## sELECTIONS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT.

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RELATING TO THE

REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT<br>OF THE<br>AMOD TALUKA<br>OF THE

## BROACH COLLECTORATE.

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To
The COLLECTOR op BROACH.
Broach, 22nd February 1900.'
Sir,
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, revision settlement proposals for Taluka Amod of your Collectorate.
2. The current settlement. was introduced in the year $\mathbf{1 8 7 4 - 7 5} \mathrm{by} \mathrm{Mr}$. N.

Original aetlement B. Boyts, and will not expire till the close of the revenue year 1903-04.
3. Amod comprises in all 51 villages, of which one only-Ajamnagar-is held on a fixed jama. The tenure of this village was under consideration at the time of the original settlement, but it was afterwards decided that "the existing tenure under which the village is held on the payment of a cortain fixed sum annually (Rs. 776-13-8) should not be disturbed "-(Vide Government Resolution No. 2275, dated 3rd May 1878).
4. Of the 50 Government villages, 27 are bhágdári. Since the original settlement the tenure of the two villages of Dádápur and Ghamnád was transferred from bhágdári to bighoti at the request of the Bhágdárs. Of the total Government culturable area ( 56,450 acres) the land held on bhágdári tenure amounts to 30,421 acres or 54 per cent.
5. Although there is only one inám village in thia taluka, the area under alienated lands is considerable, amounting to 64 per cent. of the culturable area of the taluka, as will be seen from the following figures:-

6. Amod and Kerváda wántas are held on summary settlement. The jama of Mátar and Tancha wantas is alterable, and is levied in proportion to the kamál or total survey assessment, as will be explained hereafter.
7. The lines on which measurement and classification operations were conducted have already been described in previous reports on Broach and Anklesvar. The area falling under revision was small, as will be seen from the

Measarement and olasaifcation. statement given in paragraph 8, and it may be said that almost the whole of the original classification was deduced from the existing records. As explained in the Broach Revision Settlement Report (paragraph 6), khunts were substituted for bandhs in 23 villages of the taluka under report.
8. The following statement shows the increase in the number of fields due to revision and the percentage difference in area between the original and revision survey numbers :-

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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Totel } \\ \text { number } \\ \text { of survey } \\ \text { foelds. } \end{gathered}$ | Total of old SurvesNumbers ubmitted to Retinion Barveyoperations, | - Diflerance in arce betweon the Original and Elevision Survey Numbersh |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Under per cont. | Over 5 and ep $\pm 10$ par cent | Over 10 and up to 15 per cant | Over 15 and ap par cent | Orry 20 and up to 26 par cent. | Orer 25 to 80 pre cent. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Orez } \\ \text { so per } \\ \text { cent. } \end{gathered}$ |
| By Original Survey . | 15,645 | 10 | 8 | 2 |  |  | ... |  |  |
| By Revision Sarvey <br> Numbers ... | 15,916 | ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pôt Numbers | 5 | ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Column 8 refers only to those survey numbers which have been broken up into two or more without any part of their area being taken up by roads, \&ic., in order that the percentage difference may be correctly represented.
9. In the following table the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared:-

10. Details of occupied land are shown below:-


The above statement does not include the lands belonging to Amod and Kervada wántas. The lower line of figures represent the lands of Mátar and

Tancha Ráhet wántas. The unculturable waste area '( 19,051 acres) includes salt waste numbers, about 1,500 acres in Achoo ; 7,700 acres in Denva; 700 acres in Machásra, and 900 acres in Mángrol.
11. The Táluka A'mod is a small but a compact block of 51 villages, having an area of 176 square miles. It is bounded on the north by the Dhadhar river, which separates it from Position, physical festaren, \& c . Jambusar Táluka ; on the east by the Baroda territory ; and on the south and west by Talukas of Broach and Vágra, respectively.

As regards climate, physical features and agriculture, the taluk closely resembles the adjoining Subdivision of Broach. The prevailing soil is black, changing to gorat towards the river Dhadhar; but this rich tract, as is usually the case, falls within the limits of the mantas.
12. The river Dhadhar, which squirts the northern boundary of the taluk, Rivers. is tidal throughout its course within the limits of the táluka. It is navigable as far as the Tankaria Bandar in the Jambusar Taluk beyond which the stream is reduced to a few feet of water.
13. As in Broach, so in this taluka, the water-supply is scanty. The Wells. wells are deep: the level to the water standing 45 to 55 feet below the surface. In the south-eastern villages the water is often brackish. It is worthy of remark that where wells have been sunk to the depth of 110 to 130 feet a copious supply of sweet water is obtainable. . The large supply required for the spinning and weaving mills in the Broach City is obtained from such deep wells. Famine relief operations will greatly improve the water-supply of the taluka as the relief operations are mainly directed towards the construction of new tanks and the extension and deepening of old.
14. I have pointed out in my Broach Revision Settlement Report (paragraph Drainage. 48) that the district set rom the want of natural drainage due to the fit nature of the country. Mr. Beys, in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the A'mod Report, questions the existence of this evil. No doubt the people ape apt to exaggerate it, but the fact cannot be denied that the surface drainage is defective and in consequence in many places the crops suffer severely 迫 years of heavy rainfall. It may be mentioned that the first relief work opened this year was the Itola-Kolvana channel. Two others, namely, the Ghamnád and Ninám channels, have been projected and sanctioned.
15. Two trunk roads, aquoly, the Broach-Jambusar Road and the A'modCommunications, $\quad 5$ Prates Road, having a junction at A'mod and running the 0 . through the central portion of the taluka, facilitate carriage of agricultural produce to the two important markets of Broach and Pálej. The A'mod-Pálej Road has been recently repaired and earthed up as a famine relief work. The metalling of roads is very expensive as the metal has to be conveyed from long distances. It has -been therefore considered that a narrow gauge railway line from Broach to Jambusar, if guaranteed by the Local Board, will be a more successful undertaking than metalling and keeping in repair the trunk road of the district ; and I am informed that before long the Broach-Jambusar Railway will be a gait accompli.
16. The average rainfall of the eleven years ending 1898 was 34.5 inches,

Appendix A.-Rainfall. - varying from $19 \cdot 8$ inches in 1888 to 67 inches in 1894. The rainfall of the past few years has been unevenly distributed and unfavourable.
17. The following extract from Appendix $\mathbf{B}$ shows the average percentage ares under different crops for the five years ending 1898-99:-

18. It will be observed that cotton, along with rice, which is grown between its rows as a minor crop, occupies no less than 47 per cent. of the gross cropped area. Jowári comes next with 23 per cent. Lang (Lathyrus sativus), which forms almost the sole crop of the area included among "Others" under the heading of "Pulses," occupies 17 per cent., wheat 5.3 per cent., and til, tur and bajri about 2 per cent. each. The system of bare fallow, already described in the Broach Revision Settlement Report (paragraph 16), is also observed in $A^{\prime}$ mod. Of the total area of $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 9 6}$ acres returned as fallow, bare fallow could not be less than 4,000 acres; the rest being under grass.
$\checkmark$ 19. No weekly bazárs are held in the táluka. Agricultural produce is disposed of at the markets of Broach and Paflej. There was a spinning factory in the village of Samni, which
Markets and fairs. Cotton is usually bought in the villages by merchants has been lately removed. Cotton is usually bought in the villages by merchants
from Broach and Pálej. Indigenous industries include only a few workers in iron and weavers of coarse cloth called "Khádi." Cutlery from A'mod has a ready sale throughout the district.
20. The following table compares the popula-

Population and resources. tion and resources of the taluka:-


The above figures do not call for detailed notice. The táluka was long settled before the current rates were introduced. All available land is under cultivation. The difforence in the figures for the several years are due, it may be said, more to defects in previous enumerations than to any great changes. One fact, however, is noticeable, and that is the large increase in the number of wells from 302 to 604; which is mainly due to the praiseworthy efforts of the Local Board to improve the deficient supply of water for domestic purposes.
21. The total population of the taluka is 36,271 souls, of which 77 per

Appendix D.-Agricaltural Population. cent. are engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mahomedans, who are chiefly Borahs, number 21 per cent, and Kunbis and Kolis each 12 per cent. of the total population. A description of the agricultural classes has already been furnished in the Broach Settlement Report. The past fer years have been unfavourable, but it may be said that, as in Broach, the condition of the Patidars, Borahs, Rajputs and other higher castes is fairly prosperous.
22. Of the total Governiment numbers, 55 per cent. are cultivated by the

Appendix I-Survey owners themselves and 32 per cent. by the owners in numbers cultivated by the Ownera. partnership with others. Similar figures for alienated land are 65 and 31 per cent., respectively. These statistics point to the facts that mgre than 50 per cent. of the Government numbers have passed into the hands of the rich men of Broach and A'mod Kasba, and that the bhágdárs hold more land than they are able to cultivate without the assistance of tenants.
23. The usual fgures supplied by the Registration Department regarding Appendioes $K, \mathrm{~K}^{1}, \mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{~L}^{1}, \mathrm{M}$. Bales, mortgages, \&c., are furnished in the appendices noted in the margin. I regret that the statements are not so complete as those hitberto submitted, inasmuch as the transactions (except in the case of the statement showing mortgages with possession) contained therein are few in number, and refer to small areas.

In 21 and 65 cases of ordinary sales, the sale money averaged 7 and 17 times the assessment. The statement showing sales by Court-decrees is useless for the reasons stated above. It refers only to 44 acres of poor soil bearing assessment of about Rs. 2 per aore.

Only 12 cases of simple mortgages are returned. In half the number of transactions the mortgage money amounted to six and half times, and in the other half a dozen cases, sixteen times the assessment. In cases of mortgages with possession, the average amounts at which fields were mortgaged were in 112 and 270 cases eight and fifteen times the survey assessment. In other 22 cases the mortgage-money amounted to 47 times the assessment, which was, however, very low.

The ordinary rate at which land is sublet is twice the survey assessment, the owner paying the assessment.
24. The period of survey lease and the markets of the taluka being the

Appendir N.-Prioes same as those of the adjoining Sub-division of Broach, my remarks on prices giver in the Broach Revision Settlement Report also apply to the taluka under report. It is sufficient to remark that during the period under review the prices of agricultural produce have remained almost stable.
25. The revenue hisfory of the past 25 years shows that no remissions of revenue, excepting very small amounts in one or two years, have been granted during the period under review. The remission shown in the first year is due History. to the usual abatement of revenue on the introduction of a new settlement.
26. The following table shows the extent of the difficulty experienced in collecting the land revenue. The number of notices is large. There were 37 cases of distraint in 1898-99, due no doubt to the adverse seasons experienced during the last 3 or 4 years :-

| Year. | Number of Villages. | Number af Noticen | Number of Dirtraint Caceq. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1896-97 | 44 | 418 |  |
| 1897-98 | 41 | 335 |  |
| 1898-99 | 47 | 836 | 37 |

27. The scheme of the original settlement of Broach has already been deOriginal Settlement. scribed in the Revision Settlement Report of that tailukn, and the same remarks apply to Amod. It is only necessary to state that as in Broacb, so in Amod, I consider the current assess:
28. Itola.
29. Kolvána.
30. Tankária.

4 Machábra. ment, with the exception of the four villages noted in the margin, just and equitable, and my proposals, therefore, lead to their continuance.
$\mathcal{E}_{n d}$ Group.

1. Acbhod.
2. Buva.
3. Bodka.
4. Samiala.
5. Kervada.
6. Machásra.

3rd Group.

1. Itola.
2. Kolvána.
3. Tankária,
4. Mángrol.
5. Velapur.
6. Hetámpar.
7. Denva.
8. At the original settlement the táluka was divided into three groups. The second and the third groups consist of 6 and 7 villages, respectively, as shown in the margin, the remaiuing 38 villages being placed in the first group.
9. The only change proposed is slight. I would lower Machásra, which

Proposed Rates.
is a Bara village, and ought to go to the 3rd group; and the three villages of Itola, Kolvána and Tankária should come into the second as they do not suffer from proximity to salt waste lands as the villages of the 3rd group.
30. The current maximum rates for these three groups are Rs. 5-8-0, Rs. 5 and Rs. 4, respectively. I have proposed a Rs. 5-8-0 for villages of the 2nd group in Broach. These villages adjoin the A'mod 1st group. To that group, on account of greater distance from markets, and because the continuance of the present rate of Rs $5-8-0$, on the abolition of reducing distance scales, would cause a considerable increase of assessment, I propose to apply a maximum rate of Rs. 5-4-0. For similar reasons the 2ad group has proportionately been reduced to Rs 4-12-0. The 3rd group, comprising low-lying Bara villages, has a moderate maximum rate of Rs. 4, which I would continue.
31. The following table, which is an abstract of Appendiz Q, compares the results of the original and proposed rates:-

| By Former Survos. |  |  |  |  |  | By Revindon Eurray. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Oroup. | Number ol Villagea | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maximum } \\ & \text { Base. } \end{aligned}$ | - Area. | Ansect. ment. | Average per Acro. | Group. | Sumber of Viliagen. | Maximum | Arma | A abceser ment. | Avernge per Acre. | Increage at de:resse due to applicathim of Dim tance scaite. |
| $1 .$. | 89 | $8 \cdot 8$ | Acres. $45,041$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { RE. } \\ \text { n18,008 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Eg. A. p. } \\ 412 \mathrm{~g} \end{array}$ | 1 ... | 89 | 6.6 | Acrea. | E8e. | Bi. S. P. ¢ 28.6 | B1. $-2,185$ |
|  | $6\left\{\begin{array}{l}5 \\ 1\end{array}\right.$ | 8.0 | 5,211 | 10,323 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| III .. | 718 | 4.0 | 4400 | 15,485 |  | II ... | 8 | 418 | 0,600 | 41,667 | 4.10 | -1,845 |
| $\begin{array}{cc} \text { II } & \cdots \\ \text { III } & . . \end{array}$ | $1$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.0 \\ & 40 \end{aligned}$ | 9,041 835 2,092 | $\mathbf{8 4 , 8 0 8}$ $\mathbf{8 , 0 9 1}$ 8,068 | 306 | III .. | 6 | 40 | -8,506 | 11,381 | 3811 | -105 |
|  |  | Total .... | 3,517 68,840 | 21,164 | 820 180 |  |  |  | 88,847 | 2,74,187 | $410 \%$ | -4,225 |

It will be seen from the above statement that the revised proposals result in an increase of Rs. 9,212 or $\mathbf{3 - 4 8}$ per cent., which will be reduced to Rs. 4,987
or 1.88 per cent. after the application of distance scales. The increase of Rs. 7,000 in the second group is due to the raising of the three villages of Itola, Kolvána, and Tankária to a bigher group. These villages are as good as most of the villages of the second group, in which they are now included. The application of distance scales will reduce these villages by about Rs. 1,000 and lower their percentage increases to $21^{\circ} 24$ and 24 , respectively. The high increases in other villages are due to the application of reducing scales at the original settlement. Thus the scale applied to Tancha Talpad No. 12, Ranada No. 10 and Bodka No. 40, whose assessment rises by 23,22 and 19 per cent., respectively, had the effect of reducing the lands near the village site by three annas in the rupee, with proportionate reductions on fields further off. There will be a decrease of Rs. 400 in Chaklad No. 6, Rs. 850 in Dora No. 24, Rs. 700 in Sarbhan No. 32, Rs. 800 in Achbod No. 38, and Rs. 675 in Tankíria No. 45. There will be an increase of Rs. 240 each in Keslu No. 15 and Kothi Vatarsa No. 19.
32. The area under old rice is only 58 acres and under new 97 acres. The Rice. total rice area irrigated from tanks amount to 59 acres. At the original settlement the maximum rate for water was fixed at a rupee less than the jaráyat rate. I propose the jaráyat rate of the group in which the rice lands occur, for both soil and water. The decrease in assessment in Anor, Matar and Vedcha is due to classification, the tank himayat and akasia water annas having been reduced. The rise in Kolvána and Tankaria is due to these villages having been transferred to a higher group.

The following table compares the results of the original and proposed rates on the area under old rice :-

33. There are in all 270 acres of bhátha land in the three villages of Amod, Bbátha. Dhansoli and Pursa. The current bhátha rates are Rs. 8 for the first two villages and Rs, 6 for the third. I propose to continue the same. The results do not vary,
34. Owing to the prevalence of black cotton scil and the scàntiness of

Appendix $Q^{3}$.-Sub-soil Wator Assessment. water-supply in wells, the area under irrigation is a negligible quantity. The original figures for well water assessment are not available. At the revision
29 acres only have been assessed for sub-soil water advantages.
35. The jama of lands held on the Rahet Wanta tenure is alterable in

Rahet Winta Lande of $\mathbf{M a ̈ t a r ~ a n d ~ T a n c h a . ~}^{\text {and }}$ proportion to the change in the revision figures. The rule is :-As the current jama is to the current surver kamal, so will be the revised jama to the revised
survey kamal or full assessment (eide paragraph 127 of the original report, and paragraph 8 of Government Resolution No. 90, dated 8th January 1877, thereon).
36. In the táluka under report kácha or wáda lands are allowed froe of Widas. assessment up to 10 gunthas. I would, therefore, Wadas. recommend that the existing wádas be continued to the holders free of assessment up to 10 gunthas.
37. The usual reservation to Government of teak, sandalwood and blackTrees. wood trees will be declared at the time of announcing the rates. Other trees growing in occupied land belong to the occupants.

Guarantee 38. In conclusion, I have the honour to recommend that the rates, if sanctioned, may be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
P. R. MEHTA, M.R.A.C.,

Assistant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey.

Throdgi W. S. Cole, Esquiré, Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey.

APPENDIX A.
Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Amod, District Broach, for the years 1S88-1898.


APPENDIX 8.
Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Fillage of the 1 'mod Tailuka of the Broach Collectorate.


APPENDIX $\mathbf{D}$.
Detail of Population according to Oecupation by percentages.

| agbicutrubal Population. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agicuyturay Pordlation. |  |  |  |
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| Having intereat in land. |  |  |  |  | Labourers. |  |  | Total Agricultural Popalation. | Grafta. | Unskilled lsbour. | Otherse | Total Nonagricultural Population. |
| Land occupante nut cultivating. | Land occupante cultivating. | Tenanta and sharers caltivating. | Others. | Total. | Farm servants. | Field lisbourars and crop watchers. | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 418 | 8,972 | 5,450 | 3,551 | 18,391 | 1,534 | 8,222. | 9,756 | -28,147 | 2,440 | 3,163 | 2,521 | 8,124 |
| $1 \cdot 15$ | $24 \cdot 73$ | 15.02 | $9 \cdot 79$ | 50.69 | $4 \cdot 23$ | 22.68 | 26.91 | 77.60 | 6.73 | - 8772 | $6 \cdot 95$ | 22.40 |

APPENDIX 7.
: Detail of Population according to Religion and Edrcation.

| Sox. | As per Village Census. | Percentage on total Population sble to read or learning. | Rrugion. . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hindu Castes. |  |  |  |  | Musalmán Secta. | Christians, | Pársis. | Others. |
|  |  |  | Kunbis, | Kolis, | Rejputa, | Brâhmins.' | Others. |  |  |  |  |
| Males ... ... ... | 18,381 ${ }^{\prime}$ | 35-02 | 2,375 | 2,500 | 840 | 552 | 7,980 | 4,010 | . $\cdot$... | 3 | 121 |
| Females | 17,890 | 1.09 | 2,255 | 2,451 | 844 | 581 | 7,842 | 3,844 | -.....' | 2 | 121 |
| Total ... | 36,271 | 18.28 | 4,630 | 4,951 | 1,684 | 1,083 | 15,822 | 7,854 | ...... | 5 | 242 |

Slatement showing the Agricultural stock of the
Government Fillages in the d'mod Taluka of the Broach Collectorate during the years 1888-89 and 1898-99. -


APPENDIX $G$.
Statement of Shaps, Looms, Temples, \&c., and arerage Birthe, Deaths and Vaccination.


APPENDIX H .


APPENDIX 1.
Slatement showing the proportion of Govervment Occupied and Inám Lande eultivated by Occupants and Sub-Tenants, \&c.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Namber } \\ & \text { villagee. } \end{aligned}$ | Districto | Total Numbers caltivated by Occupante or Inámdárow, |  | Total Numbers caltivated by Occapants or Inámdárs in partncrohip with othors. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Sub-Tenants on Money-rent |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Eub-Ttenants for Produce of Grain-rent. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Waste } \\ \text { Numbers. } \end{gathered}$ | Parampok Nambera. | Total Nombers. |  |
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|  |  | Covernment. | InAm. | Covernment. | Inám. | Goverument. | Inam. | Government. | Inam. |  |  | Government. | Inam. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | $\tau$ | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|  |  | 5,873 | 3,467 | 3,371 | 1,633 | 415 | 124 | 146 | 108 | 81 | 698 | 10,584 | 5,332 |
|  |  | $55 \cdot 49$ | 65.02 | 31.85 | $30 \cdot 63$ | 3.92 | $2 \cdot 33$ | $1 \cdot 38$ | 2.02 | 0.76 | $6 \cdot 60$ | 100 | 100 |

## APPENDIX J.

Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tank and other sources of watersupply in the Government Villages of the A'mod Taluka of the Broach Collectorate for the years 1891-92 and 1896-97.

|  | TAlukes. | Weite, Bdotic, ato ter hixe. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { Irrigation. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Tanks. |  |  |  |  |  | Othis movrosa, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Pakke. | Kacha | Pakka. | Kacha | Pakka. | Kacha. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Follen } \\ \text { in or in } \\ \text { disrepair. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other } \\ & \text { causean } \end{aligned}$ | Pakke. | Kabha | Pakka. | Kacha | Pakka | Kachas. | Fallen disrep in disrepair | Other carses. | Palka | Sscha. | Pakka. | Kachar | Pakks |  | Fallen in or in die repair. | Other carsos. | 咅 |
| .1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 34 | 25 | 28 | 27 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} 51 \\ 51 \end{array}\right\}$ | A'mod. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1891-92 . . . \\ 1896.97\end{array}\right.$ | 68 | 1 | 218 227 | 1 | 299 249 | 21 | 31 35 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 268 269 | $\cdots$ | 1 $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 84 38 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |

## APPENDIX $\bar{K}$.

Showing ordinary sales.

| Clent of casos eccording to the number of timea the Burroy Achetsment for which land in gold. | Number of cancos. | Total gares sold. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Acsenment. } \end{aligned}$ | Average mate of <br>  | Total mum for whioh sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Arerabe } \\ \text { natcoper } \\ \text { Acre for } \\ \text { which sold. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Avernge } \\ \text { nomer of } \\ \text { Himes the } \\ \text { Sorres } \\ \text { forgegment } \\ \text { for which pold. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\pm$ | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | $y$ | 8 |
|  |  | A. g . | Rs, a. p. | Ra. a, p. | Rs. at p. | Ra. a. p. |  |
| Class I ... 1 to 10 timea ... | 21 | 15088 | 625150 | 486 | 4,402 60 | 281011 | -712 |
| * II ... 11-to 25 | 65 | 297 | 1,267 11 0 | 443 | 21,946 00 | 73143 | 17.3 |
| " III ... 26 to 50 | 10 | 325 | 14590 | 486 | 4,65180 | $145 \quad 56$ | 32-14 |
| V ... 101 to 250 | $\cdots$ | **** | *....** | **** | - | ***'* | *..." |
| Total ... | 96 | 48010 | 2,03988 | 410 | 31,089 140 | 64124 | 15.2 |

APPENDIX K ${ }^{(1)}$.
Showing sales under Court decree.

| Clises of caceen mocoriling to the number of times the Survey, A escesment for whloh land is gold | Number of gaces. | Total nores mold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { ABsossment. } \end{gathered}$ | Average rate of Absasement per Acro. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Total sum for } \\ \text { Whioh mold. }}}{ }$ | Average rate per Aore for whiteh sold | Avertge number of timen the Barvey for which bold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 8 |
|  |  | A. g. | Rsp \& $\mathrm{p}^{\text {. }}$ | Rs. an p. | R. | Rs, at pr |  |
|  | 4* | 4428 | 10280 | 2311 | 131 | 2147 | 13 |
|  |  | **** | - ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | . 6 | ...s** | ***." | **... |
|  | 4 | 4428 | 10180 | 2311 | 131 | 2147 | $1 \cdot 3$ |

APPENDIX $L$.
Showing simple mortgages.

| Clagen of oaton according to the aunber of timion the survey asteealuint for which land is cold. | Number of carea. | Total soret mortgaged. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { A somament } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Areragt } \\ \text { rate of } \\ \text { Absesminent } \\ \text { per sacs. } \end{gathered}$ | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per acre for which mort gaged. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | A. | Rs. | Rs. a. p. | Re. |  |  |
|  | 6 | 68 | 854 | 534 | 2,410 | 8571 | $6 \cdot 8$ |
|  | 6 | 26 | 120 | 4810 | 1,948 | 74149 | 16.2 |
|  |  | ... | *** | ...... | ...... | ***** | $\cdots$ |
|  | 12 | 84 | 474 | 508 | 4,858 | 4658 | 9.2 |

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## APPENDIX L(a). <br> Showing nortgages with possession.

| Clese of casea mocording to the number of times the Burvey Asseasment tor which iasdingeold. | Number of casee. | Total acrea mortgaged. | Total Antesument. |  | Total wum for thich mortreaged. | Averace mite per ace for Whish murtsayach. | A repage noti- <br> ber af thame the Rnevey Aabersment mort guged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class 1... 1 to 10 times... | 312 | A. g. 61682 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 2,919 } & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { R4, } & \text { 8, } & \mathrm{p} . \\ 4 & 11 & 8\end{array}$ | Re. a. 22,868 | Re. a. p. $86811$ | 77 |
| , IL... 11 to 25 | 270 | 93010 | $4,301 \quad 90$ | ¢ 911 | 65,28880 | 7081 | $15 \cdot 9$ |
| " III... 26 to 50 , | 22 | 6317 | 16120 | 887 | 7,642 0 | $181 \div 10$ | 47.0 |
| " IV... 51 to 100 " | 1 | 40 | 1900 | 4120 | 8560 | 21400 | 85.0 |
| " V... 101 to 150 " ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | **** | ....." | ....." | ...... | .... |
| Total ... | 405 | 1,614 19 | 7,400 14, 0 | 494 | 96,149 70 | 5982 | $12 \cdot 9$ |

## APPENDIX M.

## Showing Sub-letting8.



## APPENDIX N.

Statoment showing the Prices prevalent in the A'mod Taluka from 1869-70 to 1899-99.


## APPENDIX 0.

## Revenue Statement for the Khalsa Villages, sitwated in the A'mod Taluka of the Broach Oollectorate, into which the Eurvey Settlement wus introduced is 1874-7:.

[The yeark above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}$.

a.
on Government Occupied Land.


APPENDIX


Q-concluded.


## APPENDIX $Q^{(1)}$.

Showing Area of Tillages fur Eelllement, with details.

| , | Name of Village. |  |  | Former |  | by Yonxis Sesvit. |  |  |  |  | By Revisiox Etarit. |  |  |  |  | Pomila. | Rryas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Government 1 ssemsed Land. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Orow } \\ \text { Area, } \\ \text { including } \\ \text { lnaul. } \end{gathered}$ | Of whlchnotesraillablefor cultit.vation. | Governmont Aumoend Laid. |  |  |  |  |
| Num.Ber. |  |  |  | Occupied. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unaec | uried |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Arca. |  | Annepg. ment. |  | Area. |  |  | Anaresa ment. |  |  |
| 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 8 |  | 4 | b | 6 | 7 | 8 | $0 \cdot$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|  | Grov | up 1. |  |  |  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres | Acrea. | B. |  |  |
| 1 | $\Delta^{\prime} \bmod$.. |  |  | A'mod | ... | 1,617 | 667 | 531 | $\ldots$ | ... | 1,017 | 667 | 631 |  | $\cdots$ | 8,000 |  |
| 2 | Dhansoli |  |  | Do. | . | 538 | 46 | 408 | \% | $\cdots$ | 538 | 45 | 409 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| 3 | Pursa ... | ... |  | Do. | - | 2.089 | 469 | 1,235 | 18 | 56 | 2,089 | 469 | 1,235 | 18 | 63 | 1,044 |  |
| 4 | Dádápur | ... | .. | Do. | ... | 985 | 147 | 421 | 35 | 71 | 955 | $1+8$ | 422 | 16 | 80 | 340 |  |
| 5 | Advala | ... |  | Do. | ... | 1,025 | 88 | 779 | . | $\cdots$ | 1,025 | 88 | 779 |  | , | 335 |  |
| 6 | Chaklad | ... |  | Do. | . | 2,069 | $1: 3$ | 1,708 | 1 | 1 | 2,049 | 154 | 1,708 | 1 | 1 | 630 |  |
| 7 | Rodh ... | ... | ... | Do. | ... | 1,194 | 104 | 930 | 2 | 10 | 1,193 | 142 | 491 | 8 | 10 | 2.48 |  |
| 8 | Bhimpur | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Do. | $\cdots$ | 1,2:38 | 173 | 742 |  |  | 1,233 | 374 | 740 |  |  | $4 \times 5$ |  |
| 8 | Sikoti ... |  | . | Do. | ... | 1,288 | 138 | 733 | 1 | 1 | 1,2:44 | ] 12 | 73.3 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 246 |  |
| 10 | Sonama |  | , | Do. | ... | 917 | 130 | 607 | ... | ... | 917 | 130 | 607 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1 \times 3$ |  |
| 11 | Nahicr .. |  | ... | D. | ... | 1,285 | 193 | 874 | ... | ... | 1,280 | 188 | 874 | $\ldots$ | ... | 292 |  |
|  | Tancha. | Talpad | . | Do. | . | - 1,006 | 61 | , 333 | ... | ... | 1,008 | 61 | 333 | $\ldots$ | ... | 536 |  |
| 12 | Tancha $\cdot$ \{ | Wanto | .. | Do. | ... | 1,261 | 77 | 1,184 | ... | ... | 1,262 | 75 | 1,187 | ... | ... | $\because$ |  |
| 13 | Sudi $\because$ | ... | ... | Do. | ... | 1,741 | 106 | 1,289 | ... | ... | 1,740 | $10 ¢$ | 1,258 | ... | ... | 689 |  |
| 14 | Samni Satr | al... | $\cdots$ | Do. | $\cdots$ | 2,658 | 203 | 2,216 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,662 | 202 | 2,2:0 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 908 |  |
| 15 | Keslu ... | ... | . | Do. | ... | 1,458 | 105 | 1,078 |  |  | 1,458 | 105 | 1,078 |  |  | 624 |  |
| 16 | Ranada | $\cdots$ | - | Do. | ... | 1,341 | 83 | 498 | 9 | 30 | 1,341 | 83 | 4 | 9 | 39 | 808 |  |
| 17 | Kurchan | ... | - | Do. | -.. | 1,796 | 149 | 1,327 | ... | ... | 1,796 | 119 | 3,817 | ... | $\therefore$ | 752 |  |
| 18 | Yatarsa |  | . | Do. | $\ldots$ | 1,701 | 148 | 1,031 | ... | ... | 1.702 | 147 | 1,033 | ... | ... | 522 |  |
| 19 | Kothi Vata | arsa | ... | Do. | ... | 922 | 79 | 758 | ." | ... | 924 | 79 | 760 | $\ldots$ | ... | 010 |  |
| 20 | Amarpur | ... | $\ldots$ | Do. | ... | 1,264 | 61 | 723 | ... | $\ldots$ | 1,264 | 08 | 726 | ... | $\ldots$ | 317 |  |
| 21 | Anor ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | Do. | ... | 2.5"6 | 197 | 2,152 | $\cdots$ |  | 2,526 | 200 | 2,149 |  |  | 967 |  |
| 22 | Ninam... | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | ... | 1,137 | 90 | 664 | 6 | 28 | 1,138 | 91 |  | 6 | 27 | 414 |  |
| 23 | Ghamnad | $\cdots$ | ... | Do. | ... | 2,574 | 234 | 1,887 | 18 | 66 | 2,569 | 216 | 1,495 | 19 | 89 | ${ }_{8}^{84} 8$ |  |
| 24 | Dora ... | - | ... | Do. | .. | 3,890 | 429 | 3.064 | 2 | 7 | 3,891 | 436 | 3.058 | 2 | 8 | 1,193 |  |
| 25 | Ikhar ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | Do. | ... | 3,646 | 272 | 2,899 | ... | ... | 3,645 | 272 | 2.498 | ... | $\ldots$ | 1.985 |  |
| 28 | Karena | ... | . | Do. | $\ldots$ | 1,772 | 166 | 1,504 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 1,772 | 160 | 1,504 | . 0 | ... | 655 |  |
| 27 | Ochán... | $\cdots$ | ... | Do. | ... | 1,780 | 167 | 1,204 |  | \% | 1,780 | 168 | 1,204 |  | - | 7.45 |  |
| 28 | Sunthodra | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | ... | 524 | 50 | 839 | 4 | 20 | 524 | 50 | 339 | 4 | 20 | 180 |  |
| 29 | Telod ... | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | - | 1,366 | 94 | 885 | 11 | . | 1,366 | 94 | 885 | 11 | 40 | 893 |  |
| 30 | Dánda... | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | ... | 2,194 | 211 | 1,196 | 11 | 42 | 2.1194 | 210 | 1,107 | 11 | 40 | 723 |  |
| 31 32 | Timbi ... | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | . $\cdot$ | 1,056 | 110 | 8.827 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 5,056 4,422 | 110 | 887 8.611 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.888 |  |
|  | Earbhan | Taipad | $\cdots$ | Do. | $\cdots$ | 4,422 1,868 | 806 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 3,617 } \\ \hline 162\end{array}$ |  | 1 | 1,871 | 304 | 762 | 6 | 30 | 1,703 |  |
| 33 | Matar ... $\{$ | Wanto | $\cdots$ | Do. | $\cdots$ | 1,380 | 27 | 1,353 | $\ldots$ | .. | 1,376 | 28 | 1,348 | ... | ... |  |  |
| 34 | Vásna ... | - | ... | Do. |  | 1,643 | 168 | 1,224 | $\cdots$ | .. | 1,643 | 168 | 1,224 | . |  | 562 |  |
| 35 | Kolba, ... | ... | ... | Do. |  | 1,750 | 210 | 867 | 1 | 2 | 1,750 | 211 | 846 | 1 | 2 | 618 |  |
| 36 | Manjola | ... | ... | ${ }^{\text {Do. }}$ |  | 1,178 | 138 | 714 | ... | ... | 3,178 | 138 | 714 |  | $\ldots$ | 408 |  |
| 37 | Vedeha |  |  | Do. |  | 1,503 | 146 | 1,114 | ... | ... | 1,503 | 146 | 3,114 | $\ldots$ | ... | 393 |  |
|  |  | Total | $\cdots$ |  |  | 65,595 | 6,822 | 45,6.1 | 89 | 335 | 85,601 | 6,805 | 45,652 | 98 | 411 | 28,050 |  |
|  | Grou | $p, I I$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | Achhod |  | ... | A'mod | ... | 4.488 | 1,471 | 2,703 | 10 | 33 | 4,489 | 1,471 | 2,701 | 10 | 87 | 2,443 |  |
| 39 | Buva ... | ... | ... | Do. |  | 1,762 | 190 | 1,193 | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,7ti2 | 190 | 1.193 | ... | $\ldots$ | 975 |  |
| 40 | Bodks... | $\cdots$ | ... | - Do. |  | 805 | 97 | 372 | . | ... | 808 | 98 | 372 | $\ldots$ | ... | 183 |  |
| 41 | Samials | $\cdots$ | ... | Do. |  | 1,318 | 75 | 578 | . | $\cdots$ | 1,348 | 77 | 576 | - | B | $\underline{139}$ |  |
| 42 | Kervada | ... | ... | Do. | . | 751 | 267 | 365 | 2 | 5 | 751 | 287 | 365 | 2 | 6 | 1,632 |  |
| 43 | Itola ... | ... | $\cdots$ | Do. | . | 1,723 | 138 | 914 | , | - | 1,728 | 339 | ( 914 |  |  | 351 938 |  |
| 44 | Kolváne | ... | ... | Do. |  | 2,462 | 186 | 1,508 | 1 | 4 | 2,462 | 186 | 1,508 | 1 | 6 12 | 933 10082 |  |
| 45 | Tankaria | ... | ... | Do. |  | 3,022 | 282 | 2,058 | 3 | 9 | 8,022 | 262 | 2,058 | 8 | 12 | 1,057 |  |
|  |  | Total | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | 16,861 | 2,706 | 9,691 | 16 | 51 | 16,363 | 2,708 | 9,600 | 16 | 61 | 7,756 |  |
|  | - Group | P III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 46 | Maclıáara | ... | $\cdots$ | $A^{\prime}$ mod |  | 1,768 | 783 | 825 | 3 | 8 | 1,768 | 783 | $82 \%$ | 8 | 8 | 893 |  |
| 47 | Mangrol | ... | $\ldots$ | Do. |  | 2,616 | 961 | 1,087 | .. | .. | 2,616 | 961 | 1,047 | ... | ... | 401 |  |
| 48 | Valipur | ... | $\cdots$ | D. |  | 581 | 238 | 232 | $\ldots$ | . | 530 | 238 | $23:$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 122 |  |
| 49 | Hetampur | ... | . | Do. |  | 459 | 25 | 301 |  |  | 469 | 25 | 301 | \% | $\ddot{\square}$ | 90 |  |
| 50 | Donva | *.. | ... | Do. |  | 9,118 | 7,690 | 1,072 | 30 | 88 | 9,119 | 7,709 | 1,061 | 23 | 34 | 444 |  |
|  |  | Tutal | ... | - ... |  | 14,512 | 9,697 | 8,517 | 38 | 47 | 14,542 | 9,716 | 3,505 | 26 | 42 | 2,016 |  |
|  | Gran | d Tota: |  | $\cdots$ |  | 96,498 | 10,225 | 58,849 | 138 | 433 | 96,506 | 10,229 | 58,817 | 138 | 514 | 87,861 |  |

## APPENDIX $Q^{(3)}$.

Comparative Statement showing amount of old Well Kasar and neso Subsoil Water Assessment.

|  | Name of Village. | Stbboit Watrar Ambrambity. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dry-crop. |  | Nơ* rice. |  | Old rioe. |  | Garden. |  | Total |  |
|  |  | Arean | $\underset{\substack{\text { Assoses- } \\ \text { ment. }}}{ }$ | Area. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ase88s- } \\ & \text { - ment. } \end{aligned}$ | Area. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aseses. } \\ \text { ment. } \end{gathered}$ | Ares, | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta_{\text {Begess. }}^{\text {ment. }} \end{aligned}$ | Area, | $\Delta$ Asossa- |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  |  | Acres. | Rs, | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. |
| 1 | A'mod ... | 11 | 7 | ** | $\cdots$ | "' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -•• | 11 | 7 |
| 23 | Ghamnád... | 9 | 6 | ... | - | *' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$, | 9 | 6 |
| 34 | Vásna ... | 4 | 4 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 4 | 4 |
| 45 | Tankária ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 5 | 6 | . ${ }$ | $\cdots$ | 5 | 6 |
|  | Total ... | 24 | 17 | -* | ..• | 5 | 6 | - | $\cdots$ | 29 | 23 |

# APPENDIX R. 

No. $\frac{\Delta}{681}$ or 1878.
From

N. B. BEYTS, Eqquize,<br>Acting Saperintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat;

To

J. G. WHITE, Esquire,<br>Collector of Broach.

Superintendent's Office, Camp $\mathbf{A}^{\prime}$ mod, 2 2nd $\Delta$ pril $1 S 76$.

## SIr,

I had the honour of introducing experimental rates of assessment in the A'mod Taluka

Revenue Commisaioner's lettor No. 1801 of the 22nd of May 1875. of the Broach District Iast season, with the annction of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., under Section XXV. of Act 1 of 1865.
2. I now beg to submit my report on the financial effect of those rates, and will embody the chief portions of the preliminary report to enable Goverament to pase orders on the subject.
3. This táluka is a compact tract, 22 miles east to wert, and 13 miles from north to Canfigaration and Ponitipn. south, lying north of the Vagra'Taluka, and south of Jambusar. Its western boundary formerly extended to the Gulf of Cambay, but the Vagra Taluka-newly constituted with a portion of Kmod villages-now interposes. The eastern side is bounded by Gáekwári territory. Amod bas no outlying villages, bat contains a Gaekwari village-Asnera-in its very centre.
4. As now constituted it contains 53 villages, all khálsa, having an area of 176 square Areaj miles. Population 40,260 , or 228.75 per square mile, by the census of 1872.
5. This táluka has exehanged its villages with Jambusar, Vagra, and Broach to such

Changes. an extent that it has no resemblance to what it was formerly. In 1819 it contained 44 viHages with an ares of 221 square miles : up to 1874-75 it contained 50 villages, though with 45 square, miles less area. The three additional villages now enumerated are the wantas of Tancha and Mátar, separated from the talpad portion by the survey; and Ajamnagar, a deserted village brought to account.
6. The lands of $A$ mod formed part of the acquisition obtained by the British in a.D. History. $\quad 1773$ on account of their alliance with Rugnath Ráo. These lands were in token of friendship continued to them onder the treaty of Purandhar, and remained under British rule till in 1783 they were restored to the Maratha Government. They remained under the Peishwa till in 1817 they were, under the terms of the treaty of Poona, finally banded over to the Honourable Company.
7. The country partakes of the character of Vagra and Jambusar in parts adjacent to

Aspect.
those talukas, being fairly wooded and hedgebound in the vicinity of Dadápur on the Dhadhar, and open in other parts. The better portion of the black-soil villages have a few mango, tamarind, and babul trees scattered about, especially near tanks; but towards the coast the country is low, bare, and bleak. All the villages east of Amod belong to the Kánam type, and are supposed to be a fair average of the district. The bára villages are, on the whole, better clothed with crops than the Vagra bára, and can only be called poor in comparison with the richer' parts of the delta.
8. The Dhadhar, which flows on the northern boundary between alluvial banks from 15 Rivers. to 30 feet high, is tidal up to Bojadra, but not navigable at all within the limits of the taluka. Deep pools of fresh water lie above Dadapar, lasting throughout the season, and contain a considerable amount of fine fish.
9. The climate of Amod is mach the same as that of Jambusar. The severity of the Climate. hot winds after March is much less felt here than in Vagra; this is in a measure due to the influence of the Dhadhar-up the channel of which river the sea-breeze is drawn to the extreme boundary. The coolest encamping around is at Dadapur, under a magaificeut mango tope on the margin of the river.
10. The rainfall appears to have been very variable during the last eleven years, rang-

Raidfall.

| 1864-65 | 36.29 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1885-66 | - 30.51 |
| 1886-67 | 82-42 |
| $1867 \cdot 68$ | ... 32.2 |
| 1868-69 | ... 41-61 |
| 1869-70 | ... 82.22 |
| 3870-71 | ... 88.18 |
| 1871-72 | ... 3217 |
| 1872-78 | ... 86.37 |
| 1878-74 | ... 22.68 |
| 187475 | 87.09 |
| Total | ... 845.56 |
| Mean aversge | 31-41 | ing from 15 to 41 inches-the average being $31 \cdot 41$. The average fall in Vagra during the same period was only $25 \cdot 66$. The amount of rainfall in any given year is not, however, a sure indication of the season having been favourable or otherwise for crop-bearing as so mach depends upon how the fall was distributed. It is nevertheless certain that such a very small aggregate fall as was registered in $1864-65$ will be followed by an inferior harvest, which might even distress the better elass of ryots.

11. It will be remembered that the general complaint in Vagra was want of drainage. In this respect, though subject to a greater fall of rain, A'mod is much better off. A water-course, called the Wanio-voho, flows through the centre of the taluka east to west, passing Sarbhon between high precipitous banks, which diminish with the fall of the country and merge in the flat about A'mod. Another small water-ccurse traverses the taluka from the south-east, joining the Waniovoho and falling into the Dhadhar near Machasra. These, and a few other omaller drains leading into the Dhádhar, effectually carry off the rain flood.
12. There were several general complaints, during Jamábandi, of fields being water-logged and produaing little or nothing in consequence-urged with the sole view of inducing me to lower the assensment. I noted them at the time, and during the height of the monsoon sent a trustworthy man to test their accuracy ; but, as anticipated, found they were groundless. It cannot be denied that four or five days' oontinuous heary rain does to a very great extent flood the whole delta of the Broach District. I remember passing through it in June 1856, when, after a few daya' very heavy rain, the whole country from Jambusar to Broach was a sheet of watar ankle-deep, but it is equally true that a few fine days generally suffice to remedy this. It is, however, stated that last year's rain was excessively injurious, because of being unseaconable. At the same time it might be remarked that which injures cotton is rather beneficial for other crops, and that the lowlying lands in such heavy floods are found to be in the best form for wheat and rabi cultivation.
13. The soils here chiefly consist of the well-known black, a little gorat, and bháta situatsolla. ed on the margin of the Dhadhar. Between Palej and $A^{\prime}$ mod the black is of a superior kind, but shades off into grey westward of the kasba town, until it merges into khar at Denwa. The relative extent of good productive soil over that which is poor, far exceeds in A'mod the ratio exjsting in other talukas of your collectorate; there being, in fact, very little bara and khar here, simply because the villages of that type were transferred to Vágra in the adjuatment of talukas, and as A'mod received in exchange pome of the very best Vagra villaga-belonging to the old Sarbhon Tappaimmediately in the neighbourhood of the Palej Railway Station.
14. Like all black-soil districts this one is very deficient in water resources. The DháWater resoncees. dhar being to a great extent tidal, precludes all idea of irrigation from it, except in the upper part, where both Dádapur and Kobla if they choose could draw a perennial supply of water by dhekuri lifts; but this is not done, and apparently for no bettar reason than that no one had ever used a dhekuri lift. It is the old story of the son not attempting what the father never tried.
15. The large wells to be seen about $A^{\prime}$ mod any distance from the percolating radius of the village tanke are useless for irrigation, because of the water being brackish and lying low. I am told that these welle, before the great earthquake which took place early in the present century, were much used-the water then, it is said, having been sweet, and much nearer the surface. At present the only wells used for irrigation are in the immediate neighbourhood of tanks, from which springs are fed at the expense of the tank store.
16. There are altogether 201 wells in Government and 16 in alienated land; 39 of the Wellu. former and 6 of the latter are out of repair. Ont of these, 99 . are used for drinking and domestic purposes and 73 for irrigation, thue averaging $1 \$$ wells for gardon cultivation per village.
17. There are also one or two tanks in each village, but they seldom hold water throughout the year; the majority are dry before April, necessitating resource to pits or wells in the bed of the tank to water- the village cattle.
18. This is rather a sad tlescription of the water resources of a taluka so important as A'mod; but there is much to fear that even a sadder account impends, as the tendency is towards further deterioration. The tanks are rapidly silting, and the efforts to clear them are, I regret
to say, feeble in the extreme. A small grant from Local Funds, meted out at long intervals, helps rather to aggravate the evil-a state of things not, however, peculiar to your district, but more or less applicable to, almost every district of this province, and which must sooner or latter be met by systematic measures of improvement, or become year by year more irrmediable. It is to be regretted that the good old village system has passel sway under which the Patels or Kumávisdár could compel the villagers to aid in public works. It is to such a system of compulsion, which so folly accords with the idiosy nerasy of the people that we are indebted for the large tanks which exist; and the more one reflects on this important subject, the more one becomes convinced that the European idea of free trade and free labour is out of place in this old conservative country, and that nothing but benevolent compulsion will avail to make this people do that which is to their own benefit. What is the result of a small grant from Local Funds, even though it be supplemented by an equal cash contribution from the villagers now and then? Nothing but a small hole on one side of a big tank which is filled up the following year. It cannot, of course, approach the efficacy of the traditional plan of calling upon every householder once in a generation to assist in thoroughly clearing out and deepening the village tank.
19. Two made roads traverse the taluka : one from Jambusar passing through Amod to Boads.

Broach, and the other from A'mod to the Pálej Railway Station They are composed solely of the material dug from the trenches on both sides. 'If a little metal could be added to make them slightly different from the natural tracks of the country, which resemble bird-lime after the first fall of rain, they would be far more useful and agreeable to travel over. Stones, however, must be imported, and kankar is said to be scarce, though any quantity might be obtained in the nalas situated in the very centre of the taluka to metal the $A^{\prime}$ mod roads many times orer. But without incurring a moderate expense, nothing better can be expected.
20. The local markets of A'mod and Sarbhon are more or less controlled by merchants Marketan at Palej and Broach, situated 14 and 22 miles from the centre of the district. The most easterly villages almost abut on the Palej Railway Station, where there is a considerable business transacted owing to the six steammills at work. In these days of free communication and telegraphs the ryots are not in the dark as to the best market for their produce. They think nothing of going to Broach or Tankária Bandar if prices are a little more favourable there than at Palej.* A practice is, however, springing up of disposing of the produce to itinerant cotton-agents who advance money on the coming crop, so that competition is active, and the business of the middleman almost gong
21. Amod is 2 emall town of 1,812 houses, having a population of 5,825 souls, in which. there is very little trade carried on except in cotton. There are a few workers in iron who make knives and razors ; and the weavers and dyers get up a coarse description of red cloth used for women's skirts and saris. The place being the seat of the Mámlatdár's kutcherry and residence of the Thakor, who keeps up a measure of state on an income of Rs. 80,000 per annum-a number of respectable people reside in it, and create more business than the town would otherwise command from its position.

Prices,
22. The average prices of staple products of the district ${ }_{2}$ in five periods from 1810 to 1874, are given below.

| Name of Prodaci. |  |  |  | First Period; 1810 to | Second Period, 1838 to | Third Period, 1851 to | Fourth Period, 1861 to | Fifth Poriod, 1867 to | General average of 64 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw cot |  | -* | -• | 18 | - 27 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Juvár | . ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | .-. | -* | 46 | 68 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 47 |
| Wheat | ** | ** | *** | 41 | 46 | 46 | 21 | 22 | 35 |
| Rice | ** | ** | ** | 50 | 62 | 48 | 81. | 27 | 43 |
| Túr... | -** | *** | *** | 52 | 54 | 44 | 15 | 15 | 36 |

The first period, exclusive of three specisl years of scarcity (1813, 1814, and 1820), is a time of high prices; after the gap of 12 years the second period is of falling prices; the third a time of re-action, with prices tending upwards, due to the increased demand for exports and the additional importation of bullion caused by the Russian and Persian wars and the matinies. The period of 14 years since 1860 may be divided into two portions : the first from 1861 to 1868 , the term of high prices due chiefly to the American War; and the second a period of re-action,
23. The prices during the past 12 years are subjoined in detail.

[^0]| No. | Tear A.D. | Quartity by Sazes of 40 Tolas sold per Onf Rupag, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rappar | Wheat. | B6jr. | Jowr. | (rice $\begin{gathered}\text { Rin } \\ \text { inuk. }\end{gathered}$ | Lang. | Mang. | Arad. | Jaṭh. | Grams | Wal. | Peas. | Chalm | Tar. |
| - 1 | 1868-64 | 32 | 178 | 178 | 20 | $24 \frac{1}{4}$ | 484 | 178 | 16 | $24\}$ | 172 | 243 | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | 173 | 214 |
| . 8 | 1)64-6 | 61 | 181 | 28 | 40 | 269 | 42 l | 13 | 134 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| 8 | 1865-66 | 64 | 81 | 28 | 88 | 29 | 424 | 20 | 16 | 58 | 173 | 32 | 23 | 32 | 23 |
| 4 | 1866-67 | 124 | 264 | 243 | $2)^{4}$ | 29 | 64 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 17 | 32 | 263 | 29 | 264 |
| 8 | 1587.68 ... | 154 | 264 | $24\}$ | 32. | 35. | $71 \%$ | 261 | 23 | 40 | 26. | 40 | 32 | 32 | 35 t |
| 6 | 1-68-69 - | 91 | 1. | 214 | 304 | 2i: ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 40 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 29 | 29 | 263 | 2 |
| 7 | 1869.70 | 9 | 182 | 2 C | 29 | 82 | $4{ }^{12}$ | $21 \pm$ | 394 | 29 | 254 | 29 | 20 | 251 | 268 |
| 8 | $1{ }^{1 N 70.71}$ | 15 | 801 | 264 | 40 | 88 | 64 | 268 | ${ }^{23}$ | 40 | 26 | 40 | 32 | 29 | 354 |
| 9 | 187172 | 81 | 24. | 82 | 40 | 40 | 58. | 23 | 26. | 38 | 207 | 32 | 264 | ${ }_{40}^{26 \%}$ | 29 |
| 10 | 1874-73 | 81 | 834 | 351 | $4{ }^{4}$ | 5.34 | 64 | 269 | 82 | 45 | 269 | 40 | 32 | 40 | 29 |
| 11 | 1873-74 | 15 | 32 | 42. | 40 | 32 | 521 | 32 | 268 | $42 \%$ | 20 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 268 |
| 12 | 1874.75 | 111 | $29 \%$ | 295 | 36 | 861 | 64\% | 314 | 27 | 468 | 274 | 32 | 271 | 52 | 46 |
|  | Mean average . | 10, 6 | 241 | 28 | 851 | 391 | 63 | 23 | 22 | 84 | 223 | 318 | 269 | $28 \pm$ | 28! |

24. These figures show cons:derable fluctuations; but they evidence, on the whole. a purmanent rise due to the material advancement of the country. For the parposes of this report it is only necessary that I should compare the prices ruling in 1848, when Mr. Davies settled this táluka, and in 1875 , when my revision commences:-


Thus the chief staple commands, even now, after a considerable fall within the last 12 years, a threefold, and the other staples a $t$ wofold higher value. There is, therefore, a very wide margin for fall in prices before the level in Mr. Davies' time can be attained.
25. The census returns for 1872 show that of a total population of 40,260 souls, 29,783

Population. or 73.97 per cent., were Hindus; 7,836 , or $19 \cdot 46$ per cent. Musalmane ; 2,851 , or 5.83 per cent., aborigines, and 283 , or 0.7 per cent., foreign Asiatics. There were besides, one non-Asiatic and 6 persons of Hindu origin not recognizing distinctions of castes, such as Sikhs and Native converts to Christinnity.
26. Enumerated by professions the population consisted of -

| Government servants | ... | - | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,043 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Artisans | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot \cdots$ | . | ... | ... | - | 431 |
| Private merrants | $\cdots$ | .. | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | A. | $1 \cdot 0$ | 476 |
| Trajera | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .-. | \$29 |
| Cattle-dealers | $\ldots$ | ..- | ... | .* | -.. | $\cdots$ | 345 |
| 4 Aricoleurista |  |  | ... | 0 |  | $\cdots$ | 8,279 |
| Miscollaneous, profess | ous | b lab | are |  | ... | ... | 29,359 |

A more detailad account will be found in Statistical Table D., Part IV., appended.
27. Although this taluka would be correctly termed arricultural, yot they who are connected with the soil as landholdors and cultivators form only

Proportion of Agrioultarista to wotal Yopulation. one-fifth of the total population. It is necessary to observe this in connection with the fact that public works which are maintained by Looal Funds, fall upon a very limited section of the community, as the Local Fund Cess, otherwise called the Agricultural Cess, is levied from only 4,978 individuals or khatadares in the tailuta-the number 8,279 being made up of their families.
28. The total number of deaths in the five years ending with 1874-75 was 4,438, or Vital Statisticl. an average yearly mortality of 857 ; or, assuming the figures of the Census of 1872 as a basis, 2.2 per cent. of the total population of the subdivision. Of the average number of deaths 650 , or $73 \cdot 28$ per cent., were returned as due to fever; 40 , or 4.5 per cent., to diarrhces and dysentery; 6 , or -67 per cent., to small-por; 2 s , or 3.15 per cent., to cholera; and 157, or 17.7 per cent., to miscellaneous diseases. Deaths from accidents and violence averaged 6 , or 67 per cent: of the average mortality. During the same period the number of births is returned at 3,616 souls, of whom 1,950 are entered as'male and 1,698 as female children, or an average yearly birth-rate of 729, or 1-81 per cent. of the total population.
23. In 1874 the people twere lodged in 11,367 houses, were provided with 217 wells and

Resoarecs. 84 tanks, and owned the following stock:-3,388 ploughs, 2,600 carts, 8,785 oxen, 1,823 cows, 7,954 buffaloes, 610 horses, and $3, \not{ }^{2} 9$ other animals.
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30. I am precluded from making any remark on the extension or contraction of these resources within any two definite periods, there being no available detail in consequence of the transfer of villages and changes in the taluka from time to time, as stated in para. . . A comparison of the present resources of Amod with that of other talukas of the district is, however, necessary to give a correct idea of their relative importance :-

|  | Per Squabil Mile. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Brosoh. | Anklesmme. | Whagre | 4 mad . |
| Inluabitants ... ... | 319** | 230 | 124 | 229 |
| Houses... ... ... | 601 | 68 | 82 | 65 |
| Cows and buffaloes | 60 | 71 | 25 | 65 |
| Oxen ... | 82 | 62 | 81 | 60 |
| Ploughs $\quad .$. | 22 | 28 | 131 | 19 |

It will be seen from this that A'mod is in every respect a far superior taluka to Wagralast settled.
31. The greater"portion of the cultivators in this táluka are Kunbis and Borahs, very Agricultures equally divided, and a few Kolis and Rajpats. The characteristic skill and industry of the two former are exemplified here as much as elsewhere in the district; and in like manner the Kolis and Rajputs occupy proverbially a much lower scale of intelligence. They are, at best, poor farmers, and add to the difficulties of a settlement, because what is light ausessment for the one is almost crushing for the other.
32. The staple products are cotton, jowar, and wheat. Rice is chief $y$ raised with cotton in unbunded jaráyat fields, only a fow acres are embanked for regular rice cultivation. The little garden-land there is, is, however, highly cultivated by the Kachias, or professional gardeners, who raise a succession of vegetable crops for local consumption.
33. The operations of farming are much the same as described in previous reports

## Operatione,

I have treated them at great length in a paper prepared for Campbell's Bombay Gazetteer-Gujarat ; it is, therefore, unnecensary to extend the dimensions of this report with a quotation which cannot be conveniently curtailed.
34. The cost and profits of cultivation have also met with treatment in detail, but 1

Abstract of Cost and Profita of Cultivation. may be allowed to put the whole matter in a small space here. The eost of cotton cultivation, inclusive of labour, seed, mauure, deterioration of dead and live stock and rental, ranges from Rs. 9 to 21 per acre; value of crop-according to the prices ruling in 1874-Rs. 11 to 40 ; net profit Rs. 1 it to 19. Jowar costs from Ra. 11 to 20 ; value of crop Rs. 17 to 40 ; net profit Rs. 5 to 18. Wheat costr Rs. 11 to 14 ; crop Rs. 16 to 59 ; profit Rs. 5 to 48. Rice costs here (an inferior rice district) Rs. 11 to 23 ; crop Rs. 17 to 39 ; net profit Rs. 5 to 16. Supposing the ryot to have an equal area of each description of the above crops, and that his fields are some gaod and some bad, the expenses of such a holding would average Rs. 15, crop 30, and net profit 15 per acre, which I consider the surplus income derived from agriculture in this talluka in a good jear.
35. - It is necessary to explain why the profit of wheat cultivation appears greater than that of cotton and jowar ; the truth is, that wheat is a precarious crop from the great liability of its being destroyed by vermin, $t$ so that the maximum profit is ordinarily not obtained, though the fact of its having been obtained by careful watching has been placed beyond all question by crop experiments.
36. I must also explain that the "cost of labour" does not simply mean the extra labour engaged by the ryot to supplement his own personal labour in the requirements of the farm, but the full wages which would have to be paid for farming operations were the ryot's personal assistance wholly withdrawn. Receiving, however, credit for wages, the net profit represents a surplus-a sum which the ryot might bank if he were provident, his wages being sufficient to live on. In the position of a middleman or gentleman at large, of Which class there are a few in this taluka, he would, of course, have to live on the rent or surplus, which is found ample to maintain this family in comfort.
37. I cannot omit to mention an instance of what ordinary land is capable of yielding

## High Farming,

by irrigation and an intelligent mode of high culture. It came under my own observation in the kasba town of A'mod; and having pitched my tents on the border of the field had full opportanity of eatisfying myself on the subject. The field is $4 \frac{1}{2}$ acres in extent, the freehold of a religions mendicants, and was formerly (owing to its boing full of thistles and consequently uneulturable) a

[^1]common resort for the donkeys of the village; hence was called the Gádhedio-keth. Owing to the very great demand for land by a large body of Kachiás-they having no land in their occupancy - the fakir was induced to sink a well at a cost of Rs. 400 ; the spring, however, was found only equal to the irrigation of one and a half acres. For the occupancy of this field the market-gardener agreed to pay an annual rent of Rs. 30*. The land was ploughed and manured as in ordinary dry-crop cultivation, and was permitted to lia fallow until after the close of the raing season. It was then sub-divided into 800 plots, each plot 8 cubits long by 4 broad, ridged and worked with the kodali, on the principle of apade hasbandry The only labourers employed on the field werd the members of three families of marketgardeners. Having previously prepared nurseries of onions, gerlic, ginger, and a great variety of vegetables and herbs, the gardeners moved the young plants into the larger beds, irrigating each day at the rate of 100 beda, so as to water the entire field once in 8 days. After a few days, when the plants were well sottled in their new beds, women brought baskets of well-pounded oil-cake (khol)-in appearance like snuff-and scattered abont 10 lbs. of this preparation evenly and carefully over each bed. The land was immediately flooded, and in a few daya the plants had made the most marked progress. The gardeners weeded and thinned with great care, and kept the beds a picture of neatness. The water-channels and ridges were planted with mustard, fennel, and other herbs, so that not an inch of ground was left waste. When the crop had been gathered from a bed, the aoil was immediately turned over, worked with frevh manure, and replanted on the principle that tap-roots succeed fibrous roots and leaf-crops succeed bulbs. In this way a single bed was made to yield three crops in the season, valued at one rupee per bed-the common rate at which the retail vendor purchases the crop. By this simple computation the produce was worth Rs. 800 to the cultivators, and afforded additional profits to the vendors.
38. The cost of; cultivating this field may be thas summed up: rent Rs. 30, irrigation Rs. 57 per acre ; but in this case a pair of bullocks and two men were employed on one and a half acres for 8 months in the year, so the field is liable to the full charge of Rs. 171 $\dagger$; farm-yard manure Rs. 25 ; oil-seed manure $8,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ at 60 lbs .for a rupee, Rs. 133 ; seed Rs. 30 ; the wages of 3 families- 3 men at 3 annas and 3 women at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas a day-for eight months, st the rate of labourers' wages only, Rs. $247 \frac{1}{2}$; in all cost of cultivation Rs. $636 \frac{1}{2}$, net profit Rs. $163 \frac{1}{3}$. Thus 5 men and 5 women were provided with the full wages of agricultural labour daring 8 months of the year, and divided between them Rs, 1631 out of the proceeds of one and a half acres of garden land. This almost seems incredible, but it is nevertheless true, and only shows that the will only is required to make the land yield its increase.
39. It was ascertained last season that fibres (cotton) covered $40 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent; cereals Ratio of Cropa. $\quad$ and pulses, 40 ; oil-seeds, 34 ; vegetables, dyes and narcotics, 2 ; meadow and fallow land, 14 per cent. of the cultivated area. The kharif harvest embracing $61 \frac{4}{4}$ per cent. and the rabi harvest 381 per cent. 13 per cent. of the land yielded a double crop.
40. The following atatement gives concisely the crops grown on Government land Produce. only exclusive of the Udhad wanto, the estimated yield, and gross value of produce:-

| Name of Crop. | Area ander Onltivation in round numbera. | Eutimatod Average Pro- duce per Acre in mannds of 40 lbs | Total <br> Produce, Columns $8 \times 2$. | Price per mand as present, | Faine of Produce per Acre, Columing $8 \times 5$ | Gross Kalue of Producen $2 \times 6$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kharif. |  |  |  | Rs. A. p. | Ras. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | Rs. |
| Rice in husk | 8,011 | 20 | 60,220 | 117 | 21158 | 66,179 |
| Kappae ... ... ... ... | 21,504 | 8 | 1,72,082 | 878 | 27134 | 5,98,528 |
| Jowhr ... $\quad$ as $\quad .$. | 525 | 20 | 10,500 | 117 | 21158 | 11,539 |
| Bajri -.. $\quad$. | 684 | 18 | 12,312 | 186 | 2790 | 18,853 |
| Kodra ... ... ... ... | 103 | 26 | 2,678 | 098 | 15136 | 1,632 |
| Math ... ... | 20 | 1018 | 330 | 0138 | 1418 | 282 |
| Mling ... ... ... | 10 | 12 | 120 | 146 | 156 | 154 |
| Tobacco ... ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | 61 | 30 | 1,830 | 4141 | 14666 | 8,931 |
| Sundia (jowar) ... $\quad .$. | 138 | 15 | 2,070 | 186 | 1846 | 2,523 |
| Total ... | 26,056 | .... | 2,62,092 | .....' | .1... | 7,08,621 |
| Add value of karbi, atraw, ond foddes. | .'.". | ...... | ...." | '..' | ....." | 14,957 |
| Total Kharif ... | ...... | ..' ${ }^{\prime}$ | - | -100 | ..... | 7,23,078 |

- Ro. 171 is the eatimated expense of keeping kos bullocks and the gear throughout the year.
+ The Kiohin this year, 1876, paid Rn. 95, and bia rent is to be raised to Ra. 110 for the whole field next gatacn though half the area is dry-crop land.

| Name of Crop. | Afca under Cultivation in round numbers. | Estimated Average Produce per Acre in manid of 40 lbe . | Total <br> Pronluce. <br> Columns $3 \times 2$ | Price per maun 1 at prosent, | Value of I'romiace per Acre, Col. umas $3 \times 5$. | Trose Valne of Proluce, $2 \times 6$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\boldsymbol{R a b i o}$ | Acress |  |  | Re st po | If. as p. | Ta. |
| Whest ... .... | 9,544 | 15 | 68.160 | $1{ }^{1} 80$ | 2280 | 79,74 |
| Thar ... ... | 1.174 | 15 | 17.810 | 0188 | 12130 | 15,012 |
| Til ... ... ... | 2,012 | 7 | 1.,03t | 270 | 1710 | 3,4.330 |
| Jowar ... ... ... ... | 9,664 | 14 | 1,85,206 | 117 | $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 6\end{array}$ | 1,48.645 |
| Safliower ... ... ... .* | 12 | 43 | 57 | 159 | 742 ¢ | 830 |
| Gram ... ... ... | 16 | 10 | 160 | 176 | 14102 | 234 |
| Peas .. ... ... ... ... | 64 | 18 | 768 | 176 | 170 | 1,124 |
| Lang ... ... ... | 6,219 | 15 | 33,285 | 0118 | 10150 | 6, |
| Vegetalies ... ... ... | 149 | 1.5 | 14,526 | 0100 | 732 | 11,641 |
| Castor-oil Seed ... - .. | 115 | 12 | 1,380 | 1158 | 4370 | 2.693 |
| Sugar-cene ... ... ... | 4 | 36 | $1 * 4$ | 400 | 14400 | 876 |
| Nitarow, fallow, and waste land... | 9,287 | ...... | ...... | ...... | ... .. | 18,438 |
| Total ... | 32,260 | ... | 13,34,569 | $\cdots$ | ...... | 4,00,412 |
| Add value of karli, stram, nud | ...... | ..... | ... $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | *...00 | J,08,728 |
| Tutal Rabi | ...... | ... | .... | ...... | ...... | 8,13,140 |
| Grand Total ... | 58,316 | ...... | 5,96,661 | ..... | ... | 12,36,718 |

[^2] are not entirely trustworthy. Column 3 is, in my opinion, very much under-stated in the greater number of instances, because the Talátis, who are expected to get up such data, are totally ignorant of the subject, and are consequently obliged to except the estimates the Patels choose to give them. A ludicrous instance of this sharp practice was noticed by Colonel Francis and myself in a cotton field in Jambusar this season. The field drew our attention to it from the very fact of its having a very heavy crop; on the Patels being asked what it would produce, they blandly gave a figure very little in excess of the survey assessment-a statement which caused a general titter amongst the by-standers. I afterwards learnt that the field was sublet for three times the survey assessment-about Ra. 20 the acre, and had a crop on it worth at least Rs. 50 per acre : so much for the veracity_of Government Patels.
42. It is, therefore, not eurprising that a low rate of produce is invariably given in the Collector's returns, as they who supply the information are most interested in deceiving, knowing full well that a true atatement will be used against them in the settlement of their lands afterwards. Applying the test of crop experiments and independent testimony, it might be fairly said that the statement given is, at the very least, 25 per cent. below what it should be. Admitting, however, these figures, we are still in a position to declare that the Government assessment, Rs. $\mathbf{\varepsilon}, 14,449$, hitherto levied, is nearly as possible only one-ixth the gross produce.
43. The average size of the holdings in this taluka is $15 \frac{15}{40}$ acres. There are 4,978 disSize of Holding. tinctly recorded khatias or holdings, the largest being of $460_{\underset{w}{18}}^{18}$ acres and the smallest of $\frac{6}{40}$ acres. The average area under each plough
appears to be $23 \frac{9}{40}$ acres.
44. Dividing the sum of Rs, $12,36,718$, the gross value of produce, by 4,978 , the number of holdings, we ascertain that each holding yields an average income of Rs. 250 minus Government rent Rs. $54-10-1$, or, in Average Profits of Holdings. round numbers, Rs. 200 clear, besides the profits of the dairy, which is estimated to be about
Rs. 56 per annum : hence Rs. 256 is about the average income of the average $A^{\prime}$ mod Khatadar.
45. From this stage I may advance into particulare as to the cost of bare living, and con-

Cost of bare living. trast the condition of the poorest farmer with other members of the community. The cost of bare living and decent clothing for a single man involves the following expenditure daily:-2 lbs. of grain and pulse, 1 anna; $\frac{1}{16} \mathrm{lb}$. of ghee, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna; fixewood, oil, and condiments, 1 anna; in all $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas or Rs. 4-0-11 monthly, or, with the addition of Rs , $3 \frac{3}{4}$ worth of clothing, about Rs, 80 annnally. A wife who can assist by her own labour either in spinning or grinding corn might enable a man, on an income of Rs. 8 monthly, to live fairly when prices are as moderate as now quoted. Should the price of grain rise higher than half an anna per pound, it will be evident the family must content themselves with less than two full meals. Taking this income an the type of a peor's salary, the average income of a labourer's family, and the profits of a small retail dealer, we shall be in a position to contrast the condition of a small farmer by the following process:-

Supposing the cultivator to sjend no more than $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{B} .} 98$ in the year for absolute living-the contingent expenses entailed by the caste system being excluded in both cases. Having only oue small bullock he will not feel himself justified in holding more than 5 acres of dry-crop land, and by exchanging the services of this bullock with his neighbours he will be put to no extra expense in the tillage of his holding. The cultivator and his wife will also be foand fully
enual to all the cher operations of the farm. The rent of 5 arres of average black-soil land will ke Rs. 20; seed for sowing P.s. 2; value of detericration of live and doad stock, at 10 years' purchaze, Re. 10 ; in ail Res. 32 , pl/"s Rs. 96 (cost bare living and ciothing as in the case of the reisil dealer), which is to be con inderel the rumaneration for personal labour. The total expenditare f.s. 128 is met by the following averaze produce:-

5 acres of cotton, juwfr, and wheat, average produce Rs. 20 per acre $=$ Rs. 100 plus Rs. 28 straw (kadab) in excess of what is necessary to feed one bullock. Should the farmer's wife undertake to keep a milch buffalo, it is estimated that she can with the kadab, cotton seed, and public giazing ground, realize Rs. 56 by milk and ghee, thus making the return Rs. 100 in grain and cotton, and 58 in milk and ghee, giving the small farmer the advantage of Rs. 28 per aunum over the retail dealer and otiers mentioned-aza advantaç, however, liable to be neutralized in some seasons by the many contingencies of farming. A farmer of 2 acres of gardenland averaging a net return of Rs. 6 : pos acre, plus profits of the dairy, will be proportionately better off than the peon and retail dealer. It has been supposed that the farmer has average skill, and is not an idie Koli or Rajput, who would hardly be as well off as the retail dealer or peon.
46. The labourers in this district, who number 8 per cent. of the total population, find ample employment during the greater portion of the kharif and rabi seasous in assisting the cultivators to weed, watch crops, reap and harvest, for which they are paid daily at the rate of
malea, fe males and children respectively, chiefly in cash, except when

## Wages ard C:rdicon of the Agricultacal Labourers.

 21, 2, and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ anoas for alolt males, fembles and children respectively, chiefly in cash, except when in the household of large farmers, are paid at the rate of Rs. 3 per mensem, with one full midday meal. Men and women assisting bricklayers and potters, digging tanks, mending roads, cleaning cotton with native charkhas, or working in mills, demand 25 per cent. higher wages, Agricultural wages, however, give them sufficient to keep their families tolerably well off, especially as every member of a labourer's household-excepting infants-are bread-winners: Dispensing with the luxury of ghee, and having to collect dung for fuel, a labourer's famity consisting of man, wife, and two chillren one of which an isfant - can live, without being distressed, on an income of $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{s} .} 60$ por annum. though, as a rule, an intelligent labourer and his wife will clear 50 per cent more than 1 bis, and be quite as well off as the retail dealer. Owing to this district not beipg cursed with toddy-shops, the labourers are, as a class, a quiet and industrious people.$\sqrt{47 \text {. The general appearance of the rayat andoubtedly indicates a well-to-do condition. }}$ The actual Condition of the He is well fed-partaking of 2 to 3 meals daily-and clothed in The sctual Condition of the ample dimensions of fine linen from head to foot, wears shoes, and is comfortably housed ; his wife is also clothed as much as the fashion of the country admits, and is loaded with silver ornaments; her dairy materially ' supplements his income, besides giving the family wholesome butter-milk and ghee. A certain bearing of independence, and even trucalence, belies any supposition of poverty, although it is generally believed that all the ryots are debt-burdened, and only one remove from the condition of the day-labourer. It is true that prior to 1844 they were reduced to a very low state in consequence of long-continued depression in prices, bad ceasons, and incantious increase of rentals ; but since that time a marked change has taken place in all respests for the better, their prosperity culminating with the American War, during which time the caltivators acquired considerable wealth in spite of the improvidence, displayed in ceremonial rivalries. That a great number are still in debt, is doubtless true; but this is a condition iuseparable from a habit of never attempting to limit their expenditure to their meanis; and never regarding with horror the natural consequences of borrowing at compound interest, and spending three or four year's income in a single feast. Notwithstanding this, there are many rich men among the cultivators who have derived their sealth entirely from the soil, and if to this fact he added another equally pregnant, that the proprictors of alienated land are not less indebted by reason of paying only a nuit-rent to Government, instead of the full Sarvey rental-to which latter cause a few not overwise philanthropists have attributed all the evil-proof is established that the question of indebtedness has no practical connection with either the tenure or assessment of land in this district. Were the ryots relieved of all land-assessments they would not be in any better position as long as the social tyranny is fostered by the people themselves, and the law of the land (which is, doubtless, a just law, but adapted for a higher state of civilization) facilitates the enforcement of liabilities incurred by ignorant men to the sharp-witted money-lender who has no limit to his demand, no check to his rapacity. What hisoondition would be without the Courts of Law, might be noticed in non-regulation districts, where the money-lender is honourable, and a boon to the community.
48. I may mention a typical case whioh occurred last rains, under my own observation. The sweeper woman in my service borrowed ks .7 from a Marwari in Surat for a wedding ceremony; to my certain knowledge the poor woman remitted, during 2 years Rs. 16 of her pay, and, at last, a decree was obtained against her in the Small Cause Court for a balance of Rs. 27-11-0. A similar sort of thing is effecting the ruin of the ryots. Here is the evil: an evil not due to the much abused revenue officers, the ryots'* truest fricnds, but to the action of the Judicial Department-a Department which can complacently endure passing orders of this nature year after year without offering any remedial suggestion.

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49. The 53 villages are all Khása, except one - Ajamnagar, which ought to be handed over to the Alienation Settlemen Officer.
50. In 21 the senja wahiwat, or simple rayatwari tenure, exista; in 29 the bhagdari tenure prevails: these tenures are too well known to require any explanation. There are in all these villages a variety of alienations, which are now broadly denominatad eanadi lands, held in perpetuity under sanads issued by the Collector. They also contain large wantas belonging to the Thakors of Amod and Kerwáda, which will be referred to hereafter.
51. Two villages -Mátar wánto and Tancha wanto-are held on the Raket tenure, which is understood to mean yands held leable to a jama or assessment at the discretion of the offioer doing the Jamábandi, which is supposed to be something less than the full assessment, but to what eztent no limit has been fixed.
52. The other village-Ajámnagar-is of doubtful tenare, if one is bound to recognize the different versions given of it in the records of the collectorate.
Tenure of Ajemnagar. It has been considered in one place a wénto, in others a wajifa; a village paying *tribute (Khandni) an Udhal Jamábandi village, and, last of all, a Sarkari Odhal Jamabondi wánto village. The fact is, there is no foundation for any one of these terms concocted from time to time, very recently, in vernacular papers by karkuns not knowing the foree of them. On inquiry at the commencement of British rale it was ascertained to be a Khálsa village which had been leased by the native Government to a Grasia Patel on abated assessment in consideration of military service, but the holder now claims it by prescription as a private estate oubject to an annual fixed salámis or tribute. This would make Act VII of 1863 applicable.
53. The village originally was part of the Broach Nabob's possessions, and had no connection with the Peishwa's territory by which it is surrounded. It was transferred to the Wagra Taluka in 1828 on subdivision of Broach, and during the fresh distribution of villages in 1864 it was included in the Amod Taluka. Not being able to discover anything in the taluka records of this village - not even so mach as its area-except the simple fact that it annually paid Rs. 776-13-8, I was somewhat exercised how to record it in the survey papers, especially as the holder himself pretended to know nothing more than that he and his ancestors had paid an unvarying lamp sum annually into the treasury. You ware good enough, hovever late in the season, to place all the diaries of the collectorate at my disposal, and in wading through the beary folios I was fortanate enough to turn up the origin of this village
54. Shortly after our acquisition of the Broach Pargana one Dussoo Patel (auppoaed to be a relative of the late Nabob of Broach) made several representations to Government concerning the revenue of the district, and pointed out the advisability of resuming the lands of $\operatorname{Aj}$ jamnagar from the Thakor of Mátar. It appears that a Commission was convened, and their proeedings were embodied in a letter from the Revenue Commissioner to Government, dated 11th October 1807, which ran thus:-
"The Commission deemed it necessary to trace the origin and history of this village from which they find that, about 150 years ago, a village whioh stood upon those grounds, called Jameelabad, having been neglected and deserted, the landa belonging to it foll into those of Sarbhon; that some time sfterwards a dispute arose between Sarbhon and the adjoining village of Mátar, belonging to the A'mod Pargana, respecting boundaries, which appears to have caused the grestest inveteracy between the inhabitants and injury to both villages, to adjust which several ineffectual attempts were made by the authoritiss at Broach and Ámod. At length, abont the year A. D. 1695, Ajamshaw, the son of Vourangzeb, [sic.] the Emperor of Alumgeer, happening to come into the neighbourhood, the dispute was brought before him, who adopted a very effectual mode of putting an end to all dispute and animosity between the villages of Sarbhon and Matar. From the former he took 1,607 bigas of land and from the latter 667 bigas, making together 2,274 bigas, of which he formed a new village, whereby the boundaries of Sarbhon and Mátar were separated. He ordered it to be called, after himself, Ajámnagar, and the more effectually to put an end to the disturbances which appear at that time to have prevailed in the tappa of Sarbhon, he bestowed the cultivation and patelship of Ajamnagar on a Grasia family of influence, inhabitants of the Baroda village of Uorah, on their undertaking to guard and be responsible for the peace and protection of the Sarbhon Tappa; and as those Grasias were further liable to be called upon for such other services as the Government of Broach might require of them, Jamábandi of the new village was fixed so low as Re. 2,200 per annum, which amount we do not find exceeded in any subsequent year, bat, on the contrary, reduced gradually to Rs. 1,500, at which amount it stood in A. D. 1739-40, when Dambji Rao Gaek war laid siege to Broach, daring which the Grasias of Ajamnagar are said to have signalized themselves, and through the agency of Bhydasbbay, the maternal grandfather of Lullubhay Muzmundar, they obtained in consequence a further reduction of the revenue payable from Ajamnagar, which was then fixed at Rs. 655 permanently, at

[^4]which amount it has ever since stood. In return for the advantage thus obtained by them through the agency of Bhydasbhy they granted him a sukri of Rs. 150 per annum, which Lullubhy's family we understand still enjoy. The village of Ajamnagar has fallen, having since been deserted by those Grasias who have for many years past resided in the A'mod village of Mátar, in which it appears they posseseed waste lands before they came into $\Delta$ jamnagar. The lands of Ajamnagar are still in their possession and caltivated by them, and the fired Jamábandi of Rs. 655 yearly paid to Broach, but none of the services for which the lands of Ajamnagar were granted to them at this very low rent, have been performed by them since the time of the Nabob, and it is for your Honourable Board to decide how far it would, at this day, be advisable to resume the lands as proposed by Dussoo Patel."
Upon this the Government ruled it that was not advisable to disturb the possession of the Grasia family in the village, but refrtined to exprese any opinion as the continued liability for military service upon which the village was held.
55. The mere fact that the Grasia's family was not called for service in the Nabob's time is no proof that the liability lapsed under a tenure specifically of service; and no demand having been made, as it is alleged, may have been presumably in consequence of there being no necessity for $i t$.
56. It appears that, up to A.D. 1810, the holder of this village only paid the sum of Broach Rs. 665 and a bapti of Rs. 49t. In that year (1810), the second after the Commissioner's report on Ajamganar, the Thakor not having presented himself at Jamabandi was fined by the addition of Rs. 10 to the jamá and Rs. 100 more as the Kumávisdar's bapti, making the total jama for that year of Rs. 814t. This sum in a subsequent year, A.d. 1840, was converted by exchange into Cumpany's Rs. 776-13-8, a sum which has been paid up to the present time without any variation. This is supposed to entablish a presoriptive right to a fixed assessment.
57. As the revenues of this village are, doubtless, alienated to a very great extent, the question now is-whether the village should be considered alienated or not? The history of the tenure has been clearly given ; time cannot change its essential oharacter. In Section 23 of Aot VII of 1863 it is distincly laid down that a prescriptive title shall not be admitted in respect to any land held for service on a tenure implying an obligation of service, whether such service be performed or not. The Thakor has no sanad to prove he holds exempt from service. I am, therefore, of opirion that this village should be dealt with under the provisions of Act VII. of 1863. No object is gained by recording this as a Khalsa village ; it has boen virtually alienated. The Revenue Commissioner, however in his vernacular endorasment to a letter from the Sub-Collector of Broach, No. $\frac{a 3}{2}$ of the 19th March 1866, directed that the village should be entered as a Udhad Jamábandi wánto like the Amod Thakor's estate. I need not say this was done under a wrong impression, as only a part of the case-an imperfect vernacular state-ment-not the whole case, including the origin and history of the tenure, was before him. Had he seen all the papers he would have decided that Ajamnagar had no resemblance to the Ámod Thakor's holding, and was decidedly not a wánto.
58. The incidental reference in the Ajamnagar case to the Thakor of Matar being in the

## Anothor meaning of Rahet Wanto.

 possession of waste lands of Matar, tends to give a different signification to the Rahet tenure other than that suggested simply by the endeavour to explain the original tenure by one of the various meanings of the Arabic term Ráhet. Colonel Prescott says : -"The Arabic word Ráhet meaning "enjoyment' prefixed to wanto may probably imply that it was once held entirely rent free," but addis "this seems doubtful." The explanation of the tenure, further on," is of course opposed to the idea of Rahet being "enjoyment free of rent," and shows rather the appropriateness of its other meanings-mercy, gentle treatment. The reason for this can be understood: where tracts of waste land existed, they were given to Grasias upon terms, just as would be done in tue present day in the Panch Máhals. My attention has also been drawn to the fact that the Janiádra Thakor, who has a Ráhet wánto holding is the heveditary Patel of Janiádra (a Khalsa village), which confirme what is generally supposed that Rahet-lands were nothing more than Government waste lands given to Rajputs or Grasia. Patele at low rates of assessment, ostensibly to encourage cultivation, but really with the motive of keeping a turbulent class of the community occupied ; and as "all Grasia holdings, of whatever nature, have a tendency to resolve into their wanto" (just as Musalman holdings after a time become their wajifa) the term wanto has insidiously crept into the tenure, and now presents the incongruous medley of "Sarkari Rahet wánto."59. All the ancient tenures which have reached us are, as a rule, simple and expressive of their meaning. I may say that the origin of several new tenures belongs to the British period: coined in the first instance in the, vernooular departments, not without a purpose, generally by

Wrong intorprotation of Revenue terms. Talatis, Desáis, and Musmandars; in due oourse of time is acceptedroy the Mámlatdars, and introduced in official records, frequently accompanied by the English head-elerk's aynonym totally at varianoe with the original meaning. For example, no term has been more incorrectly rendered and injuriously applied against the interests of the State than "Udhad Jamá," which is

[^5]literally a lump amm; "Udhad Jamabandi" simply meaning a collection of the revenue in lump without orference to details. It is clear that the grammatical signification of "Udhad Jamabandi" simply expresses the modus operandi, and not a particular tenure, becanse tive same mode of collecting may be adopted under various tenures totally differing from each other.
60. The term, however, has been gradually assuming the guise of a tenure. supposed to mean a "fixed wnalterable retenue settlement" synonymous to Bandhi-Jama-with which. I may add, Udhad has been recently bracketed in the Kablilpur case. Bandhi-Jamá is well boown to be a tenure secured by sanad specially setting forth the grounds of the grant in perpetuity. Udhad is equally known, but not as we are occasionally required to know it. This perversion of the true meaning of a simple term is due to the English word "fixed" being used as an equivalent of "Udhad". What relation "fixed," in a restricted sense, has to Udhad, and who invented it, it is impossible to asy; but I think its having been inserted in Mr. Robertson's Glossary, is likely to perpetuate a false definition, and that as there are still many important interests depending upon the correct meaning of the term, I may be pormitted to draw attention to it in this place.
61. No settlement nnder any tenure yet known in this province was ever "fixed" in the sense of its being "unalterable." Even Nakru, literally land untaxed-a freehold-has always been found in the experience of this department burdened with extra cesses. In fact, all alienations, large or smail -entire villages or fields, even when the tenure implies exemption-hare been charged with either Khandni, Peshkasi, Bapti, or Sulamia; the genius of native rule, whether Mahomedgn or Mahratta, as written in its revenue administration, was ever diametrically opposed to the idea of a "fixed unalterble se'tlement." If this can be said of freehold tenures, I think the application of "fixed" to any Khálsa holding is simply absurd, more especially bo when the vernacular "Udhad" does not convey that meaning.
62. No better argument can be adduced to prove that Udhad Jamábandi is not a tencre

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Jama in several insiances. nor dces it mean "a fixed unalterable reveune settlement" than to simply enumerate well-known tenores which aro assessed in the lump or "Udhad," though its nee in sucl connection has never been involved in a plausible pretext to bar the righte of Government. Thus we have: -


[^6]64. The measurement of tie 53 villa yes of this ácovka was prosecuted daring the ecasons 1863-64 to 1867-68 under the ruer 3 teadencэ of Mes-3. Pa:kinson, Caichcart, DeSouza, and Atmaram Nathuji. The classification was commenced in $1858-67 \mathrm{ky}$ Mr. Cuerin and bronght to a close by Messrs. Guerin and Pedder in 18e7-68.
65. The division of the land effected by the survey is set forth in the following state-ment:-

66. I would observe that the arrangements under the heads Government and Alienated in the statement given in para. 65 and in the detailed statistical tables Nos. I. and II. of D., appended are only provisional, and will be altered on the order of Government being passed on the proposals in paras. 57 and 174 of this report concerning the village of Ajamnagar and the wantas of Kerwada and A'mod, which are, doubtlesa, not pure Government lands, as by far the greater portion of the assessmen's is aliensted.
67. As the inclusion of such lands in the Government area will only give a false impresrion as to how the táluka stands, I will treat them at once as aliensted : 15,208 acres of wanta land, plus $1,1+2 \frac{24}{10}$ on account of Ajamnagar deducted from Government and added to the alienated area, divides the culturable area as under:-

Government land, inclusive of 2,536 新 acres of Ráhet wánto, $61,008 \frac{9}{8} \frac{8}{8}$ acres.
Alienated land
... ... $\frac{34,572 \frac{1}{4} \frac{8}{6}}{} \quad "$
RQ By this it is olear that more than a third of this taluka is alienated-the greater portion, no doubt, when the trangfer from the Native to our Government took place, and eonsiderable portion during the first few years of our rule.
69. The general accuracy of both operations and extent of test taken for the purpose Measuring and Clanaing of establishing this point are given in detail below:-


70. The errors from which the averages of the preceding statements have been deduced are exhibited in the two following statements:-

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| 1,342 | 634 | 394 | 128 | 72 | 48 | 25 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 18 |

Second.

71. It thus appears that the average error of the measurement was a little over $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and that of the classification a little less than 7 pies per field. Both operations will, I trust, appear sufficiently accurate to afford a sound and satisfactory basis for the assessment, to the consideration of which I shall proceed.
72. The following statement exhibits the extent of Government and 'alienated land annually under cultivation for the last 20 years, in $50^{*}$ villages of the A'mod Táluks, and its gross and net assessment:-

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\hline 1917 \& \(18+6)\)-81 \& 54,5616 \& 17,867 27 \& 2,14,642 68 \& 2, 12, 27848 \& 1,887 13 创 \& 7,8161818 \& tully assesaed as \\
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A. The cultivated area of Government lands had increased to the extent of 1,887 acres in 20 years, or $8 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}}$ per cent.
B. The corresponding increase of the revenue on Government land was Rs, 19,958, or 10 per cent.
C. The alienated area shows a dimioution of 316 acres, which is due to land either resumed or lapsed.
D. The increase, however, in the collections upon alienated land to the extent of Rs. 1,978, or $26 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, is due to proceedings ander the Summary Settlement Act VII of 1863.

These figures must, however, be understood to represent the state of things prior to the survey settlemert. The figures of the settlement will vary in portion to the discrepancies in area ascertained by the survey.
74. The remissions which appear to have been given between the years 1854-55 and Bemiasions. 1854-65, aggregating in 11 years Rs. 52,059, are thus accounted for in the taluka records:-

Rs. a. p.
(a)-Remissions granted because of lands lying fallow, a system which was subsequently stopped by order of Government

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(b)-Lands injuried by rain, i.e., crops deteriorated by being submerged
... ...
(c)-Lands washed away by action of nallahs and rivers

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$(d)$-For bad seasons $\quad . . . \quad$... $3,392 \quad 13 \quad 3$
(c)-Compensation for land taken up by new $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { roads. } & . . & \ldots & \ldots & 559 & 9 & 7\end{array}$

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\cdots \begin{array}{rrr}
559 \quad 9 \quad 7 \\
\hline .52,04815 \quad 3 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

75. The only item really affecting the question of settlement appears ander (d)-a remission of Rs. 3,392-13-3 for bad seasons, which might with propriety be set down as nothing because it is, in the first instance, insignificant, and in the second, such remissions were granted formerly on very little more than the Talati's representation, confirmed by an equally intereated party, the village Mukhi;-and any advantage resulting from such a combination was understood to be divisible in three parts.
76. I may now pass on to the consideration of the rates it is proposed to supereede, commonly known as "Mr. Davies' Settlement," eflected in the year 1848-49, since "hich time no change has taken place. I eannot do better than quote ibe summary reorled by the Revenue Commissioner, and the Rusolution of Government on that pettlement, obtaired from your records.
77. "The rates of A'mod Thluks were originally proposed and introduced by Mr. Chambers, the Sub-Collector, in 1837-2S, but on a review of his proceedings were objected to by the Revenue Commissioner and Government as being on much too high a, scale. Some
sequently reported by Mr. Coles, Mr. Chambers'
euccessor, in

Summary of Mr. Davies" Eettle. ment in 1848-49. slight modinications were subsequently reported by Mr. Coles, Mr. Chambers' euccessor, in
bis annual report for $1841-42$, but it does not appear that the existing scale of assesement his annual report for $1841-42$, but it doee
has ever received any final confirmation.

"A discrepancy in the figures exhibited in one of the statements in his former report of 12th June last is noticed by the Collector in para. 24, and from the explanation there given as well as in para. 4 and elsewhere in the present report, there would seem to have bren some difficulty in ascertaining with any great precision the result for former years; and from the manner in which the accounts have been discovered to have been then kept, this could not be otherwise ; but for the purpose of deducing general conclusions, the averages on which the comparisons are based may, I think, be regarded as sufficiently approximate.
"Compared with the average realizations previous to 1838-39, inclusive even of the enhancement in 1835-36 and under the higher standards of prices, the rental according to the rates, exhibits only a very trifling decrease; and I feel convinced that the abandonment of the increase attributable to the introduction of the b:goti assessment is the least which can prove effectual to meet the deteriorated circumstances of the cultivator arising from the depreciation in the market value of the great staples apon the price of which his means for discharging his liabilitics so mainly depend. With respect to the applicability of the details of the proposed alterations in the rates in the several villages, being disposed to place every reliance on the ability of the present Collector, and the pains which he has evidently dedicated to the inquiry, I entertain no hesitation in recommending them for sanction."
78. To which the Chief Secretary to Government, touching upon the salient points of the proposition, thus replied :-
"Although the settlement propesed for this taluka by Mr. R. G. Chambers in 1837-38 was disapproved of, both by the Revenue Commissioner and Government, it has nevertheless continued in operation up to the present time. To maintain it in force, however, large sacrifices have been made in the shape of remissions and irrecoverable balances. The gradual improventent apparent in the condition of the taluka for some years prior to the settlement was not only arrested, but a progressive declension immediately commenced, and the ryots are represented to have greatly suffered from the effects of the heavy assessment."
"If the rates introduced by Mr. Chambers were considered heavy at the time, the causes which have since contributed to make the assessment insupportable in the neighbouring talukas have naturally rendered them still more onerous now; and no doubt can, the Governor in Conncil considers, exist of the necessity for an immediate reduction. Paras. 28 to 35 of Mr. Davies' letter fully confirm the opinion."
"The cultivation and revenue of this taluka are shown in Statement No. I. as follows:-

Cultivation.
Under the estimate system (average)
At Mr. Chambers' settlement in 1838-39, includAt Mr. Chambers' settlement in 1838-39, includ-
in 3 grass lands- 1,266 kumbhas ... ... In 1846-47, including 1,573 kumbhas of grass lands
Lands for the most part capable noth itherto brought under tillago...

Revenue.
Under the estimate system, including quit-rents average ...
By Mr. Chambers' settlement, including quit-rents also ... ... ... ... Average realizations under thè latter settlement ... According to the present proposed settlement the Revenue of 1846-47 (including remissions) at the rates of the last settlement
Difference of the two last items $\quad \ldots$... ... Available rental in anticipation, including quitrents ...
...

Kumbhas.
29,624
34,033
33,825
58,635

## Rupees.

1,14,403
1,46,147
1,25,987
1,09,898
1,42,424
32,526
19,205
" Mr. Davies in para. 36 in recommending the adoption of his proposition; observes :-- Should Government approve of the suggestion I have every reason to anticipate that no available land now uncultivated will remain so long in A'mod, and, what is equally an object, the people will be freed from a burden which is inevitably breaking them down.'
"The proportion and classification of the lands under cultivation in 1846-47 are :-
Kumbiras.*

| Irigated lands | ... | .. | ... | 00.05 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice do. | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |  |
| Light soil ... | ... | ... | - | 5.59 |
| Black do. ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | . $89 \cdot 71$ |
| Grass lands ... | ... | ... | ... | $4 \cdot 65$ |

" The villages of this taluka have also been placed by Mr. Davies under three classes; but from their general inferiority to those of Jambusar, in comparison with which he has arranged them, only three come under the first class":

|  | Light Soil. | Mr. Chambers. |  |  | Mr. Davies. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st class villages | $\ldots$ | 11 to | 5 | $\ldots$ | 8 to 5 |
| 2nd | do. | $\ldots$. | .9 to 4 | $\ldots$ | 6 to 3 |
| 3rd | do. | $\ldots$ | 6 to 4 | $\ldots$ | .6 to 3 |

"Of the last class the light soil appears to prevail in but a few villages, the black being the general feature": 一

| Black Soil. |  | Mr. Chambers. |  | Mr. Davies. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ist class villages |  | 7 to 8 | ... | 5 to 21 |
| 2nd do. | ... | 7 to 2 | ... | 5 to 2 |
| 3rd do. | ... | 6 to 2 | ... | $4 \frac{1}{1}$ to 11 |

"Irrigated land exists only in one village, Páhaj, and the rate is Rs. 8, which Mr. Davies would retain. In para. 88 Mr . Davies notices the Bid or grass lands of both talukas, and proposes revised rates according to the class of the village in which they are situated."
"The financial view of the settlement proposed for A'mod shows that there would be deficit of $\mathrm{Rs}, 4,605$ compared with the average realizations under the estimate system, and of Rs. 16,089 on the average collectious under Mr. Chambers' assessment."
"In neither Jambusar nor A'mod has Mr. Davies interfered with the classification of land."
"I am to state, in conclusion, that his Lordship in Council has been pleased to accord his sanction to the settlements now revised, and carry to you an expression of the hope of Government that the Collectors will carefully watch their operation, and that the benefits anticipated from them may soon be manifested in increased cultivation and the improved condition of the ryots."

[^7]79. To understand the relative value of Mr. Davies' rate-i.e., the proportion it bore to the produce-it is necessary to remind you that the bhár of

Value of Mr. Davien' rates eccording to prices. kappas - 960 lbs _-was only worth Rs. 32 in his day-A.D. 1848 -the bbar probably being the produce of 3 acrea of land; and that edible grain at that time was 8 annas per mas of 40 lbs Aa Mr. Davies' rates averaged Rs. 4, his mettlement was anything but moderate : in truth, the rental be imposed, as prices then ran, cannot but be deemed, from the present standpoint, very high.
80. Yet it is but fair to state that some compensation was granted when the rates were
fixed by Mr. Davies, but have since been gradually withdrawn. Thas the remissions for fallow land-a very great benefit-was abolished so far back as 1800. The privilege of kam-idar rates
The exact bearing of past privileges. for grass land also diminished in consequence of extended cultivalion and the limitation of grass land. As this latter is the only privilege which exists up to the date of the new settlement, it is as well to get the exact figures to estimate their value. In all the 63 villages of the taluks only $2,308 \frac{10}{4} \frac{0}{0}$ acres come under the kam-idar or special low rate, the realizations from wh ch were Ks. 3,501-14-6, or Rs. 1-8-3 per acre, instead of Rs. 8-14-1 per acre the full rate. The liss, or nukshan, being Rs. $5,4,60$ only, this is equal to $\frac{1}{6}$ or $2 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the revenue. I have been particular in stating this fact, as the privileges of the pest regime are apt to be unduly exaggerated.
81. Prices within the shortperiod of 28 years since that settlement bave nearly doubled. Prices a consideration. (vide paras. 22 and 24); and although there bas been a slight fall during the last few years, it is satisfactory to know that, on the whole, they are maintaining a healthy level.
82. You will not, I hope, on this account believe I have any intention of propesing a corresponding increase in the rates of aseessment. What cannot be lost sight of is, that the ryot's household and farming expenses have proportionately increased, and the profits, indicated by a

Assesnment cannot be incressed in ratio of pricea. difference between present and former prices, have not been hoarded. With him, as with most people, an increase of income brings increased demands and responsibilities. During the ever memorable years when cotton was selling at Re. 170 per blár, ceremonial expenses and dowries were doubled and quadrupled, so that, comparatively speaking, only a few thoughtful ryots retained the enormous profits then made.
83. In proposing rates of assessment for A'mod it is not necessary that $I$ should enter

Sanctioned settlementa a guide. into any very lengthy argament upon the subject, as I am in a great measure bound by reasons advanced for the rated recently introduced by this Department into the Broach and Vagra talukas with the sanction of Government ; I must, therefore, consistently adopt such rates as shall be fonnd to dovetail the exterior villages of $A^{\prime} \bmod$ with the eettled villages adjacent. The accompanying map,* with the groups coloured, will show this at a glance.
84. In the preliminary report submitted last April for the experimental Jamabandi rates (under Section XXV of Act 1 of $186 \dot{5}$ ) I proposed to divide the taluka in 4 grouns, with rates graduated from Rs. 6 to Rs. $4 \frac{1}{4}$ as in the margin - a plan which did not meet with the approval 1. Group, Re, 6 rate, 8 villages immediately surrounding the town of A'mod.
II. Group, Rs, $5 \frac{1}{2}$ rate, 35 villages lying east of A'mod.
MI. Group, He, 5 rate, $B$ villagea lying weat and couth of A'mod.
IV. Group, Ke. 1t rate, 7 villages of the bara type, extrome weat of the táluka. of the Survey Commissioner, with whom the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., concurred.
85. The modifications they suggested, were embodied in a memorandum to the following effect:-
" lat.-As regards the 5 villages round A'mod forming Group I., they must be included in the 2nd or $5 \frac{1}{2}$ Rs. Group.

2nd.-As regards the bara villages skirting the extensive salt flats on the border of the Gulf of Cambay, the maximum rates must be reduced to Rs. 4."
86. Thas my second group was converted into the first with the addition of 5 villages on a maximum of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ instead of 6 ; my third became second without change of villages ; and my fourth became third, likewise without any change; except a maximum of Rs. \& instead of Rs. 41.
87. The reasons which led to this decision are eet forth in Colonel Francis' memorandum No. 622 of the 11 th of May 1875, appended (C), in deference to which the settlement papers were at once altered, and the villages now stand in their reapective groups as under. I need hardly say that on reflection I think Colonel Francis is right.
88. The first group, coloured pink, contains 40 villages, atretching from the Palej Railway

Pirt Group.
 Station to the kasba town, and from the northern part of the Broach Taluka to the Dhádhar River. This district comprises the best villages of the taluka. The Broach Táluka villages adjacent to them were eettled at a rate of Rs. 6; and as it was in contemplation to apply a rate of Rs. 5 to the Jambusar group lying nor:h of the Dhádhar, an intermediate rate of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ for this group is considered suitable.
89. The second groap, coloured yellow, contains 6 villages; they are superior to the barra
Second Group.

| 1. Machanra, | 4. Buwa. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8. Bodka. | 5. Kerwide. |
| 3. Aclod. | 6. Samiala. | villages, though much inferior to the first group in fertility. A rate of Rs. 5 will, however, plaos these villages on an equal footing with the frontier villages of Yagra, settled in a previous year.

90. The third group, coloured blue, contains the remaining 7 villages in the most
 unfavourable position of the taluke as to market and water resources. They are on a low level called the bira, and subject to drought and the vicissitudes of seasons more than the other villages. For this group a rate of Hs. 4 has been fixed upon. It is a safe rate, and althongh it will reduce the ratio of increase maintained in other parts with the former settlement, it will remove all excuse for remissions which were every now and then demanded.
91. In one sense this taluka, like Vagra, is not a rice district, and yet it is a great producer of rice. Rice has been returned as occupying 8,011 acres, or 4.25 per cent. of the crop area; yet in reality only $57 \frac{93}{40}$ acres Government and $18 \frac{1}{6}$ acres alienated have been classed as bunded land, devoted to rice cultivation primarily, and as such assessable at rice rates. This pecaliarity is accounted for by the fact that the black soil is capable of yielding a rice crop without preparation of a bed. The ryot drills it in with cotton and other dry-crop seed, and it is consequently only assessad at dry crop rates.
92. Of the $57 \frac{88}{4} \frac{8}{8}$ acres in Government land only 4 acres are found in 4 villages of the first group, none in the second group, and $53 \frac{33}{40}$ in the third group. I have assessed this land as I did in Broach, retaining for the soil the maximun jérayet rate of the group in which it may be situated, and applying a water rate of one rupee less than the soil rate. Thus the combined soil and water rate can never exceed, under the most favourable conditions, Rs. 10 per acre on a field classed at 24 annas of the scale. The average rate being only Rs. 5-12-0 clearly indicates that the olassification must range much below the top value of the scale. Mr. Davios had no rice rate in the táluka.
93. As the rainfall is not sufficient to bring to perfection thè better qualities of rice which requare artificial moisture up to the end of October, and as the tanks which in other districts, such as Ahmedabad
are here totally anfit for the purpose, the extension of the Extension of Rice Caltivation. and Kaina, supply this want, are here totally unft for the purpose, the extension of the bunded rice lands and a superior growth of rice is not possible, unless the two water-courses,
which now serve no purpose, are Bunded like the Khari is in Kaira, in which case excellent, rice may be grown in the villages east, of Bodka and Sonama with very great profit, as both situation and soil are most suitable.
94. Bhatm or river lands are only found in three villages of the first group-A mod Dhansoli, and Pursa - to the extent of 255옹ㅇ acres. These lands are very fertile, and produce rich vegetable orops without the aid of manurg. Mr. Davies had no special rate for it. It came under his highest light-soil rabe, ranging from Ra. 8 to 5 par kumbha-a kumbla being only $\frac{2}{80}$ less than an acre.
95. In order not to lower the assessment by our system of classification, which has nuly a range of $2 t$ annas, I have been compelled to adopt a maximum of Rs. 12 in A'mod and Dhansoli, and Rs. 9 in Pursa. The effect of this rate on the elass annas of the best tract gives an average rate of Rs. $9-10-10$ in one case, and Rs. 6-2-10 in the other. The average rate in all three villages being Rs.7-14-0 per acre, yielding a revenue of Rs, 2,011-1-0, I am unable to compare this result with Mr. Davies, as he maintained no distinction between bháta and goradu soił.
96. That the land can easily bear this rate, is placed beyond all question by the fact that occupants anblet these fields to market-gardeners, of whom there are a great number
residing in A'mod without any land of their own, and who gladly take up the yearly tenancy at from Rs. 15 to 25 per acre. The only condition attached to such rental, is that the land shall be ploughed and prepared for sowing by the lessor.
97. As there are only 73 wells in the whole taluka (irrigating 563 acres), and not more than balf this number sweet and fit for irrigation, I - propose adopting the plan Colonel Prescott did in Vágra, of not imposing a direct well rate, but to add 2 to 4 annas in the rupee of classification per aere uuder the well. Mr. Davies' rate for irrigated lands is Rs. 8. Mirte never exceeds Rs. $7 \frac{1}{2}$, inclusive of the soil rate. The average rate in the first group is Re. 6.5-4, second group Rs. 5-6-6, and third group Rs. 5-6.1.
98. The profits of garden cultivation are enormous, as stated in para 38; but as each village has only a few acres to supply the home consumption of garden-stuffs, and as encouragement of well-sinking is desirable, a nominal kasar is imposed of about Rs. 2 per acre in addition to the ordinary jarayet rate.
99. Before showing the effect of the survey assessment resulting from the maximum rates described above as a whole, I will show how each group of villages has been affected thereby.

No. 1.

*The amended black figures supersede the ordinary ones
100. The following statement shows realizations under the old and new systems on each description of cultivation. Bágáyet or garden land embraces well-watered land as well as bháta :-

101. The increase effected by the settlement apon the preceding year's revenue upon the Analytis of the Increase. - old system may be accounted for in the following manner :-

|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } \\ 29.340 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On dry-orop land | ** | $\cdots$ |  | $\because$ | $29,340$ |
| On bagayet or garden land | ... | $\cdots$ |  | ... | 4,619 |
| On rice land :** | ** | - 0 |  | . | 327 |
| - |  |  | Total | * | 34,286 |

102. The above increase, which is 15 per cent. upon formor rates, does not in lump give a correct idea of the revision which has thoroughly adjusted the inequalities of the old viliage rates and field classification, as might be seen by the following statement : -

103. This suggests one of two things : either that a very great inequality axisted in the incidunce of the old assessment, or that there must be some radical mistake in the new grouping. As the grouping now adopted is uniform, any difference found in adjoining villages without the soil classification being at fault is because the old assessment was more or less regulated by a caste rate. All Rajput and Koli villages were, without any cauce (as to inferiority of soil), very much lower assessed than Kunbi villages. I have ondeavoured as much as possible by distance soales to lower such villages, but there is a limit: Ranada, although raised 35 per cent., has a much lower average rate than the surrounding villages.
104. The Statement No. I shows the survey average rate on each description of land in every village, and the following abstract gives the general average of the groups :-

105. The average rates according to the old eystem (as nearly as can be calculated) and the new are set forth below :-

106. The acecmpanying diagram is intended to remove any doubt which might arise from Diagram. my figures being scattered.
107. From statistics furnished by the Registration Department, it would seem that, in the Value of Oocupancy Righe Year 1867, 24 ' ${ }^{\frac{1}{j} \mathrm{~g}}$ acres of land were purchased at a total cost of Value of Oocupancy Right Rs. 174 or Rs. 72-5-6 per acre. In 1874 the corresponding figures show $1,641 \frac{1}{f}$ ? acres transferred at a cost of Rs. 60,510 , or an average value per acre of ks, 36-18-8. This valuation being the result of private transsctions arising from necessity, is, of course, not such a criterion of the market value as public sales won'd be.

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108. After introducing the revised rates in 1875.76 I pat ap to auction the occupancy right of 1,331 acres of waste land in several villages of the taluka, having given due notice to the public in the local news-
Rs. 37,199 (or Rs. 33,424 plus rental Rs. 4,075), averagins papers. The sum realized was Rs. 37,199 (or Rs. 33,424 plus rental Rs. 4,075), averaging
Rs. 25 per acre. The greater portion of this being the residue of uncultivated laud, was, of Rs. 28 per acre. The greater portion Land sales of fair quality might be instanced: 28sis acres in the village Keslu realized Rs, 2,456 (Rs. 2,310 plus Rs. 146 ), or Rs. 85 per acre notwithstanding that the assessment of the village was raised 17 per ceut. by the surpey -the annual assessment being Re. 5 per acre. Land of the best quality woald proportionately realize much more.
109. I have been told by sub-tenants that ordinary lands bearing Government asserssubletting Rent Value. ment of Rs. 4 per acre are rented to them at Rs. 4 and Rs. 6 per bigha, or Rs. 8 and Rs. 12 per acre. River and garden lands bearing an assessment of Rs. 8 per acre are sometimes sublet for Rs. 40. The gencraly-c cknowledged rental is double the assessment, except in the bara villages, where the margin of profit is uncertain.
110. It is thus clear that the assessment upon the land leaves even the-middlemen and sub-tenant a large profit. The condition of the ryot who holds his land direct from Government, and cultivates it himself, must be very good indeed, inasmuch as his income is ample, and more
The proposed Ratos very moderate. than necessary to enable him to maintain the standard of comfort. If, notwithstanding this proof of ample income, he be found indebted, his indebtedness must be attributed to other ceuses than the disposition of revenue officers to over-assess.
111. The Broach Táluka rates, introduced by me in 1870-71, effected an increase of 18 t per cent on the revenue of Government land. In Anklesvar and Wagra the rates introduced by Lieutenant-Colonel Prescott in the years 1871-72 and 18i2-73 caused an increase of $15 \frac{1}{4}$ and 20 per cent. respectively, and A'mod by this proposal will be raised 153 par cent., so that there is a remarkable uniformity in this increase in the settled talukas, I am aware that all our revenue settlements are open to criticisms of the most opposite kind, by statisticians on one side and sympathisers with the people on the other ; this, however, is natural, since practical men are even liable to differ on what constitutes oppressively high assessment, and that which is. low enough to demoralize the people. In submitting the present proposal I am conscious of being moderate in accordance with the admonition so frequently enjoined by Government, and hope what I have done will meet with approval.
112. The 3,831 acres of waste land, of the value of Rs. 12,29 f, which appears in Column

Disposal of waste land.
35, Appendix A., Part 2, was disposed of in the following manner, and will be shown in the Jamabandi statements of 1875-76 (Ap-
pendix 0.):-


So that this táluka is almost entirely occupied, and more so than any taluks in the province.
113. That which is left being long narrow strips of waste on the boundary running along

Long narrow atrips on the boundary. the face of holdings; all in excess of one acre I directed should bs made into soparate survey numbers, and below that area should be added to the adjoining fields on payment of full aesessment.
114. Any excess in rayotwari lands is not noticed, as the full assessment is paid by the

Vadhára or excess in Ryotwári hnde. ryot upon the area of his holding. It only entails a loss of the value of the occupancy right; but this can be conceded on an occasion like this, especially when the fault of having Vadhára is not due to the ryot but to the sarvey, whose convenience it was to so form the number. The land included only amounts to $476 \frac{10}{6}$ acres in 53 villages.
115. By semi-alienated lands I mean the wanta estates. The encroachments which have been made upon State lands by the Wantádárs are, indeed, very

Vachara in alienated or semialienated lacds. formidable, and will be noticed in connection with the settlement of those estates further on. The enoroachments found in the ordinary alienated lands, such as have come under the summary settlement (Act VII. of 1863), amount in all to $586 \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{8}$ acres. Of these, 417 acres, in lots below 2 acres were added to the alienated holdings, and included in the sanads upon full, assessment of $R_{3} .1,930-11-0$. The balance, consisting of 149 acres, in lots exceeding 2 acres, bat not definable from the alienated portion of the field, had also to be clubbed in the holding on the same principle, paying the full assessment Rs. 859-6-0.
116. There is as yet no authority for doing this. Government have only sanctioned the inclusion of Vadhara in alienated holdings to the extent of 2 acres; but, as this does not meet every case, I would beg further consideration of the subject, and for an order to extend the limitation, at the judgment of the Settlement Officer, on the following grounds:-
117. Rule 5, Section 6 of Act VII. of 1383, would seem to bar any limitation to the excess or Vadhara land found in possession of the alienee, and that it is perfectly immaterial whether the excess be 1 or 20 acres, unless it can be proved that such excess is due to recent encroachment or fraudulently held any length of time.
118. A discrepancy discovered by the survey bstween the area now held, and the original alionation has led to the natural inference that an encroachment has been made at some time
unknown ; but this is mere inference, by no means conclusive, and the correctness of which is quastioned by the alienees, who declare they hold precisely the same extent of land they have held from time immemorial, attributing the discrepancy to wrong measurements in the first instance, and challenge proof as to when and where the encroachment took place, and how no report of the act was ever made by the táluka officials. Whether there is any weight to be attached to this statement or not, it is certain Act VII of 1863 was designed to obviate any inquiry, and to give the alienee the benefit of the doubt.
119. If, on the other hand, the alienee has admitted encroachment by the fact of his having consented, without protest, to pay the bhar-ákar-salami, or quit-rent equivalent to the full assessment, Rule 5 of Seotion 6 of the Act quoted manifestly does not apply to that portion of his holding. But if such admitted encroachmenta have been hitherto only recognized on paper without any attempt ever having bean made to define and separate the land, it is extremely doultful whether a survey officer can now separate the encroachment after the lapse of generations, and consequent subdivisions of the original field by members of the alienee's family.* What portion of the field can be select without danger of confiscating or confusing: individual rights?
120. It must be obvious that any attempt now to arbitrarily allot a definite portion of an old field to Government-a field which has never yet had a boundary fixed to indicate the extent and direction of the alleged encroachment-will most assuredly lead to endless litigation, Besides which, soon after Act VII of 1863 was passed, the Collectors of the districts included the Vadhára lands in the sanads issued to the people, subject, of courss, to the bhar-fikar-salámi or full assessment. Will it be politic virtually to cancel the sanad by altering the area of the alienation and to form separate Sarkari numbers of all that which exceeds 2 acres? Wich utmost deference I would say that the measure is both undesirable and impracticable.
121. In all cases in which the Vadhara is distinctly recognizable in the field-there are a few such cases-the Dupartment has maintained the distinction, and constituted the "excess" into a survey number.
122. The only objection to the principle of including Vadhirra lands in alienated holdings even on the payment of full assessment, has alrealy been pointed out by the Revenue Commissioner as involving the sacrifice of any incriase which may be called for at any future revision--the settlement becoming a permanent one. This is quite true; but if the infringement of this principle be at all justifiable to the extent of 2 acres, $I$ do not think the few remaining cases, which exceed that limit, should be differently treated, especially as I have endeavoured to show that any other course is not possible.
123. Under the above circumstances I would solicit the sanction of Government to all undivided and undefined Vadhára land being retained in the alienee's possession, subject to a quit-rent equal to the full assessment as hitherto levied. The sacrifice alluded to by the Kevenue Commissioner is, in reality, of no consequence, as in all probability this already bighlyassessed taluka will not admit of any inorase at the next revision, if one might judge by the slight increase of only 15 f par cent. it has been found practicable to levy since the last settlement, although prices have doubled in the intervening period. This argument is, however, germane to the question, and would not be stated if there were a clizar way to strike out the Vadhára.
124. Settlement under Act VII. of 1863 have been carried out under the orders of the Alienation Scttlement. Collector; the only result due to this Department is the extra salami imposed by the enhanced survey rates, amounting in all to Rs. 1,533-2-2, this sum being the difference between the old system (Rs. 17,118-11-10) and the survey system (Rs. 18,851). A further increase is anticipated from the proposal made in paras. 57 aud 174 regarding the village Ajamagar and in respect to the Amod and Kerwada wantas, if it should please Goverument to adopt the one of several methods of settlement I have to propose.

[^8]125. The two villagee held onder the Rabet wanto tenure
"The saceerment of these villages han, hitherto, been levied in the lump. But though thas levied, the lamp ansessment variou each year according as the wettling otticer sees At. There is nothing in the tenure to iunply a fixity of the Governoons demand. The rental of the entire holding will, therefore, be settled for a period of thirty yeare after © rough aurvey of them by the Survey Depurtment.
"Bat it it neeessary thast the alienations in these villagen should be oettled on some principle. Many of those shenations were made by the Thakors themelves, and cannot, atrictly speaking, be brought ander the summary settlement. But, though made by the Thakora they are not recent in thair origin, and are in most casee beyond the control of the Thakors. It wrould, ander these circamstancea, be hard beyond the Thasors to hold them responsible for the alienatione which they are unable to resume or assess,
"The best plan would be to admit such alienations in the apirit of the aummary sottlement on a payment of a salimi of 4 annas in each roper of the aseesment, and to continue them as private property to the presout bolders, free from all interference on the part either of Governmont or the Thakore,
"Such alienstions, however, as have been made for the malntenance of the Thakors' relatives, should be excluded from the settlement. These holdinge the Ther kors would not desire to be alienated from the entates, and their value must necesmarily be considered to some extent in fixing the future rental of the Thikors.
"But before effecting the settlement it will be necessary to ank the Thikore whether they consent to it ; for, if they do not, it will not be right to offer it ; but then all such alienated lands, instead of being recognized by the payment of the 4 -anns saliami, will have to be included in their rent-paying eatates. This they should be made to understand clearly, and their atatement shauld be recorded. On their giving maeir consent, the 4-anna settlement may be offered: and the Thokors will be relieved froun liability for saoh lands.
" If the Thákors prefer that the settlemeut thould not be affered, they will bsar in mind that in fixing futare rentals Government will take tine proceels of these lande into considcration as lisble to pay revenue. It must be borne in mind that this order of acknowlerging alicastions on the poyment of the 4-suns aslimi does not apply to scrice alienations, which will continue to be included in the Thakors' boldings paying assessment to Goverunent, and which will be continued or discontinued at the pleature of the Thákors."
tally is tenure in paragraphe 51 to 58. The onder of the Revenue Conmissioner Mr. Ellis' No. A. -807 of the 21 th of March 1814, given in the margin, and approved by Government Resolution No. 1422 of the lath of April 1864, obviates the necessity of any proposal, except simply the actual amount to be levied. The assesgment of Rahet Jamabandi holdings, you araware, is as much lime ble to change as thaof the ordinary Government lands, the difference being the latter are let at full rates, while the former are allowed certain privileges.
126. The Thákors have objeoted to the alienated portion being treated as proposed by Mr. Ellis. They would rather it be retained in their holding, from a foolish idea that it is derogatory to divide the estate, and partly because of indulging in the rain hope that the alienees will die heirless, in which case the lands will revert to them instead of Government.
127. Consequently there is nothing left to be done but to carry out the settlement to be imposed, estimating the new Jama by rule of three, as done by Lieutenant-Colonel Prescott in Vagra with the Dehej and Keshwen Estates (vide page 181, Selection of Government, Jama. No. CXL.-New Series). The formula is: As the former collections (Jama) is to the former fuil assessment (Kamal), so is the survey Jama or the abated assessment to the survey Kamal or full rental.
128. The following statement concisely gives the area of the villages and their assessment. Column 9 contains the new Ráhet assessment to be imposed :-ro


* The eatates are quite digtinct from each other, and, therefose, need not be totalled.

129. The actual increase in each estate is: Tancha Rs. 561, Mátar Rs. 708 , respectively 89 and 52 per cent. on the former collections. In the year A.D. Inç̧esse. 1818, the first of British rule in this taluka, Tancha paid a Jama of Rs. 1,201 and Mátar Rs. 1,401 so that, in the period covering 58 years between 1818 and 1876, the Jama of Tancha has been raised Rs. 785 and Mátar Rs. 652. This is not more than fair, considering the rise in prices, extension of the cultiyated area, and the progreneive increase of land revenue in Khalea villages.
130. Had the Thakors accepted the offer of Government to exclude the area of alienatState of the case if alienations ed land, giving those holders on the part of Government a 4were omitted. annas settlement, the accounts woyld have stood thus:-

## Jama payment.



Government would by this arrangement gain in Tanoha, where the alienations are few, and lose in Mátar, where they are considerable. It is, therefore; evident that the Mátar Thakor was unwise in his rejection of the offer. He may, however, have a plan of recouping himself from the alienated holdings.
131. The Local Fund cess leviable ander Act III of 1869 will, of course, be estimated

> Local Fund Cess on Kamal. on the Kamal and not the Jama. This mistake has been made, I am told, in some of the other estates, but of this you will know best. The wording of the Act is clear enough, and Government have still further removed all doubt by their Resolution No. 6547 of the 23 rd November 1875.
132. Referring to my predecessor's report No. 1351 of the 30 th July 1873, on the

Wánto or Udhad Jamabandi Estateas

Vagra Settlement Report, Selec. tion CXL.-NEw Series, page 122.
tenure and settlement of the A'mod and Kervada Thakors' lands in Vagra, I find that no Resolution of Government has, as yet, been passed. The Chief Secretary to Government at page 167 of the selection says:-"The subject of the tenure and settlement of the Udhad. Jamabandi lands, treated of in the Superintendent's letter No. 1851 of the 30th July 1873, submitted with these papers, is under the consideration of Government in a separate correspondence, and will be disposed of shortly."
133. As the Thákors of $A^{\prime} \bmod$ and Kervada reside here, and by far the greater number of their villages lie in this táluka, which I am now settling, and as you are aware several complications have already resulted from a somewhat anomalous tenure, I am glad of the opportunity (the silence of Government affords me) of offering a few remarks towards clearing up the mystery which has enshrouded these holdings, and rendered the language of the officers who have corresponded with each other on the subject more or less undecided.
184. I entered upon the inquiry only with a view of finding out how two entire villages (one wanto and the other wajifa), mentioned by Major Monier Williams in A.D. 1818-19-the year of his survey-as belongdisappeared from the records of the talluka, and also with the object of reporting on the Vadhara or wanta encroachments mentioned in a report you sent me from Mr. Ardesar Jamsetji, the late Mámlatdar of Ámod.
end November 1874, with your endorsement No. 2864, dated Gth December 1874, Appendix F.
the first place, to obtain a clear idea of the original tenure, and to trace the changes effected in after years; in the second place to follow the gradual expansion of these estates from the beginning to the present time; and, thirdly, to decide, under all the circumstances of the case, what settlement is now most desirable.
188. Mr. Richey, the Talukdári Settlement Officer (in the correspondence which has been going on officially and demi-officially as to the rights of the
Talnkdari Suttlement Officers opinion of the Thakors' statue. Thakors to village sites and shares of the village tanks and public grazing grounds), in bis desire to make the best case for the Thakors-as the Manager of the Estates under Act XV of 1872-says:-"The Thákors held tr-i- ${ }^{-1}$ nds by a title older than the Government to which the British succeeded," and, again, "that at the outset the Thakors dealt almost on equal terms with the paramount power, that they had equal rights in the waste land with Government, their wanta being held by a very different title to that of any Government alienee, who, of course, received his holding and nothing more." Now, with all due deference to Mr. Richey, it is inconceivable on what authority this view is maintained. Apparently he has been unduly impressed with the idea that the torm wanta means an equitable division of land, and sovereign rights in districts. However, applicable this may be in theory, the idea is most certainly opposed to the history of the tenure in this district.
187. Wanta in its most favourable sense is but an allotment of land made to Grísias by Charnoteristion of Wanta, the paramount power for the protection of villages, and services of the Emperor Albar in 1605 the province was so infested by the incursions of robbers that the-local governments submitted to a compromise, and ceded certain lands to them in each village. The surrenders are said to have been denominated wanta, and exempted from taxation by the Mogal Government, but afterwards subjected to the payment of a quit-rent by Damaji Gákwar when he conquered Gujarat.
139. In its much commoner acceptation wánta is well known to be the lands held by Grasias, and acquired by cqmbination with the village Manager, which the Government of the
day considered more politic to assess than to resume. (The idea, however, of resumption, was foreign to native government, as the State inever troubled itself about the right of occupation, on the principle that the State rights could never be alienated; hence its dues were secure at all times, snd leviable from the holder, whoever he may be,-this was generally done through farmers of the entire district.) A wánta of this type is distinguished by its being either directly or indirectly taxed very little short of the full assessment,* and it can be proved that these Wántádárs have acknowledged their full subordination by paying the regular sevenue (Jama), besides cesses of various kinds, centuries before British rule.
139. Another view of the case is even more opposed to the idea of these Thakors ever having shared the sovereignty of this district. The very fact of having levied "Tora-giras" from the villages about, which is to this day paid, shows that the lordship of the soil could not have been theirs, as blackmail is not usually deemed a badge of sovereignty; but, to say the least of it, they must have degenerated andly from the standard set up for them. The Thakors themselves, or at least their ancestors, would, I am sure, have smiled at the imputation of being anything but Grásias; so humble were they, half a century ago, that they were willing recipients of annual pattas, or leases, from the administration of Broach, consenting to the Jamabandi fixed on a tenure of "Bet-vigar," which is, I suppose, a corruption of Veth-bigargeneral service (vide Appendix K)-and is, I am informed, still existing in Káthiawar.
140. The Thákors, under the plea of their old records having been lost or stolen, can give

No explanation obtainable from the W Untaddrs about themselves. no account of themselves beyond what might be usually expected of a Rajput-a family-tree leading up to the founder of the epoch, Raja Vikram I
141. It is essential to premise that each of the estates is composed of two distinct parts : the estate paying Udhad Jama and the estate which the Thákors term Gadino, or lands acquired by the family, and partaking more of the nature of private property. How long the distino-

## What the Wanta Eatates are at present.

 tion has been maintained, it is impossible to say, and there is nothing to prevent the areas being juggled to suit the interest of the Thakors, by which I mean it would be advantageous to show as much land in the Udhad estate as possible, because of evading the provisions of Act VII of 1863 applicable to the second estate, which was, however, subsequently brought under the summary settlement, and may, therefore, be called the Sanadi Estate by way of distinctionsanads having been granted.142. The Amod Estate comprises an area of 21,216 aores, comprised in one whole village (Waria) and in 67 parts of villages, yields a yearly revenue of about Rs. 80,000 , and pays land revenue to State to the extent of Rs. 12,359-7-0. It in necessary, however, to know the area and land revenue paid from each part of the estate, so as to have a thorough appreciation of affairs:

## Detail.

| Udhad Estate. <br> In 19 villages only. |  |  | Sanadi Ebtate. <br> In all 57 villages more or less. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ares | ... | 14,508 acres. | Ares ... | ... | ... |  |
| Commated Jama | ... | 9,379 $\mathrm{Rs}^{\mathbf{m}}$ | Commuted Jama | ... | ... |  |

143. The Kervada Estate comprises shares in 20 villagea, having an are of 9,287 Korvada. acres, and a gross annual revenue of about Rs. 40,000. Pays Government land reyenue Rs. 9,230-1-6 :

Detail.

144. It seems incongruous that there should be estate within estate; but the Amod Origin of the Sanadi Estate. Thákor's explanation that it was acquired by his Gadi, and forms no part of the larger estate held from Government, is probably quite correct. Of course, it could not be expected of hhm to give the exact explanation which Drummond does: "Grásias have in times of trouble extorted grants of land from cultivators and managers, and have acquired land in other ways for inadequate consideration, as by retaining mortgages, \&ce." These lands were more or less Governmental and such abuses consequently diminished the full revenue-paying area of the district.

[^9]145. This praotice, however, did not die away in consequence of the British GovernCombination against Government. ment gaining possession of the district; on the contrary, there is ample proof that (taking advantage of our ignorance and a natural tenderness in all matters affecting the right of others) it was continued with unabated shamelessness until very recently, even 10 years after Major Williams had distinctly defined the limits of wants holdings. This, of course, would have been impossible if our native revenue officers had been true to their salt; but it would appear that the Desais and Mazmundárs were simply maintained to hoodwink their super-
"The Britinh officers flrst placed in charge of aflaira at Broach complained that from e oombination among native officials it was not posaible to gain a true account of the resonroes of the distriot. No fnancial details for the firgt two years of British management are available. But it was afterwards found out that the existence of severa ceases formerly levied by the Nabob had been kept hid from the British officerm."
ior officers, and abet every species of plundering. The state of affairs in A'mod and Jambusar was only a repetition of what occurred in Broach, and minuted upon by the Honourable J. Duncan, Governor of Bombay.
146. This accounts for there being no maji or old records of A'mod. Instead of the hereditary native revenue officers handing over the regular

- The Hereditary Native Officers recite from memory the Wabiwat of the taluke. dufter they were morally bound to keep, they only offered in substitution a well-concocted verbal slatemént. It was some time after our occupation that they were required to answer a series of questions put them, and the answers so given form the only record of former management in the taluka. One can picture the whole scene; how the Desais, having got wind what was going to be done by the Ssheb, recited their parts in concert overnight, and next morning, in the meekest of attitudes, with affectation of good faith, glibly laid down the wahiwat. It was on this occasion that it was recorded for the first time that the Thákors paid an "Udhad Jamábandi" on their wánta. But unfortunately they happened

A'mod, Rs. 3,000.
Eorwada, He. 2,000. to forget an important item of Peshkasi levied from A'mod and Kerwáda, amounting to Rs. 5,000 per annum-a little lapse of memory not rectified until A.D. 1825, 9 years after our possession. It has ever since been taken in addition to the Udhad Jamábandi (vide Appendix J., Parts 1 and 2), but I cannot discover whether the Desais had to make up the loss.
147. Wishing to know something of the old wahiwat from the Peshwa's dufters in Poona, I asked Colonel Etheridge to send me a transcript of all he had affecting the tenure, area, and land revenue of $A^{\prime}$ mod.
Papera from the Poons Dutter. He kindly sent me the three papers-E, Parts 1, 2 and 3-filed in the Appendis, from. which I am able to atate that during the period-50 years before British rule-one Himatsing Gráaia of the kasba and one Azim Rána, of Kerwáda, held wánto lands and paid into the Treasury, through certain farmera of the taluka revenaes, the following sums:

|  | A.D. 1707. | A.D. 1768. | AD. 1760. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ra. | Rs. | He. |
| A'mod Wénta | 7,500 | 7,144 ${ }^{\text {3 }}$ | 7,658 |
| Korwada Wanta ... | . 6 , 250 | 4,797 | 8,102 |

These items are made up of ordinary revenue, Moglais, and various babtis, and represent the total amount of the Jamabandi of those years.*
148. The tenure is simply stated to be wánto-a Grásia's wanto-and nothing more; the complimentary prefix of Thákor was not known in those days, or was probably not allowed. The mode of levying the revenue due is clear: The Grasias paid ordinary Jame in lump sum, with certain cesses indicating sovereign rights, on the part of the assessor; no mention of Bandhi Jama, "a fixed unalterable revenue settlement," is made ; in fact, a heavy Moglai is rather opposed to the after-thought of fixed Jama set up by the Thakors' accomplices, the Desais and Mazmundárs.

If Udhad Jamdbandi it was Udhad with an exoeption.

Please refer to paragraphs 89 to 68 in conuection with the subject. exigencies any amount.
150. The circumstantial evidence afforded by the practice of estimating the annual
149. This is, however, not a very material point. Even if it were true that the land revenue derived from the wantas Was a fixed sum, still the uncontradicted fact that Moglais and Peshkasis were leviable at will, placed the tenure in the category of land from which the State might demand for its

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& \text { A atraw showing how the wind } \\
& \text { blows. }
\end{aligned}
$$ revenue demand in the taluka, whether on talpad or wanta lands, as may be seen on reference to Appendix G, obtained from the taluka records, only oonfirms the belief I always entertained that the assertion of "a fixed unalterable Jama" was in reality a fiction. It might be asked-why should the Desai, Mazmundar, and Amin Patels estimate the revenue on the wanta, when that revenue was fixed for ever? That it was'owing to their infuence a certain sum was not exceeded for many past years, is a matter of no surprise.

[^10]151. But was there really a fixed demamd on the wants in the alleged sense of the term? The reply is given in paragraphs 147 and 148 to be read in connection with the items embodied in Appendix letter I., Parts 1 and 2. I have no further need to argue when figures are more eloquent thian words.
152. The following abstract of a more detailed statement (vide Appendix J.) gives concisely the extent of land the Wantádárs have from time to time

Comparative Statement of Encroachmenta and the Asgesenent thereon added to their Udhad Jamabendi estates. The authenticity and value of the entries in columns $2,3,4$ and 5 must be clearly explained to arrive at a proper conclusion as to how much land in the possession of the Thákors is liable for full assessment:-

153. As it is probable that half a paragraph will be quoted from Major Monier

Testimony of Major Monier Willisms' Survey of 1819-20. Williams ${ }^{\text {P }}$ Memoir of Broach (page 11) to prove that the entry of claims to alienated and wánta lands was imperfect, I shall give it in full, to show, that although he admits not having committed himself to the positive recognition of claims before formal inquiry, he nevertheless placed on record their identification. He says:-" At the survey of this paragna (A'mod) A.D. 1819-20 no account whatever was taken of land claimed to be exempt from revenue. The claims made in the Jambusar paragna were far beyond the proportion known elsewhere. In A'mod these were even more inordinate, and Government was not prepared to order an investigation and settlement of them to be contemporaneous with the survey as in the Broach, Anklesar, and Hansot paragnas. It was judged to be best not to give any aanction to such claims by an admission of even the names of wanta, pasaita, \&c., in the documents of the survey. But in case of settlement the fields of every real landholder can be identified by their name, situation, cultivator's name; computed quantily as given in the atatements framed by the Survey Department." Nothing is olearer than this, in statement or in fact; and the documents are now available for reference-bound in two massive volumes. I find in it every field claimed by the Thákors in 1819-20. Their names are entered, not their tenants'; and, to prove that the fields were not all waste at the time of the survey, the nature of the standing crops is given in a side column.
154. By this document we are put in possession of the mast reliable state of affairs in 1819-20 (vide column 3 of the above statement). It, at least, represents all that the Thakors pointed out as their land. If they had said twice as mach belonged to them, there is no reason to suppose, according to Major Williams' admission, that such would not have been entered in their names, unless it was too evideathat the fields were in the occupation of other landholders.
155. The result in Jambusar, where there was a previous survey, only shows in what ratio encroachments advance. Major Williams says:-"It

Encroachments of aimilar nature proved in Jambusar.

Memoir, page $\mathbf{S .}_{\text {. }}$ Memoir, page $8 . \quad$ A.D. 1784-85)," which was kept by Mr. Callender when
and girania of the present day are much first came under British rule, "while the vechania of one of the theans present day are much less; and this may be considered as some explanation of one of the means by which wánto lands advance in amount. Lands first obtained under the head of vechánia and girania by Grásias merge into their wanta in time."
156. There was no authentic record of area existing in $A^{\prime} \bmod$ before Major Williams' survey to draw a comparison. The Desais and Mazmundárs (those corrupt officials before alladed to) produced slips of paper alleging to be the Rak bo of $\frac{\text { Sampat } 1003}{4 . D .150 t}$. Apart from the impossibility of accepting as true a docament of this nature,
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without seal or signature will be observed that the wanta now claimed (1819-20) exceeds by upwards of 10,000 kumbhas the statement of 1841 (A.d. 1784-85)," which was kept by Mr. Callender when roduced by such men from their own private records), it bears
on its face not only a kutcha ajmash, but gross inaccuracies, as in the instance of the wintas of A'modand Kerwida. The figures are suspiciously given in full round numbers of thodsands : thus 3,000 and 4,000 kumbhas. Now 4,000 kumbhas of wanta alone is more than the gross area of the whole village of Kerwada, including the talpad by 692 kambhas or 651 acres. Tibis is sufficient to stamp the document as being a very roagh one indeod and upon which no reliance can be placed.
157. I select two of the chief villages to illustrate my meaning :-

Leoording to Dotais' Statement of A. D. 1809.


Leave the details in doubt if you will, but compare the gross totals $a$ and $A, b$ and B. What depondence can bs placed on figures of this nature?
158. It might be noticed that in the instance of the $A^{\prime}$ mod Kasba (vide Statement, Appendix

Discrepaney between Major Williane area of the Kasba and the survoy accounted for. J.) there seems to be a considerable disorepancy between Major Williams' area and the area ascertained by the Hisséwars and even the Gujarat Survey-a matter which troubled the Mámlatdar of A'mod in his para. 18, Appendix F. The explanation is, that the area of an entire wanta village* (separately measured by Major Williams, and having an area of 733 kumbhas, or 700 acres) was clubbed by the Dessis' Hissa Survey in A.D. 1823 into the A'mod Thakor's lands, and still remains clubbed. The object was, no doubt, to throw the area of the village, subject to a small annual assessment, into the Udhar Jamábandi of $A^{\prime}$ mod; and as the only person who had an interest in its being so treated was the A'mod Thaskor, it is presumable that the Dessia' Hissawars were instigated to do so by him, especially as no complaint was ever made by him of the circumstance. This village was not included originally in the Udhad area, and, therefore, indicatas a self-evident motive.
159. This is one of the two small alienated villages mentioned by Major Williams at page

Two villages absorber in the lands $\operatorname{vi}^{f}$ Kesba $A^{\prime}$ mod and Chanchval.

10 of the Broach Memoir-one being a wajifa, and the other a wanta village paying a small annual sum. At page 29 the surn is stated to be Rs. 54 realized in 1819-20, or year of the survey. The Winta village has been absorbed in $A^{\prime}$ mod, and the wajifa village in Chánchvel. The wajifa village has fallen under the summary settlement, and now Korms part and parcel of the sanadi lands of Chánchvel, whereas the wánta village lias escaped taration.
160. Although Major Williama' survey of 1819-20 was a field survey, the numbering was

Cbarnctor of the Desais' Hisad measurement of A.D. 1829 to 1833 (oide Colvmin 4 of statement in para, 162).
done in reapect to waghas or divisions, instead of running consecutively through the village lands in one series. He also left the Kharaj or waste and pasture lands in large block numbers. In order to adapt this data for the new form of village registers (khardfis) the Collector ordered the Desais of the teluka to subdivide Williams' numbers, and construct a register in which all the fields should be written
consecutively. This work was undertaken in 1829, and was finished in 1833 by what is called consecutively. This work was undertaken in 1829, and was finished in 1833 by what is called
a Hissáwir establishment, consisting of mem who could only measure aquare plots. Fhere was no European supervision of any kind, and this very important work was entrusted to native dietrict officers-Desais and Mazumdárs, whose honesty was not above reproach a few year's previously.
161. The result was, as might have been expected of such agency, the wanta estates

Firat etage of enoroaoliment. expanded wonderfully: the Government kharaj and grass lands were alsorbed to such a degree that the Udhad estate of A'mod and Kerwada (not reckoning the sanadi portion) increased from 12,453 acres to 20,400 , or
8,453 acres in the short space of 10 years. 8,453 acres in the short space of 10 years.
162. Between the Hissawar period and 1875 the spirit of encroachment had not Second stage of encroachmourk slumbered. The Thakor of A mod-who has been the greater delinquent of the two-added to his estates 1,092 acres, or, in
all, since Williams surver, 5,837 acres, the annual rental of which is Re, 26,586. The Kerwáda Thákor in this second interval-allowing a emall margin for difference in meagnre-ment-had remained inactive, though in the firat stage he bagyed 3,130 acres of the anmual value of Rs. 14,083 . The State having been thus deprived of no less a sum than Re. 40,621 per annum since 1819-20. The Tálukdári Settlement Officer (Mr. Kichey), you are aware, had a very bad opinion of Ardesar Jamsedji, the late Mámlatdar of A'mod, becanse of his real against the interest of his ward ; but, after these disclosures, can you refrain from giving him ell the credit due for not having succumbed to those potent influences which corrupted to the very core the whole subordinate establishment of A'mod since British rule?
163. To prove that the spirit of encroachment on the part of the A'mod Thakor is perfectly

## Third stage of encroachment.

 incorrigible, I must tell you that the Mamlatdar inforned me, during Jamabandi this year, that 34 acres of Government land duly existing in the village registers of $A^{\prime}$ chod, were appropnated and entered in the japti khardas of that estate. This is a strange proceding, without your permission or even reference to you.164. But I reported even a more remarkable instance of Grásia proclivity in my letter to you, No. 1826, of the 17 th October 1874, Appondix P. If auch a thing can be done in the full glare of 1874, there is nothing Modern instance of old traita. ever written of Grasia andacity which one may not believe.
165.' I beg your attention to a few more remarks before expressing my opinion on the settlement of these wants estates. You will recollect that it was no less an officer than Mr. Ellis, Revenue Commissioner, N. D., no less an officer than Mr. Ellis, Revenue Commissioner, N. D.,
who decided that the wanta should not be brought under the Summary Settlement Act, and that ita designation should be

Renson why the Revenne Commissioner altered the designation of the $A^{\prime}$ mod and Kerwads Wartav converted from wánto to Sarkári Udhad Jamábandi. I need not eay that you may be pretty well sure that an officer of such vast experience-one who is allowed to have justly taken the place of the most eminent reveuue officer of this Presidency"-had some very good grounds for his decision.
166. Although not placed on record, those reasons I may be permitted to suggest : Mr Ellis was, doubtless, struck with the vahivat embodied in my Appendices G., H., L., and K. He found that, whatever the tenure may have been in former years, that it was from A.D. 1818. a pure Khálsa holding, because the Thákors-
(a) Had annual leases ... ... ... ... ... Appendix K.
(b) Accepted Tagavi advances $\begin{array}{ccccc}\ldots & \ldots & \cdots & \ldots & \text { Appenair K. } \\ \ldots & \ldots & \text { Do. } \\ \text { H. }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { (c) Paid their Jama instalments } & \ldots . & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \text { Do. } & \text { H. } \\ \text { (d) Had their Jamá estimated } & \ldots . & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \text { Do. } & \text { G. }\end{array}$
(e) And their original holdings had been assessed as high as Khálsa land (vide note to para. 138).
These circumstances, coupled with a certain amount of sympathy for mon so much in the meshes of the law that they never stirred out of their houses except at night, led to a kindly selection of a tenure (Sarkári Udhad Jamábandi) which wonld best suit them. It was thought that it would, at all events, prevent any further alienation of the land, and would render the process of summary settlementinnnecessary, i.e., a quit-rent, in addition to the commuted jama, would be avoided.
167. I am positive that Mr. Ellis never knew, nor did any one else, up to the presents time, ever dream of the muddled state of affairs I have described -the organized looting of Staterevenues. Nor did he consider the heavier responsibilities which would attend the Sarkari tenure, under the circumstances of the case, because of the full assessment on Fadhéra or encroached lands being impossible; whilst as "Wánta-Udhad-Salámi" the summary settlement cess would only amount to one-eighth of that sum. There is no doubt now, which is preferable in the interests of the Thákors.
168. Besidss which the recognition of the original wanta tenure is what is desired by the Thákors, and not a Khálsa tenure, which they know limits their proprietory right. Nothing can be plainer than the A'mod Thakor's representation (a translation of which is appended marked L). Who can be a better judge of the designation of
He declares it to be Wanta-Udhad-Salami, with which you will

Wanta and not Snrkaric Olhad Jamabandi desired by the Thakors. the tenure than the holder? He declares it to be Wanta-Udhad-Salami, with which you will
doubtless concur, such being the original tenure, undisguied. $\dagger$ If any qualification of simple "Wanta" be required, the affix of Udhad-Salami is warranted by vahivat.
169. As Wánto-Udhad-Salámi the tenure falla under the Summary Settlement, Act VII

Sárod, A'mod and Eerwade shonld be treated alike under Act VII of 18033 . of 1863. This Act was applied to the Sárod Wanta Estate in Jambuaar, which, you know, is precisely of the same nature. Why should any distinction be made in favour of A'mod and Kerwada? When the Hon'ble Mr. Rogers was Collector of Broach I believe be proposed that the wanto estates should be settled under the Act, but was over ruled

[^11]4 The Thator et the same time does not want a summary settlement, or any settlement which will increace the State demand on encroachmente or otherwise.
170. When Colonel Prescott proposed the rules contained in page 127 of the Vagra Report (printed Selection, CXI. - New Series), that officer only got a glimpse of the state of affairs in Vagra, where only a small fragment of the Udhad estates of $A^{\prime}$ mod end Kerwada existed.
Colonsl Prescott/a Ralee for
trestment of excees land. trestmont of excees land. He had no ides of the proportion and nature of the encroachmente, and, therefore, his rales are
not applicable. For instance, the natural division of roads, nivers, and nálas are not to be not applicable. For instance, the natural division of roads, ners, and nalas are not to ber
found in two-thirds of the wanta villages; and as for roads, they run through tracts of Kharaj, and are not boundaries; besides, the old survey (Williams) never laid down boundary marks-a peculiarity of the present survey only, so that there is no way of proving an encroschment except by the increase of area in holdings formerly surveyed and now surveyed. You will perceive, on reference to the detailed statement of villages in which wantas exist (Appendix J.), that ther is a certain class of ercroachments not anticipated by Colonel Prescott. I mean, for instance, in Walipur ( 10 of A'mod Táluka) and Gandbar ( 1 of Vagra Taluka) that both in the original Rakbo statement of the Desais parporting to be of A.D. 1809, and in Colonel Williams' survey by way of corroboration, the Thakor possessed no land in those villages, not even a square foot, yet the Hissáwars gave him 214 acres in Walipur and 396 acres in Gandhar. Can anything be more conclusive of the fact of collusion and shameless encroachment?
171. It has bean so much the practice to subordinate one's reason to the verbal statement Proposals for Settlement. of old Karkuns and retired Dessis, that I have taken some pleasure in ferretting out their falsehoods. The cuttle-fish instinct of rascaldom in this district-a nest of pensioned Government servants as my population statement shows-had nearly succeeded in eluding detection by either destroying or secluding all the maji records. But the truth will out; and Government, being once in possession of all the facts of the case as lucidly as I am able to put it before them, will, I trast, have no difficulty in deciding upon one of the two modes of settlement I now beg to propose.
172. If. Mr. Ellis was justified in changing the tenure from wáto (paying a UdhadSalámi, i.e., a lump jama, to which were added commuted Babtis, Moglais and Peshkasis) to Sarkári-Udhad-Jamábandi, then I would, to avoid any possible controversy or litigation, declare that the commated sum hitherto paid, plus Vadhára, be hereafter accepted as the fixed jama. This jama, exclusive of the Looal-Fund cess, is.:-

Rs. a. p.
(a) In A'mod ac. 9,87963
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { In Kerwada } & \text {.. } & 6,252 & 14 & 10\end{array}$
(b) This Udhad Jama to be upon the area of land held at the time of Williams' survey in 1818-19. It will give the Thakors full title to that area, i.e., to all they were in possession of then, and no more.
(c) The difference between the ares recorded then and now, with a margin of 10 per cent. in favour of the estates, to cover any discrepancy in measurements-a margin upnecessarily wide, ; but given in deference to Colonel Prescott's opinion-I would fully aesess.
173. The assessment by the first proposal is as under:-


Add to this the Udhad Jama for the sum total demand :-

| , |  | Udhad Jamb. | Fall Assessment as above | Total Revenve demand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Re. | Rs. | Rs. |
| $\Delta^{\prime} \bmod . .$. | $\cdots$ | 9,379 | 28,886 | 38,265 |
| Kerwada | -•• | 6,252 | 12,786 | 19,038 |

174. Whereas if it be decided that the tenure is "Wanto-Udhad-Salámia" all the Eecond or alternative Proposal. difficulties abont encroachments and the penalty of full assessment -a severe but just measure-will be swept away by the more merciful substitation of a two-annas summary settlement on the area of the entire holding up to date (virle column 11 of the statement in para. 152). The sum total demand would consequently be :-

175. These figures, whether as to area or assessment, have no connection with the sanadi estates of the Thakors-already settled under Act VII of 1863, and do not include Local-Fund cesses.
176. Another troublesome subject investigated by me was the claim ret up fir village

The Amod and Kerwads claims to villuge sites, roads, tanks, and glaziag ground. sites, tanke, roads, and grazing ground by the Thalkors of A mod and Kerwada. I consider it unnecessary to inquire into the last two descriptions of claims in the face of the wholesale encroachments on Government waste land and the nine thousand and twenty-seven acres held in excess of the Thakor's title: roads undoubtedly belong to the State. I am, therefore, reduced to the consideration of the village sites and tanks. The plea is when lands were given in wánta, a portion of the village was included in the grant.

Two typical cases of Gabban Inquiry.
177. Two typical cases are appended, M. and N. I inquired into several others, and found the circumstances differed very slightly. Taking everything into consideration $I$ think the desire to divide the
*The Thakors of A'mod, Kerwade sud fircod (not to mention bandreds of minor W'antadars' equal claims) have parts in altogether 117 villages, the holding rangaltogether 117 villages, ehe holdi villages in which the Thákors have scraps of wanta* of very doubtful tenure, as appears from the general remarks in the body of this report, is, to say the least of it, fraught with mischief. It is historical that a Grásia's claim, when satisfied, is always the forerunner of others.
178. The ground-rent levied by the Thákors, according to a list I obtained from them, amonnts in the case of the A'mod Estate, in 4 out of 57 villages, to Re. 18-8-0, and in 3 out of 20 villages of Kerwada, to Rs. 39-5-9. This proves rather the exception, and they might be left to their own devices to collect any more.
179. The Patels with whom I conversed on the subject told me that the only object the Thákors have in obtaining formal recognition of title to a division of the Gabhan, is the right they will obtain to levy ground-rent, and the option to exact free labour from the unfortunate men who may be, with the authority of Government, handed over to the tender mercies of landlords, who will doubtlessly turn them out of their own houses whenever it pleases them. As Government have not reserved to themselves this right, it would seem simply monstrous to sanction any such pretensions to the certain injury of the people.
180. My impression is, and I would advance it with much deference, that no desire to General opinion as to new claims. oblige these Thakors will be found an aderguate motive for a retrogressive step of the nature which the Talukdari Settlement Officer is inclined to support. It is one thing to treat ancient rights that have never been laid aside with tenderness, and another to create antiquated privileges of which no pablic necessity can be advanced as the excuse.

1S1. The Wantádars, big and small, should be told, briefly and firmly, that they as well Order necessary in the case. as their cultivators will not be disturbed in what they possess. The usufruct of the village site, its temple, its field of ease, and tank, belongs undoubtedly to the whole community, and the property is by the common law of the land vested in the Sovertign.
182. I was at first inclined to advocate that the large villages in which the Thakors reside, should be made an exception as a sort of support to their
Claims to Gabhan in towna no more valid. dignity, but the more I looked into the matter the more I became impressed that establishing an imperium in imperiv is not desirable. It will obstruct municipal improvements in a place like the kasba of A'mod, pnd give rise to no end of litigation, as the Thataor claims not only the agriculturists' housea, but the mansione of rakils, merokants, and- shop-keepers, who have never yet paid him a penny. It is true that wherever Grasias reside mostly, that part of a village or town is called wanta, just as where Dhers reside is called the Dher-wada, every class of inhabitants in this country giving a distinct
designation to the quarter ; but this constitutes no title. The Tarks might with equal propriety enter a claim for the whole of Bayswater, on the ground that it in now commonly known as Asia Minor. The householders of that fashionable locality would not, perhaps, be more astonished than the Máhájans of $A^{\prime}$ mod to find their fine houses vested in a superior holder.
183. If it be necessary to decide upon house property in a place like A'mod, the Thakor must apply for a formal inquiry under Act IV of 1868 .
184. In respect to the improvements which this taluks is susceptible of, I may notice, in - Taiuka improvement. the first instance, the necessity of an improved system of tankclearing, and the funds required for the same. A district which complains of standing water, singularly complains of dry tanks likewise-the anomaly cannot be denied. Every village tank should be dug 3 or more feet into the yellow olay, which varies from 6 to 12 feet below the general surface of the country; and sluicegates should be placed at the neck of the tank. At present, aftel the first fall of rain, the tanks are filled with liquid mud. In a few days the clear water recedes, and is carried off by the adjoining nalas, which are below the tank level. This applies to a great number of tanks in A'mod.

1S5. Some plan of taking all the tanks of a taluks in rotation, and digging them out
See paras. 17 and 18. thoroughly once in every 15 years at the very least, is much needed. I was surprised to learn from a rayat, 75 years old, that the centre of the A'mod tank had never been touched in his lifetime, though the tank has been frequently dug in the marginal parts adjoining the town.
186. In this matter I can bear testimony to your untiring exertions, though the results are, as yet, onfavourable, except in that portion of the road lying between A'mod and the Dhadhar River. As you have taken the Road-side trees and encampments. subject in hand it would be presumption to offer any suggestion, except on one point, the necessity of growing trees en masse for camps at certain places, say 8 or 10 miles apart, in all directions. The memory of your predecessors, "men good and true," would have been enchanced if they had left a few trees to pitch ander in the cruel month of May. They might have thought (as we are apt to do) that the trees are not likely to be useful in their time ; but this idea should not be perpetuated, and there shonld be no besitation now in apportioning a small sum for such a very desirable purpose.
187. The place I would seleet, is the head of the tank opposite the village. The excavated material might be thrown up into an oblong, rising flush with the highest part of the bund; on this loose soil, leem or mango
Best place for oncampmeute. trees would grow like rushes, and could be easily watered in the first 4 years of their infancy.
The soil, which would be malarious the first two years, would after that time consolidate and be perfectly healthy. The trees in 10 years would be large enough to screen tents from the eariy rising and setting sun and in 30 years would be an umbrageous grove. The tank would, at the same time, be deepened, and thus two blessings would result from one measure.
188. However much you may be impressed with the necessity of undertaking works of this nature, especially metalled roads, a very great desideratum, your willingness must be checked by the limitation of funds. The preamble of Act III of 1869 clearly points out the necessity of

Local Funds ought to be sogmented.
providing funds for works of
Roads, Schools, Hospitala, DisRenoads, Wensaries, Dharma public utility, and enumerates what they are. They certainly do not consist of that which solely affects the agricultural community; on the contrary they would seem to affect much more the interests of the community at large-an expression, however, which does not convey the relative importance of these beneficiary works. To be brief, the agriculturists in your collectorate only number 48,191* men, and with their f. ilies 100,021 souls, all told; whereas the other portion of the community number 250,301 souls. This $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times larger portion, moreover, - entains the wealthiest members, whose wants are comparatively greater.
189. Now the funds raised in the Broach District for 1874 amounted to Rs, 2,06,720, thus contributed:-

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { By the non-agri- } \\ \text { coltural comminuity } \\ 850,301 \text { souls. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| One-anna Cose ... ... | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Rs}_{4} \\ 1,71,640 \end{gathered}$ | Nothing. |
| Toll feos, ferry fees, pound fees, and achool-fee fund <br> ..' | 11,780 | 28,400 |
| Total | 1,85,320 | 23,400 |

These figares reveal an extent of nuequal taxation which, I am sure, has never been brought to the notice of Government. As the one-anna cess is levied for local purposes in excess of the

[^12]land-tax, and has in reality no connection with it, except ita mode of collection, it is evident that an equivalent contribution by the non-ugricultural community in proportion to numbers ought to be, in common jastice, levied, i.e., Rs. 4,50,000 instead of Re. 23,400 indirectly.
190. If the principle be conceded, that the rayats are neither legally nor morally bound to provide for the conveniences, or to liquidate the obligations of Banians, artizans, and such like fellow-citizens, there will be no difficuity, I presume, in your preparing a short bill for the Legislative Council. The best form of taxation-to equalize the incidence and to give it somewhat of the character of the agricultural cess - is ground-rent ; that is, every householder, except the rayat who pays the agricultural cess, whether in town or village in this district, should fe made to coutribute towards a fund for local benefits; the cess to be denominated "Local Fund Ground-rent." The house is a tangible object to lay hold of,

- Classes according to the village grouping, snd sub-clasese again in each village.
and the rent might be graduated in classes* to embrace all but the pariahs of the village. I find that in many villages of this district the non-agricultural community possess more cattle than the cultivators ; therefore the state of tanks is as much their concern as the rayats : but as many other such facts are well known to you, I need not do more than respectfully suggest a line of argument.

191. With such a fund at your disposal, even half of it, the Broach Collectorate might be made equal to the most favoured district; its tanks dng broad and deep; its arterial roads metálled; bandháras constructed; its road-side avenues, encamping groves, dispensaries, and schools improved, and, in fact, be made "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."
192. The fear of exceeding the limits of an ordinary set tle-

Subjecte requiring the Ordere of Government. the subjects requiring the orders of Government:-
(a) Rates of assessment.
(b) On the Vadhara question.
(c) The case of Ajamnagar, whether or not, it should be settled under Act VII of 1863.
(d) The Ráhet Wánto Settlement
(e) The $\Delta \bmod$ and Kerwáda Wántas Settlement.
$(f)$ Claims for a division of village sites, tanks, rivers, and grazing ground.
(g) Augmentation of Local Funds.

On these subjecte, it is to be hoped, I have removed every doubt without being tedious.
193. I have to acknowledge with pleasure the assistance rendered me by the Mámiatdar, Momlatdar's asaistance. A'zam Dwarkadas Chatrubhujdas, to whose tact it is due that the without any difficulty. revenue according to the new rates has been collected, for 1875-76,
194. I may, therefore, venture to hope that Government will be pleased to guarantee this Period of Guarantee to commence. settlement for a period of 30 years from the year it commenced in Vagra-1872-73.
195. In conclusion, I have to explain that this report, in what relates to the rates of Conclasion. assessment, was ready in January last; but rather than send in a meagre report on several subjects of importanoe, I had to postpone its despatch, in order to search your records, feeling sure that Government would for such goot reason excuse me.

I have the honour to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>N. B. BEYTS,<br>Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

From

To
I. G. WHITE, Esquire, Collector, Broach ;

L. R. ASHBURNER, Esquire, I. C. S., Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

Camp Derol, 29ith May 1876.
Sir,
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I have the houour to submit herewith a report No. $\frac{a}{c s}$ of the 22nd April last from the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey on the financial effect of the rates introduced by him in the A'mod Taluka.
2. The report only reached me on the 20th instant owing to its having been delayed to admit of the figures being compared. I will not therefore delay its submission by entering in detail upon the numerous points touched upon by Mr. Beyts, but will confine myself to a few -brief remarks.
3. Passing over the first 46 paragraphs of the report $I$ beg to express my concurrence in the opinion expressed at the end of paragraph 47 that "the question of indebtedness has no prastical connection with either the tenure or assessment of land in this district, and that were the ryots relieved of all land assessments they would not be in any better position as long as the social tyranny is fostered by the people themselves, "\&c.
4. In paragraphs 52 to 57 Mr . Beyts has gone at length into the history of the tenure of the village of Ajamnagar and has shown good reasons for his recommendation, that the village should be dealt with under the provisions of Act VII of 1863.
5. The remarks made by Mr. Beyts in paragraphs 59 to 63 on the wrong interpretation of revenue terms in connection with the term " Udhad Jamábandi " appear to me to be much to the point.
6. The grouping of the villages and the rates proposed for each of the three groups are treated of in paragraphs 88 to 90 . The proposals are in my opinion judicious and exceedingly moderate, a remark that also applies to the rice, bhata and garden rates discussed in paragraphs 91 to 98.
7. The remarks made in paragraph 109 as to the rent of lands sublet are deserving of attention and bear out what I have brought to notice on more than one occasion.
8. The subject of Wadhara in alienated lands is discussed in paragraphs 115 to 123, and for the reasons given, I am in favour of the recommendation made in paragraph 123 for "all undivided and undefined Wadhara land to be retained in the alienees' possession subject to a quit-rent equal to the full assessment as hitherto levied."
9. The course proposed to be followed in connection with the Rahet Wanta villages of Mátar and Tánchs is stated in paragraph 127. The Local Fund cess will of course, as assumed by Mr. Beyts in paragraph 131, be estimated on the Kamal and not the Jama. A mistake on this point was made by the Mámlatdar of $A^{\prime}$ mod in connection with the estate of the Thakor of A'mod, but is in the course of being rectified.
10. NIost of the latter part of Mr. Beyts' report from paragraph 1132 is taken up with the results of his inquiry into the Whanta or as they are now called "Udhad Jamabandi," holdings of the Thakora of A'mod and Kerwars, and into their claims (paragraph 176) to village sites, roads, tanks and grazing ground. The extensive encroachments on Government land since the year 1833 are very clearly exposed in paragraphs 160 to 162 . In the latter paragraph Mr. Beyts refers to the proiseworthy conduot of Mr. Ardesir Jamsedji who first brought the encroachments of the Thákor of A'mod to notice (vide paragraph 134 of Mr. Beyts' report). As I have on several oocasions axpressed the good opinion I have of that officer as an intelligent, fearless, zealous and straightforward servant of Government, it will give me great pleasure if you ahould see fit to mark your sense of the service he has rendered to Goverament in bringing the encroenchments to light.
11. The subject-matter of Seotion 163 is being inquired into.
12. The attempt on the-part of the Thakor of Janiadra to levy a personal cess from the cultivators of Government lands was puta stop to immediately upon being brought to my notice.
13. Of the two proposals made in paragraphs 172 to 174 for dealing with the encroachmente above referred to, the application of the 2 -anna summary settlement is the simpler and more merciful, but it is for Government to decide whether or not to give the Thakor the benefit of it.

14 As regards the claims of the Thásors to village sites, rads, tanks, \&c., I incline to the opinion expressed by Mr. Beyts in pragraphs 179 to 183, though I must point out that A'mod is not a Mrunicipal town as yet.
15. In regard to the suggestion made in paragraphs $\mathbf{1 8 0}$ to $\mathbf{1 3 0}$ to augment Local Funde by the imposition of a ground rent, I have only to observe that (apart from the question of its policy) it co $\cdots$, mends itself to me, as being based on equitable principles.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> (Signed) I. G. WHITE, Collector.

# Remarks by the Surcoy and Settlement Commissioner, N. D., on the Final Report of the Settlement of the $A^{\prime}$ mod I'aluka, Broach Collectorate. 

No. 1702 of 1876.

## Revenue Departaent.

Poona, 301 October 1876.
The settlement of the A'mod Taluka which is now submitted for final sanction was carried out last year as a temporary measure under the provisions of Section 25 of the Survey Act.
2. The rates submitted in the first ingtance by the Superintendent were slightly modified at my suggestion. The modification, as explained in his 85th paragraph, comprised the doing a way altogether with his let group of 5 villages round A'mod and transferring them to the 2nd, which consequently became the first group; and secondly, the reduction of the rate of the bara villages from a $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to a 4 rupees maximum. The reasons for these modifications are stated in my memorandum No. 622, dated 11th May 1875, appended to the Report; and I am glad to find the Superintendent admits that I took a correct view of the case. I have since passed through the district, and my observations and inquiries have convinced me that the modifications were appropriate.
3. Under the Superintendent's proposals modified in the manner explained above, the district bas been divided into 3 groups for Jiráaat lands with maximum rates of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$, Re. 5 , and Rs. 4. The first comprises 40 out of the 53 villages, and the second and third 6 and 7 only;

Paragraphs 83 to 90 . so that by far the greater part of the district comes ander the $5_{\frac{1}{1}}$
rupee rate. Mr. Beyts shows that the rates accord with those introduced in adjoining districts, and I consider that he has given satisfactory reasons for the manner in which he has apportioned the villages into groups.
4. According to the statement made in paragraph 91, there are 3,011 acres of rice in the district. Mr. Beyts explains that he has assessed this cultivation at the regular Jirayat rate for the soil, with a super-added maximum water-rate of a rupee less than the soil rate; 10 rupees therefore is the combined soil and water maximum; but the average rate for the whole is shown to be Rs. 5-12-0 which, as he explains, "clearly indicates that the classification ranges much below the top value of the scale."
5. The bháta lands which are only 255 acres in extent are confined to three villages. Paragraph 94. The maximam rate is Re. 12 in two villages, and Re. 9 in the other, the average being Rs. 9-10-10 and Rs. 6-2-10, respectively, for the two classes of rates. No objection, in my opinion, can be taken to these rates or to those for rice land either, as they are both as moderate as could well be imposed.
6. Government will be glad to see from the explanation given in paragraph 97 that no water-rate has been imposed on well-irrigation, but that in accordance with the plan followed in Wagra, the dry-crop classification rate of lands irrigated from wells has been increased from 2 to 4 annas.
7. The new assessment under all heads amounts' to Rs. 2,52,256 against Rs, 2,17,969

## Equivalent to 15 per cent.

 under the old system. The settlement consequently has resulted in an increase of Rs. 34,286 upon the former revenue of the district. The Colleotor considers the rates to be "exceedingly moderate," an opinion which I fully subscribe to. The report contains a full detailed account of the resalt of the measure, and I would beg to refer to it for any further information required on this subject.8. In paragraph 102 Mr . Beyts gives a statement showing the maximum increase for individual villages, which, it will be seen, is 35 per cent. in one village of the lst group, 27 in one of the 2nd, and 13 only in one of the last. There will always be a few cases of this kind in which the average increase for a whole district when it is entirely re-classed is considerably exceeded
in individual villages. They are generally susceptible of explanation, and I think are satisfactorily accounted for in this case. Petitions against the rates were presented to me in some of the cases where the increase was considerable, and I know that the Superintendent carefully inquired into them during the Jamábandi, muking reductions where thought necessary. I mention this particularly as showing the attention given to the details of the settlement by thatofficer.
9. With regard to the Vadharo or increase on alienated lands as shown by comparison of Paragraphs 115 to 123. the survey with the former area, it will be perceived from the explanation given in the paragrapise noted above, that the Superinteudent has disposed of all cases in which the increase does not exceed 2 acres in accordance with the orders of Resolution No. 4903 of 1873 ; and he now requests that the same orders may be applied to all other cases of undivided and undefined Vadharo, without reference apparently to area. I am apprehensive that the indiscriminate applicatiof of the order to all cases would produce discontent and involve us in law suits questioning our right to assess such excess land, and am consequently of opinion that it would be betiter not to increase the limit of area to which the order is applicable, but to divide into separate P6t numbers the Vadháro or excess area when above the prescribed limit, subjecting it to summary eettlement rulea. Orders, it will be noted, are required for the disposal of the cases here alluded to.
10. The proposed settlement of the new Jama of Rahit Wanto villages is in accordance Paragraph 127. with the practice followed in similar cases, and should, I think, be approved of.

## 11. The Superintendent has entered into a long and wearying discussion extending over

 Parngraphs 132 to $175 . \quad 43$ paragraphs regarding the Udhad Jamábandi question in connection with the settlement of the estates of the Thakors of A'mod and Kerwadi held on that tenure. The whole matter lies in a nut-shell, being confined simply to the question as to whether we should assess the encroachment or apparent excess land at full survey rates or at summary settlement rates only; and I think there is no donbt, the decision should be in favour of the latter course.12. Supposing this view of the case to be approved of, the Thakors will have to pay their former fixed Jams plws the summary settlement cess of 2 annas per ropee on that sum. The effect of this plan of settlement is shown in detail in the statement under paragraph 174.
13. I think it is very desirable to negative the Thakor's claims generally to village sites. As suggested by the Superintendent, they misht be allowed to continue the levy of the ground rents they are now in receipt of, bat a careful record of sach cases should be prepared and all further claims effectually barred.
14. The settlement of the question raised as to the terms on which the village of Ajamnagar should be held in future, might be referred for the Legal Remembrancer's opinion.

## Paragraphe 54 to 67.

15. Mr. Beyts concludes his report with some suggestions for instituting a regular systematic clearance of the tanks of the district which form almost the sole drinking water-supply for the people and cattle. It is a work which must soouer or later be taken up anless we are prepared to see the people afflicted annually with a water famine. At the same time it is much too costly, if done effectively, to be carried out with the present Local Funds, and some special taxation, such perhaps as suggested by him, must be resorted to to raise the requisite funds for the work.
16. Mr. Beyts deserves much credit for the careful manner in which he has compiled the results of this settlement. I think, however, the report is too long, and it certainly would bave been bev- as a Rcrenue Survey Settlement compilation if the tedious discussion on the Udhad Wánto and other tenure questions had been omitted or curtailed at any rate within reasonabled limits.
17. The report reached me first in manuscript. But on writing to Mr. Beyts about it he asked me to return it in order that he might have it printed. This occupied several months, and I was not furnished with a priped copy till the 2nd instant which will account for its having apparently been so long in passing through my office.

No. 5996 or 1876.
Bombay, Sth Docember 1576.

## From

THZ REVENUE COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division;
To

# Thr CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department. 

## Sir,

I have the honor to forward a very voluminous report by Mr. Beyts on the revise assessment of the Amod Táluka of Broach with remarks by the Survey and Settlement Commissioner and the Collector.
2. It will be remembered that the rates now proposed were, with some slight modifications suggested by Colonel Francis, sanctioned experimentally for one year by Mr. Robcrtson, the Acting Revenue Commissioner under the anthority vested in him by Section 25 of $A \cdot t$ of 1865. I will not attempt in the present press of work to epitomize the great variety of interesting information contained in Mr. Beyts' report, nor to record an opinion on many of the important subjects discassed by Mr. Beyts, some of them would be more appropriately disposed of in separate reports. I will at once address myself to the grouping of the villages and the proposed rates.
3. The taluka has for the purposes of assessment been divided into 3 groups of villages which will be best understood by a reference to the map. I can suggest no amendment of the grouping.
4. When Mr. J. M. Davies' rates were introduced in 1848 there was not a mile of road in Guzerat and for four months of each year all traffic and trade by sea or land was suspended.

The following is a comparison of the prices of five of the chief products of the district in the years 1848 and 1875.


Although prices of agricultural produce have fallen very considerably in the last 12 years, cotton is still three times and grain nearly two-fold more valuable than it was in 1348. The Head-Quarters of the taluka is now connected with the Palej Railway Station and with Broach by roads passable throughout the monsoon and the wheat of the Bara lands finds its way to all the corn markets of Europe, it is therefore very improbable that prices will never fall to the level of 1848 .
5. The average rates imposed by Mr. J. M. Davies in 1848 were ass follows :-

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| Dry-crop | ... | ... | ... |  | 3128 |
| Rice | ... | - | ... |  | 51410 |
| Bagayet | ... | ... | ... |  | 9128 |
|  |  |  | erage |  | 31210 |

Under these rates the Amod taluka has flourished exceedingly. There have been so many, changes in the area of the taluka since 1848, that it is impossible to compare its cultivated area, population and resources with those of the present taluka, but the great test of progress - cul-tivation-has extended to every available acre in the táluka, there being only 456 acres of waste left, and that consists of strips of land on the boundaries of villages which are left uncultivated by the survey rules.
6. The increase of prices and the advantages afforded by Railways and roads would have justified higher rates than those suggested by the Superintendent, but he has rightly erred on the side of moderation.

The following atatement shows the proposed maximam and average rates for each group and the percentage increase on last year's cultivation.


A special rate is proposed for the Bhatha lands of Amod, Dunsoli and Pursa.
7. There are 255 acres of these exceptionally fertile lands and the maximum rates are Rs. 12 for Amod and Dunsoli, and Rs. 9 for Pursa, which gives an average of Rs. 9-10-10 for the two first, and Rs. 6-2-10 for the last. The effect of these rates is to increase the revenue by Rs. 34,286 or a general average increase of $15 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. The increase in the adjoining tálukas of Broach and Wagra is 184 and 20 per cent., and of Ankleshwar 15 per cent.
8. I recommend the proposed rates for the sanction of Government.
9. It is evident that they are considered moderate, for the occupancy right of 183 acres of land scattered over many villages of this táluka was lately put up to auction and realized Rs. 38,424 or an average of Rs. 28 per acre. The land having been left so long unoccupied was probably of very inferior quality or dis-advantageously situated.
10. The village of Ajamnagar,, the tenure of which is discussed in paragraph 52, may be admitted to the benefit of the Summary Settlement Act. It was to cure doubtful titles of this kind that this Act was passed.
11. It is necessary to explain for the information of the uninitiated that Wadhara lands are lands held by acultivator in excess of the area entered in the survey registers as his holding. The Superintendent proposes when these lands are held by alienees, they should be fully assesssd as all holdings of Wadhara under two acres are treated by Government Resolution No. 4903 of 30th August 1873. The Survey Commissioner thinks this will involve us in litigation and advises that the Wadhara shall be marked off into sub-numbers and subjected to the Summary Settlement, but these numbers are undistinguishable from the original alienation, the attempt to separate them will give rise to much irritation, and I think therefore that if we have a right to assess Wadhara under 2 acres we can assess holdings above 2 acres, of which there are altogether 149 acres assessed at Rs. 659-6. If we have to defend this measure in the Courts it will be sufficient to plead that the registers are the title-deeds of the alienee, we confirm his holding according to the register and assess the remainder.
12. The settlement of the Rahet Wanto tenure is in accordance with the orders of Government for similar holdings in Wagra and Dehej and may be confirmed.

19 There can be no doubt from the facts stated by tho Superintendent in paragraphs 132 to 175 triai the Thakors of Amod and Kervada have appropriated a very large area of Government land and I agree with the Survey Commissioner in thinking that it should be subjected to the Summary Settlement as the Wanta of the Sarod Thakor was treated.
14. The question of the Wantadar's claime to village sites and tanks may be left for settlement of the Civil Courts, no recognition of their titles being permitted in the survey records.
15. The Superintendent of Survey reports the neglected "state of the village tanks and the necessity of a periodical excavation, his remarks are very true, but nothing can be done without fuuds. The remedy lies in his suggestion to tax the non-agricultural classes. They exceed the agricultural community by 39 per cent. while they contribute only 12 per cent. of the Local Funds, or in other words they only pay Rs. 23,4C0 out of Rs. 2,06,720 of Local Funds. A Local Fund House tax on those elassea which do not pay a Municipal Hortse tax would equalize the taxation and enable us to carry out many necessary and useful works and I would recommend it for the consideration of Government in the Legislative Department.

I have the honor \&c.,
(Signed) L. ASHBURNER,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

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Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 5996, dated Eth December 18; $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{M}}$ Submitting, with bis own remarks and those of the Collector and the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N.D., a report by the Saperintendent, Guzerát Revenue Survey, on the settlement proposed fur the A'mod taluke of the Broach Collectorate.
Resoldtion.-This report, which has been prepared by the Superintendent, Mr. Dertr, with his usual conscientious care and labour, relates to $A^{\prime}$ mod, the last of the talukas of the Broach Collectorate to be brought under the operations of the Settlement Department.
2. The climate and soil are similar to those of the adjoining talukas of Whgra, Jambusar and Broach, and its facilities for the disposal of produce are rather greater than those of Jambusar, from its lying somewbat nearer to the B. B. and C. I. Railway and the great market of Broach itself. The latter consideration has therefore chiefy influenced the arrangement of the villages into three groups for maximum rates of dry-crop arsessment. The great bulk of the taluka, consisting of 40 villages, it is proposed to throw into one group at a maximum rate of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$, intermediate between the Rupees 6 rate of the most north-westerly villages of the Broach Táluka and the Rupees 5 rate of the south-easterly villages of Jambusar, betwe:n which the group lies. Two other groups lie to the west of the first, one consisting of only six villages and the other of seven, with a maximum rate in the former of Ra. 5 and in the latter of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{g}} .4$. The reason for the greater difference in maximum rate between the second and third groups than between the first and second is explained in paragraph 90 of the report to be that the third group lies on a generally lower level and is subject to drought and the vicissitudes of seasons more than the other villages. Another cause might bave been added which bas been noticed in previous reports, viz., the greater impregnation of the soil with salt as the shore of the Gulf of Cambay is approached.
3. The general increase that will result from the adoption of these rates beyond the existing assessment is $20 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., but varies considerably in the three groups, being respectively nearly 23,19 , and $2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cent. There can be no doubt that these increases are very moderate, and that the rates may be sanctioned, as well as the grouping, withont hesitation. Two notable proofs of the great value of the land in this taluka are to be found in the fact of there now remaining but 456 acres of anoccupied waste out of a total area of over 51,000 , or ander one per cent. and in the circumetance stated in paragraph 108 of the report, that ale of the occupancy right of waste land of fair quality fetched at auction 17 years' purchase. This, it must be remembered, was land that hitherto it bad not been worth people's while to cultivate. Government are of opinion that Mr. Beyts' estimate of the survey assessment being equal to one-sirth of the value of the produce of the táluka is much over the mark.
4. There are only about 76 acres of rice land in' the talaka, although in about 3,000 acres it is grown as a dry"crop, the land being consequently assessed at dry*crop rates. The principle of assessment adopted for the embanked rice land of adding to the dry-crop rate an extra sum of one rupee less than that rate is approved. The average rate will be only Rs. 5-12-0 per acre.
5. The maximum rates of Rs. 12 in two villages, and of Rs. 9 in a third or bhatn or allu vial river lands on a 24 -anna classification scale, proposed in paragraphs 94 and 95 of the reports are approved and sanctioned.
6. The system of ässessment proposed for bagáyet, or land under well irrigation, is not clearly understood. Colonel Francis considers it a matter for congratulation that no separate water-rate is to be imposed on these lands, and Mr. Beyts, although in paragraphs 97 he talks of not imposing a direct well rate but adding 2 to 4 annas in the rupee of clasification per acre under the well (which is unintelligible, as the classification is on the field and not on the acre), yet in paragraph 98 reports the imposition of a nominal kasar of about Rs. 2 an acre in addition to the dry-crop rate. The system of having no direct assessment on the well and increasing the classification value of the land under it in Wagra was approved on account of the insignificant area under that description of cultivation. In the A'mod Taluka, however, there are 563 acres, and the profits of it are said to be enormous. Under these circnmstances the average rates of Rs. 6-5-4, Re. 5-6-6, and Rs. 5-6-1 for the three groups of villages shown in paragraph 97 appear disproportionately low. The proposal will therefore not be sanctioned pending further report. In the statement in parsgraph 100, bhita should be shown separately from baggyet land.
7. As proposed in paragraph 123 all wadhára or excess fourd in ordinary alienated holdings, exclusive of the large wantas, may be added to the origioal boldings and a salámi or quit-rent of the full assessment on the excess imposed. From the high market value of land in the talaka there need be little apprehension of the right pf Government to
ansess the excess being questioned, bat if it ahonld be disputed in any individual cases they should be equitably disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner if necessary, after reference to Government.
8. The settlement for the period of the survey gaarantee of the rahat wanta lands in Tanchá and Mátar proposed in paragraph 127 may be sanctioned.
9. The excess discovered by measurement in the area of the Udhar Jamabandi lands held by the Thakors of A'mod and Kerwada may be confirmed on the payment of the summary settlement cess of 2 annas in the rupee.
10. Government concur with the Revenue Commissioner that the right or otherwise of the Thakors to portions of village sites should not be in any way taken up or decided by the revenue burvey.
11. With reference to paragraphs 52 to 57 of the report the Collector should be directed to submit through the Revenue Commissioner a separate report on the village of Ajamnagar, showing in detail its.revenue history as ascertainable from the old Taluka and Collectorate records, from the evidence of the late district hereditary offcers, and other sources. The holders should be called upon to state the grounds on which they claim the right to pay a fired rental, and the whole of the papers should be forwarded to the Legal Remembrancer for opinion as to the steps that should be taken to assert, if necessary, the right of the State to levy full assessment from the village. The Collector should at once serve a notice on the holders that their right to pay a fixed rent in perpetuity is not acknowledged, but that due enquiry will be instituted, and report his having done so.
12. With the exception of those on garden (bagayet) lands, the asual guarantee for the permanency of the rates proposed for thirty years may be given.

F. S. CHAPMAN,<br>Chief Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Drpartment.

Bombay Castle, 19th March 1877.
Memorandum from the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D., No. 324, dated 7th March 1877 -Submitting, for information, with reference to paragraph 6 of Government Resolation No. 90, dated 8th January 1877, copy of a letter from the Superintendent, Guzerat Revenue Sarvey and Assessment, No. 95, dated 18th January 1877, furnishing.further information regarding the garden rates in tbe A'mod táluka; also appending a statement subsequently received from the £uperintendent showing the bháta and baǵayet lands separately.
Resoletion.-It appeare from this explanation that no separate bagayet kasar, or assessment on the well, has been imposed, but that the kasar alloded to in paragraph 98 is thl -tra. assessment resulting from the higher classification put on the lands under the wells as described in paragraph 97, the latter amounting to abont Rs. 2 (really Rs. 1-12-9 as now reported) the acre. The wording of paragraph 98 was certainly such as to lead Government to auppose that the cultivation of all garden land in A'mod was all as profitable es that deseribed in paragraph 38, but as it now appears that ordinarily only the commoner knds of vegetables are raised, the proposals of the Superintendent for the assessment of garden lands may be included in the general sanction given in paragraph 12 of Government Resolation No. 90 of the 8th January last.

T. D. MACKENZIE, For Chief Secretary to Government.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the Director of Land Reoords and Agriculture.
2. The report was received in the time of Mr. Panse, but neither he nor his successor, Mr. Kabraji, found time to deal with it, and the undersigned has not found time till now.
3. The net result of the revision is an increase of only Rs. 4,937, or about 2 per cent., in the assessment of the Taluka; in other words, the original survey is, except in the case of two or three villages, confirmed, and this being so no lengthy comment on the proposals seems.necessary.
4. The chief alteration is the raising of the villages of Kolvana, Itala and Tansaria from the third to the second group, causing an inorease of 21.24 per cent. in their assessment. This the undersigned is disposed to approve of, as these villages bear the appearance of being very flourishing, and in the current year two of them at least, which the undorsigned has seen (Tankaria and Kolvana), have crops which compare very favourably with the crops of the third class villages. The reduction of Machasra, on the other hand, from the 2nd to the 3rd class is also no doubt justifiable, as the greater portion of its area appears distinctly inferior to the more southernly villages.
5. A'mod is, like Broach, a taluka which, until the famine year, may be said to have enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity, and may be expected to enjoy it again as soon as the rats (which alone prevented an excellent harvest this year) disappear. It is true that the population has decreased from 36,271 to 31,911 souls; but this was chiefly the result of fever and cholera following the famine. It may lead to the relinquishment of some lands for want of cultivators; but it is no reason for diminishing the assessment. Mr. Metha refers to a series of bad years before 1898, and the increase in notices and distraints, though the numbers were not large in themselves between 1896 and 1898 , gives colour to the supposition that some difficulty was beginning to be felt in paying the assessment. The rainfall return and season report appended to the report, however, does not corroborate this. The rainfall was 40,23 and 49 inches in the three years; and the three seasons are described as "fair to good": the last (in which there was the greatest number of notices and all the distraints) being the best. A reference to the season reports for 1888 and 1895 will show that even in years like these when the rainfall did not reach 20 inches the crops were fair, and neither remissions nor (if the undersigned's recollection is accurate about 1895) suspensions were granted or asked for. The fact appears to be that the increase of grumbling and procrastination in paying revenue in A'mod and elsewhere in this district after 1896 was not due so much to anything in the state of the district as to the influence of the great agitation in the Deccan in connection with the scarcity of 1896. In Thána, where the undersigned then was, this influence (though that district has good crops) led to a general strike against paying any revenue at all, and no doubt the wave of discontent must have extended itself, though more faintly, through the other districts of the Division. Again, it must be remembered that, with the gradual acquisition of the land by sowkárs, there is bound to be an increase in " processes" "; firstly, becauss the sowkar, if not more dishonest than the rayat, is less in fear of Government, and secondly, because a landlord's profits from his land are far smaller than a peasant proprietor's, and therefore if there is any deficiency in the harvest the former loses more than the latter in paying the full assessment. This is easily provable, for if the net yield of a field after deducting expenses of cultivation be Rs. 15 and the assessment Rs. 5, the peasant proprietor has Rs. 10 net profit; while the landlord, who would hardly get more than Rs. 10 as rent from a tenant in such a case, has only Rs. 5. If there is a failure of crops which reduces the net profit to Rs. 10 and the tenant keeps back Rs. 5 out of the rent, the landlord will have no profit at all, and will certainly not be willing to pay without "processes"; while the peasant proprietor could pay in full and still have Rs. 5 profit. And it may not be inopportune here to add that the gradual absorption of the land by the sowkárs must in the end seriously limit increases of assessment. Dealing with peasant proprietors we might have increased up to the natural rent without

injustice; but in dealing with landlords we can never go much higher than half the natural rent without dispossessing them of their reasonable profits: a course which, as the landlord classes are practically "the one voice of India," is clearly impracticable.
6. If want of drainage has retarded agriculture in A'mod as suggested in paragraph 14 of the report, it should be satisfactory thati since the report was written no less than 5 drainage channels have been undertaken. All the expenditure on drainage channels in Vagra, however, has not saved Government from a heavy loss of revenue in the Revision there; and some discount must be made from the advantages of these works. It is the ambition of every Broack Khátedár apparently to grow cotton in preference to any other crop, and in the newly drained areas this is undertaken with success as long as the rainfall if ample; but when a dry year comes the people would often have their surplus water back again, and oomplaints also arise in course of time that the drainage carries away the good soil on the top of the land. Such complaints are freely made in Vágra; but it remains to be seen whether the experience of A'mod will be the same.
7. There is no immediate prospect, so far as the undersigned is aware, of a railway being made from Broach to Jambusar. In Pálej, half the A'mod Táluka has a station within reasonable distance; and cotton fetches there about the same prices as in Broach.

22nd February 1902.

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From
The director, Land recorids and agriculture, Poons;
To
The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department, Bombay.

Poona, 30th Jure 1902. Sir,
I have the honour to forward the proposals for the revision settlement of tran A'mod of the Broach District. For the reasonsevhich I have given at length in my remarks regarding taluka Vágra, also forwarded to-day, I would recommend that the existing settlement be continued unchanged for two years.
2. In case this course is not approved, I add my remarks on the proposals.

The inorease of Rs. 4,987 is arrived at by increases on groups II and III of Rs. 5,014 and Rs. 32 reduced by a decrease in group I of Rs. 59.


In preparing these proposals Mr. Mehta was confronted by the difficulty in regard to the old distance from village scale which has been commented on by Mr. Symonds in paragraph 5 of his review of the Broach report. There is no doubt that wide powers of independent judgment were exercised by the officers of the original survey and it is unfortunate that no record exists of the method of the application of this soale, but, as explained by MIr. Beyts in paragraph 103 of his report, the object was the avoidanoe of sudden enhancements on Rajput and Koli villages, which on the old principle of caste bigoti.had been very lowly assessed. I do not think that the results of the intimate knowledge of the táluka possessed by Mr. Beyts and his careful enquiries should be summarily
set aside as "haphazard;" and since it is argued that the táluka as a whole does not require an enhancement, the distribution of the assessment should not, in my respectful opinion, be materially altered and an increase laid on oertain villages without actual evidence of the superior progress of those villages. The condition of the four villages mentioned has not been in any way discussed; three adjoin the villages of the 2nd group in the south-east corner, and it would, 1 submit, be safer to incorporate them in that group. It is to be noted (vide paragraph 103 of Mr. Beyts report) that Ranada, which is either a Rajput or Koli village, underwent an enhancement of $35 \frac{5}{4}$ per cent. at the original survey. The 4 th village, Kobla, in the extreme north, adjoins the Bajodra village of the Jambusar Taluka, which is in the 2nd group and is rated at Rs. 4. No special information has been given regarding the condition of this village. It must, 1 think, be assumed that there were special reasons for its previous low assessment, and I do not think it should bear a considerable enhancement merely for the sake of uniformity of grouping. I would recommend its reduction to group II. The increases in other villages of this group are small and may be approred.
3. In regard to the 2nd group, I observe that Mr. Beyts (paragraph 89) stated that they were " much inferior to the first group in fertility." The average original assessment on the 1st group was Rs. 4-12-0 or 33 per cent. in excess of Rs. 3-9-0, the assessment on the 2nd group. It is now proposed to raise the average assessment of group II to Rs. $4-4-0$ or 13 per cent. only below that of group I. Mr. Mehta has not shown that the progress of the original villages of this group has been superior to the progress of the lst group, and without such evidence I do not think so considerable a change in the incidence of the assessment should be sanctioned.
4. To maintain the relative incidence $I$ submit that the maximum rate of the 2nd group should be reduced to Rs. 4-4-0, that is, by $10 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This would leave the assessment of the group unchanged and would reduce to 15 per cent. the increase on the villages of Itola, Kolwana and Tankaria which it is proposed to raise from the third group. If this reduction of the maximum rate is approved, these three villages may, on the grounds stated, be raised without objection ; otherwise I venture to doubt the expediency of an inerease of over 20 per cent.
5. The net result of these modifications would be-after the application of distance scales-


I have the honour to be, Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>H. S. LAW RENCE,<br>Acting Director, Land Records and Agriculture.

Throdgh the Commissioner, N. D,

# Revenge Department: 

Ahmedabad, $218 t$ July 1902.

## Submitted to Government.

The Commissioner is not able to follow Mr. Lawrence's reasons for wishing to postpone the introduction of the new settlement into this taluka though experiments may be temporary. There is no reason to suppose that it will not now revert to its normal groove. The harvest of last year would have been good but for the unprecedented invasion of rats. As for the future policy of Government it is not likely to favour meeting a moderate shortage of crops by anything beyond a suspension which of course would make no difference to the average assessment in a term of years. Absolute remission will only be admitted under conditions of severe scarcity. It is, however, quite impossible-and it will be equally impossible two years hence-to forecaste such a catastrophe with sufficient certainty to form a factor in calculating the rate of assessment. It may not occur once through the whole period as it did not through nearly the whole of the nineteenth century. It may occur with crushing force as it did in 1899-1900. No one can say. Meanwhile to proceed on a supposition that may never be realized would be unfair to the cultivator. Even if we could anticipate a failure involving general romission, say, once in the thirty years' lease, it is doubtful whether it would be wise to raise the average assessment in consequence and so convert a nominal remission into a practical collection spread over a term of years. The shock caused by such an event to the life and livelihood of the people is so great that the slight alleviation of cancelling wholly or partially the Government demand should not be denied.
2. Mr. Mehta with a few judicious changes rightly adheres to the old grouping. As to the rates it is not possible to adopt in this memorandum exact figures, beeause the A'mod and Broach talukas and the eastern villages of the Vagra Táluka hang together, and the rates of one must be adjusted with referenoe to those of the others. The Broach papers have left this office, but the Commissioner believes that Mr. Mehta has rightly made the rate for his Class I in A'mod identical with the rate he proposed for the adjoining villages of Broaoh. The Commissioner has suggested a slight reduction in the latter to Rs. 5 , and the $A$ 'mod rates will have to abide the decision of Government on the point. Whether his suggestion be accepted or not, the rate for Class II in A'mod should be Rs. $4-4-0$ as recommended by Mr. Lawrence.
3. The increase in the four villages alluded to in Mr. Lawrence's paragrd 2 should be met by striking off, according to precedent in Ankleshvar, so much as is due to distance from village scale.
4. The system of fallows in the Broach Taluka obtains in this taluka also and should be similarly treated.
5. These are all the remarks the Commissioner has to submit.

F. S. P. LELY,<br>Commissioner, Northern Division.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Revision settlement of the A'mod Taluka of the Broach District.

No. 6756.
Revenue Department.
Bombay Castle, 26th September 1902.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 6620, dated 21st July 1902-Sub. mitting, with his remarks,

Letter from the Assistant Superintendent, Gajarat Revenue Survey, No. 6, dated 22nd February 1900.
Memorandum from the Collector of Broach, No. 703, dated 22nd February 1902.
Letter from the Director of Land Records and $\Delta_{\text {griculture, No.A4 }}$ 8080, dated 30th June 1902.
the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the A'mod Taluka of the Broach District.

Resolution, -These papers relate to the revision settlement of the Amod Taluka in the Broach District. The current settlement was introduced in the year 1874-1875 and will expire on the 31st July 1904.
2. The maximum iates proposed by the Commissioner, N. D., viz., Rs. 5 for Group I and Rs. 4-4-0 for Group II, are approved. For Group III, Government are pleased to direct that the rate should be Rs, 3-12-0. These are Bara villages which deserve liberal treatment as much, if not more than those in the first and second groups, and there is no justification for increasing the assessment in the worst villages while it is reduced in the best.
3. The slight changes in the grouping suggested by Mr. Mehta which are approved by the Commissioner and the Collector are accepted. So much of iucrease as is due to distance from village scale in the villages of Sudi, Ranada, Tálpad Tanchá and Kobla should be struck off, as proposed by the Commissioner, N. D.
4. The revised settlement should be introduced between 1st August 1904 and the date of the first instalment of the revenue year 1904-1905, and should be guaranteed for a period of thirty years; but immediate relief should be given from the existing assessment by reducing the demand for 1902-1903 and 1903-1904 to the revised rates wherever the latter are lower than the current rates.

W. H. J. WILKINSON, Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To

| The Commissioner, N, D., |  |
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| The Collector of Broach, |  |
| The Director of Land Records and Agriculture, |  |
| The Accountant General, |  |
| The Public Works Department of the Secretariat, |  |
| The Government of India (by letter). |  |

REVISED APPENDIX Q.

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## APPENDIX Q.

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W. D. WILKINS, * Superintendent, Land Records, Agriculture and Registration, N. D.


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[^8]:    - According to the Eindu law of inheritance, divisions of the original property are continually being mada

[^9]:    - From the first year of Britich rule when exact figures are available, and before the syatem which had been bequeathed to it by the preceding native government had changed, an illustration fict obtained of the character of these wantas and the light in which they were held. The rate of asseasment in A'mod in $1818-19$ wat only Re. 1 Reas 86 per bigha, or Re. 2 As. 3 per acre (vide page 26 , Column 5 of Table E, Broch Memoir). The Amod Thatkorn estate in that year, acconding to Major Monier Williama' survey, was $\dagger 8,611$ noreb-the groater portion wasto. It paid a dame of Rs 8,922, so that, taking the cultivated ares only into consideration, pearly the fall amsessment was levied- In like manner the Kervada Estate wail 3,842 acrea, including waste, paying a Jsma of Res, $\mathbf{a}, 943_{0}$. This is a very vignificant fact.

[^10]:    - I have only been sble to arrive at the corresponding date 4.D. 1769 from one paper, bat the contente of the three, in that they relate bo precoding years, enables me to fix 1767 and 1768 for the other two.

[^11]:    * Mr. Goldemid, C. S., late Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

[^12]:    - That in, the ocupants, of the men from whom the agricaltaral cess is wholly and solely derived.
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