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AND SUMPGAUM TALOOKAS,**

AND,

PART OF THE PADSHAPOOR TALOOKA.

ALL OF THE BELGAUM COLLECTORATE.

**WITH AN APPENDIX BRINGING UP THE REVENUE HISTORY OF
THESE DISTRICTS TO 1864-65.**


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APPENDIX.

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MEMORANDUM.

The statement at page 126 brings up the Revenue history of the 19 villages of the Uthnee Talooka referred to in this report from 1854-55, the last year of the statement at page 16, to 1864-65.

2. In the one year only (1863-64) does any remission on account of poverty or failure of crops occur, and then for the trifling sum of Rs. 6. In 1858-59 alone was there any balance outstanding at the end of the year, namely, the sum of Rs. 470, and this was not on account of tax upon Government land, but for Joodee cess upon Enam land, which occasionally remains in arrears from disputes among the co-sharers as to who shall pay, and slowness on the part of the talooka authorities to enforce a settlement of the dispute.

3. In the first year after the settlement 1853-54 acres 11,275, bearing assessment Rs. 3,324, were still Government unoccupied waste. Year by year this area has diminished, and in 1864-65 there were but 451 acres of unoccupied waste bearing survey assessment Rs. 139. The right of grazing this land brought at the annual auction Rs. 653. Why this sum is so much greater than the survey assessment I will presently explain.

4. The statement at page 127 affords similar information for the 19 villages of the Tasgaum Talooka. In paragraph 53 I stated that "there were still in 1853-54 acres 15,111 of Government unclaimed waste, bearing an assessment of Rs. 7,878, part of which will be, I doubt not, taken up in each successive year." This anticipation has been fully realised. In 1864-65 acres 986 only remained unoccupied, bearing survey assessment Rs. 740. The right of grazing this land, however, sold by auction in 1864-65 for Rs. 1,652, or a sum considerably in excess of the survey assessment. The fact

is that all, or nearly all, of the land appearing in 1864 in this talooka, as well as in the Uthnee villages referred to in paragraph 3 of this Memorandum, comprises land specially reserved from occupation at the settlement and retained under the control of Government for some special purpose—in the present case as forest reserves for the growth of Babul wood. The grass in such reserves is frequently very valuable, and sells by auction annually for sums considerably in excess of the survey assessment which would alone be levied if this land was allowed to be permanently occupied.

5. There are neither remissions, nor account of poverty, nor any balances outstanding in any year of the statement.

6. The statement at page 128 brings up the Revenue history of the Sumpgaum Talooka from 1854-55, the last year of the statement at page 54, to 1864-65. In one year only does any appreciable sum appear; outstanding balances do not appear against any year.

7. In paragraph 91 of the report, page 55, I stated that "there is little doubt that each succeeding year will see a portion of the unclaimed waste existing in 1854-55 (20,119 acres, bearing an assessment of Rs. 14,422) taken up." In 1864-65 there remained but 3,776 acres of waste, bearing survey assessment Rs. 2,081, but the annual grazing of this land sold for Rs. 1,931. I have no data at hand to show exactly what portion of this area consists of land reserved by Government from occupation for some special purpose, but I know that the larger part of it is so.

8. The statement at page 129 affords similar information for the 9 villages of the Padshapoor Talooka, taking up the revenue history of these villages from 1854-55, the last year of the statement at page 65, paragraph 114 of the report.

9. Neither remission nor outstanding balances appear opposite any year of the statement. In 1853-54 there were 3,358 acres of Government unclaimed unoccupied arable waste, bearing survey assessment Rs. 2,124. In 1864 there were 1,645 acres, assessed at Rs. 1,201, waste, the grazing of which sold for Rs. 5,362. I find that 1,233 acres, assessed at Rs. 1,057, were reserved from permanent occupation by Government, the grazing being annually sold by auction.

The residue unoccupied Government arable waste amounts therefore to but 412 acres, bearing survey assessment Rs. 144.

10. The following statement shows the revenue realised by Government in the first year after settlement and that realised in 1864-65 :—

	1853-54.	1864-65.*	Increase.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Uthnee—21 villages	21,168	26,059	4,891
Tasgaum Talooka	67,554	78,819	11,265
Sumpgaum Talooka	1,58,593	1,90,314	31,721
Padshapoor Talooka	36,736	42,778	6,042
Total.... Rupees	2,84,051	3,37,970	53,919

Thus a considerable increase of revenue is shown to have occurred in each of these talookas, amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 53,919 or 19 per-cent. This is the great peculiarity of the Bombay system of settlement in comparison with what is called the North-West and Punjab systems. With us the arable waste land is divided up into fields with an assessment fixed upon each, and defined by permanent boundary marks, and is available for occupation as the means of the people increase and enable them to extend their holdings by taking up waste fields. Till so taken up the assessment is dormant. Thus the people are not burdened with any assessment for waste land till they find it their interest to occupy it, and when occupied, the Government revenue at once benefits by the realisation of the assessment. Under the North-West system the waste is made over to the village at some small enhancement on the revenue which would be derived from the occupied area alone, which addi-

tional sum must be a burden on the cultivators, for which they receive no return till their means allow them to occupy the land in question, and must indeed tend to postpone the accumulation of the necessary capital. Government again receives no additional revenue from the waste even when fully occupied.

11. It is worthy of notice that the occupation of the greater part of the waste land in the talookas under report took place before the great rise of prices which dates from about 1860. The occupation of the waste, on inspection of the statement appended to this Memorandum will show, commenced immediately after the statement and progressed steadily year by year. In 1864-65 the survey assessment of all the Government unoccupied waste was but Rs. 4,161. against Rs. 2,74,824 assessment realised upon the occupied land, and it is not probable that more than one-quarter of this waste land is otherwise than reserved from occupation by Government for some special purpose, so that about 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ per-cent of the land available for occupation has been appropriated.

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*STATEMENT showing the state of Occupation of Land and Realisation of Revenue in 21 Villages of the
UTHNEE TALOOKA of the BELGAUM COLLECTORATE before and after the Survey Settlement.*

Year.	GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED LAND.					GOVERNMENT UNOCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE.			ENAM OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.			TOTAL GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE AND ENAM.			Outstanding Balance at the end of year.
	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Remissions to be deducted.		Net Collections.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Produce of auction sale of right of grazing.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections, Joodee, &c.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1855-56	34,044	20,373	....	349	20,024	8,686	2,483	556	12,875	8,047	1,093	55,605	30,903	21,673	....
1856-57	34,901	20,645	....	328	20,317	7,890	2,276	539	12,814	7,982	1,531	55,605	30,903	22,387	....
1857-58	35,518	20,842	....	80	20,762	7,278	2,079	438	12,814	7,982	1,612	55,605	30,903	22,812	....
1858-59	37,326	21,561	....	80	21,481	6,105	1,746	407	12,174	7,594	2,269	55,605	30,901	24,157	470
1859-60	38,530	21,931	....	80	21,851	5,437	1,409	350	12,174	7,594	2,232	56,141	30,934	24,433	....
1860-61	40,571	22,330	....	80	22,250	2,885	651	825	12,749	7,953	2,687	56,205	30,939	25,762	....
1861-62	42,804	22,843	....	80	22,763	874	239	900	12,878	7,864	2,720	56,556	30,946	26,383	....
1862-63	42,895	22,855	....	80	22,775	782	227	137	12,913	7,864	2,707	56,590	30,946	25,619	....
1863-64	43,162	22,937	6	74	22,857	533	147	262	12,972	7,855	2,708	56,667	30,939	25,827	....
1864-65	42,749	22,686	....	87	22,599	451	139	653	13,192	8,114	2,807	56,392	30,939	26,059	....

STATEMENT showing the state of Occupation of Land and Realisation of Revenue in 19 Villages of the TASAUM TALOOKA of the SATTARA COLLECTORATE before and after the Survey Settlement.

Year.	GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED LAND.					GOVERNMENT UNOCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE.			ENAM OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.			TOTAL GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE AND ENAM.			Outstanding Balance at the end of year.
	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Remissions to be deducted.		Net Collections.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Produce of auction sale of right of grazing.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections, Joodes, &c.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1855-56	62,168	68,233	....	....	67,188	8,810	8,608	1,082	20,015	21,010	1,888	90,993	92,901	70,058	....
1856-57	63,851	69,033	....	....	67,949	7,129	2,862	1,316	20,013	21,006	1,907	90,993	92,901	71,172	....
1857-58	65,070	96,423	....	....	69,052	5,930	2,557	757	19,931	20,909	2,001	90,981	92,889	71,810	....
1858-59	65,737	69,723	....	....	69,351	5,307	2,261	904	19,916	20,893	2,593	90,960	92,877	72,848	....
1859-60	67,137	70,308	....	....	69,945	4,352	1,777	672	19,857	20,828	2,493	91,346	92,913	73,110	....
1860-61	67,760	70,633	....	....	70,180	3,808	1,611	810	19,774	20,764	3,164	91,342	92,908	74,154	....
1861-62	69,819	71,345	....	....	70,998	2,011	1,063	1,370	19,695	20,491	5,210	91,525	92,899	77,278	....
1862-63	70,333	71,540	....	....	71,199	1,465	890	1,565	19,676	20,468	5,265	91,524	92,898	78,029	....
1863-64	70,826	71,699	....	340	71,359	1,071	760	1,351	19,670	20,435	5,242	91,567	92,894	77,952	....
1864-65	70,763	71,575	....	102	71,473	986	740	1,652	19,666	20,591	5,693	91,415	92,906	78,819	....

**STATEMENT showing the state of Occupation of Land and Realisation of Revenue in 106 Villages of the
SUMPGAUM TALOOKA of the BELGAUM COLLECTORATE before and after the Survey Settlement.**

Year.	GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED LAND.					GOVERNMENT UNOCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE.			ENAM OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.			TOTAL GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE AND ENAM.			Outstanding Balance at the end of year.
	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Remissions to be deducted.		Net Collections.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Produce of auction sale of right of grazing.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections, Jodees, &c.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1855-56	105,643	1,36,200	139	444	1,35,617	18,432	12,402	3,043	56,763	68,965	23,515	180,838	2,17,567	1,62,175	....
1856-57	110,846	1,40,575	....	564	1,39,811	13,729	8,580	2,851	56,248	68,414	23,520	180,823	2,17,569	1,66,182	....
1857-58	114,787	1,43,324	2	330	1,42,992	10,816	6,403	2,360	55,739	67,846	23,757	180,842	2,17,573	1,69,109	....
1858-59	117,498	1,45,106	....	16	1,45,090	7,995	5,038	2,313	55,369	67,435	31,338	180,862	2,17,579	1,78,741	....
1859-60	120,364	1,48,287	....	16	1,48,271	6,946	4,385	2,404	53,551	65,035	29,745	180,861	2,17,707	1,80,420	....
1860-61	122,331	1,49,977	8	31	1,49,938	5,686	3,379	1,928	53,733	65,109	31,648	181,760	2,18,465	1,83,514	....
1861-62	123,012	1,50,944	....	31	1,50,913	5,669	3,245	1,958	53,071	64,279	34,091	181,752	2,18,468	1,86,962	....
1862-63	123,994	1,51,893	....	15	1,51,877	5,666	3,211	1,852	52,094	63,368	33,467	181,754	2,18,472	1,87,196	....
1863-64	126,491	1,53,935	....	14	1,53,921	4,117	2,298	1,558	51,146	62,239	33,034	181,754	2,18,472	1,88,513	....
1864-65	127,689	1,55,031	....	....	1,55,031	3,776	2,061	1,931	50,289	61,360	33,352	181,754	2,18,472	1,90,314	....

**STATEMENT showing the state of Occupation of Land and Realisation of Revenue in 9 Villages of the
PADSHAPOOR TALOOKA of the BELGAUM COLLECTORATE before and after the Survey Settlement.**

Year.	GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED LAND.					GOVERNMENT UNOCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE			ENAM OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.			TOTAL GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED ARABLE WASTE AND ENAM.			Outstanding Balance at the end of year.
	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Remissions to be deducted.		Net Collections.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Produce of auction sale of right of grazing.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections, Joodae, &c.	Area.	Survey Assessment.	Collections.	
			On account of Poverty, failure of Crops, &c.	In remuneration for Service.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1855-56	10,282	23,275	....	249	23,026	2,882	1,831	3,111	6,808	20,661	9,839	19,972	45,767	35,976	....
1856-57	10,832	24,056	....	206	23,850	2,512	1,690	2,614	6,666	20,047	9,759	20,010	45,793	36,223	....
1857-58	10,831	23,776	....	146	23,630	2,536	1,669	2,331	6,643	20,340	9,720	20,010	45,794	35,681	....
1858-59	11,023	23,943	....	146	23,797	2,363	1,560	5,344	6,622	20,290	9,899	20,008	45,793	38,980	....
1859-60	11,227	24,157	....	146	24,011	2,193	1,431	5,581	6,588	20,205	9,856	20,008	45,793	39,448	....
1860-61	11,429	24,156	....	146	24,010	1,972	1,349	6,869	6,607	20,288	10,747	20,008	45,793	41,566	....
1861-62	11,610	24,330	....	130	24,200	1,817	1,285	4,302	6,581	20,178	11,501	20,008	45,793	40,003	....
1862-63	11,686	24,404	....	130	24,274	1,755	1,246	6,214	6,567	20,143	11,564	20,008	45,793	42,032	....
1863-64	11,918	24,566	....	108	24,458	1,563	1,168	3,441	6,534	20,059	11,596	20,015	45,793	39,496	....
1864-65	12,518	25,522	104	25,422	1,645	1,201	5,362	5,844	19,059	11,988	20,007	45,792	42,978

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- Page 12, 5th line from bottom, for "*forty-three*," read "*twenty-three*."
„ 36, 4th column table, for "*Alienated Land*," read "*Alienated Villages*."
„ 47, line 19, for "*eight*," read "*ten*."