## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO TBE REVISION SETTLEMENT OF THE ANKLESHVAR TALUKA INCLDDING HA'NSOT MAHA'L OF THE BROACH COLLECTORATE.



From

## Thz ASSISTANT COLLECTOR and ASSISTANT SETTLEMENT-OFFICER,

 Broach;To
Ter COLLECTOR of BROACH.
Broach, 15th August 1912.
Sir.
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of táluka Ankleshwar, inclusive of petamahal Hansot.
2. The rates of the original survey were introduced by Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Prescott in the year 1871-72. In 1899 Mr . P. R. Mehta submitted revision settlement proposals. He found that there had been considerable deterioration in the soil, especially in a group of villages in the centre of the táluka, and proposed to allow for this by grouping the affected villages together and fixing a lower maximum rate for them. These proposals were modified by the Commissioner, Northern Division, and finally Government decided that fresh classification was necessary, at the same time giving relief to the full extent proposed by the Commissioner, Northern Division, for a period of five years, which was afterwards extended up to 31st July 1913. In 1905 tho reclassification of the affected area was carried out by Mr. Jukes, Superintendent of Land Records. The reductions in classification due to "Khar" (i.e., the impregnation of the land by salt) were made permanent, while those due to flooding and water-logging were sanctioned for five years.
3. Constitution.-Under Government Resolution No. 4373 of 19th

| 1. Piladra. | 6. Dang |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Adol. | 7. Ambheta. |
|  | 8. Vaner. |
| 4. Uohhali. | 9. S | December 1902, four villages were transferred from Broach táluka on account of their situation on the southern bank of the Narbada. The táluka now comprises 109 villages, of which 106 are Government and 3 alienated. Of the Government villages $\mathrm{S5}$ are ordinary rayatwari and 21 bhagdari. Since the original settlement the villages noted in the margin have been transferred from bhagdari to bighoti tenure, on account of the bhagdars' failure to pay land revenue.

4. The revision field operations were carried out by Mr. Mehta in 1896-97 and 1897-98 and have been fully described by him in his report. The results of the reclassification, carried out by Mr. Jukes in 1905, will be considered later when fixing the maximum rates.
5. Position.-The talluka Ankleshwar, inclusive of the peta-mahal Hansot, with a superfioial area of $\mathbf{3 0 6}$ square miles, is situated on the south bank of the river Narbada. It is bounded on the east and south-east by Baroda and Rajpipla territories, and on the west by the Gulf of Cambay. The river Kim flows along its southern boundary and divides it from the Olpád táluka of the Surat Oollectorate.
6. Physical features and soils.-The táluka presents no physical features worthy of mention except the two rivers Narbada and Kim whioh bound it on the north and south respectively. The drainage is dependent on the monsoon streams which flow into these rivers and the Wand "Khadi" which flows from east to west across the middle of the Hansot mahal. Due possibly to the silting up of the rivers and the formation of sandbanks at their mouths, the drainage is beooming less effective, and a large area in the centre of the talluka suffers from flooding and waterlogging in any year when the rains are plentiful. The prevailing soil is black, but there is a fringe of rich alluvial "Gorat" and Bhatha
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soil on the bank of the* Narbada, forming the garden of the district. In the south and south-east of Hansot mahal the alkaline properties of the soil reduce its fertility considerably.
7. Climate and rainfall.-The climate is almost uniform throughout the

Appendix "A". taluka, but I noticed this year a tendenoy for the weaker rain currents to avoid the western half of Hansot. The existence of this tendency would seem to be confirmed by the fact that, taking an average of the last thirteen years, 4 inches less rain yearly have been recorded at Hansot than at Ankleshwar and only in one of these years has the rainfall at Hansot been greater than at Ankleshwar.
8. The average rainfall for the 11 years ending with 1910 was $32 \cdot 49$ ipches. The averages given in the original report and for the years 1897-98 were 31.82 and 40.84 respectively. The latter was a. period of excessive rainfall. Since 1899 in three years the rainfall has been very muoh in defect. But the soil is such that, given 25 inches of rain, well distributed and followed by cold weather and seasonable dews, a normal crop is obtained. Even in 1899 when the rainfall was only 12.28 inches a fair crop was obtained in places. A seasonable cold weather is quite as necessary as a good rainfall. This year with a rainfall of 21.78 inches only, the crops promised well up till the end of November, but the heat of December and lack of dew caused considerable deterioration.
9. Crops.-The two principal crops are cotton and jowar, which together Appendix " $B$ ". occupy 77.56 per cent. of the total cropped area. During the last few years the price of cotton bas been abnormally high and on this account there has been a tendency to increase its, cultivation. Wheat ( 7.84 per cent. of the total area) is grown mainly in the south-west of Hansot and without rotation, but a certain amount is grown in rotation with cotton and jowar throughout the Hansot mahal. The bhatha lands produce excellent tobacco and garden crops. There is a small area under irrigation in the neighbourhood of Ankleshwar town which produces vegetables and fruit mainly.
10. Husbandry.-Under this head there has been little change since Colonel Prescott wrote his report in 1872. The practice of growing rice with cotton has almost ceased, but the proper rotation is still triennial, as follows :-

First year-cotton.
Second year-jowar alone or with mag.
Third year-wheat or lang.
This rotation is not followed to any great extent except among the Sajodra Brahmins. Throughout the greater part of the taluka there is a simple rotation of cotton and jowar, while in many fields cotton is sown year after year.
11. Communications.-The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway traversee the táluka from south to north, having two stations-Ankleshwar and Panoli-within its limits. Two other stations-Kosamba and Kim-are easily accessible to the south-western villages. The Rajpipla State Railway branches due east from the main line at Ankleshwar. There is only one station within the limits of the taluka, besides Ankleshwar.

The only new metalled road constructed since the original settlement is a stretch of about three miles connecting Ankleshwar with the ferry at Borebhatha. This, together with a steam-ferry service recently established, has facilitated communications between Ankleshwar and Broach. An excellent metalled road joins Ankleshwar and Hansot, while a good road now completely metalled joins Hansot to Sahol, and thence across the Sahol bridge to Kim. The cart-tracks from Hansot to Panoli, Ankleshwar to Panoli, and from Ankleshwar due east leading to Rajpipla State, pre in fair condition.
12. Markets - The chief market towns are Ankleshwar and Hansot, but a considerable quantity of cotton finds its way to Kim and Kosamba from the South-Western portion of the taluka, and all the wheat is sold in the Surat market.

In all there are 9 ginning factories, of which 7 are in Ankleshwar and, one each in Hánsot and Háv.
$\mathbf{N} \Phi$ weekly bazars are held in the taluka.
13. Railway traffc.-The following statement shows the inward and outwar d goods traffic at Ankleshwar and Panoli stations:-

|  | Anklenhwar. |  |  |  | Panoli. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ontward. |  | Inwarde |  | Oatward. |  | Invard. |  |
|  | Quantity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amonnt. | Qusntity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amount |
| 1871 (Ggarea in original | Tous. 6,444 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Re. } \\ \mathbf{6 9 , 1 8 9} \end{gathered}$ | Tons. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Rs. } \\ 16,879}}{ }$ | Tons. | R8. | Tone | $\cdots$ |
| $\Delta$ verat of geart 1801 to | 7,995 | 88,546 | 7,268 | 88,546 | 344 | 1,570 | 208 | 1,075 |
| $\triangle$ verag of yeart 1908 to | 17,717 | 79,977 | 15,213 | 68,719 | 687 | 961 | 294 | 776 |

Thus while there was only a moderate increase in treffic during 30 years, it has doubled itself in the last five jearrs. The years 1901-05 show returns slightly below the overage of the preceding few years, probably because they wer lean years following the famine. The sudden increase in 1906 is difficult to account for. In that year a new Cotton Ginning Factory and Press were stafted but that is not sufficient explanation. The bringing of large areas in Rajpipla State under cotton cultivation and the general expansion of trade are facfors contributing to the increase. A considerable portion of the traffic at Ankleshwar and Panoli comes from adjoining native states, while the traffic to and frord the south-western portion of the taluka is handled at Kosamba and Tien stafions.

14: Population.-The following table compares the figures of total population at various periods of the present settlement:-


1 inwtor the first twenty years of the settlement the population remained almost gtationary. The bad years in the nineties followed by famine brought about large decrease. The last decade has to some extent redressed the blance, but the figures for 1911 include four villages, with a population of soout 3,000 , which were formerly in Broach taluka and thus there is still a фnsiderable decrease from 1891.

15 Agricultural Population.-Statistics show that only 60'46 per cent.
Appendix "D". Considering that Ankleshwar is the only town of any pprepiable size and that the taluka is purely agricultural, these figures are ifficult to explain. The fact that at the time of taking the census a large umber of cotton-gin labourers were temporarily domiciled in the taluka would pave same effect, but I am inclined to think that many agricultural labourers must have been included under the heading "Unskilled labourer."

The number of "farm-servants" shown in the statistics received from the Direotor of Agriculture is certainly incorrect. The "hali" system by which the Bhil labourer is advanced a lump sum and binds himself to serve for a term of years to work off the debt, is still fairly widespreai, although the Bhils are beginning to realise the market-value of their labour and to free themselves from the semi-serfdom which the system involves.
16. Caste and cuatom.-The habits of the people and the race to whiohthey belong has much to do with the productiveness of the soil tilled. The

Sajodra Bráhmins, who own most of the land in the north-west of thealuka, are the best cultivators. Unfortunately their numbers are decreasing apidly, owing to their marriage customs, and in the course of the next cent ${ }^{7}$ they will probably become extinct. The Borabs, numbering about one-hal fif the total Musulmans, are industrious, but not such clever cultivators as the ${ }_{6}$, north of the Narbada. The other Musulman sects, the Rajputs, and tholis are careless in their methods, and obtain nothing like the full yield of thf boil.
17. Schools.-There are in all 68 boys' and 7 girls' schools w total Appendix "H". $\quad$ average attendance of 2,180 and 438 respectively. from these figures, for a few girls attend many of the village schools, whioh are classed as boys' schools. A large portion of the population consists \& backward races, such as Bhils and Kolis, and hence these figures ar fairly satisfactory.

| Appendix " F ". | 18. Agricultural Stock.-The followin compares the resources of the táluka :- |  |  |  | able |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  | 1872. | 1887. | 1897. |  |
| Agricaltaral cattle | .. | 17,951 | 17,138 | 14,344 | (4,20 |
| Milch cattle and young cows | $\cdots$ | 20,514 | 20,969 | 20,576 | 3,2, ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Horses ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | 515 | 587 | 635 | 855 |
| Sheep and goats | $\cdots$ | 7.304 | 11,652 | 11,046 | 2,48 |
| Carts | $\cdots$ | 5,304 | 4,813 | 4,423 | 4,041 |
| Ploughs | $\ldots$ | 7,955 | 7,822 | 6,572 | 1,187 |

The decrease in agricultural cattle and ploughs from 1887 to 898 is marked. There must have been a further large decrease in the famine o 1800 and the lean years following, so that the slight increase in 1911 ove 1897 indicates recuperative power in the prosperous years from 1905 onward The increase in the number of horses is due to the fashion, which is gowng especially among the Borahs, of spending any surplus money in inc pasipg dignity by becoming the owner of a horse.

## 19. Water-supply. - In the greater part of the taluka there Fampe Appendix " J". supply of good water from wells. But ${ }^{2}$ ? ${ }^{2}$ bont

 the level of the land heing low, only salt-water is obtainable from thear nary well. The drinking wells are usually placed in the bed of the tank ph the water remains potable until about a month after the tank become dry. During the last three years the tanks in most of these affocted village have been excavated, but it is probable that in many of the villages drinkingmater will still have to be brought from a distance for a month or so befqe the monsoon.20. Survey numbers cultivated by owners.-This information has bee

Appendix "I". reliable. Of the Government numbers 60 pef cent extracted from the Record-of-Rights and is quite and of the alienated numbers 57 per cent. are cultivated by the owner themselves. About 35 per cent. of the Government land is in the possession of the sávkars. No information on this point is available from the origina report, but there is no doubt that between 1880 and 1905 a considerable quantity of land passed into the hands of non-agriculturists. Since 1905 the increase of prosperity and the facilities for redemption of land offered by the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act have resulted in a decrease in the holdings? of the sápkárs, but in the southern half of Hansot mahal they are still in possession of as much as 50 per cent. of the land.
21. These appendices have been compiled from the Record-of-Rights. Appendices "K", "I", The ensure accuracy I deputed a kárkín to make up "M". the villages in order to exclude all cases which seemed to me from enquiry to be suspicious. However I found early in my
inquiries that so many of the sales and mortgages were contracted ander modifying conditions, such as relationship between the parties or previous money-lending transactions, that I eventually gave up the attempt to exclude everything but absolutely genuine sales and mortgages. Modifying conditions in rentals were easier to detect, and I think that, although Appendices K and L should not be depended on to any great extent, Appendix M represents an absolutely true condition of affairs and is quite reliable.

The figures of assessment shown are according to the grouping proposed by Mr . Mebta in 1899 but with a reduction of 8 annas all round in the maximum rates, $i$. e., a reduction of Re, 1 all round on the rates of the original settlement. These were the figures shown'in the Record-of-Rights and as they show as nearly as possible the assessments paid during the last eleven years (the only difference being that in any holding in which these rates showed an increase, the increase bas been remitted) I have retained them. Statistics of sales and mortgages have been given for representative villages in each group.
22. The figures of rentals show fairly conclusively that the former assessment was too high. The Government of India, though condemning any attempt to regulate assessment by arithmetical standards, have recognised the half-assets principle, which lays down as a fair general standard that the assessment should not exceed one-half of the sub-letting value. The villagewar percentages in column 10 of the appendix show that with a reduction of Re. 1 all round on the rates of the original survey, there is a fair approsimation to this standard. I will deal more particularly with the Ggures in making my proposals for grouping.
23. Prices.-In a táluka like Ankleshwar in which about one-half of the

Appondix "N". total area is under cotton, and in which, therefore, the value of the agricultural produce is peculiarly susceptible to the influence of the world-market; it is difficult to deduce anything defiaite from statistics. Colonel Prescott, writing at the time, when the price of cotton was inflated by the American War, but making allowance for this inflation, estimated that the average price during the next thirty years would be Rs. 70 per bhar. This estimate was slightly below the actual. At present I am confronted with an average price of Rs. 125 per bhar for the years 1907-1912, without any very exceptional cause to account for the rise. This year when there was a bumper crop in America the season started with a price of about Rs. 110 per bhar, but, as the shortage of the Gujarát crop became more apparent, the price rose to Rs. 120 per bhar ànd occasionally beyond that. Generally, the position seems to be that the world's demand for cotton fabrics has outgrown the supply of raw cotton and that, until new cotton-growing areas are opened out, higher prices are likely to rule. I think that I may safely hazard the prophecy that the price will not fall below Ris. 100 per bbar during the nest ten years, but beyond that period I dare not go. Experiments in cotton-growing are being tried in various parts of the world and in the course of ten years a profound change may take place in the conditions of the cotton trade. Hence though the high price of cotton during the last six years has resulted in a prompt recovery from the effects of famine and bad years following the famine, it by no means follows that there is necessarily a permanent large increase in the value of the agricultural produce.
24. The prices of food-grains bave risen considerably during the period of the settlement. As a matter of fact most of the grain grown except wheat is consumed by the cultivators themselves and hence the price is of little importance. The price of field labour has doubled itself during the period of the settlement. To the larger cultivators this means a big increase in the cost of cultivation.
25. Revenue-history.-The revenue-history of the thluka does not call for Appendioes " 0 ' and 0 ". any extended notice. The amount of occupied Gorernment assessed land has remained fairly aniform. There is a marked decrease in the area occopied in the years 1899 to 1902 due to famine. From 1902 the area occupied has gradually increased and now the amount of unocoupied land is almost the same as in 1871. The permanent
remissions of 1871-72 are due to the excess of the new rates over the old. Those from 1901-02 to the present year were granted under Government Resolution No. 8093 of 19th November 1901. Except during the years 1900-01 to 1906-07, the casual remissions are on account of diluvion. The increase during these seven years was due to the famine and the bad years succeeding the famine.
26. The following table shows the number of compulsory processes necessary for the collection of land revenue:- .

| Year, |  |  |  | Number of villages, | Number of notices. | Number of diatraint cason |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average of three years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1895-96 to 1897-98 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 89 | 1,584 | 129 |
| 1902-03 to 1904-05 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 96 | 2,083 | 250 |
| 1908-09 to 1910-11 | ... | . - | ** | 91 | 824 | 7 |

The number of compulsory processes necessary for the collection of land revenue depends so much on the nature of people and the influence which the Mámlatdár exerts over them that these statistics are by no means a reliable indication of the ability of the people to pay the assessment without hardship. But except in a few Musalman villages, the people are mild and anxious to satisfy the Government demand, and I think that the figures for the years 1895-96 to 1897-98 show that the assessment was really pressing too hardly on the agriculturists. The years 1902-03 to 1904-05 were very unfavourable, so that much attention should not be paid to the statistics of these years. The figures for the last three years show that the relief given, combined with the high price of cotton, has been effectual in reducing the difficulties of collection.
27. Previous settlements.-The maximum rates of the original settlement were based on the rates fixed for Olpad and Broach. The net increase on Government lands was Rs. 57,000, although the effect of high-pitched maximum rates was considerably modified by the application of reducing distance scales. In 1899 Mr . Mehta submitted proposals for revision, in which he suggested a reduction of 8 annas all round in the maxisum rates and also separated off 20 low-lying villages from the 3rd and 4th groups and made them into a 5th group. Government, in Government Resolution No. 8093 of 19th November 1901, decided that a further reduction of 8 annas all round was necessary, and ordered reclassification in Mr. Mehta's fifth group. Meanwhile remissions to the full extent of the sanctioned reductions were to be given with the further concession that there was to be no increase in any holding. The reclassification was carried out by Mr. Jukes in 1905 and resulted in a reduction in the affected villages of Rs. 1,908 on account of water-logging and flooding and Rs, 1,030 on account of salt-impregnation. The reductions on account of water-logging were sanctioned for five years only, in view of the possibility of a big drainage scheme being carried out. The reductions on account of salt-impregnation were made permanent by Government Resolution No. 10601 of 28th October 1907.
28. Proposed maximum rateg.-In view of all that has been written on the subject, it seems unncessary for me to reeapitulate the reasons for thinking that the rates of the original survey were too high. This fact has been recognised by all the officers who have been concerned with the revision of the taluka. I am mainly concerned with the question of the adequacy or inadequacy of the reductions temporarily sanctioned by Government in 1901. The statistics show that after the first four years of this period there was a remarkable increase in prosperity which has continued up till the present time. The relief afforded has certainly been adequate, but in view of the fact that the prosperity was due in part to the abnormal prices of cotton, I think that the relief was not excessive.
29.1'Ho drainage scheme has yet been undertaken to relieve the waterlodgged urea and there is no sign that any scheme will be undertaken in the near future. l, therefore, propose that the classification reductions due to flooding and wate-logging should be made permanent. The deterioration of the land having bren allowed for by the reductions of classification, there is no reason for retaining Mr. Mehta's fifth group, and I propose to return to the grouping of the original survey with a few minor changes which are detailed below. Lastly I propore a reduction of Re. 1 all round on the maximum rates of the original survey. The result of these proposals is a reduction of Rs. 54,561 or 117 per cent., toe decrease being small in the first two groups and considerable in the thirdjsnd fourth groups which most need it.
30. The effect of the proposals group by group is as follows :-

Group 1.-The four villages transferred from Broach taluka fall naturally into this group, though all the land, being Bhatha, is separately treated. The assesments shown in Appendix " $M$ " are identical with those of the present proposals, and thus judged by the test of rent, the proposed reduction is equtable.
31. Group II.-Gadkhol does not belong to the tract locally called the " lor country" which comprises the remainder of the first group and hence it has been reduced to the second group. All the cultivators of Telod live in Harsot and the distance-scale is reckoned from Hansot. I have therefore inclided it in the second group. The proportion of assessment to rent is low for his group, but I think that the small reduction of 8.8 per cent is quite jus ${ }^{\text {fied. }}$
32. Group III.-I have included the villages of Ambheta, Vausnoli, Ba/odra, Sayan and Alva in this group, on account of their proximity to Hensot and the rise in the value of the land owing to the increased desire of th Musulmans of Hansot to take up land for cultivation. Sarthan and Telva an two wretchedly poor villages and I have therefore reduced them to the fourth gh, up. Owing to the inclusion of the villages above and the fact that the ajessments of four other villages are according to the maximum rate fixed for M. Mehta's fifth group, the proportion of assessment to rent will work out spowhat higher under the present proposals than is shown in Appendix " $M$ ". (o a rough calculation I reckon that it will be about 43 per cent.
83. Group IV includes all the villages in the south of Hansot petafahal and also a small number of villages in the south-east of Ankleshwar hich are situated on hilly, broken ground quite different in character from the fest of the taluka. Owing to the inclusion of most of the villages placed by Mr. Mehta in a fifth group, the proportion of assessment to rent for this group will be about 43 per cent. according to the present proposals.
34. Rice.-At the original settlement the same maximum rates were fixed for rice as for Jirayat lands. I propose the adoption of a similar course now. The result is general slight reduction.
85. Bhatha.-The alluvial deposits are mainly dependent for their fertility on the supply of water received from the monsoon floods. With the gradual changes in the course of the river, the supply of water received in any area is liable to gradual variation. In these circumstances it is necessary to fix the maximum rates not solely on the recognised survey principles, but also with a view to the increased or decreased supply of water from the floods. Hence the proposed rates are fixed mainly on the three following considerations:-
(A) Personal examination of the lands and the crops yielded by them.
(B) The statistios of rent in Appendix " $M$ ".
(C) Any information available as to the price obtained yearly in auotion for adjoining land which is not permanently assessed.
36. The following table shows the proposed changes in the ratad-

37. The Bhatha of Kansia and Mandwa Buzrag is by far the best irthe taluka, and the rental value is high, hence the rate in these villages has "en raised to the maximum of Rs. 10. In Borebhatha and Sakarpore the app tation of the distance scale has resulted in a large increase. I am of the opibn that no increase is justified in these villages and the rates bave been reduce iso as to produce a slight decrease. The same applies in a lesser degregto Sarphudin.

The other changes do not call for special comment.
38. In conclusion I have the honour to recommend that the rai, if sanctioned, may be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. DENNING,

Assistant Collector and Assistant
Settlement Officer.

Statement enowing Rainfall recorded at Ankleshear, district Broach, for the years 1000 to 1910.

appendix B.
Details. of cultivation and crops in the villages of the Anklesv.rr Taluka of the Broach Collectorate.


## APPENDIX D.

Detail of populatios according to occupation by percentages in Ankleshwar Talwka.

| Agricaltaral popalation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nom-agricultursl population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interent in laud. |  |  |  |  | Labourerro |  |  | - Total agricultural popaler sion. |  | - |  |
| Land occupsate not sultivating. | Land occapante cultivating. | Tunant and charert coltivatiag. | Others. | Totsl. | Fspm sorvanta. | Field labourers and crop - watchera. | Total. |  | Craftas. | Others* | Total nonagricaltaral popolation. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 72 |
| 0.54 | 80889 | -* | 0.41 | 81.84 | 0.08 | 2861 | 28.63 | 60-47 | 12-44 | 27.09 | 89.53 |

## APPENDIX E.

Detail of population according to religion and education in the Ankleshsoar Taluka.

| Hex, | Le per Imperial Census of 1901. | - Percentage on total population sble to resd or learning- | Religion. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hindu caster |  |  |  |  |  | Masalmán nects. | Christians. | Parsees. | Others. |
|  |  |  | Bráhmin. | Dhed. | Kolli | Rajput. | Vania | Others, |  |  |  |  |
| Malos | 80,780 | 26.8 | 1,861 | 1,598 | 7,278 | 938 | 964 | 5,691 | 6,079 | 17 | 362 | 7,503 |
| Yemater | 80,951 | 1.6 | 1,815 | 16,27 | 7,351 | 951 | 889 | 6,531 | 5,259 | 14 | 444 | 7,130 |
| Total | 64,181 | 14.8 | 2,676 | 8,218 | 14,629 | 1,884 | 1,798 | 11,222 | 10,888 | 81 | 808 | 14,633 |

## APPENDIX $F$.

Statement akowing the Agricultural stock of the Government Villages in the Ankleskwar Taikka of the Broach Collectorate.


## APPENDIX $G$.

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, etc., and average Births, Deathe and Vaccination.


## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1011.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villages. } \end{gathered}$ | District. | Government Schools, |  |  |  | Manicipal schools, |  |  |  | Private achoole, <br> Doys, |  | Renaurk. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys, |  | Girls, |  | Boys, |  | Girls. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Nomber of aohools, | Average attendance. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { ochools. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Avorage } \\ \text { attendance } \end{gathered}$ |  | Average attendance | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { schools. } \end{gathered}$ | Average sttendance. | Number of achools. | A verage attend. ance. |  |
| 1 | - 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| 48 | Ankleahvar Táloka, district Broach. | 50 | 1,643 | 5 | 229 | 5 | 428 | 8 | 109 | 13 | 109 |  |

## APPENDIX 1.

Statement showing the proportion of Gavernment occupied and Inám lands cultivated by occupants and subtenants, etc., in the year 1910-11.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villages. } \end{aligned}$ | . Disurict. | Total numbers cultivated by occupants or Inamdars. |  | Total numbers cultivated by occupants ar Inámdárs in partnership with others. |  | Total numbers cultivated by sub-tenants on monky rent. |  | Total numbera cultivated by sub-tenants for produce of grain rert. |  | Wasle numbers. | Parampok nambers | Total Number. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inám. | Govern. ment. | Inám. | Govern. menc. | Inam. | Government. | Inám. |  |  | Government. | lntm. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 108 | Brearh, talnka AnLleehwar. | 21,264 | 6,312 | 854 | 123 | 10,548 | 8,880 | 127 | 49 | 88086 | $\cdots$ | 85,990 | 0,4.4 |

## APPENDIX J.



## APPENDIX K.

Showing Mortgages with Possession.


## APPENDIX K.

## Showing Sales.

| seral No. in Appon-dix dux m | Same of viliage. | Upto 1870. |  |  | From 1871 to 1380. |  |  | From 1881 to 1880. |  |  | From 1891 to 1900. |  |  | From 1901 to present day. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Anvenemeat. | Enle price. | Proportion of namestr neont to Bale price. | Anrear ment | Sale prico. | Proporthen of Asaussment to sale price. | Amaessment. | Bale price. | Proportlon of arbersment to calo price. | A8sast ment. | Bajo price. | Proportion of nasgessmert to sale price. | As36spment. | Sale price. | Propertion of atseasment 10 ssle price. | He. mark. |
|  |  | 8ı. | Re. | P. $C$. | He, | Re. | P. C. | S8. | Re. | P. C. | Re. | Re. | P. C. | Re, | Ba. | P. C. |  |
| 1 | Kunats (Bhatha) ... | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | .* | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 821 | 1,985 | $\boldsymbol{2} \cdot 0$ | 587 | 2,118 | 17.32 | 2,107 | 47,563 | 4.69 |  |
| 2 | Borbhaths ( Do. ) ... | 8 | 20 | 15. | 148 | 1,178 | 18:98 | 248 | 4,836 | $6 \cdot 6$ | E33 | 11,359 | " 789 | 2,160 | 89,610 | 0.68 |  |
| 4 | Enkrtore ( $\mathrm{D}_{0}, 1 . .$. | - $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 6 | 81 | 19.3 | 55 | 280 | 18.6 | 58 | 75 | 0238 | 772 | 4,805 | 17.13 |  |
| 0 | Faripura ( Do. ) ... | -•• | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ${ }^{*}$ | 0 | 84 | 6.119 | 068 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | m |  |
|  | Do, (Ery-crop) ... | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 63 | 888 | 17.8 | 83 | 1,483 | 0.83 | 281 | 2,028 | 10.8 | 439 | 6,201 | 6.83 |  |
| 7 | Difl ( Do. ) ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ** | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 107 | 1,198 | $8 \cdot 9$ |  |
| 10 | Mendive Buirag (Bhar- | " | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -•* | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 63 | 985 | 7.3 | 60 | 692 | 22.40 | 57 | 48 | 767 |  |
|  | Do. (Dry | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 85 | 873 | 0's | 150 | 1,477 | 10.03 | 268 | 2,407 | 11.08 | 247 | 4,828 | 6.7 |  |
|  | Total of Groap $1 . . .0$ | 8 | 20 | 15 | 255 | 1,975 |  | 029 | 0,861 | 8.4 | 2,844 | 23,673 | $5 \cdot 8$ | 0,070 | 87,874 | 68 |  |
| 4 | 8adad (Dry-arop) ... | 88 | 043 | 6\% 08 | 7 | 81 | 28.6 | 531 | 1,870 | $10 \cdot 8$ | $4 \pm 8$ | 8,569 | 663 | 1,483 | 21,287 | 6.0 |  |
| 28 | Jltall ( $\mathrm{Dry}_{\text {my }}$ crup) ... | 47 | 898 | $11 \cdot 0$ | 32.0 | 206 | 15.05 | 191 | 2,985 | $8 \cdot 4$ | 280 | 8.903 | $8 \cdot 89$ | 2.591 | 27,417 | 0.7 |  |
| 37 | Omarweda ( Do.) ... | 8 | 10 | 8) | 86 | 398 | 1607 | 126 | 1,270 | 9.8 | 612 | 8,829 | 16.10 | 1,797 | 15,890 | 11.67 |  |
| 68 | P.ludia ( Da.) ... | $\bullet$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | 10 | 120 | $8 \cdot 38$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $4 *$ | 251 | 1,974 | 12•71 |  |
|  | Total of Gronp III ... | 80 | 405 | 12934 | 88.0 | 604 | 14.40 | \$5\% | 4,364 | 76 | 731 | 7.529 | 10:37 | 4,430 | 44,830 | 69 |  |
| 07 | Shengpore(Dry-crop) ... | 7 | 18 | \$888 | 18 | 08 | 1590 | 28 | 252 | $10 \$ 5$ | 02 | 1,001 | $0 \cdot 16$ | 337 | 9,096 | 10.8 |  |
| 71 | Sartban (Do.)... | .. | ... | $\cdots$ | 818 | 1,670 | 180 | 54 | 341 | $15 \cdot 69$ | 184 | 1,100 | 11.80 | 4.98 | 4.388 | 11.99 |  |
| 88 | Amod (Da.)... | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | -.* | 60 | 3.0 | 16.79 | 7 | 83 | 21.21 | 156 | 1,732 | 9.0 |  |
| 88 | Onner-Kaila ( D. ) ... | ... | ..' | $\cdots$ | 16 | 120 | 18.6 | 254 | 1,548 | 9.88 | 154 | 1,082 | $0 \cdot 01$ | 821 | 6.718 | 6.8 |  |
| 69 | Bunev Kiburad ( Do. ) ... | 10 | 74 | 18.51 | 41 | 0.1 | 66 | 126 | 2,401 | 8-61 | 128 | 265 | 40.2 | 800 | 6,073 | 8.08 |  |
| 109 | Katpore ( Do. )... | 40 | 710 | 678 | 8 | 116 | 5. | 8 | 355 | 76 | 338 | 4,744 | 801 | 1,412 | 13,087 | 788 |  |
| 108 | Kantiajal ( D. ) ... | $\cdots$ | '." | ':' | 81 | 1,802 | B'01 | 62 | 1,107 | $4 \cdot 69$ | 89 | 2,463 | 8.67 | 145 | 3,180 | 4.88 |  |
|  | Total of Group IV ... | 65 | 838 | $8 \cdot 10$ | 876 | 4.082 | $0 \cdot 88$ | 690 | 6,418 | 8.25 | 881 | 11,018 | $8 \cdot 01$ | 3,869 | 41,082 | 7\%78 |  |
|  | Grand Total .o. | 151 | 1,870 | 806 | 785 | 0,049 | 10.8 | 93,11 | 88,607 | 985 | 8,983 | 49.188 | 8.09 | 15,146 | 1,05,265 | 57 |  |

## APPENDIX M.

Showing sullettings.


APPENDIX M-continued.


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APPENDIX M—concluded.

| Number. | Name of village. | Bhatha |  |  | Pereentage of casoris ment on rent. | Dry erop and rice. |  |  | Feroentagy of ansotement on rent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Aren. | $A_{\text {seest }}$ ment | Rent. |  | Area | Asseasment. | Rent. |  |
| 70 | Growp IV-continued. | Acres. | Ba. | En. |  | Aогes. | Re. | R. |  |
|  | Kalam ... | $\cdots$ | *** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 29 | 103 | 211 | 51.2 |
| 71 | Earthar -..0 ... | ..' | -* | - | ** | 111 | 483 | 818 | 63: 8 |
| 72 | Telva | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | - | 94 | 801 | 662 | 45.5 |
| 73 | Motovan ... -or | *** | -* | $\cdots$ | - | 91 | 808 | 507 | 508 |
| 74 | Rohid - $\quad .0$ | -00 | ** | ** | -* | 228 | 689 | 1,665 | 41.4 |
| 75 | Kudadrs $\quad . .0$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ... | 135 | 388 | 718 | 540 |
| 76 | Kathodrs $\quad \therefore \quad . .0$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 95 | 276 | 468 | 68.6 |
| 77 | Pardi Idras ... | $\cdots$ | ** | -* | ** | 126 | 861 | 707 | 61.6 |
| 78 | Adadra $\quad \therefore$ | ... | '0' | ... | -* | 158 | 427 | 804 | 581 |
| 79 | Godadrs ...e ... | -* | ** | *- | $\cdots$ | 176 | 617 | 1,056 | 48.8 |
| 80 | Bisodra ... | ... | -** | ** | $\cdots$ | 850 | 1,090 | 2,099 | 81.9 |
| 81 | Parvat -.. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | 268 | 728 | 1,800 | $40 \cdot 2$ |
| B2 | Pandvai . ... ... | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | - 224 | C80 | 1,517 | 14.8 |
| 83 | Amod ... | ** | -* | ** | ** | 31 | 94 | 155 | 60.6 |
| 84 | Khargeh ... ... | $\cdots$ | -." | ** | $\cdots$ | 92 | 289 | 485 | 60.4 |
| 85 | Dangra ... ... | ** | . $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 188 | 854 | 829 | 88.1 |
| 86 | Panjroli ... ... | ** | ** | " | $\cdots$ | 248 | 675 | 1,795 | 378 |
| 87 | Obha ... ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ** | ** | 169 | 582 | 1,228 | 45.8 |
| 88 | Sunev Kalle ... ... | -0 | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | $\cdots$ | ** | 487 | 1,810 | 8,412 | 88.4 |
| 89 | Sunev Khurad ... | $\cdots$ | . | ** | -* | 733 | 2,618 | 6,909 | $37 \cdot 6$ |
| 90 | Abarms ... ... | ** | ** | . 0 | *** | 208 | 674 | 1,650 | 48.6 |
| 91 | Sahol ...e ... | ** | ** | ... | - | 142 | 474 | 1,201 | 89.6 |
| 92 | Ilav . ... ... | ... | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 802 | 968 | 2,884 | 83.6 |
| 93 | Malanpore ... ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 178 | 616 | 1,374 | 87.6 |
| 94 | Aniadra ... ... | - | *.* | $\cdots$ | - 0 | 261 | 867 | 1,092 | 48.5 |
| 95 | Balota ... ... | ..* | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 535 | 1,688 | 3,988 | 42.8 |
| 96 | Bolay ... ... | - 0 | -0. | -* | -® | 288 | 1,008 | 2,807 | 43.7 |
| 97 | Chbilodra ... | $\cdots$ | --* | ... | -•* | 224 | 784 | 1,645 | 4.6 |
| 98 | Dantrai -.. | - | .." | ** | - 0 | 117 | 410 | 857 | 47.8 |
| 99 | Vaghwan *e... | -* | ** | " 0 | ** | 181 | 587 | 1,861 | 48.1 |
| 100 | Dhamrad ... ... | -* | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 429 | 1,409 | 2,864 | $49 \cdot 2$ |
| 101 | Atkalva .... ... | -.* | *** | ... | ** | 182 | 648 | 1,183 | 462 |
| 102 | Katpore - $7 *$... | ** | -i | *.t | $\cdots$ | 895 | 2,829 | 8,426 | 440 |
| 108 | Jeftpcre - .-. ... | $\cdots$ | ** | ... | .* | 81 | 261 | 739 | 83.8 |
| 104 | Famli $\quad .$. | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | 81 | 280 | 669 | 38.9 |
| 305 | Vamleahmar : ... ... | ** | $\pm$ | ** | ** | 116 | 374 | 997 | 375 |
| 106 | Kantinjal $\quad \cdots \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | 813 | 786 | 8,144 | 25.0 |
|  | Total of Group IV ... | b. | $\cdots$ | -.. | *' | 9,831 | 80,573 | 73,188 | 418 |
|  | Grand Total . ... | 1,870 | 15,984 | 42,821 | 85.8 | 21,497 | 77,014 | 1,82,258 | 428 |

Percantage of Aseesamont on rent of all lands 41.3.

## APPENDIX N.

Slate ment showing the prices prevalent in the Ankleshwar Tálwka from 1866-67 to 1910.


## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$.

Recenue Statomont for Government villages sitwated in the Anklenhwar Talwka of the Broach Collectorate into which the Survey Setllement wous introdsced im 1570-71.
[The years above the black line are thowe antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$-continued.



## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$

Rerenue statement for Government＊illages sitwated in the Anklescar Tílnka of the Broach Colloctorato ixto which the Swrecy Settlement was introduced in 1870．71．

| Yearı | Ocoufind laxid pattra habemmett to Gotsixyer． |  |  |  |  |  |  <br>  LAMD。 |  |  | Lamb mie Reventy OJ WHICE IE ALIEM． atad entimelt on raptializ（IMan）． |  |  | Tofal latid Goviay． yixs ocotiled． twoccepind AxD 134M， |  |  |  |  | Remarto |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | ring <br> 客 |  | 휸 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 世 } \\ & \text { 串 } \\ & 8 \\ & \mathbf{E} \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |  | 名 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 1. | 15 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 10 |
|  |  | Re． |  | Rs． | He． | Re． |  | 8． | Re． |  | Re． | R． | Ro． | c． | R． |  |  |  |
| 1971－72 | 3，977 | 86，308 |  |  | ．．＇ | 56，308 | 297 | 2，580 | ： | 287 | 8，580 | ien | 4581 | 48，289 | 87，156 | $\ldots$ | ＊＊ |  |
| 1882.78 | 8，887 | 3，258 | 60 | ．．． | 60 | 34，200 | 152 | 1，407 | 88 | 290 | 8，240 | 74 | 4，815 | 88，011 | 84，893 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1873－74 | 3，852 | 34，113 | 308 | $\cdots$ | 309 | 33，804 | 163 | 1，111 | 90 | 298 | 3，248 | 74 | 4，801 | 88，787 | 84，638 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 3674.75 | 8，001 | 94，287 | 504 | $\cdots$ | 504 | 33，788 | 205 | 1，866 | 169 | 298 | 8，220 | 743 | 4,400 | 80，982 | 34，888 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1876－76 | 3，858 | 39，822 | 1，816 | $\cdots$ | 1，316 | 32，006 | 254 | 2，830 | 151 | 298 | 8，207 | 788 | 4,989 | 80，350 | 88，300 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878－77 | 8，781 | 23，338 | 1，680 | $\cdots$ | 1，880 | 31，658 | 242 | 1，689 | 200 | 207 | 3，938 | 751 | 4.980 | 88，994 | 82，000 | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1877．78 | 3，709 | 33，762 | 1，609 | $\cdots$ | 1，000 | 31，169 | 308 | 2，100 | 911 | 208 | 8，250 | 767 | 4.807 | 88，191 | 38，111 | ＊＊ | ．．． |  |
| 1878.78 | 8，700 | 82，749 | 2，201 | ．．． | 2，201 | 30，548 | 800 | 2，709 | 210 | 801 | 3，204 | 729 | 4，300 | 88，802 | 91，681 | m | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878．00 | 3，718 | 32，018 | 2，440 | $\cdots$ | 2，440 | 80，484 | 282 | 1，948 | 972 | 808 | 8，204 | 783 | 4，916 | 88，085 | 81，460 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average | 8，810 | 33，843 | 1，124 | $\cdots$ | 1，126 | 88，724 | 247 | 1，002 | 151 | 298 | 3，262 | 74 | 4，888 | 80，093 | 33，019 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880．81 | 3，777 | 82，913 | 2，045 | $\ldots$ | 2，645 | 81，588 | 295 | 1，976 | 200 | 204 | 8，178 | 733 | 4，316 | 39，088 | 91，301 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1891－88 | 3，662 | 32，413 | 2，617 | $\cdots$ | 8，617 | 20，796 | 951 | 2.806 | 638 | 808 | 8，178 | 793 | 4，316 | 38，194 | 91，687 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1882－88 | 3，600 | 32，407 | 8，502 | ＂． | 8，502 | 28，005 | 289 | 2，007 | 181 | 902 | 3，178 | 733 | 4，230 | 87，850 | 20，818 | ．．． | ．． |  |
| 1885－84 | 3，698 | 32，393 | 3，057 | ．．． | 3，857 | 28，488 | 293 | 2，100 | $\pm 00$ | 209 | 3，145 | 735 | 6，290 | 87，847 | 20.609 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
| 1884－85 | 3，887 | 32，331 | 4，856 | $\cdots$ | 4，556 | 27，825 | 289 | 8，160 | 100 | ． 894 | 9，077 | 784 | 6，280 | 87，08 | 20，640 | $\cdots$ | ．． |  |
| 1885－86 | 8，654 | 32，082 | 5，436 | $\cdots$ | B，420 | 26，046 | 353 | 2，498 | 186 | 298 | 3，077 | 725 | 4，890 | 87，647 | 27，6． 7 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880.87 | 3，650 | 32，087 | 4，810 | $\cdots$ | 4，810 | 27，237 | 357 | 2，638 | 188 | 288 | 3，677 | 724 | 4，280 | 87，017 | 28，089 | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ |  |
| 1887－88 | 3，880 | 32，035 | 6，178 | ．．． | 5，178 | 26，8＊0 | 245 | 1，481 | 920 | 298 | 3.077 | 724 | 4，168 | 96，579 | 77，018 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1888－89 | 9，630 | 32，085 | 5，238 | $\cdots$ | 5，238 | 23，707 | 245 | 1，401 | 105 | 230 | 3，077 | 726 | 4，155 | 88，678 | 27，627 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average | 3，683 | 32，200 | 4，215 | ．．． | 4，215 | 29，084 | 303 | 2，009 | 236 | 298 | 8，117 | 793 | 4，262 | 37，818 | 20，049 | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1889.90 | 3，640 | 32，004 | 5，529 | $\cdots$ | 5，523 | 26，671 | 241 | 1，486 | 153 | 290 | 8，077 | 725 | 4，161 | 86，806 | 97，40 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880－92 | 3，040 | 32，094 | 6，490 | ．．． | B，480 | 28，814 | 202 | 1，185 | 312 | 281 | 8，077 | 723 | 4，128 | 36，330 | 27，881 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1831－92 | 3， 240 | 32，004 | 5，718 | ．．． | 8，718 | 26，976 | 209 | 1，168 | 162 | 230 | 8，077 | 724 | 4，122 | 80，386 | 27，208 | ．．． | ＊＊ |  |
| 1898．93 | 3，047 | 32，105 | 5，028 | ．．． | 5，826 | 20，299 | 202 | 3，160 | 178 | 230 | 8，077 | 724 | 4，129 | 80，408 | 27，185 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
| 1893－94 | 3，062 | 32，262 | 6，303 | ．．． | 6，303 | 26，059 | 188 | 1，0¢0 | 12 | 280 | 8，077 | 74 | 4，129 | 36，400 | 3，409 | $\cdots$ | ．． |  |
| 1884．95 | 3.061 | 32，261 | 6，639 | ＊＊ | 8，663 | 28，683 | 138 | 1，060 | 12 | 280 | 8，077 | 785 | 4129 | 36，407 | 26，985 |  | ．． |  |
| 1896.86 | 3，661 | 32，261 | 6，061 | $\cdots$ | 8，061 | 26，310 | 188 | 1，000 | 12 | 280 | 3，077 | 725 | 4129 | 36，407 | 20，947 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1886－97 | 3，861 | 32，262 | 8，606 | ．．． | 5，063 | 28，＇85 | 188 | 1，060 | －． | 879 | 8，075 | 725 | 6，128 | 80，40B | 27，821 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
| 1697－98 | 3，601 | 38，202 | 6，090 | ．．． | 6，090 | 20，238 | 188 | 1，069 | ．．． | 270 | 3，0\％ | 725 | 4，188 | 80，408 | 36，967 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| Average | 3，662 | 32，185 | B，929 | ．．． | 6，829 | 20，286 | 183 | 1，142 | 93 | 978 | 8，077 | 74 | 4，180 | 80，418 | 37，006 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1898 09 | 3，661 | 32，263 | 6，408 | ＊＊ | 6，108 | 25，854 | 188 | 1，060 | ．－ | 279 | 8，078 | 724 | 4.128 | 30，408 | 28，578 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1899－1800 | 8，601 | 82，268 | 6，414 | ．．．＇ | 6，414 | 25，843 | 187 | 1，063 | $\cdots$ | 288 | 8，008 | 224 | 6,180 | 80，428 | 20，672 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1000.01 | 8，641 | 32，058 | 7,110 | ．．． | 7，110 | 24，948 | 207 | 1，268 | ＊＊ | 832 | 8，100 | 74 | 4，130 | 20，484 | 26，673 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1001.02 | 8，483 | 80，728 | 6，006 | ．．． | 6，000 | 23，823 | 388 | 2，6\％5 | $\cdots$ | 281 | 3，000 | 724 | 4.150 | 80，482 | 24，643 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1002－03 | 8，459 | 30，885 | 0，211 | ．．． | 9，811 | 21，354 | 889 | 2，768 | $\cdots$ | 282 | 8，090 | 784 | 6，180 | 36，422 | 28，078 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| $1803-04$ | 8，400 | 80，882 | 0，169 | $\cdots$ | 0，159 | 21，728 | 350 | 2，42 | $\cdots$ | 288 | 8，099 | \％ 24 | 4，130 | 36，422 | 22，447 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 190408 | 3，648 | 32，083 | 9，158 | $\cdots$ | 0，168 | 22，030 | 208 | 1，230 | 1 | 291 | 8，003 | 734 | 4，189 | 88，410 | 23，455 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1005－08 | 3，698 | 11，030 | 8，948 | ．．． | 8，948 | 28，882 | 215 | 1，891 | 4 | 281 | 3，098 | 724 | 4，129 | 86，419 | 23，710 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1008－07 | 3，640 | 82，029 | 8，613 | $\cdots$ | 8，618 | 83，400 | 507 | 3，150 | 80 | 238 | 3，098 | 726 | 4，449 | 38，270 | 2，108 | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ |  |
| 1907－08 | 3，94i | －38，804 | 8，521 | ．．． | 8，591 | 25，373 | 207 | 1，887 | 5 | 281 | 8，008 | 784 | 1，480 | 83，379 | 28，108 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 100809 | 3，967 | 84，067 | 8，668 | $\cdots$ | 8，603 | 26，405 | 215 | 1，216 | 6 | 281 | 8，008 | 784 | 4，458 | 80，881 | 20，184 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1009－10 | 3，883 | 34，290 | 8，458 | $\cdots$ |  | 25，737 | 215 | 1，818 | 5 | 281 | 8，090 | 724 | 4，478 | 30，604 | 30，403 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 2010－11 | 4，00s | 81，293 | 8，587 | $\cdots$ | 8，887 | 26，708 | 201 | 1，167 | B | 287 | 8，160 | 768 | 4，401 | 88，810 | 20，464 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average ．．． | 8，708 | 82，403 | 8，105 | $\cdots$ |  | 24，238 | 265 | 1，688 | 4 | 289 | 8，101 | 725 | 4，28s | 37，185 | 21，007 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



APPENDIX Q.
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Government Occupied Land.


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| bx rethioumerist. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Name of Village. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paxlm | natue. | Drjeerrop. |  |  | Ricen |  |  |  | BLatta |  |  | Total. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\frac{4}{4}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{8}{4}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathscr{D}_{0}^{2} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 管 | $\frac{8}{4}$ |  |  |  |  | Nos |
| 18 | 10 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 28 : | 24 | 25 | 30 | 87 | 28 | 29 | 80 | 31 | \$8 | 33 | 34 |
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|  | "* | 46,140 | 1,44,568 | 817 | 1.102 | 7,121 | 675 | 08 | 669 | 781 | 47,912 | 2,52,127 | 8211 | -18.5 | Total, Group IV. | 48 |
|  | ** | 88,305 | 8,58,273 | 390 | 2,181 | 16,384 | 7110 | 4,888 | 43,085 | 8146 | 1,05,302 | 4,10,692 | 9141 | $-11.7$ | Grand Total. | 108 |

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

Showing area of Villagce for Settlement with details.


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## APPENDIX R.

## No. 1450 or 1872.

From
Lemotnamt-Coloner C. J. PRESCOTT, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát;
To

## J. G. WHITE, Esquiar, Collector of Broach.

Sib,
Superintendent: Office, Surat, $12 t h$ September 1872.

With reference to the Revenue Commissioner's letter, to your address, No. 2245 of the 15ıh of April last, I have the honour of reporting upon the introduction of the Revenue Survey Assessment in the Ankleshwar Taluka of your Collectorate.
2. As the grouping of the villages for assessment proposed in my preliminary report noted in the margin, was slightly altered by the Revenue

Superintendent, Revenue Sarrey sid Aseesement, Gujardt, to the Collector of Brosch, No. 356, dated the tith of March 1878. Commiasioner in bis letter above quoted, and as the rates have been introduced in accordance therewith, I shall in this report show them according to the Revenue Commissioner's grouping only.
3. Before procesding to diseuss this portion of the operation, or considering the financial results of the settlement, it is desirable to give some account of the taluka.
4. The talluke Ankleshwar, comprising the Mahal of Hansot, is situated on the south or left bank of the river Nurbudda, which form its northern and western boundary. It has the Rajpipla country on the frontier, or eastern side, and the Vasrávi Purganna of His Highness the Gaekwar and the Ulpar Taluka of the Surat Collectorate on the soath. Its greatest exteat in length, east and west, is about 37 miles, and in breadth, north and south, 15 miles.
5. Ankleahwar and Hánsot fell into our :hands in consequence of General Goddar's operations in 1780, when they were made over to the Peishwa in 1783, and were finally ceded to the Honourable East India Company by the treaty of Bassein in December 1802, and have, therefore, been 70 gears under British rale.
6. There are 105 villages in this táluka, of which 102 are Government and 8 alienated. Of the Government villages 73 are Senja and 29 Bhagdari.
7. The superficial area of this talnks is as follows:-


Thas the area of the entire taluka is 292 square statute miles, 286 ment and 6 alienated villagea.
8. The lands of the Government villages have been subdivided and classed as follows:-

9. The nature of the Bhágdarí tenare has been so often and so fully describer,

Bhagdári Tenare No. CXIV, New Sexiet especially in the selection from the Recordn of the Bombay say that of the 29 vilinges held on this tenore the Bhagdare of 13 agreed to have their quota of assessment distribated aceording to their respective holdings and those of 16 desired to retain the apportionment according to the original "Pballa." In all cases agreements from the Bhágdárs were taken in writing.
10. The country is much the same as the táluka Broach, which is graphically described by $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Beyts in the Settlement Beport of that taluka. Water is generally good and abundant for drinking purposes throughout the taluka, but it is reported that, in consequence of the pancity of rain for the last two years, the character of the water in some of the wells is changing and becoming brackish, which it is to be hoped is temporary only.
11. The soil is for the most part the black regur, but there is a large tract (both in the pripeipal division and in Hánsot) of the superior order kuown soil. as "Marwa" or "Gorat." It lies principally in a depression of the country, which tradition fixes as the former bed of the river Nurbudda. Here it is wonderfully rich and fertile, and finally mergea into the alluvial " Bhatta," along the shore of the river.
12. In this tract of Iand is perpetual verdure, which contrasts strangely with the arid black cotton soil plain around. Fine live hedges are everywhere met with, grand umbrageous trees abound, and the palmyra and date palm rear their graceful beads around the village sites.
13. Round many of the village tanks, especially in the Hansot Mabal, are some fine rice beds, which produce superior "Punkhalee Kamod" in favoupable seasons. The soil differs in no respect from the prevailing kinds of the táluka, except that it is mollified and enriched by the action of water.
14. The local market-towns are Ankleshwar and Hánsot. The former is a Railway station on the B. B. \& C. I. Railway, and the other, the chief town of the Mahól of that name; neither ame very large markets, but Ankleshwar is rising in importanee as the eatrepót of the Rájpipls country, whence a large supply of timber, firewood, and jungle produce, such as wax, honey and drugs, are received for export by rail.
15. The Agent of, the B. B. C. I. Railway has kindly furnished me with a atatement of the traffic from and to Aukleshwar station for the last 5 years, which will be found in the annexed appendiz (marked A). By this it will be seen that in the year 1871, no less than 1,652

Exports and Importh, and their valiae. tons of cleaned cotton left the Ankleshwar Station. This reduced to local measure (und taking the averuge price of that year at Rs. 65 per " bhar") shows that this ibem of export alone was Rs. 7,10,710. Of grain 522 tons were exported, against which 736 tons were imported to meet the demand for bread stuffs, occasioned by so large an area of the taluka being under cotton.
16. The only rivers are those on the northern and southern sides of the taluka-the NurRivers budda and the Kim. The value of the former, as a means of commanicatiou between Broach and the villages along its banks must not be lost sight of, although it appears to be made much less use of than formerly.

The Kim is nowhere navigable, and drains a comparatively small area ; yet in flood it is a formidable stream, and at all times difficult to cross.
17. The water-supply is from tanks and wells. Of tise former there are 350 in the two Water-supply. districts, of which 26 are of large size. Of the latter there are in all 529. Of these -

484 are in repair,
45 out of repair ; and of these-
220 are used for drinking purposes only,

* 264 are ased for irrigation.

18. The climste of this talaka is in some small degree better than that of Broach. It is cold from the end of December to the middle of February, when the hot winds set in ; bat these are tempered by the neabreeze, which blows stronger and stronger as the monsoon approaches. The rains are moderate, bat in most seasons sufficient for the requirements of agriculture.
19. The averag rainfall for the last nine years in this taluks is nearly 32 jnches, as shown below:-

| 1863-64 | -0. | ... | ** | $\cdots$ | 29.97 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 1864-65 | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 21.00 |
| 1865-66 | ... | . 0 | ... | ... | $41 \cdot 15$ |
| 1866-67 | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 39.86 |
| 186i-63 | -. | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 31.86 |
| 1568-69 | ... | ..' | .0. | $\ldots$ | 44.58 |
| 1989-70 | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 85.17 |
| 1870-71 | - | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 25.97 |
| 1871-72 | ... | *** | ... | . $\cdot$ | 16.89 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 86.45 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 31-82 |

20. The B. B. \& C. I. Railway traverses this táluka from north to south, and adds very conaiderably to the prosperity of the district, the comfort of the inhabitants, and the convenience of all Governmeut officials. By Appendix A it will be seen that $\mathbf{3 5 , 0 4 3}$ passengers

Siste of the roaile and coma munications generally. paying fares amounting to Rs. 15,299, went from the Ankleshwar Station in 1871, and 34,789,
paying fares amonnting to Rs. 14,878, arrived there in the same year. 1,562 tons of cleaned cotton, 522 tons of grain, and 4,360 tons of other articles were entered outwards, paying a freight of Rs. 63,189. 28 tons of cotton, 736 tons of grain, and 1,220 tons of other articies were ontered inwards, paying a freight of Rs. 16,870.
21. A very excellent local fands road, now nearly completed, has been constructed to connect Hansot with the railway station and town of Ankleshwar. This road is of the greatest importance to the district generally, as it opers commanication with the entire western portion.
22. Another capital line of road has been opened out, traversing the district south to north from Iláy to Hánsot. The Kim, one of the most dangeroas rivers to cross during the rains in this part of Gujarat, has been spanned by a splendid masonry bridge, which is of incalcalable value to all the southera and western villages, opening out, as it does, the Kim Railway Sta tion and the cotton ginning works in the immediate neighbourhood.
23. There is a road from Aukleshwar Railway Station to Nandod in the Rajpipla, distant 33 miles, but it is in a very primitive oondition. In my opinion this is a line of road worthy of great attention, sud if the Raja knew his own interest he would do his utmost to improve that portion of it passing through his country; which he is not likely to do, however, till we set him the example, by improving the porvion in British territory. By this route, timber. firewood, bamboos for building purposes, wax, honey, hides, drugs, and jungle produce, find their way to the market and railway station; and piece-goods metals, hard-ware salt, and other necessaries of life reach Nándod and the Rajpípla. I don't know whether a good road increases traffic in Gujarát, having no statistios to guide me; but at all events it makes it easier for man and beast.
24. A short road joins the Bore-l3hatta to Ankleshwar, and terminates at the ferry over the river Nurbudda. It is a simple track, and often impassable in the rains, on account of the floods; but es there is direct railway communication betwoen Ankleshwar and Broach, money can be better spent elsewhere than here.
25. There is also a road from the Páhánoli Railway Station to Hánsot, 12 miles, another from Hansot to Kuthpur, 8 miles, and from Hansot to Sahol, 11 miles, all of which are useful lines for drawing the resources of the district to the markets and towards the railway.
26. The new census was taken in this taluka in February last, and I have been favourPopulations ed with a rough statement of the result so far as the population is concerned. The other items aet forth in the annexed tables are the result of the su rvey census made during the progress of the classification.
27. In the following tables a comparison is drawn between the condition of the taluka in 1816 and in 1872 :-

No. $I$.


No. 1I.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\otimes$ |  |  |  | Old Earrey, 183. | Now Surros, 1872 |
| Inhabit | ... | ... | ... | 149 | 230 |
| Honses |  | ... | ... | 35 | ${ }^{63}$ |
| Cows an | loes | ... | $\cdots$ | 69 | 71 |
| ${ }^{\text {Oxen }}$ | ... | ... | ... | 40 | 62 |
| Ploughs | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 19 | 28 |

28. Before analyzing these statoments, I will place the figures they contain in justaposition with those relating to similar statistics in Broach and Olpad, the talukas respectively north and south of Ankleshwar:-

29. Thene figures prove that Ankleshwar is quite as prosperous as the talakas with which it is compared, for in the Broach figures the large and populous town is included, and si milarly Rander in Olpád.
30. The population of Ankleshwar has increased from 42,793 in 1816 to $68,035 \cdot$ in 1872, or 54 per cent. in 55 years. This is quite as great an increase as is generally found on comparing past and present enumerations, but as compared with the increase of the population in Etarope it is small indeed. In soveral previous reports I have noticed this sabject, and shown that in Europe the popnlation donbles itself in from 41 to 45 years and in Eingland from 49 to 52 yeara. Of conrse, the very eariy marriages and comparatively early deaths of a tropical climate account for the more rapid passing away of each generation; bat this circomstance does not account for the proportion of deaths being so much in excess of that of births, as it must be, looking at these figares.

[^0]31. As before observed, there are two grand divisions of soil in Ankleshwar, the Marwa, Gorat or Goradn, and the "Kali Bhai" or black cotton soil. The bhatta comes under the head of gorat, of which it is a superior order.
82. The agricaltural produce of the gorat soil is as follows:-

| Bájri. | $\ldots$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Baota | \$0. |
| Kodra | ... |
| Jowár | $\ldots$ |
| Dangar | or |
| Math | $\therefore \quad$. |
| Tur |  |
| Til |  |
| Erandi | Diweli |
| Wal | ... |
| Moong | ... |
| Ddid | ... |
| Chowla | ... |
| Benti | ... |
| Gurar | 0 |
| Chana | -0. |
| Kang | ... |
| Bhendi | $\ldots$ |

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... (Holeus spicatus.)
... (Panicum frumentacewm.)
-.. (Paspalum frumentacesm)
... (Holcwe sorgwm.) Very little.
... (Dry rice.)
... (Phaseolus aconitifoline.)
.- (Oijyous cajam.)
... (Sesamum orientale.)
... (Kicinis communis.)
... (Dolichos lablab.)
... (Phaseolws mungo.)
... (Phaseolus mas.)
...
... (Dolichos tube fumws.)
-.. (Panscum miliaceum,)
... (Panicum Italicum.)
-o. (Hibiscue canabinus.)
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Tobacco is caltivated to mome extent in the plain Goradu and extensively in the Bhatto moil.
33. The staple grain crop of "goradu" is bajri, which is the principal article of food in the gorat villages. It is very generally sown with some of the minor kinds of grain, which have the general name of "kathol" when growing with it; the principal cropthe bájri-being distingrished by the name of "dhén."
34. All the kathol palses, consisting of math, val, mang, ndid, \&c., together with the bajri, are sown early in June; and it is common here, es in other parts of Gujarat, to see two and three different kinds of crops all growing together in the same field.
35. The corn crop, or "dhan," in the gorat is therefore generally either bájri, jowar, kodra, dángar, bánti, or bonota, and the pulses, some of those named above. These are reaped in October and November and are the "kharif" harvest. It may be said there is no "rabi" harvast in gorat land, asteand especially in the best descriptions of it-"rabi" crops are not sown. But this does not apply to bhátta, which is under crop from September to April.
36. The "gorat" soil is wonderfally. productive, if not allowed to deteriorate; bnt constant manaring is absolutely necessary to keep it up to the standard. Gorat, tilled by Kanbis, Borahs, and the richer class of cultivators, is in very many situations manared freely every year, in which event 10 or 12 cart-loads per acre is usually applied; bat when, from any canse, the manuring is dispensed with beyond the second year, double this quan-tity-say 25 cart-loads-is required to make op for the exhasation of the soil. Manure is very carefally preserved in this táluka, which, being comparatively near the Rájpipla Hills, whence firewood is procurable, burns less of the precions article so necessary for agrionlture than is the case in other talukas; bat still the manure collected in "gorát" villages is seldom sufficient to supply the demand, and a good deal has to be procured from towns and other parts where it is not so much required, and from 12 annas to 1 rupee a cart-losd is the price paid for it. The weeding of this "gorát" land is also a very expensive and tedious operstion, particularly in wet seasons, when the vegetation is so luxuriant that it almost overpowers and destroys the growing crops; and in such seasons it is not uncommon to weed the "gorát" three times, and upon this daty every available man, woman, and child is employed from morning to night.
87. Now, although the "earth gives forth her increase" most plentifully in this soil, Nature is always asserting herself, and the least laziness on the part of cultivators in keeping down "weeds" is attended with fatal results-the crop is smothered. We, therefore, see that the laboar in cultivating this soil is immense, and the expense proportionately great-
38. The method of sowing is very strange, when compared with that of Earope; bat it is wonderfully well adapted to the soil, to the wants of the caltivators, and to the variation in the seasons. Some crops require little or no rain, some a moderate supply, and some a great deal. The cultivator knows his field well. He sees where the water rests after heary rain, and where it drains off, and adopts the style of caltivation most suited to it. For example: take a field where the "dhan," or grain crop, is "bajri," the cultivator will mix about 4 English pounds of "bajri" with probably 2 pounds of "math," and sow it all together-this quantity being required for one acre of land; or he will mix 4 pounds of bajri with the same quantity of "vah," "math," and "muny," sow it togetioer, and carefully harvest each crop separately as it ripens. Kodra he will sow with kap-pas,-about 3 pounds of the former and 6 of the latter per acre,-bot these he will not mix ; he will put them in the ground separately, through different pipes of the drill plongh. Poorer cultivators grow "boota" or "bowta" now and then if they have the means of manuring it. It is sown on a small plot at first, and when about two inches high is transplanted ont in the field. About 4 pounds of seed to the acre is the usual allowance. Very little is grown in this district.
39. The staples of the black soil (and of this taluka) or "kali bhui" are jowar wheat, and kappas, and the following is the list of all, or almost all, the produce:-

| 1. Kappas | ... | ... | ... | (Gosypism herbacemm.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Jowár | ... | ... | ... | (Holcus sorghmm.) |
| 3. Ghow or | Wheat | ... | ... | (Tritienm cestiomm.) |
| 4. Gram | ... | ... | -0. | (Cicer arietinum.) |
| 5. Erandi | ... | .-0 | . 0 | (Ricinisicommmnis.) |
| 6. Dangar | ... | ... | ... | (Coarse dry rice.) |
| 7. Til | ... | ** | ... | (Sesamum orientale.) |
| 8. Mang | ... | - 0 | - | (Phaseolus mwngo.) |
| P. Tar | ... | ... | ... | (Cilysus cajan.) |

40. Kappas (cotton) is grown in three years' rotations, either alone or with "dángar " or "kodra." I think of late jears it bas been grown more alone than formerly, probably because the produce is clesner. It is sown generally betwean the 15th of June and the 15th of July, and is gathered from the middle of February to the latter end of March, generally in three pickings, at intervals of 14 or 20 days.
a 935-10
41. Jowar is the staple grain crop, and grown generally on the three years' rotation plan, but often every two years. In ordinary lands it grows alone, but in very fertile and rich tracts "tur" and "mang" grow with it. Many villages of this taluka grow the finest sort of jowar, which is a late crop generally, not being sown till August or harvested till February. It is well known as "sialu" or "winter" jowar, in contradistinction to the "chomasw" or "rain" jowár.
42. The proper rotation seems to be:-

First year, cotton alone, or with dangar.
Second year, jowár alone, or with mung.
Third year, fallow, or gram, or wheat, according to the season.
48. The jowári straw or "kharab" is especially fine in some parts of this talaka, and with the "kapassis" or cotton seeds is the chief support of the cattle.
44. Caste and condition, custom, the habits of the people, and the race to which they kelong, has mach to do, not only with the productiveness of the soil tilled, but with the crops grown in Gujarét, and a "Knnbi" or Borah would hear a Settlement Officer say, with the utmost complacency, "I have assessed you at half as much again as the Kolis, Mussalmans and Rajputs, because of your superior skill and energy as cultivators," Unfortunately for the latter this is not the principle of the revenue survey, which treats all classes alike, as far as it is possible to do so ; and thus, while the rich, industrious, energetic, and skilful coltivators find their assesument only moderately increased, the poor, idle, unthrifty, lethargio Rajputs and Mussalmáns find it considerally raised. But perhaps it is good for them that it should be so. It makes them industrious in spite of themselves.
45. In some of the poorer villages of Ankleshwar and Hanzot a good deal of wheat is grown. No doabt wheat is generally grown only in black soil of comparatively inferior quality; but I find it is more largely grown by the "idle" than the "industrious" classes as a rule. It is the commonest thing for "Rajputs" and "Musalmane" to complain that they grow wheat only; and when I ask why they don't grow something more certain, more productive, and which will repay labour better, they say it is not "the custom:" the fact being that wheat requires leas labour than any other crop. If the ground is scratohed up and the seed put in, it requires no more looking after till harvest, and then it is aimply pulled wp by the roots without any labour whatever. This light labour is just what the classes alladed to delight in ; it suits their hand-to-mouth way of living. The mistake they make ia in thinking that the State should now, as hitherto, take their laziness into consideration in fixing the assessment. Wheat, too, requires less capital and less skill in its production than other crops; but then it requires constant watching, especially in Gujarat, where herds of deer, troops of monkeys, and clouds of birds, are always making raids on the riponing wheat; and no one natching the flights of kullum over wheatmgrowing tracts can help identifying them with the cranes of Homer which devastated the fields 25 centuries ago.
46. Wheat, then, being such an uncertain crop, cannot be said to be a paging one. Of course, I am alluding to "ehassia," or dry wheat. The kind grown in this taluks differs in no respect from the ordinary grain. It is bearded, and grows to the height of abont two feeb or a little more. It is not sown till September or October, and not often reaped before the end of March.
47. There is one other great drawback in wheat crops, and that is the extraordinary amount of seed required per acre-probably more than six times that of jowar or bajri. It takes ubout five, or at most six, pounds of jowar to sow an acre of land, whereas 36 or 88 pounds of wheat is about the quantity required. The price of wheat is generally something in advance of jowar, but not enough to make up for the difference.
48. The bhátha lands unirrigated grow splendid crops of tobacco, and all kinde of grain and pulses, separately or mixed, and a giant description of erandi (ricinis communse). Irrigated, this land grows anything-sugarcane, plantains, tobacco, guavas, peppers, all kinds of vegetables ; and; in fact anything the cultivators choose to grow.
49. The grain prodace is chiefly disposed of in the local markets. The rayats often take cart-loads of jowar and bajri into the villages or towns, and

How the rajats dispose of the produce. sell it by measure for ready-money to all comers. The tobacco finds its way to Surat. The great staple, cotton, is bought up by dealers, and is ginned and half-pressed at the several ginning works within the limits of the táluka, whence it is transported to Bombay by sea or rail. A small supply is purchased lucally for the native looms and for spinning, an occupation which gives employment to numerous "Dher" families in the district.
50. Lands are, I think, very generally let at nearly double the assessment ; sub-tenants are, as a rule, the poorest of the poor, and never out of debt.
At what rate lands are aub-let. They pay grain rents and eke out a subsistence by labour. I feed scarcely say such high rates conld never be paid in money. In the case of grain rents, the extortion and oppression of the landlord is quite terrible. He takes care to gat his rent unt of the crop, and cares very little what becomes of the cultivator.

This etate of things is possible only in districts where there is no Government waste land available for coltivation.


Of these, 806 are the sons of those paying the local funds cess.
52. There are girls' schools at the villages of Máv, Hansot and Ankleshwar, where 116 girla are edncated ; so the javenile popalation now at school in this large talaka amounts to 1,843 or on the average-

53. In other words, the 18,159 honses of the taluke send forth 1,843 children only to the Government schools, from which $I$ infer that there must be a large number of indigenons private schools, where very young children are instructed in the rudiments of resding and writing, \&c.
54. Ankleshwar and Hánsot were managed on the farming and kultar aystem from

Formus Revenue masigemens.
Mr Colee' Zepost, dated 12th Augurt 1848 the introduction of British rule in 1802 to the year 1842, when Mr. Coles, the then Collector, first broaght them under fixed rates of assessment apon the measured bigha.
55. These rates were sanctioned for five yeare, at the end of which period Mr. J. M. Davis, the then Collector, proposed their revision in one of the ablest No. 208, of the 12th June 1848. reports which has probably ever been submitted to Government. This report is of such extraordinary length that (although it is to be regretted it should not printing; but I believe I am justified in placing on record the remarks of Government thereon, which are as followe:-
"I have laid before the Right Honourable the Governor in Council your predecessor's letter No. 1632, dated the 16th Augast last, sabmitting one from the Collector of Broach reporting on the state of the assessment of that district, and proposing new rates for the Ankleshwar and Hánsot Parganas; and have been desired to convey to you the following observations and instructiens on the subject.
"The proceedings submitted by Mr. Blane with his letter No. 1036 of the 24th June 1847 referred to settlements proposed to be made in-

| -1 village in the | Broach | Pargana. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8 villages | Ankleshwar | ditto, |
| 6 ditto | Hansot | ditto. |

The palpably erroneous principles on which these proposed settlements were based, as disclosed in that correspondence, prevented the subject being brought ander consideration at the time, and it was resolved to await the resalt of inquiries which Mr. Davis, the then newly appointed Collector, contemplated institating into the general subject of the assessment of the Broach Zilla, Mr. Davis has now so fully reported on the whole question as to render any further reference to the above papers unnecessary.
"In paragraph 2 of his present letter Mr. Blane has justly characterized, as an able production, Mr. Davis' analysis of the financial results of the system of assessment in force in the Broach Collectorate. The period embraced is not, however, as stated by Mr, Blane, that since we got possession of the conntry; for the greater part was acquired long before 1816-17; the review dates from the year in which the xilla tssumed its present limits.
"In paragraphs 1 to 30 of his report Mr. Davis appears clearly to ostablish the proposition that the assessment, heretofore considered fair, can now no longer be deemed practicable. Depreciated valne of produce and other causes have tended to make the existing rates oppressive to a degree to require an immediate redaction, and under their operstion the bhágdari system has failed to maintain its superiority over the other local systems of management.
"The table in paragraph 23 of that officer's report shows that out of 412* villages comprised in the collectorate, more than half, or 260, were originally bhágdári; that while during the last 20 years only 15 villages were taken on this tenure, $\mathbf{3 3}$ have been

- Vide Statement A, Jamabandi
Beport. relinquished, and about half thia number again, or 21, are in a failing condition; that of the above 43 villages no less than 35 have fallen in during the 10 years antecedent to 1846, and 6 in 1847. It is evident that at this rate the bhágdári tenure must, unless relief be afforded, soon disappear.
"Taking the state of the Bhagdári villages as a pretty fair index of the effecta of the fiscal measures adopted by us of late years, there can be no doubt that, as argaed by Mr. Davis in paragraph 17, the mere financial result of the measures required should not deter us from proceeding to afford the necessary relief, and 'adapt the rental to the decreased means of sustaining it.'
"Admitting, therefore, the apparently urgent necessity for bringing under review the state of the assessment of the Broach Collectorate, it only remains to consider the remedial measures as they are specially submitted; and this Mr. Davis has done in his present report, as regards the parganas of Ankleshwar and Hansot, the former being comprised in paragraphs 32 to 58 , and the latter in paragraphs 59 to 70.
"The last revision of the assessment of these parganas was sanctioned by Government on the 27th May 1843, and the rates introduced were to continue for a peroid of five years.
"On that occasion the lands were classed by the agency of amply qualined Panchayets, and the assessment fixed on the measured bigha according to the productive powers of the soil. Previously much irregularity prevailed, and caltivation was discouraged; the new measare was considered to afford general satisfaction.
"In sanctioning revision, Government expressed a wish that the term proposed for its duration had been more extended, and further manifested its confidence in the measare by an expression of approbation at the manner in which it had been carried out by the SubCollector, Mr. Coles, and laid before Government by Sir R. Arbatbnot, the Collector, and Mr. Simpson, the sole Revenue Commissioner.
" Mr. Davis, in the course of his proceedings now reported, appears to have gone over those of Mr. Coles with great care, and, beyond pointing ont an error in regard to the currency adopted in exhibiting the resulte, seems to have regarded them as generally correct.
"The following abstract staternent shows the relative bearing of the rates of assessment under the former system of estimate of crop and those introduced by Mr. Coles in 1841-42:-

"The data furnished by Mr. Davis are not given in a form to admit of the comparison being carried out in the same shape. He has omitted to show the rates by villages, and confined hirnself to exhibiting those imposed on the soils, according to their variety. These are limited in Ankleshwar to foar, viz., irrigated, rice, light, and black. The first class is very little in extent, and has not been interfered with, except in the case of the village of Diva, where a reduction has been made-the former amount being so high as to throw lands out of coltivation.
"As regards rice lands in Ankleshwar, of which 1,746 bighas are in caltivation, some slight alteration was called for. This description of produce depends chiefly on the monsoon and occasional irrigation from tanks, and is of a nature not liable to mach flaotastion in value. The assessment varies from Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 , the average being between 4 and 5 ; these the Collector considered to be light in good years; and when the crops fail, remissions are generally allowed. The alterations made were as follows :-

| Vlllage | Paying por Bigha | The rate was redroed to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. | Rs. |
| In 1 ont of 9 | 6 | 4 |
| „5 \% 22 | 5 | 4 |
| "4 " 13 | 4 below | 4 |

leaving lands assessed below that rate, with one or two exceptions, untouched.
"The light soil in cultivation measures 14,613 bighas, the average assessment being Rs. 2 to Ra. 7; the produce is chielly cotton, bajri, and palse. The heaviest assessed village (Dive) was dealt with as follows :-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Rates at } 7 \text { and } 6 \\
& \quad, \quad 5-8,5-0,4-8
\end{aligned}
$$

reduced to 5 rapees.
" 2 "
These, the Collector states, afford a pretty fair specimen of the reduotion made throughont the taluke, and in one instance-Panoli-they were lowered to the minimum of Re. 1-12-0 on account of the poor character of the village.
"The 'kali' or black soil is stated mostly to prevail in this pargana, the extent in cultivation being bighas 40,040; the crops are cotton, jowari, tur, and wheat. The assessment varied from Rs. 1-0 to Rs. 4-8. In Diva only did it amount to Rs. 6, but the land on which this was imposed was uncultivated. The average assessment was Rs. 2-2 only; in the higher assessed lands has Mr. Davis proposed any abatement, and these are found in the villages of Diva, Divi, Survari, Rohid, Nangul, Boridra, and Andada. The modifications were as. follows :-

## Dira-

Exitting rateo.

- Rs. 600
$\Rightarrow 4000 \& 300$

Divi and Survari-
$\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Re. } & 4 & 8 & 0 \\ \# & 3 & 8 & 0 \\ \# & 2 & 8 & 0\end{array}$
Propored reduetion.
Rs. 400
, 280

Rs. 4000 \& 3880
" 300
$\geqslant 200$
Rohid, Nangul, Boridra and Undhara-

$$
\begin{array}{rrrr}
\text { Re. } 3 & 0 & 0 \\
\# 2 & 8 & 0 \\
\# 2 & 0 & 0
\end{array}
$$

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Rs, } 2 & 8 & 0 \\ \# & 0 & 0\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}2 & 0 & 0 \\ " 1 & 8 & 0\end{array}$
" Mr. Davis has divided the villages into five classes, each elass having a descending scale of assessment for its black soil, thus :-

| Clasa, | No. of Villages, |  | Ratios |  | No. of Rates, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st | *** | 8 | 4 to 2 | per bigha | 5 |
| 2nd | .0. | 8 | 2t $\because 1 \frac{1}{2}$ | , | 8 |
| 3rd | -98 | 12 | 24,14 | n | 3 |
| 4th | $\bullet{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 15 | $2,1 \frac{1}{4}$ | 2 | 3 |
| 5 5th | ...0 | 8 | 2,1 | 3 | 3 |

"The pargana of Hánsot appears to have been plaoed on a more advantageous footing by Mr. Cloes' revision than that of Ankleshwar, as is shown by the comparative effects produced by that measure in each district.
"In paragraph 38 of his letter, Mr. Davis states, in speaking of the latter, that with no increase of cultivation to support it, the revised assessment was in excess both of the gross settlement of the fifteen years previous to its introduction and the actual realizations of the five years preceding it, and that the only limit which appears to have directed the settlements was the capsoity of the district.
"While with reference to Hansot, Mr. Davis says that, notwithstanding Mr. Coles baving fixed the revenues much in excess of the realizations for the antecedent five years, the measure was on the whole greatly more favourable than in Ankleshwar; that during the subsequent period no bhágdari tenures have been dissolved (thongh he declares some to be in a tottering condition), oultivation has increased throughout the whole taluka by

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3,892 bighas of tillage and 757 bighas of pasturage-this extending to every village: and the rental stands at ten thousand rupees more than at the settlement.
"Yet, under these favourable appearanoes, it has been deemed necessary to reduce the Government demands, the rates being too high, with reference to the altered state of the market, to render their continasace consistent with the prosperity of the people.
"As in Ankleshwar, and, indeed, throughont the Collectorate generally, the land under irrigation bears bat a trifing proportion to the whole area. It obtains only in one village of Hánsot, and amounts to a little less than nine bighas. The assessment, Ris. It per bigha, Mr. Davis would allow to stand.
"The rice lands in caltivation amount to bighas $1,551 \%$. The rates vary from Re. 8 to 7, the latter being fonnd in only two villages, and it is proposed to reduce them to Re. 6. The next lower rate is Rs. 6 ; it is peid in 17 villages, in 15 of which Mr. Davis wishes to lower it to Re. 5 , leaving the former rate untouched in the other two. The third rate is Rs. 5 in 19 villages; in 15 of these Mr . Davis thinks it shoald be reduced to Rs. 4, The fourth rate, Rs. 4, prevails in 23 villages; in two only of these does it seem expedient to fix it at Rs. 3 ; a rate of Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$ existed in three villages, in two of them Mr. Davis proposed striking off the fraction. The lowest rate of rupees in two villages is not interfered with.
"The light soil of the Hánsot Pargana under tillage measured bighas $504 \frac{1}{2}$ only and is assessed at Rs. 3 to 4 per bigha ; the higher rate is found in only two villages. In one of these it is proposed to leave it at Rs. 4, and to reduce it in the other to Rs. 3 and in one village to Rs. 24. The Rs. 3 rate Mr. Davis would reduce to Rs. 21, and in one village to Rs. 2
Anklest "The table entered in the margin shows the Ankichwar reduoed. Hansot redwoed. relative difference of the assessment on this class Clas. From To From $4{ }_{5}^{\text {To }} \quad{ }_{5}$



| 4 | .. |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | ... | 8 | 84 |
| 18 |  |  |  | fact of the soil being 'greatly inferior' to that of Ankleshwar, being, moreover, in comparison trifling in extent.

"The black soil is the general characteristic of this district: it emounts to bighas 58,653 : its assessment varies from Rs. 1 to Re. 3 per bigha, the general average rate being Rs. 3, while that in Ankleshwar is Kg 2-8, the superior value of the staple articie of wheat being assigned as the canse of this enhancement. Mr. Davia proposes some very trifling reductions in this portion of the assessment, on acconnt of the depression of the market not affecting wheat. A similar disparity of rates was observied by Mr. Coles in assessing the pasture lands of these parganas on account of the alleged better description of those of Hánsot, these rates being 4 annas and 8 annas respectively. The former has not been disturbed. The latter Mr. Davis would so far alter as to retain the existing rates for the first and second class villages, and apply those of Ankleshwar to the other two classes.
"The classes in which the Collector proposes dividing the villages and the rates for each are as follows :-

| Clame |  | No, of Villages. | Rates, | No. of Ols steses. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | . | 18 | $2{ }^{\text {a }}$ to 19 | 3 |
| 2 | ... | 18 | 2 to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ | 3 |
| 3 | ... | 10 | $2)^{2}$ to $1 \frac{1}{6}$ | 8 |
| 4 | ... | 6 | 2 to 1 | 3 |

"The following table shows, the state of the cultivation and assesement of these parganas, together with the effect of the present proposed settlement, and the prospecte of the revenue from extended cultivation :-

| Parganas | Cuadration |  |  | Revenue inclnding (for uniformity's sake) qualtrents and alienstlou, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 号它 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | B | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 |
|  | Ba. <br> 88,020 <br> 85,290 |  |  |  | Re. 1,58,195 <br> 1,45,620 | Bu. <br> 1,07,085 <br> 1,40,028 | 2. <br> 17,248 <br> 15,110 | Ra. <br> 00,813 <br> 18,061 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ha. } \\ 1,06,198 \\ 1,54,598 \end{gathered}$ | Ba <br> 20,170 <br> 1,02,93 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lne,000 | $\frac{134.623}{12.2419}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 1,20,4 n 4 \\ & -11,481\end{aligned}\right.$ | 8,04,067 | 2,89,716 | 2,74,014 | ${ }^{10} 32,362$ | 76,174 | 8, 6 ¢, 7898 | 1,30,414 |

"The regret of Government has alreedy been expressed in ita letter No. 1427 of 7th

## Pumgraphe 48 to 45 of Mr. Davis' Bepert

 May 1847, at the great negleet on the part of Mr. Ravenscroft, the late Collector of Broach, in omitting to carry out the liberal messares intended for the benefit of the Bhagdars and Khatedara ; and as Mr. Davis, in the latter paragraph, is favoarably disposed towards these meseares, he will donbtlese use bis best endeavoors to introduce them. From the conclading observations of the same paragraph there appears reason to anticipate succees.${ }^{r}$ Mr. Davis atates that he has not distarbed the classification of lands, as fixed ander Mr. Coles' settlement ; his proposed revision has been one exolusively of rates ; and His Lordship in Conncil considers the reductions recommended liberal, and the prospecte appesr fair of the districts improving under their operation.
"Under ell the cironmstartces detailed in this correspondence, the Governor in Conncil has been pleased to sanction the settlements proposed for these parganas as recommended by your predecessor."
56. Now, when comparing this assessment with that now introduced by the Revenne Survey, you will observe, by a reference to Statement I, how much more minute the classification of the soils and the distribation of the rates has been by the professional department.
57. While Mr. Davis condemned the rates of the settlement, immediately preceding his own, as oppressive in the extreme, he omitted in his assessment the sub-division of the bátha and gorat lands, the minate assessment of rice lands watered from tanks, and the assessment et their full value of rich grass lands occupied in the khatas.
58. The survey, on the other hand, has carefully classed these descriptions of land separately, and the consequence is that every cultivator having a water privilege, or occupying natural bágáyet lands, pays his proper proportion of the revenue, according to the value of his individasl bolding.
59. All grass lands hitherto held at low rates have been fally assessed by the survey, and no allowance whatever has been made for fallows. Both these circumstances have had to be considered in fixing the survey rates. IIn its proper place will be found a comparison between Mr. Davis' rates and those fixed by the survey.
60. I now beg to call your attention to the annexed diagram, which exhibits the cultiva-

The Diagram. tion and assessment of the 102 Government villages for the last 20 years, that is, from a.d. 1851-52 to 1870-71 inclasive.
61. In A.D. 1851-52, 87,836 acres of Government and 30,228 of alienated land were noder occupation, making a total of 118,064 acres.
62. In 1870-71, 99,960 of Government and 33,696 acres of aliensted land were occupied, making a total of 133,656 acres, so that the increase in 20 years is 18 per cent. In Government lands 14 per cent, and in alienated 11 per cent.
Accompaniment to the Diagrame exhibiting the extent of Gonernment and Alienated Land annmally under oullivation for the last 20 years in 102 villages of the $A n k h e s h w a r ~ P a r-$ gana aad its gross and wet assessment.

| Year. |  | Aree of Government Cultivated Land. | Alionsof Lavd. | Reatal on Government Iand incluaive of Cesecs. | Colleetions on Government: Land. | Bemfinton: on Governmens Iand. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Collectiona on } \\ & \text { Alionnted } \\ & \text { Land. } \end{aligned}$ | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tourat | An D. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | $\leqslant$ | $\delta$ | - | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  |  | A. 5 - | A. 8. | Es. a. p. | Re. an p. | Ra. an pr | Ra. an p. |  |
| $\underset{13010}{10}$ | 1891-58 | $\begin{aligned} & 67,689 \\ & 84,505 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ | 80.288 30.311 38 |  |  | 62811 <br> 8818 <br> 18 | ${ }_{20}^{23.7898}$ |  |
| 1910 | 12451.56 | 85.685 | 30.00918 | 8.16.001 16.8 | $8,13.81051$ | 2,19108 | ${ }_{20}^{2.770} 3$ |  |
| 1911 | 1152.56 1855.06 |  |  |  | 8.14 .5041810 | ${ }^{5} \mathbf{5} \times 8888$ | 22,730 181 |  |
| 1919 | 18856.j8 67 | ${ }_{88,006}^{80} 8$ | ${ }_{20,989}^{30,1688}$ | 3.16887188 <br> 3.1429 <br> 10 |  | ${ }^{2} \mathbf{2 0 7 5} 58$ |  |  |
| 2916 | 12557.68 | 88.4089 | 39,667 11 | 3.181980 18 | 3.17 .677150 | 481711 | 28.300810 |  |
| $\underset{\substack{1916 \\ 1+16}}{ }$ | (1855.80 | 91, 884 19 | -3,812 39 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2917 | 1860-01 | 06.040 | \%i, $\times 10$ | 3.4. 59981 | 3.43 .45711 b | $1.068{ }^{108}$ | 21,004 118 |  |
| - 1918 | 1801102 | 00.050 10 | 20,885 5 | 3.54.110 ${ }^{5} 8$ | 3.50.098 ${ }^{8} 8$ | 1,1111110 | ${ }^{24,013} 3{ }^{2}$ |  |
| 1919 |  | 1,102.520 ${ }^{108}$ | 29.2048 |  | $2,74.0791010$ <br> 888.091 <br> 8 | $\begin{array}{llll}233 & 0 & 8 \\ 156 \\ 18 & 10\end{array}$ |  |  |
| 194 | 1504-08 | 1,13.485 8 | 20,736 26 | 8,86.0.16 141 | 3.08016141 | $\ldots$ | 24.1043 |  |
| 19 |  | 1.00.419 | ${ }_{33,348}^{32,987}$ | 3,74.290 168 |  | - |  |  |
| 1896 |  | $1.04123 \%$ | 33,38816 | 3.74 .440710 | 3,74,641 8 8 | 415 | ${ }^{36.0157}$ |  |
| 1083 | 18, |  | S3, 310 | ${ }_{3}^{3,73.197108}$ | 3.7.189 3 | 97 | $38.314{ }^{3} 1$ |  |
| 1080 |  | ${ }_{60.900}^{904}$ | 39,173 30063 |  |  | $\cdots$ | (1) |  |
| Totn! nt the het20 years. |  | 18,06,509 ${ }^{\text {m }}$ | 0,20,404 16 | 0,04,315 0 | co, 制108 23 l | 25,210 9 | 5,0,073 3 - |  |
| A rrompe of tbotinat W) jeara. |  | $\pm$ \%20 $\pm$ | 31,032 0 | 8,60,215 290 | 3,46,435 3 10 | 8008 | 20,43814 |  |
| Tutal of the hat |  | 10.07 281 3 | 210,070 is | 3,46,101 | 37,43,6\% 1 | 2.614 | 320,304 ¢ 0 |  |
| Arcrape of the hat 10 yasth |  | 2,00,93 7 | 31.697 | 3,74515 110 | 2,74300 98 | 1518 | 32050610 |  |


69. This seems a small increase ; but the fict is there is little or no cultarable waste land arailable, as last yerr the proportion of the cultivated and occopied lavd bore to the eutire arable area amonnted to $93 \cdot 10$ per cent.
64. In A.D. $1851-52$ the collections on Governinent cultivated land amounted to Rs. 3,07,597, and on alienated land to Rs. 22,389; and in A.D. 1870-71 to Rs. 3,74,289 on Government, and Rs. 38,458 on alienated land, showing an increase on Government land of 213 per cent, and on alienated of $71 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. (exclusive of the summary settlement).
65. The average assessment of Government land for the 20 years past was Rs. $3,48,215$, and the average collections Rs. $3,47,455$, showing an average remission of Rs. 760 only for the entire district.
66. Striking an average on the last 10 years' figures, the remission is still more insignificant, amounting to Rs. 151 per annum only on the average.
67. The average rates, calculated on the entire occupied area of Government land, were as under:-

|  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On the average of 20 years | . $*$ | $\cdots$ | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| " " 10 m | ... | ... | 3 | 11 | 5 |
| Last year's collections | .** | ... | 3 | 11 | 11 |

68. The realizations from alienated land "on the average of the last 10 years was Rs. 32,020 on an area of 31,997 acres, and last year Rs. 38,458 on 33,695 acres, so that the average rate of the quit-rent (exclusive of summary settlement cess) was Rs. $1-2-3$ per acre, but as some portion of this is "Nukru," the Salami was on the average something more than this.
69. I now proceed to consider the prices of the staple products of this taluka for a series of years, and believe the figures in the following statement are Prices. reliable:-

| Name of Product. |  |  |  | Local Weight or Measure. |  | Pounds. English. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { 1st period } \\ 1809 \text { to } \\ 1820 . \end{array}$ | 2nd period, 3rd period, 4th period, 5th period, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ra, | Rs. | Rs, | Rs. | Rs. |
| Kapas | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | Bhar | $\cdots$ | 960 |  | 463 | 308 | 491 | 113 |
| Juwhr |  | $\cdots$ | -.. | Kulsi | ... | 640 | 145 | 134 | $8 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \frac{1}{4}$ | 231 |
| Wheat |  | ... | -.. |  | . | ... | 167 | 1712 | 14 | $13 \frac{1}{4}$ | 31 |
| Rice |  | -.. | ... |  | ..... | ... | 134 | 118 | $9{ }^{\text {9 }}$ | 19 | 35 |
| Tur |  | ... |  |  | ..... | ... | 121 | 144 | 113 | 15 | 371 |

70. The average prices of these products for the last 60 years have been as under :-

| Kapas | *- | ... Ris. 59 per bhar of 960 lbs., or 16 lbs. per Re. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juwar | - 0 | ... | , 14 | $1{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| Wheat | ... | ... | , 18 | \# | 36 |  |
| Rice | .*. | ... | ,, 18 | " | 36 |  |
| Tur | ... |  | , 18 | " | 36 |  |
| Bajri | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | ... | ,, 16 | , | 40 |  |

From the year 1861 to 1872 the average prices of these products were as under: -

| Kapas | $\begin{aligned} & \cdots \\ & \cdots \end{aligned}$ | ... Rs. |  |  | he |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juwár |  | ... | $\cdots$ |  |  | 27 | , |
| Wheat | - 0 | -4. | " | 31 | " | 20 | , |
| Rice | ... | ... | " | 35 | " | 18 | " |
| Tur | ... | ... | " | 37 | \% | 17 | , |
| Bajri | - | ... | " | 40 | \% | 16 |  |

71. The prices of grain for the last 21 years are set forth in the following statement :-

| No. | Year s.v. |  |  |  |  | Enseligh pounda for ors Ruphir |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Wheat, | Jowar. | Bajuri. | Mung. | Gram, | Tar. | Rice, | Ghee. |
| 1 | 1850.51 | ... | .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 64 | 80 | 71 | 71 | 64 | 453 | 533 |  |
| 2 | 1851.52 | ... | ... | .." | , | 534 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 45 | 45 | 40 | ${ }_{5}^{58}$ |
| 3 | 1852-53 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |  | 64 | 80 | 71 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 40 | 5 |
| 4 | 1853 -54 | $\ldots$ | . 0 | ... | .. | 58 | 71 | 64 | 888 | 458 | $42 \frac{1}{3}$ | 32 | 5 |
| 5 | 1854.55 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 529 | 658 | 473 | 49 | $42{ }^{4}$ | 45. | 29 | 4 |
| 6 | ${ }_{1855.56}^{1856}$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | 49 | ${ }_{58}^{64}$ | 534 | 754 | 64 | 42. | 27 | 45 |
| 8 | $1857-58$ 18 | ".. | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 40 | 587 | 40 | 588 | 450 | 42 40 | 32 28 | 3\% |
| 9 | 1858-69 | ... | ... | ... | . | 45. | 40 | 537 | 45 | 423 | 871 | 27 27 | ${ }_{5}^{38}$ |
| J0 | 1859-60 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | -.. | 30 | 351 | 33 | 423 | 351 | 33 | 27 | $3{ }^{3}$ |
| 11 | 1860-61 | ..* | ... | $\cdots$ | -.. | $18 \frac{3}{4}$ | 214 | 213 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 1 |
| 12 | 1861-62 | -* | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 224 | 223 | 21 ¢ | 191 | 151 | 164 | $1 \frac{1}{1}$ |
| 13 | 3862-63 | ... | -* | ... | $\cdots$ | 304 | 30. | 32 | $35 \%$ | 29 | $20^{\circ}$ | 20 | 2 |
| 14 | 1863-64 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . | ... | 184 | 21.4 | 214 | $17{ }^{3}$ | 178 | 16 | 16 | 18 |
| 15 | 1864.65 | $\ldots$ | "..' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16 20 | 32 | ${ }_{32} \mathbf{2 5}$ | 18 | 16 | 112 | 183 | $1{ }_{1}$ |
| 17 | 1866-67 | $\ldots$ | ... | -0 | -0. | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | 82 | ${ }_{82} 82$ | ${ }_{82}$ | 20 | ${ }_{20}^{17}$ | 178 18 | 12 |
| 18 | 1867-68 | ... | ... | ... |  | 854 | 30.1 | 263 | 32 | 24. | 251 | 180 | $1{ }^{18}$ |
| 19 | 1868 -69 | ... | $\ldots$ | -* | ... | 19 | 301 | 24. | 213 | $22{ }^{2}$ | 20 | 20 | 13 |
| 20 | 186970 | $\ldots$ | ... | . 1 |  | 20 | 25. | 24 | 22. | $20 \frac{1}{3}$ | 16 | 184 | 1 |
| 23 | 1870.71 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 261 | 32 | 28. | $28)$ | 23 | 40 | 35 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total |  | 7434 | 914: | 841 | 861 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 724 | 6564 | b494 | 651 |
|  |  |  | an | rage | $\cdots$ | 35 | 183 ${ }^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | 10 | 41 | 343 | 312 | 262 |  |

72. Mr. Stormont, the Saperintendent of Cotton Experiments at Broach, in his report, dated 30th Janary 1871, writes as follows :-

## Surat and Broace.

The cotton crop is now pretty evenly balanced between the field and the market; in other words, the season is abont half done. The expectations of a fine crop, indulged in by almost everybody, will not be disappointed. The gin factories are all busy; their yards full of work. A quantity, equal to about half of last year's entire crop, has already been cleaned. The market for seed cotton is steady and satisfactory. The price per bhar (of 1,020 lbs.) is Rs. 112, which gives a return of Rs. 37 per acre to the cultivator, calculating at the rate of eight mannds, or dedacting rent, etc., a profit of about Rs. 30. (A Broach mand will be about 40 lbs.)

The jawar (late) has turned out pretty well after all. The grain is now being cleaned and the fodder stored. The quantity of both is such as to put at ease all appreliensions with regard to food supply for man and beast. The weather is agreeable, not nearly so cold as the first week of the month. Maximam temperature 90 degrees; minimum 43 degrees; heat in sun's rays 126.2
73. As I believe Mr. Stormont's calculations are thoronghly trustworthy, it is a rule of three sum to determine what the profits on cotton are per acre, when it falls to, say, Rs. 40 a bhar, which it is very lizely to do (vide foot-note to paragraph 83).
74. Now if the net profit is Rs. 30 an acre when cotton is Rs. 112 the bhar, it is a little over Rs. 10 when it is Rs. 40. I would very respecfully ask whether the assessment of a cotton-producing country is not a difficult matter for a Settlement Officer to determine. One thing is quite certain that he mast be very careful not to over-do it. Extra profit to the rayat is not, necessarily, loss to Government : it is absolutely gain to the country : but a few years of no profit at all is ruin complete both to the rayat and the revenue.
75. It will be seen from the above statements that prices have increased threefold very nearly since the rates which are now superseded were fixed, A railway traverses the taluka, feeders to the railway, and cross country roads,-many of them bridged,-have become numerons, and facilitate very greatly the distribution of labour and of wealth. An immense supply of the precious metals came into this part of the country, as into other parts of Gujarat, during the American War; and prosperity amongst the agricultural population is very general, and the State can fairly claim a moderate increase in the assessment: I say moderate, because a cry has lately been raised, which has even penetrated the Committee rooms of the House of Commons, that our assessments in Gujarat generally are too low.* If some knowledge of the subject and long experience is of any moment in a discussion of this important subject, then I respectfully submit my opinion that the revenue survey assessment of Gujarát has been brought up to the highest safe limit. It is contrary to principle and contrary to the spirit of the law to impose as high an assessment on proprietary peasant cultivators, as Native princes and Native landlords can very fairly do on their tenants for obvious reasons.
76. Our principle is that a " moderate assessment of land revenue is equally conducive to Preamble to the Survey Act. the interests of Government and the well-being of its subjects"; and if we operstep the bounds of moderation the entire land revenue of the country may suddenly be in great jeopardy.
77. It is a common argument, and in the main a sound one, that what a district has paid it can pay, and that if it has paid a heavy assessment during a decade of low prices it can

[^1]necessarily pay a higher daring the entire period of three decadea, under the assumption that prices cannot fall.
78. Now the serious and important question as to the stability of prices is always rising up before the Settlement Offioer, who is responsible, to a very great extent, for the future fiscal condition of a district.
79. In the first place, he most consider whether the prompt and full payments of the revenue are due to the individual prosperity of cultivators, or to the great facilities there are for obtaining money on the security of crops and estates. No one can doubt for a single momont that the facility which our Courts give creditors for recovering debts by the sale of the property of debtors, combined with the proprietary right which every survey occupant possesses, so long as his instalments are duly paid, ensures the prompt collection of the revenue, whatever the real condition of cultivators may be,
80. In the second place, the Settlement Officer mnst ask himself, not what prices are at present, not what they were a few years ago, but what they are likely to be during the next thirty years.
81. I have asked myself these questions, and have arrived at the following conolusion :-

Taking prices as a guide, $I$ think that almost all the villages in Anbleshwar and Hánsot inhabited by the superior class of cultirators, have been very generally assessed highly, and that those inhabited by indifferent cultivators, such as Aajputs, Masalmans, and Bhile, have been very moderately assesaed by the Panchaits. As a rule, the former are raised very little by the survey, and the latter a good deal. I have noticed this in paragraph 44.
82. The cultivators themselves say they are in debt, and I believe meny of them sre, and don't hesitate to slay that; but for the intervention of the moneyed classes, who for a considera tion pay the instaments at a noment's notice, the whole revenve would not have been collected during the last three precarious years. It was however collected, and therefore we infer that it was paid without any difficulty at all. With regard to prices, they are now falling, and many think the only cause is the present prospect of an excellent harvest, and that they will quickly rise to the average of the last 10 years. It may be so, but I cannot help thinking they reached their maximum a short time ago. As long as the precious metals were porring into this country to pay for cotton, so long prices of necessity remained high ; but now that silver is going the other way, a fall is imminent, and will continue till some tarn of the wheel of fortane brings it back again to India. It is now argued that because the 4 per cents. are op at 1011, there mast be an immense supply of surplus capital in the country. It does appear so at first sight ; but in all probability all the surplus ap-country trading capital, which is locked up during the monsoon, is temporarily invested in Government paper, which accounts for the present high quotations.
83. No doubt the new trade through the Suez Canal, which has lately been started nnder the auspices of the Russian Government, will open out freeh markets for Indian cotton and many other products of the country; but as America gradually recovers her lost strength, we must anticipate a gradual fall in the price of this staple in the Liverpool market: and Liverpool rules the cotton world" (vide foot-note).
84. If it is so, then more grain and less cotton will be cultivated, and the price of grain will fall. If, therefore, we could by any means determine the probable average price of cotton for the next thirty years, the great problem would be easily solved.
85. The average for the last 60 years, as shown above (para.), was Rs. 59 a bhar ; for the 10 years 1850 to 1860 , Rs. $49 \frac{1}{2}$ a bhar ; and for the 10 years 1861 to 1872, Rs. 118 a a bhar. Dare we assume that the average of the next 30 years will be Rs .70 per bhar ?

If so, it would justify a rise in the assessment of the whole taluks equal to about 18 per cent., which is precisely the rise in the neighbouring taluka of Broach.

[^2]88. The next test is to estimate the present gross produce of the districts, which I edmit is nearly a hopeless task; yet I have attempted it, because it is of such vast importance in determining the pressure of the assessment, and the proportion it bears to the gross prodace. Withoat some estimate of this kind, it is next to impossible to judge whether, in fixing an assessment for such a long term of years, sufficient margin has been allowed for bad seasons, fluctuating prices, and other vicissitudes of agrioultare.
87. An estimate, made by oultivators, patils, hereditary officers, or any other interested parties, is atterly untrustworthy, and the surprising ignorance of native officials on the sabject is remarkable.
88. The following estimate is framed partly from the information received from the people of the district, and partly from that collected by the M\&mlatdar, and revised by me from the data in $m y$ office; and is, I believe, generally s fair estimate for the fature considering the meny bad seasons there may be in the next 30 years. The prices are those ruling in the taluka in April last, many of which are now maoh lower. As regards the crops under cultivation, it mast be borne in mind that last year was an exceptionally bad one:-

89. Now, if this statement is at sll reliable, it shows that the revenue survey assess-
 Siniwy dereenmont : o 4, 14,780
ment is sbont one-fifth of the gross produce, which is as much as we are justified in taking, considering that Local Fands are imposed in addition to the Imperial assessment.

The grouping of the villagen tor amemment.
90. The grouping of the villages for assessment is the next subject to be brought before jou.
91. The maximum dry-crop rates I consider suitable for this talnka are based on those already fixed for Olpad and Broach. The higheat dry-crop maximnm fixed for the 1st class villages of Ankleshwar is Rs. 6-8-0, being equal to that of the 2 nd clase villages of Broach.

| 1. Ankleabwar. | 8. Choratit | . The frst group of villages is comprised of |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Horipura. | 9. Survadi | the 14 noted in the margin, which are coloured pink |
| 3. Punganm. | 10. Andédion | in the annexed map, and are the bost situsted in the |
| 4. Páhénod. | 11. Chápre- | taluka, not only as regards position with respect to the |
| 6. Diré V orapátio | 18. Mándva Bujrug* | local market, but because they are all within a very |
| 7. Divi | 14. Gudrhol | easy distance of the railway station, by which they | have direct commanication with the town of Broach.


| 93. The 2nd class group corresponds with the Broach 3rd class, the maximam dry-crop rate of which is Rs, 6 and is formed of the villages noted in the margin. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Pardi Cmbhetta | 12. Burthán | 128. Umarbir. | 94. The Srd class gronp corres- |
| 2. Telod. | 18. Rgiama. | 24. Kepodra. |  |
| 3. Asta, | 15. Hojat. | 25. Sunjuli. 26. Kharod. | ponds with the Broach Sth Class |
| 5. Mangrola | 15. Telva. <br> 16. Pilodra, | 26. Khuror. <br> 27. Bé krol. | ponds with the Broach Sth Class |
| 5. Utraj. <br> 6. Gunpatpur | 17. Udole. | 28. Bhadi. | villages, and has the same maximum |
| 7. Mandwa Matied. | 18. Umarvá | 29. Kosundi. |  |
| 8. Matied, | 19. Aloj. | 30. Bhurkodra. | dry-crop rate, Rs. 5-8-0. It contains |
| 8. Yothis | 20. Kurmali. 21. Ruvidra. | 81. Sitali. | dry-crop rate, Rs. 5-8-0. It contains |
| 11. Dighus | 22. Suphipara. | 33. Motali. | 33 villages. |
| 1. Motvan. | 18. Pánjroli. | 35. Dhamred. | 95. The 4th class villages at the |
| 2. Kulum. | 19. Dangre, | 36. Ankolva. | . Lho th class villages at the |
| 3. Badodrs 4. Ulwh. | 20. Eisodra. ${ }_{\text {21. Kadédra. }}$ | 37. Kutpur. <br> 38. Jetpar. |  |
| 5. Umbheta. | 22. Parvat. | 39. Samli, |  |
| 6. Vásnoli. | 23. Obhs. | 40. Vumlesnr. |  |
| 7. Sayun. | 24. Asurma | 41. Kantiajol. | crop rate of Rs. 5, and correspond with |
| 8. Rrema. 9. Vaner. | 25. Sáhol. <br> 86. Ilav. | 42. Amritpara. 43. Ucháli. | crop ralo ol Ra. 5, and correspond with |
| 9. Vaner- | 27. Sunáo Kharad. | 44. Kurálvel. |  |
| 11. Pardi Edaris. | 28. Sunaokals | 45. Avádur. | O Olpa 4th and uth class groups |
| 12. Kuthodrt. | 29. Uliártra. | 46. Piprod. |  |
| 13. Adsdra | 30. Málanpar4 | 47. Párdimukbe, <br> 48. Singpar | whichlthey run up to towards the |
| 14. Ghodidra, | 81. Bolsv. | 48. Singpur. | whichs they run up to towards the |
| 15. Pandvai. | 32. Chilodrs. | 49. Belota. |  |
| 16. Amod. | 33. Dantraj. <br> 34. Vugvan. |  | south. |

Seven villages of this group at the extreme east join the Rajpipla State, and are pat specially into this class on account of their comparative poverty, the people being for the most part Bhils and Kolis, though there are some Boráhs well-to-do, but they have other mieans of getting a living, and are not totally dependent on agriculture, while the Bhils and Kolis are, if they abandon their natural occupation of thieving. Running so closely up to the first group of villages on the north, it may be supposed that by being put into the 4th class they are onderassessed; but this is not the case : the first group is in the depression known as the old bed of the river Narbada, the fourth on the plain in a country of an entirely different character.
98. Below the groups and rates are given in a tabnlated form for easy reference :-

III $\quad \ldots \quad$...
97. As the variations of climate between different parts of this táluka are very trifling, the grouping of the villages can be regulated only according to the relative accessibility to markets of eaoh group. In short, it becomes a question of distance only; for, with the exception of the villages east of a line drawn from Kutpur on the north-east to Godadra, on the sonth-west, the produce of none has any stream of importance to cross on its way to market.
98. It is calculated in Gujarat that the cost of carriage of grain to market is abont one anna a maund for 10 miles; so, taking 16 maunds of jowar as the average yield per acre,* a distance of 10 miles froun the market adds apparently about $R e .1$ per acre to the cost of cultivation. But it must be remembered that this refers to carrying by professional carriers, and not by the rayats themselves, who, as a rule, carry their grain to market at a time when their bullocks are least required for the work of the farm at home; and when the roads are good and no difficult nalás or rivers bave to be crossed, a few miles of extra distance to market is scarcely felt by the cultivator, who generally times his departure from home so as to arrive at market at the early dawn of day. If a man, 10 miles away, starts at 3 in the morning, his neighbour having 20 miles to go, starts over night, both arriving at marlet about the same time.
99. If I am right in supposing that a few miles extra of distance to market in an easy country is felt very little, if at all, by the cultivator, the difference in the maximum rates is amply sufficient.
100. With regard to the maximum rice-water rates which are fixed in the same propor-

## Rice-wator raten.

tion as the dry-crop, and are, 1st class Rs. 9-12-0, 2nd class Rs. $9-0 \cdot 0$, 3rd class Rs. 8-4-0, and 4th class Rs. 7-8, the Revenne Commissioner in his review of the preliminary report on this taluka observes that, preserving the same uniformity in the grouping for water as has been observed for soil, is faulty, and that "the quality of the supply may, from various causes, be far better in a village of a lightly

No. 2 ? 45 of 15th April 1872, paragraph 7. assessed group than in another of a higher class." Now, I would very respectifully point out that the classification does all this in a country such as Ankleshwar is.
101. I entirely agree with the Revenue Commissioner that in a regular rice-growing country, $\dagger$ where some poor villages situated beneath hills, or being in depressions of the country get a supply of water during all vicissitudes, when rich villages further in the plain get none in case of a deficiency of rainfall it is very necessary spocially to group villages for water; but in a district like Ankleshwar it would be arbitrary in the extreme, and quite throw out the olassification, which very fully provides "by scale" for all extra water privileges from tanks, \&c. For example, there is a splendid tank at Kutpur, which is one of the best, if not the best rice village in the whole taluka. Now, the supply of tank water has, as I say, been duly allowed for in the classification, and to put an extra water rate on besides-merely because there is a fine tank-would, in my opinion, be wrong in principle, because if the rain fails the tank fails too, and a remission is involved under any oircumstances.
102. The following is an extract from the report of the Assistant Collector in cbarge
 of this táluka, after a bad season in which this very village" Kutpur" is referred to. He says: "It was with regret that I had to recornmend the grant of remissions to a considerable amonnt beyond that sanctioned by you with reference to the reduction of the general rates of assessment in the district of Hánsot It arose, however, as you are aware, from peculiar circuastances in

[^3]the season; a deficient supply of in the earlier part of the season caused failure to a considerable extent in the early crops-such as rice and bajri. In fact, so great was the deficiency, in the supply of water, that in many villages of the district, especially ' $K \mathbf{w} / \mathrm{mmr}$,' "Akulwa,' and others on the west towards the sea, the rice lands were allowed to be waste, and the greater part of the remissions granted for waste lands were on this account. The grass in several villages towards the coast having entirely failed from the same cause, induced me to recommend what would in most cases be considered an uncalled for remission. The largest amount of remission granted to any village in proportion to its revenue bas been in that of 'Kantiajal.' The peculiarity of soil in that village is such that bajri and grass are almost the only products of it, and as the failure in both these was great, the remission was absolutely necessary."
103. Now, with regard to the pricoipal division, Ankleshwar, nothing whatever has been done in the shape offartificial irrigation for rice since Mr. Davis wrote the following :"'These lands are, with few exceptions, dependent for irrigation simply upon the fall of rain. Some few are aided by tank resources. The assessment upon this kind of land varies from Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. 6 , the average being 4 and 5 per bigha; with these rates I have only interfered very little, holding that in good years the assessment is light compared with the produce, and that practically the cultivators, whether bhágdárs or rayats, generally obtain or are in futare likely to obtain abatements when want of rain renders these lands unproductive". (Mr. Davis' Repoct No. 206 of 12th June 1848, paragraph 54.)
104. Now, looking at all this, I think any arbitrary grouping for water would be a mistake where the features of the country are so uniform, and that it is far better to take the dry-crop rate of the group as a guide, leaving the rest to the classification. I believe the rice rates I have introduced are as high as the district can safely boar-considering how precarious the rainfall often is ; and hope Government will be pleased to sanction them as they stand.
105. The maximum rate of Rs. 12 for bhátha and natural bágayat lands, and Rs. 24

> Bhatha and Garden Lands. per koss of water bag (in addition to eoil rate) for a lot class. sweet well capable of working 9 hours and irrigating 4 acres per koss. is deemed too low by the Revenue Commissioner (paragraph 8 of his letter); but I am of opinion that when it is borne in mind that these rates are applied to a very much larger area than came under wet crop assessment by the old system, and when it is considered that an extension of wet crop cultivation is attended with great expense to the rayats, notwithstanding after profits, and that the rates are fixed for a term of 30 years, they will be considered sufficiently high. The rate of the "Kasar" is, in my opinion, quite high enough, considering the condition of wells and well cultivation in this district.
108. Absolutely no progress has been made in this department of caltivation since the days of Mr. Davis, and some lands once irrigated from pucka wells are now under dry-crop only. This is not a garden country; * the bhatha and natural bagayat lands produce splendid crops, but those grown by artificial irrigation are few and far between. Mr. Davis, in paragraph 53 of his report, says: "Irrigation is carried on in 7 villages only, but, excepting in one, to a very limited extent. The whole irrigated lands in cultivation amount to but 804-7-0 bigas, of which 489-8-15 bighas are found in the village of Diva. The produce raised is sugarcane in a very small quantity, chillies, ginger, turmeric and vegetables, and the assessment ranges from Rs. 4 to Rs. $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per bigha, the average being nearer the latter than the former. With these rates I have not interfered, with the exception of the village of Diva, in which the assessment had thrown land of this decription out of cultivation. The rates I found fixed at Rs. $7 \frac{1}{3}, 7,6 \frac{1}{2}, 6,5 \frac{1}{2}$, and Rs. 5 per bigha, which, with reference to the state of the wells, nature of the produce, and the expense of irrigating, appeared to have been fixed on too high a scale. I therefore propose modifying these rates as follows, vis., $7 \frac{1}{2}$, and 7 to Rs. 6 , and $6 \frac{1}{2}, 6,5 \frac{1}{2}$, and 5 to Ks. 5 jer bigha."
107. Before showing the effect of the survey assessment, resalting from the maximum rates described above as a whole, I will show how each group of villages has been affected thereby:-

No. I.

| Group. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Villages. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Realizations of Government Land under the old syston. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { According } \\ & \text { to the } \\ & \text { Survey Rates, } \end{aligned}$ | Percentage increase by Sorvey. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 10 years' sverage collections. | Last year's collections. |  | On <br> 10 уевrs' average. | On last year'scollectiona. |
|  |  | Rs. a. | Re. 8. | Re. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| I | 148 | 55,804 12 | 54,337 5 | 60,449 5 | 83 | 131 |
| III | 6 | 88,488 11 | 38,773 1 | 44,296 11 | 25 | 14 |
| 111 | 33 | 1,05,067 15 | 1,04,739 12 | 1,30,006 5 | 239 | 245 |
| IV | 49 | 1,75,00:-2 | 1,69,929 6 | 1,89,948 | 81 | 118 |
| Total | 102 | 8,74,363 8 | 3,67,779 8 | 4,24,780 11 | 1812 | 154 |

[^4]108. The following statement shows the realizations under the old system on each description of cultivation as compared with the surveg. Under the old system almost all the "Bhatha" came under the denomination of, "Gorat dry-crop," whereas under the sarvey system it is entered as "natural Bágayat," in contradistinction to the "Gorat," which has been classed by the survey as "superior order dry-crop":-

No. II.

| Group. | Aocording to the old Rates, as Axed by Mr. J. M. Davis. |  |  |  | Ancording to the Revenue Survey Asseasment. |  |  |  | Remarita, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Asposament on tho ares cultivated A.D. 1870-71. |  |  |  | Jirfilt or Dry-crop. | Bagayat or Garden. | Rios. | Total |  |
|  | Jirfitt or Dry-drop, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brafiyat } \\ & \text { or } \end{aligned}$ | Hicos. | Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | - 8 | * | d | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|  | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Bu. } & 0 \\ 48,018 & 0 \\ 89,248 & 0 \\ 90,868 & 0 \\ 1,64,004 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Ba, } & \text { n. } \\ \text { 6,098 } & 0 \\ 189 & 0 \\ 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { R90 } & 4 \\ 1,090 & 0 \\ 059 & 0 \\ 0,189 & 0 \\ 9,467 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Bn, } & 0 \\ 86,671 & 0 \\ 80,089 & 0 \\ 1,08,054 & 0 \\ 1,78,695 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Re. } & \text { ar } & \text { p } \\ \text { 48,524 } & 5 & 0 \\ 43,254 & 4 & 0 \\ 1,23,537 & 10 & 0 \\ 1,80,325 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Ru. } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 1,898 & 10 & 0 \\ 851 & 0 & 0 \\ 6,843 & 0 & 0 \\ 0,101 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 60,419 } & 5 & 0 \\ 44,280 & 11 & 0 \\ 1,30,086 & 5 & 0 \\ 1,80,088 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ |  |
| 4 | 8,80,788 0 | 8,248 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 18,258 0 | 8,74,289 0 | 3,95,641 100 | 10,954 80 | 18,184 150 | 4,24,780 110 |  |

109. It is to be remembered that although much of the betha entered as "natural Baga yat" is not irrigated artificially, it contains sufficient inherent moisture to produce tobacco, laxuriant grain crops, and pulses, and although entered under the old system as "Gorat" simply, yet it paid garden rates-often 7 rupees a bigha-and is very correctly described by the survey as natural bagayat. The scale goes ap to 24 annas in superior order "gorat," and as high as 28 annas in the bhatha. Although the maximam of 12 rapees may appear comparatively low for the very best lands of this character, it must be remembered that their fertility depends in a great measure on good cultivation, and that to maintain this a considerable expenditure of capital and labour is necessary.
110. The Statement No. I. shows the survey average rate on each description of lind in every village, and the following abstract gives the general average of the groups :-

| Graup. |  |  | Dry-crop, | Rice. | Brgáyat. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } \\ & \text { II } \\ & \text { III } \end{aligned}$ | "..$\cdots$$\cdots$$\cdots$ | … | Ra. a. p. | Ren s. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 10 & 8\end{array}$ | 91011 |  | 5148 |
|  |  |  | 4 1088 | $\begin{array}{llll}9 & 18 & 11 \\ 8 & 9 & 12\end{array}$ | 81111 | 4112 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 14 & 8 \\ 8 & 14 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}8 & 9 & 9 \\ 7 & 18 & 2\end{array}$ | 7108 | $4{ }^{4} 89$ |
|  |  |  | 3148 | 7182 | 788 | 81510 |
|  |  |  | 419 | 855 | 874 | 442 |

111. The average rates aocording to the old system (as mearly as can be calculatcd) and the new are set forth below :-

112. The effect of the survey rates on the revenue derived from Government land is as tollows:-

| Old system ... .... ... | ... | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } \\ 8,67,779 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Survey assessment of Government Cultivated land | $\cdots$ | 4,24,750 |
|  |  | 57,001 |

or $15 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cent. more by the survey.

- It in to be noted that the realinstions on lagotyat, uader the surrey, is Re. 10,954 against Re. $\mathbf{5}, \mathbf{2 4 8}$ under the old aystem.

| Add- |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Survey assessment of Government waste land |  |  |
| Survey kamal or total assessment of Government land | i.. | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 8 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{4 , 4 3 , 8 6 0}$ |  |  |

113. The full revenne survey assessment of the district is shown below :-

Rs.
Total assessment of Government cultivated and waste lands ...0 $\quad 4,49,860$ Ditto of alienated lands ... ... ... 1,53,788

Dedwet-

114. The permanent and fluctuating quit-rents and impost on alienated lands have

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Under the old system they amonnted to
Under the survey system they amount to
Showing an increase by the survey of

|  |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | $\ldots$ | 54,559 |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 61,917 |
| $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7,348 |

115. Thereinas a large area of excess alienated land in this táluka, and for settlement it has been divided under three heads-
(a) Lands held in excess, of which there was no specifio record, sud which, being in the actual possession of the owners at the time of the summary settlement, was included in the sanads granted at the time.
(b) Lands in which the excess was dnly recorded and entered as Government at the time of the summary settlement, the boundary between the two descriptions of land being defined.
(c) Lands held in excess in mixed fields occupied by alienees, or their tenants, who also cultivate the Government land where, although the excess is recorded, there is no boundary or mark to define the two descriptions of land.
The excess in lands coming under ( $a$ ) having been recognised as part of the holding, was settled as such when the sanads were granted under Rule 5, section 6 of Act VII of 1863, and could not be assessed by this department; but the new quit-rent, according to the survey assessment of the full area, will be levied, and the Local Fand cess collected also according to that assessment.

Excess lands under heading (b) were fully assessed by the Sorvey and recorded as Government.

Excess lands coming under class (c) were transferred from the head of "Government" to that of "Alienated," and the full assessment of the excess imposed on the whole field in the shape of an additional quit-rent, this amount being added to quit-rent proper of the bona ficle alienated land.
116. The following table gives the total assessment at survey rates of all description of land, and is an abstract of the general Statement (Appendix I):-

LANDS ENTERED AS GOVERNMENT.


Numbers entirely waste:-

| Dry-orop Landa | Garden Tands. |  |  |  |  | Hice Lands. | Total Ansesgment of Wante Land. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lends watered from Wells. |  |  | Bháths. | Total Garden Lands. |  |  |
|  | Dry-crop Assesament | Kamar. | Total <br> Achesement. |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { R. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 28,554 \geqslant & 7 \end{array}$ | **** | -* | ***** | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 758 & 14 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 758 & 14 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Res. } \\ & 766 \text { in } \\ & 76 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{rccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p } \\ 25,080 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |

Total of lands entered as Government:-

| Dry-crop Lande. | Garden Landa. |  |  |  |  | Rice Lands. | Total Asteser ment of Goverament Caltivated and Wasta Land. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lande wetered from Wells. |  |  | Bhétha. | Total Garden Lande. |  |  |
|  | Dry-prop Angesament. | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {asas }}$ | Total of Land watered from Welles. |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 88 | 24 | 25 |
| $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Ra. } & \bullet & \mathbf{p} . \\ \lfloor, 19,186 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Br. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,431 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Rs. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 534 } & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{lll}\text { Res. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,985 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right.$ | Rs. a. p. <br> 9,742 10 0 <br> 10 6 0 <br> (Dhekariat).   | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Re, } & \text { a. p. } \\ 11.718 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Ro. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 18,951 & 11 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,49,860 & 12 & 0 \end{array}\right.$ |

Lands entered as alienated:-

| Dry-orop Lands. | Garden Lande. |  |  |  |  | Bice Lends. | Total Assespment of Alienated Lands. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lande watered from Wells, |  |  | Bhathen | Total Garden Lade. |  |  |
|  | Dry.crop Assasament. | Kasar, | Total of Iand watered from Wella. |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 87 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 81 | 82 | 88 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs. } \end{array} \text { \& p. } .$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Ra} & \text { an } \\ 49811 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 192 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { P4, } & \text { a. } & \text { pu } \\ 691 & 7 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Rs, } & \text { ar } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 2,288 } & 8 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Re. a. p. } \\ \text { 2,979 } & 15 & 10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Re, a. } \\ 4,270 \\ 4,27 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cccc} \text { Res. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,53,788 & 8 & 3 \end{array}$ |

Total assessment of the arable lands of the district : -

| Dry-rrop Lande. | Garden Lande. |  |  |  |  | Rice Lands | Grand Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lands watered from Wells, |  |  | Bhatha. | Total of Gasden Lands, |  |  |
|  | Dry-crop Acsonoment. | Kasar. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Total Absost- } \\ \text { ment of } \\ \text { lande watered } \\ \text { from Wellen } \end{gathered}\right.$ |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 35 | 36 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 40 | 41 |
| $\begin{array}{rrr} \mathrm{Ma} & \text { a. } & \mathrm{p} \cdot \\ \mathbf{8 , 6 5 , 7 8 9} & 18 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { R8. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,089 & 11 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{R}, & \& & \mathrm{p} \\ 728 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re. } & \text { an } & p \\ 2,858 & 7 & 8\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr} \text { Re. } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 12,081 & 2 & 8 \\ 85 & 6 & 0 \\ \text { (Dhakariat). } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Re. a } \quad \text { p. } \\ 14,692 \\ 16 \\ 10 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ccc\|} \text { R80 } & \text { ac } & p . \\ 23,288 & 8 & 2 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{e}_{6} & \bullet & p_{0} \\ 0,03,649 & \& & 3 \end{array}$ |

117. The following is an abstract of the "Vastilbáki Patraks" or Jamibandi statements of the different villages, from which you will see at a glance the total difference between the revenue of the district under the former and according to the survey system:-


On account of Alienated land :-

| Late Syatem. | Survey Syatam. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Selámir, Sevádies, and Imposta of all kinds, except Cessea | Fixed Oommated Salámis. | capeed by the Sarvey. |
| 11 | 18 | 18 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { R. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 54,569 & 0 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \mathbf{p} \\ 61,917 & 5 & 12 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lcc} \text { Rig. } & \text { at } & \text { p. } \\ 7,848 & \text { B } & 6 \end{array}$ |

Total of Government and Alienated lands :-

| Late Bjatam, |  |  |  |  |  | Total of Coverament and Alionated Lasde. |  | Wenoellanoous iteme of Land Bevenue. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cagen of v | hich wer |  |  | Burvey Eystem. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aescrathent and Salámi according to Columus 3 and lh. | Imposed ang ixed galizuis on on edlenat. ed Land. |  | Struck | Total Conses. | Total of late Systern. | Ansesment and bied Salkin, acoording to Columns 9 and 12. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not intrease } \\ \text { cannod by } \\ \text { the Sarrey. } \end{gathered}$ | of salos of necypright. | of oultivathon in nnsesemed Lnad, do. | On scoount of males of Gram. Wood, 0 . | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { On 2oconat } \\ \text { of local } \\ \text { Yauda } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total. |
| 16 | 10 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 0 | 38 | 28 | 2 | $\$$ | 26 |
| $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Re. an } & p_{0} \\ 4,22,248 & \text { o. } & 5 \end{array}$ | ... | "* | $\cdots$ | ... | $\begin{array}{\|rrr\|}\text { Rn, } & \text { A. P } \\ 4,22,348 & 0 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|rrr\|}\text { R8, } & \dot{A}_{-} & \mathrm{D} \\ 4,86,008 & 0 & 11\end{array}$ |  | Ras a 8 <br> 18,565 8 0 |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Br. } & \text {. } . & p \cdot \\ 82,800 & 8 & 8 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{rc} \text { Be. a. p. } \\ 64,2 \times 8 & \text { of } \end{array}$ |


| Total Groat Assegament according to the Survey Syatem. | Romisaion to be deducted. |  |  | Remains to be collected. | Of which colleoted uy to the day of settlement in each village. | Fijid or Bavence collected In examen. |  |  |  | Balance of Revenue ootranding. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | On account of Government and Alienated Landl. |  | Total Remisoions. |  |  |  | Tranderred in the account from the head |  |  |  |
|  | Increase of Argessment and quit-rent saused by the 8urvey. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Miecel- } \\ \text { laneous. } \end{gathered}\right.$ |  |  |  | in easit to the Partien entitled to mocime it | on sceotnt of Government Land to cot lections on eatount of Alsenated laod. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bamannfye } \\ & \text { to bo } \\ & \text { refundod. } \end{aligned}$ | Total Fujil. |  |
| 5 | 88 | 29 | 80 | 81 | 82 | \% | 81 | 85 | 8 | 87 |
| $\begin{array}{rll} \text { Be. } & 2 & p_{0} \\ 3, * 0,940 & 7 & 2 \end{array}$ | R4. \& P 7470012 | $\cdots$ | Bu. A. p.  <br> 74.670 4 11 | $\|$Re. 4 $p$ <br> $4,68,870$   | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Bu. } & \text { ar } & \text { p. } \\ 4,76,2785 & 10 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ 8,980 & 4 & 10\end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Ba, } & \text { c. } & p \\ 11.672 & 0 & 7\end{array}$ | Re. A. p. |

118. Although the settlement of the Giras allowances has been carried out by the ${ }^{*}$ Girse allowances. Alienation Department, it seems desirable that the Settlement Report should contain a record of the balance of claims remsining on the books, and Mr. Pestonji Jehángir has favoured me with the following statement:-

On the Booke at present.


The number of claims and amount of the same, as shown above, represents all the work under this bead remaining to be done.
119. The ghar-bhéra or ground rent amounts to Rs. 898. This impost has very Char-bharcu. generally been remitted in Gajarat on the introduction of the agricultural community, and should, as a general rule, be covered by the survey assessment. Government has since expressed regret that this impost should

Resolntion No. 5244, dated 20th October 1871. have been abandoned, and I therefore await farther orders before striking it off in Ankleshwar. The towns of Hansot and Ankleshwar have no manicipal government, otherwise the ghar-bhara collected therein might be credited to the manicipality. Under any circumstances it should, I think, cease to be a portion of Imperial revenue, and should, if levied at all, be credited to local funds.
120. 2,099 acres of waste land have been set apart for the free pasturage and standing Grazing Lande places for village cattle under the provisions of Section XXXII of Act $I$ of 1865. The requirements of most of the villages were much in excess of the grants I felt justified in making, and the people were told that if they required extra grazing grond they must pay full assessment for it, the "khata" being entered as "Samast Gaon" (the entire village). Under the old system a very large area devoted to grazing purposes was let at "Kummi dur", or lower rates of assessment, and the people considered it a hardship that they should be fully assessed by the survey; but as they got a fair portion of free grazing ground under the provisions of the Act, the hardship is imaginary only.

The old system was a very bad one: the rich, well-to-do cultivators got all the "Kummidar" lands, and the poor were often obliged to pay so much per head for grazing their cattle; whereas under the survey system they must share-and share alike-in the grazing lands, every "Khátedar" having a right to send his cattle there.
121. There is no assessment or tax on toddy trees in the Ankleshwar Talnka generally,

Anesamont of toddy troes. and the owners sell the right of extracting the liquor at so mach per tree per annam to the toddy-drawers. In the villages of Andada and Diva the right to draw toddy is annually sold by auction to the highest bidder. In Pungaon there are a considerable number of toddy trees, the juice of which is not utilized : the reason is reported to be that many years ago, owing to the great increase of crime from intoxication, all the toddy shops were closed, and subsequently toddy was allowed to be drawn from the trees in Diva and Andada only.

The right to distill and sell liquor at Hánsot, Iláp, and Sisodra, and for its sale at Kutpur, has been sold by anction.

In the principal division of the Ankleshwar Taluka, the shops at Ankleshwar, Sujod and Andada are supplied from the Sadar Distillery at the rate of 20 gallons per diem between the three.

The revenue realized daring the last five years from this source is as follows :-


As no extra assessment has been placed on fields in which toddy trees stand, and as the rights of Government, so far as prescription will admit, have been reserved, it will be necessary to define these rights in the notification giving the "guarante", nuless, in the meantime, special legislation should have settled this long-pending question in a manner consistent with its importance to Government on the one hand, and to the people generally on the other.
122. It is hoped that the annered figared Statements*, marked I and II respectively, are sufficiently clear and explicit. Columns $4,8,9,13,19,23$, and 24 show the maximum rates for soil and water, and columns 5, 10, 20 and 25 the average rate of every village in
Explenation of the figured Btatamenta. 46 show comparatively the assessment ander the old and new the taluks. Columns 33 to 46 show comparatively the assessment under the old and new area assessed by the survey; 38 the peta-padtar, or culturable waste included in sarvey numbers; and 39 the total ares of the cultivated numbers. Column 40 shows the assens. ment of the area actually cultivated, and 41 that of the peta-padtar respectively. Colamn 42 is the total assessment of the area shown in column 39.

Columns 43 and 44 show the area and assessment of numbers entirely waste, and 45 and 46 the rakba and aurvey "Kamál" respectively. Colnmns 47 to 54 show the area and assessment of alienated land, dry-crop, rice, garden, and total, and columns 57 and 53 the quit-rents on the same according to the old and new sarvey systems respectively.

Statement II shows the percentage increase and decrease by the survey in every village.

Columns 3 and 4 show the actual increase or decrease in Government land assessed by the survey, and colnmns 5 and 6 the percentage of the same.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servent,
C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

No. 800 of 1873.
Mahdbleshwar, 6th May 1873.

## MEMORANDUM.

The report which is now submitted shows the result of the settlement according to the modifications in the grouping of villages which the Superintendent was directed to carry out last year, the assessment now placed before as being consequently the fall amount of the settlement for which sanction is solicited.
2. The appendices and figured statements given in the report contain a detailed account of the assessment pertaining to each description of cultivation. The general result of the revision, extracted from these papers, being as shown below :-


The revised rates assshown above, have consequently effected an increase of abont $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on last year's revenue payments. The Collector, Mr. White, is of ppinion that this enhancement of assessment is insufficient ; the circumstance of the rayats of the neighbouring foreign States paying higher rents, and making a fair living from the profits of cultivation, being stated to be bis chief reasons for coming to this conclusion.
3. It seems to be sufficient to state, in regard to this argument, that it is not the policy of our Government in making a settlement of its land revennes, to adopt the rackrenting syatem said to be followed in the Gaikwar's State. As Colonel Prescott- remarks in regard to this subject: "It is contrary to principle and contrary to the spirit of the law to impose as high an assessment on proprietary peasant cultivators as native princes and native landlords can very fairly do on their tenants." It is the object of oar settlements to fix a moderate assessment, which shall leave such an amount of profit to the cultivator as will constitate his holding a valuable, heritable, and saleable property; whilst the Gaikwar, on the other hand, would seem to proceed apon the plan of getting as mach as possible out of the land, regardless of the condition of the rayat.
4. There can, of course, be no agreement'between assessments based apon such different conditions. But I am sure Mr. White would not like the duty of levying a revenue pressing so heavily upon the resoarces of the people as the Gaikwar's rent payments are said to do.
5. A careful perusal of the Superintendent's remarks regarding prices and the value of Paragraphe 7 to 88. the returns from cultivation in this district, leads me to think, not that the rates are too low, but that it is matter for consideration whether they are not really somewhat too high. I do not think, however, there is any reason to apprehend cotton falling to the rate of Re. 40 per bhar; and, on the other hand, I consider we may dismiss from our mind the supposition of its ranging so high as Rs. 112, which, it will be observed, is the rate at which Mr. Stormont's estimate of the produce of an acre of cotton is caloulated. It is satisfactory, however, to observe from the remarks in paragraphs 85 and 86, that the Superintendent has not based his assessment on the latter estimate-an average of Rs. 70 per bhar being said to be sufficient to justify an increase of 18 per cent. in the present assessment of the teluka.
6. It is extremely difficult, as the Superintendent observes, to form an opinion upon the future range of prices. They have been falling of late, and the cotton market jast now is in rather a depressed state; but I do not consider the present state of things to be permanent : we have had an abundant harvest almost everywhere throughout the Presidency; the markets have been overstocked of late with grain; but as the pressure of realizing money for the payment of the year's revenue is nearly over, we may expect to see prices somewhat higher before the next season's crop is ready for market.
7. But in this state of uncertainty regarding the futare, it is obviously our duty to take a low range of prices as the basis of our assessments; and I hope this has been sufficiently provided for in the amount fixed as the future revenue payment of the district. The question, at any rate, of a further increase, as advocated by Mr. White, should, in my opiuion, be dismissed.
8. Referring to the discussion apon the question as to whether the water rate for rice lands should be regulated according to the grouping for jirait rates, I would observe that I am inclined to agree with the Revenue Commissioner that the principle is not a safe one for general adoption. Climate should always be fully considered in a matter of the kind, for it may so happen that the rainfall in one part of a district may be too heavy for the proper growth of ordinary jirait crops, whereas it would be most beneficial to rice cultivation. Colonel Prescott shows, however, that there is not any such marked difference in the climate of different parts of this district : and as there appears to be no other special reason for having a scale of rates for this part of the assessment differing from that adopted for jirait lands, I would recommend that the Superintendent's plan of making his water rates follow the scale of rating for the latter class of lands should be adopted in this case.
9. The Superintendent pleads strongly for no increase to his rates for well irrigation Paragrapha 105 and $100 . \quad$ which the Kevenue Commissioner considered to be too low. In arguing on the sabject, he brings forward the important fact that there has been no increase whatever in this cultiration since Mr. Davis' settlement; indeed he adds that, "some lande once irrigated from packa wells are now nuder dry-crop only." Statements of this kind seem to me to be conclasive, not only against the polioy of increasing the well assessment, but as pointing to the expediency of dispensing with it altogether. Bat as this would be auch an entire change in the system hitherto carried out in these districts, its adoption is out of the question; as however, we cannot dispense with the bágayit kasar altogether, let us by all means make it as light as we can.
10. A. maximum rate of Rs. 12 per acre for bhátha lands is reasonable enough, considering the lnxuriant crope which it produces.
11. Orders are required as to whether the ghar-bhara cess is to be continued, and, if Paragraph 119 . so, whether it is to be credited to the manicipal revenues of the towns in which it is levied, or to the imperial revence of the State.

## J. FRANCIS, Colonel,

Sarvey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

# Thz CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, <br> Revenue Department, Bombay. 

Mátherán, 6ta June 1573.

## Sib,

I have the honour to forward the papers on the revision of the assessment in the Ankleshwar Taluka of Broach. In the opening paragraphs the Superintendent gives a description of the country and of its resources, and I may at once pass on to notice the pointa which are open to discussion.
2. The Superintendent remarks (paragraph 30) that the population has increased from 42,793 in 1816 to 66,035 in 1872, or 54 per cent. in 65 years, and that compared with the progress in Europe, the increase is small ideded. I am not aware that the Superintendent has looked into the statistics of each year of this period, but I observa from the statements under paragraph 69, that the period from 1816 to 1848 was marked by a steady decline of prices; and from the remarks regarding the revision effected by Mr. Davis in 1848, it is evident that the country was on the verge of agricultural bankruptcy. In sach a state of things, it is obvious there must have been strong preventive check against any increase in population, and it is improbable there would bave been any effective stimulus to increase until about the year 1848, when a liberal redaction of assessments, coupled with a rise in prices, led to an extension of cultivation. I observe cultivation has nearly advanced to the limits of the culturable ares, and in the absence of an improved system of agriculture, which is rather improbable, the agricultural population will progress slowly; but an increase may be looked for in the urban population following the development of the mechanical industries whioh have been founded in the district.
3. The table under paragraph 62 is interesting: it shows a steady increase of cultivation dating from 1851-52. There was a vigorous extension of cultivation during the decade of high prices, and, although cultivation declined during the last three yeare, it apparently keeps very steady - at about 100,000 acres. The average of the Government demand for twenty years was Rs. $3,48,215$, and the receipts Rs. $3,47,455$; the difference of Rs. 760 represents the remissions granted. If an average of ten years is taken, the demand was Rs. $3,74,615$, the receipts Rs. $3,74,363$ and the annual remission no more than Rs. 1,515. These facts are conclusive as to the lightuess of the past assessinent during a period when the price of cotton ranged from Rs. $49 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. $113 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per bhar, and the price of the staple product of jowár from Rs. $11 \frac{1}{4}$ to Rs. $23 \frac{1}{2}$ per kalsi. From the extent of land under cotton cultivation, Ankleshwar is a grain-importing táluka, and the quantity of cotton exported is shown by the railway retarne to be 1,562 tons iu 1871 , which at present prices, Rs. 3 per maund (paragraph 88), gives a value of Re. 2,62,416 which is not a fourth of the produce of the talusa. It is improbable that the difference is consamed in local manufactures; and I musi, therefore, infer that a much larger quantity is exported, though perbaps from other railway atations than Ankleshwar or Panoli, or is ferried across the river to Broach.
4. Bearing in mind the facilities for the export of produce which the taluks possesses by its railways and its local market roads, the ease with which the assessment has been met for a series of twenty years, and the great advance in material prosperity of the people, the conclusion of the Superintendent, that a moderate incrase to the assessmeat is justifiable, is fully borne out and sustained by the facta. It is not an essy matter to determine what increase should be made. It is impossible to forecast with precision what future prices will be; but this mast be done with as near an approach to correctness as it is possible to obtain. The Saperintendent is not sanguine of continuance of high prices; he believes they have attained their highest limit, and that the tendency is now towards a rapid decline. He points to the vigorous effort which America bas made, and made saccessfully, to regain her ascendancy in the Liverpool cotton market, and he thinks, somewhat despondently, that prices may decine one-third, from Re. 112 to Rs. 40 per bhar. I am glad to see that Colonel Francis does not take sach an extreme view.
5. Nor do I concur with the Saperintendent. Independent of the large market of continental Europe, in which Indian cotton can favourably compete with American cotton, I am inclined to think that the day is not distant when America will find it cheaper to manafacture her own piece-goods with her own cotton than to export it to England. Shonld this occar, and with the rapid progress which Americs is atill making, it is quite likely it will occur within the next ten or twenty years, America will only be able to export her aurplus cotton to England. It is. true that with her immense caltorable wastes there is practically no limit to the expansion of cotton cultare.
in Americs; atill, as the more remote tracts are taken up for calture, it can only be at an increasing cost, and so year by year Indian cotton will stand a better chance of competing with American.
6. I do not anticipate any evil from the competition of Anstralian cotton. India is several thousand miles nearer the market, labour is cheaper here, and if rents are not made too high, India can under-sell Australia.
7. Again, in fixing the assessment, the exchange value of money is a very important factor in the determination of the problem. A cursory perasal of the trade returns will show what a strong current of treasare flows annually to India from England and China; from, England in payment of produce, and from China in return for opiam. Oar small trade with China in tea and silk is as nothing to the value of the opinm trade, and so the balance has to be remitted to India in epecie. In the evidence given before the Parliamentary Finance Committee, it was asserted that the amount of treasure which comes into India is twenty millions sterling per annam. Bat this sum was modified by other witnesses, and there was a general agreement that it was aboat ten millions sterling. It is evident that so long as this influx of silver oontinnes, and there is no probability that it will cease for many years, the exchanged value of silver will slowly and constantly become less; with an abandance of money in the country more money will be given for the same quantity of prodace, or, in other words, the constant influx of large quantities of treasure tends to cause a rise in prices. On the other hand, a decline in the demand for the produce of the conntry has an immediate effect in cansing a fall in prices; but the sapply soon accommodates itself to the demand, and prices rise again. From these considerations I infer that although prices may for a time decline, they will rise again as soon as Indian cotton is taken in sofficiently large quantities on the continent, to counterbalance any decline in England ; and that it is not a remote possibility that it may again compete with American cotton in Liverpool. Indeed, and inspection of the prices current shows that "Fair Dholera" already often competes successfally with Bowed Georgia-all that is necessary is to ensure that it is fair, and not, as is too often the case, as shamelessly adulterated as the clothes into which it is made at Manchester.
8. I should, therefore, say it is almost certain that the price of cotton will not decline to anything like Rs. 40 per bhar, and even at that price it is shown by Mr. Stormont that the net profit to the caltivator after payment of rent, etc., would be Rs. 10 per acre. I am inclined to believe that the average of prices in the next thirty years will be little if at all less than the average of the last decade.
9. I, however, quite concur in the opinion of the Superintendent, following as it does in the wake of the highest authorities on the survey system, that the assessment should be moderate, and well within the ordinary ability of the rayat to pay. It ia quite true that the rent of land in Gáikwári territory may be far in excess of what the Superintendent proposes to fix in Ankleshwar, but the Gáikwári system involves large remissions; he trusts to his receipts in good years to cover his losses in bad years; and if an average were taken of actual receipts, over ten or twenty years, $I$ am not inclined to think that acre for acre his rents are very much in excess of our own. The survey system endesvours to fix rents so that remissions will never be necessary, and the experience of many years has shown that the normal rate of remissions is below one per cent. A. low fixed rate, moreover, has indirect advantages: it admits in good years of a large amount of capital lying in the hands of occopants, and this insensibly leade to better living, and to the adoption of a higher standard of comfort. The Collector is quite correct in believing that the assessment could be doubled and even trebled, but this could only be worked with the help of liberal remissions; and its probable effeet wonld be the utter prostration of the district, and a relapse to the condition of things as they were before 1848.
10. The average collections for the last ten years on the cultivated area, according to the old rates, is Rs. $3,74,363$; in 1871-72 the collections amounted to Rs. 3,67,779. The new survey rates woald have given Rs. $4,24,780$, so that the increase by the new rates is 151 per cent. The waste is assessed at Rs. 25,080 , and the total survoy assessment is Rs. $4,49,860$. To this add Rs. 61,917 derivable from alienations, and Rs. 32,560 for local funds, the maximum demand from the taluka will be Rs. 5,44,337. By the adoption of the new rates the receipts from alienations have increased from Rs. 54,569 to Rs. 61,917 , or by Ro. 7, 348 .
11. The comparison given at paragraph 108 of the effect of the new rates on the different kinds of land is not quite correct, because the areas are not the same. Bhatha and garden ratea are applied to a very much larger area than cane ander wet-crop assessment by the old ayatem (paragraph 105); and hence, although the maximum rate in bagáyat has epparently been raised from R. 7 to Rs. 12, yet from the inclasion of so much more land as bágáyat, and the application of a nicely-graded classification, the average rate has been reduced from Rs. $10-14$ to Rs. 8-7-4. The revenue is, of course, larger, and is almost double what it was under the old system. I believe myself that the bagayat rates could have been increased without pressure on the occupants; but I am willing to accept the Superinteadent's objeotions to raising the rates in consideration of the comparatively large amount of skill and capitel required for the cultivation of sach land. I believe the area of rice land to be
the same, and I remark that the Superintendent proposes an insignificant reduction from Rs. 18,258 to Rs. 18,184, the average old rate being Rs. 8-12-3 against the new average of Rs. 8-5-5. I do not think there was any necessity for reduction ; the cultivation does not sppear unprofitable, for the assessment on waste rice land is only Rs. 766 out of Rs. 18,951; and if rice land has been under the old system fully occopied, and the assessment paid with regularity and withoat any strong ground for believing in a permanent decline of prices, I do not quite concar in the expediency of the reduction. The bbatha waste is even less, being Re. 758 out of Rs. 9,742, and for the same reasons the redaction is open to objection; yet, as I have already eaid, would not interfere with the Superintendent's rates.
32. I observe the kasar on wells irrigating Government land is only Rs. 534 per annam. I would be glad to see this amall sum struck off; the loss would not be felt, and it would be more in harmony with the principle of the survey system to relieve wells from taxation. It would, in fact, merely anticipate the gradual discontinuance of the tax on wells as they fall in or become useless, and it may be assumed that in the next thirty years there will hardly be a dozen wells in all Gujarát on which a kasar rate will be paid.
18. The levy of ghar-bharu should, I think, be discontinued, except in a few of the larger towns and villages. Government have objected to relinquish its levy, generally ; bat, except in the larger towns, it does not seem advisable to place any undue restrictions apon building by exacting a rent for the site.
14. Regarding grazing allotments to villages, I bave to refer to my recent lettor No. 2438, dated 26 th oltimo, in which I have sketched the policy which, I think, should be pursued with regard to grazing rights, and the indirect benefits which will accrue to the breed of cattle.
15. I observe that the Superinteudent has properly reserved the rights of Government with regard to toddy-trees: this question will be disposed of by the procedure which may be adopted by Government on review of the proposals of the Abkari Committee which sat last rains,
16. I beg the sanction of Government to the rates proposed by Colonel Prescott, and that the garantee given may expire at the same time as that of the taluka of Broach.

I have the houour to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>L. R. ASHBURNER, Revenue Commissioner, N.D.

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## Ravenor Dapabthant.

Bombay Castle, 7 th July 1573.
Resolution.-This report, which contains proposals for the revision of sesesement in the whole Ankleshwar Taluka, inclusive of the Mahal of Hánsot, has been drawn up with Lieatenant-Colonel Prescott's nsual care and ability, and gives detailed reasons for what is brought forward in a manner which His Excellency in Council trusts to see imitated in other Surveys.
2. The arrangement of the villages into four groaps for the purpose of maximam rates of dry-crop assessment according to distance from markets and railway atations, there being no difference in climate sufficiently appreciable to warrant a conclusion that it wonld affect the relative fertility of the soil in different localities, is approved. It may be noticed with regard to the seven villages in the east of the taloks that, although they are not more distant from market than some of the villages of the 3rd group, they have been rightly placed in the 4th in consequence of their soil being mach more strong and, therefore, less fertile.
3. The maximum rate for dry-arop for the taluka, Re. 6-8.0, is also approved. The arguments used in the Resolation giving the sanction to the Sarvey rates in the Broach Taluka No. 3804, of the 4th instant, with regerd to the incidence of the assessment, apply with greater force in Ankleshwar, in which the eoil is equally fertile, but the average drycrop rate is 13 andas 6 pies per acre less.
4. Government conctry with the Sarvey Commissioner that the water-rate for rice lands should not invariably follow the grouping of villages for dry-crop assessment where the water is kept digtinct from the dry-crop, inasmach as distance from market is taken
into account in fixing the latter, and there is no mecessity for the same process being repeated in calculating the former also. In this taluka, however, every tank dopends for itt supply on the rainfall slone, and none are more favourably situated with regard to drainage, area, and greater certainty of sapply than others, so that the classification of water may be depended on to regulate equitably the relative valae of the sapply in all parts. The maximan rates of assessment proposed in paragraph 100 of Colonel Prescott's report, which give an average of little more than double of that of the dry-crop rates, may accordingly be approved.
5. It is not apparent from the Saperintendent's or the Survey Commissioner's letters whether the maximum of Rs. 12 per acre in bhátha or alluvial soil according to 24 -annes scale is meant to imply an assessment of Rs. 18 on 24-anns soil. If so, the standard of assessment does not appear too low. It is observed that there is a very high average rate, Rs. 11-10-3, in Sangpor, a village far

N $B$,-Thin would eeem to be the case from the average in one village, Cheprn, being in escess of Re. 12. removed from the Narbada, and therefore not likely to contain good allavial soil; this phould be investigated by the Superintendent, to gaard against any error that may have crept in in the classification of the soil.
6. There is an apparent error in paragraph 105 of Colonel Prescott's report, where Rs. 24 are spoken of as the rate per water-bag in garden lands: the rate is presumably the "kasar" or full water assessment on the well. It is shown in paragraph 110 that the average resulting from this rate in combination with the dry-crop assessment is Rs. 8-7-4 per acre, which is nearly the same as that for rice. This, considering the extra expense and labour required for garden caltivation, His Excellency in Conncil considers fair. He is not disposed to relinquish the extra revenae to be derived from this source, because its levy is in accordance with the immemorial nsage of the conntry, and its levy in no way interferes with, but rather encourages, the futare investment of capital, the fall benefit of which will, ander the survey system, be reaped by the caltivator.
7. The levy of ghar-bháro shonld be continued according to Resolution No. 541 of the 30th Janary last. Colonel Prescott is in error in calling it on extra cess levied from a purely agricultural community, the fact being that it is levied chiefly from non-agricultarists who have no reason to expect that the State should find them free sites for their dwellinghouses. Government have no objection to its remission in the case of agricolturiste, provided it is anderstood in every case that the proprietary title to the ground, which is State property, is not conferred.
8. The arrangements with regard to grazing grounds for village cattle, and the reservation of the right of Government to assess toddy-trees, reported in paragraphs 120 and 121 of Colonel Prescott's report, are approved.
9. With the exception of this reservation, the aspal gaarantee for the permanency of the rates sanctioned may be given for 30 years, to commence with 1871-72, in which they were introduced with the Revenue Commissioner's sanction experimentally, and a notification under Section 28 of the Survey and Settlement Act (Bombay Act I of 1865) published in the Government Gazelte.

F. S. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government

## No. 160 or 1873.

To

> L. ASHBURNER, Esquirx, C.S.I',
> Revenue Commissioner, I. D.

Camp Fágra, 16tk Janwary 1873.

## Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Report No. 1450 of the 12th Feptember last, of the Superintendent, Revanae Survey and Assessment, Gajarát, apon thé introdaction of the revenue survey assessment in the Ankleshwar Tálaka, and to explain that it was not received by Colonel Prescott from the press till the 18th December, and that the delay in submitting it has been owing to Christmas following close upon its receipt by me, and to want of leisore to go into it carefully sooner.
8. The remarks called for from me appear to be few.
3. In paragraphs 74 to 89 of his report, Colonel Preacott has gove inta the main question as to the extent to which the assessment can safely be raised for the revenue B 935-16
arrey term of 30 years. Now, though I am not prepared to find fanlt with the argnmente by which he arrives at the conclusion that an increase upon the whole of $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is sufficient, nor to refute his figures, which like facts may be

No. 543, dated 18h March 1871, No. 2616, dated 2nd Decamber 1872, and No. 582, dated 13th March 1872, thought stubborn things, yet I cannot get over the conviction, expressed in my letters noted in the margin, that the increased value of land in this district is not properly represented by an enhancement of the assessment to the extent of 15 or (as in the case of the Broach Taluka) of even 21 per cent., if for the one reason only that some lands are known to be sub-let for donble the old assessment.
4. I feel some diffidence in differing from officers so intimately acquainted with the subject as Colonel Prescott and Mr. Beyts, the more so that I cannot lay claim to similar knowledge myself; but I should like the above fact to be explained, as also the circumstance, that the raysts in the neighbouring foreign States, though stated to be subject to the payment of much higher rents, make a fair living notwithstanding. With reference to the grouping of the villages, I have no remarks to make except to express concurrence in the opinion given in paragraphs 100,101 and 104 in respect to grouping for water not being advisable in fixing the masiman rice water rates.
5. In respect to the levying of ghar-bharu, or gronnd-rent, referred to in paragraph 119 of the report, I request the favour of obtaining the orders of Government. The total amount from this source of revenue in the whole district is insignificant, and Colonel Prescott has, it seems to me, shown a good reason why it should be remitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. G. WHITE,

Collector.

No. 31 of 1899.
From

P. R. MEHTA, Esquire, M.R.A.C.,<br>Assistant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey;

To
The COLLECTOR of BROACH.
Broach, 11th Decomber 1899.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of táluka Ankleshwar, inclusive of the peta mahal of Hánsot, of your Collectorate.
2. The carrent rates were introduced by Lient.-Colonel C. J. Prescott in the

Original settlement.
Constitution, alienated villages. The tálaka comprises in all 105 villages, of which 102 ave Government Alienated villages.
2, Untihdra and 3 aliensted. Of the Government villages 73 are senja 1. Amboli. ${ }^{2}$. Dadhal. Unikdra. (non-shared, i. e., ordinary rayatwari) and 29 bhagdári (co-shared). Since the original settlement the villages noted in the margin have been
 8. Piludra.
4. Drugra. of the sharers.
4. 'The revision field operations were carried out in the working seasons of 1896-1897 Meacarement. and 1897-1898. The measurement operations were confined to the separation of numbers (i) broken up by roads, (ii) in which Government and alienated lands were clabbed together, (iii) from which land was appropriated to public purposes, and (iv) to numbers partly rendered unculturable by the iuroad of salt water.
5. The classification pperations in addition to the above included jaráyat numbers Cleasification. under one acre in area; numbers classed as bagayat at the original survey, and all rice land. It may be mentioned that so far as the jaráyat area is concerned, its original classification may be said to have been almost entirely deduced from existing recordg.

## Bubatitution of thunta for bindha,

6. In the villages noted in the margin, khunts were substituted for bandhs as explained in the Settlement | 1. Pánod. | 8. Divi. | 万. Malanpar. | 7. Rohid. | Heport on |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Pungara. | 4. Ohorád. | 6. Reama. | paragraph 6). |  | 2. Pungara paragraph 6).
7. The following statement shows the incresse in the number of fields due to revision and the percentage difference in area between the original and revision surveg numbers:-


Column 3 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, etc.y in order that the percentage difference may be correctly represented.
8. In the following table the areas of the original and revision survegs are compared:-

|  | Total. | Unarable weatea | Remaining arable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By Original Survey By Revision Survey | 183,782 | 42,023 | 141,759 |
|  | 184,518 | 48,817 | 140,701 |
| Decrease | *0*** | $\cdots$ | 1,058 |
| Increase *** | 736 | 1,794 | -**** |

The increase of 1,794 acres in the nnarable waste is due to the addition of 736 acres on account of half the areas of rivers and creeks (left out by mistake at the original survey) to the areas of some of the adjoining villages and the remaining 1,058 aores to the deterioration of fields by the inroad of salt water and to a small, extent to fthe land being taken up for roade and other public purposes.
9. Details of occupied land are shown below:-

| Deseription of land. |  |  |  | By former Survey. |  |  |  | By Revision Survey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Government. |  | Atienated. | Total. | Goverimento |  | Aliensted. | Total. |
|  |  |  |  | Ocoupied. | Unosenpied. |  |  | Ocoupied. | Onocerpied. |  |  |
| Dry arap <br> New rice <br> Old rice <br> Bágayat <br> Bhítha <br> Ungultarah | .. |  |  | 97,784 | 8,789 | 88,591 | 137,100 | 98,811 | 4,994 | 93,773 | 136,976 |
|  |  | ** | $\cdots$ |  |  | -0. |  | 211 |  | 48 | 259 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | - | 2,119 | 280 | 504 | 2,850 | 2018 | 47 | 518 | 2,576 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | , | 885 | 6 | 884 | 1,285 | -6. 81 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots 57$ |  |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }_{-087}$ | 41,986 | " 87 | 687 42,085 | ... 831 | 48,780 | 57 <br> 37 | 889 49,817 |
|  | Total .a. |  |  | 101,325 | 48,011 | 34,446 | 188,782 | 101,269 | 48,829 | 34,4\%7 | 184,518 |

10. The decrease of 56 acres in the total occupied area is due to the land being taken up for roads and other pablic parposes. The deorease of 983 scmes in the total unoccupied area is owing to the tranafer to the heeding "Uncultarable" of acres rendered nnculturable in villages aitnated on the sea cosst, on the bank of the Narmada and near salt-water creeks. The decrease of 19 acres in the total alienated area is due to its having been taken ap by the new railway line to Néndod.

It will be seen that the conversion of jarayat into new rice during the currency of the existing settlement is amall, amounting to 259 acres only. Kiaris, unless assisted by tanks, are not very remunerative in this taluks.

No area is shown nuder bagayat in the revision figures. Land treated as natural bagayat at the original survey is now classed as nttam jarajat. The change is only in name; the assessment per acre is thereby not reduced.

The increase under the heading of bhátha is due to areas originally treated as jarayat being now classed as bhátha,

The increase in the uncultarable waste has already been explained.
11. The tálaka Ankleshwar, comprising the peta mahál of Hánsot with a superficial

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Poaition. } & \text { ares of } 293 \text { square miles, is situated on the south bank of the } \\
\text { river Narmada. } & \text { On the east it is bounded by the Baroda and }
\end{array}
$$ Rajpipla territories; on the west by the Gulf of Cambay; while the river Kim rans along its sonthern boundary and divides it from táluisa Olpad of the Sarat Collectorate.

12. Except for a few villages in the north-west corner of the talaka, locally known as the "low conntry" (said to be a portion of the former bed of the river Narmada), Ankleshwar resembles in its physical

> Phyaical featurea, ioil, eto. features the black-soil taluka of Olpad on the north and of Broach on the soath. The wheat, which take the place of jowar in some years. The sea-coast villages of Kantiajal, Wamleshwar, Katpor, Samli, etc., grow only one crop, namely, wheat, withont any rotation, with patches of jowdr here and there. The soil of these villages is slightly impregnated with salt, and wheat is the only crop that thrives well in it. Notwithatanding the remarks of Colonel Prescott (vide paragraph 45 of the original report) attribating the want of a system of rotation to custom, laziness and prejudice, it may be stated that similarly situated villages in Olpad also depend exclusively on the wheat crop for the payment of assessment (vide paragraph 44 of the Olpad Revision Settlement Report). The low conntry contains gorat and bhátha soils, which grow monsoon jowari, bájri, cotton, pulsea, tobacco, guavae, plantains, and abound in trees and hedges. Colonel Prescott has so fully described the agricultare of the taluka in his original settlement report (paragraphs 10 to 48) that it 18 annecessary to enter into a repetition of the sabject in this place.
13. There are two rivers, the Narmads and the Kim, which respectively skirt the Bivera. northern and southern boundaries of the taluka. The course of the river Narmada bas been already described in the Broach Settlement Report. The Kim river does not afford facilities for irrigation. It is at all times difficult to cross, but the bridge, spanning this river near Sahol, was reconatructed last year, and now affords ample facilities for cart traffic between this taluka and the Surat and Kim stations.
14. The talaka ander report is well provided with means of external and internal comCommanications. manications. The B. B. \& C. I. Railway traverses it from south to north, having two slatione-Ankleshwar and Panoliwithin its limits. The sonth-western villages make nse of the Kim Station, situated in the Olpád Taluka, about 8 miles from the Sahol bridge. A narrow gange line has been lately opened by the Rája of Nándod. It runs from Ankleshwar to Nándod, a distance of 40 miles.
15. Although no new metalled roads hava been constructed since the original settle" ment, the existing means of communication meet all the requirements of the taluka. The metalled road between Ankleshwar Station and Bánsot is the best-made road in the whole district. A branch metalled road connects Ankleshwar with the ferry crossing on the Narmada. A good road, partly metalled, joins Hánsot to Surat vid the Sahol bridga. This bridge was washed away shortly after the introduction of the original settlement, bnt has been lately re-built at a cost of Rs. 38,700 by the Local Board of Broach, assisted by the Local Board of Sarat to the extent of Rs. 10,000. Good cart trects run from Ankleshwar and Hánsot to Pánoli Station.
16. The average rainfall for the 10 years ending with 1897 was $40 \cdot 84$ inches, The appendix A.-Rainfall. averages given in the Brouch Gazetteer (vide page 368) and in averages given in the Brouch Gasetteer (vide page 308) and in
the original report (vide paragraph. 19) are 33.04 and 31.82 inches respectively. The period under review may therefore be termed a period of excessive rainfall. In the last 3 or 4 years the fall has been most nnfavourable. Dome of the southern low-lying and water-logged villages have suffered most. In these villages the cultivators patiently held land waiting for better years; but last season (1898-1899) 2,000 acres were suddenly relinquished. I visited the tálaks in tho month of Mereh 1899, and can say that a nauch larger area would have been thrown up bat for the fact that the rayats were under $\theta$ false impression that they orvid not tender the notice of relinquishment anvil they had paid the demands for the carrent year, which, howeven, they were nuable to do before the 31st March.
17. The following extract from Appendix $B$ shows the average percentage areas Appendix B.-Crops. under different crops for the five years ending 1898-1899:-

18. The principal crops in order of importance are cotton, jowar and wheat, which together occupy 87 per cent., followed by tur, rice and til, which cover up another 7 per cent. of the gross cropped area. The practice of growing rice between the rows of cotton, so common in Brosch, Amod and Vagra, is not followed in the taluka under report. In fact, the inhabitants of the western villages have no recollection of its ever having been followed in their villages.
19. The chief market towns are Ankleshwar and Hánsot. But a considerable amount Marketa. of agricultural produce finds its way to the Kim Station and to Surat.

There are in all 8 ginning fácbories, of which 4 are in Ankleshwar; 2 in Pánoli, and one each in Hansot and Jlit:
20. The following sfatement represents the tonnage and the freight on goods traffic Rajlway trafic.
despatched from the stations named, in the last five years, as furnished by the railway authotrifies.' Information for inward traftio is not available. It may be mentioned that;' whereas a' considerable portion of traffic despatohed from Ankleshwar end' Panoli comes from the adjoining Native States', the agrioultural' produce of the! sonthiwestern pbrtion of the taluke finds its' way to Kim Station situated within the limits of the Olpad Táluka :-


Population and rewourcea
21. The following table compares the popalation and resources of the taluka :-

22. The figares of popalation are conflicting. There is, however, no doabt that side by side with the decrease in agricultural cattle, ploughs and carte, the population has also decreased owing to the prevalence of adverse seasons during the last decade. The reason why milch cattle, sheep and goats show no decrease is probably because a large number, especially in the north-western villages, are dependent for their subsistence upon grass produced on Aliabet, Hansotiabet and other islands in the bed of the Narmada. This grass is coarse bat is largely consumed by cows and buffaloes, though horses are said to scour badly if fed upon it. The right of cutting grass and grazing is sold by auction. A large number of livestock from the adjoining villages of Ankleshwar, Broach and Vagra go to these islands during the hot weather, and a considerable quantity of grass is brought over to the surrounding villages in boats.
23. Only half of the total popalation of Ankleshwar live by agricultural pursuits This is a small proportion for a purely agricultural táluka

Appendix D.-Agricultaral popution. In the adjoining táluka of Broach the agricultural popalation smounts to 81 per cent. of the whole. Of the total popalation of 88,387 souls, Kanbis, Mahomedans and Kolis namber 7, 17 and 11 per cent., respectively. Of the remainder, by far the greater proportion consists of Bhils and other Kali-paraj races. Unlike the rest of the district, here the Shis Mahomedans outnumber the Sani Boráhs. The former are mostly engaged in petty trade and emigrate to Soath Africa and other places. The Kunbis and Masalmans are found chiefly in the northern villages ; bat the Boráhs reside in about a dozen villages scattered throaghout the taluka. The condition of the Kolis and Bhils, who are mostly found in the sonthern villages, is not prosperous. Colonel Prescott describes the state of the sub-tenants, who are mostly Bhils and Kolis, as "the poorest of the poor," and farther remarks that "the extortion and oppression of the landlord is terrible" (vide paragraph 50). Since then, however, the condition of the subtenants has somewhat improved. The sâvkar himself cannot caltivate the land and has to depend upon the Kali-paraj to meet the Government dues. The past bad years have impoverished the money-lending classes, as they have had to pay the land assessment without obtaining a sufficient return from their sub-tenants; the latter require to be reasonably treated, otherwise they would cease to cultivate, and there is no prospect of the land being taken up by others.
24. There are in all 50 boys' and 15 girls' schools in the táluka. The average attendance of boys and girls is 2,001 and 227 respectively. In view of the fact that a large portion of the population consists of the backward races like Bhils and others, the above figares may be considered satisfactory.
25. Of the total survey numbers, 61 per cent. are Government and the remainder alienated. Of the former 77 per cent. and of the latter

Appendix X --Sarvey nambers cultivated by the owners. 71 per cent. are cultivated by the owners themselves. The statistics regarding Government numbers are misleading. I believe most of the Government land (exclading that held on the bhágdari tenure) is virtually in the hands of the savkars, espcially in the Kali-paraj villages.
26. The usual information sapplied by the Registration Department, relating to sales, Appendices $K, K_{1}, \mathrm{YL}_{1}, \mathrm{~K}_{1}, \mathrm{M}$. mortgages and sub-lettings is farnished in the appendices Appendices K, $\mathrm{K}_{1}, \mathrm{lL}, \mathrm{K}, \mathrm{M}$. . noted in the margin. Ont of 100 cases of ordinary sales, in 42 cases the price paid was 7 times, and in 57 cases 20 times the assessment. The average assessment per acre for the latter was Rs, 6-8-10, which shows that the land sold was not jarayat bat either bhátha or rice. In 85 cases of sales by decree of Courts, the price obtained in 67 cases was 4 times and in 18 cases 14 times the assessment. In 24 cases of simple mortgages, lands were mortgaged at 6 and 14 times the assessment in 62 and 26 transactions respectively. The figares relsting to mortgages with possession are somewhat higher than those for simple mortgages. The customary rate at which land is enb-let is double the essessment, the owner paying the assessment. The above figares are not satisfactory compared to those of Broach and the adjoining talukas of Surat.
27. As has been already shown in my previous settlement reports of Jalalpore and Prices. Broach talukas, the prices of food-grains end cotton have Prices. remained almost stationary during the last 30 years. The figures supplied by the Mamlatdár for the presurvey period are apparently faalty. Rice and jowfri conld not have been so cheap as 54 lbs. and 451 lbs , respectively, per rapee daring the sixties. Colonel Prescott's quotations (vide paragraph 70 of the original report) show an average of 18 lbs . and 27 lbs , for the two staples for the 10 years ending with 1872 . As is well known, the prices of food-grains rose considerably, in sympathy with the price of cotton, daring the American war. The following table compares the prices of the 10 years preceding the sarvey with those prevailing since :-

|  |  |  | Les, PE | RTPEP. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Average of 10 years ending with 1872. | Average since 1872. |
| Cotton ... | ** | $\cdots$ | 8 | 111 ${ }^{1}$ |
| JowAri ... | ... | ... | 27 | 37 |
| Wheat ... | ... | ... | 20 | 25 |
| Rice ... | ** | $\cdots$ | 18 | 23 |
| Tur ... | $\bullet \cdot$ | ... | 17 | 34 |
| Bajri ... | - 0 | -•• | 16 | 32 |

28. The revenue history of the taluka does not call for an extended notice. Daring the first year of the settlement the sum remitted represents the difference in excess of the former assessment. The remisAppendis O-Reyenue History years were granted on account of dilavion. I gather from sions shown in the succeeding years were granted on account of dilavion. I gather from
the vasalbaki patrak of $1897-98$ that the total outstanding balance of assessment at the end of March 1898 was Re. 14,932.

Compalaory procesies,
29. The following table shows the difficulty experienced

| Year. |  |  | Number of Villages. | Namber of notices. | Namber of distraint cases. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1895-96 | *** | *** | 81 | 820 | 25 |
| 1896-97 | ... | *- | 92 | 1,286 | 89 |
| 1897-98 |  | -.• | 93 | 2,647 | 273 |

30. A reference to the revision reports of Gujarat will indicate that both in regard to notices and the number of distraint cases the taluka under report shows an unusaally high number. Of course the above comparisou cannot be aocepted as quite accurate, inasmuch as the years differ in all oases, and it has been already pointed out how the past few monsoons have proved unusually unfavourable in Ankleshwar. At the same time during the identical period there was not a single case of distraint in the adjoining taluka of Broach.
31. The current maximam rates in Ankleshwar were based on the rates fixed for Olpad and Broach (vide paragraph 91 of the original report).
Origlaal Settlementh I have already pointed out in my Broach Revision Report (paragraph 49) how in the case of Broach the effect of the high-pitohed maximum rates was very materially modified by the application of reducing distance scales. The same process was adopted in the taluka under report, but not to such an extent as in Broach. The net inarease on Government lands was Rs. 57,000 (vide paragraph 112 of the original report).
32. From the statistios furnished in the foregoing pages it will have been gathered

Proponed marimam ratem that the taluka under report has not prospered during the carrency of the existing settlement. The southern villagesthose comprised in the proposed 4th and 5th groups-are the greatest sufferers. The condition of the people of these villages is wretched and the appearance of the villages is far from being satisfactory. Many houses are shat op and falling into deoay, as the residents have left to search for livelihood elsewhere. Small as the population is, the labouring olasses cross the Narmads, in search of employment oss early as December and proceed to the northern talukas to assist in the harvesting of lang and jowtri. Another proof of the unsuitsbility of assessment in the sonthern portion of the táluks is furnished. by the fact that daring the currency of the existing settlement the tenure of four bhagderi villages has been converted into ordinary bighoti; and petitions from the bhagdárs of four
other villages are under consideration. Besides, several bhagg have passed into the hands of outsiders. In the west the land is impregnated with salt; the middle of the group is Low-lying and in the east the soil is poor and the cultivators are mostly Bhils. The classification of these villages has also been pitched too high. Land full of kankar (lime nodules), stiff clay in water-logged villages and soil showing considerable amount of saline efllorescence on the surface are all classed at about 14 annas uniformly with the productive soil of the more favourably situated villages. Taking all these facts into consideration $I$ am respectfully of opinion that in the sonthern villages the current rates are high and require a substantial decrease. I am aware of the fact that most of the Government land is virtually in the hands of the savkars. At the same time it is true that of late years the savkars have paid not an inconsiderable share of the land revenue without having been fully compensated by the tenant. Many small savkars are said to bave been thas ruined.
33. At the original settlement, the taluka under report was divided into four groups. I have added another by separating those villages which are lowdying and water-logged into a fifth groap. The following statement shows the origizal and proposed grouping and rates:-

34. The original first group comprised the tract locally called the "low country." Gadkhol, however, does not belong to this tract. I have therefore transferred it to my second group. The proposed second group consists of the six villages of the original second and Gadkhol of the first, making a group of 7 villages. There was no material difference in the assessment per acre between the villages of the original third and foarth groaps, as it did not vary more than four pies. The proposed third and fourth groups consists of 28 and 34 villages respectively, 5 villages of the original third and 15 of the original foarth having been transferred to make up my fifth and last groap.
35. The subjoined statement, which is an abstract of Appendix Q, compares the results of the original and proposed settlements. As, however, in the case of this taluka the application of distance scales will make a difference of no less than fls. 10,000 in the total results, and as mach as about Rs. 1,000 in individual ceses, I have thought proper to add a column showing the approximate result of the application of distance soales, which are calculated according to the population of eaoh village:-

| By.Former Sarvey. |  |  |  |  | By Revinion Survey, |  |  |  |  | Inergene or decrease after the application of distance moslen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group, | Number of willstgeov | Maxi- <br> man <br> rate. | Area, | Assessment. | Groap. | Ninmber of villages. | Maximam rate. | Area. | Ancosment. |  |
| 1 | 14. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}48 \\ 1 \\ 18\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} R_{b e}= \\ 36: 8 \end{array}\right.$ |  | Re, <br> $60,068$. | I' $\quad .$. | $18{ }^{\circ}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ren } \\ 6 \end{array}$ | Acres. 9,763 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R8, } \\ & \mathbf{6 0 , 1 6 L} \end{aligned}$ | , $\mathrm{Ba}_{6}$ |
|  | 1 6 | 6  <br> 8  <br> 8 8 <br>   | $\begin{aligned} & 1,060 \\ & 9,907 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,105 \\ 46,041 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | - |
|  | 1 |  | 10,907 | - 50,140 | II' ... | 7 | 58 | 10,968 | 50,170 | -2,471 |
| III- | 88 $\left\{\begin{array}{c}28 \\ 5\end{array}\right.$ | $\}^{5} 8$ | 27,787 | 1;10,585 | 1 II | 28. | b. 0 | 27,784 | 1,11,845 | -8,862 |
| IV: | $40\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { 84d } \\ 145\end{array}\right.$ | $\} .50$ | 35,206 | 1,40,215 | IV: | 844. | $4 \cdot 8$ | 35,200 | 1,27,240 | - -1888 |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}5 & 8 \\ 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4,647^{\prime} \\ 12,900 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18,887^{\prime} \\ & 51, \mathrm{~A} Q 1 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 17,647 | 70,268 |  | 20. | 40 | 17,624 | 60,755 | - $-1,887$ |
|  |  | $\ldots$ | 108;325 | 4\%19238 | Total 4 | 108 | $\pm$ | 199,268: | 4,30,175 | -10,084 |

86. It will be observed that the proposals result in a decrease of Rs. 31,000 or $\mathbf{7 \cdot 2}$ per cent. of the current assessment. The decrease occurs almost wholly in the villages of my fourth and fifth groups, which I have already shown to be in need of a sabstantial reduction.
87. The decrease of assessment in most of the villages is dne to the lowering of $\Delta$ ppendis $Q$. maximum rates. The application of distance scale will cause a decrease of abont Rs. 400 each in Diwa Hora Pati No. 6 and Gadkhol No. 14; Rs. 1,100 in Piraman No. 15; Rs. 550 in Sajod No. 18; Rs. 400 in Umarwara No. 38 ; Rs. 600 in Kosamdi No. 44 ; Rs. 400 in Jitali No. 46 ; Re. 700 in Katpor No. 55 ; and in increase of about Rs. 700 in Mándwa Bujrag No. 13.
88. I propose to adopt the santf maximum rates for rice as those proposed for jarayat lands. A similar course was followed at the original settlement, and as will be seen on a reference to Appendix $Q$ the results vary but slightly. The area of old rice-bearing tank himayat is 1,626 acres and of new rice 80 acres.
89. In this taluka nearly all the tanks which supply water to rice beds are of small dimensions and have been lately ordered to be removed from the list of tanks repaired by the Public Works Department. Tank excavation and extension will, however, be largely carried out as famine relief works and will not only extend the cultivation of rice-profitable both to Government and the cultivators-but will also improve the defective watermupply of the district.
90. The remarks made on the allavial deposits in the settlement report of Broach Blatha. (paragraphs 20 to 22) apply equally to those of the tálaka
The following settlement shows the realizations of the annaal auction sales of bhatha lands:-

|  | Village. |  | Average of 8 yeart ending July 1898. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Rs. |
| 4 | Haripura . | $\cdots$ | 304 | 933 |
| 10 | Andáda ... | -.. | 168 | 683 |
| 11 | Chápara ... | $\cdots$ | 76 | 867 |
| 13 | Mandwa Bujrag | -. | 215 | 5,927 |
| 18 | Sajod -.. | -* | 139 | 87 |
| 19 | Hánsot ... | ... | 1,229 | 861 |
| 21 | Páedi Ambheta | ... | 322 | 249 |
| 26 | Ganpatpura ...0 | ... | 521 | 385 |
| 27 | Mádaws Matied | -.. | 1,283 | 1,067 |
| 54 | Ambheta ... | -.. | 405 | 315 |
| 55 | Katpor $\quad$-0. | ... | 90. | 46 |
|  |  | Total | 4,752 | 11,420 |

41. The following table shows the revenne remitted on account of dilavion :-

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Serial } \\ \text { No.in } \\ \text { Appandiz } Q . \end{gathered}$ | Village. |  | Average of 3 years ending Jaly 1898. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Diwa Rajpat P6ti | $\cdots$ | Acres. $\mathbf{3}$ | Rs. 21 |
| 8 | Diwa Hora Pati | ... | 3 | 14 |
| 13 | Mdndwa Bujrag | ... | 1 | 3 |
| 18 | Sajod .... | ... | 54 | 290 |
| 27. | Mándwa Matied | ... | 65 | 212 |
| 28 | Matied ... | . | 89 | 189 |
| 30 | Shers - ... | -** | 12 | 55 |
| 52 | Badodra ... | ... | 1 | 4 |
| 54 | Ambheta .... | ... | 10 | 29 |
| 55 | Katpur | $\cdots$ | 2 | 7 |
| 68 | Balota | ... | 3 | 12 |
| 69 | Ilav $\quad . .$. | $\ldots$ | 12 | 50 |
| 82 | Shongpar | ..- | 1 | 5 |
| 94 | Panjroli | -.. | 4 | 13 |
|  |  | Total | 260 | 904 |

42. On the whole, the bhatha of Ankleshwar is poorer than that of Broach. Chapars and Mándwa Bujrag are exceptions. They receive freah rich silt every year and grow laxuriant crops of tobscoo which finds a ready sele in this and the adjoining diatrict of Surat. Most of the poorer quality of bhatha is flooded by the salt wators of the Narmada and ia usefal only for grazing. The Hánsot reclamation projeot, which has been started as a famine relief work, will improve the bhátha between Ganpatpura and Hánsot. A large area of this land has been classed at a low rate on acconnt of the salt deposited by the floods. The soil is of good quality and will be easily reclaimed. It will grow rice, joweri and cotton, and will have to be reclassed if the reclamation project prove saccessful.
43. It will be seen from the following statement that I have not ohanged the current rates on bhatha lands. It will be remembered that in the case of the bhátha land of Broach I have proposed an incresse, as it is on the whole auperior in point of fertility to the allavial deposits of Ankleshwar.
44. The following statement compares the result of the application of rates on bhatha lands:-

45. In the táluka under report, kacha or vada lands are allowed free of assessment up to 10 gunthas. I wonld therefore recommend that the existing Vadan. . vadas may be continued to the holders free of assessment up to $\mathbf{1 0}$ ganthas.
46. The usual reservation to Government of teak, sandalwood and blackwood trees Trees. will be declared at the time of announcing the rates. Other trees growing in occapied land belong to the occupants.
47. In conclusion I have the honour to recommend that Cusantee. the rates, if sanctioned, may be graranteed 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, Revenue Survey, Gajarín
Through W. S. Cole, Esquire, Depaty Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey.

Na. 18 or 1900.
Surat, 19th Jawuary 1900.
Forwarded to the Collector of Broach with compliments.

> 'W. SCOTT COLE,
> Depaty Saperintendent, Revenue Survey,

Gujarát.

Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Ankleshsoar, District Broach, for the yoars 1898 to 1897.

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(Ah Junc).} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Winsoon Khartit (6ih June to 1 ath August).} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Monsoon Rabi (15th August to 2lat October).} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Fate Bains (2zend October to 81 部 Dacember).} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Total.} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Rbxarit,} <br>
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\end{aligned}\right.
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\hline 1888 \& - \& 0.23 \& 1 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1025 \& 15 \& 4.03 \& 6 \& 0.62 \& 1 \& 15.18 \& 23 \& Rainfall much belew average. Kharif rain favourable in the beginning but scanty at end of July. August rain beneficial and prospects generally improved. September-October rain was almost absent and all crops saffered The cyclonic storma in Novernber wafe, howovery most opportane and gave relief. Season fair on the whole. <br>
\hline 2889 \& - $\quad \cdots$ \& 005 \& .0. \& 088 \& 2 \& 2\%96 \& 28 \& $5 \cdot 90$ \& 11 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $30 \cdot 79$ \& 41 \& Fall below average Bowing rain maficient. Angust rain favourable though ollghtly injorioua to young bdjri and cotton which had to be resown in places September rain defloient for rice. October rain good for standing kharif ne well an for mbi oultivation. 8eason on the <br>
\hline 1890 \& $\cdots \quad \cdot \cdots$ \& $\because$ \& $\cdots$ \& 1.51 \& 1 \& $25 \cdot 64$ \& 30 \& $5 \cdot 85$ \& 10 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 83.00 \& 41 \& Rein below averaga Sowing rain seasonable and sufficisant. July rain, thoagh light, felliat seasonable intervals. Angust rain benefiall to standing crope though innotficient for rice, eapecislly in Ankleahwar. Rain in September very neeful $\$ 0$ khafif orops and for rabi sowings. Very little rain fell subsequantly and rabil oropa suffered from want of moisture. Kharif outtorn fair. season on the whole fair. <br>
\hline 1891 \& ... ... ${ }^{-\cdots}$ \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 48.10 \& 24 \& 18.49 \& 14 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 61.59 \& 38 \& Rainfall above arerage. Sowing rain favormble Cyclonic rain at and of July injurions necessitating resowing in placen. The brest that followed wae valuable for resowing and for growth of cropes. September raia seasonable and useful. No rain fell afterwards. Season favoursble on the whole. <br>
\hline 1892 \& $\cdots \quad \cdots \cdots$ \& -* \& $\cdots$ \& 0.17 \& 1 \& 19.78 \& 25 \& $17 \cdot 15$ \& 20 \& 1.00 \& 1 \& 38.08 \& 47 \& Fall upto average. Sowing rain nseful Augnet rain being seasonably relieved by elort breaks at intervsle, proved very beneflial to standing cropas Rain in September alightly excessivo for crops reudy for harveste Reaping of kharif and aowing of rubi was carried on favourably during October. On the whole season good. <br>
\hline 1898 \& $\cdots \quad \cdots \quad \cdots$ \& $0 \cdot 11$ \& $\cdots$ \& $0 \cdot 26$ \& 1 \& 86.98 \& 80 \& 598 \& 10 \& . 0.98 \& 8 \& 44:31 \& 44 \& Rain excoeded the average sowing rain too heavy. Break following too ahort and on it enpervenod another burst of beavy rain. After a useful break a seasonable fall came late in August. September fall light but neeful. Rabi crops were favoured by the light rains of October and November, but etanding kharif would have done better without it. Rebi cropa suffered from cloady weather in February and March. <br>
\hline 1894 \& ... $\quad$ - \& $0 \cdot 11$ \& 1 \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& 34.81. \& 82 \& 15.49 \& 17 \& 8.82 \& 4 \& 59.23 \& 54 \& Rainfall far above average. Eowing rain oufficient, Joly raln very heavy, dertroying soedings and necessitating resowing. Breat in August favourable, but the heavy rain of
September injored cotton and jowari. October rain again very heavy, neceagitating rowowThe soason, thongh irregalar, was not bad. <br>
\hline 1895 \&  \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 28:37 \& 35 \& 460 \& 12 \& 1.08
0.25 \& 1 \& 20.05

58.40 \& 48
47 \& Fall much below average. Sowing rain timely and anficientn auguat rain benefoial to kharif as well for rabi proparations. Conditions changed in September, the fall being very inanfficient for all crops, specially rice and reli sowing. Normal rain of October, though too late for rice, was useful for other kharif crops and rabi seodinga. No rain afterwards. <br>
\hline 1896 \& -0. ... ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 58.60 \& 88 \& 455 \& 8 \& 0.25 \& 1 \& 58.40 \& 47 \& Rain for exceeded the average. Sowing rain sufficient but the extraordinary heavy foll of July rotited cotton and otber crope sand all tillage operations wera at a otandstill. The break in the second half of Angust was very oneful to atanding tharif crops and for resowings of cotton and til. September rain very defcient for resown crops and for rabi moninga, No rain in October and kharif crope safiered. Light showers of Nevember and December were boneficial to rabi crops. <br>
\hline 1897 \& - 0 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& - \& $\cdots$ \& 28.27 \& 29 \& 15.54 \& 26 \& -0* \& $\ldots$ \& 38'81 \& 55 \& Rain sbove average. Sowing rain insufficient in the beginning. Retarded sowings were made in July. Falls of Augutt and September good and creps flourished. October rain also seasonable and useful. No rain afterwarde and rabi crope auffered. Heary showars in February did some good. <br>
\hline \& Avarage ... \& 0.05 \& ... \& 0.88 \& 1 \& 29.97. \& 29 \& $9 \cdot 26$ \& 13 \& $1 \cdot 28$ \& 1 \& 40.84 \& 44 \& <br>
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APPEADIX B.
Details of Cullivation and Crops in the Government Villages of the Ankleshwar Taluka of the Broach C.llectora'e.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{D}$ ．

Detaile of Population according to Occupation by Percentages in the Ankleshsoar Taluka，

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| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10. | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| 1.35 | 16．48 | $8 \cdot 29$ | 8．18 | $29 \cdot 19$ | 5.30 | 16.46 | 8078 | $40 \cdot 85$ | 0.56 | 29.81 | 21.28 | 50．05 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Details of Population according to Religion and Edwcation．


APPENDIX F．
Slatement showing the Agrioultural Stock of the Government Villages in the Amkleshwor Taluka of the Broach Collectorate．


APPENDIX $G$.
Stalement of Shops, Looms, Temples, etc., and average Births, Dealhs and Vaccination.


Statement of Schools together:woith their average Attendance in the year 1837-98.


APPENDIX 1.
Statement showing the Proportion of Gevernment Occupied and Inám Lande ewltivated by Occupants and Sub-tenante, etc., in the yoar.


APPENDIX J.
Statoment showing Wells, Budkis, Tank and othor sources of Water-supply in the Government Fillages of the Ankleshwar Taluka of the Broach Collectorate for the years 1891-92 and 1896-97.

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|  |  | Por Imigation. |  | For drinting supply of homad beinge, but not for irrigation. |  | For cattle and washing and other purposes, miontion or drinking aupply of human beingu. |  | In unase. |  | Por irrigation, |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tor drinking } \\ & \text { bapply of } \\ & \text { bramo befnga } \\ & \text { sololy. } \end{aligned}$ |  | For catile and <br> washing and <br> other purposen, <br> but not for <br> trrigation or <br> drinking Eupply <br> of human beingas |  | In disuce. |  | Yor irrigation. |  | For drinking supply of buman beinge solely. |  | $\|$Yor oastile and <br> washligg and <br> other purposer, <br> but not for <br> Irrisution or <br> drink nag apply <br> of human beling. |  | In disuca. |  |  |
|  |  | Pakh. | Keobe. | Palkk. | Kıcha. | Pakkn. | Erecha. | Fallen in or in disrepair. | Other | Pakka. | Kache. | Pakka. | Kacha. | Pakka. | Kaeha | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fallen } \\ & \text { in or } \\ & \text { in dis- } \\ & \text { repair. } \end{aligned}$ | Other cause | Pakke. | Kıohe. | Palke. | Exacha. | Pakke. | Kacha. | Fallen in or rep.it. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Osher } \\ & \text { cascoon. } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | c | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | ${ }^{15}$ | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | ${ }^{20}$ | 21 | 22 | ${ }^{28}$ | 24 | 25 | 28 | ${ }^{27}$ |
| 10 | Aukleahwne ... $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1801-02 \\ \text { … } \\ 1896-97\end{array}\right.$ | 178 180 | 9 | 876 487 | 7 17 | 604 447 | 25 27 | ${ }_{62}^{62}$ | ${ }^{6}$ | ... | 80 100 | $\cdots$ | $n$ 4 | 5 | 250 254 | ${ }^{7} 18$ | 0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 2 | $\cdots$ | 81 | $\cdots$ | 8 |  |

## APPENDIX K.

An Abstract Statement showing Ordinary Soloc.


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

An Abstract Statement showing Sales by Decree of Court in the Government Villages of the Ankleshwar Tiluks of the Broaek Collectorate.


## APPENDIX L.

An Abstract Statement showing Simple Mortgages.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assesement for which Land is sold. | Number of Osces. | Total Acrea Mortgaged. | Total Assenament. | Average Hate of Ascessment per Acre, | Total Sum for which Mortgaged. | Average Rate Pr Aere for which Mortgaged. | Average Number of times the gurvey Assenament for which Mortgagel. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | Aeres. | R6. an | Ris. a. $\mathbf{p}$. | $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{8}}$.a. p. | Rs. 0 p. |  |
| Class I- 1 to 10 times | 62 | 368.4 | 1,654 2 | 471 | 9,889 8 \% 0 | 26118 | 5.87 |
|  | 28 | 88.27 | 392 | 4511 | 5,830 880 | 6970 | $18 \cdot 59$ |
| " IV, 51 to 100 \% | 2 | $1 \cdot 18$ | ${ }^{8} 8$ | 470 | 1,537 00 | 135111 | 84.48 |
| $\cdots$ - --101 to 150 |  | -0.0. |  | 88 | 3540 | 2442 | -0.000 |
| Total | 94 | - 470-24 | 2,108 8 | 476 | 17,061 0 | $86 \leq 0$ | $8 \cdot 11$ |

## APPENDIX L(3).

4x Abstract Statement showing Mostgages with Possessiom.


APPENDIX M.
An Abetract Statement showing Sub-lettingg.


## APPENDIX N.

Statement shoving the prices provalent in the Ankleshwar Täluka frow 1866-67 to 1897-99.

| Years | Lben of 39 Toler per Rupes, |  |  |  |  |  |  | marke |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wheat | Bice in hask. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rioo } \\ \text { (clemned. } \end{gathered}$ | Tor. | Jowtr. | B6jri. | Unclenned Cottion |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| 1866-67 | 32 | 531 | 224 | 29 | 583 | 40 |  |  |
| 1867-¢8 | $81 \frac{1}{3}$ | 534 | $23 \frac{3}{4}$ | 284 | 51 | 851 | . |  |
| 1868-69 | $30 \pm$ | 45 | 24 | 301 | 491 | 83. |  |  |
| 1869-70 | 301 | 531 | 24.4 | 80 | 531 | 42\% |  |  |
| 1870-71 | 29 | 51 | $24 \%$ | 301 | 218 | 37\% |  |  |
| Total | $30 \frac{1}{2}$ | 541 | 24 | 291 | 459 | 874 |  |  |
| 1871-72 | 284 | 534 | 244 | 32 | 454 | 40 |  |  |
| 1872-73 | 284 | 534 | 24. | 301 | 44 | 871 |  |  |
| 1873-74 | 301 | $58 \frac{1}{2}$ | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | 304 | 421 | 421 |  |  |
| 1874-75 | 301 | $45 \frac{3}{4}$ | 251 | 471 | 40 | 40 |  |  |
| 1875.76 | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | 45 | $22 \frac{5}{8}$ | 491 | 40 | 40 |  |  |
| 1876-77 | 26 | 351 | 20 | 251 | 301 | 304 |  |  |
| 1877-78 | 181 | 223 | 174 | 204 | 212. | 20 |  |  |
| 1878.79 | $15 \frac{1}{2}$ | $33 \frac{1}{2}$ | 174 | 20 | 218 | 20 |  |  |
| 1879-80 | 184 | $37 \frac{1}{3}$ | 241 | 371 | 831 | 29 |  |  |
| Total | 241 | 423 | 224 | 321 | 351 | $33\}$ |  |  |
| 1880-81 | 32 | 583 | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | 421 |  | 459 |  |  |
| 1881-82 | 33.1 | $49 \pm$ | 261 | 32 | 458 | $85 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |
| 1882-83 | 24.1 | 583 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | 421 | $35 \frac{1}{2}$ | 304 |  |  |
| 1883.84 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | 421 | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | 45 | $37 \frac{1}{2}$ | 32 |  |  |
| 1884-85 | 371 | 40 | $21 \%$ | $87 \frac{1}{3}$ | 40 | 45\% |  |  |
| 1885-86 | $30 \pm$ | 40 | 241 | $40^{\circ}$ | 40 | 82 |  |  |
| 1888-87 | 22 星 | 40 | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | 351 | 421 | 83 |  |  |
| 1887-88 | 24 | $42 \frac{1}{2}$ | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | $33{ }^{5}$ | 341 | 29 |  |  |
| 1888-89 | 224 | $33 \frac{1}{2}$ | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | $24 \frac{1}{2}$ | 82 | 27\% |  |  |
| Total | 283 | 433 | 243 | 37 | 404 | 341 |  |  |
| 1889-90 | 228 | 453 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1890-91 | $27 \frac{3}{4}$ | 421 | $22 \frac{1}{4}$ | $45 \frac{1}{4}$ | $44^{2}$ | $34 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |
| 1891-92 | $19 \frac{1}{2}$ | $45 \frac{3}{4}$ | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | 344 | 31 | 83 |  |  |
| 1892-93 | $20 \frac{1}{8}$ | 45 | 20 | $35 \frac{1}{2}$ | 36 | 82 | 16 |  |
| 1893-94 | 29 | $37 \frac{1}{2}$ | 208 | $38 \frac{1}{4}$ | 871 | 293 | 118 |  |
| $1894-95$ | 304 | 491 | 22 ${ }^{\frac{4}{4}}$ | 32 | $37 \frac{1}{2}$ | 251 | 12 |  |
| 1895-96 | 29 | $42 \frac{1}{2}$ | 25 | $35 \frac{1}{1}$ | 871 | 81 | 121 |  |
| 1896-97 | $15 \frac{1}{2}$ | 32 | 188 | 223 | 223 | 174 | $12 \frac{1}{6}$ |  |
| 1897-98 | 143 | 36 | 198 | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | 301 | 278 | 16 |  |
| Total | 234 | 42 | $22\}$ | 331 | 35 | 291 |  |  |

## APPENDIX 0.

Revenue Statement for Govormment Villages, situated in the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach Collectorate into whech the Survey Settlement was introdwced in 1870-71.
[The yeares sbove the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]

| Yeant, | Oocapled land paying amomasont to Covernment. |  |  |  |  |  | Unoconpled assensed arable Govermmont land. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Zand, the revenut of } \\ \text { Whion is alienated entiraly } \\ \text { or partally (Intion). } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Total hand-GovernzentOocupiet, Unoccunied and Indm |  |  |  |  | 㫛 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Remantone duringthe jeanf |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { t } \\ & \text { d } \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\mathrm{E}}}{\mathbf{6}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 8 | 1 | 4 | ${ }^{6}$ | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 19 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{cc} 1880-04 & - \\ 1880-68 & \ldots \\ 3880-00 & \cdots \\ 2800-70 & \cdots \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | 100,045 <br> 100,980 <br> 00,248 <br> 00885 | 81. <br> 2,88,604 <br> 8,01,928 <br> 8,72,746 <br> 8,75,872 | Re. <br> 4 -* | " <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> . |  | Re. 3,69,050 8,91, 289 $8,72,746$ 8,73,572 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,820 \\ & 4,880 \\ & 8,458 \\ & 8,347 \end{aligned}$ | ZR. <br> 10,645 <br> 19,891 <br> 29,708 <br> 29,408 |  | 83,877 83,897 88,700 83,770 |  | R4. 45,408 88,548 40,854 48,887 | Acres. 138,s48 188,467 138,600 188,501 |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870-71 | 07,008 | 9,73,178 | $\cdots$ | ** | "* | 8,72,178 | 7,088 | 81,042 | 1,968 | 83,087 | 1,18,378 | 48,688 | 188,687 | B, 28,808 | 4,92,600 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Averngo | 90, 817 | 8,78,681 | 9 | $\cdots$ | 9 | 8,78,012 | 0,734 | 25,854 | 060 | 39,64 | 1,87,684 | 48,149 | 198,515 | B,28,009 | 4,25,711 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1871-7 | 00,048 | 4,81,241 | 74,679 | $\cdots$ | 44,679 | 3,67,768 | 0,348 | 95,081 | 1,818 | 85,503 | 1,58,887 | 69,016 | 183,682 | 0,11,509 | 4,221,088 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1872-78 | 100,386 | 4,28,178 | 27 | $\ldots$ | 97 | 4,28140 | 8,884 | 29,775 | 1,470 | 85, 585 | 1,68,719 | 61,979 | 20,785 | 6,08,863 | 488,689 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1875-73 | 90,807 | 4,87,688 | 508 | $\cdots$ | 809 | 487,078 | 9,218 | 17,789 | 1,980 | 35,911 | 1,68,048 | 02,084 | 149,810 | 8, 00,317 | 4,00,588 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1074\%.. | 00,800 | 4,77,040 | ${ }_{604}$ | $\cdots$ | 654 | 4,30,805 | 0,080 | 17,204 | 1,288 | 86,891 | 1,55,843 | 68, 186 | 161,411 | 6,00,159 | 4,80,804 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870.70 | 00,888 | 4,29,885 | 488 | $\cdots$ | 408 | 6,28,887 | 0,028 | 17,684 | 1,408 | 88,008 | 1,85,770 | 63,094 | 142,461 | 6,00,200 | 4,00,009 | - | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870-77 - | 00, 010 | 4,80,017 | sal | $\cdots$ | 41 | 4,34,488 | B,094 | 17,508 | 1,504 | 85,503 | 1,08,738 | 61,881 | 141,485 | 6,00,150 | 4,80,821 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1877-76 | 100,129 | 487,876 | 835 | $\cdots$ | 825 | 4.27,000 | B,060 | 17,808 | 689 | 35,609 | 1,56,600 | 61,40 | 311,026 | 0,00,281 | 4,80,000 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1678-70 | 00,006 | 487,500 | 34 | ** | 845 | 4,80,915 | 8,069 | 17,497 | 1,132 | 35,604 | 1,85,007 | 02,884 | 111,029 | 0,00,974 | 4,80,891 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1870.00 | 20,417 | 4.85,409 | 988 | $\cdots$ | 980 | 4,4,488 | 0,880 | 19,48e | 4,418 | 98,509 | 1,85,601 | 01,781 | 141,669 | 6,00,498 | 4,00,099 | .. | ** |  |
| A vernge . | 10,888 | 4,87,107 | 8,201 | $\cdots$ | 0,701 | 418,408 | 8,794 | 10,698 | 1,038 | 36,588 | 1,65,085 | 61,001 | 148,208 | 0,01,705 | 4,81,880 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880-91 | 89,880 | 4,31,871 | 1,288 | ..* | 1,883 | 4,91,088 | 7,886 | 28,091 | 1,401 | 36,420 | 1,55,008 | 81,897 | 141,845 | 0,00,583 | 4,86,006 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1881-88 . | \% 7 , 738 | 4,18,897 | 017 | ... | 817 | 4,18,010 | 8,884 | 26,85 | 1,469 | 95,889 | 1,54,613 | 61,089 | 141,614 | 0,00,101 | 4,80,853 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1882-89 | 00,019 | 4,12,004 | 878 | ... | 876 | 4,11,290 | 10,691 | 84,887 | 1,705 | St,915 | 1,58,078 | 60,007 | 141,625 | B, 808,858 | 4,72,609 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-54 | 08,889 | 4,00,076 | 4 | $\cdots$ | 4 | 4,00,053 | 12,809 | 20,377 | 1.800 | 34,008 | 1,52,005 | 50,336 | 142,013 | 6,90,017 | 4,70,184 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 18040\% | 96,707 | 4,11,800 | 978 | ... | 878 | 4,10,883 | 11,280 | 90,088 | 1,658 | 9,55s | 1,61,681 | 80,895 | 141,680 | 6,00,809 | 4,71,400 |  | ... |  |
| 1885-80 | 07,040 | 4,16,669 | 409 | ... | 08 | 415,070 | 10,042 | 38,039 | 3,704 | 96,478 | 1,61,987 | 60,854 | 141,600 | 6,99,775 | 4,76,718 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1886-87 | 97,893 | 4,10,307 | 41 | $\cdots$ | 41 | 418,040 | 0,004 | 20,006 | 1,789 | 34,488 | 1,51,208 | B8,854 | 141,638 | 8,09,601 | 4,70,610 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 18876 | 00,809 | 4,24.014 | 4 | $\cdots$ | 403 | 4 | 8,009 | 3,009 | 1,24 | Sheme | 1,61,180 | 88,830 | 141,888 | B, 100,878 | 4,04,285 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-00 | 00,754 | 4,85,043 | 403 | ... | 43 | 4,25,478 | 7,646 | 20,818 | 1,807 | 34,467 | 1,51,180 | 68,883 | 111,856 | 5,90,984 | 4,85,009 | - | $\ldots$ |  |
| Avorus ... | 07,518 | 417,727 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 08 | 417,100 | 2,980 | 80,877 | 1,500 | 84,746 | 1,68,898 | 69,804 | 141,810 | 8,90,046 | 4,78,844 | ** | $\cdots$ |  |
| 188900 | 100,088 | 4, 80.004 | * | $\cdots$ | 208 | 480,609 | 7,874 | 21,788 | 1,828 | S4, 489 | 1,61,156 | 80,803 | 161,800 | 5,90,97 | 4,68,000 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1800091 | 100,888 | 4,20,403 | 4 | $\ldots$ | 189 | 4,88,000 | 6,719 | 19,34 | 1,215 | 34,18 | 1,061,107 | 68,78t | 141,818 | 3,90,879 | 4,88,008 |  | ... |  |
| 180198 | 102760 | 4,29,881 | $\omega$ | ... | 450 | 6,89,105 | 0,391 | 10,089 | 1,360 | 94,48 | 1,51,103, | 89,786 | 161,850 | 5,00,048 | 4,89,948 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 200408 | 101,089 | 4.80,830 | 04 | $\cdots$ | 08 | 4,50,288 | 0,148 | 38,182 | 1,305 | M, cıl | 1,61,100 | 68,700 | 111,653 | 6,00,176 | 4.90 .889 | ** | $\cdots$ |  |
| 16sem | 101.956 | 4.31,017 | 68 | ... | 68 | 4,81,780 | 8,685 | 10,017 | 1,113 | 3,4, ${ }^{\text {S }}$ | 1,61,108 | 88,700 | 141,950 | 0,00,563 | 40,01,60s | ... | ... |  |
| 1894-90: | 101,785 | 4.82,700 | 000 | $\cdots$ | 00 | 4,31,504 | 8,059 | 16,054 | 1,273 | 84,48 | 1,61,112 | 50,704 | 141,080 | 0,00,749 | 4,01,776 |  | * |  |
| 20-08 | 101,789 | 433,704 | 0 cm | $\cdots$ | 987 | 4,31,717 | 5,805 | 10,888 | 1,145 | 3,410 | 1,81,112 | 68,798 | 141,808 | 8,00,003 | 4,01,680 | .. | ... |  |
| 3090077 | 101,474 | 4,31,416 | 1,088 | $\cdots$ | 1,080 | 4.30,653 | 5,858 | 17,886 | 3,298 | 2,414 | 1,51,078 | 68,789 | 141,973 | 3,00,669 | 4,00,540 | ..* | -- |  |
| 1807.98 -. | 101,335 | 412,29 | 1,200 | $\cdots$ | 4,200 | 4.50,089 | 6,093 | 18,200 | 2.801 | 34,400 | 1,61,072 | ¢0,705 | 141,750 | 0,00,512 | [400,108 | ... | $\ldots$ |  |
| Averas ... | 201,183 | 4.30,042 | 988 | $\cdots$ | 788 | 430,000 | Q,161 | 28,940 | 1,450 | 4,488 | 1,61,108 | 60,703 | 101,764 | 0, 0,318 | 4,00,139 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |

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on Government Occupied Land.


| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{8} \\ & \stackrel{8}{8} \\ & \text { 葆 } \end{aligned}$ | Fine of Village. | Dr Ponmar Aunver. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $8$ | $8$ | 䂸 | \% | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  | 5 | ¢ | \% | \% |
| 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | $\bullet$ | 0 | 10 | 11 | 18 | ${ }^{13}$ | 16 | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| 28 | Gromp ITI-conkinued. | III | BLa | Ra. a. p. |  | ${ }^{\text {B4. }}$ | $\mathrm{Ra}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{p}$ 4.2 | Aorme. | Re. | Es, 4.8. | A0ren. | Re. | Re, n. r |  | ${ }_{\mathbf{B a}}^{4}$ |  |
| 87 | Mandwa Matled ... | 111 | 88 | *..." | 607 | 8,860 | - 08 | $\cdots$ | ... | *- | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 807 | 8,050 | - 01 |
| 29 | Mutied... ... ... | III | 58 | $\cdots \cdots$ | ${ }^{133}$ | 8,634 | 3182 | 9 | 87 | 000 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $0 \times 8$ | 3,911 | 18 is |
| 20 | Mothls ... ... | III | 58 | ..."* | 727 | 3,587 | . 886 | $\theta$ | 65 | 0160 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | 798 | 2,682 | - 01 |
| 80 | shera ... ... ... | III | 58 | *..." | 910 | 4,104 | 475 | 24 | 24 | 1008 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 043 | 4.485 | - - |
| 81 | Digut ... $\quad$... ... | III | 58 | ..." | 1,125 | 8,061 | 480 | 14 | 148 | 1085 | .. | $\cdots$ | "* | 1,139 | 8,204 | - 01 |
| 88 | 8arthan ... ... | JII | 68 | ...". | 1,038 | 4,488 | 421 | 62 | 468 | 788 | .. | ... | ... | 1,148 | 4,084 | 6.1 |
| 88 | KXhanwa ... .. | III | 68 | ...." | 245 | 909 | 4 010 | 4 | 25 | - 10 | .. | $\cdots$ | - | 240 | 2,018 | 41 |
| 84 | Karmali - .- | III | 68 | "*** | 818 | 1,873 | 318 8 | 6 | 43 | 728 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 818 | 2,010 | 141 |
| 85 | Ravidre ... ... | III | 68 | $\cdots$ | 1,104 | 6,907 | 4811 | 4 | 408 | 971 | .. | $\cdots$ | " | 1,207 | 6,718 | - 110 |
| 88 | Omarbar mer | 111 | 58 | ..."* | 209 | 728 | 876 | 2 | 12 | - 00 | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 211 | 753 | 8.8 |
| ${ }^{37}$ | Saphipurs ... ... | III | 58 | $\ldots$ | 604 | 2,018 | 81810 | 47 | 218 | 818 | '* | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 891 | 2.280 | 482 |
| 88 | Umarwira ..0 ... | III | 58 | '..... | 8,808 | 11,688 | 898 | 4 | 842 | 712 4 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 8,310 | 22,080 | 8102 |
| 50 | Espodes - ... ... | 111 | 68 | ..... | 388 | 1,154 | 3 * 6 | 40 | 401 | 8116 | $\cdots$ | *. | $\cdots$ | 48 | 1,685 | 81810 |
| 40 | Banjul... $\quad$.. ... | III | 68 | ..... | 898 | 2,875 | 4111 | 80 | 281 | 8119 | ** | ... | .'* | 728 | 3.187 | - 411 |
| 41 | Kharad .0. | III | 56 | **... | 2,170 | 7,030 | 31011 | 80 | 388 | 970 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,500 | 8,807 | 8180 |
| 4 | Bakrol ... ... | III | 58 | ..... | 830 | 8,047 | 3 * 8 | 10 | 177 | 051 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | 040 | 8,226 | 86 |
| 4 | Bhidi ... ... ... | III | 68 | ...... | 1,468 | 8,081 | 31810 | 28 | 208 | 1076 | .. | ... | ... | 1,450 | 8,946 | 81610 |
| 4 | Etamalt ... . | 14 | 88 | ...." | 2,688 | 8,874 | 8 8 0 | 48 | ${ }^{6} 6$ | 0147 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 9,558 | 0,330 | 8 010 |
| 45 | Bhadkodra ... | III | 58 | ..... | 1,185 | 4,620 | 411 | 68 | 375 | 7180 | .. | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 1.23 | 8,105 | 488 |
| 48 | Jitall ..* ... .. | III | 68 | 600 | 8,165 | 7,075 | 346 | 90 | 800 | 81510 | 9 | 80 | 8148 | 2,266 | 7,264 | 880 |
| 4 | Barangpur ... | III | 58 | ...... | 780 | 2,983 | 8181 | 18 | 80 | 800 | $\cdots$ | - | .. | 801 | 8,069 | 8181 |
| $88^{\circ}$ | Motall ... ... | III | 68 | ..... | 234 | 059 | 380 | "* | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 288 | 988 | d 60 |
|  | Total of Groap III ... | $\cdots$ | "* | $\cdots$ | 37,188 | 1,06,198 | 8141 | 802 | 5,267 | 8119 | $\theta$ | 80 | 8148 | 27,337 | 1,10,55j | 8188 |
| 40 | Kalam ... | vV | 50 | ...... | 741 | 8,180 | 6 4 8 | 1 | 4 | 400 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 78 | 8,184 | 468 |
| 500 | Alwa $\quad . \cdot 9$ | IV | 50 | ..... | 734 | 8,376 | 487 | 1 | 2 | 800 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 738 | 3,877 | $49 \%$ |
| $51^{\circ}$ | 8hen ... ... ... | IV | 60 | -* | 1,056 | ¢,393 | 410 | 4 | 81 | 7120 | .. | $\cdots$ | ... | 1,003 | 4358 | 419 |
| 58 | BRdodra ... | 17 | 50 | $\cdots$ | 682 | 2,990 | 48.8 | 28 | 201 | 71211 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{689}$ | 8,103 | 4108 |
| 650 | Whamoli ... . | Iv | 60 | $\cdots$ | 334 | 1,600 | 428 | 4 | 25 | 6.0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 389 | 1,695 | - 80 |
| 80 | Ambheta ... . | IV | 60 | "'m" | - 828 | 8,250 | 81411 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | 6*3 | 8,263 | 81511 |
| 15 | Katpor... $\quad$... $\quad .$. | IV | 50 | ..... | 3,05 | 11,559 | 8125 | 159 | 1,205 | 71410 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3,213 | 12,764 | 8167 |

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| By Remalor Sohyax． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentagé <br> Increane or עecruace． |  |  |
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| Maxhan | Rates． | Dry－erop． |  |  | Rices |  |  | Bhathen |  |  | Total． |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { C } \\ & \stackrel{y}{8} \\ & E \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{d}{3}$ |  |  | 电 | $\frac{5}{4}$ | 䨓 | 安 安 .8 | $\frac{8}{4}$ |  | $\frac{8}{8}$ | 充 | 厚 | \％ |  |  |  |
| 11 | 19 | 80 | 81 | 84 | 23 | 24 | 25 | ${ }^{6}$ | 27 | 88 | 20 | 87 | 81 | 92 | 3 | 34 |
| B． 4 |  | A0reen． | A． | Bu，s．pr | Aorem | Rı． | Se．a．po | Aoram． | Rs． | Re．e．p． | nores． | $\mathrm{Ra}_{\text {g }}$ | Ro．a．p． |  | Group V－continued |  |
| 40 | － | 2，002 | 5，819 | 898 | $\begin{cases}\text { N，} \\ 0 . & \text { s }\end{cases}$ | 254 | $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 1 & 8\end{array}$ | \} $\cdot \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | m． | 1 1－38 | 8，888 | 127 | －8．90 | Adol |  |
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## APPENDIX Q(u).

Sinowing Area of Villages for Sollloment with Detailh.


APPENDIX $Q^{(1)}$-continued.


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## APPENDIX $Q^{(3)}$ ．

Comparalive statement showing amonnt of old well Kasar and new sulsoil water assessment．

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|  |  |  | Dry－crop． |  | New rice． |  | Old rice |  | Bhatha． |  | Total． |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\frac{\dot{4}}{4}$ | 免 | $\frac{4}{4}$ | 宫 | 8 | 虽 | \％ | 鋯 | \％${ }^{\text {g }}$ | 曾 |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 18 | 14 |
| 1 | Aukleshwar ．．． | $23^{*}$ | Angos． 71 | Re． <br> 90 | Acres． 8 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Re. } \\ 11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acrea. } \\ 14 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Rs}_{6} \\ 26 \end{gathered}$ | Acrea． | R8， ．．． | Acrea． | Re． 127 | ＋702 |
| 3 | Pangam ．．． | 38 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | － 0 | $\cdots$ | ＋12．60 |
| 5 | Diwa Rajput Pati ．．． | 43＊ | 465 | 463 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 465 | 403 | ＋ 671 |
| 6 | Diwa Hora Pati ．．．． | 28＊ | 460 | 418 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 480 | 413 | ＋17\％ |
| 7 | Divi ．．．．．． | ．．．＊ | 141 | 142 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 17 | 18 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 168 | 168 | ＋3．95 |
| 8 | Chorasi ．．．．．． | 23＊ | 78 | 44 | 14 | 15 | 69 | 80 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 158 | 119 | ＋1．17 |
| 9 | Survadi ．．． | 28 | 82 | 43 | 8 | 8 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 85 | 48 | －18．70 |
| 10 | Andada | 64 | 87 | 24 | 27 | 21 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 64 | 45 | －7．44 |
| 11 | Chhepra ．．．． | 27 | 18 | 16 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．． | 18 | 18 | －8．21 |
| 12 | Sámor ．．． | 6 | 68 | 37 | 4 | 8 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．$\cdot$ | 72 | 40 | －8．40 |
| 13 | Mandwa Bujrag ．．． | 150 | 341 | 261 | 4 | 8 | ＂ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 845 | 264 | －2．43 |
| 15 | Pirriman ．．． | 17 | 16 | 9 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 7 | 5 | ．．． | ．．． | 23 | 14 | ＋13．00 |
| 19 | Hanbot ．．． | 8 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 9 | 4 | $-0 \cdot 10$ |
| 25 | Utraj $\quad .$. | 8 | －． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | －0．08 |
| 47 | Starargpur ．．． | 28 | 23 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 28 | 10 | $-3.87$ |
| 55 | Katpur ．．．．．． | 4 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | ．．． | ．．＇ | －11．77 |
| 63 | Iláv | 9 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＂＇ | $\cdots$ | ．＂ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | －8．09 |
| 72 | Obha | 5 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $-8.64$ |
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| 92 | Adádra | 5 | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | ． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | －10．42 |
|  | Total ．．． |  | 1，802 | 1，553 | 62 | 58 | 109 | 108 | ．．． | $\because$ | 1，273 | 1，719 | － |

＊Dies not show the full assessment on account of wells as in the saso of nambara treated as Uitam Vagiyat，the soil and water asbejeneits cculd not be workid out separately．

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From

# The survey commissioner and DIrector, LAND_RECORDS $\triangle N D$ AGRICULTORE, 

Bombay;

## To

The COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division.
Poona, 29th March 1901.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward the revision settlement proposals for the Ankleshvar Táluka of the Broach District, prepared by Mr. P. R. Mehta, Assistant Superintendent of Survey. The proposals are forwarded, without remarks, by the District officers, in accordance with Government Resolation No. 6057, dated 29ti September 1900. The proposals remained some monthe with the Collector, Mr. Panse, and I regret that no remarks were recorded, especially as my acquaintance with the taluka is limited to that derived from a tour taken with Mr. Mehta in January 1900. The proposals may be considered urgent, because a decrease of assessment is proposed, and I believe that officers well acquainted with thetaluka are of opinion that a decrease is necessary. The decrease proposed, however, is only 4.88 per cent. of the whole revenue (or with the application of distance scales 7.2 per cent.), and this is accompanied by not inconsiderable increases in particular villages; increases which, I think, are not defensible. Mr. Mehta has also admitted that further decreases seem desirable. The question for consideration is whether you would be prepared, after such discussion with the District officers as you may think necessary, to support proposals for further deorease of assessment and to recommend then to Government for introduction on the expiry of the present period of guarantee, which comes to an end on the 81st July next.
2. Mr. T. Maconochie was, I believe, requested by Government to collect information on the subject of relinquishments of land in Ankleshvar. This information when available will be most valuable.
3. In paragraph 32 of the report Mr. Mehta points out that the taluka has not prospered ; the southern villages are the greatest sufferers; in the west, the land is impregnated with salt, the middle of the group is low-lying and in the east the soil is poor; the classification has also been pitched too high; lands full of kankar, stiff clay in water-logged villages, and soil showing saline efflorescence, are alliclassed at about 14 annas.
4. The question arises why steps have not been taken to reduce this over-classification. In July 1898, Mr. Menta reported that the low-lying lands required to have their soil classification reduced by 2 or 4 annas according to the state of the land and the presence of eflorescence. The Depaty Superintendent, Mr. Cole, however, pointed out that a reduction of the classification would mean a permanent reduction in value, and that it was possible that in the course of years by drainage or cessation of floods the land might regain its original value. He recommended that the necessary relief shonld take the form of some remission of the revenue to be assessed at revision settlement. This course was approved hy the Survey Commissioner (Mr. Fforde), who remarked that the method followed in Ahmedabad District was to have the lands reclassed by a qualifed Circle Inspector, and to make remissions of the diference between the Survey, classification and that as revised.
5. I regret the decision arrived at. The land was probably classed too high originally; the prospect of the land improving is remote; and it was our duty, while we had the establishment available, to make the Survey record as correct a representation of existing facts as possible. The classification of the land is too great a task for Circle Inspectore and the annual fixing of remissions is tronblesome and unsatisfactory.
6. Mr. Mehta pointed out in his report of July 1898, that a general lowering of the maximum rates, while it would not afford adequate relief to low-lying villages, would on the other hand unnecessarily reduce good soils. In the present proposals he recommends a lowering of the rates from Re. $5-8-0$ or Rs. 5 to Rs. 4.8 .0 or Rs. ${ }^{4}$. This reduction, however, orly lowers the average dry-crop assessment from Rs. 3-14-3 to Rs. 8-8-6 the acre in the 4 th group, and from ks. 8-14-0 to Rs. 3-5-8 in the lowest group. In some villages (e.g. No. 76) the average dry-crop assessment is raised. When recently discussing the subject with me, Mr. Mehta said he thought the rates in these two groaps elould be lowered

25 per cent. With a rate of Rs. 3, the average assessment would still be Rs. 2-8-8 in the lowest group, which is high for land of the description referred to in paragraph 32 of the present report.
7. As regards the general question whether decrease of assessment in adrisable in the higher groups, "the chief evidence to be examined is that of prices and that of crop experiments. The prices of food-grains have varied little during the 30 years, as remarked by Mr. Mehta in paragraph 27, but in the price of cotton a downward tendency may be traced.
8. In a petition received from the village of Umarwada in January 1899, it is stated that since the lst Sorvey cotton has fallen from Rs. 150-200 per bhar to Rs. $60-85$. This is of coarse exaggerated, but the estimate bears a certain similarity to that made by Colonel Prescott in paragraph 85 of his report on the original settlement: "The averaye was ...... for 1861-1872, Rs. 113ł a bhar. Dare we assume that the average of the next 30 years will be Rs. 70 per bhar ${ }^{70}$. This shows that the original settlement was not based on war prices, but on an estimate of what the prices might be expected to become. The average for the preceding 60 years was taken to be Re. 59 the bbar, and for the following 30 years Rs. 70 per bhar, and it was arged that a rise of 18 per cent. was thus justified. Figares for Ankleshvar are limited to the last 10 years (1888-98), during which the average price per bhar was about Rs. 74. The corresponding average for the Broach Taluka during the same period was Rs. 84, and from figures obtained by Mr. Mehta, and appended to the Broach Settlement Report, it appears that the average price for the 10 years 1878-1888 was Rs. 87 and for the 10 years preceding Rs. 89. The lowest price in the 30 years is Rs. 70 in 1894-95 according to the price register, and Ks. 66 in 1897-98 according to Mr. Mehta's figures. In Appendir $N$ to the present report 16 lbs. the rupee or Rs. 59.60 the bhar is given as the Ankleshvar price both in 1892-93 and in 1897-93. Thus the price has touched the price which Colonel Prescott took the average for the 80 years preceding the settlement (see paragraph 70 of the original settlement report) and which is little more than half the price prevailing in the years preceding the original settlement. The argment for the 18 per cent. increase cannot be maintained, and an 13 per cent. decrease at the present time would not be anreasonable. Further, although Colonel Prescott anticipated a considerable fall in the price of cotton, he was no doubt encouraged by the prevailing high prices and the consequent prosperity of the taluks to propose increases in assessments known to be already high. In paragraph 75, after enumerating the various causes of prosperity, he pleads for a moderate increase, and expresses the opinion that the survey assessment of Gujarat has already been brought up to highest safe limit. If this were so, that limit must, under the present adverse circumstances, be considerably exceeded. And there is reason to fear that cotton, on which the prosperity of the taluka has depended, will continue to decline in price. The Times of India of 13th February last, in discussing this question, observed: "Shipments to Lancashire hare almost reached a vanishing point and there are indications that the trade with the Continent is ondergoing a corresponding decline, for various reasons not altogether unconnected with the deterioration in the quality of what are still called 'Surats'; but are really Surats and much else." There is also reason to fear' that the soil is deteriorating from over-production of cotton and that the crop is no longer as profitable as it once was.
9. Some instractive experiments on cotton crops in the Broach Táluke were condacted by Mr. Mollison in 1897-98, the results of which are discussed at pages 12-14 of the compilation. In five experiments, the value of the outturn per acre ranged from Rs. 18-3 to Rs. 30-9-8 and averaged Rs. 25-0-4. The assessment, which exceeded Rs. 5 in each case, averaged Rs. 5-6, and the incidence ranged from 17.78 to 28.81 per cent. and averaged 22.12. The villages bear the same rate as those of the Ankleshvar frst group. In each field rice was subordinato to the cotton. The rice was not terted, but was assumed to produce sufficient to pay the assessment. "It bas to be remembered, however, that the practice of fallowing is common in the district and that on an average perhaps one-fourth of the holding of a good cultivator is fallowed every year." The value of the subordinate rice may be considered a set off against * * * * the practice of fallowing."
10. In Ankleshvar the practice of growing rice subordinate to cotton does not prevail. Cotton is grown alone on $46 \cdot 46$ per cent. of the cropped area. One experiment by Mr. Painter in 1896-97 gave an outtarn of Rs. 23-4-5 the acre and incidence of assessment $21 \cdot 77$ per cent. This appears to be the only recent experiment on cotion in the taluka. Mr. Starmont in 1871 estimated the value of the outturn at Rg .87 the acre with cotton at Rs. 112 the bbar (paragraph 72 of the original settlement report. It should be noted that Rs, 7 cannot cover both rent and cost of cultivation). At Rs. 70 the bhar the outturn wonld be worth Rs.' 23 the acre, which agrees with Mr. l'ainter's experiment and does not differ much from Mr. Mollison's results. Except in the first group the land in Aukleshvar is inferior to Broach and the practice of fallowing is curtailed by the necessity of raising money. Taking the outturn at Rs. 24 the acre the assetnment should not as a rule exceed Rs. 4.


#### Abstract

11. In paragraph 80 of the original report, Colonel Prescott estimates the survey assessment at about one-fifth of the gross produce, which, he says, is as much as we are justified in taking. It is more than we are justified in taking on an average, seeing that the word average implies that in particular cases the assessment will often be considerably more than one-fifth, which should be the outside limit in individual cases. An average assessment should certainly not exoeed one-sixth or one-seventh of the gross produce of a fair average year.


12. At the request of the Famine Commission my office recently attempted to estimate the average incidence of assessment on the gross produce of food crops. For the Broach District the result arrived at was as high as 22 per cent., but a note was added to explain that this high incidence was due to the exclusion of the most paying crop, cotton. The inclusion of this crop might reduce the incidence below 20 per cent., but certainly not down to 16 per cent.
13. The experiments on food crops are rather more satisfactory. Five experiments on wheat were conducted by Mr. Mollison in 1897-98 in two villages of the Hánsot Mabal. The value of the outturn per acre ranged from Rs. 18-4 to Rs. 44-6 and averaged Rs. 25-2-8. The assessment ranged from Rs. 3-12 to Rs. 5-12 and the incidence from 10.91 to 32.44 per cent., averaging $22 \cdot 21$. This is high. In one village, No. 19, Háusot, the present proposals contemplate a reduction of the average dry-crop assessment from Rs. 5-9-6 to Rs. 4-14-9, but in the other village, No. 25, Utraj, the reduction is only from Rs. 4-6-10 to Rs. 4-5-9.
14. Three experiments on jowari were taken in village, No. 39, Kapodra. The outturn was Rs. 19-8 to Rs. $26-11$, averaging Rs. $23-6$; the assessment was Rs. 3-9-3 to Rs. 3-6-5, and the incidence from 12.72 to 16.77 , averaging 14 per cent. In the present proposals the average dry-crop assessment of Kapodra is increased from Rs, 3-4-6 to Rs. 3-6-11, with a further small increase on account of distance scale.
15. Two experiments on joweri were taken in village No. 38, Umarwada The outturns were Rs. 31-12-7 and Rs. 33-13-7; the assessments Rs. 8-1-0 and Rs. 3-5-4, and the incidence $9 \cdot 63$ and $9 \cdot 84$. These were good crops on the higher level fields. The drycrop aseessment in this village is proposed to be increased 12 per cent., or efter application of distance scale between 8 and 9 per cent. The villagers have petitioned for a reduction of assessment.
16. Two experiments on sesame, oonducted by $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$ Sorabshah Hormasji in the same year, showed outturn Rs. $12-8$ and Rs. $20-12$ and incidence 32.75 and 23.44 per cent. Two on jowár gave outturn Rs. 22-9-7 and Re. $30-15$ and incidence 19.23 and 16.53 per cent. Another experiment on sessme by the same officer in 1899 gave ontturn Rs. 19-13-6 and incidence $25 \cdot 38$ per oent. An experiment on rice gave Rs. 48 and 25.5 per cent. The rice is followed by wheat in favorrable seasons.
17. It is to be remembered that crop experiments are generally conducted on fairly good orops and allowance cannot be made for partial failares or for uncultivated strips. Thus the arerage incidence is generally higher than that indicated by experiments. The results in this taluka seem to ehow that the burthen of the assessment is not grievously heavy in fairly good years, but they also show that the assessment is sufficiently heavy and that increases cannot safely be proposed. The prosent proposals, though contemplating a deorease on the whole, involve increases in many villages and on this account further reductions seem advisable.
18. The first group comprises the villages in the north east (not north-west) of the táluka, deseribed by Mr. Mehta in paragraph 12 of the report and by Colonel Prescott in his 12th paragraph. The actual increase proposed is only Rs. 93 or with distance scale Rs. 474. The increase on account of 74 aores of new rice is about Rs. 196. The average assessment on the dry crop land is proposed to be increased from Rs. 5-10.8 to Rs. 5-12-9. The area has increased by 525 acres, due to the inclusion of old bdgdyat (see paragraph 10 of the report), the assessment on which is very nearly equal to the total increase of the drycrop assessment, Rs. 4,125. Thus the subsoil water assessment, together with the increase due to the abolition of the old distance scale, about compensate for the proposed reduction of the rate from Rs. 6-8 to Re, 6-0. The question is whether some relief should not be afforded in the dry-crop assessments, especially as these assessments lead to an increase in 7 villages out of 13. The increase in Diwa Hora Patti becomes a deorease on the application of distance scale, but that in Divi is increased, and the decreases in Samor and Mandvi Bujrag are both converted into increases, in the latter case to one of over 6 per cent, It is a question, tou, whether the rice assessment can be safely increased by 6 annas. I should be inclined to recommend a decrease of 8 annas in the dry-crop rate and of 4 annas in the rice rate. This would lead to a decrease of Rs. 4,300 or 7 per cent. This is a very moderate deorease, bat perhaps it may suffice on account of the fertility of the tract and the proximity of the villages to Broach.
19. In the second gronp it is sarprising to find that Gadkhol, which has been removed by Mr. Mehta from the first group, as explained in bis 34th paragraph, shows an increase of over 18 per cente, although the dry-orop rate is reduced by a whole rapee, the
ares is redaced by 11 acres, there in no garden land and no subsoil water assessmeat bas been appliod. The explanstion is that the old reducing scale No. 6 was applied, which began with a reduction of 1 anna and proceeded to a reduction of 6 annas in the rupee. The new scale will take off Rs. 435 and reduce the increase to Re. 110 or 28 per cent., but it is doabtfal whether even this increase is justified. I would recommend for the whole gronp a decrease of 8 annas in the rate, both for dry-crop and for riee, which would lead to a reduction of 9 per cent., or with distance scale about 14 per cent.
20. In the remaining three groaps the old dry-crop assessment averages about Rs. 3 -14 the acre. It is alightly higher in the villages with a Rs, 3 rate than in those with a Ras. $5-8$ rate, showing that the soil was classed high in the inferior villages and that excessive redactions by scale were made in the saperior villages.
21. In groap III the eight-anna redaction proposed by Mr. Mehte resalts in an increase of 1.18 per cent., but on the application of distance scale this is changed to a decrease alightly under 1 per cent. In several villages the proposals involve increases which do not seem jastifiable. Thus No. 32, Sarthan, dry-crop assessiment Rs. 4-2-1 proposed to be raised to Rs. 4-13-5-an increase of 1589 per cent., to be elightly increased by distance scale. There is no subsoil assessment in this group except Rs. 10 in Sarangpar. No. 33, Kahanwa, Rs. 4-0-10 to Rs, 4-7-2,8.74 per cent. No. 88, Umarwara, Re. 8-9-8 to Rs. $\mathbf{8}$-15-11-an increase of 12 per cent., to be redaced to 8.5 per cent. by distance scale. No. 42, Bakrol, Rs. 8-4-5 to Rs. 3-14-8-an increase of 18 per cent., to be reduced to 14 per cent. by distance scale. In nearly half the rillages the proposals result in a small increase of assessment. An eight-anna reduction in the rate for dry-crop and rice would seem to be required in this groap slso. This would lead. to a further reduction of 10 per cont.
22. In the two lowest groups the dry-crop rate might well be reduced one rapee below the rates suggested by Mr. Mehta, for the reasons given in paragraph $\theta$ above, and the rice rate 8 annas. With a rate of Rs. $3-8$, the average aseessment on dry-crop in the fourth group would be about Rs. 2-12-0, and with a rate of Ra. 3 the average dry-crop assessment in the lowest gronp, which consists of low-lying and water-logged villages (paragraph 83), would be about Re. 2-8-8. But as the rates proposed by Mr. Mehta give rise to decreases of $9 \cdot 25$ per cent. and 13.54 per cent., which would be further inereased by dedactions of Rs. 3,755 and Rs. 1,837 on account of distance scales, perhaps it would be sufficient to reduce the proposed dry-crop and rice rates by 8 annas only as proposed in the other groaps. This plan would involve further decreases of 11 and $12 \&$ per cent. The necessity of granting remissions in unfavourable seasons woald have to be recognied.
23. The proposals made in this letter wonld involve a farther decrease of Rs. 41,776 in the assessmeat of the tallaka, or with distance soales Re. 50,779 . The total decrease would thas amount to Rs. 71,839 or 16.6 per cent. of the whole. Under the circamstances this is a moderate decrease. The object aimed at has been to avoid increases in the upper groaps and to give substantial rolief in the lower groaps. It would not be diffioult to justify larger reductions.
24. The increase in the bhatha area is to be regretted, ss the castom of the Survey Department of assessing as bhatha large tracts which are not popularly known as such and which do not as a rale bear bhatha crops, is a constant soaroe of complaint in Gujarat. The average assessment has, however, been alightly reduced and there is no object in making a further reduction, since if the land is real bhatha the assessment is moderate, and if not, it is excessive. 'The classification of bhatha mast necessarily be sabject to revision from time to time and the ciroumstance that reclassification mast in futare be to the disadvantage of the State is an additional reason for not giving bhatha in occupation when this can be avoided.
25. If the modifications anggested in this letter are sccepted, it would be well that they shonld be reconsidered_in this office before final orders are passed.
26. The recommendations made in paragraphs 45,46 and 47 of the report as regards vadas, trees and period of gaarantee may be supported.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servart,

## W. P. SYMONDS, <br> Survey Commissioner and Director, <br> Land Recorda and Agricaltarar

No. 1753 or 1901.
Prox

G. D. PANSE, Esqutre, C. S., Collector of Broach;

To

The Homourable Mr. F. S. P. LELY, I. C. S., C.S.I.,<br>Commisaioner, N. D.

Broach, s0th April 1901.

Srr,
I have the honour to submit my remarks on the proposals submitted by Mr. Mehta on the Revenue Settlement of the Anklesvar Taluka, and the modifications recommended therein by Mr. Symonds.
2. The chief points for consideration are (1) the proposed re-grouping of the villages in the taluka, and (2) the reduction and increase in the assessment for the several villages.
3. At the last settlement the tálake was divided into 4 groups, the first consisting of 14 villages on the north of the taluka, the second of 6 villages consisting of the more important towns of Hansot, Sajad and Pánoli and of three villagea near Anklesvar, the third of 83 villages forming the central belt of the talaka, and the fourth of the remaining 49 villages to the southowest.
4. The maximum rates for these four classes were:fixed at Rs. $6.8-0,8,5-8-0$, and 5 respectively. These, as in the case of Broach, were pitched rather too high and had the effect of anduly raising the total assessment, whioh was to some extent reduced by the application of the lowering scale, bat the net increase amonnted to Rs. 57,000 or 18 per cent. This increase was justified by the favourable conditions which prevailed in the decade at the close of which the last settlement was introduced in 1871-72. Those favourable circomstances have not, however, continued and the facts and figures given in Mr. Mehta's report leave no doubt as to the marked decline that has since then taken place in the resources and the material condition of the agricultural classes in the taluka.
5. Mr. Mehta now proposes to retain the first gronp, as it is with the exception of one village, Godkol, which he proposes to. transfer to the second group, the latter groap is also retained as it is with only the single addition of the last named village. Oat of the 33 villages which compose the present third groap he proposes to transfer 5 to the new fifth group, and to divide the existing fourth group into two, retaining 34 of its villages for the new fourth group, and trunsferring the remaining 15 to form the new fifth group with the five transferred to it from the third. He also proposes to reduce the maximam rates for each group by annas 8, i.e., to Rs. 6, 5-8-0, 5, and 4-8-0 respectively and to provide a lower rate of Rs, 4 for the now fifth group. This re-grouping and lowering of the rater, however, aecure a total reduction of only 4.88 per cent. and with the application of the distance test to $7 \cdot 2$ per cent. The greater part of this reduction goes to the last two classes withont affording any appreciable relief to the villages in the first three groups, in the case of several of which the existing burden instead of being reduced is increased and in some cases considerably. This was hardly desirable, when all the villeges had suffered more or less slike by general causes, which brought about a deoline in the material condition of the agricultural classes in the taluka, and more especially when the existing assessment proved equally heavy on all the villages. The prosperity, which the agricultural classes enjoyed during the decade at the end of which the existing settlement was introduced, was of short duration. The temporary high prices, which had brought it ebout, had even then already began to decline and have since then fallen by about one-half in the case of cotton, which is the most important produce, covering about 46 per cent. of the total area of the taluka.
6. During the first decade the agricaltarist classes were able to keep on in normal condition with the temporary improvement in their resources in the present decade, in the second decade they had to draw on their credit, in the third decade they found the struggle too hard for them and they had to draw more largely on the security of the landse Their indebtedness has in consequence greatly increased, and a large pproportion of their lands beoome heavily encumbered and virtually gone into the hands of their creditors. Daring the last five years in partioular the seasons were more than unnsually unfavourable owing to the rainfall being deficient, exoessive or not timely, and the agricaltaral olasses anffered more heavily. They found it difficult to maintain themselves and were hardly in a position to pay anything to their Bawkars. The latter, who were themselves large land-holders, on
their part alike suffered by the unfavonrable seasons and, while they were unable to reoover any considerable part of their outstandings or rents from their debtors and tenanta, had to pay the assessment not only on their own lands, but on those they held on mortgage. This put a heavy strain on them and also seriously affected the condition of the ryots themselves. Greater difficulty was experienced in obtaining loans even on security of land, and creditors were more ancious to give up part of their lands they held as security, rather than accept new ones. Some difficulty has in consequence been felt during the last four or five years in collecting Government Revenue in the tálaka, as will appear from figures given in paragraph 29 of Mr. Mehta's report. The namber of relinquishments has also increased and several Bhagdars have also given up portions of their holdings, through their inability to realize from them enough to pay Government assessment.
7. Even before the famine the popalation had decreased, as also the number of agricultural cattle and ploughs, and the last year's famine has orippled the resources of the agricultaral classes to the last extreme. Under these circumstances it is hardly necessary for me to add anything to arge the claim of the taluka to a lenient treatment in the present settlement.
8. Mr. Symonds recommends a decrease of Re. 0-8-0 in the dry-crop rate, of Re. 0-4-0 in the rice rates for the first group so as to allow a reduction of 7 per cent. for the whole group. For the second group he proposes a decrease of Re. $0.8-0$ in the dry-crop rates and an equal decrease for rice, which would bring the total reduction in the group to 14 per cent. For the remaining three groups also he proposes similar reduction in the rates, which are calculated to effect a reduction of 10,11 and 12 per cent., respectively, for the three lowest classes in addition to that already proposed by Mr. Mehts. The total decrease thus proposed amounts to Rs. 71,839 or 16.6 per cent. in the total assessment. This reduction would afford subatantial relief, and considering the present condition of the talaka, could appear to be absolutely needed. The few modifications I wonld beg to suggest would be mainly in the direction of a more equitable distribation of the relief that is to be afforded by the proposed reduction. For this parpose I would anggest some change in the arrangement of the groups and a slightly larger apportionment of the relief to the three higher groups. For the parpose it will be necessary to examine the several gronps in more detail. Before doing it, however, it may be observed that it would be desirable that the grouping so far as possible be in strict conformity with the assessment paying capacity of the villoges. Thas only those villages which bear the same assessment or nearly equal assessment with a difference of about annas 8 should appear under the same group and that groap should cover all such villages and be confined to them alone: This would appear to be necessary when reduction is to be allowed by the group. Under the existing and proposed groups, however, lands bearing assessment of Rs. 4 or more would appear to be grouped with those bearing assessment of Rs. 3 or even less and in some cases lower groups would appear to include lands assessed at a higher rate than some of those in higher groups. This so far as possible may, I think, be avoided by re-arranging the groups on the lines I have saggested, if the same be not too late at this stage.
9. The average assessment of the first group according to the proposed revision comes to Rs. 6-2-7, which would uppear to be higher than that for the first group of the Broach Taluka, consisting of the 6 pattis, which enjoy special advantage by their close proximity to the city. The lands composing the first group of the Ankleshvar Talaks, do notenjoy the same advantage as those of the first group of the Broach Taluka and are not more productive than the lands included in the second groap of the Broach Taluka. The examination of the results of crop experiments, made by Mr. Symonds in his remarks on the Ankleshvar and Broach Settlements, would show that even for a favourable crop in saperior land assessed over Rs. 5 the average yield would come to Rs. 24 to 28, and the assesament, according to the accepted proportion of $\frac{1}{8}$ produce, should not on sach lands exceed Rs. 4 The limit would appear to be far exceeded in the existing rates for the villages in the first group, and its further increase was not certainly justified. As a matter of fact, however, the assessment has been reised in 7 ont of the 13 villages included in this group. The only substantial reduction would sppear to be in the case of Survadi, the amount of which is reduced by 15.7 per cent. It was desirable that the other villages, which closely adjoin and enjoy nearly the same advantages, should bave been also equally fortunute. The rates would appear to be particularly heavy in case of those villages where they exceed Rs, 6 more especially in the case of Chorasi, Mandwa and Chapra, in the case of which they exceed Rs. 7, 8 and 9. It is true the rates include those for Bagayat end Bbats lands along with dry crop, but those for dry crop alone in the case of Mandwa and Chapra would appear to be over Re. 7. The reduction of Re. 0-8-0 for dry and Re, 0-4-0 for rice proposed by Mr. Symonds would not, I think, give adequate relief to this group, snd I would sabmit that the dry crop rate be reduced by Re. 0-12-0 and the Bagayat and rice rates by Ke. 0-8-0 each. The villagers of Chapra have long complained of pressure of heavy assessment on their lands and have applied to be allowed to resign their Bhag, but withdrew it on realizing that they wonld have to forfeit their hooses, which stood in part of Bhagland. In group No. 2 the increase in Gadkol and Piraman would appaar to be not justitied, considering the poor condition of the two villages. The increases proposed in the case of villages of group III appear to me also alike not defensible. The villages of Mandwa-Matied, and Matied, like Ganpatpura, suffered by the overflooding of their landsa
and considerable portion of their lands has been consequently relinquished within the last few years. The population of the villages has consequently fallen. These villages, I think, deserve to be transferred to the fourth class along with Ganpatpura and the same might be said of Sarthan, the assessment of which has been raised to Rs. 5 an acre or by 15 per cent. This is one of the poorest villages populated by poor Mahomedans, who have not been able to make both ends meet or to keep the lands in good condition. The population of the village has gone down to 343 from 572 in 1891. The village also, I think, should be transferred to the fourth group and the same may be said of Karmali, which lies close to the water-logged area and Umerbar No. 36 and also Safipara. The increase in the case of Bakrol, which is 18 per cent., and Umarwara, which is 12 per cent., would appear to be far too large, considering their condition as-compared with the adjoining villages. Some of the villages in this class, e. g., Talod, Asta, Digas, and Sanjali may, I think, well be included in the second group. Out of the fourth group the villages of Amritpura, Uchhali, Kararwal, Awadar and Pardi Makha may, I think, well be transferred to the fifth group, as also Kantiojal, Samli and Jetpur. The villages in the fifth group appear to have been classed at the last settlement among the better class of villages in the foarth group, and even with the reduction proposed by Mr. Mehta their assessment in all cases exceeds Rs. 3. These villages have, however, fared rather too badly, more especially those of Adol, Hajat, Telwa, Motwan, Piladra and Alanja by the water-logging of their lands. Piladra appears to have suffered more seriously. Its population, which in 1891 numbered 352, is now reduced to 139, and considerable areas have been reliuquished within the last few years. Serious difficulty has also been experienced in collecting the assessment and the outstandings have been increasing. The meduction for this village should under these circomstances have been as large as Alonje, if not larger still. The increases in the rates for Godadra and Pandwai, Nos. 93 and 94 , were hardly to be expected when these villages were transferred to this group by reason of their being too far depressed.
10. As regards Bhata lands, I do not approve of the proposed increase. The Bhata lands in the taluka are far inferior to those in the Broach Taluks, and the maximam rate for them should be not more than those charged for the Bagayat land. These lands cannot grow the more valuable cotton crop, but are used for only winter jowári and for subsidiary crops.
11. In conclusion I would beg that the recommendation made by Mr. Symonds be adopted with the few modifications that I have saggested. The taluka has undergone a severe distress after a sucoession of unfavourable seasons, and it will take some years for the ryots to regain their normal condition. The price of cotton which has gone to half what it was during the sisties, may not be maintained at its present low rate daring the next 30 years. It is moreover to be noted that the land has to some extent at least deteriorated by continned anccession of cotton and wheat orops over the greater portion of its area and the cultivators were for the most part too ignorant and poor to do the needful to keep up the quality of the soil. The practice of keeping a part of the land fallow every year does not provail here, and there is every fear of the land getting further deteriorated during the next 30 years, so as to affect it serionsly. The cultivators in this talaka, excepting Borahs, consiat mainly of the more baokward elasses of Kolis and Bhils, who cannot for a long time be expected to compete with their more intelligent brethren in the successfal cultivation of their lands.
12. During the last few years the value of landed property has greatly fallen and the Sowkars are more anxious to give up lands, which they hold, than take up new ones as security, and the agricultural debtor has hardly any credit apart from his land. Under these circumstances if the assessment be kept at its present pitoh, there is every fear of the lands being more largely relinquished for their losing in valna

## I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, G. D. PANSE, Collector of Broach.

No. 3553 op 1901.
Oamp Tithal, 6th May 1901.
Forwarded to E. Maconochie, Esquire, Collector of Ahmedabad, for favour of any remark that his recent observation of the taluka may suggest.
F. S. P. LEIT,

Commissioner, N. D.

From

E. MACONOCHIE, Esquire, I.C.S., Collector of Ahmedabad;

To
The COMMISSIONER, N. D.
Camp' Viramgám, 14th May 1901.
Sir,
In retarning the papers relating to the Revision Settlement of the Anklesvar Taluke of Broach, forwarded with your No. 8553 of the 6th instant, I have the honour to submit a copy of the report recently forwarded by me to the Collector of Broach on the condition of the taluka in 1899-1900. Briefly summarised, my conclusions as stated in that report are that Colonel Prescott's assessment was a full one, and in certain tracts more than that. It was imposed at a time of general prosperity, and was accordingly borne without much difficulty. The pressare of the assessment has, however, told in the course of years, and the struggle of the cultivators to maintain a high standard of comfort on the one hand, and the desire of the money-lending classes to possess land on the other, have resulted in extensive transfers of land to the latter class. The caltivators have gradually been drained of their resources, and the land of its fertility. A series of unfavourable years from 1803 onwards, a sudden fall in the price of cotton in $1897-98$, and an all-round fall of prices in 1898-99, brought about a general collapse, and lenient treatment is required, if the taluka is to recover any measure of its former prosperity.
2. Under the circumstances, I considered that Mr. Mehta's proposals were at any rate not in excess of requirements. The Survey Commissioner goes further and recommends rednctions on Mr. Mehta's proposed rates, which would give an all-round decrease of 10.6 per cent. I would venture to atrongly support a redaction to that extent. In the first group the proposed reduction of eight annas in the dry crop will do all that is required. Considering the smallness of the area under rice, it seems doubtful whether it is worth while to complicate matters by having a meparate rate for rice, and the rice might, I think, be given the same benefit as the dry crop. When we come to the second group, however, the difficulties of the situation begin to be apparent. As pointed out by Mr. Symonds, though Gadkhol has been reduced from the first to the second group, and its maximum rate is reduced from Rs. 6-8-0 to Rss 5-8-0, it still shows an increase of $13 \cdot 28$ per cent., owing to the manipulations of the distance scale at the last settlement. This manipulation has been the despair of the Revision Settlement Officer in Gujarat thronghont the Revision Settlement, and the strict adherence to rule at the time of revision has, I am convinced, been productive of no emall hardship in the poorer villages. If Mr. Mehte's rate is reduced by eight annas, there will in Gadkhol and Piraman still be an increase of $\mathbf{3 . 9}$ and $2 \cdot 2$, respectively. The increase is trifling, no doabt, but I know of no reason why there should be any increase in either village.
3. In the third group again Mr. Mehta's proposals give apprecisble increases in the following villages:

| Matied | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.28 | Mothia | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .. .11 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Sarthán | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 15.89 | Kahanwa | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 8.74 |
| Karmáli | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.86 | Umarwára | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 12.04 |
| Bakrol | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots .05$ | Kosamdi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.82 |

Of these Matied, Umarwara, and Kosamdi are amongst the villages in which relinquishments have been most marked. If an eight-anner reduction be given as proposed by the Survey Commissioner, the result:"in these villages is as follows:-

| Matied | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $-6 \cdot 1$ | Mothia | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $-5 \cdot 4$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sarthán | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $+4 \cdot 2$ | Kahanwa | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .- .1 |
| Karmáli | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -5 | Umarwára | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +8 |
| Bakrol | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $+6 \cdot 2$ | Kosamdi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $-5 \cdot 6$ |

The results are aatisfactory except in the case of Sarthan, Bakrol, and Umarwara. I am convinced that Sarthan requires a considerable reduction if it is to recover at all from its present miserable condition. It should, I think, be placed in the fourth groap, and then if the redaction proposed for that group by the Sarvey Commissioner is given, the village
will get a reduction of Rs. 362, or 7.2 per cent. Land has gone out of cultipation in Umarwara, and in the western portion the land suffers from salt and water-logging like that of the adjoining villages of the central group. To place it in that group woald, however, be to lower the assessment unnecessarily, and unless we are to abandon all attempt at grouping, it cannot be placed in the fourth. It is a big village and possibly the distance scale will make an appreciable reduction. The village really wants reclassing. Again, there is nothing in the circamstances of Bakrol to warrant any increase. Would it not be possible to remit the increase for, say, ten years, the full assessment being imposed at the end of that time, if the condition of the village warranta it?
4. As regards the fourth groupg I think the further redaction proposed by the Sarvey Commissioner is generally justified. But I wonld add Alwa, Ssen, Badodra, Wansnoli, and Ambheta to the third groap. The reductions that they get at the rate proposed by Mr. Mehta is, I think, quite sufficient. They are good villages; though with the exception of Alwa they have fallen a prey to the money-lender and a further reduction of rate will benefit that class only. Raema, Kalam, Waner, and Sarthán should be in the fourth group and get the benefit of the lowered rate as they all suffer to some extent from defective drainage.

As to the fifth group the reductions by eight annas proposed by the Survey Come missioner is, I think, all that is needed.

I have the hopour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
E. MACONOCHIE,

Acting Collector.

## Report as to the condition of the Ankleshvar Talaka and Ha'nsot Mahal in 1899-1900.

The materials for forming a conclusion as to the condition of the Ankleshvar Talaka and the Hansot Mabal prior to the famine and of the ability of the people to meat the demands for revenue made upon them in the course of the revenue year 1839-1900 are not very extensive, and I regret that the time occupied in simply recording evidence left me little time to devote to this portion of the inquiry. It is an extremely difficalt task for a Settlement Officer to decide what is the actual condition of the people of a given tract at the time when he is making his inquiries, and it is much more difficult when the onquiries relate to a time preceding an event so materially affecting the general economy as the famine of 1899-1900. Again, a Settlement Officer is in a position to devote the whole of his time and attention to the tract he is studying usually for a considerable period. I was not in this position, and I must confess that it is with utmost diffidence that I submit this report at all. No one can be more sensible than myself of its extreme inadequacy. I can only trust that its shortcomings will be ascribed in some measure to the circumstances under which it was prepared.
2. In "Gujarati's" letter of July 2nd, 1900, published in the Times of India of the 4th July, the following passage occurs:-" The taluke of Olpad in the Surat Collectorate and of Anklesvar, Hansot, Vagra and Jambusar in the Broach Collectorate have been suffering from bad seasons for the last 5 years. The effect of the bad seasons is that the condition of the agriculturists has been deteriorating from year to year. This is evident from the fact that the balance of unrecovered revenue for the Broach Collectorate has been increasing every year. The anrecovered balance at the end of 1893-94 was only Rs. 313. By steady increase it reached at the end of 1898-99 the sum of Rs. 1,94,417. Last year the agriculturists of these talukas found considerable difficulties in meeting the Government demands. Lands paying assessment to the extent of rupees ten to twelve thousand were relinquished in the Anklesvar T6́luka alone, and lands yielding about Rs. 2,000 as assessment were relinquished in the Petha Mahál of Hansot. Considerable areas of lands in the villages of Sarthan, Telwa, Piludra, Ravidra, Karmáli, Sisodra, Adadra were put to sale last year in consequence of the non-payment of Government demands, bat they fonnd no bidders."
3. In paragraph 11 of his letter of the 28th September 1900, the Honourable Mr. Parelh says :-"A large area of land is absolutely relinquished and no man takes it up. Such relinquishments show that in that taluka (i. e. Anklesvar), the deterioration of the land has reached such a stage that the difference between the value of the ontturn and the assessment and other costs is not enough to defray even barely the cost of agricultaral labour. They indicate that the difference between the value of the outturn and the costs, including the Government assessment, has become so attennated as to reach the breaking point."
4. The statements of fact in these passages relate partly to arrears and partly to relinquishment. As regards' arrears, the statements printed on pages 14 to 17 of the accompaniments to Government Resolution No. 4840, Revenue Department, of the Srd August 1900, show the position of affairs on the 15th September 1899. The outstanding balances of Land Revenue and Local Fand for collection were on that date as follows:-

| Taluke. |  | For previous jesr. | For 1898-90. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anklesvar <br> Hansot | Total | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 6,565 & 14 & 9 \\ 928 & 4 & 7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 8,965 & 7 & 8 \\ 3,795 & 6 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { 日. } & \text { p. } \\ 15,531 & 6 & 6 \\ 4,723 & 11 & 0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | 7,49434 | 12,750 14 1 | 20,255 15 |

Of the outstandings in Anklesvar, Rs. 5,970 were due from the village of Sisodra alone, and almost the whole sum was owed by Messre. Jivanji and Edalji Limjibhai. From a statement supplied by the Mamlatdár of Anklesvar, I find that the outstandings at the close of the revenne year for the whole taluka from 1892-93 onwards were as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | Rin. ap. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1898-98 | $\cdots$ | 100 | ** | -0 | ... | .t.r |  |  |
| 1893-94 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | $\ldots$ | -. | 268 | 5 | 0 |
| 1894-85 | ... | - ${ }^{+6}$ | ... | ... | - | 146 | 4 | 6 |
| 1896-98 | $\cdots$ | ** | *** | - | ** | 1,958 |  | 10 |
| 1896-97 | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | ... | 4,316 | 4 | 5 |
| 1897-88 | - 0 | *** | $\cdots$ | ... | ** | 0,486 | 18 | 11 |
| 1898.89 | ** | $\cdots$ | - | + | *** | 14,630 | 18 | 6 |
| 1899-1960 | -0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\bullet$ |  | 10,502 | 8 | ${ }^{8}$ |

5. As regards relinquishments of land, I tried to get details for the years 1895-96 onwarde for each villago. But those supplied from Anklesver were so incorrect that I have been obligod to reject them and can only give the totals. Taking the figures in columns 2, S, 11 and 12 in Appendix 0 to the Revision Settlement Report from 1895-95 onwards and the asme details obtained from the Maujewar Terij (Tálaka Form No. 27) for the years 1898-j9 and 1899-1900, the following results are obtained :-

|  | Feas: |  | Deorcage in Government occupied arem. | Alienated area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Acres | Acrea, |
| 1895-86 | -** | $\cdots$ | 8 | Nit. |
| 1897.97 | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 9$ | 818 | 8 |
| 14.97-98 | $\cdots$ | -** | 148 | 8 |
| 1888.99 | -1 | *** | 417 | . |
| 1899-1900 | *** | ** | 2,628 | 258 |

The details supplied from Anklesvar, though not accurate, indicate sufficiently the village in which relinquishments have been most extensive. These are Uchhali, Awadar, A'lonj, Umarwada, Karárwel, Kosamdi, Jitáli; Pánoli, Piprod, Piludra, Matied, Sisodra, Shengpur, and Hajat. These are situated either in the extreme east or in the central waterlogged tract. The villages in which inám land bas been relinquished on a considerable scale are Piludra and Sisodra. Both of these belong to the central tract.
6. I am able to give figures in detail for Hánsot as I have been able to verify them personally. For the five gears ending 1899-1900, the area and assessment of land relinquished or forfeited and taken up were as follows:-

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Arean. | Assasoment. | Arem. | Ascesmento |
|  |  |  | A. g. | R8. 4 | A. g . | Rs. an |
| 11965-96 | ** | $\cdots$ | 218 | 7514 | 848 | 1100 |
| $1890 \cdot 97$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 4918 | 38512 | 185 | 48.10 |
| 1997-98 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1058 | 2958 | 8814 | 1085 |
| 1898.90 | ... | $\cdots$ | 10384 | 85512 | 10811 | 2774 |
| 18981900 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 47580 | 1,798 8 | 1280 | 544 8 |

Up to 1899-1900, land measuring acres 410 and ganthas 10, assessed at Rs. 1,579-18-0, went out of cocupation. The only villages in which the net relinquishments were appreciable were:-

| A'mod | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | Area. |  | Aneessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | A. g. | Re. a p. |
|  |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 597 | 18780 |
| Duggre | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | 8683 | 38840 |
| Kharach | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2088 | 87810 |

These three villages are sitaated in the extreme sonth east of the Petha Mahál and belong to the tract which han been recommeyded by Mr. Meta for lenient treatment. Other villages in which there have beea small telinquishments are Pandwai, Pánjroli, Obba. Parrath Suner-Kalla and Bálota in the soatti, and Katpore and Kantiajál in the west. It is apparent, however, that Anklesyar is responsible for the greater portion of the relinquishmenta.

The decrease in revenue for collection on Government land and on quit rents and collections on aliensted land in the five years ending 1893-1900 was as follows:-

| Tear. |  | Government cocupied. | Allamated. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bes | Rs. |
| 1895-96 | ** | Nit. | Nit. |
| 1898-97 | ... | 1,090 | 8 |
| 1897.98 | $\ldots$ | 8889 | 4 |
| 1898.99 | $\because$ | 1,519 | 04 |
| 1899-1800 | ** | 20,750 | 770 |

7. From the information given above, it will be seen that the figures of relinqnishmenta were not materially overstater by "Gajaráti," and that there is some jnatification for Mr. Parekh's remarks. As regards alienated land, there can be only one reason for its relinquishment, and that is that it yields nothing more than the expenses of cultivation including the cost of the cultivator's maintenance. As regards the Government land, there may be in the case of the eastern villages, such as Uchhali, Kararvel and Shengpur, something in the explanation of the Mámlatdar that some of the Bhils and Kolis of these villages have gone off into native territory to escape the exactions of the sowkars and money-lenders. But this will not account for the relinquishments in the centre of the taluka, the causes of which must be sought elsewhere.
8. As regards the seasons preceding 1899-1900, all the witnesses who have been called, with the exception of the Government servants, agree that for the past four or five years the seasons have been poor. This is, of course, purt of their case, and the bare statements, generally of the vaguest character, cannot be accepted by themselves. Bat they receive support both from the rainfull returns and from the annoal reports of the officers in charge of the taluka. I append statements showing the rainfall from 1894 to 1899 registered at Anklesvar and Hánsut. Reference may also be made to Appendix A to the Revision Settlement Report. The most favourable distribation of the rainfall in this taluka seems to be as follows :-A fair fall in June is required for early sowings. In July a heavy fall does no harm if not over 15 inches or so. In August and September breaks are required for the sowing of cotton and the winter jowtr, and in October a moderate fall is required for the late-sown crops.
9. In 1894 the falls daring the monsoon months in Anklesvar and Hánsot were as follows:-


In Appendix A to the Revenne Settlement Report the season is described as follows: -"Rainfall far above average. Sowing rain sufficient. July rain very heavy, destroying seed and necessitating re-sowing. Break in Angust favourable; but the heavy rain of September injured cotton and jowari. October rain, again, very heavy, necessitating re-sowings, which were done in November. Season, though irregular, was not bad." This last statement is not borne ont by Mr. Mollison's remarks in his review of crop experiments for 1894-95. Un page 6 he says: "In the Broach District the season is reported to have been disastrously unfavoarable for staple dry-crops. Again, on page 7 he eays, referring to two experiments on cotton and sesamum: "The season for both crops was unfa vourable throughout the Broach District. The sowing of cotton was nnseasonably delayed owing to early heavy rains. Late sown cotton rarely succeeds. The crop was considerably damaged by rain in November and by excessive cold daring three conescutive nights in January. Many of the immature bolls fell to the ground owing to the effect of cold." The two experiments referred to above were taken in the Anklesvar Taluka, and the incidence of the assessment on the value of the outturn was 33.03 per cent. in the case of the cotton and 30.82 per cent. in the case of the til. The local estimate in anvas was 10 and 12, respectively. It seems pretty clear that the season was a bad one, at any rate for cotton.
10. In 1835 the tainfall was as nuder :-

| Talut ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | Jone. <br> $4 \cdot 86$ <br> 897 | Jaly. | - ${ }^{\text {aguat }}$ | September. | Octoler. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aukle,var | ** | * |  | 12-23 | 6.97 | $8 \cdot 2$ | 175 |
| Hannot | -* | - |  | 10.82 | 4.43. | 222 | 13 |

In Appendix A to the Revision Settlement Report no definite description of the season is given, though it is stated that the fall was much below the average, and that the September rain was very insufficient for all crops. No experiment was made on cotton or other important staples in that year, bat the remarks on the Broach experiments in the tabalar summary for $1895-36$ show that the season was generully nufavourable and that crops suffered from lack of muisture.

From paragraph 7 of the District Depaty Collector's report for 1893-93 it appears that the eastern part of the Anklesvar Táluka and the Hansot Mahal did remarkably well. In the western portions the soeson was less favourable, but cotton was not below the average. I'be ovidence is, therettre, somewhat conflicting, but on the whole it may be assuraed that the aeason of $\mathbf{1 8 9 5 - 8 3}$ was not a bad one.
11. The rainfall of 1896 was as follows:-

| Talutab |  |  | June, | July. | Auguat. | September, | October |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ankleavar | ** | $\infty$ | 778 | \$2.70 | 8.92 | 2.78 | *07... |
| Hannot | ... | 40 | $5 \cdot 56$ | $30 \cdot 27$ | $8 \cdot 25$ | 0.48 | -**** |

Appendix A of the Settlement Report states that the rain far exceeded the average. The extraordinary heavy fall in July rotted all crops and brought operations to a standstill. The September rain was very deficient, and kharif crops suffered from want of rain in October. Light showers (only 0.25 cents in all) in November and December were beneficial to rabi,

Three crop experiments were carried out in this year on cotton, jowar and rice. The cotton orop gave a 14 -anna yield aocording to local estimate, the incidence of assessment on the gross produce being $21 \cdot \% 7$. The jowar and rice were both 16 -anna crops. The season is described as unfavourable to cotton and favourable to other crops.

The District Depaty Collector, in paragraph 7 of his annal report, observed: "The excessive rainfall during the early part of the monsoon months and the unseasonable dry weather which followed are no doubt primarily responsible for the disappointing nature of the harvest, which however would have been still poorer had not the situation been to same extent redeemed by a good fall of rain in November. The jowar crops were beat, being excellent in some localities, especially near Anklesvar town. Cotton varied considerably according to lucality." Later on, he says: "The effects of the high price of food-grains bave of course been felt by the people of this sub-division as elsewhere, but fortunately their average condition is so prosperous as to enable the majority of them to tide over a crisis like the present without eerious difficulty."

Looking at the rainfall figures I am inclined to think that the Deputy Collector's view was somewhat optimistio. Leesowings must have been required on a very large scale after the July rains aud the absence of late rains cannot but have been generally injurious. That the season was not favourable is shown by the fact that a special series of experiments for the purpose of testing the incidence of the essessment in Broach was postponed till the next year. (Vide Review of Crop Experiments, 1897-98, page 7.)
12. In 1897 the rainfall was as follows :-

| Taluke |  |  |  | June, | July. | Augasto | Septamber. | October. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ankleavar | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.81 | 18.42 | 10.88 | 5.81 | $2 \cdot 38$ |
| Idanot | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 176 | $18 \cdot 19$ | 11•49 | 6.12 | 1-56 |

Appendir A. describes the rain as above average. The sowing rain was insufficient. Hetarded sowings were made in July. The falls of August and September were good and crops flourished. October rain seasonable and useful. No rain after the rabi crops suffered, though heary showers in February did some good,

In this year Mr. Mollison carried out 19 experiments in the Broach and Anklespar Talukss. He carried out 5 wheat experiments in Hansot. He observes with reference to them (Review, page 11): "The soil is black throughont and season favourable, the rainfall in February having helped to bring the crop to full matarity and fill the grain well." The vutturn according to local estimate varied from 9 to 16 annas and the incidence of the assessment on the gross produce from 10.91 to $\mathbf{3 2} \cdot 44$ per cent. The same officer carried out 5 experiments on jowar in the Anklesvar Táluka. The local estimate of the yield was from 8 to 14 annas and the incidence of the assessment varied from 9.63 to 16.77 per cent. From the remarka in the Review it appears that the jowar crop varied considerably, bat on the whole the impression conveyed is that the gear was favoursble, the early sown crop doing ordiuarily well and the late sown being helped by rain in February.

As regards cotton Mr. Mollison states (page 12 of Review) that in Broach and Anklesvar the cotton crops varied considerably; many fields were considerably under average.

The Deputy Collector, in paragraph 6 of his annual report for $1897-98$, allnded to the arrears owed by Messrs. Edulji and Jivanji Limjibhai, and says :-"Their condition on account of past unfavourable seasons is now so bad that the arrears of the last year have not yet been fully paid by them." He continues: "Crops in some of the western villages of Ankleavar and eastern villages of Hánsot were poor this year. The past season also was not a good one, and this accounte for the ontstandings in this taluka." In paragraph 7 of his report he says: "In the Anklesvar Taluka rain was favorirable for rice, the outturn of which was normal ; jowar and wheat, which looked 80 poor in the beginning, were benefited by the fall of rain in February last. The yield was annas 11 for jowar and annas 10 for wheat. Bajri was slightly below the normal. Tur and sesamam were annas 9 and 8 respectively. Cotton was poor, being annas 8 only. Rainfall was not favourable for cotton in this taluka this year. In some of the western villages of this talaka, notably Sisodra, Piludra, Pardi, Edris, Sarthan and Mandwa, rainfall was insuffioient and the orops were poor. In the Hánsot Petha rice was good and above the average, being annas 14 ; cotton was slightly below the normal, boing annas 10 ; jowar and wheat were annas 8, while bijri and tur, the cultivation of which is very small, were annas 4 only. The western villages of this Mahal had come out best ; the eastern portion was the worst and rest middling."

It seems that the year was not a good one for cotton, bat generally speaking was not a particularly bad one.
13. In 1883 the rainfall was as ander:-

| Talukg. |  |  |  | Jone, | July. | Augast. | September, | Ootober. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ankl ${ }^{\text {ar }}$ | ... | - | $\cdots$ | 10.20 | 18.28 | 1.81 | 6.68 | Nil. |
| Hinsot | $\cdots$ | ** |  | 5. 59 | 17.47 | I•97 | 6-18 | " |

No orop experiments were reported for the season 1898-98, and the only comments on the season are contained in the Depnty Collector's annual report, of which an extract is appended. This shows that in spite of energetic measures to deal with contumacy, Rs, 30,764 were ontstanding on the lst July.

The season was evidently decidedly unfavourable owing to the absence of late rain and excessive cold in the winter season. Mr. Sorabsha, the officer who bad held charge of the tfluka for the greater portion of the year, considered that the season had not only not enabled the people to recover from previous unfavourable seasons, but had still further reduced their resources.
14. It appears from the information given above that the season of $1894-95$ was decidedly unfavourable, that of 1895-96 moderately good, that of 1896-97 rather unfavourable, that of 1897-98 rather unfavourable for cotton but not generally bad, that of 1898-99 decidedly poor. It is apparent from the rainfall returns that in the four years ending with 1898 there was rain in October in 1895 and 1897 only, and that in those two years the fall was insignificant. The winter jowar, wheat, and cotton are so dependent on the latter rain that those crops must inevitably have suffered.
15. As regards prices the only crops that require to be considered in a rongh examination are cotton, wheat, and jowar. It appears from paragraph 17 of Mr. Mehta's Revision Settlement Report that these crops occopy on an average 87.29 per cent. of the total cropped area in the following proportions:-Cotton 46.46 per cent., wheat $12 \cdot 94$ per cent, and jowar 27.89 per cent. The prices given in Appendix $N$ in the Revision Settlement Reports differ considerably from those given in paragraph 71 of Colonel Prescott's original Settlement Report (printed as Appendix R of the Revision Settlement Report), and it seems safer to take for purposes of comparison the prices shown in the table in paragraph 88 of Colonel Prescott's report, which were those ruling in April 1872, and were those on which Colonel Prescott's estimate of the incidence of the assessment on the gross produce was based. A compurison of these prices with the average prices for the 10 years ending 1897-93 (in the case of cotton 6 years) as shown in Appendix $N$ to Mr. Mehta's report gives the following fẹsults:-


Except in the case of wheat the prices though there have been considerable variations in individual years, have remained practically nuchanged. The Igures for cotton in Appendix N only go back to 1892-93. From enquiries made locally I find that they fairly represent the average price in the years for which they are given. The price of seed eotton
is ordinarily quoted for the bhár of 960 lbs . Stated in bhars the price of cotton in 1893-94 was Rs. 81 ; in 1894-95, Rs. 75 ; in 1895-96 and 1896-97, Rs. 78. In 1898 it fell to Rs. 60 and in 1899 it fell still further to about Rs. 55. It is, I think, unnecessary for the purpose of considering the situation in 1899-1800, to go back further than 5 years. As observed above, on the average prices have varied little during the currency of the settlement, and complaints as to seasons and the assessment have not been made for a longer period, nor do any of the statistics suggest that the assessment was found burdensome before then. In these 5 years the price of wheat was considerably below the decennial average in 1884-95 and 1895-96 and 1898-99 and more than 30 per cent. above the average in 1896-97 and 1897-98. The price of jowar was 7 . per cent. below the decennial average in 18:4-95 and 1895-96, 35 per cent. above it in 1896-97, 13 per cent. above it in 1897-98, and 40.7 below it in 1893-99.
16. From the foregoing summary of prices and seasons nothing very definite can be gathered. The following table gives the main features of the five years preceding 1899-1900 under the headings of seasons, prices, arrears, and relinquishments :-

17. From this statement it will be seen that the outstandings began to be appreciable in 1895-96. In that year the crops were average and the price of cotton was above the average. But in the following year relinquishments took place. In 1896-97 the season was below the average, but prices were well above, notably those of wheat and jowar ; but the outstandings increased, and though the area given up in the next year was somewhat smaller, the process of relinquishment did not cease. In 1897-98, though the price of cotton fell hoavily, the prices of wheat and jowar were high, but the outstandings doubled and next year relinquishments increased nearly threefold. The year $1898-99$ was bad both in the matcer of crops and prices and outstandings doubled again, and in the next year relinquishments increased sixfold. Taking all the facts together, it is difficult to attribute the incressing arrears and relinquishment to the effect of bad seasons and low prices until the year 1897-98. As to that year and the following there can be little doubt as to the cause at work, namely, poor outturn of cotton and the fall in the price. In 1898-99 the fall in the price of cotton and jowar was disastrous.
18. Besides these figures from Government records a great deal of information would be obtainable from Desais, sowkars and other large land-holders, and a number of them interviewed me both at Anklesvar and Hánsot, and produced statements showing the rents and collections during the past few years. It was impossible for me to test the information produced in detail, but from a comparison of their statements and from the admissions of villagers I think there can be no doubt that the last three years at least have hit thera hard and that they have in many cases not been able to realise even the Government assessment from their tenants. It would be too lengthy a business to give more than one or two typical instances. Desai Surajram Manchharam of Anklesvar bas Desai watan in five villages and Jat-inam and other land in 14 villages. In 1893-94 he bad in Ucchali $223^{-}$
acres and 15 gonthas, aseessed at Rs. 734-15-9. He let it for Rs 1,075-14.0 and recovered all bat Ra. 51. In $1897-98$ he had 207 acres, having relinquished 16 as the land did not pay; he had to pay Rs. 689 and let the land for Rs. $97 y$; he reonvered only Rs. 660 or Rs. 23 less than the assessment. He gave op 4 acres that jear. The next year, 1898-99, be had to pay Rs. 678-8-0. He let the land for Ks. 959, and recovered Rs. 200 only. He then relinquished all but 88 acres assessed at Rs. 272. He let this in 1899-1900, but recovered nothing. In the six years ending 1899.1900 he had to pay Ks. 4,504 assessment and got Rs. 4,479 rent, that is he lost Rs. 28 on the whole period. Only the last three yeara were really bad ones however. In Samor he had in 1893-94 73 acres and 30 gunthas, assessed at Rs. 508; this was rented for Ks. 784, all of which except Rs. 10-8.0 was recovered. In 1898-99 the rent was Rs. 812, but only Rs. 549 was recovered. In 18.19-1300 the rent was Rs. 752, but only Rs. 296 was recovered. In Anklesvar he has 165 acres of bbág land, assessed at Rs. 848 . He realized over Rs. 1,100 rent down to $1838-94$ when be only got Rs. 892 and in 1899-1900 he recovered only Rs. 811. Un $1 \geqslant 5$ acres of other land in Anklesvar assessed at about Rs. 558, be realized between Rs, 888 and Rs. 739 down to 3898.99, when be only recovered Rs. 588. In 1699-1900 he recovered Rs. 237 only. These figures show that his land was let in ordinary seasons at about i\& times the assessment, and that there was no resl difficulty about recoveries till 1898-99.

Gulam Hussein Gulam Mohiudin produced his accounts for his two inámi villages of Dadhal and Amboli. These showed that in Dadhál there have been arrears for the last four years. Out of a full rental of about Rs. 2,000 there were arrears in

| 180¢- 7 | smonnting to | ** | *** | * | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } \\ \ldots \quad 88 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1897.98 | do. | -.. | ... | ... | 182 | 14 |
| 1898-99 | do. | ... | .. | ..* | 617 | 7 |
| 1899.1900 | do. | *** | $\bullet$ | ** | $\ldots$...8,021 | 0 |

In Amboli the arrears were as follows, out of a rental of Rs. 2,700 :

| In 1898.97 | amonnting to | .-. | . 0 | ..0 | $\cdots$ | 148 | 0 | ${ }_{0}^{p}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , 1897.98 | do. | ... | *** | - | $\ldots$ | 146 | 0 | 0 |
| \% 1808-99 | do. | . | *8 | ..* | ** | 587 | 0 | 0 |
| " 1899-1.900 | do. | ... | ... | ..' | $\cdots$ | 658 | 0 | 0 |

These figares again indicate that $1898-99$ was the first year when real difficulty arose, From statements supplied by Hánsot Banyás and others it appears that arrears began to be serious in 1897-48, but there was a difficulty in collecting rent before that time.

Pranvallabh Atmaram, the leading money-lender of Hánsot (generally known as Kika Desai), who has a high reputation for honesty and truthfulness, stated to me that his receipts for rent had been poor since 1833-94 From 1896-97 to 1898.99 his receipts fell short of the Government assessment and in 189y-1900 his recovaries were nil. He has land in about 25 villages and is responsible for about Rs, 2,800 assessment. Other Banyás made very similar statements. Rents in Hánsot seem to run higher than in Anklesvar and vary from $1 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ to 3 times the Government assessment, but there is no general rule. Frequently in the case of mortgages the rent is simply the interest on the money lent and bears no exact relation to the Government assessment.

Evidence about which there can be no donbt is afforded by the accounts relating to two small estates in the villages of Waner and Dhamrad, which are onder the management of the Mahalkari owing to the minority of the owners. The accounts are as follows:-

Waner.

| Ycar. | Area, | Assessmento | Reat. | Becoveries. | Arrearb, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. g . | Rs. an P. | Rs, a p. | Rs. a. p. | Res. at p- |
| 1896.97 | 590 | 198125 | 43600 | 372140 | 6320 |
| 1297-98 | 59 0 | 159125 | ¢21 00 | 23480 | 207 8 - |
| 1898-99 | 590. | 199125 | 8650 | 188145 | 17617 |
| 1899-1900 | 590 | 199125 | 257140 | Nil | 857140 |

Dhumsad.

| 1896.97 | $\ldots$ | 6331 | 237 | 1 | 2 | 80410 | 1 | 2598 |  | 105 | 4 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1897-9: | $\ldots$ | 6881 |  |  | 2 | 40315 | 8 | 350 |  | 58 |  |  |
| 1898-99 | -.. | 6331 |  | 1 |  | 3578 | 9 | 24812 |  | 123 | 7 | 8 |
| 1899-1900 | ... | 6881 | 237 |  |  | 83118 | 6 | 06 | 0 | 831 | 6 |  |

From this it appears that there were arrears in all four years, but 1897-98 was the first year when recoveries fell below the assessment.
19. To come to the settlement. The first regalar settlement which is still in force was introduced by Colonel C. J. Prescott in the year 1871-72, and his report is printed at
pages 140-237 of Goverament Selections, No. CXLVI, New Series, and as Appendix R to the Revision Settlement Report lately submitted by Mr. P. R. Mehta Colonel Yrescott divided the taluka into four groups with maximum dry crop rates falling by 8 annas in each group from Rs. 6-8 to his. 5. On a consideration of the general rise in prices since the last settlement the improvement of commanications, and the general prosperity of the people, induced in a great measure by the "immense sapply of the precions metals" that "came into this part of the conntry, as into other parts of Gnjarat during the American War," Colonel Prescott proposed an increase of assessment anounting to $15 \&$ per cent. He calculated (paragraphs $83-39$ ) that the assessment so arrived at amonnted ronghly to one-fifth of the value of the average gross prodace of the tsluka at the prices then ruling.
20. According to his figures 48.7 per cent. of the cropped area was then under cotton, 26.7 per cent. ander jowár and $15 \cdot 2$ per cent. nader wheat. These proportions have remaioed practically naltered, whilsi the prices at which Colonel Prescott calculated the value of the gross outturn have, as has already been shown, varied on the average very slightly. If Colonel Prescott's calculations were, to use his own words, "at all reliable," the incidence of the assessment on the gross produce mast hare altared very little unless the average outturn has fallen off. Bat there can be little doubt that he put the average produce at a very moderate figure. He estimated the average outturn of seed-cotton at 8 maunds per acre, of jowar at 21 maunds, and of wheat at 10 mannds. In the tables showing the estimated average yield per acre of the principal crops, based on crop experiments made during the five years ending 1596-97, the yield per acre of the crops in Broach is given as follows-Cotton (cleaned) lbs. 130. This would give 390 lbs , of nncleaned cotton or $9 \frac{3}{4}$ mands. Jowár lbs. 1,100 kharif and lbs. 1,020 rabl, or 29 mands and $25 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ mannds, respectively. Wheat lbs. 600 or 15 maunds. Mr. Mollison's five experiments on jowar made in Anklesvar in $18,7-98$ gave outturns varying from $11 \frac{1}{4}$ maunds to 23 manands. His five wheat experiments in Hánsot gave yields of from $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to 22 maunds. Considering the oapriciousness of the seasons in this taluka, Colonel Prescott's estimates seem to me to be fair, but if there was any error it was, I think, on the side of moderation.
21. As regards the enhancement imposed by Colonel Prescott, in paragraph 85 he observes that if it could be assamed that cotton would remain at Rs. 70 per bhár, an increase of about 18 per cent. would be jastifiable. As a matter of fact, he only proposed .an increase of 15 per cent., and it is, I think, apparent from paragraph 75 of his report that he was, in imposing this increase, inflaenced as much by the general condition of the country as by prices. It is clear that he contemplated an all-round fall as very possible, and for that reason desired to keep the assessment moderate while securing for Government some share in the inoressed prosperity of the tract. It is carions to note that he felt called on to defend the moderation of his proposals (vide paragraph 75 of his report) against the suggestion made in the Committee Roums of the Honse of Commons that assessments in Gujarat were too low. But with all this moderation the incideace of his assessment worked out to one-fifth of the gross produce. It is generally accepted that in a fertile country it is safe to impose a higher incidence than would be safe in a poor tract, but one-fifth of the gross produce is decidedly heavy according to Bombay settlement theories, and I think there can be little doubt that as soon as cotton fell to Rs. 70 per bhár or less the assessment was a full one.
22. Turning to the Revision Settlement Report there is little in the revence history (Appendix 6) down to $1897-98$ to suggest that the assessment was bardensome. From column 2, which shows the Government occupied area, the following facts may be gathered. Between 1877-78 and 1889-8 \& aboat 4,829 acres went out of occapation. From that year onward the occupied area increased ateadily up to $1894-95$ by 0,502 acres in all. It then began to decline again, but had decreased by 460 acres only in 1897-93. Since that time, as has been seen, relinquishments have been considerable. So far there is nothing to naggest that any decline in prosperity that may have taken place was due to other than teraporary canses. Bat the figures of popalation and resources given in paragraph 21 of the report are not satisfactory. If the figares are at all to be trusted, population has decreased by 8,000 since 1872 and by 5,000 since 1887. Probably the figures for 1897 are incorrect. If the 1891 figures are taken as more nearly correct, the increase amounts to $3 \cdot 50$ per cent. only in 19 years. Agricultural cattle show a decrease of 3,630 , ploaghs of 2,300 , and carts of 800 . Mr. Mehta states that only half the population are dependent on agricaltere No doubt a considerable number of Borahs go away to earn their living by trade and many of the lower classes go away to labour, or to private service. Too much importance need not, therefore, be attached to the Ggares of population. As to the decrease in plonghs and carts, I cannot help thinking that it is due in some measure to the steady impoverishment of the bhagdare and the other superiur cultivators mainly through their own extraragance. All the officers who have served in the district agree as to the general recklessness and extravagance of the better classes of cultivatore. Their standard of living no doubt rose immoderately in the days of high prices and prosperity that stioceeded the outbreak of the American War, and they have never been able to adapt themselves to altered circomstances.
23. As regards the extent to which land has passed from the cultivators into the hands of sowkére, I agree with Mr. Mehta that the figaree given in Appendix I are entirely
untrastworthy and that the greater proportion of Government land is in the hand of sowkars. This is particularly the case in Hansot, where in the fertile northern tract three-quarters of most villages are mortgaged. In one case at least, that of Badodra in Hánsot, practically the whole village has passed out of the cultivators' hands. The cause of this transfer of property may be due to the weight of the assessment and bad years causing the cultivators to fall into debt. But it is equally possible to argue that it is due to the fact that investment in land was a paying investment. With extravagant castes such as the Borahe and the Talabda Kolis, little inducement is required to lead them into debt, and there is no doubt at all that up to ten years ago the well-to-do classes of Broach and Surat were enger to pat their money into land. Without accurate figures to show the extent of alienation by the cultivators in the different villages it is impossible to offer an opinion as to which cause has been predominant. Both causes have doutbless been at work.
24. But though it is difficult to draw any very definite conolnsions as to the working of the settlement from the statistics given in the Revision Settlement Report, I entirely agree with Mr. Mehta as to the unsuitability of the existing rates in the extreme eastern, the central, and the soathern villages, which he has placed in his fourth and fifth groups. The main physical features of the táluka may here be briefly referred to. On the east of the railway there are the few goradu villages lying along the Narbadds, which are fertile and prosperous. The nest group consists of the villages on the east of the Amrawati stream and two on the west, Piprod and Singpur. The surface of these villages is much broken and the soil varies considerably, being deteriorated by sand and kankar nodules. The cultivators are moatly Kolis and Bhils. To the west of the Amrawati the surface is less broken, and Singpur, Dadhal, and Jitali are all good level villages. The sarface of the group; including Bhadkodra and the villages to the sonth, is again more or less broken and the quality of the soil varies very much. The drainage of these villages is to the west. To the west of the railway as far as Pungam the villages to the north of Anklesvar belong to the fertile goradu tract. From Sajod westward the soil is black except in a small area in what was formerly the bed of the river. From Amratpars and the east of the railway a more or less well-defined ridge runs westward to a mile or so beyond Anklesvar, which deflects the drainage of the villages on the sonth side to the sonth and west of the taluka towards the "Wand" creek, and the surface being generally very leval, all the central villages suffer more or less from waterlogging in an ordinary season. The result of this waterlogging is that the crops rot, and several re-sowings are sometimes required. Then if the latter rains are short the outturn from late sowings is poor. The villages I should include in this tract are Sarthan, Hajat, Adol, Piludra, Karmali, Ravidra, Ghodadra, Adadra, Pardi, Edris, Kathodra, Telwa, Motwan, and Rohid. South of this tract and of the Wand Creek, Kudadra and Sisodra suffer to some extent from waterlogging. On the west of a line drawn roughly north and south through Sarthan, Motwan, and Sisodra the country is generally a level black soil plain, sufficiently drained and generally fertile. Along the Kim river the soil is a good deal deteriorated by sand, kankar, and salt, but there are no complaints of waterlogging. Katpur, Ankalwa, and the other villages in the extreme west suffer somewhat from salt bat not to the same extent as the Bahara tracts in Vagra and Olpad.
25. The first set of villages referred to above (i.e. in the extreme east) was specially placed by Colonel Prescott in his lowest group on account of its comparative poverty (paragraph 96 of report). The condition of these villages has certainly not improved, and in four of them there have been relinquishments in the last three years. Their classification seems to have been fair and moderate on the whole, and if the people are now in a bad way it is perhaps in a great measure due to the character of the cultivators. At the same time it is to be remembered that the Uchali Bhagg has been broken ap. The Desais have had to give up practically all their land in the village which they would not have done if anything could have been got out of their tenante beyond the assessment. On the whole, the reduction in this group proposed by Mr. Mehta seems to be justified. But it is in the central waterlogged tract that the propriety of Colonel Prescott's settlement is donbtful. It is with diffidence that I question the classification made by the expert classers of 30 years ago under so able an officer as Colonel Prescott, and it is possible that a change may have been going on in the surface of the country and the condition of the land during the past 30 years. But whatever may have been the case when the classification was made, it is, I am convinced, generally excessive at the present moment. Mr. Mehts observes in paragraph 32 of bis report-" Lands full of kankar (lime dodules), stiff clay in waterlogged villages and soil showing considerable amount of saline efforescence on the surface are all classed at about 14 annas uniformly with the productive soil of the more favourably situated villages." I inspected Hajat, Telwa, Piludra, Sarthan, Motwan and Sisodra, and can affirm that so far as those villages are concerned Mr. Mehta's etatement is correct. About Piludra large tracts of land were waste this year, the crops in the coltivated lands were very inferior and evidence of kbar (saline efflorescence) were everywhere visible, not only in the appearance of the soil and the crops, bat in the aniversal growth of the small salt plant (damna). The average classification annas in five typical villages are as follows :-


It is true that the assessment was reduced from that which the classification annas would natnrally have given, apparently by the ase of distance scales, but that would not have affected lands near the village. The present condition of these villages is wretched. The worat is Piludra, which is an absolnte wreck. They will all need genervas treatment at the time of revision settlement, and I do not consider that Mr. Mehta's proposals are in excess of requirements. I notice that Sarthan is placed by him in the third group into which it naturally falls, and this resalts in an increase on the former assessment of 15.89 per cent. The village, which is inhabited chiefly by Mahomedans, is at present in a very bed way, and it will be necessary either to give remissions for the present or to place it in . a lower group. As to the rest of the táluka I have no remarks to offer on Colonel Prescott's settlement, thongh it is, I think, doubtful whether sufficient allowance was made for salt in the classification of the western villages. Most of the Hinsot villages are good ones, and the difficalty that has been experienced in the collection of the revenue during the past fer years has, I think, been mainly due to unfavourable seasons.
20. It has again been suggested that the soil has deteriorated and that the outturn is less than it used to be. There are no sufficient materials on which to base an opinion, but it seems very probable that owing to defective drainage the soil in the central villages has become more and mure impregnated with salts. If deterioration has taken place elsewhere it is, I think, due to the general transfer of property in the land to the non-caltivating classes, who put nothing back into it and leave their tenants with a bare subsisteace. It was suggested by one witness that the bhagdari tenure was also responsible for the impoverishment of the land, as sub-sharers were afraid of putting money into the land lest they should lose it in the event of the principal sharers making default and the share being forfeited. I think there is very little in this as such a feeling could only operate when the condition of things was so bad as to make forfeitures probable. In some of the bhágdari villages there is little doubt that the bhagdars have more land than they can attend to properly, and some deterioration may have taken place from this cause. The rayats of course assert everywhere that the outturn is steadily diminishing, but that complaint is common to cultivators all the world over and is not peculiar to this particular tract.
27. After hearing all the evidence of witnesses in the formal enquiry relating to the Anklesvar 'Caluka and the Hansot Mahal, and visiting and talking to the people in a number of villages and on a consideration of seasons, prices, arrears, and relinquishments, I am anable to doubt that in 1899-1900 the oultivators generally were not in a position to pay any considerable proportion of the assessment. Those who were better off required most of their resources to keep their cattle alive, the poorer had not enough even for this. The orders of Government were that caltivators were not to be forced to go into debt for the purpose of paying their revenue, but even if they had wished to borrow they could not have done so. The smaller sowkars had no money to lend owing to short recoveries in the three previous years and the larger ones were afraid to lend. Practically the ouly persons who had a surplus of resources from which to meet the revenue were the wealthier mortgagees. This state of things cannot, as I have endeavoured brielly to show, be ascribed to the severity of the original settlement except in the oase of the central, and possibly some of the eastern and southern villages. Nor was it due to a fall of prices over a considerable period, or to a long series of very bad seasons. There is no evidence that it is due to any general diminution in the outturn of orops, though in the badly drained portion of the taluka it is probable that deterioration has taken place and everywhere where the sowker has got a grip of the land such deterioration is natural.
28. On the whole, I am inclined to think that what has happened is this. The original settlement was a full one having regard to average prices. When it was introduced, the people were well off and had ample resources and they continued to pay up without difficulty for some years. At the same time their standard of comfort had risen greatly and they had got into extravagant and laxarious ways. As time went on they had to have recourse to sowkars in order to pay their assessment and maintain their standard of comfort. The money-lending classes were, on the strength of the past prosperity of the district, eager to invest in land and obtained a hold over a very large proportion through out the taluka. Then came the series of more of less nufavourable seasons from 1893 onwards, culminating in the positively bad season of 1998-99. The money-lenders during the last three years of this period got a steadily diminishing return, and if they were generally reduced it may be safely assamed that the cultivators were accumalating nothing. The permanent cause of deterioration was, outside the water logged tract, such as mast alwaya operate so long as the transfer of land to non-caltivating classes goes on unrestricted and very possibly no lightness of assessment would have made any very material difference. The bad seasons and fall in the price of ootton in 1898 and 1899 and of jowar in the latter Year were, ander the circumstances, sufficient to canse the collapse in the famine year. Such at least is my conclusion on the evidence available. For the relinquishments that have taken place the assessment is, I think, partly to blame in the central villages and some of those in the extreme east, but they are also due to the effect of a few bad seasons on oultivators whose resources have been steadily drained from them by the mortgagees or money-lending owners. In the case of Mr. Jivanji's land in Sisodra, the assessment is, as in the other neighbouring villages, high considering the class of soil, bat I believe that his failure to make it pay is partly, if not mainly, due to want of capital, imperfect supervision,
and want of tenants of a good class. There bas been practially no default on the part of the Koli rayats of the village. Similarly in the ease of Mr. Umedram's land in Kuddrata, referred to by witness No. 52 of the Hansot enqniry, it is admitted that the canse of failare is the want of good tenants. The Patel says: "There is a lot of land and caltivators are few. The cultivators are inferior and spoil the land." It may of course be arged in reply to this that rates should be suited to the capacity of the cultivators.
29. As to the present condition of the taluka it is, I think, impossible for any one who has travelled over it in the last few months to doubt that it is far from satisfactory. There is a decided scarcity of plough cattle. A large area was waste, and the figures of relinquishments are likely to be large. Cultivators are not wont to take the most cheerful view of prospects, but I have never heard anything like the universal chorus of complaint (not, I may observe, as to oppression, but as to lack of resources) that went up from each village that I visited. The crops, though moderately good in most parts of Hánsot, were extremely patchy and had very evidently suffered from insects and the absence of the late rains ; wheat was in most villages a failure. In Anklesvar the rabi-jowar crop was moderate to poor, and from present indications the cotton crop will be a light one. I think there can be little doubt that the táluka requires generous treatment. The savkars and mortgagees will of course benefit thereby, but at any rate it will put heart into the caltivators generally, and those who have so far saved their lands will have a chance of retaining them. So long as unrestricted transfer goes on the greater portion of the difference between the assessment and the profits, and after the coltivator's maintenance is provided for, is likely to find its way into the pockets of sapkars. That at least is my humble opinion with reference to any tract inhabited mainly by Kolis. A light assessment will only at the most delay the process of absorption. But unless the policy of recovering a moderate revenue year in and year out be abandoned, it is, I think, illogical to diminish the caltivator's profits up to a point at which investment in land becomes unprofitable to the non-cultivating capitalist. Under the present revenue system it seems impossible to differentiate between the interests of the rayat and the savkar. Granted a moderate assessment and relief from the burden of arrears, those who are still owners of their land should, if the seasons prove favourable, soon recover their prosperity.
30. Since the foregoing was written I have received from Ráo Bahadur S. B. Upasani, the Subordinate Judge of Anklesvar, two.statements relating to Civil Court decrees, execations, and recoveries during the last five years. I append these statements (Appendix ). Statement No. I shows the total number of suits filed in the Court in each year, and the number filed against agriculturist debtors, the total amount of claims allowed against the latter class of debtors, and the amount recovered up to the end of December 1899. Statement No. II gives the total namber of applications for execution filed in each year, the total amount recoverea and the number of judgment-debtors arrested and sent to jail. These figares refer to all classes of debtors and not to agricultarists only. The figures are not very conclusive. The total recoveries in each year (Statement lir) have fallen off steadily since 1896, bat the applications for execution have been fewer. But the very small proportion of claims against agricultarist debtors recovered since 1896 seems to have some significance. Out of claims amounting in all to Rs. 2,91,252,only Rs. 51,418 have been recovered, or 17.8 per cent.

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2. Colonel Prescott's report in 1872 leaves no doubt that Ankleshvar was then fully as prosperous as the Broach talaka on the other side of the river. It will be apparent to Government on reading the reports of Messrs. Mehta, Maconochie and Panse that it is so no longer, even though the standard in Broach has somewhat declined.
3. This is disappointing, for the táluka has many advantages-the B. B. \&f C. T. RuilWay ranning through it, the Ankleshvar-Nándod Railway, and generally a fertile soil. Colonel Prescott's assessments, moreover, were made with studious moderation and in full view of a possible fall of prices greater than has actually occurred. The causes are in the Commissioner's opinion faicly summed up in paragraph 28 of Mr. Maconochie's printed hote. They are partly, it may be hoped, temporary, and partly of a permanent pature. Of the former class are bad seasons, the recent fall of prices and the thoughtless readiness of the people to use their credit with the savkar and encuather their land in order to gratify a desire of the moment. This extravagance reached its extreme point in the Broach district. On one occasion last year the undersigned called together all the land-holders
on the Mataris Tank famine work and enquired from each the cause of his impoverishment. One and all referred it to one or more loans raised for a domestic ceremony or for litigation, and from personal enquiry that is believed to be the case almost universally. The water-logging of the central villages is a radical deterioration of the country. It is there that almost all the rolinquishment has taken place. Colonel Prescott says nothing about it and the Commissioner believes it to be one phase of a recent nataral process which is going on all round the Gulf of Cambay, vis, a silting up of the rivers and a consequent forcing back on the low-lying parts near the mouths of water which can no longer get a free exit. It is a matter of common knowledge that the bed of the Tapti river is filling ap. It caan now be crossed on foot at low water at places where within living memory ships would float; hence the water-logged areas of Olpád taluka. The same process is probably going on more or less in the Kim river with a corresponding effect on Anklesvar taluka, as also in places in the Northern Tálukas of Broach, in Mátar táluka of Kaira and in more than one area of Ahmedabad district. It means a permanent change in the quality of the soil, which must be met by permanent reduction of the rent.
4. Given good seasons there is no reason to believe that the present assessment is mach too high except in the abovementioned special area. So far as it has unduly added to the rasat's burden it has been rather by rigidly exacting it in successive years of deficiency. No assessment that will give Government its fair share of the crop in a good year can be levied in a series of bad years or even in one bad year without hardship. Unless this is recognized the abatements of revenue advocated in these papers will be altogether inadequate. Meanwhile it seems clear that some general and standing reduction is necessary to put heart into the people. The statistics in Mr. Mehta's 21st paragraph -show that population, cattle, ploughs and carts have all decreased. His paragraph 29 shows an unusual number of distraints in collecting the revenue. His paragraph 32 describes general decay. Under these circumstances the rates proposed by the Survey Commissioner would probably meet his views better than those suggested by himself.
5. Mr. Mehta's grouping commands general acceptance. As to the rates of the first group Mr. Symonds proposes Rs. 5-8-0 for maximum dry crop, which is a reduction of one rupee on present rates : and Mr. Maconochie proposes the same rate for rice. Mr. Panse compares Mr. Mehta's average rate of Rs. 6-2-7 with Rs. $6-0-4$, which is given by Mr. Beyts in his report as the average jirayet rate for villages close to Broach. The comparison is fallacious. If Mr. Symonds' reduction and Mr. Maconochie's suggestion about rice and also that (made below) of remitting increases for distance from village be accepted the rates for these villages, which are all good ones, will be sufficiently moderate.
6. In the second groap there is a unanimous opinion that Mr. Mehta's rate should be reduced by eight annas. Mr. Maconochie points out that even this will result in an increase in Gadkhol and Piraman of 3.9 and 2.2 per cent., the former dae to the working of the distance from village scales alluded to below (paragraph 10). It is recommended that for the present these increases be struck off by remission for ten years.
7. In the third group Mr. Mehta's rates shoold similarly be redaced by eight annas. Messrs. Maconochie and Panse recommend that Surthan should be transferred to the fourth group, apparently with good reason. Mr. Panse suggests the same treatment of Mandwa-Matied, Matied, Ganpatpura, Karmali, Umarbar and Safipura. Ganpatpura gains a large decrease as it is and need not be disturbed, but Mandwe-Matied and Matied might be considered. If the Collector's description of them is correct, a very substantial reduction will have to be made if it is to be of any use. They might well go with Surthan into the fourth group, and for the sake of system the tiny village of Kahanwa should apparently go too. The position of Karmali, Umarbar and Safipura on the map make it likely that the Collector's estimate of them is right and that they are, or soon will be, partially water-logged. They cannot, however, be placed in the fourth group, unless to use Mr. Maconochie's words we abandon all attempt at grouping. If the course of silting and water-logging continues according to the Commissioner's surmise, the day is probably not far distant when these villages will have to be put into Group V. Bakrol and Umarwada cannot from their position be reduced to the fourth group, but in view of what both Mesars. Maconoohie and Panse say of their condition it seems impossible to raise their assessment as would be the result of merely deducting eight annas from Mr. Mehta's rates. The only course seems to be, as, suggested by Mr. Maconochie, to remit the increase provisionally for ten years. Mr. Panse would place Telod, Asta, Digas and Sanjali in the second gronp, but he does not explain why, and there are obvious objections on the map to doing so.
8. The fourth groop comprises that part of the taluka which constitutes thexexeme west and east In the eastern or smaller section relinquishments bave been frequent. The western section saffers from sand and salt like the contiguous part of Olpad tuinkis. The reduction of one rupee and eight annas (for rice) on these low class lands, as priprised by the Survey Commissioner and supported by Mr. Maconochie, seems to be requin a. The latter officer would, however, add to the third group Alwa, Saen, Badodra, llanwnoli and Amibheta, and his opinion not being oontested by the Collector, might be accepted. Mr. Panse thinks most of the eastern section and three villagee on the extreme west should be reduced to fifth group, but the large concessions to these proposed above will, it would seem, be sufficient.
9. The rate proposed by Mr. Symonds for the fifth group-one rapee below Mr. Mehta's rates and eight annas for rice-is demanded by present conditions which may almost be called desperate. They are not the resalt of mistakes of the people bat of irresistible natural forces.
10. Apparently in most of the villages under this settlement the distance from village scale as now applied will result in a small decrease, but in some there will be an increase. Mr. Mehta mentions Mandwa Bujrag, where there will be an increase of Rs. 700. The Commissioner would again ventare to repeat what he has said about this on previons reports. The old Survey Officers used this scalo deliberately to put the assessunents down in villages which they considered to be overweighted. There is nothing to show that the strength of these villages as compared with their neighbours has increased during the last 30 years. Consequently if the rates are nuw put up, either Colonel Prescott, an officer distingaished for his knowledge of the country, is convicted of having acted without resson, or an extra burden is laid for the sake of symmetry upon people who have not gained any corresponding power to bear it. The Commissioner wonld respectfully suggept that when the distance from village scale canses an increase it be provisionally remitted.
11. Finslly the andersigned would again draw attention to bis suggeation that the rivers debouching into tbe Gulf of Cambay are gradually silting up. Sandbanks are being formed or enlarged at their months or in their beds with the result that the drainage of the country is obstructed and areas are getting water-logged. The well-known changes in the Tapti and some other rivers give enough colour to the theory to warrant an expert enquiry. If it is true, it will apparently be found that the height of the sab-soil water in the waterlogged areas and also in the land between them and the river which drains them has risen of recent years. If such a general process as is supposed be really at work, it will follow (1) that the mischief will probably extend and (2) that attempts to combat it by means of small. local drains are fatile.

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## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Revision settlement of the Anklesvar Taluka of the Broach District.

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Memorandum* from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4075, dated 21st May 1901-Submitting

Letter" from the Assistant Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey, No. 81, dated 11th December 1899,
Letter" from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricolture, No s. -478 , dsted 29 th March 1901.
Letter from the Collector of Broach, No. 1753, dated 25th April 1901.
Ietter" from Mr. E. Maconochie, I.C.S., Collector of Ahmedabad, No. 1165, dated 14th May 1201 , with accompsniment. with his remarks, the papers apecified in the margin, containing proposala for the revision gettlement of $t h e$ Anklevwar Táloka of the Broach District.

Resoldtion.-These papers contain proposals of the Assistant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Sarvey, Mr. P. R. Mehta, for the revision settlement of the Anklesvar Talaka, together with reviews by the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare, the Collector of Broach and the Commissioner, N. D., and a note by Mr. E. Maconochie, who also has fully reviewed the economic and agricultural condition of the taluka in recent years in the report called for in Government Resolation No. 3457, dated 9th October 1900, Famine Department. After a careful perusal of these papers, including Mr. Maconochie's special report, the Governor in Council has come to the conclusion that a temporary measure of relief from the existing barden of assessment should be given at once for the reasons and in the manner stated below.
2. From the revenue history of the taluka it seems clear that in the first two decades of the period of original settlement the assessment was not found oppressive, but since 1894-95 there has been growing difficulty in collecting it and there is no room for donbt that there has been a considerable period of depression. There is some conflict of statement as regards some of the years after 1893-94, but none of the seasons have been distinctly good and at any rate the last threp have been distinctly bad. The information given by $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {a }}$ Maconochie as to the rents of two estates nuder the management of the Mahalkari of Hánsot does not of itself warrant a general inference, but it is important as corroboration of other evidence that cultivation in the taluks has not recemtly been profitable. Good

[^5]reason has also been shown for believing that either from permanent or temporary canses, or both, there has been considerable deteriorstion of soil. There is therefore, in the opinion of Government, urgent need for at least a temporary reduction of the assessment.
3. There have also been found to exist serions defects in the classification dne partly to overvalnation at the original settlement and partly to deterioration from salt efflorescence and water-logging, and these defects in classification are of themselves a sufficient reason for refraining from garanteeing the rates proposed for a period of thirty years. They cause an inequitable distribation of the assessment, whether the total demand be moderate or otherwise, and they should not be perpetuated. It is also said that if the Hánsot reclamation project is successful, reclassification of a considerable area affected by it will be required. Further, it is impossible to say at present whether or not the deterioration from salt efforescence and water-logging is permanent. Even if the theory of the Commissioner, N. D., as to the cause of the latter is correct, remedies may be possible. This is a subject which, the Governor in Conncil thinks, might well come within the scope of the inquiry of the Irrigation Commission, and he is accordingly pleased to direct that the Honourable Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, Chief Seoretary to Government, who has been associated with the Commission so long as it remains in this Presidency, should arrange to place before it what information is available for consideration. Some of the channels which are intended mainly for drainage are also used to feed irrigation tanks, and some of the experts on the Commission could perhaps give valuable advice as regards such channels for whatever purpose they are used, as well as other works for protection against water-logging. This matter is now perhaps of even more importance in Gujarat than ixrigation.
4. The Governor in Council is therefore pleased to direct that the introduction of a revision settlement in the Anklesvar Taluka should be deferred for five years, bat that relief should at once be given by an abatement of the demand to the full extent proposed by the Commissioner, N. D., subject to the following modification. As regards the fourth and fifth groups the Commissioner has apparently misunderstood the recommendation actually made by Mr. Symonds in paragraph 22 of his report, which is to the effect that both the dry-orop and rice rates proposed by Mr. Mehta for these groups should be reduced by 8 annas only as in the case of the other groups, and the proposals made by the Commissioner in paragraphs 8 and 9 of his memorandum should be modified accordingly. There should be no increase in any case, and it is presumed that if there is no increase admitted in any village through the application of the new "distance scale," there will be no increase in individual holdings. If such increase is worked out in any case, it shoald be struck off. The general effect will be the continuance of the original settlement for a further period of

* five years with remissions to the extent to which on the information at present available they are held to be needed in the several cases. The papers showing the reductions in detail should be prepared as soon as possible, and the demand of the current year should be the reduced assessment and no more.

5. As may be inferred from paragraph 4 above it is not improbable that reclassifica tion on a considerable scale will be required before the rates can be gaaranteed for a period of thirty years. But reclassification should be deferred until some definite conclasion is arrived at as to the temporary or permanent natare of the deterioration which is alleged to have taken place in the soil. It is stated that classers take no account of waterlogging, but when it is permanent, the proper coarse is to allow for it in the classification. Unless all the lands in a village are equally affected by water-logging, it is not an equitable ground for determining in what group the village should be placed, although proposals on that basis have been accepted for the purpose of the present reductions. After, however, the question whether the defect can be remedied is determined, instructions will be given as to the manner in which allowance should be made for it.
6. The Director of Laad Records and Agricaltare should consider and report by what establishment the reclassification can be efficiently carried out. Unless reliance can be placed for the parpose on Circle Inspectors after some training if necessary of inexperienced hands, a special establishment of retired classers will probably have to be entertained.

P. J. MEAD,<br>Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Broach,
The Director of Land Records and Agriculture; The Accountant General,
The Publia Works Department of the Secretariat, The Famine Department of the Secretariat, The Honourable Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, I.C.S.

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No. A.-4233, dated. 16th July 1904.

## To-The Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

## Sir,

With reference to Government Resolution No. 1993, dated 12th March 1904, I have the honour to forward letter No. 1557, dated 30th May, from the Collector of Broach,
2. Mr. Logan appears to me to be correct in the conclusion expressed in his paragraph 2 that. Government intended that the inquiry into the clessificatiou should be confined to the villages in Group V. Within this group Mr. Logan is of opinion that the area affected by salt amounts to some 4,000 acres only and that affected by water-logging to some 5,000 acres. I venture to agree in his recommendation that the inquiry should be confined to this area of 9,000 acres and to request that Government may sanction the prosecution of this inquiry in the course of the nest cold weather season.
3. With the reduction of the area to be examined the proposals made in my letters No. A.-4425, dated 29th September 1903, and No. A.-1094, dated 29th Febraary 1904 require to be modified:
4. If Government accept the present recommendation, it will suffice to depate a party of 6 sarveyors under a head surveyor for a period of two months. This work should be taken up as soon as the land is in a condition suitable for classification, that is in March -April 1905.

I have, \&ce.,<br>H. S. Lambenoe,<br>Director, Land Records and Agriculture.

No. 1557, dated 30th May 1904.
To-The Director of Land Records and Agricultare.
Sir;
According to my verbal promise $I$ arranged my tour this season so as to be in * Anklesvar talaka for the reclassification under Government Resolation No. 8093, dated the 19th November 1901; but when this was postponed by the Resolution of the 12th March 1904, I devoted my time to an inspection of the affected villages, and record the following remarks on the subject.
2. I have confined my attention to the villages of Group V, which constitute the water-logged region of the tálaka and are dealt with by Mr. Mehta in paragraph 32 of his report on the revision settlement. It is not quite clear from the Government Resolation on that report whether the re-classification is to be confined to this group; but I do not find in the revision report or the Resolution on it any clear grounds for the re-classification of any other part of the taluka, and have therefore directed my inquiries to this region alone.
3. The villages of Group $\mathbf{V}$ are the following 20 :-

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and their position is shown in the appended map. They lie on both sides of the boundary between the táluka and the Małaál.
4. Previously to my visit the Mámlatdar and Mahalkari had prepared reports on the portions lying in their charges, and the facts narrated below are trawn from these reports (whioh are at your service if you want them) and from my own observations
5. The first point to note is that the area of water-logged lands hears but a small proportion to the totol area of the gronp. Thas the 9 Anklesvar villages with a total area of 15,164 acres show an area of only 1,755 acres of tree water-logged land, that is, land on which rain water collects for want of sufficient drainage. There is a further area of 139 acres which are overflowed in the rains from the Vand river or nalas, and which suffer in the same way as if water-logged, bat including this also the total is only 1,894 acres, or 12 per cent. of the whole area. The proportion of water-logged lands (of both kinds) in the 11 villages of the mahal is somewhat greater. Oat of a total of 16,420 acres, 869 acres are water-logged in the strict sense, and 2,127 flooded by streans, \&o., giving a total of 2,996 acres or 18 per cent.
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6. The other evil from which this group suffers is the presence of salt at the surface in certain places. The salt lands in the Anklesvar half amount to the substantial total of 2,627 acres or 17 per cent. of the whole: in the Hánsot villages the area does not exceed, 1,445 acres or 9 per cent. I gathered from the villagers that these lands had become salt from the top-soil being washed off in floods. Taking both evils together we get for the whole group 8,062 acres of water-logged and salt land amounting to a percentage of 29 on the total area.
7. Coming to the villages in detail and taking those of Anklesvar first, Adol and Hajat possess a drainage channel constructed within the last 18 years (and the cause of mach woe to their neighbours) and therefore they should have small cause of complaint. Haját in fact has none: the small amount of water-logging remaining was cared last year by the villagers themselves by digging out a water-course at an expense of Rs. 10 and this year they got good crops on the land. In Adol aboat 20 per cent. of the land is still waterlogged or salt. In Telva, though the channel drains it, nearly half the area is still declared. water-logged, and there is a large patch of salt land. Piludra and A'lonj have no waterlogging to complain of; but 20 per cent. of Piludra and nearly the whole of A'lonj are said to be more or less salt. As regards these five villages, however, it is to be noted that they have all been removed from the old Gronp III with a maximum rate of Rs. 5.8-0 to Group V with a maximam rate of Rs. 4; and the assessment on the salt lands of $A^{\prime}$ lonj (to take anexample) has been reduced from Rs. 5,179 to Rs. 8,378 . It is difficult to see what more they oan want, and in fact there is no indication that they need any further attention. In Telva all the assessed waste is rapidly being taken up, and since the channel the "water-logging ${ }^{2 \pi}$ appears to be no more than is good for the land in normal years. In Piludra and A'long. the waste land is similarly being taken up, and the people of $A^{\prime}$ lonj, which on the Mamlatdar's table makes the worst show in the gronp, are said to be perfectly satisfied with the present reduction. There can be nothing seriously wrong with the assessment when the unoccapied lands, presumably the worst, have been reduced to less than a quarter in the last few years. Párdi Edris has nearly a quarter of its area water-logged; and it is one of the villages which complain that they have suffered by the Adol-Haját channel, whioh fills the Vand river and causes an overflow on their lands. Still here too a large area of waste has been taken up since the revision survey and more is being applied for. Motván has small plots of water-logged or sult land; bat hardly any waste. In Sisodra the area of water-logged and sait land does not exceed 13 per cent. of the whole; and here again there has been a rush to take up waste lands since the revision. The assessment of this village has been very drastically reduced. In Adádra there is no.water-logging; but a amall area is salt.
8. Turning to the mahal, Rokid besides a little salt land, has 444 acres of waterlogged land, on whioh, according to the villagers, production of cotton has been reduced from 10 to 5 maunds per aore in the last 20 years. They make, however, the same complaint about all the other lands in the village, and in the case of these attribute the decrease to the fact that the rains have of late years been in the habit of breaking a month later than usual, which disarranges their system of agricultural operations. This aberration of the season is true, but is probably only temporary. In any case it cannot be met by classification. In Kathodra a small area is flooded from the Vand, and there are 150 acres water-logged; but this water-logging seems to go back 50 years, or before the old survey. In all the other villages of the group, exoept Suneokala thero is no complaint of water-logging proper. Kwdddra ( 540 acres), Ghod́dra (250), Pandvai (31), Amod (66), Kharach (231) and Panjroli (161) complain of flooding to the extent shown against each village : some putting it down to the Vand and others to diversions made by neighbouring villages and other looal canses. It seems that much drainage of the southern villages such as Pandoái and Amod, which used to go to the Kim now goes northwards towards tribataries of the Vand. This may have taken place since the survey, but has probably only caused an exohange, not an increase, of water-logging. It will be noticed that the flooded area is rarely extensive, and in some villages, like Jandvai and Amod, is trifing. In Paroat there is no complaint of water at all; but the village contains 461 acres (nearly 25 per cent.) of salt land, and pebbles are fonnd in some fields. It is not clear however that the land has become salt since the first sarvey, and certainly the pebbles must have been there ever since the land emerged from some old lake. In sumeokala 720 acres are either water-logged or subject to floods from the Vand; but this area is less than one-fourth of the whole. The floods are put down to the Adol-Hajat channel : but the villagers admit that in 1902 the
floode benefited the crops. As the rainfall was heavy that year, it follows that the floods mant asually be beneficial and rarely injurions. Dungra, the last village of the group, bas nothing at all to complain of.
9. In Government Resolation No. 8093, dated the 19th November 1901, it is stated that re-classification is not to be made until some definite conclusion is arrived at as to the temporary or permanent deterioration alleged to have taken place in the soil. The Irrigation Commission was requested to investigate this question, but so far as I know it did not do so, and sach a detail hardly came within its soope. My own conclusions are that there is no question of deterioration except where the land has become salt, snd that this deterioration will outlast the present generation which is permanency enough for survey purposes. But the salt land is but a fraction of the area of the group; 4,075 acrea out of 31,538 or sbout one-eighth. As regards the flooding and water-logging which affects 4,890 acres or sbout one-sixth of the area, the people mostly imputed it to varions canses coming into operation since the survey of 1872 , and as I cannot find the slightest reference to the pheno menon in Colonel Prescott's report or the correspondence on it, I am forced to conclude that it must be a growing evil due to some such canses as were suggested by the Honourable Mr. Lely. So far as nature is concerned, it may be taken without further inquiry to be permanent, so far as survey purposes are concerned; but there is of course no reason why art should not step in and care or mitigate it by drainage. This will ultimately have to be done, for no matiter how low the assessment is reduced, the people will go on crying out for it to be done. It would of course be better policy to drain the tract without further lowering the assessment than to lower the assessment and then make the drains.
10. If, however, Government is not prepared, as is probably the case, to introduce the new settlement without further words, I would recommend that the re-olassification should be started as soon as possible and restricted to this Group V. There is so far as I know on ground for applying it anywhere else. The Hansot reclamation (specially referred to in the Resolation) will not be generally ready for cultivation for another ten years, and the proper settlement of the revenue of the taluka and mabal should not be postponed for the sake of this insignificant tract. The present state of matters is unsatisfactory. The record of rights cannot be introduced till the future assessments are definitely fised. Government, moreover, are giving the rayats the benefits of all the draatic rednctions of the revision while taking no part of such increases as there were ; and in the meantime cotton on which Mr. Symonds founded his most lugabrious forecasts has been rising in value every year and seems likely to continue at a higb rate for the next decade. When it is remembered that daring the greater part of the old survey term cotton was at or below Rs. 75 a bhár, whereas it has fuctuated from Rs. 90 to Rs. 145 during the last three years, it will be seen that questions of annas and pies of classification are becoming of very little practical importance to the people, and it may safely be prophesied that with another year or two of similar prices no land which can possibly grow anything will be left unoccupied in the táluka, no matter what the assessment may be.

I have, \&ce, A. C. Logans,<br>Collector of Broach.

Old and new assessments in the villages of Group $\bar{F}$, Anklesvas táluka.

A. C. Logan, Col'ector of Broach.

## Revenwe Survey and Assessment.

Classification of certain lands in the Anklesvar Tálaks of the Broach District.

No, 6049.

## Retemoi Dypartught.

Bombay Castle, 9 th Apgust 1904.
Letter from the Direotor of Land Records and Agriculture, No. 4.- $\mathbf{6 2 3 3}$, dated 16th July 1904.

Resoldtion.-The recommendations made in paragraphs 2 and $\$$ of the letter from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture are approved.
G. F. REATLNGE, Under Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Broach (with the map),
The Director of Land Records and Agriculthares
The Accountant General,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Pablic Works Department of the Secretariat.

## Revenue Survey and Lesessment.

Revision settlement of the Anklesvar Taluka
of the Broach District.
No. 989.
Refpenoe Depabtuent.
Bopmbay Castle, 28th January 1907.
Letter from the Director of Land Recorca, No. 193, dated 19th January 1907 :-
"In their Resolution No. 8093, dated November 19th, 1901, paragraph 4, Government were pleased to "direct' that the' original" settiement' of the Anklesvar T'alake should be continued for a furtber 'period of 'five yeara', subjeot to the abatement granted in the ordere passed on the report of the Commissioner, N. D. They further directed that steps ehould be taken to ro-olassify oertain areas affected by salt efflorescence and watar-logging. In a subsequent Government Besolation No. 6049 of 9 th Angust 1904 they defined these areas as peing contained in cortain villages in group $\bar{Y}$.
"2. The re-olassification was carried out by a party of ancveyors under Mr. Jukea, Superintendent, Lard Records and Registration, N. D., in the hot weather of 1905; bat owing to a misunderstanding occasioned by a proposal put forward by the Collector of Broaah, Mr. Bagnell, to extend the operations to other villages, the submission of the report on the re-classification wes delayed. It has now been received and forwarded to the Collector for opinion, bat as it appeére'that this officer is anxions to propose sweeping modifications, it mey be some time before it yeaches Governmenti:
"3. Moanwhile the five yeary for whioh the original settlement was continned have expired (the date of its first introduction wae Augast lat, 1821). In order to legalise the recovery of the assegsment during the corrent year, I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to direct that the ferm of five years for which the original settlement should be extended shonld be inoreased to six years, and to communicate this order to the Colleotor of Broach by telegraph. I regret the delay which has occurred in bringing this fact to the notioe of Government, bat the fact that the settlement dated from 1871 has only recently come to my notice.' I am now in commanication "with the Commissioner,' N. D., ha to the stéps to be taken for the revision "Bettlement" of the Anklesvar Thaluka, and propose to address Government again on the subject shorthy ${ }^{21}$

Rasolotion -The recommebdation made by the Diregtor of Land Records is sanctioned.

G. MONTEATH,<br>Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Broaik (also by telegram No. 828, dated 25th January 1907),
The Director of Land Records,
Tre Director of Aginoulture;
The Accointant General,
The Pablic Works Department of the Secretariat.

No. 1500, dated 4th October 1906.
To-The Director of Land Reoords.

## Sir,

With reference to the correspondence commencing with your No. A.- 5305 of November 10th, 1902, I have the honour to report the results of the re-classification work in the Ankleshvar Táluka, ordered by Government Resolation No. 8093 of November 19th, 1801.
2. Statements are appended* showing separately the deduction of classification annas to be made on account of injury from salt and from water. Such separation was canctioned by your No. A. 2854 of 1905 on my representation that the effects of ealt are more or less permanent, while the ovils due to water may utiany time be remedied by drainage; and that hence any remission given on account of the effecta of sarfaco-water ehould be temporary only, and should be kept entirely distinct from permanent reductions made for salt efforescence.
3. The work was carried out by six classers of my field party in the montbs of March, April and May of last year. The party was under the charge of Head Survejor Mnhanlal Ishvardás, the most experienced and trastworthy classer at the disposal of the Department. The principles to be followed in carrying ont the work were laid down by my predecessor Mr. Wilkins, in consultation with Mr. P. R. Mehta, I myself visited the spot in April, in company with the Collector of Broach, and supervised the work in the field. I personally inspected practically the whole water-logged area, and tested the classification of every number in whioh "faults" exceeding two annas had been imposed for water-disadvantages. The "water" inquiry was then already completed.
4. Inquiry was made, in all, in nineteen villages of the Ankleshvar Taluks and Hánsot Mahal. Such inquiry was mainly confined to the survey numbers shown in the lists supplied by the Revenue Department, the only exceptions being numbers which were pointed out by the villagers as affected or in which deterioration was obvious to the eye. The result is that all numbers affected by water have been re-classed, but that some of the salt area may possibly have escaped notice. It may be mentioned, however, that the villagers showed a very shrewd notion of the nature of salt-land, and were generally fully aware of the sitaation of such in their villages. In the matter of water they were not so trustworthy or not so scrupulous. Practically the whole popalation of Sunev Kala tarned out to attempt to persuade me that the side of a pronounced hill saffered badly from waterlogging.
5. The practical result of the whole investigation was to show that the water-logged area had been very much exaggerated. Inquiry into water-logging was rendered difficult by the fact that investigation took place in the hot weather after several years of indifferent rainfall. Estimates were however formed from the general lie and appearance of the land, with the aid of the pahani patraks of the past ten years. The latter means of assistance was rather discounted by the necessity of remembering that land, which in a year of ordinary rainfall is badly water-logged, would in a year of light rain be the most fertile of all. To ensure accuracy Mr. Mobanlal was sent to the spot during the monsoon to see the land after a heavy fall of rain, when he fonnd the conclusions previously arrived at to be correct in practically every case.
6. The whole area found to be water-logged amounted to only five handred acres. The greater part of the area entered as water-logged was found to be suffering from another fanit-liability to be swept by running water. This is a fault always recognised by the Survey Department, and its evil effects are obvious. The fertile top layers of aoil, as well as manure and seeds, are constantly being swept away, while the land itself is so cat up by small channels and gatters as to render cultivation difficult. The reason for the great prevalence of this fanlt in this particular taluka is not obvious; but it is true that the whole tract is very seriously affected. The catchment area of big tanks, like that at Sisodra, and, still more, of the so-called Vand river, shows a very large number of more or less pronounced channels, by which the water finds its way into these tanks and river. The most conspicuous example of this is the village of Kudadra on the Vand, which receives practically all the surface-water of all the surronnding villages. The lands of this village are in many places absolutely criss-crossed with gutters and water-courses. As a result, a considerable area of land has gone out of cultivation, though it is still retained by the khátedara to produce grass for their cattle. It must be added that this fanlt, from its very nature, must tend to increase as time goes on.
7. With regard to salt I have little remark to make. A very large ares was found affected by one, two or even three fanlts of salt; and I personally took a test of many such survey numbers. Bat on this point I should like to clear away one donbt. It has been stated, in the course of correspondence on this subject, that.it is not actually certain
that the presence of salt was not allowed for in the original classification. The original prati books having been burnt in the Surat fire, it is true that a definite pronouncement cannot be made on the subject. Still the original classification values of these survey nambers vary from 13 to 16 annas, and in most cases exceed 14 anpas. Every namber shows a full fanlt of "Valsar," ${ }^{-1}$ fanit which will hardly increase or decrease to any ertent with years. Many also show Dhovan. It is therefore, I venture to assert, practically certain that the salt was not allowed for. This assumption does not imply that the fault did not then exiet. Salt in black soil cannot be detected while the soil is wet, so that, if the original classification took place in the cold season, the fault would certainly have escaped notice.
8. With regard to remedy I would anggest that the only possible remedy is drainage. Even drainage would be necessary on so large a scale that the cost would be prohibitive. Bat the scheme might well be worked out, in case famine works on a large scale ever again become necessary. A starting point for the system already exists in the Vand ditch. This could be enlarged, deopened, and in many places straightened and a namber of feeder-channels dug. The soil adjoining it would make excellent rice-land ; and two or three big tanks, excavated at intervals along the channel, would bring many acres of land under rice. Drainage, moreover, would tend to check the salt evil, which is due, presumably, to excessive moisture of the soil, bringing up salts in solntion from the sub-soil. Drainage is the recognised remedy for this defect.
9. I would here repeat my anggestion that remission for water-faults be only temporary. As an example I would instance the village of Sisodra. There the village tank was greatly enlarged and improved during the famine. It is capable of watering a thousand acres of rice-land, instead of the eighty acres which now take water. Many of the numbers, complained of as water-logged and found to suffer from running water, lie quite close to the tank. $A$ very little labour would convert them into excellont rice-fields. Indeed, I suspected some intention of such conversion in the case of one big khatedar, when I noticed that a pipe had been newly inserted in the tank-band opposite his "water-logged" cotton-field, with no rice-land anywhere in the neighbourhood. Under these circumstances, I submit that it would be a great mistake permanently to reduce the assessment of such numbers.
10. In the course of my investigation $I$ was shown a large area of land in Hajat, which was included in the lists, as suffering from an overgrowth of "dabh" grass. On my recommendation this has been given out by the Collector of Broach on a five-years' lease at reduced rates.
11. In conclusion I would mention that I was ordered to re-class the land, and have therefore done so. It was out of my province to make any inquiry into the incidence of the present assessments, or the value of land as shown by the conditions of sales and leases.
12. This report has been delayed pending the decision with regard to the proposal of extending the inquiry to other villages also. As that question has now been settled, there is no reason to keep my report back any longer.

I have, \& C.,

## J. E. C. Juras,

Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D.

No. 382, dated 26th January 1907.
To-The Director of Land Records.
Sir,
With reference to Mr. Jukes' No: 1500 of the 4th Ootober 1906 and his proposals, I have the honour to report as follows.
2. I have visited all the survey numbers in each of the 19 villages of the Ankleshvar Taluka and Hansot Mahal in the two lists marked Khar and Bolan prepared by Mr. Jukea except some of the Dhowan numbers whioh contain grass and a more or less thick growth of Babul bushes and cannot be cultivated, but have to be kept ander grass on account of the large nálas and their branohes which go through these numbers.
3. I went purposely to these areas at the end of November and in December when the crops had boen sown for two and half or three months and were half matured in order that I might see the effects of Khar and Bolan and Dhowan actually on the crops themselves which I had not been able to do when I made some notes in April 1906 on some other areas in which complaints of Khar aud Dhowan and Bolan had been made.
4. Ihave entered notes against each number of the state of the crops and of the rents optained and the effects of Bolan, Dhowan and Khar and they represent what the cultivators have repeated to me in each village during an inspection whioh lasted for e month of long mornings in the feld.
5. The monsoon of 1906 was a copioss one and we did not have sufficient breaks in the rain to allow of weeding and plonghing op the land between the showers and thoroughly cleaning it, so conditions were somewhat abnormal this year. Waterlogging occurs in low-lying land; the rain or Hood water accumnlates often about knee deep and temains there for several days; it requires a good long break for the water to go off for the land to dry for the ploogh; after this the land is plonghed and sown, but when the rain is continuous and the breaks not sufficiently long the soil is all covered with water again and cotton seeds rot or else the young shoots get covered with water; in this way cotton has to be sown very often three times, the last sowing being in the end of Augost or the beginning of September : the crop has thus had no chance of maturing as it does in lands free from Bolan from the middle of June, the field cannot be weeded or ploughed or worked at in any way for weeks and the plant loses two or two and balf months of the most favourable time for its growth and the whole benefit of two-thirds of the monsoon showers which help on the crop on land where water does not eettle ; for all this time such land is getting fall of weeds and rank growth and cannot be cleaned, the cotton is retarded for two months, it gets some rain towards the end of the monsoon in September when rain has ceased to be plentiful and it cannot thrive so well as orop in land which has been well weeded and constantly tarned up for two months before the crop in Bolan has begun to sprout. In a copious monsoon with insufficiently long breaks the Bolan area suffers much and will yield'a 4 to 5 -anna crop of what is its best yield when conditions are favourable, The constant water-logging seems to bring up Khar; and Bolan lands have sometimes Khar in them as well. Such lands according to the rayat cainot be as fertile as lands which do not water-log. I think the average gield in Bolan is from abont three maunds of cotton per acre, some give forr maunde and the worst give two maunds, but three mannds an acre is for many water-logged lands a 12 -anna crop. The normal rainfall of 41 inches is far too much for a water-logged field which does best of all with a 20 -inch monsoon, coming in gentle showers and long breaks with some rain in October, so that the first sowing may succeed and be maturing all the time. We had almost such a monsoon in 1905 except that enough rain did not come in October (4 cents) and the Bolan areas were nearly at their best and gave an 8 to 10 -anna cotton crop: but Bolan land cannot be as fertile as land free from water-logging, for the cotton crop appears in most monsoons 2 or $2 \frac{1}{8}$ months later than other cotton and the land cannot be worked up as other land is. In some villages like Sisodra ( 798 acres), Sunev Kala ( 250 acree), Alonj ( 268 acres) and Adadra ( 250 acres) the Bolan areas are considerable, and if a rayat has much" water-logged land he is greatly bandicapped unless he bas a good many bullocks and the command of a good deal of labour (an unusual condition) because Bolan land unless there is October rain will quickly dry up and the time to ploagh and sow will pass away unless all the fields can be taken in hand at once; hence you bave the comphint that the owner bad no time to cultivate or the time in which to cultivate passed by and the land has remained onsown or been turned up with the plongh and left ansown becouse it has dried up. In some Bolan lands when cotton has failed three tinies the rayat will give ap cotton and sow wheat and juwar: water-logged land is therefore more fitted for wheat and juwar, but a cotton crop is more valuable, and if successful in Bolan a better paying crop than wheat as the seed is far cheaper and cultivation less intense, but both to give the land a rotation of crops and to get in some tarns of paying cotton, cotton is sown in Bolan lands though with a heavy monsoon it does badly. Constant soaking does not suit the soil and it is not impossible that its fertilising agents are injured also, and whilst it is under water it is no use to manure it. Lang is a orop which is largely sown in Bolan areas, but it is a poor paying crop at snnas 12 to Ke .1 a mannd and much inferior to wheat or cotion. In Bolan areas we find at times a growth of dabh grass which is a grass with long and most persistent roots which cannot be pulled up by band and bas to be dug ont at great labour as it cannot be even ploughed ap and it takes op much good from the soil.
6. Khar-Salt-eflorescenco-These lands are impregnated with salt and abundant rain appears to bring up the salt. The "Damro" plant is aid to be a sign of Khar and it grows extensively in fielde with Khar: it is gathered to feed cattle, but has to have the salt thoroughly washed out before cattle will touch it as the plant is very salt to the taste. In Khar land you can see the ealt duat in cracks in the soil : here and there you will find cotton or juwari plants quite withered and in bad Khar the plants of juwar put forth hardly any roots, whilst in walking through such a field you can almost push over some of the crop: the yield of the grain of jowar is poor though in Khar lands people prefer to sow juwar as they get a sure crop of fodder: with cotton the bolle are fewer and the yield less and the quality of the cotton and the seeds inferior: in a Khar field you will see patches where there is ne crop at all. Khar lands require moderate rain and some good rain in October, else the Khar quickly dries up the plants. You see the effects of Khar best when the crop is ripe as it has a withered look; the ears of juwar are small with much less grain than the fine large ears fall of grains of good juwary wheat in Khar has small short ears and gives a poor yield. There are all degrees of Khar, but I think the yield in
field with average Khar is less than half the yield in sweet soil. There is a kind of Khar called Oodhan which is cansed by alalt dast blowing on to the land especially in the hot weather in heary clouds in March, April and May from the large ares of salt marsh lands on the banks and at the months of the Kim and Vand Rivers, along the west coast of the mahal, and from the salt marshes on the bank of the Narbodda; for such Khar the heavier the monsoon the better as it washes ont some of the salt on the upper surface, but in a $20^{\prime \prime}$ or $15^{\prime \prime}$ monsoon anch lands do very badly : such Khar is not much found in these 19 villages except a little in Kharach. Lands are made salt also by the encroachment of salt water coming over them at highest tides: these are fonad at the mouths of the Kim and Nerbudda. There is a kind of Khar which the rayats call Kadva or bitter Khar which they distinguish from salt Khar. You dynnot mistake the evil effect of Khar if you see it in a half or wholly ripened crop. In the hot weather when there is no orop on the ground the measurers find it by digging a hole and when you get down to abont 2 feet you come on the salt wet earth which shows the Khar. The only way to improve such soil is to manare it beavily.

## 7. Remarks on Mr. Jukes' report:-

Paragraph 2.-I agree that if you were to make drains on a large scale and could be sure that they would be a success that remissions for water-logging and overflow of water should be accompanied by a condition that the remission was to continue only as long as the exempted lands suffered from these evils: but to effect a remedy by drainage yon must have a small drain in each field going into a subsidiary drajn which again leads into several large main drains and for these you mast find some outlet where the large mass of flood water can do no damage : a small drain has been made from some fields in Piludra into the Vand, but there is a considerable water-logged area there still ( 167 acres). A drain has been cut through Adol, Hajat, Telva and Pardi Idris which joins the Vand and has a Branch drain from Sarthan which is still the most water-logged village in the taluka: such small isolated drains without subsidiary and field drains only help the land on their immediate banks and do not drain lands at any distance from them: when their banks break as they do here and there, the fields at such breaches get much water-logging. There is a great mass of flood water passing through these villages from east to west after heavy downpours of rain which settles in low-lying lands and overflows land with a slope into the numerons nalas which feed the Vand: these again overflow and flood the lands on their banks. The few drains which have been attempted have hardly mitigated the evil. The Vand has to carry off a large part of the flood water and by running there drains into it at Pardi Idris the villeges of Kathodra and Kadadra on the Vand below get a greater rush of water in the river and more lands flooded than perhaps they otherwise would: it would be difficult to find an outlet for the water of these or auy drains which would take the flood right away as wheu the rain is heavy the Nerbndda itself overfloods its southern bank and the Kim rises over its banks which are low in most places. The possibility of successful drainage is therefore doubtfal, while the expense of a wholesale system of drainage would be enormous and could hardly pay; but in case of the contemplation of such a remedy the ocoupants should be given clearly to nuderstand that if at any time water-logging and flooding are remedied by Government the remissions given for such defeets will.cease.

Paragraph 5.-A great advantage would bave been secured if the classers could have been sent into the fields when the crops were on the ground. The harvest season in 1906 was a vory early one and by March 1906 there was vory little crop left on the ground. When crops are ripe or half ripe you can make a rough estimate of the area in each aurvey number which is injured by Bolan, Dhowan and Khar and it is then that water faulte of Bolan are far easier of detection than when the land is all bare. Dhowan is visible at any time.

Paragraph 4.-It is clear that in Sisodra the salt lands were not all pointed out to either the mámlatdá on his original inquiry or to Mr. Jukes. I made a special inspection of then myself at the urgent request of the villagers and have added a supplemental list of Khar for Sisodra: the villagers are perfectly well acguainted with Khar and after you have seen many a field of Khar with the crops on it you cannot mistake Khar and can make both an estimate of its extent and have a rough idea of the pield of the field.

Paragraph 5-Mr. Jukes' own statements show that roughly the area flooded with rainwater (Dhowan) is some 3,100 acres, whilst there is water-logging in the remainder of 2,300 acres. I do not state that all this area is liable to water-logging, bat a larger portion of it is: the details are given in the inspection note on each survey number. The monsoon of 1905 was about $17^{\prime \prime}$, whilst the monsoon of 1906 has been apto some 4.5"; the area actually water-logged in the rains of 1905 was undoubtedly far lessthan in the monsoon of 1906 and this has probably led Mr. Jukes to think that the area has been much exaggerated, but it is important to distinguish between the area water-logged and the ares liable to water-logging: in a normal monsoon of $41^{\prime \prime}$ the water-logged area is far wore than with a $17^{\circ}$ rains, and with an abnormal monsoon like that of $1900^{\circ}$ ( $44^{\prime \prime}$ ) with heavy downpours and short breaks the waterlogged ares is larger still, but we have to deal rather with the area liable to water-logging. I have seen all this area в 935-81
under conditions far different from those in which Mr. Jukes saw it, and the watere logged ares I saw is probably about the largest in extent to which it over reaches. Estimates of the area liable to Bolan are of course easier to make when you see the crops and the extent of damage done, while the better crops on the higher grounds mark out the inferior crops on the lower levels where the water has settled long ond the crop has been sown more than once and then retarded for most of the monsoon, but even in a light monsoon the water-logged area is hardly the most fertile of all: it is then that it gives its very best gield which is about half that of average land in the village becanse soil which is soaked with rain for three months and grows for that time rank weeds which cannot be removed till the land gets sufficiently dry which has its fertilising qualities saturated and can only be ploughed end cleaned late in the season cannot be as fertile as soil which is ploughed, tarned and weeded for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ or 3 months during the most favourable period of the monsoon. If you manure water-logged soil the rain will wash the good away and you can manure it only when it has become dry.

Paragraph 6.-It is possible though nolikely that the area water-logged by the monsoon ( $17^{\prime}$ ) of 1905 was 500 acres, bat there is no donbt that the area liable to be and actually water-logged in an ordinary monsoon is much greater and really amounts to a greater part of the ares given in the atatement. The effeot of a liability to be swept by running water is as described by Mr. Jukes : in bad cases there is not much of the upper layer left and the field looks as if you could sweep it clean very so on with a broom and reach the hard under layer which is not broken up by the plough in which the plant bas a struggle to thrive; in areas swept over by a rush of water the seed has to be sown twice and often thrice, the last sowing may be at the end of August or when the rush of water that carries away the seed has ceased : thus cotton, the most paying crop of all, does badly in such land which is more suited for juwar, though of course the rayat has to let the field take its rotation of cotton and trust to chance. With the exception of Kharach and Panjroli, where the flooded areas are on the Kim, and in Dungra, Amod and Pandvai, where the flood water comes from Utiadra, the rest of the lands are overswept by running water which drains into a big tributary of the Vand in Godadra and Adadra or into the Vand River itaelf: the water spreads rather in one sheet up against the big band of the Sisodra Tank and heaping up there comes back again and similarly spreads from Sisodra village to the bank of the Parwat Tank heaping op there and coming back agdin. Almost all the land of Kudsdra is swept over by flood water, and my proposals for reduction practically agree with Mr. Jukes; in Gudadra which is on a very troublesome tribatary of the Vand, sufficient reduction has not been given, nor in Pandwai, over which much flood water comes from Utiadra in a heavy monsoon, and this is becsuse Mr. Jukes and his clessers saw the land after a monsgon of $17^{\circ}$ when there were no crops on it, and I have seen it after a rainfall of $45^{\prime \prime}$ and the crope after they had been a growing for $2 \frac{1}{3}$ montha in the middle of the season.

Paragraph 7.-It is strange that the fault of Khar should not have been allowed for and that no rules should have been laid down for deductions for Khar. Its defects are so obvious and the harm which it does to the crop is best seen when the plant is growing; the salt eflorescence can be detected on the ground itself and tested in the soil, whilst every rayat will tell you of the varions kinds of Khar, so that least of all in the cold season with the crop on the land could this fault escape notice, for it is then that its evils are most manifest.

Paragraph 8.-The cost of enlarging the bed of the Fand River would, be enormous: to straighten it for 18 or 19 miles would be a Hercnlean task and you would have to make it half as wide and deep as the Suez Canal and some of its little tributaries would have to be deepened and straightered as well as the main branch through Godadra and Adadra and then you woald have to put little drains in many of the fields and the work would be far beyond even a famine relief work. The coltivation of rice is precarions in this taluka and mahal : for two years in 1904 and 1905 the tanks hardly filled and very little rice was grown: on such an over-flooded area of only 3,000 acres scattered about in different places all such expense would be out of the question.

Paragraph 9.-It would be a blessing indeed if Bolan and Dhowan could be remedied and experiments might be made to test the cost on some small area if you can find an outlet for flood water which will harm no other lands. It is very doubtful if the Sisodra Tank could cultivate 1,000 acres of rice, and it is not unlikely that the survey of 1872 assessed all the land at Kiari rates that they considered the water could reach. The water-logged area abuts on one-third of the south side of the tank and on the west, whilst the rice lands are on the sonth-east, east and north, where the water most readily gravitates and the cultivators who should know best did not think much more rice conld be grown,

Paragraph 11.-The value of the land as indicated by leases and all other information that could be gathered from the record of rights which had been mostly completed in these villages has been noted in my reparate inspection ndtea.*
8. Separate statements* are forwarded for each village which are numbered in the order of Mr. Jukes' two lists of Bolan and Dhowan and Khar. Village maps also accompany similarly numbered in which the survey nambers which suffer from these three defects are marked out in different colours, and the reason for the proposed assessment for each number will be found in a note sttached to each. A consolidated statement* marked Appendix A is forwarded for Bolan and Dhowan and Khar. The total area of Bolan and Dhowan is 5,403 acres with a revision assessment of Rs. 14,849-8-0. Of this the Dhowan area is approximately 3,085 , whilst there is Bolan in 2,318 acres: the whole of this is not waterlogged, bat most of it is liable to water-logging, though the actual water-logged area varies according to the nature of the monsoon i, an approximate estimate of the water-logging in the rains of 1906 has been entered in the note against each number where the water-logging did not seem to spread over the whole number and the actual area water-logged in the past rains (1906) may be 2,000 acres. Some fields have water-logging and are swept over with rain-water as well and in others you find a combination of water-logging and salt. The proposed assessment by the Land Records Department after the monsoon of 1905 ( $17^{\prime \prime}$ ), in which the water-logged and over-flooded area was at its best, is Rs. 12,903-4.0 or an average assessment per acre of some Rs. 2-6-0. I would suggest ma additional reduction of Rs. 673 for which details are given against each survey namber: this is a very moderate increase when we consider that the area water-logged and over-flooded after 1906 was undoubtedly mach larger with a $45^{\prime \prime}$ monsoon than the area over-flooded and waterlogged after the rains of 1805 with a $17^{\prime \prime}$ monsoon : the monsoon of 1903 was over abundant for these lands, the isolated downpours were heavy and rainless intervals short, bat I would deprecate any decrease of my proposed reduction which is for the area liable to waterlogging and over-flooded in most monsoons with an average rainfall of $41^{\prime \prime}$ though the crop may not be so retarded or suffer quite so heavily in a normal monsoon. My proposed resulting assessment amounts to Rs. 12,235 which gives an average of Rs. $2-4-0$ per acre ; there is not much difference in the average per acre for Bolan and Dhowan. The assessment of the original survey was Rs. 20,324 and of the revision Rs. 14,858 with a resulting reduction of Rs. 5,468 , but it mast be remembered that this is the result of a general reduction only which lowered these villages from a maximum dry orop rate of Rs. 5 to a maximum rate of Rs. 3-8-0 and placed them in the lowest or 5th group, but this general reduction did not deal with the special defects which are due to water-logging and over-flowing and Khar on the areas in these villages specially liable to these evils because there is not much doubt that sverage land which is not water-logged swept over with flood water and salted with Khar in these villages is about twice as fertile as the land which so suffers; hence such areas require special treatment and greater reductions than those which are the result of the general reduction.
9. I append a statement* of notes on the general condition of these 19 villages, and I would solioit a reference to these after the special notes on each survey number for each village have been seen and the remarks should be followed in each case with the map :-
(1) Sisodra.-About half the culturable area is held on the new tenure and fourfifths of this ( 1,228 acres) has been forfeited for arrears since the famine, while 250 acres were resigned before the famine probably because the owners could not cultivate them with success and pry the assessment. The cultivators are a much indebted and rather thriftless set of Kolis and indifferent Bhils who do not do their best or get the best work out of the Bhil day labourers: this may bave nothing to do with the incidence of the assessment, but it makes the revenue all the harder to collect and forfeitures in bad years are again likely to occur. The letting value of the land is low and in water-logged, over-flooded end Kbar fields the number is often-let for the assessment ouly. With a heavy monsoon the area sown with cotton, the most paying orop, has been less by 300 acres, and wheat, lang and juwar have been substitnted and in a heavy monsoon a good deal of land this year- 500 acres-remaius uncultivated because the oonstant rain does not admit of ploughing it in time and the area of the village is so large and tho workers, rather few in proportion, that if rain is scarce in Ootober (4 cents, 1906) land dries up and cannot be ploughed and sown, whilst the cultivators being thriftless have not so many aattle or sach command of labour as in better villages. It is likely also that some of the Kolis have more land than they can manage to oultivate thoroughly. An additional reduction of $\mathbf{H s}$. $\mathbf{9 6 - 1 0 - 0}$ is proposed in the Bolan area beoause the water-logging is excessive in these numbers; the orop this year is poor and the best crop which the land, proposed for further redaction, will give iudiferent as the notes on each number will indioate. The average rate for Bolan works out at Rs. $8-8-0$ per aore. A good deal of the water-logged land here this year is uncultivated because it dried up soon and whilst cultivators were working at other lands they had not sufficient resources to cultivate all of it. In a light monsoon most of this would have been oultivated. An additional reduction of Rs. 16.8-0 with a resulting average of Re , 8-3-0 per acre is proposed for the Khar in Sisodra as the crops in the Khar are poor because a copious monsoon has brought up the salt more than usual and Ootober rain has been scanty. A supplementary list* has been made for Sisodra which shows that there is Khar in 164 acres in addition. There is no doubt of the Khar here as it is indicated by the atate of the orops which are poor and all the visible signs of Khar are there such as Damro grass, salt in the soil, plants withering and drying up here and there with bare patches in the fields where nothing is growing

[^6]the proposed reductions are almost on the same scale as for the area of 105 acres and the average assessment, if sanction is given, comes to Rs. 2-4-0 per acro. This area should without doubt be included in the Khar area of Sisodra and the proposed reduction be asanctioned; the Land Records Department could arrange the details if the Bhag annas are not correctly dealt with, but the resulting assessment ohould figure out at about Rs. 358, my proposed reduction.
(ii) Sunev Kala (Bhagdari village).-Until the Bhags are dissolved the poorer lands cannot be resigned ; hence full consideration mast be given to Bolan, Dhowan and Khar areas. The general reduction on revision has been Rs. $\mathbf{3 , 7 5 \theta}$, but waterlogged, over-flooded and Khar areas are here again epecially dealt with. The village has anffered a good deal this year from the heavy downpours with insufficient breaks; the area of cotton is less by 200 scres and the juwar and wheat have heen much retarded by heavy rain. Much of the cotton bas been sown three times. Where the land has been forfeited it is "Gamatis" or rayatwari land. Of the area of 500 ( 496 acres) in Sunev Kala which suffers from excess of water, that liable to water-logging is about 250 acres and the actual extent of water-logging is indicated in the notes against each number. The area liable to be swept over by flood water (Dhowan) is 250 acres and the actasl flooded ares is given in the notes. Both these vary yearly: an additional reduction of Rs, $22-1200$ is proposed which may be sanctiuned. The sverage assessment works out at Rs. 2.6-0 per acre. There is a large strip of K har land stretching from the Parvat bonndary to the village site, about 1,200 yards in width. In some of it the Khar is very bad and has dried up much of the cotton which will hardly give one maund per acre: it is only in the numbers with much Khar where the crop is really quite poor that sabstantial further reductions have been proposed. You cannot lay down an arbitrary rule that so many Bhag annas (say, 3) only may be dedacted and no more: the state of the crop is the best indication of the degree of Khar and when it is as bad as the annewsri of some of these crops indicates you must allow for it fully. Where the Khar is bad the nomber is generally let for the assessment only. The damage by Khar is permanent and greater than the evil from water-logging and over-flooding. The additional reduction (Rs, 180) as proposed is required and then the average assesement per acre is Re. 2 which is not unfair in proportion to the average assessment in the Bolan and Dhowan ares at Rs. 2-6-0 per acre. The damage done to cotton, wheat and juwar by $K$ har in Sunev Kala is serious.
(iii) Parvat (Vigotia).-Chiefly a Bhil village with some Rajpats, Kolis and Sajodra Brahmins. The letting rate is generally for the assessment only. Parvat is the poorest village in the mahal. The area swept over by a rash of water (Dhowar) is about 150 acres ont of 168: but no further reduction is proposed by me and the average assessment works out at Rs. 2 per acre. Substantial reductions have been proposed in some numbers where the Khar is excessive and the cotton und juwar in consequence are quite poor and the rents are low. The same remarks as made for Sonev Kala apply here and the additional proposed reduction of Re. 227-8-0 will give an average assessment of Res. 2-8-0 per acre which is not too low : it is higher than on Suner Kala, but in a good deal of this Khar area the assessment is already low.
(iv) Adol.-A Koli and Bhil village: 410 acres held on the new tenare of land once resigned : 89 acres still waste of land so resigned. Most of the cotton is poor this year as it had to be sown three times on account of heavy rain and for the same reason wheat was anbstituted for juwar in 200 acres where the latter failed on the first sowings. The water-logged area is only 41 acres and a total reduction of only Rs. 15-4-0 is proposed on the revision assessment giving an average assessment of Rs. 2-12-0 per acre as the crops are fair. The Khar area is $2 * 5$ acres 26 gonthas and the proposed total reduction is Rs. $72+35 \cdot 8-0=$ Rs. 107-8.0 which gives an average assessment of Re. 2-8-0 per acre as the crops in Bome of the Khar area are not so poor as in Parvat and Sunev Kala.
(v) Sharach.-313 acres are held on the new tenure of land, resigned 200 acres and forfeited for arrears 113 acres. Some 456 acres are still resigned and waste becanse of Khar in the land. Dhowan area, 116 acres and 11 gunthas; proposed total reduction $\mathrm{Hs} .42-8-0+12-8-0=$ Rs. 54 , giving an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. This over-flooding is considerable and comes from the Kim river and the lund has also Khar; most of it has been forfeited and is held on the new tenure. The Khur ares is 104 acres and 12 gunthas and the proposed reduction of Rs. 80-12-0+ Re. $1-4-0=$ Rs. 32 gives an average assessment of Rs, 2-3-0 per acre. The crops are fair: and the Khar in the cultivated lands is not so serions as elsewhere: much of this area is held on the new tenure.
(vi) Telva.-Mnsalmans (Shaikh) and Bhil village. Culturable area, acres 884. 106 acres of land forfeited and resigned still waste. Cotton sown three times on account of heavy rains. Drainage channel broken in two places which water logs fields near. The Bolan area, 37 acres and 21 gunthas thongh small has much Bolan in it and some Khar as well and the crops are poor. With the totalproposed reductions Rs. 7-12-0+ Rs. $28-8-0=$ Rs. $36-4-0$, the average assessment is Ro. $2-40$ per acre. The most serinus defect in Telva is Khar in 344 acres 12 gunthas: the crops in these field wore quite poor and the barvest will be poorer, for as the crops mature in sach bad Khar the
yield is worse. You will see a crop of kharif juwar in bad Khar land grow up high, bat the ears are quite small with hardly any grain and so it is with the cotton, til and wheat in this Telva Khar. Rs. 115 is altogether an inadeqnate relief in such an ares in which the crops do only a little better with a 17" to $20^{\prime \prime}$ rainfall as in 1805-06 though the normal fall is $41^{\prime \prime}$ and in 1906 we had about $45^{\circ}$. Telva and Darthan are the poorest villages in the taluka, one from water-logging in almost its wholel area and Telva from much Khar. In making his proposals no crops conld have been seen by Mr. Jukes in Telva as they had been mostly removed in March 1906, for the season was an early one. The crops this year in the Khar lands are wretched and their owners much distressed and with this land they have always a hard time. No consideration has been given for this Khar in the revision assessment, and I do not think any one has seen the crops and heard the"people's story as I have. An additional reduction of Rs. 292-4-0 is proposed and is absolately essential here and with that the average assessment comes to $\mathrm{Re}, 2-200$ per acre. See the note at the end of the Khar astatement. Himat Khan of Sarat had to resign 95 acres which he took up in Telva, and Hassein Mia Chhota Saheb who bought 125 acres of waste land is doing very badly with them.
(vii) Gudadra.-Vorah and Bhil village with some Sajodra Brahmins. Mach land is swept over with flood water and the village is cut op by four big nalas, the water of which joins the Vand River. In the Dhowan area additional reduction has been proposed where the crops are poor and suffer much or where the land if under grass has a considerable flow of water over it from one or more nálas. Mach of this land is ander grass and cannot be cultivated though the Bohrahs are most energetic cultivators and have taken up land in Sisodra where they will bave to be encouraged to take more land. The Dhowan area is 617 acres and the total reduction proposed is Rs. $283-14-0+103-18-0=387-11-0$ and gives an average assessment of Rs. 2-2-0 per acre. The additionsl reduction is needed as the land is mach deteriorated and will go on deteriorating and anffers considerably in heavy rainfalls. The Khar area is acres 109 , total proposed reduction Rs. 34-8-0 $+20=$ Rs, $54-8-0$ : there is a rush of water in some of the Khar land as well and the additional reduction is required. The Khar joins on to the Sisodra, Parvat and Suner Kala Khar lands.
(viii) Motson.-A Koli and Bhil village. There has been mach water-logging this year and much of the cotton was sown thrice and in 200 acres wheat and lang have been sown instead. The water-logged area is 210 acres and the total proposed reduction Rs. $68-4-0+59-2-0 \Rightarrow$ Rs. 127-6.0. The cotton in this land is.mostly a failure or a poor crop and in some of it no cotton can be sown. Lang where sown is a poor paying crop, but the wheat is fair. The average assessment with the additional redaction is Rs. 2-8-0 per acre. The Khar area is 215 acres and the total proposed reduction is Rs. $85+119-8-0=204-8-0$ which gives an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre.
(ix) Pilwdra.-Bhil and Koli village. Caltarable area acres 1,550. More than half of this land, 849 acres, is held on the new tenure 124 acres resigned and the rest, acres 725, forfeited for arrears. There are two drains in this village which give some help, bat only the lands just on the drains get benefit. Cotton was sown once, bat proving a failare wheat and juwar were largely substitnted and there are 250 acres less of cotton this year and the cotton is poor on acconnt of beavy rain and low lying land: 210 acres are still waste. The area over-flooded (Dhowan) is about 65 acres and the water-logged area 102 acres in the former the land is chiefly under grass; much of the water-logged area has poor crops. The total proposed reduction, Rs. 36-14-0 $+69-8.0=$ Rs. 106-6-0, giving an average assessment per acre of Rs. 2-4-0. Khar area 313 acres; proposed reduction, Re. $94-8-0+164-8-0=$ Rs. 259 , gives an average assessment of Rs. 1-12-0 per acre. The land has much Khar and the crops are poor, so the additional reduction is required. Mach of the land has been resigned and forfeited before and is now held on the new tenure. This year it will be hard to get in the last Rs. 500 of the revenue.
(x) Pandvai.-A poor and much indebted village of Masalmans (Maleks), Bhils and Kolis. The land, 202 acres, suffers from being swept over with flood water (Dhowan) which is considerable. Proposed total reduction of Rs. 70-12-0 + Rs. 38-12-0 - Rs, 109-8-0 gives an average assessment of Rs. 2-3-0 per acre. There is much Khar in 41 sores and the total reduotions, Rs. 18-4-0 + Rs. 26-8-0 $=$ Rs. 39-12-0, give un average assessment of Rs. 1-12-0 per acre. The crops in this Khar being quite poor the additional reduction (Rs. 39-12-0) is needed.
(xi) Alonj-(Vigotia).-A Vora and Bhil village. This village is low-lying and mach of it suffers in a heavy monsoon : the cotton was sown thrice this year and has been mooh retarded. A good deal of the land has Khar. Of the culturable area, 1,285 acres, 470 acres are held on the new tenure. The Bolan area, 265 acres, is mach water-logged and the crops, ootton and juwar, this year were poor. The fents are low and some of this land was resigned but has been taken up again as owners prefer to do what they can than become day-labourers. An additional reduction of Rs, 90-4-0 is proposed and needed and with the total reduotion of Rs. $51-8.0+$ Rs. $90-4-0=$ Rs. 141-12-0 the average assessment is $\mathrm{Rs}_{\mathrm{s}} 2$ per sore. This village is'a poor one and saffers from

Khar also and in normal monsoons the owners of these nambers have not an easy time. Khar area, 27 acres, has Bolan in it as well and the crops are poor this year. The total reduction, Rs. 5 + Rs. $18=$ Rs. 18 , gives an average assessment of ks. 9 per acre.
(xii) Adadra.-Brahmin, Rajput, Koli and Bhil village. Some 250 acres left nncultivated on account of tho heary raia (1906): this yenr 250 acres cotton; last year 614 acres cotton: many of the crops have snffered from much rain as the village is low-lying. The Bolan arda is 250 acres and in this there is Dhowan also : in the latter an additional reduction of Rs. 29-8-0 is proposed. The total reduction, Rs. $110-8.0+$ Rs. $29-80=$ Rs. 140, gives an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. Kbar area 215 acres: total reduction proposed, Rs. $93+$ Rs. $7=$ Rs. 105 , give an average assessment of Rs. 1-12-0 per acre. The Khar is not so serious as in Telva, Suner Kala and Parvat.
(xiii) Pardi Idris.-Koli, Rajpat and Bhil village. In mach rain the water comes from Telva, Adol and Hajat, and many of the fields on the north of the Vand got water-logged, whilst their drainage chanuel does not help them but rather so fills up the Vand that the people have to keep the water out of the village site. The cotton crop is poor this year on account of much rain and has been sown twice or thrice. Bolan area, 179 acres, has poor cotton and other crops are indifferent : the rents are low and some of the area has been forfeited and is held on the new tenure. The total reductions of Rs. $37 \cdot 4-0+$ Rs. $67-8-0=$ Rs, $104-12.0$ give an averago assessment of Re. 2-6-0 per acre. In the Khar area, 76 acres, most of the crops are poor and the rents low. The total proposed reductions, Rs. $19+$ Rs. $37 \cdot 8-0=$ Rs. $56-8.0$, give an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre and the additional reduction is required.
(xiv) $A_{\text {mod ( }}$ (igotia).-Musalman (Shaikh), Bhil, Dhed village. A poor village and much indebted : 68 acres are swept over with rain water rather than water-logged. Total proposed reductions, Rs. $20.8 \cdot 0+$ Rs. $5 \cdot 8-0=$ Rs. 26, give an average assessment of Rs. 2-4-0 per acre. Many of the crops in this are poor. Khar aren, 48 acres 9 gunthas. Total proposed reductions, Rs. $13+$ Rs. $8-8-0=$ Rs. $21-8 \cdot 0$, give an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. Land is let geuerally for the assessment only.
(xv) Kathodra.-Koli Bhil village. 250 acres forfeited, taken up by Gamsamasth. This year 200 acres less cotton mostly sown three times, of which some 396 acres partly failed. Of 396 acres about 300 acres suffer from being swept over with rain water and 96 acres are water-logged : the crops here are poor and rents low: the additional reduction of Rs. $52-2.0$ is required. The total reduction, Rs. $135-6-0+$ Rs. $52-2-0=$ Rs. 187-8-0, gives an avarage assessment of Rs. 2-2.0 per acre. The Khar area is 73 acres : although there is Khar the cotton is fair in some places. The total proposed reductions, Rs. 24-8.0 + Re. 6-8.0 $=$ Rs. 31 , give an average assessment of Ms . $2-8.0$ per acre.
(xvi) Rohid.--Brahmin, Koli, Bhil, Rajput village. Calturable area 1,413 acres, of which 350 acres are mortgaged. Of the area which suffers from flooding 250 acres are swept over with rain water on both sides of the Jogi nafla. Rohid is a fair villago. The total proposed reductions in Dhowan and Bolan, Rs. 162-12-0 + Rs. $18=$ Rs. 120-12-0, give an average assessment of Rs. 2-2-0 per acre. There :is Khar in 101 acres and total proposed reductions hs. $37-8.0+\mathrm{Rs} .22=\mathrm{Rs} .59-8-0$, give an average assessmeat of Rs. 2 per acre.
(xvii) Kudadra.moli, Bhil, Dhed village. 320 acres out of caltarable area of 1,077 acres, held on new tenure. 'The Dhowan area is 848 acres and total proposed reductions of Re. $446-12-0+$ Rs. $15-4-0=$ Rs. $462-\mathrm{U}-0$ give an average assessinent of Rs. $2-4-0$ per acre. This whole area suffers much from rush of water over it ; the crops on it suffer a good deal. Most of it has been forfeited and is restored on the new tenare, and some is mortgaged and most bas changed hands. The land slopes towards the Vand and the rain water flows over the fields into the Vand which itself overflows; all the numbers on the Vand can only grow grass. The drains let into the Vand have greatly increased the volnme of water here. It is a poor Koli village and nsed always to be much in arrears.
(xviii) Dungra.-Masalman, Dhed and Talavia village. A poor village like Pandvai and the people much indebted. The Dhowan area is 139 acres and the total proposed reductions of Rs. $45+$ Rs, $16=$ Rs. 61 gave an average assessment of Rs. 2-8-0 per acre.
(xix) Paniroli.-Rajput Koli village. Dhowan is 140 acres and with total reductions of Rs. $63-10-0+$ Rs. $1-12-0=$ Rs. $65-6-0$, the average assessment would be Rs. 2 per acre. The crops here are not so poor as in other bad Bolan and Dhowan aress and the rents are better. Otherwise the village is fairly well-to-do and is never in arrears.
10. I submit herewith appendices* marked B and C cousisting of Ankleshwar and Hansot rain returns for five years for the months of June, July, Augnst, September and

October from 1902 to 1906. In 1904 the rainfall at Ankleshwar was 14 inches 86 cents and at no time was there any heavy rain. In 1905 the rainfall was 17 inches 51 cents and only on the 22nd and 23rd July was the rain heavy; otherwise it onme in light showers and the cotton was mach of it sown in the end of Jaly; it was after this light monsoon that the water-logged areas were seen by Mr . Jnkes and his classers in the hot weather of 1306 . In the monsoon of 1906 we had a tatal fall of 44 inches 73 cents with heavy rain on the 22nd and 27th of Jane; we had continuous rain in July and a heavy fall on the 21st with continued showers after it. It rained nearly the whole of August and the rain was heavy from the 27th to the 31st with a big downfall on the last day of the month. On the 6th September there was another heavy fall and a good deal of rain and in October, when some was required, we had only 4 cents.
11. With reference to Mr. Logan's report No. 1557 of the 30th May 1904, which is an accompaniment to Goverament Resolution No. 6049 of 9 th Angust 1904, I would ventare to point ont that his inspection, which was not a very detailed one, took place in the hat weather of 1904 after we had had a rainfall of 14 inches and 86 cents in Ankleshvar. With regard to paragraphs 5 and 6 the total water-logged and over-flooded area in his report is 4,890 acres for the táluka and mahál and the Khar area for both is 3,072 acres, which nearly correspond to the 3,042 acres of this report (Appendix* A). Paragraph 7the drainage channel gives but little relief to Adol or to Telva either, as most of the present water-logged areas are at a distance from the channel. Piludra has 167 acres and Alonj 208 acres water-logged. The classers have found a salt area of only 27 acres in Alonj and the old assessmert on the combined areas of $\mathrm{Khar}(27 \mathrm{acres} 20$ gunthas) and waterlogged land ( 268 acres 28 gunthas), total 291 acres 8 gunthas, in Alonj is Rs. 1,169; new assessment Rs. 757; reduction Rs. 412; Alonj no doubt requires the further reductions proposed. In T'elva the water-logged area is not large, bat the Khar area has much salt in it and is at least 344 acres : there are still 106 acres culturable waste in Telpa unoccupied and the taking up of land there has caused a good deal of loss to two occupants, oue of whom abandoned his land altogether. There are 210 acres culturable waste in Piladra still unoccupied and some 18 acres in Alonj where the people suffer much in a normal monsoon from water-logging and complained with reason of their hard lack this year: although land is taken up in Pardhi Idris still the cotton in Bolan suffers : people take up their old forfeited lands because their livelihood is agricultare only and they do not want to become mere day-labourers. In Sisodra the water-logged area is about 800 acres which is \& or 25 per cent. of the culturable area of 3,331 acres; there are 33 acres waste and 500 acres are unsown thie year because of too heavy rain which did not permit of time to cultivate before the land dried up. In Rohid the classers found 250 aores swept over by a rush of water which is far more serious than water-logging. In Kathodra an area of some 400 acres ( 395 acres 12 gunthas) suffers from excess of water and 300 acres of these are swept over by a rush of water, whilst some 96 acres are water-logged and the drainage channels have doubtless aggravated the evil since the old survey. In Sunve Kala the waterlogged area is 500 acres. In Kudadra, Ghodadra, Pandwai, Amod; Kharach and Panjroli the over-flooded areas are 848, 607, 202, 66, 116 and 140, respectively (total 1,979), and exceed this estimate of 1,279 acres by 700 acres. In Pand wai the Dhowan area is 200 acres, whereas in Kudadra and Ghodadra it is extensive. The water-logged area in Parwat is about 18 acres, bat the area swept over with water is 150 acres. As for Parwat Khar it has been shown that the Survey Department took no thought of Khar at all aud it is probable that salt efflorescence has been there at and before the survey of 1872. In Sunev Kala the water-logged area is about 250 acres and the area swept over by flood water 250 acres and although the Adol-Hajat channel comes into the Vand at Pardi Idris six miles away, it causes a great overflow of water on the Sunev Kala fields. Floods can never benefit crops and where they canse a rush of water the deterioration increases from year to year and a heavy monsoon does much harm by Bulan and Dhowan; it is only with a light monsoon if some $20^{\circ}$ that such areas do their best: They are even then about half as fertile as average land in those villages, especially the soil which is awept over by rain water. Dungra has 140 acres of land swept over by a rush of water which causes a poor yield of crops in normal times. Paragraph 9.-There is no question whatsoever that land must of necessity and does deteriorate by water-logging and much more so by a sweep of water over it; with the first defect the cotton or juwar has to be sown three times and ai the last in the end of Alugust; it loses $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months of the benefit of the monsoon and rach of the good of the soil has been taken out by rank weeds and fertilising agents soaked through; po manurecan then be put on the field and much of water-logged land gives half the yield in a monsoon of $20^{\prime \prime}$ to that of average land, whilst in a heary monsoon the damage done is great, in a normal monsoon the crop is poor. The deterioration by Dhowan is worse and continues beoanse more surface soil is washed away year by year and a thinner upper layer left; in some fieids the cultivators sweep up the upper layer and heap it up against the cotton plants. It is doubtful if art can cure water-lugging and flooding, but in any case to do it thoroughly the expense would be enormous and could never pay, whilst small drains may well prove to be futile and the two sores of Bolan and Dhowan may be increasing. It conld not pay to drain the tract ; the areas are in each village so scattered and the whole ares, some 5,400 acres, is but of the size of one large village. It is in these very 18 villages that reduotions of Rs. 8,680 in 5,400 acres of water-logged,

[^7]flooded and salt land have given some relief and a furthor redaction of Rg. $\mathbf{8 , 0 8 1}$ is needed. The price of cotton is still fairly high at Rs. 100 a bhar, but ootton does badly in all these areas and its quality is inferior. In Sisodra we have 500 aores, Parwat 82 acres, Adol 89 aores, resigned before the famine : Kharach 474 acres, Telwa 27 acres, resigned before the famine and 79 forfeited after the famine: Padwai 12 acres, Alonj 12 aores, Pardi Idris 30 acres, Amod 4 acres, Kudadra 97 acrea, 2 resigned before the famine and 85 forfeited since the famine, Panjroli 14 acres, or 1,370 acres in all of culturable land which are not cultivated this year althnugh price of cotton is high on account of B lan, Dhowan and Khar, and of this some 870 are waste for some time and are likely so to continue for the above defects.
12. But whilst reductions have been given and are still needed in group $\boldsymbol{V}$ there are villages in other groups which can certainly revert to the assessment of the old surveg. To denote them would be more fitting in a report of the final revision settlement proposals of the Ankleshvar Táluka and Hansot Mahal, but a brief reference is here given. In the present revision propossls reductions have been given all round in each class, but $\frac{f}{f}$ submit an appendix* $D$ with notes. Diva Vora Pafi was in the original survey in groap I with a maximum dry crop of 6-8: this has been reduced to $5-6$ with correspondiug reduction this year of Rs. 790 : in the same way Diwe Rajput Pati gets a reduction of Re. 966, yet except occasionally when there are three floods in the Nerbudda after abnormal heavy downpours this village does well and when wheat and juwar and tur are substituted for cotton these crops are very fine because the Nerbudda leaves a rich silt which is most fructifying. The two villages have about 50,000 palm trees equally distributed between them and the profits from the sale of leaves are from Rs, 6,000 to Rs. 10,000 each year and may be pat at an average of Rs, 8,000 per annum : this is exclusive of Rs. 200 to Rs. 400 for rent for tapping the trees. The letting rate is high, Rs. 12 per acre, and hardly any land has been forfeited or is left uncultivated. Last year the cotton in 700 acres was fine. The revenne-payers are contumacions Bohrahs. The total assessment on Government lands is Rs. 17,974 and nearly half is paid from sale of tad leaves for roofing huts and houses ; ship-loads go to Bhávnagar and railway wagon loads elsewhere. Mandva Bujrag has been lowered from 6-8 to 5-8 in its maximum rate; yet it is a most fertile village in which the Narbudda leaves a rich silt and most paying orops of tobacco are grown and it has a rich bet land which brings in much wealth both to the onltivators and the farmer ijardar of the bet. There is a good revenue of Rs. 4,000 or Re. 5,000 from sale of mangoes and Rs. 1,500 from sale of tad leaves and mach produce goes to Broach by boat and earns a high price and the richest sâkárs of Broach own 1,000 acrea which they bought when the land was auctioned for its occupancy price, it having been previously a bet. The reduction of Rs. 410 on Survey No. 199 is not needed as the notes show. Sajod in group II has been reduced from Rs. 6 to Rs. 5 maximum rates, yet it is the richest village of all with splendid crops of cotton of all kinds and even in this year with three floods in the Nurbudda the crops are exceptionally fine as a fine silt is deposited; the crops are quite a show and far superior to any others. These Sajad Brahmins are the cleverest and most energetic caltivators in the taluka so very well-off that they cultivate through hired labonr ander their own supervision and have bought 400 acres from the Kolis aud have 125 acres in Kanva, 50 in Matied, 400 in Haripura and 50 in Nagal with scattered lands in other villages all bought np through the prosperity of Sajod. I consider that-

Beduction on revinion survey in Government lands excluaive of inim land.

| Diva Vohra Pati |  |  |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Diva Rajput Pati | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 790 |
| Mandva Bajrag | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 986 |
| Sajod | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 624 |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |

Rs. 5,07y
should be resumed and the maximum rates of the old sarvey restored.
13. I forward herewith Appendices* A, B, C, D.
14. It is a question whether it would not be better to consider these proposals when the permanent revision settlement of the Ankleshvar Taluka is being reviewed for which a report is due. See Government Resolution No. 8093 of 19th November 1901, Revenue Department, paragraph 2.
15. The amount of jamábandi according to the old and the revision survey as entered in the notes on the villages inclade assessments on inam lands and were ascertained at the recent jamábandi of the táluka. They do not correspond with the figures in Appendix Q of Mr. Mehta's report.

I have, etc.,<br>H. W. J. Bagnill,

Collector of Broach.

No. 857, dated Poona, 12th March 1907.
Tome The Commissioner, Northern Division, Ahmedabad.
Sir,
1 have the honour to forward for submission to Government copy of a report No. 1500 of October 4th, 1808, from the Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, Northern Division, on the re-classification of 19 villages in the Ankleshwar Taluka of Broach District.

The re-classification was directed by Government Resolution No. 8033 of November 19th, 1901. Subsequently doubts arose as to the exact area in which it was to be carried out and it was laid down in Government Resolution No. 6049, dated August 9th, 1904, that it should be confined to 19 villages in Group V.
3. The result of Mr. Jukes' proposal is as follows :-

|  | Villagea. | Ares of Survey Numbers Sut affected. | Present sasessment. | Reànced a asersment. | Difference. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Re. |
| Areas suffering from water logging and flooding. | 19 | 5,484 | 14,605 | 12,697 | 1,908 |
| Areas suffering from salt ... | 16 | - 2,878 | 8,056 | 7,026 | 1,030 |
| Total $\quad .0$ |  | 8,362 | 22,661 | 10,723 | 2,938 |

The net reduction in the assessment will thus be Rs. 2,938. 'The total assessment of the survey numbers affected in these villages according to the original survey was Rs. 82,858; this was reduced by the orders contained in Government Resolation No. 8093, dated November 19th, 1901, to Ris. 28,700 and will now be farther rednced to Rs. 19,723. The total reduction in the burden of the assesement will thus be 40 per cent.
4. Mr. Jukes has been carefully over the ares inspecting all the anrrey nambers which the Revenue Department considered to have deteriorated as well as those pointed out by the villagers. His examinstion was made in March and April which are the best months for studying the effects of sslt efflorescence and his conclusions were checked by a second examination carried out by Mr. Mohanlal Ishwardas, an experienced Head Surveror, nfter heavy rains in Augast. Every effort therefore seems to have been made to ensure a correct decision.
5. Mr. Jukes' proposals were on receipt forwarded by my locum tenens Mr. Enthoven to the Collector for opinion. The Collector has returned them with a letter of 25 closely written sheets in which be criticizes Mr. Jukes' scheme and recommends that additional remissions to the extent of Rs. 673 -11 for water-logging and Rs. 1, 103 for salt should be granted.
6. It is for consideration now whether Mr. Jukes' or Mr. Bagnell's proposals shonld be accepted. I should have been glad to settle the point by personal examination, but I have not the time at my disposal; and I am compelled to ask you to forward the papers to Government for orders, as they are.
7. My own view is that the matter is a technical one pure and simple and therefore one for decision by a survey expert only; further that there was no reason to consult the Collector on the subject.
8. However as the Collector has been at pains to write at length on the sobject, I will endeavour to make a reply. The first thing to bear in mind is that the Survey Department examined all the land which the Revenue Department showed them. If, as Mr. Bagnell states in paragraph 6 and elsewhere, lands were not examined which ought to have been examined, the Collector and his subordinates are the only persons to blame. In the second place, it is necessary to define very olearly the factor of which the Survey Department are to take cognizance in classifying the land. T'he Sarvey Department cannot consider, as the Collector considers, the tenure of the land, that is whether it is Bhagdari or rayatwari, nor the area resigned, nor the oharacter or comparative intelligence of the population, nor the number of the inhabitants; nor the price of the produce, nor the rate of sub-letting. What the Survey Department do is to examine the quality of the soil, its depth, colour, freedom from faults of various kinds, ability to retain moisture and so forth. It is quite true that it will depend on the ability and experience of the classing establishment whether this examination is satisfactorily performed; but given the skill and experience, it is I think generally admitted that the final estimate of the productive power of the aoil formed by the Surver Department has been always wonderfully accurate.
9. Now what the Collector asks is that Government should accept his estimate of the fertility of the soil based on an empirical examination of the orops, pluas numerous miscellaneons factors such as population, prices, area nnder oultivation, letting value in proference to that framed by the technical department. I leave it for Government to decide which shonld be accepted. The conditions of the current year, daring which the Collector has made his examination, were, he admits, abnormal and the admission, I would submit, largely detracts from the value of his opinion.
10. With regard to Mr. Jukes' suggestion that the remission on account of the damage done by "dhowan" and "bolan" should be declared to be "temporary" in view of a big drainage scheme being eventually carried out, I venture to think that this should be adopted. It is very unlikely that drainage will be undertaken, bat, if it is, it may save trouble, if the dedactions from the standard assessment due to the lack of it are already ascertainable from the records.

I have, etc., G. S. IURTIS, Director, Iand Records.

## No. 1271, dated 20th March 1907.

Submitted to Government.
2. The Commissioner agrees with the Director thronghont.
3. The special redaction may for the present be sanctioned for a period of five years.

R. M. KENNEDY,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

## Revonue Survey and Assegament.

Broach.
Reclassification of certain villages in the Ankleshwar Táluka.

No. 5855.

## Revenof Department.

Bombay Castle, 11th June 1907.
Letter from the Director of Land Becords, No. 857; dated 12th March 1907.
Memorandum from the Commiasioner, N. D., No. 1271, dated 20th March 1907
Resolotion.-After careful consideration, the Governor in Conncil is of opinion that the conclusions of the Superintendent of Land Records and Registration, sapported as they are by the Director of Land Records and the Commissioner, N. D., should be accepted. Had the inspection been linaited to the survey numbers selected by the Revenue Department there might be room for doabt; but the villagers were given opportunities of pointing out additional nambers, which were also inspected and classified. It may be taken as pretty certain that the villagers drew attention to all lands which merited examination. As to the extent and degree of the "faults", the estimate of the technical experts, confirmed by an extensive test taken by the Superintendent of Land Records and Registration, must be accepted. The Superintendent was careful to make allowance for the special characteristics of the season in which and the time of year at which the classification and test inspection were made, and checked his results by a special inspection made daring the heavy rains of 1906 by an exceptionally able and experienced surveyor. The Collector made his inspection at the close of an exceptionally unfavourable monsoon, and based bis recommendations principally on the state of the crops grown in such abnormal conditions. Government fally appreciate the pains he has taken, but cannot regard his conclusions as entitled to greater weight than those of the experts of the Survey Department. The villages have already received a handsome reduction of assessment, and the additional reductions proposed by $M_{r}$. Jukes are without doubt safficient to obviate all risk of over-assessment.
2. The reductions being reductions of classification will not be subject to ohange when the revision settlement proposals, which entail no alterations of classification, come up for consideration. The reductions for "dhowan" and "bolen" are therefore sanctioned for five years. Thase for "khar" may be made permanent unless the Director of Land Records should be of opinion that they also can be remedied within a reasonable period.
3. The Director of Agriculture shonld be requested to have this tract examined, in consultation with the Executive Engineer and to report whether any scheme of drainage or other measare can be recommended for the improvement of the lands in question. He is at
liberty to make arrangements for an experiment, at moderate cost, if he thinks it wonld lead to definite conclusions as to the utility or the reverse of a comprehensive soheme.

## R. P. BARROW,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Broach (with the statements and maps received with his letter),
The Director of Land Records (with two statements of "bolan" and "dhowan" and "khar" received with Mr. Jukes" letter),
The Director of Agriculture and of Co-operative Credib Societies,
The Accountsnt General,
The Saperintending Engineer, N. D.,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

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\text { No. 2056, dated 24th Jane } 1907 .
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To-The Commissioner, N. D.
Sir,
I have the honour to refer to Government Resolation No. 939, dated January 28th, 1907, and my No. 386, dated January 31st, 1907, to the address of the Collector of Broach, copy of which is attaohed for ready reference, on the subject of the revision settlement of the Ankleshvar Táluka.
2. To the latter letter the Collector of Broach has forwarded the annesed reply. As you will see from the remarks in the Colleotor's paragraph 18, the financial effect of his proposals had to be worked ont in this office, and there has in consequence been some delay. I shoald have preferred also to have been able to prepare a map, which would show the groupiag proposed by the Collector, bat the matter is somewhat argent, and I therefore forward the papers without further waiting.
3. In my letter above referred to I saggested to the Collector that it might be advisable to continue the present rates for a farther period of five years. The Collector has found kimself unable to accept this suggestion, and has formulated certain proposals of his own which, I understand him to recommend, should be treated as the basis of a settlement for thirty years.
4. It will be convenient if I show at once what the approximate effect of these proposals will be. The attached statement shows by groups the revenue-
(i) according to the settlement of 1871,
(ii) according to the orders of 1901 ,
(iii) acoording to Mr . Bagnell's present proposals,
with the differences plus and minue between them.

| Proposed gronp. |  | Interim asperement at levied at present. | Assesment by Mr. Bagrall' proposale as worked out in the Central Feceord Office. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Diferrence } \\ & \text { between columns } \\ & 8 \text { and } 3 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Differenoe } \\ \text { betwoen column } \\ 2 \text { and } 4 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Difference } \\ & \text { betwoen colamud } \\ & \mathbf{3} \text { and } \AA \end{aligned}$ |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|  | Rs, | Rs. | Re. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| I | 79,842 | 71,690 | 87,778 | - 8,252 | + 7,836 | + 16,088 |
| II | 1,505 | 1,324 | 1,492 | - 181 | - 13 | + 168 |
| III | 18,743 | 14,563 | 20,255 | - 4,180 | + 1,512 | + 5,692 |
| IV | 44,462 | 36,470 | 41,794 | -7,992 | - 2,668 | + 5,324 |
| V | 92,491 | 79,073 | 89,750 | - 13,418 | - 8,741 | + 4,677 |
| VI | 73,293 | 58,145 | 60,140 | -15,148 | - 18,153 | + 1,995 |
| VII | 64,299 | 48,641 | 46,054 | - 15,658 | -18,245 | - 2,587 |
| VIII | 56,497 | 42,925 | 36,929 | -13,572 | -19,568 | - 5,996 |
|  | 4,31,232 | 8,52,831 | 8,78,192 | -78,401 | $-53,040$ | + 25,361 |

B. It will be seen that the total assessment ander the past settlement wes Rs. 4,31,232. The reduced assessment under the orders of 1901 is Rs. $8,53,831$, and that now proposed by Mr. Bagnell is Rs. 3,78,192.
6. A farther atatement is attached showing the namber of villages in each groop, and the rates assigned to each:-

7. Now the queetion is what course is to be pursued.

There seem to be three courses open to us:-
(i) To accept the Collector's recommendations as they stand, introduce his rates, and gaarantee them for 30 years. In this case the present rates must be continued for one year more.
(ii) To have the settlement of the taluka examined and reported on by a special officer in the coming cold weather. This also will involve the contianance of the present rates for another year.
(iii) To continue the present rates for five years and have the revision settlement proposals prepared in 1909-10.
8. Ont of these three oourses I strongly recommend the adoption of the last. With all due deference to the Collector's opinion, based as it unquestionably is on an intimate knowledge of the taluka, I do not think that we can safely accept his present proposals as the basis of a 30 years' settlement. My principal reasons for this ure already given in my letter to his address. In the first place the last five years have not been years of average prosperity or normal agricaltaral conditions and it is not right to assume that the circumstances of the villages in the sonth-west of the taluka are as desperate as they are made out to be. Secondly, I think that the record of rights deserves far more careful examination than the Collector has accorded to it.

The circumstances of the Ankleshvar Taluka are peculiar. In 1901, 88 you will remember Government were led, owing to statements in the public press and elsewhere regarding the heaviness of the assessment, to order a special inquiry into the economic and agricultural condition of the talaka. The officer deputed to conduct the inquiry, Mr. E. Maconochie, formulated certain conclusions which led Government to order a large reduction of the assessment. The question is now whether those conclusions were correct. Mr. Maconochie conducted his inquiry under considerable difficulties : he had no legal power to collect evidence or enforce the attendance of witnesses, and he was necessarily restricted as to time: it is. possible, therefore, ( I am sure he would be the first to admit this) that all facts were not laid before him and that the compendinm of information now collected onder the machinery provided by the Record of Rights Act might have led him to change or modify his views, For this reason, as I have already said, a carefol examination of the record of rights with a view to test Mr. Maconochie's conclusions seems urgently called for..

Thirdly, while admitting that the Collector has devoted an immense amount of time and attention to the question of the assessment of the Ankleshvar Taluka, I venture to think that his views require careful testing on the spot before they can be accepted. In the one case in which I had occasion to make inquiries myself I found that his recommendations, which would have involved wholesale re-classification of a large area, were altogether onjuatifiable and in a recent correspondence I had occasion to point nut the incompatibility of his proposale with received survey principles (vide this office No. 857,* dated March 12th, 1907). His attitude towards settlement.questions is based on the assumption that it is necessary and possible to vary the rating of soils according to an empirical valuation of their productiveness made by himself and his subordinates, ignoring the fact that differences in fertility have already been fully ellowed for in the classification. As an instance of this, I have only to refor-to paragraph. 11 of his present letter, in which, if I understand bim rightly, he recommends the adoption of two maximum rates in a single village. To adopt proposals framed on this principle, without careful test, might lead to most undesirable anomalies.
9. Assaming, therefore, that the Collector's proporals to introduce a 30 years' settlement at once is negatived, we have to consider whether steps should be taken to prepare other formal proposals at once, viz., in 1907-08 or in 1909-10. In my bltmble opinion the latter year wonla

[^8]be preferable. For the last two and a half years the talnka or parts of it have been in what may be described as a continual state of anrest. Circle Inspectors, Mámlatdárs, at least two Deputy Collectors and finally the Collector himself have been going rcund inviting complaints as to deterioration of soil and erroneongness of classification, and making proposals for reduction of the assessment, all of which have come to nothing. What is wanted now is a Jittle peace. The reduction of assessment made by Government in 1901, viz., Rs. 78,401, was extremely liberal ; it has since been further increased by the orders in Government Resolntion No. 5855 , dated 11th instant, and from what I saw myself (and I inspected a large area in which Mr. I3agnell had declared redactions to be absolately necessary) there is no reason to suppose that the present rates are anywhere excessive. Let ns, therefore, I would arge, give the present temporary settlement a fair chance. It is possible that by so doing we may lose some increase of assessment which might be legitimately demended from the richer villages; but this need not be regretted. It will be far better to wait and make a really satisfactory settlement.
10. One point in the Collector's letter remains to be dealt with, viz., the assessment of Sarthan. Here I have ascertained from the Saperintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D., that there has been a mistake, the assessment having been worked out on a rate of Rs. 4-8-0 instead of Rs. 4. This was evidently due to a misunderstanding of the Commissioner's (Sir F. S. P. Lely) remarks in paragraph 7 of his letter No. 407s, dated May 21st, 1931, printed at page 86 of the revision settlement papers. Instructions will be given to have the assessment correctly calculated and commanicated to the revenue authorities in place of those now levied.

I have, \&c.,<br>G. S. Curtis,<br>Director of Land Records.

No. 386, dated 31st January 1907.

## To-The Collector of Broach.

Sir,
I have the honour to reply to your No. 91, dated 7th January.
2. I think that there is great danger of two entirely different things being confased (i) the re-classification of certain villages in group $V$, (ii) the general revision settlement of the taluka.
3. As to (i), the question is really a teohnical one which might bo decided entirely by officers of the Survey Department. My looum tenens referred the Superintendent's proposals to you for opinion, and having done so, I am bound to wait for that opinion. Bat I would earnestly urge you to leave the discussion of the technical questions as far as possible to the officers of Land Records Department. The main question to be answered is not, 'has a certain area fanlts', 'but have the faults been allowed for or not in the classification'? And this is a question which only an expert can answer.
4. As to (ii), the general revision of the talluka, I would point out that the five years for which the esisting assessments were continued under the orders contained in paragraph 4 of Government Resolution No. 8098, dated 19th Nuvember 1901, expired on Jaly 31st, 1906, and Government ought to have been moved then to accord their sanction to their continuance for at least the present year. On the fact coming to my notice a few days back I addressed Goverament and asked them to commanicate to you their sanction by telegraph. I trust that that sanction* has been received.
8. Meanwhile, we have to consider whether we have collected sufficient information to justify our sabmitting proposals to Government for the settlement of the demand for a period of 30 years. I am strongly of opinion that we have not. In the first place the last five years have not been years of general prosperity. Areas which have grown cotton have yielded large profite, areas which have been under cereals have not been so remanerative to their owners. We require further experience of years of a less abnormal character.

Secondly, the record of rights has only just been introdaced and has not yet been properly digested. We require time to master the mass of valuable details which this contains.

Thirdly, the most important factor in the prosperity of the taluka is the price of cotton, which is at the present moment extremely high. Esperts differ as to whether this level will continue ; and it is impossible to say at present which of them ia right. Five years may not settle the point ; but they will, at all events, give us more information than we possess now.

Finally, I would refer to the correspondence ending with your No. 894, dated March 12th, 1906. We agreed there that the question of the assessment of certain areas would be best settled by waiting to see whether or not in normel years the ares ander caltivation

[^9]contracted or not. Obvionsly the time which has elapsed since that agreement has not been sufficient to settle the point.
6. On these grounds Iam inclined to ask Government to continue the existing assessment for a farther term of five years from July 31st, 1906, to July 81st, 1911, and to snggestthat a special Settlement Officer be appointed to review the condition of the taluka in 1909-10. I shall be obliged if yon will favour me with your views on this saggestion.

I have, \&c.,<br>(Signed) G. S. Curtis, Director of Land Recorda.

# No. 746, dated 20th February 1907. <br> To-The Director of Land Records, Poona, 

Sir,
With reference to jour No. 356 of the 31st January 1907, I have the honour to report as follows.
2. It is with entire deference to the opinion of the Commissioner expressed in his memorandum No. 575 of 8th February 1907 that I have ventured to differ after an experience of three seasons in the talula and the mahal and on the completion of a special inquiry into the conditions of each village and a personal visit to each in November and December last. It seemed to me essential to have at least some alternative proposals of my own if I disagreed, and they will be found below.
3. With regard to your paragraph 2 there has been no confusion of ( $i$ ) re-classification of certain villages in group $V$ and (ii) general revision settlement of the taluka. The report on group $V$ is quite distinot in itself and I merely pointed out at the end of it in view of my proposals for additional reductions in group $V$ that there were rich villages in gronp I which if restored to the maximum rates of Colonel Prescott's Sarvey (former sarvey) would make ap for the additional revenue to be remitted in group $V$.
4. Your paragraph 8.-I was bound to go and see the lande and to give my opinion as the facts appeared to me. I have visited these survey numbers in gronp $V$ under different conditions of a rainfall of some 44 inches in 1956 as compared to about 14 inches in 1904 and 17 inches in 1905, after which two dry seasons the lands were classed by the Land Records Department and Mr. Jakes has pointed out this very difficulty in paragraph 5 of his* No. 1500 of 4th October 1906. In sach a bad wateriogged ares it was hardly possible to allow for all the faults after a reinfall of 17 inches which could have been conceded in the classification had the same numbers been seen with the crops on them after a fall of 44 inches. I had no desire to find fanlt with Mr. Jnkes' classification. I merely pointed out what seemed to me to be needed when the conditions wereso entirely differentand much nearer to the normal fall of 41 inches.
5. Your paragraph 5.-I think on the whole we are now in a position to submit some proposals which would secure a larger demand from the more well-to-do villages and a smaller assessment from the poorer ones. This re-adjustment conld be tried from 1st August 1907 for five years and we would bein a better position then to see how such a settlement was anited to the taluka.
6. Although we had a rat year in 1902 and 14 inches in 1904 and 17 inchea in 1905, yet the rainfall in 1903 was normal with a high price of cotton and the rains in 1906 bave been abundant and the price of cotton is good, above Rs, 100 per bhár (Rs. 110). With these varying conditions the villages in group I have done well and from the information I collected at the Jamábandi in. November and December last which is correct enough to rely npon, I find that in group I (Revision Survey) out of a gross area including inam of 15,410 acres only 1,599 acres are mortgaged, 393 acres have been forfeited and restored on the new tenure-and this chiefly on acconnt of contamacy and not becanse the occupants could not pay and retain their land on the old tenure- 199 acres have been resigned and 115 acres are still uncultivated, baving been forfeited for arrears. The former marimam rate of Rs, 6-8-0 could well be restored in these villages. which I do not think have deteriorated under this rate of the former sarveg.
7. I would bring to your notice the folluwing facts in some of the separate villages of group $I$.

Ankleshvar. - 138 acres resigned as well as 20 acres forfeited have all been taken up for cultivation. Panod.- 27 acres forfeited are now being cultivated. The increase of abont Rs. 200 in Government land in Pongam is not levied nuder Government Resolution No. 8093, dated 19th November 1901. A very small area of 24 acres is waste; there are no forfeitures or arrears since the famine. Since the former sorvey Government has built a long bund in Pungam which protects a large area from fooding from the Amla Kbadi. Rice is

[^10]grown with the ootton though it has been reported that such is not the enstom in the Ankloshvar Taluka ; the profite from palm leaves are from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 4,000 a year in this fine village with ita fine crops.

Haripura.-The Sajodra Brahmins and Rajputs of Sajod pay seven-eighth of the assessment. The former are the most skilled and well-to-do aulti vators of the talake and they have acquired most of the land in Haripura and live close by at Sajod. The flood from the Narbudda leaves a rich ailt and renews the lands every year. With three floods in the Narbadde (1906) only 100 acres were resown, but the second sowing of wheat and jower has given and always gives splendid crops in the resulting silt. The Bet has 136 acres which brings in a rent of Reril per acre with good profits to the Machhi and Bhil tenanta. All the forfeited ares ( 61 acres) has been taken ap and there are no arrears since $1901-02$ in any year.

Diva Vohora Pati.-Though sonfetimes fooded in parts to excess by the Narbodda, it has fine later crops of wheat and jowar and tar in the resulting silt and in the following yoar if the flood is not so high very fine cotton is grown as the siltrenews the land. In this village and Diwa Rajput Pati, which are practically one village, the income from palm leaves is from Rs, 6,000 to Rs. 10,000 y year according to the price of the leaves for which there is a great demand ontside the taluka: and some Rs. 1,000 a year is derived for tapping rent from these trees. This village also gots silt from the Narbudda. Andada gets silt from the Narbudda in most of its area and has an income of Re. 800 to Rs. 1,000 from its tad leaves, 58 acres forfeited have all been taien up. Although the bhaggs were broken in Chapra and the land made khalsa there are only 50 acres of cultarable waste not taken up. The Narbudde spreads its silt over most of this village of well-to-do pátidárs. Samor in the same way is favoared by the Narbudda and is held largely by wellto-do Banias. Mandwa Buzrag is perhaps the riohest village of the group as it grows tobacco in 200 acres. All its land benefits from the silt of the Narbadda : it has a rich bet of 250 acres which sells for Rs. 20 to Rs, 22 an acre every year. There is a revenue of Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000 a year from the mango trees and of Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500 a year from its palm leaves, and it sends mach produce by bost to Broach for disposal including much hariali grass from its bets which fetches a high price per head-losd. No land has ever been forfeited here nor have there been any arrears. It is owned by the richest savikars in Brosch.

Although Gadkhol is a Bhil and Talabda Koli village yet two-thirds of it is owned by well-to-do Kachias and Kanbis of Ankleshvar. All the land ( 70 acres), forfeited after the famine, has been taken np : it has fine crops of cotton with several gins at its doors and one-third of the population earns permanent wages on the B. B. \& C. I. Railway. It did well in the group I to which it should be restored. In group II we have a fine village in Sajod: half the village gets silt from the Narbudde and even if wheat and jowar have occasionally to be sown in some 100 acres where cotton has been flooded out the crops are very fertile as the silt renews the land: cotton here is most abundant in soil yearly refertilised as the floods come in quietly and deposit a rich mud. These Sajodras have acquired some 400 acres from the Kolis and have bought lands, 125 acres in Kahnnwa, 50 acres in Matied, 400 acres in Haripara and 50 acres in Nagal and scattered landses faraway as Raima. The yield of cottod is from 9 to 10 maunds an acre : in Sajodra marriages they pay Rs. 2,000 for the bride. The village could well come into groap I of the former survey with a Rs. 6-8-0 maximam rate.
8. There are the following villages in which the maximum rates of the former sarvey might well be restored :-

Hansol (gromp II).-It is the hoad-quarters of the Mahal and does mach business with all the Mahál villages. All the well-to-do sarkars live here, and land sells at Ra. 150 an acre. The reduction on revision is small (about Rs. 200) ; there are never any arrears. There is a ginning factory in the town itself where cotton can be ginned at a short distance from the fields. Only 1 aore is forfeited.

Telod (group III).-No land forfeited or resigned. It is as gool as Asta which is the best village of the Mahal. The khátedárs are well-to-do Kolis and Musalmáns of Hánsot. Land is sold at Rs. 150 an acro. In Asta (group III) no land is resigned or forfeited: a bhágdari village of which the six bhágs are owned by Sajodra Brahmins who are well off and most exoellent cultivators; hardly any arrears after the famine. In Mangrol (group III) no land is resigned or forfeited and arrears both before and after the famine were insignificant. A well-to-do Sajodra Bráhmin bhágdári village. Utraj (group III), close to the Hánsot gin, is never in arrears and has no land forfeited or resigned, owned by Sajodra Bráhmins and is - well-to-do village. .Digus (III) is a fair village never in árrears. Alwa, a village like Asta which is never in arrears: a Bhágdari village of Sajodra Brabmins with only 13 acres waste and a sale rate of abnut Rs. 75 an acre. Bolav, with no land forfeited or held on new tenure with 19 acrea waste and never in arreara. Málanpore, a well-to-do Sajodra Bráhmin village with only 24 acres on the new tenure, restored to the old occupants: a sale rate of Rs. 63 per acre and never in arrears. Aniadra with no land resigned or forfeited or held on the nerr tenure and a sale rate of about Rs. 68 per acre ; never in arrears. Raima, a village like Asta, with no arrears and no weste land und $\&$ acres only forfeited.
9. I would therefore restore the maximam rates of the former survey in the above named villages as a tentative mengare rather than lose the increased revenue, as these villages did well under those rates and are well-to-do. It was in the extreme eastern villages of group III, former sarrey, and the rest of the group with the exceptions above mentioned
(omitting Sarthan) and ín groups IV and V as pointed out by Mr. Maconochie (paragraph 24, page 81, of the accompaniments to Government Resolution No. 8093, dated 19th November 1901) that the rates of the former sarvey were not saited and this portion of the taluks did not do well under the old settlementh
10. On Mr. Maconochie's (page 83, paragraph 25, and page 71) suggestion Sarthan was placed in the IV gronp. Both Messre. Symonds, Panse and the Commissioner agreed that it required a reduction from a maximum rate of Re, 6-8-0 (former survey) to $\mathrm{Hs}, 4$, yet we find that there is an actual inorease in Sarthan (though this is not levied at present) by the revision survey of some 300 rupees on the Government lands. I visited Sarthan in March 1900 after a monsoon of 17 inches when there were no crops on the ground and as the assessment bad been raised I assumed it was justified and was not inclined to listen to complaints of water-logging and considered that the poor condition of the Mahomadans was due to their indolent cultivation as compared with that of the Dheda. I again visited Sarthan this year after a rainfall of 44 inches and with the crops on the groond and went through each field. There is no doubt that most of the village suffers from water-logging and the greater part of the crops is in oonsequence poor-about annas 6-as may be seen from the notes I made on each number. Before the famine 130 acres were resigned and since 120 acres are forfeited of which 98 acres remain khalsa and nncultivated. Much cotton bas to be sown three times and the orop in the end is poor. The Dheds are better off than the Mussalmens and their lands have less waterlogging; they are more diligent caltivators and live on less. I think Sarthan ia badly off and the drain which has been made to take off the flood water helps very little. The explanation of the actual increase in Sarthan is reported by the Superintendent, Land Records, to be due to the application of the revision distance from village scale; although four revenue officers have intended that there should be a substantial reduction in Sarthan it has not been effected and I would deprecate delay for another five years to carry out these saggestions. As a reduction from Rs. 5-8-0 to Rs. 4 has not lowered the assesement, I would propose a maximum rate of Rs. 3 with the present distance from village scale. I forward herewith an Appendix $A^{*}$ with my notes on each namber in Sarthan.
11. With regard to group $V$, out of a total gross area inoluding inam of 81,554 acres there are some 1,138 acres mortgaged, 8,434 acres are held on the new tenure having been forfeited for arrears, 590 acres are resigned and 237 acres remain uncultivated having been forfeited for arrears and not again taken up. Mr. Symonds in his paragraph 24 (page 65, Revision Settlement papers) at first proposed that the maximom rate of this group shonld be Rs. 3, or Re. 1 below Mr. Mehta's rate of Re. 4 becanse Mr. Mebta thought that the rate in the group should be lowered 25 per cent. The Commissioner (Sir F. Lely)-page 86, paragraph 9, Revision Settlement papers-recommended a rate of Rs. 3 without noticing that Mr. Symonds in the second part of his paragraph 22 considered on the whole that Rs. 3-8-0 was a sufficient rate for this gronp. It seems, however, that Sir F. Lely was of the deliberate opinion that Ris. 3 was the proper rate for group $V$, for he says that "it is demanded by present conditions which are desperate. They are not the result of mistakes of the people but of irresistible natural forces", There is no doubt that the villages of group V except Panjroli, Kharach, Hajat, Rohid, Motwan and Párdi Idris are poor villages and being low lying suffer from excess of water. Sir F. Lely had been Assistant Collector in this district and Collector of Surat for some time where he knew well water-logged villages in the Olpad Taluka in which reductions were given on revision survey. With all respect to his opinion and his great experience, their condition is not exactly desperate, but it is disheartening except in Panjroli, Kharach, Rohid, Motwan and Párdi Idris. The rate should be Rs. 3 in this group except in those survey numbers which are not included in the lists accompanying Superintendent, Land Records, Northern Division's No. 1500 of 4th Octaber 1906.
12. Taking these villages of group $V$ in their order, $I$ would point ont that-

Telwa bas 88 acres on the new tenure and 106 acres uncultivated of which 70 are forfeited and waste and 27 acres have been resigned. In a beavy monsoon, cotton is sown, mostly three times and is poor, being mostly late cotton (see Mr. Mollison's remark, page 75, of accompaniments to Government Resolution No. 8093, dated 19 th November 1901).

Piladra has 849 acres on the new tenure of which 124 acres were resigned and 725 acres forfeited. There are some 200 acres still waste.

Adol has 125 acres mortgaged, 410 acres on the new tenure and 88 acres resigned, because the land is water-logged and much of the cotton is late, having to be sown three times.

Alonj suffers from water-logging and much of the cotton is sown thrice in a heavy monsoon and being late cotton gives a poor yield. 470 acres forfeited have been taken up again.

Kathodra has 175 acres mortgaged, 250 acres on the new tenure and a selling value of about Rs. 27 per acre.

Adadra has a considerable area ( 250 acres this year) uncnltivated when there is excess of rain.

Ghodadra is a poor village much washed over with flood water; always in arrears although the Vohrahs are energetic cultivators.

[^11]Pandvai is a poor village like Parvat where excess of water impoverishes the crop.
A'mod is a similar village with 114 acres on the new tenare, 39 acres still forfeited and not taken ap as the land is poor.

Dungra is a much indebted village like Pandvai with 108 acres on the new tenare and 79 acres mortgaged.

Sisodra has 1,478 acres on the new tenare. 1,228 aores have been forfeited and 250 acres resigned : it suffers generally from water-logging, so that mach cotton is late having to be sown two or three times, and 500 acres were left ansown this year.

Kudadra has 320 acres held on the new tenure, 97 acres still waste, 85 having been forfeited and 12 resigned; a poor village which was always in arrears.

Parvat is said to be the poorest village of the Mahal where the land lets for the assessment.

Sunev Kalla suffers from khar and excess of water and half the cotton is late and has to be sown some three times.
13. Group IV was all recemmended for a rate of Rs. 3-8-0 by Messrs. Lely and Maconochie. Of these Dhamrad, Ankalwa, Jetpore, Katpore, Samli, Kantiazal, Waghwan, Balota and Dantrai are poor villages and always in arrears. Ankalwa, Jetpore, Katpore, Samli and Kantiazal are chiefly wheat villages and grow either jowari or bajri for home consumption. If there is a copions monsoon and rain in October the wheat does well, but except Dhamrad they have no cotton to fall back on. Ootton seems to yield both with a poor monsoon and a heavy rainfall if the land is not water-logged. I would propose a reduction in these nine villages from Rs. 4 to Rs, $8-8-0$ as the maximum rate. Taking the villages in detail we find that-
14. Dhamrad has 273 acres old waste ; as the land is poor, 42 acres are still waste. Much of the area has salt dust blown over it and requires mach rain to wash out the salt. Ankalwa has 86 acres forfeited still waste and 92 acres old waste: it requires heavy and late rains to mature the wheat: it has salt dust blown over mosi of the village and is always in arrears. Jetpore suffers from the salt dust too and depends on its wheat orop. Samli has its people much indebted, is always in arrears and dependent chiefly on wheat with 178 acres mortgaged. Kantiazal has 118 acres resigned, 95 mortgaged and 65 forfeited. It is a poor village much in debt. Katpore has 269 acres resigned, 159 acres forfeited and paste and 20 acres on the new tenure. It is always in arrears and was in arrears before the famine. It has only 20 acres cotton: wheat does well only with heavy and late rains. In 1904 much revenue was remitted. Waghvan has 210 acres mortgaged, 157 waste, becanse land is poor, of which 40 aores were resigned three years ago because of the salt dust blown over it. It is a poor village where cotton is poor : it leeps in arrears and the land generally fetches the assessment only as rent. In Dantrai the people are mach indebted; salt dust is blown over from the mouth of the Vand. Balota has 47 acres resigned and 52 acres forfeited and uncultivated, because the land is poor; the south-west portion has salt dust blown over it and the village is always in arrears.
15. Your paragraph 5.-It would not take long to digest the details which are required from the record of rights. The chief faots for each village to be gathered from the record are (a) the total number of acres mortgaged, (b) the area held on the new tenure, (c) the average value of land per acre, (d) the letting rate per acre, (c) the amount of land resigned, $(f)$ the area forfeited and still uncultivated, ( $g$ ) the rate at which land is mortgaged per acre, ( $h$ ) the culturable waste still uncultivated. My office collected these details whilst doing the Jamabandi of the taluka this year and the results are I think fairly accurate. It is difficult to fix a general sale rate of in a village or a letting rate as lands differ in fertility. The letting rate in the lower groups IV and V is often for the assessment or a rapee an aore above the assessment. The price of cotton varies so much that it is impossible to take such a varying item into consideration : the prices here depend on the American crops and the fluctuations and manipulations of the American market and no expert can make any reliable prophecy about cotton from one year to another. The only way to secure a profit to Government from the high price in any year would be to add, agy, an anna to each rupee of assessment of land under cotton if the price exceeded, say, Rs. 120 a Bhar at the time of the instalments in March and April. This would hardly work in practice and we should be content that when prices are high the suspensions of previons years 9 if any, and tagavi can be more easily recovered and the rayat has something to fall back on when the season though poor brings no suspensions with it.

16 I think that it would be well to appoint a special officer in 1911-12 to review the taluka : he would need do so after a normal monsoon and it would be better that he should have some two or three years' experience of this sub-division in which the condition varies so much each year.
17. To sam up my proposals, I would ask that the present rates should continue for one year from 31st July 1906 and that from the 1st Angast 1907 the following grouping and maximam rates should be temporarily introduced for five years intil 1912.

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Group $I_{\text {, maximum rate }}$ Rs. 6-8.0.

1. Ankleshwar.
2. Pánod.
3. Pangam.
4. Haripara.
5. Diwa Rajpat Pati.
6. Diva Vohara Pati.
7. Divi.
8. Chorási.
9. Surwadi.
10. Andada.

Growp II, gats Re. 6.
19. Hánsot.

Group III, rate Re. 5-8-0.
22. Telod.
23. Asta.
15. Piráman.
16. Boidra.
17. Nagal.
21. Pardi Ambheta,
26. Ganpatpara.
29. Mothia.
30. Shera.
84. Karmáli.
85. Ravidra.
36. Umerbar.
37. Safipura.
27. Mándva Matied.
28. Matied.
33. Kahanwa
49. Kalam.
86. Vamleshwar.
64. Chhilodra.
69. Ilav.
55. Katpore.
57. Kantiazal.
58. Samli.
59. Jetpore.
60. Ankalwa.
24. Mangrol.
25. Utraj.

Growp IV, rate Rs. 5.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 20. } & \text { Panoli. } \\ \text { 50. } & \text { Alwa. } \\ 65 . & \text { Bolav. }\end{array}$
Growp $\bar{V}$, rate Rs. 4-80.
38. Umerwáda.
39. Kapodra.
40. Sanjali.
41. Kbarod.
42. Bakrol.
43. Bhadi.
44. Kosamdi.
45. Bhadkodra. Growp VI, rate Rs. 4.
70. Sahol.
71. Asarma.
72. Obha.
73. Sunev Khurd.
75. Varner.
76. Amarat Para.

Growp VII, rate Re. 3-8-0.
61. Dhamrad.
62. Waghwan.
63. Dantrai.
68. Balota.
83. Hazat.
11. Chhapra.
12. Samor.
13. Mandra Busrag.
14. Gadkhol.
18. Sajod.
31. Digus.
66. Malanpar.
67. Aliadra.
74. Raima.
46. Jitali.
47. Sarangpore.
48. Motali.
51. Sayan.
52. Badodra.
53. Vansnoli.
54. Ambbeta.

Group VIII, rate Re. 3.
4. Telva.
85. Piludra.
86. Adol.
87. Alonj.
91. Kathodra.
92. Adadra.
93. Godadra.
94. Pandvai,
95. A'mod.
98. Dungara.
77. Uchbuli.
78. Kararwell.
79. Awadar.
80. Piprod.
81. Párdi Makha
82. Shangpore.
88. Motwan.
89. Rohid.
90. Párdi Idris.
96. Karaoh.
97. Panjroli.
99. Sisodra.
100. Kudadra.
101. Parvat.
102. Suner Kalla.
32. Sarthan.
18. The groups in all cases are not very compact, but owing to the varying condition of their villages this cannot be helped.

From the 102 villages in Appendix $Q$ I have proposed increases in numbers 1 to 13 of group I; in Nos. 14, 18 and 19, groap II; in Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31 of group III; in Nos. $50,65,66,67,74$ of group IV, making 26 villages in all: and I have suggested decreases in No. S2, group III; Nos. $55,57,58,59,60,61,62,63$ and 68 , group $1 V$; and Nos, 84, 85, 86, 87, 91, $92,93,94,95,98,99,100,101$ and 102 , group V, or a total of 24 villagee. This in 50 villoges altogether have changes been suggested. It may be that the increases in the one set, will balance the decreases in the other including the decreases proposed in my report* No. 382, dated 26th January 1907, and the total figare for the settlement of the taluka may remain the same as now. It would not take very loag for the Superintendent, Land Records, N. D., to make the calculations.
19. I consider that these proposals are jastified by the information already acquired which is collected in detail in notes on the viliages of groups I to $V$ (Appendix $Q$ ) which were made by me in November and December last. They are forwarded for each group marked as Appendicest B, C;D, E and F. If Government do not approve of my schome they will be of use to the officer making the settlement later on as they give information about the

[^12]population, the class of cultivators, the calturable occupied area with its former and present assessment, the remissions, inclading the remissions calculated on Inam lands, the aress resigned, held on the new tenure, forfeited and still uncultivated, the cultarable areas still waste and the conditions of the village affecting its prosperity or otherwise to which esettlement officer would have to direct his attention.
20. Last 6 lines of your paragraph 5.-I agree thet the "certain area" alladed to may be eramined some time hence. The proposals of my paragraphs 13 and 14 are made on general considerations.
21. I have forwarded a copy of tifie report to the Commissioner, N. D.

# I have, \&o., <br> H. W. J. Bagnale, Collector of Broach. 

 No. 4141, dated 12th July 1907.Submitted to Government.
2. The Commissioner entirely conours with Mr. Curtis.

R. M. Kenyedy,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

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\text { No. 2851, dated 13th Jaly } 1907 .
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To-The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Bombay.
Sir,
I have the honour to state that the period of extension of the old sarvey allowed by Government Resolution No. 989, dated the 28th January 1907, is caming to a close. Early orders are required for the continuance of a survey settlement in Ankleshvar Talaka to legalise the lery of the assessment.

I have, \&o.,
H. W. J. Bagail,

Collector of Broach.

No. 4245, dated 16th July 1907.
Forwarded with reference to this office No. 4141, dated 12th July 1907.

R. M. Kennadr, Commissioner, N.D.

## Revenue Survey and dosessment:

Broach.
Revision settiement of the Ankleshvar Taluka.

No. 8471.
Revenot Dipartimant.
Bombay Castle, 27 th August 1907.
Letter from the Direotor of Land Reoords, No. 2056, dated 24th June 1907. Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1141, dated 12th July 1907. Letter from the Colleotor of Broaoh, Na. 2951, dated 13th July 1907. Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., Na. 4245, dated 16th July 1907.

Resolomion.-In the opinion of the Governor in Council the Ankleshvar Talaka certainly needs a rest. The existing settlement should be maintained till 8lst July 1913,
and the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records should be requested to submit proposals in due course for the revision being taken in hand.
M. K. NARIMAN,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

## To

The Commissioner, N. D
The Collector of Broach (with Appendices A to F to his letter No. 746, dated 20th February 1907),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agricultare,
The Superintending Engineer, N. D.,
The Accountant General,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Pablic Works Department of the Secretariat.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Broach.
Reduction of assessment on "khar" lande in certain villages of the Ankleshvar Talnkan

No، 10601.

## Refenue Departurnt.

Bombay Castle, 28th October 1907.
Letter from the Settlement Commisaioner and Director of Land Recorda, No. 3200, dated 26th September 1907 :-
"With reference to paragraph 2 of Government Resolntion No. 5855, dated 11th June 1907, I have the honour to state titat the deterioration on acoount of ' khar' geems to me to be of a permanent nature and that therefore the reductions sanctioned in the Government Resolation for suoh deteriorations should be made permanent."
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 5646, dated 8th October 1907 :-
" Sabmitted to Government for information."
Resolution,-Recorded.

> M. K. NARIMAN,
> Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To

> The Commissioner, N. D.,
> The Collector of Broach,
> The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
> The Director of Agricaltare,
> The Superintending Engineer, N. D.,
> The Accountant General,
> The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
> The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

Broach, 11th September 1912.

From

OTYO ROTHFELD, Esquire, B.A., I. C.S.,<br>Collector of Broach;

## To

The COMMISSIONER,
Northern_Division, Alımedabad.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the Settlement Report for Ankleshwar Táluka prepared by Mr. Denning, I. C. S.
2. It has been admitted by the various Officers who have considered the question since 1900 that the assessment fixed by the former survey for the táluka is under present conditions too heavy. In 1901 Government sanotioned certain temporary remissions in the form recommended by Mr. (now Sir Frederick) Lely. In 1907 reclassifioation was furth er made by Mr. Jukes in 19 villages, with the result that the assegsment was further lowered, the deorease being at onoe made permanent in the case of oertain olassification defects and declared to be temporary in the ease of other classification faults.
3. The general result of Mr. Denning's proposals is to confirm the changes already sanctioned for another period of 30 years. That is to say, he proposes that the maxima of assessment shall in practically all cases be the same as those proposed by Sir Frederick Lely and sanctioned by Government; and that all the changes in classification made by Mr. Jukes shall now be permanent. In this general proposal I entirely ooncur. In my opinion this measure will continue an assessment which the experience of ten years has shown to be reasonable and fair in reference both to the State and to the occupants. And this conclusion is supported not only by experience in the district but also by the figures of peroentage of rent to assessment which Mr. Denning has colleoted.
4. In certain cases, however, the maxima of assessment win be different from those proposed by Sir Frederick Lely, the reason being that Mr. Denning has altered the grouping of certain villages. I have gone carefully through the reasons for altering the grouping with Mr. Denning in each case and am satisfied that the grouping now proposed gives the most equitable results possible. In almost every case, the villages affected by regrouping are .villages in which Mr. Maconoohie or Mr. Bagnell had already shown the need for changes greater than those to be secured by a mere change of maximum while they continued in the same group. Sarthan and Telva for instance are villayes which certainly required further relief than could be given if they remained in group III. It appears in fact that muoh of Mr. Bagnell's oriticism of the classification made in this tilluka is not unjustified; and to rectify what inference from experience shows must have been errors in the scientific process of o'assification, regrouping bas in some instances become necessary. For similar reasons again the maximum Bhatta assessment of Kansia has been raised as far as possible, as the classification of this rich village-owned by three or four rich sárkars-is undoubtedly far from free of error, the errors being of a kind unduly favourable to the owners. I am of opinion, therefore, after careful serutiny that the proposals both in respect of maxima and of grouping are reasonable, just, and advantageous to all concerned.
4. Owing to Mr. Denning's departure on leave I have not been able to oheok the working out of Appendix $Q$, notably in respect of deductions and
additions to the Kacha Akar for lands gone out of or brought under cultivation. But Mr. Denning was careful and painstaking, and it may be assumed that Appendix $Q$ is a correct estimate of the increase and decrease-apart from distance scale-to be produced by the proposed settlement.
5. It may be added that the Census figures of 1894 and 1897 taken from Mr. Mehta's report, can hardly be assumed to be correot, while the figures for farm servants given by the Direotor of Agriculture are certainly glaringly incorrect.
6. I have, therefore, the honour to reoommend that the proposals be submitted to Government for the favour of eanction. In my opinion Mr. Denning deserves oredit for a moderate and careful investigation and conelusion of a complicated matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
OTTO ROTHFELD,
Colleotor, Broach.
Through the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Presidency.

Rep. No. $\frac{467}{8.8 .}$ of 1912.<br>Camp Ankleshwar, 11th April 1913.

From

F. G. PRATT, Esqurimb, I. O. B.,<br>Settlement Commissioner and Director

> of Land Records, Poona;

To

> The COMMISSIONER, Northern Division, Ahmedabad.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward Revision Settlement proposals for the Ankleshwar Taluka of the Broach Distriet prepared by Mr. H. Denning, I. O. S., under the orders contained in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8471 of 27 th August 1907. I also forward a letter from the Collector of Broach No. 3896 of 11th September 1912 sending on Mr. Denning's report.
2. Proposals were first framed in 1899 by Mr. P. R. Mehta but it was ordered by Government in 1901 that the introduction of a Revision Sottlement should be postponed and that in the meantime the existing assessments should be reduced all round, and the relief so given in the year 1901-02 has been continued up to the present day by annual remissions.
3. The táluka was discussed at great length in the papers underlying Government Resolutions Nos. 8093 of 19th November 1901, 5855 of 11th June 1907 and 8471 of 27th August 1907 and it is not neoessary that I should go over all this ground again.

But the following introductory remarks are necessary before I can proceed to discuss Mr. Denning's proposals. The fact that relief has been given under a system of annual remissions ever since 1901-02 seems to have prevented Mr. Denning from realizing that the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 8093 of 19th November 1901 were in everything bat name and teohnical formality a complete resettlement of the taluka.

For four groups assessed at Rs, 6-8, 6-0, 5-8 and 5-0 there were substituted five groups assessed at Rs. 5-8, 5-0, 4-8, 4-0 and 3-8. The new assessments were oalculated out in detail for every survey number in the taluka and were embodied in the Record-of-Rights in every village and have for all practical purposes entirely superseded the old assessments. Now in formulating his proposals Mr. Denning has described their effect when compared with the old superseded assessments but he has not described their effect when compared with the assessments as they stand now.
4. In oonsidering his propossls the practioal question which arises is How do they affect the assessments now being levied? And the answer to this question, whioh I will shortly give in full detail, makes it impossible for me to accept his proposals in the case of a considerable number of villages.
5. Further it must be noted that Appendix $Q$ has been prepared in a manner which is now obsolete. The responsibility for this defeot rests not on Mr . Denning but on myself and my office for the effect of the orders contained. in Government Resolution No. 10380 of 27th October 1909 was not olearly brought to Mr. Denning's notioe. Under those orders the new assessments in

Revision Settlement must be worked out by rule of three from the old assessments without any fresh employment of jantries and distance scales. The great advantages of this reform are that the operation is greatly simplified and cheapened a fertile source of confusion nucertainty and doubt is removed, and the Settlement Officer knows precisely what will be the effect of his assessments and how they will work out and is able to prepare an Appendix $\mathbf{Q}$ which is not a mere estimate liable to future variations but a final and precise document. The Collector's remarks in paragraph 4 of his review shew that he also has not noticed the orders above quoted and this is due to the fact that Ankleshwar is the first Gujarat taluka to come under revision subsequent to those orders. Mr. Denning's Appendix $\mathbf{Q}$ does shew roughly and approximately the effect of his proposals when compared with the assessments of the Original Settlement but as I have already remarked those assessments have been abandoned and our present working basis must be the assessments which began to be levied in 1901-02.
6. The Collector's account of Mr. Denning's proposals is in the main a correct one (vide paragraph 3 of his letter), namely, that their general effect is to confirm the changes already sanctioned and to retain in practically all cases the maxima of assessment approved by Sir Frederick Lely. But it is correct only with one very important reservation, namely, the 20 villages in Sir Frederick Lely's 5th Group. I write their names down here for the sake of clearness :-


These considerable increases in these twenty villages the poorest and most depressed in the taluka appear to me to be out of the question. Mr. E. Maconochie wrote of them in 1901: "The present condition of these villages is wretched. The worst is Piludra which is an absolute wreck. They will all need generous treatment at the time of revision settlement." And Mr. Bagnell in 1907 was anxious to secure for them a further degree of relief than they have hitherto received.
7. The increases are of course the direct result of the proposed alteration of the grouping from group 5 where they now stand rated at Rs. $3-8$ to higher groups rated at Rs. $4-8$ and Rs. 4-0. This change of grouping cannot, I think, be justified by the argument put forward that the classification having been revised the villages can now go back to the old group and be rated under a higher maximum rate. The revision of the classification has resulted in a more equitable internal distribution of the burden of the assessment but this
alone would not have been sufficient. The assessment were pitched too high and relief was also needed by such regrouping as would bring down the pitoh of the assessment. That policy should not now be reversed.

The evidence of all observers of these villages shews that the piteh of the assessment was too high. And their observations receive strong corroboration from the figures in Appendix M. The assessments given in Appendix M are the assessments as reduced by the orders of 1901. So far from any increase being desirable I am strongly of opinion that in these villages even further reductions are desirable and this was also the view taken by Mr. Bagnell in 1907 (vide paragraph 11 at page 6 of the accompaniments to Government Resolution No. 8471 of 27th August 1907).

I must mention here that I discussed this question with Mr. Rothfeld in April 1913 before he left the distriet on furlough and he has informed me that he accepted Mr. Denning's proposals for these villages beoause he thought that they would result in a percentage reduction as shown in column 32 of Mr. Denning's Appendix $Q$ and he did not realize that the reduction was only on a comparison with the original assessments and that no comparison had been made with the existing assessments. Mr. Rothfeld now agrees with me that there should certainly be no increase in the existing assessments of these villages and he also accepts my further proposals for a further reduction.
8. In paragraph 32 of the report I find this statement "Sarthan and Telva are two wretchedly poor villages and I, have therefore reduced them to the fourth group" with a maximum rate of Rs. 4. The aotual effect of this operation would be to leave the Surthan asseSsments unchanged (they are now on a Rs. 4 basis) and to increase the Telva assessments (now on a Rs, 3-3 basis) by over 14 per cent.
9. I accept the other minor changes in grouping proposed by Mr. Denning, namely, those which affect the following villages in the following way:-

10. It will be convenient if I go back and record, takiag the groups in order, how far I am able to go with Mr. Dganing in his proposals and at what point we part company.

Proposed Groups I and II.-I acoept these groups and the rates proposed. The effect will be to leave the existing assessments unchanged in every village except Talod where there will be a slight increase.

Froposed Group III.- I accept this group and the rate proposed subject " Piludra. $\mid$ Atol to this modifiontion that the villages* must be excludaloj. $\quad$ Hejat. ed and kept where they are now in group 5 as will be mentioned further on.
Proposed Group IV.-It is as regards this group that I chiefly dissent from the proposals.

The group is made up of the groups 4 and 5 which wera set up in 1901 and have been in existence ever since and I have given my roasons above f.r thinking that they ought to be kept. distinct. I have given the names of th; twenty villages of group 2 paragraph 6 above. By common consent these
are the villages in the taluka which on account of the very unfavourable natural and physical conditions stand most in need of lenient treatment. But the figures of Appendix $M$ shew that the pressure of the assessments even after the reductions made in 1901 is still considerable. In se veral villages the assessment exceeds fifty per cent. of the rent. And it was mainly for these villages that the Collector Mr. Bagnell in 1907 after prolonged and laborious examination in the field proposed a reduced rate of Rs. 3 in place of the rate of Rs, 3.8 which they:now pay.

I would therefore maintain this 5th group and add to it the village of Sarthan and fix its maximum rate now at Rs. 3-1 (i. e., Rs. 3.8 reduced by $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or 2 annas per rupee).
11. I come now to deal with the proposale about Blatha lands. Here also Mr. Denning's proposals cannot safely be followed in those cases where he has proposed new rates, because he has omitted to take into account their effect upon the assessments which are now being levied. He has also made a serious mistake in supposing that large increases bave resulted from the application of the distance scale in the villages of Borbhata, Sakarpur and Sarfudin; but this point will te dealt with afterwards when I come to deal with the four villages of Kansia, Borbhata, Sarfudin and Sakarpur which were transferred to this taluka from Broach in 1901.

As regards the other villages Mr. Denning proposes to leave unchanged all except Mandva Bujrag, Chhapra and Haripura. In Mandva Bujrag for good reasons he proposes an increase from Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 and to this I agree. In Cbhapra and Haripura he has proposed a decrease from Rs. 8 to Rs. 6 and this is also thought necessary by the Collector and may be accepted. The rate of Rs. 8 proposed for the new bhatha land in Samor may also be accepted provisionally.
12. I say provisionally because $I$ think that this new classification of old dry crop land as bhatha should be carefully tested before the assessments are levied. My predecessor Mr. W. P. Symonds looked with great disfavour and suspicion on these increases of bhatha classification (see for instance his remarks in the Broach Táluka Seleotion No. CCCCVII-New Series, page 78, paragraph 16) and my views based on what I have personally seen in various parts of Gujarat are exactly the same. In the village of Pungam I personally examined the 41 acres newly classed as Bhatha and have no hesitation in saying that they ought to have been left as they were as dry crop.

In the case of this village I have in anticipation of the approval of Govern. ment ordered the bhatha classification of the whole area to be cancelled and the whole area to be reassessed at the dry crop rate on the original classification. And in order to make sure that similar mistakes have not been made in other villages I am ordering the Superintendent of Land Records, Northern Division, to make a personal test of all the land originally dry crop which has been newly converted into blatha land. The area will not exceed three or four hundred acres in all.
13. There remain the old Broach villages:Kansia, Borebhatha, Sakarpur and Sarfudin. The following table shews the maximum rates sanctioned and proposed for these villages at various times:-


It will be seen from the above that by the accident of their transfer from Brosch to Ankleshwar in 1902 these villages were given reductions of rates which they would not have received if they had remained in Broach. The actual result when the assessments were worked out was that there were considerable reductions in Kansia and Borebhatha while in Sakarpur and Sarfudin the assessments remained at pretty much the same level. I have satisfied myselt by personal scrutiny of the Akarbands and Village Books both in Ankleshwar and in the Broach Survey Office that Mr. Denning's statement that increases resulted in Borebhatha, Sarkarpur and Sarfudin is quite incorrect. By way of illustrating the confusion into which Mr. Denning has fallen it may suffice to point out that his proposed rate of Rs. 9 for Sarfudin (by way of relicf) would bring about not a decrease but an increase of the existing assessments. For the existing assessments are as shewn above on a Rs. 8 basis and it is the existing assessments that he bas shewn in Appendix M.
14. I now formulate my own proposals which are simple. The assessments of Borebhatba, Sakarpur and Sarfudin may very well be left as they are, i.e., on the Rs. 8 basis. Reference to Appendix M will shew that this rate is under present conditions reasonable and equitable. The Kansia rate may now be raised to Rs. 10.

Under these proposals Kansia and Mandva Bujrag whioh have peculiar advantages of situation and derive the greatest benefits from the annual supply of flood water and fertilizing silt will be rated at Rs. 10 and the other villages in Group I will be rated at Rs. 8 except Chappra and Haripura which will come down to Rs. 6.

These proposals were personally discussed with Mr. Rothfeld before his doparture on furlough and were accepted by him.
15. The only other point needing mention is that I support the Collector's proposal (paragraph 3 of his letter) that the changes in classification which were introduced temporarily in 1907 (Government Resolution No. 5855 of 11th June 1907) should now be made permanent.
16. I have attached for illustration of my proposals a new Appendix $Q$ comparing old and new rates only and a couple of coloured maps shewing the groups and rates as left by the orders of 1901 and the ${ }^{\text {Ig }}$ groups as now proposed by $m$.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your mast obedient servant, F. PRATT,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Skeleton Appendis Q of the Ankleahwar Táluka.



Below Settlement Commissioner's No. 467-S.S., dated 11th April 1913.

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No. 2009 or 1913.

Ahmedabad, Sháhibágh,<br>W. D. No. 1,<br>20th May 1913.

## Forwarded to Government.

2. Mr. Denning has made a very careful investigation and it is unfortunate that his conclusions are, to some extent, vitiated, as the Settlement Commissioner has pointed out, by his having used for comparison with his own proposed rates, not those actually in force but those fixed at the time of the original Survey. The latter were reduced in 1901 and the reduction then made has continued in force ever since. It is certain that the abatement of the original Survey demand was no more than was equitable in view of the circumstances of the táluka nor has there been any such improvement in conditions since 1901 as would warrant any increase in the assessment of the twenty villages mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter. On the contrary these villages need still further relief.
3. The grouping and rates proposed by the Settlement Commissioner may be accepted. They may be summarised thus :-
Group I.-As proposed by Mr. Denning.
Maximum rate Rs. 5-8-0.
Group II.-As proposed by Mr. Denning.
Maximum rate Rs. 5-0-0.

Group III.-As proposed by Mr. Denning except that the villages of Piludra, Aloj, Adol and Hajat should go into Group V.

Maximum rate Re. 4-8-0.
Group IV.-As proposed by Mr. Denning except that the villages of Telva, Motwan, Rohid, Kadadra, Kathodra, Pardi Edris, Adadra, Ghodadra, Shisodra, Parwat, Pandwai, Amod, Kharach, Dungra, Panjroli, Sunev Kala and Sarthan should be entered in Class V.

Maximum rate Re. 4-0-0.
Group $\boldsymbol{V}$.-The twenty-one villages removed from Mr. Denning's proposed Groups III and IV.

Maximam rate Re, 3-1-0 for all but Sarthan where it should be Re. 3-0.0.
4. The Commissioner concurs in the Settlement Commissioner's proposals with regard to the classification of old dry crop lands as bhatha and would ask for the approval of Government to Mr. Pratt's action in directing the cancellstion of the bhatta classification in Pungam and the re-assessment of the whole area at dry crop rates.
5. With regard to the four villages of Kansia, Borebhatha, Sakarpur and Sarfudin, the rates proposed by the Settlement Commissioner, namely, Re. 10 for Kansia and Rs. 8 for the other three may be sanctioned.
6. It has been suggested, and the suggestion is a reasonable one, that the changes in classification, which were introduced temporarily in 1907, should now be made permanent.

R. P. BARROW,<br>- Commissioner, N. D.

Reference No. 329-S. S. of 1913.
Poona, 7th June 1913.
From

F. G. PRATT, Esquire, I. C. S.,<br>Settlement Commissioner and -Director of Land Records, Poona ;

To

> Te日 COMMISSIONER,
> Northern Division.

Sir,
With reference to paragraph 12 of my letter Reference No. $467-\mathrm{S}$. S. of 11th April 1913, forwarding the Revision Settlement proposals of the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach 1)istrict, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a letter No. 1115 of 28th May 1913 and its accompanying statement from the Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, Northern Division, showing the results of the test taken by him of jiráyat lands converted into Bhatha at the revision survey in the villages of Divi, Haripura, Mandwa, Samor, and Jitali of the Ankleshwar Táluka and to recommend that the sanotion of Government may be obtained to the conversion of the survey numbers shown in columns 4 and 6 of Mr. Mehta's statement into dry crop.
> - I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,

> F. G. PRATT,
> Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Below No. 329-S. S., dated 7th June 1913, from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

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## Revenul Department.

Forwarded to Government in continuation of this office No. 2009, dated the 20th May 1913, with a recommendation that sanction may be accorded to the conversion of the survey numbers shewn in columns 4 and 6 of the accompanying statement into dry orop.

R. P. BARROW,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

## No. 1115 or 1913.

Camp Khaparvada, 28th May 1913.
From

Khin Bahidur P. R. mehta,<br>Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, Northern Division;

To
The SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER and
DIRECTOR of LAND RECORDS,
Poona.
Sir,
In accordance with your letter Reference No. 329-S. S., dated the 9th instant, I have the honour to state that I have examined those lands which were classed as jirayat but which were changed to Bhatha recently. The result is shown in the accompanying statement. All the villages belong to the Ankleshwar Táluka. There is no such land in the Broach Táluka.
2. Sanction is solicited to the change of Bhatha numbers of the Original Settlement in the village of Haripura. There was a water course near these numbers at the time of the Original Settlement. It is very nearly filled up now. The land is not Bhatha now.

> . I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> P. R. MEHTA,
> Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, Northern Division.

Slatoment showing the results of the Test taken by the Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D. (Accompaniment to Superintendent, Land Records and Kegistration, N: D.'s No. $11 i 5$ of 28th May 1913.)



Superintendent, Land Records aud Registration, Northern Division.

# Revenuc Survey and Assessment. 

Broach.
Revision settlement of the Anklesvar tálaka.
No. 10241.
Revende Departminnt.
Bombay Aastle, 12th November 1913.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2009, dated 20th May 1913—Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified

Letter from Mr. H. Denning, T.0.s., Ascistant Collector and Assirtant Settlement Officer, Broach, No. 1814, dated 15in Auguist 1912, with accompaniments,
Letier from the Collector of Broach, No. 3898, dated 11th September 1912.
Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Recorda, Ret. No. 467-8.8., dated 11th April 1918, with accompmnimenta.
in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Anklesvar taluka of the Broach

Letter* from the Colleotor of Broach, No. 4510, dated E6th October 1912-Forwarding, with his remarks, petitious of objections received from oertain villagers of the Anklesvar talaka against the proposed grouping and rateso
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Ref. No. 467 -s.s., dated 30th October 1912, to the Collector of Broach.
Memorandu n* from the Collector of Broach, No. 4890, dated 19th November 1912-Submitting an English précis of the petitions of objections accompanying his letter No. 4510 , dated 2cth October 1912.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Ref. No. 467-s.s., dated é4th April 1913.
Memorandum" from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2013, dated 20th May 1913.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2428, dated 20th June 1918-Subnitting, with his recommendation, a letter No. 329-8.s., dated 7th June 1913, from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, who forwards a letter No. 1115, dated 28th May 1918, from the Superintendent of Land Records and Registration, N. D., and recommends that sanotion may be accorded to the conversion into dry erop of certain survey numbera in the villages of Divi, Haripara, Mándwa, Sámor and Jitali of the Anklesvar táluka.
Risolution.-The proposals made by the Settlement Commissioner and Direstor of Land Reoords in his letter No. 467-s.s., dated 11th April 1913, are sanotioned. The maximum rate of Rs 8 approved provisionally in paragraph 1 of Government Resolution No. 7485, dated 12th August 1913, for bhatha lands in the village of Andáda is now sanctioned finally.
2. The action reported in paragraph 12 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter No. 467-s.s., dated 11th April 1913, regarding the treatment of new bbatha lands in the village of Pungám is confirmed, and the recommendation unade by the Commissioner, N. D., in his memorandum No. 2426, dated 20th June 1913, regarding the conversion of certain bhatha survey numbers into dry orop is approved.
8. The changes in classification temporarily introduced under Government Resolution No. $585 \overline{5}$, dated 11th Jane 1907, should be made peraianent.
4. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates as sanctioned. The revised rates should be introduced in the current revenue year 1913-14, levied in and from the Revenue year 1014-15 and guaranteed for a period of 30 years.
5. The petitions of objections do not disclose any grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.

C. W. A. TURNER,<br>Under Seoretary to Government.

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## To

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

Statement referred to in paragraph 4 of Govermmenl Resolution No. 10841, dated 12th November 1913.


## REVISED APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}$.

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Effect of Revision Setllemant propasals on Gonernment occupied land


## APPENDIX Q.

in the Anklesivary Táluka of the Broack District.


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REVISED APPENDIX

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P. R. MEHTA,

Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D.


[^0]:    Begarding the modes of hasbandry and general character of the caltivation of the district.

[^1]:    - Mr. Massiy's Elamimation bafore the " Finawoial Committes."

    Sir David Wedperrurax :-Has not the low re-assessment of districts recently settled tended to reduce the only cousce of revenue which in paid by the people of India without any sense of grievsuce p-The re-assessinent of the land eevenue has been attendod to, I believe, with very great care by ex perienced officers under the vigilant superintendence. nit only of the Government of India, but of the Beoretary of State. There are varions opinions in India as to the rates of aeseesment which have been adopted. Some conaider that the raten have been too low ; on the other hand, it has been thought dosiruble to lighten this burden as much as posmible, For my part, looking at these ratel, I ehould thinl hat they were very lonionte

    Bat will not the faot of our lowering the new essessment be not merely to reduce cur present inoome, but greatiy to compromise our future income ; becanse these asseanments are easily lowered, and it is almost impossible to raise them agaiu $p-T$ The memementa are moatly for limited perioda, and the principle on which thay are adjusted is that they should be from time to time subjeot to revision. Undonbtedly, if the assemsmants are pitched too low, there are considerable difficulties in the way of increasing them again, the amme dificulty which attende every operation of taxation in India. I do not aay the increase could not again be mede ; bat I should be disponed to exsot a grod rent in the first instance.

    Low rents have is tendency to induce aaraless farming and extravagance among the people, sach extravagance as they are capable of $P$-Well, that man be 80 ; I cannot epesk from knowledge on that point.

    I find a paseage in the report on the revenue mettlement which tork plece in 1869 in Surat, which etaten that villagee in Gujarat are now paying an average rate of Re. So per acre, while it is recorded in their meacirs or records that they paid a rate equivalent to lis, 160 per sors in 183s, at the time when the price of produce was only half what it is now'; und in thas mame report it atatee that the adjoining villagea belouging to the Gaikwar are still paging the old asvessment of Re. 160 per acre, and that the zayats do noc thow any desire to abandon ctheir culcivation or emigrate into british territory, That pum would be equiralent at the present price to $\mathrm{Ea}, 320$, the priee of grain having doubled.

    The Cenrman: That is enormoxa; it mant be mistake
    Sin D. Wepdearvery : What obould yoo coonider to be the aurplus prodace of rich garden land in a fertile distriet? I should be eorry to commit mysolf to at opinion an that point.

    Is it rcry conalderable P-Ob-Very.
    I need acarely say the Chairman was right. The quotation alladed to refarn to one vilinge in the Sarat Collectorate end not to oll Gujarat, as is maserted-C. $J_{5} P_{\text {. }}$

[^2]:    - Some interceting information with regand to the importation of cotton from the United Btaten fis given by the Commissioners of Customs in their refort for the past year just issued. The very large inoreace in that eupply in 1872 as compared with 1870, namely, from $6,895,045 \mathrm{cwt}$ to $9,878,910 \mathrm{cwt}$. (s rise of $8,878,865 \mathrm{owt}$ ) has very nearly again placed the Unitad Statea in the rame position they occupied in 1880, when the quantity ment to this country was $9,963,509 \mathrm{cwt}$. By thia large importation in 1871 following that of 1870. Which showed a conaiderable increase over 1869, the United States have now entirely distanced their great competitor Britich India, whose contribution for ten years, from 1860 to 1869 inclucive, to the wanth of this country hed excoeded thair owny the total quantity cons in theae leat two years from these two countriea reapeotively being as follows i-
    

    Excesin of importa from the United States in tro years, $8,770,049 \mathrm{cwh}$
    The mupply from the conntriee where cotion is only coltivated to a smaller extent, or from"others which pase on to us their saperabundant atocka, fluciustes every year. Anatralia, firat known as an importer of ootton into this couatry in 1864, when sbe sent as 258 ewt. only has given ut msterial ascistance in 1871 by en import of 81,008 cwt. ; the provinces of South Auotralis and Vicooris appearing for the first time is the list ln addition to thowe of now sonth
     british Weat lndia Ialands, New Granads Peru, Hayti, and Saint Domingo, we bave recelved alarger supply bill 1871 than in 1870; while Turkey, whero the coltivation of cotton was stimulated by the failure of the American supply so fiar an to increase the quantity sent va from 600 owt. in 1881 to $225,000 \mathrm{cWt}$. in 1865 , har again relapsed into complarative ingignificence as an froposter of cotion into this country, the quantity cent in 1871 having mely amonnted to 23,000 cWe

[^3]:    - This in an axcoedingly low eatimato for an average semson.
    $\dagger$ In thia taluke thare are 2,336 marve of rice to $106,4: 8$ acres of dry-arop-c litele over 2 per cent-
    - $935-18$

[^4]:    - The eatire aren of Government gerden land inclasive of betha is 1,447 acres, about 1 per cent. on the dry cerop.

[^5]:    - Printed as accompaniments to this Resolation.

[^6]:    - Not printed.

[^7]:    - Not printed.

[^8]:    - Fide Government Resolution No 5855, disted Uth June 1907.

[^9]:    - Fide Goverament Reeolution No. 989, dated 28th January 1907.

[^10]:    - Fide Gorcriment Beeolation Ko. 5805, deted IMh June 1207.

[^11]:    * Not priated.

[^12]:    - Vide Government Retolntion No. 5855, dated 11th June 1907.
    $\dagger$ Not printed.

[^13]:    - Not printed.
    + Printed on page 156.

