY, Colonel,  
Acting Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture.

No. Pol.  
473.

Poona, 24th September 1895.

True copy forwarded\* to the Chief of Bhor for favour of early report.

H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent, Poona.

\* With enclosures. To be returned, please.

No. 172 OF 1895.

Bhor, 27th September 1895.

With reference to the above the undersigned has the honour to intimate that, as the right of the State to all the Hirda trees standing on the fields of the occupants of the State has been fully established on the complaints lodged by the Rayats of the State before the Political Agent, a proclamation, similar to that notified to the Rayats of the 24 villages of the Rájgad Táluka in 1884 at the time of introduction of Survey rates to those villages, be now issued to the villages to which Survey Settlement is to be hereafter extended.

The two reports referred to in the Survey Commissioner's letter have been returned to the Political Agent with this office Nos. 165 and 166, dated 22nd instant, after giving full approval to the recommendations of the Superintendent and making a few remarks thereon.

SHUNKER RAO,  
Chief of Bhor.

No. Pol.  
497.

To

THE CHIEF OF BHOR.

Poona, 5th October 1895.

SIR,

With reference to your No. 172, dated 27th ultimo, I have the honour to enquire whether you claim actually the ownership in the Hirda trees alone or in trees and fruits.

2. Will you also kindly state in plain terms your reasons about the reservation of other trees, *viz.* Ranbhendi, Kokam, &c.

3. An early reply is requested.

I have &c.,  
H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent, Poona.

No. 174 of 1895.

From  
**THE PANT SACHIV,**  
 Chief of Bhor;

To  
**H. F. SILCOCK, ESQUIRE,**  
 Political Agent, Poona.

*Bhor, 10th October 1895.*

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 497, dated 5th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I claim actual ownership in trees and fruits of Hirda for a long continued period.

As Ranbhendi and Kokambi &c. were not to be found within 24 villages of the Rájgad Táluka, they were omitted at the time of the introduction of Survey Settlement in those villages, and only Sisoo, Sandal, and Hirda trees were wholly reserved with one-third of the proceeds of Teak trees growing in Mirás and Inám lands as the property of the State. A notification regarding reserved trees in the State is in force, and according to it Ranbhendi, Kokambi &c. trees form property of the State. If you be inclined to think that the reservation of Kokambi &c. would be rather harsh on the people, I am ready to accept any reasonable proposal you make. These trees are growing in many of the villages to which Survey Settlement is now to be extended.

I have &c.,  
**SHUNKER RAO,**  
 Chief of Bhor.

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No. Pol.  
 526.

From  
**H. F. SILCOCK, ESQUIRE,**  
 Political Agent, Poona;

To  
**THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,**  
**LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE, BOMBAY.**

*Poona, 24th October 1895.*

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. <sup>5</sup>/<sub>1624</sub>, dated 14th August 1895, I have the honour to forward a copy of letter, No. 174, dated 10th instant, from the Chief of Bhor, and to intimate that in my opinion the reservation of Kokambi, Ranbhendi &c. trees should not be made as they are only jungle-wood. The ordinary royalty trees with Hirda would seem to be all that the State could fairly claim.

2. The Chief of Bhor has been informed accordingly, and has been asked to state his objections, if any, which will be communicated to you later on.

3. The accompaniments to your letter under reply are herewith returned.

I have &c.,  
**H. F. SILCOCK,**  
 Political Agent.

No.  $\frac{S}{2597}$  OF 1895.*Poona, 29th October 1895.*

Copy, with copy of this office No. referred to, forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Survey, for information and guidance with reference to the Vernacular \* correspondence noted in the margin.

(1) Superintendent, Bhor, Awak No. 72 of 6th August 1895.  
 (2) Superintendent, Bhor, Jawak No. 5 of 7th August 1895.  
 (3) Superintendent, Bhor, Awak No. 74 of 7th August 1895.

E. C. OZANNE,

Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture,

\* Herewith returned.

No.  $\frac{Pol.}{545}$ 

From

H. F. SILCOCK, ESQUIRE,  
Political Agent, Poona;

To

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,  
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE.*Poona, 2nd November 1895.*

SIR,

As promised in paragraph 2 of my letter No.  $\frac{Pol.}{526}$ , dated 24th ultimo, I have the honour to intimate that the Chief of Bhor has no objection to the trees Kokambi, Ranbhendi, and such firewood trees being excluded from reservation.

I have &amp;c.,

H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent.No.  $\frac{S}{2662}$  OF 1895.*Poona, 5th November 1895.*

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, for information and guidance in continuation of this office endorsement No.  $\frac{S}{2597}$  dated 29th ultimo.

H. V. SATHE,  
For Survey Commissioner and Director,  
Land Records and Agriculture,

No. 1646 OF 1895.

THE POLITICAL AGENT,

Poona.

*Konkan Survey Superintendent's Office,  
Poona, 9th November 1895.*

SIR,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.  $\frac{Pol.}{526}$ , dated 24th ultimo, to the address of the Survey Commissioner, forwarded to me under his endorsement No.  $\frac{S}{2597}$ , dated 29th idem, I have the honour to refer you to the

Survey Commissioner's letter No.  $\frac{8}{1874}$  dated 14th August last, in paragraph 2 of which it is stated that "the reservations made at the Survey Settlements introduced before in 24 villages of the Rájgad Táluka were: As regards Teak,  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd share only was reserved to the State,  $\frac{2}{3}$ rds given up to the occupant of the number. The trees to be cut only on permission being granted by the State."

2. In your letter or the correspondence referred to, no mention is made as to this clause of the notification previously issued for 24 villages of the Rájgad Táluka, and therefore I have the honour to enquire whether in the notification to be issued for the remaining villages of the Rájgad Táluka and those of the Vichitragad Táluka which have now to be settled, the Teak trees are to be reserved wholly to the State or only  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd as previously settled for 24 villages.

I am of opinion that all the villages to be settled now should be treated in this respect similarly to the 24 previously settled, and that the  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd reservation by the State and the  $\frac{2}{3}$ rds grant to the occupants should be maintained. I have the honour to solicit your early instructions on this subject as I propose introducing the Survey rates in both the tálukas of Rájgad and Vichitragad without delay beginning in the former about a fortnight hence.

I have &c.,

C. W. GODFREY, Colonel,  
Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey.]

No.  $\frac{Pol.}{571}$

Poona, 11th November 1895.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Chief of Bhor for favour of very early report with reference to his No. 174, dated 10th ultimo.

H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent, Poona.

No. 200 OF 1895.

From

THE PANT SACHIV,  
Chief of Bhor;

To

H. F. SILCOCK, ESQUIRE,  
Political Agent, Poona.

Poona, 17th November 1895.

SIR,

In reply to your endorsement No. 571 of 11th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I have no objection to issue a notification to the villages of the Rájgad and Vichitragad Tálukas to which Survey Settlement is now to be introduced similar to the one previously notified to the 24 villages of Rájgad Táluka regarding the reserved kinds of trees.

I have &c.,

SHUNKER RAO,  
Chief of Bhor.]

No.  $\frac{Pol.}{594}$

Kumbhárgaon, 19th November 1895.

True copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, Poona, with reference to his No. 1646, dated 9th instant.

H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent.

No. 168 of 1895.

From  
THE PANT SACHIV,  
Chief of Bhor;

To  
THE SUPERINTENDENT,  
KONKAN REVENUE SURVEY..

*Bhor, 22nd September 1895.*

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have given my consent to the two reports relative to the introduction of Survey rates into 54 villages of the Rájgad Táluka and 40 villages of the Vichitragad Táluka, and they are this day returned to the Political Agent of Poona.

I have &c.,  
SHUNKER RAO,  
Chief of Bhor.

No. 1459 of 1895.

To  
THE POLITICAL AGENT,  
Bhor State, Poona.

*Konkan Survey Superintendent's Office,  
Poona, 8th October 1895.*

SIR,

In forwarding you the accompanying Vernacular (2) statements regarding the "Bábs" levied in the Sudághad Táluka of the Bhore State, I beg to be informed whether these "Bábs" are also levied in the Rájgad and Vichitragad Tálukas of the above State. Under the Survey Settlement, only certain "Sáyar Bábs" are to be retained. I therefore beg to be informed which of the "Bábs" entered in the above statement are to be retained, and which cancelled. An early reply to this letter is requested, as the Survey Settlement is to be introduced into the above two Tálukas on or about the 15th November next.

I have &c.,  
E. H. HEARN,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Konkan Revenue Survey.

No. 177 of 1895.

From  
THE PANT SACHIV,  
Chief of Bhore;

To  
H. F. SILCOCK, ESQUIRE,  
Political Agent, Poona.

*Bhor, 16th October 1895.*

SIR,

I reply to your Shera No. 513 of 1st instant, regarding the "Sáyar Bábs" to be retained in Rájgad and Vichitragad Tálukas after the introduction of Survey Settlement in them, I have the honour to forward herewith two fresh



Vernacular Statements marked A and B showing the "Sáyar Bábs" to be retained and abolished respectively.

These "Bábs" have also been retained into the 24 villages of the Rájgad Táluka to which Survey Settlement has already been announced by the British Survey Department.

The "Bábs" shown in the Statement marked A should be notified to the Rayats at the time of announcement of Survey rates to them.

The two Vernacular Statements received with the No. under reply are herewith returned.

I have &c.,  
SHUNKER RAO,  
Chief of Bhor.

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No.  $\frac{\text{Pol.}}{530}$

*Poona, 28th October 1895.*

Copies forwarded, with compliments, to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, with reference to his No. 1459, dated 8th instant.

H. F. SILCOCK,  
Political Agent.