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| | Year. | | Јапиату. | February. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | October. | November. | December. | Total. |
|----------|---------|------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| <u>-</u> | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | In. cts. | In. cts. | In. cts. | In, ets. | In. cts. | In. cts. | In. ets. | In. cts. | In [cts. | In. cts. | In. cts. | In. cts. | In. cts. |
| 882 | *** | | ••• | ••• | | ••• | 0 52 | 16 19 | 30 64 | 7 9 | 5 0 | 1 84 | 0 90• | 0 15 | 6 2 33 |
| 83 | *** | | 0 25 | ••• | ••• | ·•• | | 9 70 | 13 52 | 5 83 | 10 47 | 7 11 | 0 75 | | 47 63 |
| 84 | | •••• | ••• | 744 | • • • | *** | | 4 22 | 28 27 | 6 78 | 6 33 | 7. 29 | 0 50 | 0 75 | 54 14 |
| 85 | *** | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | 0 75 | *** | 2 73 | 17 49 | 9 51 | 8 58 | 1 87 | | | 40 93 |
| 36 | 440 | | *** | ••• | ••• | ••• | 140 | 9 90 | 14 71 | 4 65 | 2 85 | 7 55 | 1 27 | 0 46 | 41 39 |
| 87 | *** | ••• | 0 90 | ••• | 0 21 | 1 10 | 0 67 | 7 72 | 23 61 | 6 48 | 6 36 | 1 66 | 3 76 | | 52 47 |
| 88 | 405 | | *** | . •.• | ••• | ••• | 2 81 | 3 27 | 18 16 | 13 65 | 5 87 | 1 50 | 0 80 | | 46 6 |
| 89 | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | | 1 70 | | 2 87 | 8 64 | 8 64 | 5 57 | 7 39 | | | 34 81 |
| 90 | ••• | ••• | ••• | *** | ••• | ••• | | 9 30 | 15 69 | 9 57 | 0 11 | 1 0 | 1 94 | 0 71 | 38 32 |
| 91 | *** | | ••• | *** | | *** | 0 30 | 1 95 | 19 48 | 10 62 | I 5 | 0 49 | | | 33 83 |
| 92 | *** | | | | ••• | 0 80 | 2 15 | 3 69 | 22 93 | 5 0 | 6 69 | 5 36 | | | 46 62 |
| | Total | • | 1 15 | ••• | 0 21 | 4 35 | 6 45 | 71 54 | 213 14 | 87 82 | 58 88 | 43 6 | 9 92 | 2 7 | 498 59 |
| | Average | | 0 10 | ••• | 0 2 | 0 40 | 0 59 | 6 50 | 19 38 | 7 98 | 5 35 | 3 10 | 0 90 | 0 2 | 45 83 |

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APPENDIX B.

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| | | | | | Religion. | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| Sex. | | As per Village Census. | Percentage on total Population able to read | | Hindu Caste. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | or learning. | Kunbis. | Bráhmans. | Others, | Musalmán Sects. | Christians. | Pársis. | Others. | | | |
| | j | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | |
| Males Females | ••• | ••• | 5,381 5,340 | 2.9 | 3,413 3,367 | 176 211 | 1,778 1,758 | 14 2 | ****** | ***** | 2 | | | |
| | Tot | al | 10,721 | 1.4 | 6,780 | 387 | 3,536 | 16 | **** | | 2 | | | |

APPENDIX C. Statement showing the Agricultural Stock of the 54 Villages in the Rajgad Taluka of the Bhor State during the year 1803.

| | | | Cattle. | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ploughs. | | Carts. | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|---------|---------------------|--------|---------------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Number of Villages. | Táluka. | For Plough. | | For Breeding. | | For other purposes. | | Milch Cattle. | | Young ! tock. | | Horses and | | b heep. | Goats. | | | | For | Cropped Land per pair of |
| Villages. | 3 | Oxen. | He- buffaloes. | Bulls. | Bull- buffaloes | Oxen. He-buffaloes, Cows. She-buffaloes. Cal | Calves. | Buffalo- calves. | Total. | Ponies. | r neep, | , Goaga. | Small. | Large (i. e. of over two Cattle). | For Passen- gers. | Passen- Produce | Plough Cattle. | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 54 | Rájgad | 3, | ,161 | | ••• | | ••• | 1,912 | 932 | 1,581 | 726 | 8,312 | 56 | 190 | 460 | 1, | 605 | 1: | 31 | 18.0 |

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| | | Accort Mamul As | OING TO SERSEMBET, | | | | | | | | | | Accordin |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|----------|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| N 0. | Name of Village, | 10 years' | According | Maximum Rates. Rice | | | | | | Dry≺ | тор. | Bág | ráis. |
| | | average. | to Fasli San 1303. | Rice. | Dry- crop. | Bägäit. | Warkss, | Acres. | Assess- ment. | Acres. | Assess- ment. | Acres. | Assess- ment. |
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No. $\frac{8}{1900}$ of 1895.

From

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE:

To

THE COLLECTOR AND POLITICAL AGENT, POONA.

Poona, 12th August 1895.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward report No. 1056, dated 24th ultimo, from the Acting Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, making proposals for the Survey settlement of 54 villages of Rájgad Táluka of the Bhor State.

- 2. The Rájgad Taluka contains in all 120 villages, of which 38 villages were surveyed, classed and assessed by the Bhor State Survey Agency and 24 villages were settled on the Revenue Survey principles under sanction given in this office endorsement No. 2121, dated 20th October 1884, the rates proposed having been finally accepted by the Bhor Chief in his letter No. 74, dated 14th idem, forwarded with your No. 1086, dated 18th idem. Thus 58 villages remained; of these one has been entirely absorbed in forest, 3 Inam villages have not been surveyed and 54 remain for settlement. Of these 54, there are 2 Sharakati and 11 Inam villages which have been surveyed and are to be settled, the latter in accordance with agreements taken from Inamdars by the Bhor Chief and communicated to the Superintendent, and 41 are Khálsa villages of the Bhor State.
- 3. In para, 3 of his Report the Acting Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, has explained how many of the 54 villages were measured and classed by the Bhor State Survey Agency and by the Konkan Survey. But he has failed to explain that with regard to villages measured by the Bhor State Agency, the maps drawn on their special scale and the area worked out in Bighas and parts thereof have, in the case of maps, been re-plotted according to the Survey scale and the areas have been converted into Acres and Guntas according to the Survey system. The Acting Superintendent has also failed to explain that as regards the classification of soils done by the Bhor State Survey Agency, the classification valuation placed on soils of various descriptions was tested by officers of the Survey Department and found on the whole to have been done so well that it could be accepted as correct with some small adjustments which are hardly worth mentioning and thus the measurement and classification Records prepared by the Bhor State Survey Agency was generally adopted.
- 4. The Rájgad Táluka, which extends from the open plain country on the East bordering on the Purandhur Táluka of the Poona Collectorate to the ridge of the Gháts on the Western side forming the boundary of Mahad Táluka of the Kolába Collectorate, is composed of two distinct parts, the one on the East being known as the "Desh" country, where rainfall is less, growing Jowári, Bájri and other above-Ghát crops, and the other on the West being known as the "Mawal" country, where rainfall is abundant, and consequently Rice and hill crops such as Náchni, Wari &c. are grown. This distinction between the two parts of the Táluka forms the principal division in the grouping of villages for assessment purposes.
- 5. It will be observed on reference to the accompanying map that the Northern and Eastern part of the Táluka has been made the 1st group in consequence of the country being a Jowari-producing tract where the dry-crop soils are more valuable and the Western part has been made into the third group in consequence of the dry crop lands, being principally uplands, producing only the inferior grains grown in hilly country with plentiful rainfall. The Acting Superintendent has

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made an intermediate 2nd group of two villages named in the margin, principally because these villages adjoin some of the 24 villages formerly settled by the Survey

which bear a somewhat higher maximum Rice rate than that now proposed for the other two groups; but I am inclined to think that this intermediate group,

of 2 villages only, is superfluous, and I would recommend their being included in the 3rd group, which would thus become the 2nd group for this Taluka. The 24 villages previously settled by the Survey Department, which are known as the Bhatghar villages, in consequence of being all situated on either side of the Bhatghar lake, have special advantages in being close and with easy access to Bhor, and hence the maximum Rice rate of Rs. 9 sanctioned for them is reasonable and proper, but that rate need not I consider be extended to the two villages referred to, which are much higher up the valley and in close proximity to the villages Male and Nanalay, which were assessed by the Survey at an 8-Rs. maximum Rice rate and are cut off from communication with Bhor not only by the hills on the South but also from the rest of the Bhatghar villages by the hills running from South to North on their Eastern boundaries.

6. Before proceeding to recommend the rates proposed for the Bhor Chief's acceptance, with your approval I must refer briefly to the policy of the Survey Department in determining the maximum rates applicable to villages in Native States. The plan adopted by the Survey Department is clearly shown by the late Mr. Stewart, Survey Commissioner, in para 4 of his letter to your address, No. 1922, dated 4th October 18×2, on the Survey settlement of the Sudhágad Táluka of the Bhor State. I would at the same time call your attention to paras. 3 and 5 of the same above quoted letter which apply equally to the Rájgad Táluka and which I need not reproduce in full here. Further, it is quite clear that as stated by Mr. Ozanne in his letter No. Stated 19th December 1893, to be found in the Government Selection

Government Selection No. CCLXXXVI on the Survey Settlement of the Gundal Mahál of the Aundh State.

ber 1893, to be found in the Government Selection noted in the margin, that if the Survey tenure is not introduced the Chiefs will still have full power to exact from their Rayats whatever rental they may please to demand * * * * "The only check

upon them is the risk of driving the Rayats to seek for land where it can be found at more reasonable rates." * "The Chiefs cannot be expected to accept settlements which, however meritorious, entail serious diminution of their income." In consideration of the above stated facts we endeavour to propose rates which will not be "unjust or oppressive even though considerably higher than those which would be allowed for similarly circumstanced British villages." Mr. Ozanne has further stated that "to induce acceptance of the settlement, Government has permitted a materially higher rating in Native States as compared with that of adjoining British villages." I quote freely from Mr. Ozanne's remarks on the settlement of the Aundh villages because they apply fully to the settlement of the Bhor State, and I may add, with reference to the proposals now submited, in his words, that in the present proposals the rates are much higher than those which could be accepted were the tract directly under the administration of Government, but they are considered reasonable by the Acting Superintendent and are I believe acceptable to the Chief of Bhor.

7. The principal grounds the Acting Superintendent has for adopting the rates recommended by him are those on which similar rates were sanctioned by this office No. 2121, dated 20th October 1884, for the 24 Bhátghar villages which form part of this Taluka. The dry-crop rate of the first group villages is slightly higher than the 2-Rs. rate applied to the eight Eastern villages of the Bhatghar group, but this is reasonable, as the country is more open, the lands produce superior crops for which there is anaple rainfall and most of the villages have the advantage of good roads and easy access to Poona, which is only 18 miles as the crow flies and 22 miles by made road from Nasrapur, the head-quarter station of the district. Rice rate is the same throughout, with the exception of 2 villages referred to in paragraph 5, because although the rainfall is greater in the Western villages, it is nevertheless quite sufficient (average 45.33 at Nasrapur) to produce excellent rice crops in the Eastern villages also, where, however, rice cultivation is restricted to well situated valleys where good drainage from surrounding higher lying lands and low levels are taken advantage of to make remarkably good rice fields. The rates proposed for garden lands, that is for Motasthal garden, double that of the dry-crop rate and for Pátasthal a little over double that of the Motasthal, appear suitable and produce an incidence per acre of Rs. 4-11-5 for Motasthal and Rs. 6-1-8 for Patasthal garden lands, which appears to me moderate and sufficient.

- 8. The result of the rates proposed is a slight diminution of 5.7 per cent. on the past ten years' average revenue obtained by the Bhor Chief, but the principal advantage obtainable by this settlement is that the revenue will be evenly distributed, in accordance with the relative value of soils in the different villages, irrespective of whether the land is occupied by the wealthy or the poor, and hence there should be no difficulty in collecting the full amount of revenue each year without any remissions. I must submit that although in some villages there is a reduction of assessment as compared with the "Mamul," still there are a good number of villages in which the assessment has been increased and especially in those noted in the Acting Superintendent's paragraph 27, and these show that although the rates now proposed do not give the full amount of revenue which the Bhor Chief obtained, it would not have been safe or reasonable to adopt any higher rates.
- 9. Besides the "Ain Dast," that is assessment on the land, the Bhor Chief's land revenue was made up of a number Deshmukh. Deshpánday. Hak Chowthai. of "Babs" or cesses. The amount shown in Dast Karuk. columns 3 and 4 of Appendix D are inclusive Hakdár. Kulkarni. of the Babs, some of which are named in the Gao Kharch. Kharchpatti. Sahotra. Nazar. margin, and which are all to be abolished on the Nehmi Kharch. Sirdeshmukhs, introduction of the Survey settlement, with the Páhni Kharch. Veliya. exception of Sayar Babs in which no change is made and which will continue to be levied as before.
- 10. I am informed that the "Pôt Paháni" of these villages has been completed, and therefore if early sanction is obtained the Survey rates could be introduced before the end of the current year and arrangement could be made accordingly. I trust, therefore, that early instruction may be given of the acceptance of the rates by the Bhor Chief.
- 11. The 24 Bhatghar villages were settled, that is to say, Survey rates were introduced in October 1884, and a guarantee of 30 years for the duration
- * Letter from Superintendent, Ratnagiri Survey, No. 179, dated 12th February 1885, forwarded with this office No. 324 of 18th idem.

of the Settlement was given, therefore I now propose that a guarantee should be given to the villages now to be settled for the number of years the lease for the 24 Bhátghar villages has still to run, so that all the villages settled by the Survey Department may

all in for revision simultaneously in the same year.

I have the honour to be, Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

C. W. GODFREY, Colonel,

Acting Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture.

No. $\frac{S.}{1991}$ of 1895.

Poona, 21st August 1895.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, for information with reference to his No. 1056, dated the 24th ultimo.

H. V. SATHE,

For Acting Survey Commissioner and Director,

Land Records and Agriculture.

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To

MEHERBAN SHANKAR RAO PANDIT,

Pant Sachiv, Chief of Bhor, Poona.

Poona, 12th September 1895.

SIR.

I have the honour to forward herewith for your perusal and return the accompanying letter, No. 1056, dated 24th July 1895, from the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, to the address of the Survey Commissioner, together with its enclosures, relative to the Survey Settlement of the 54 villages in the Rájgad Táluka, and to request that you will be so good as to communicate as early as possible 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 a careful consideration of the nature of the soil and the general aspect of the country and its people, and the rates have been fixed with due regard to those prevailing in the adjoining British districts.
- 3. You are aware that the Survey rates were introduced into the 24 villages of this Táluka in October 1884, and a guarantee of 30 years for the duration of the settlement was given. It is therefore proposed that the guarantee to be given now should be for nearly 19 years (i. e. for the number of years the lease for the 24 villages has still to run), so that all the villages settled by the Survey Department may fall in for revision simultaneously.
- 4. The accompaniments may, it is requested, be returned after taking copies of such of them as you may consider necessary.

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

No. 165 of 1895.

From

THE PANT SACHIVA,

Chief of Bhor;

To

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

Bhor, 22nd September 1895.

STR.

With reference to your letter No. 452, dated the 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the report of Mr. Hearn relative to the settlement of 54 villages in the Rájgad Táluka has been carefully perused by me, and although I find that the revenue of these villages is somewhat decreasing by the announcement of rates, still I do not object to their introduction as they have been arrived at by the Superintendent after a careful consideration of all the circumstances.

- 2. Touching the 3rd para of your letter under reply, I quite agree with you in fixing the term of guarantee for 19 years only, so that the first 24 villages and these 54 villages will fall in for revision simultaneously.
- 13. The eight kinds of trees noticed by the Superintendent in the 22nd para of his report are the sole property of the State, and Rayats have no right either to these trees or to their fruits, except that two-thirds of the proceeds of Teak trees

standing on Mirás and Inám lands are granted specially by the State to the occupants. But the occupants are strictly prohibited from cutting them of their own accord except obtaining a permission through the Forest Department of the State.

- 4. Mr. Hearn in the concluding para of his report has remarked that "Sayar Babs only remain," but I think it will be better if the names of all the Babs which are to remain be plainly given at the time of announcement of
- All the accompaniments received with your letter under reply are herewith returned.

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

No. $\frac{Pol}{486}$.

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. 800 dated 12th ultimo.

> H. F. SILCOCK, Political Agent.

No. $\frac{s}{2361}$ of 1895.

Poona, 3rd October 1895.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Survey, for information and guidance with reference to this office endorsement No. 1994, dated 21st August last.

- 2. The Superintendent is requested to arrange for the introduction of the Settlement as sanctioned by the Chief.
- The Superintendent should arrange as early as possible in communication with the Political Agent to decide what Babs are to be abolished on introduction of the Survey rates and which Babs are to be considered Sayar Babs 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 rate to the assembled villagers.

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

No. $\frac{8}{-986}$ of 1895.

From

THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR, Land Records and Agriculture,

Bombay,

To

THE POLITICAL AGENT,

Poona.

Poona, 4th October 1895.

SIR,

With reference to the letter No. 165 of 22nd September 1895, to your address from the Chief of Bhor, intimating his approval to the Survey rates proposed for 54 village of the Rajgad Taluka of his State, a copy of which was forwarded to me under your No. Fol. of 30th idem, I have the honour to observe that both the Chief and yourself are silent as to the proposal made in para. 5 of my letter No. 8 of 12th August last with regard to the two vil-

1 Jayatpada.
2. Nandghar.

lages named in the margin. I shall therefore feel obliged by your favouring me with a decision in the matter at an early date. Pending receipt of your reply the Superintendent has been requested to delay calculating the Akar of these two villages.

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

No. 8 of 1895.

Poona, 4th October 1895.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Survey, in continuation of this office No. 2361 of 3rd instant, with a request that he will defer calculating the Akar of the villages referred to until further orders.

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

No. Pol 524.

From

H. F. SILCOCK, Esquire,
Political Agent, Poons;

To

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

Poona, 24th October 1895.

SIR.

With reference to your letter No. $\frac{s}{2500}$, dated 4th instant, I have the honour to intimate that the Chief of Bhor reports that he has no objection to include the two villages, Jayatpada and Nandghar, in the third group as recommended by you.

I have &c.,

H. F. SILCOCK,
Political Agent.

No. $\frac{8}{2573}$ of 1895.

Poona, 28th October 1895.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Konkan Survey, for information and guidance with reference to this office No. 387 of 4th instant.

E. C. OZANNE,
Survey Commissioner and Director,
Land Records and Agriculture.