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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIKDOLI IN tHE GOKA'K TALUKA OF THE BELGAOM COLLECTORATE.



From

-w. S. TURNBULL, Esquire, Superintendeñt, Deccan Revenue Survey;

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To }
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The COLLECTOR or BELGAUM.

## Deccan Survey Superintendent's Ofice, Camp Násik, 26th February 1895.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit through you, for the consideration of Government, my proposals for the revised settlement of the village of Chikdoli of the Gokák Tábuka of your Collectorate.
2. The village is one belonging to Government and was originally settled in 1870-71. There is no record of the authority under Rale 89 of the roles ander which it was originally settled forthcoming, but the Section 214 of the Land Re- former lease of this village expired at the same time as venue Code. that of the 47 villages which were originally settied in 1849-50. The revised settlement of the bulk of the villages in the taluka was sanctioned by Government Resolutions No. 3108 of 20th April 1883 and No. 3337 of 7th May 1886, and was introduced in 1883-84 and 1885-86.' This village should have been included in those settled previously but appears to have been overlooked when the survey operations were undertaken for the other villages and, therefore, was not measured or classed at that time but subsequently after the oversight was detected in 1890-91.
3. The revision survey operations of measurement and classification were

Measurement. commenced and finished in 1890-91 under the same rules as had been in force for the other villages of the táluka, and the results of the re-measurement are as follows:-77 old survey numbers with an area of 714 acres have become 132 new survey and 35 pot numbers with an area of 706 acres. Of the total of 77 old numbers it was found necessary to re-measure 48. The differences in area found between the old and new measurement are as follows:-

4. In the classification branch of the work it was found necessary to re-class 104 numbers with an area of 247 acres out of
Classification. the total of 167 survey and pot numbers. The percentage of the re-classification on the total of numbers and acres is 62.2 of the first and 38 of the second.

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5. The area under different heads resulting from revision survey operations is contrasted below with that shown by the old record:-


The total deficit of 8 acres can only be explained by difference in measurement.
6. The crops grown and their relative proportions to each other are shown

Crops.-Appendix A. in Appendix A. The proportion of kharif to rabi appears to be about 3 to 1 . Jovari is the chiefearly crop and gram the principal late one.
7. The position of the village may be easily ascertained fron the map Position. accompanying the reponemarginally noted and also its facilities as rearkets, communications and climate; which are precisely the same as for the villages
Government Selection- adjacent to it, may be gathered from the report which $\underbrace{\text { No. CXO, "New.Series." " }} \begin{aligned} & \text { deals fully with all these details. }\end{aligned}$
8. The statistics given below show the progress of the village during the Statistics.-Appendices B lease. The figures for the condition of it at time of and C . original survey are taken from the village census which used to be taken by this Department, and the figures showing present condition have been furnished by the Revenue Depart-ment:-

| Description. | 1870-71. | 1891-92. | Decreass or Increase. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Population | 153 | $199 *$ | +46 | +30.0 |
| Agricultural cattle ... | 48 | 40 | -8 | -16.6 |
| Milch cattle | 61 | 79 | +18 | +29.5 |
| Sheep and goats ... | 111 | 168 | $+57$ | +51.3 |
| Carts . ... | ...... | 10 | +10 | $\ldots$ |

These figures show that the village has progressed favorably during the lease.
Revenue History.-Ap- 9. The revenue history of the village is given pendix D . in Appendix D and does not call for any remark.
10. As this village does not differ in its circumstances in any respect from adjacent villages, I have only to propose the same rates for it as have been previously sanctioned for these villages. The old rate is Rs. 1-4-0; the villages which were originally in the same group and rate as this had their rates raised at revision settlement to Rs. 1-8-0. I therefore propose Rs. 1-8-0 as the rate for this village.
11. The estimated result of the proposed rate contrasted with the assessment under the original settlement is as under :-

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { Village. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maximum dry- } \\ & \text { crop rate. } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Government } \\ \text { Occupied Land. }}}{\substack{\text { BY poramer } \\ \text { SVRFEY. }}} \mid$ |  | Bx Revision Sunver. |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Government Occupied Land. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Government } \\ \text { Unocerpied Land. } \end{gathered}$ |  | - Total. |  |  |
|  |  | Acres. | Assessment. | Acres. | Assess ment. | Acres. | Asséesament. | Acres. | Ascesa ment. |  |
| 1 | 2 : | $\because 3$ | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|  | Rs, a. p. |  | Rs. |  | Rs. |  | Rs. |  | Rs. |  |
| 1 | 180 | 287 | 349 | 289 | 418 | 1 | 1 | 290 | 419 | 19.7 |

12. The results of the expiring and proposed settlement under every head are contrasted below :-

| Description. | By Formir Sxtulbment. |  | By Revised Settlemibat. |  | Qait-rent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Assessment. | Acres. | Assessment. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | -. 5 | 6 |
| - |  | Rs. |  | Rs. | Rs. |
| Government occupid land ... | 287 | 349 | 289 | 418 | ... |
| Government unoccupied land... | 2 | 1 |  | 1 | $\cdots$ |
| Inam ... | 358 | 436 | 358 | 495 | 201 |
| Unarable unassessed | 67 | $\cdots$ | 58 | -•• | $\cdots$ |
| Total ... | 714 | 786 | 706 | 914 | 201 |

The incidence of the assessment on an acre according to the old settlement is Rs. 1-3-5 and according to the proposed settlement will be Rs. 1-7-1-an increase of 3 annas and 8 pies.
13. The revised settlement should be guaranteed to expire with that of the remaining villages of the táluka in 1913-14.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
W. S. TURNBOLL, Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey.



The uppor line of figures is that of the previous settlement.


## APPENDIX D.

Revenue Statement for one Government. Village Chikdoli, situated in the Gobät Táluka of the Belgaum Collectorầe, into which the Survey Settlement
was introduced in 1870-71.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Earvey Settlement.]

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Yearc,} \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Occupied Land posing Asmesament to Government,} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Unoccupled assessed arable Goverament Land.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Land, the Revenue of which is alienated entirely or partlails (Inám).} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Totad Land-Government Occupied,
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\text { Assegsenent. }
\end{gathered}
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\text { Ascument }
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\hline 1 \& 7 \& 8 \& 4 \& 6 \& ${ }^{6}$ \& 7 \& B \& $\bigcirc$ \& 10 \& 11 \& 12 \& 18 \& 14 \& 15 \& 16 \& ${ }^{17}$ \& 18 \& 19 <br>
\hline \& \& R. \& Re. \& R. \& $\underline{R} \mathrm{p}_{6}$ \& Rs, \& \& Rs. \& Rs. \& \& Rs, \& Rs. \& Acres. \& Ri. \& Rs. \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1860.01 ... \& $\cdots$ \& 309 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 309 \& \& .., \& ... \& \& \& \& \& 633 \& 414 \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1861-62

$\mathbf{1 8 6 2 - 6 3}$ \& $\ldots$ \& 309

338 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& | 309 |
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| 338 | \& ... \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& 324

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89 \& 125 \& $\cdots$ \& 633 \& 434 \& $\ldots$ \& \% \& <br>

\hline 18863.64 $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 338 \& ..- \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& | 338 |
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| 338 | \& ... \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& | 291 |
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| 294 |
| 1 | \& 125 \& ... \& 639 \& 463 \& ... \& - \& <br>

\hline 1864.65 ... \& $\because$ \& 338 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 338 \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 294 \& 109 \& $\cdots$ \& 632. \& 463 \& ... \& ... \& <br>
\hline 1865.60 ... \& ... \& 838 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 338 \& $\ldots$ \& -.. \& $\ldots$ \& ..' \& 294 \& 109 \& $\cdots$ \& ${ }_{632}^{682}$ \& 447 \& - ... \& .. \& <br>
\hline 1866.67 ... \& $\cdots$ \& 838 \& 4 \& . \& ... \& 338 \& ... \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& 294 \& Jug \& $\cdots$ \& ${ }_{632}$ \& 447 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& <br>
\hline 3867.68 ... \& ... \& 338 \& , \& .... \& $\cdots$ \& 338 \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 299 \& 309 \& $\ldots$ \& 637 \& 448 \& $\cdots$ \& - \& <br>
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$\mathbf{3 3 8}$ \& ... \& ... ${ }^{*}$ \& ... \& 338 \& ... \& ... \& .... \& ... \& 299 \& 109 \& ... \& 637 \& - 447 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1869.70 ... \& ... \& 338 \& ... \& $\because \cdot$ \& ..0 \& 338 \& .. \& $\bullet!$ \& ... • \& ... \& 298 \& 109 \& ... \& 637 \& 447 \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& <br>
\hline 1870.71 ... \& 278 \& 341 \& . \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $3+1$ \& \& \& 1 \& 862 \& 441 \& 117 \& 646 \& 786 \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1571.72 ... \& 282 \& 344. \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 344 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 362 \& 441 \& 117 \& 646 \& ${ }_{786}$ \& 461 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1872-73 ... \& 287 \& 349. \& $\cdots$ \& \% \& - \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& ".. \& 358 \& 436 \& 133 \& 647 \& 786 \& 482 \& -.. \& $\ldots$ \& <br>
\hline 1873-74 $\ldots$ \& 287 \& 349
349 \& ... \& *- \& $\cdots$ \& 319 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 363 \& 436 \& 133 \& 647 \& 786 \& 482 \& ... \& ... \& <br>
\hline 1874.75 .. \& 287

287 \& | 349 |
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| 849 | \& ... \& \& $\cdots$ \& 319 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 650 \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& <br>

\hline 1876.76
1876.77
$\ldots$ \& 287 \& 849
349 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 349
349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\ldots$ \& 353 \& 436
436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 550 \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& <br>
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 \& 201 \& 

687 <br>
647 <br>
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\hline 1878.79 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& ${ }_{647}^{647}$ \& 786 \& 550
550 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& <br>
\hline 1879-80 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\ldots$ \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 650 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline . 1880081 ... \& 287 \& 849 \& ..* \& ... \& -0. \& 349 \& 2 \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>

\hline -1881.82 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& 319 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\ldots$ \& | 3588 |
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647 \& 788 \& 550
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\hline 1882-83 ... \& 287 \& 3.9 \& ... \& :.. \& ... \& - 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& - $\quad 650$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>

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| 1884.86 |
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| 18 | \& 287

287 \& 349 \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& 358 \& 498 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 650 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1885.86... \& 288 \& 349 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& ... \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 550 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1886-87 .. \& 287 \& 349 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& ... \& 368. \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 650 \& ... \& . \& <br>
\hline 1887.88 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 349

319 \& $\stackrel{2}{2}$ \& 1 \& $\ldots$ \& 358 \& | 136 |
| :--- |
| 436 | \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 550 \& ... \& ... \& <br>

\hline 1888-N9 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... * \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& | 358 |
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| 358 | \& 436 \& 201 \& 647

647 \& 786
786 \& ${ }_{550}^{550}$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1889.90 .'9 \& 287 \& 849 \& '*' \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& ... \& 368 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& \& !... \& \& <br>
\hline 1890.91 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& B49 \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline 1891.92

1892.93 \& 287
287 \& 349

349 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\ldots$ \& $\begin{array}{r}358 \\ .358 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& | 786 |
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560 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
\hline 1892.93 ... \& 287 \& 349 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 349 \& 2 \& 1 \& : $\triangle$ \& 358 \& 436 \& 201 \& 647 \& 786 \& 550 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& <br>
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APPENDIX E.
Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals on Government Oocupied Land.

| Numbor. | Name of Villago. | - By pormer sudyey. |  |  |  |  | By Retioloy sobyby. |  |  |  | Percentage increase. | Remarke. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  |  |  | Aroa. | Asgesmenti | Average. |  | Area, | Asseesmont. | Averago, |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | ${ }^{18}$ |
| 1 | Chikdoli ... | III | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | Acres. | ${ }_{\text {Reg. }}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. a, } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 3 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 1. } & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | Acres. 289 | Rs. <br> 418 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. a. } \\ 1.7 . \end{gathered}$ | +19.7 | As there is no rice and garden land in this village, the columns providing details for those lands have been omitted. |

Area of Villages for Settlement Detaila.

| Numbor. | Name of Village. | Formor Taluka. | By yormen Subvey. |  |  |  |  | By Reviaron Sorviy. |  |  |  |  | Population, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Grose area inoludingInam. | $\qquad$ | Govornment anoosed land |  |  | Gross area inoluding Indun. | Of whiohnot availahlefor oultivation. | Government assossed land. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Oooupied. | Unoooupied. |  |  |  | Occuplod. | Unoocupied. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Area. | Assosament. |  |  |  | Area, | Assesement. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | $\bigcirc$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | i1 | 12 | 18 | 14 |
| 1 | Chikdoli... | Gokák | Acres. <br> . | Acres. 67 | Aores. 287 | Aores. 2 | Ra. <br> 1 | Aores, $706$ | Aeres. <br> . <br> 88 | Acres. $289$ | Acres. <br> . 1 | Rs. 1 | 190 |

Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Southern Division. The village of Chikdoli was held in inám till the year 1870-71, when it lapsed to Government. In the same year the original settlement was introduced, the guarantee being restricted to the unexpired portion of the period for which the assessments were fixed in the first settled portion of the táluka, i, e. 1879-80. The reason why this village was omitted, when in the rest of the villages of the táluka the revised settlement was introduced, is not explained. That omission has, however, now to be rectified.
2. The maximum dry crop rate proposed for Chikdoli is the same as that sanctioned after full consideration by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. $\frac{3109 r}{102 \text { conif. }}$ of 20 th April 1883, for the group of villages of which Chikdoli forms a part, and there is nothing in the material circumstances of the latter to distinguish it from the rest. In undersigned's opinion the proposals of the Superintendent of Survey are free from objection and may safely receive the sanction of Government

H. WOODWARD, Collector, Belgaum District.

Through the Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agbiculturen

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\text { No. } \frac{\mathrm{s}}{881} \text { of } 1895 .
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Poona, 4th April 1895.

## Forwaxded with compliments.

2. Undersigned approves of the proposals made by the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, and supported by the Collector.
E. C. OZANNE;

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture

No. 1325 OF 1895.

## Revenue Department:

Belgaum, 24th April 1895.

## Submitted to Government for orders.

2. A reference to the map accompanying the Government Selection No. CXC, new series, shows that the village of Chikdoli forms part of the group of villages in the Gokák Táluka which are shown under the third class, and for which the maximum dry crop rate of Rs. $1-8$ has been sanctioned by Government Resolution No. 3108, dated the 20th April 1893. Both the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, and the Collector of Belgaum, state that there is nothing in the material circumstances of the village to distinguish it from the rest of the villages in the group of which it forms part. There is, therefore, no objection to apply to the village the rates sanctioned for the group in question, and to guarantee the revised settlement till the year 1913-14. The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture approves of the above proposals.
J. F. FLEET,

Commissioner, in charge S. D.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment: Revision survey settlement of the village of Chikdoli, Táluka Gokák, District Belgaum.

No. 4295.

## Revenue Dephetuent.

Bombay Castle, 8th June 1895.
Memorandam from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 1325, dated 24th April 1895--Submitting, with his remarks,

Letter from the Saperintendent, Deccan Revenne Survey, No. 236, dated 26 th . Febraary 1895.
Memorandum from the Collector of Belgaum, No. 1271, dated 18th Maroh 1895.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Reoords and $\Delta$ gricaltare, No, s.-881, dated 4th April 1895 . the papers noted in the margin containing proposals relating to the introduction of a revision survey settlement into tho village of Chikdoli of the Gokák Taluka of the Belgaum District.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Becords and Agricultare, No. s.-1181, dated 10th May 1895.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricalture, No. s.-1274, dated 22nd May 1895-Forwarding a letter No. 2284, dated 17th idem, from the Collector of Belganm, who reports that the notification giving out the rates was published in the village of Chikdoli on 15th March 1895 and that no petitions of objection have been received within the prescribed period of two months, i.e., up to 15th May 1895.

Resolution.-The proposals made by the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, which are supported by the Commissioner, S. D., the Collector of Belgaum, and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, are sanctioned. The rates should be introduced in the current year and guaranteed so as to expire concurrently with those of the other villages of the taluka.

## G. S. OURTIS, <br> Under Secretary to Government.

## To

The Commissioner, S. D., The Collector of Belgaum.

The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land.
Records and Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Pablic Works Department of the Secretariat.
The Government of India,
The Secretary of State for India.

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| Letter No. 885, dated 2nd August 1895, and accompaniments, from the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Sarvey to the Collector of Belganm, submitting proposals for the Survey Settlement of the village of Gujual in the Golsák Tálaka of the Belgaum Collectorate.. |  |
| Endorsement No. 3786, dated 14th Angust 1895, from the Collector of Belgaum, submitting, with his remarks, the above correspondence to the Commissioner, S. D., through the Sarvey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agricultare | 9 |
| Endorsement No. S.-2033, dated 27th Augast 1895; from the Survey Commissionier and - Director, Land Records and Agriculture, submitting, with his remarks, the above correspondence to the Oommissioner, S.D. | $i$ ib. |
| Endorsement No. 3393, dated 7th September 1895, from the Commissioner, S.D., submitting, with his remarks, the above correspondence for the orders of Government | ib. |
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From

> W. S. TURNBULL, EsQuire, Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey;

To.
. The collector of BELGAUM.

> -Deccan Survey Superintendent's Ofice,. .$\quad$ Puona,-2nd August 1895.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit through you for the consideration of Govern-: ment my proposals for the Survey Settlement of the village. of Gujnal of the Gokák Táluka of your Collectorate.
2. The village under report was formerly Inám, and lapsed to Government

Coilector's No. 66, dated 4th Noviember 1890. in 1890-91. On. its becoming a Government village, the Survey Settlement which had been formulated in .1865, and declined then by the Inámdár, was brought into force ander orders from your office, and this settlement- is now current. This department had no action in the introduction of the present settlement, and therefore the settlement I am now submitting proposals for is an original one.
3. The revision measurement and classification of the village was-commenced and finished in the field season of 1890-91. Both operations were conducted on the partial system, the old work which had been done before being utilized in the same manner as it would have been had the settlement been introduced.
4. The result of the revision measurement is contrasted below with that of the old sarvey:-

5. The village is situated on the western boundary of the Gokak Taluka; and is bounded on the north by the village of Ankalgi and by Harankol, a village of the Shahápur Táluka; on the south by Malamardi and Hubli, a village of the Belgaum Talluka, the first named being jaghir village of Angol, and also by Sulthal, a village of the Golék Táluka, and by Budehal, a village of the Kurundvád State; on the east it has the villages of Ankalgi and Yedalgud on its boundary; and on its west lies Shirúr, a villlage of the Kolhápur State, and Rangadhol, a village of the Chikodi Tâluka.
6. The village is well off for communications. The Southern Marátha Railway runs through the lands of the village, and close to the village site, which is about a mile and a half distant from the small station of Sultial, and the made road which passes througl Ankalgi and joins the Gokak-Hukeri road is also within a mile of the village.

[^0]7. The other general circumstances of the village in regard to markets, climate, \&c., do not differ from those of the adjacent villages
Government Selection No. CLXXXVIIL., New Series. previously settled in 1885-86, and therefore I need now only solicit a refereuce to the report on them, in which full details under these heads will be found. All information peculiar to the village regarding former and present condition and its revenue history will be found in the appendices accompanying this report.
8. It is necessary only to propose the adoption of the rates previously sanctioned and now in force in the adjacent villages for the village under report. The old rate of the village in the old settlement which was not accepted by the Inémdár was Rs. 2, the same as the old rate of Ankalgi and Yedalgad. At revision this old rate was raised to Rs. 2-2 for Ankalgi and the adjacent villages, and I therefore propose that this same rate be applied to Gujual. The rate for the rice is proposed to be Res. 8, the same as that in Ankalgi. The garden land is all motasthal, which will be assessed at dry-orop rates with the usual small.increase on the old wells alone, the new wells not being liable even to this small increase. .
.- 9. The assessment levied at present under every head and that resulting from the proposed rates is contrasted below :-

10. The total percentage enhancement caused by the proposed rates is 16.6. The average incidence of the assessment on the acre for occupied land by the former settlewent is Re. 0-15-11, and by the proposed one it will be Re. 1-2-4.

11: The-proposed settlement should be guaranteed as usual to expire with the lease of the remaining villages of the taluka.in 1913-14.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Seryant,
W. S. TURNBULL,

Superintendent. Decian Revenue Surver.

Detaile of Oultivation dad Chops in the one Govetnment village Gujnal of the Gokák Taluka of the Belgaum Oollectorate. Average of five years from 1889-90.to 189s:94.


## APPENDIX $B$.

## Detail of Population.



APPENDIX C.
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Statement showing the Ayricultural Stoc̀k of the one Government village Gujnal in the Gokák Táluka of the Belgaum Collectorate during the year 1892-98.


[^1]APPENDIX D.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanke, and other sources of water-supply in the one Government village Gujnal of the Gokák Táluka of the Belgaum Oollectorate for the year 1891-92.


## APPENDIX E

Revenue Statement for one 'Government village Gujnal, situated in the Gokák Taluka of the Belgaum Oollectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1890-91.
[The years above the black line.are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


## $\triangle$ APPENDIX F.

Effect of Revision Settlement. Proposals on Government Occupied Laind:


APPENDIX $\mathrm{F}^{(1)}$.
Showing Área of Villages for Settlement, with details.


Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner $\&$ S. D.
2. The proposals of the Superintendent of Survey are, in the opinion of undersigned, free from objection and may be-sanctioned. The circumstances of

- No. 2955, dated 26th June this village are precisely similar to those already $1 £ 95$. reported* in connection with the Inám villages of Guti
: in the Belgaum Talukà.
$\because$

3. The notification referred to in Government Resolution No. 7447, dated . 2 ist October 1886, has not Jet been received in this office; and consequently a further report will have to be submitted on petítions of objections, if any', that may be received within the limitation period of two mon ths after the publication of the notification in- the village.
4. Government sanction wat obtained to the introduction of the prosent rates.
$\therefore$ 5. The original rates were fixed on lands in the village for the purpose of Summary Settlement yith the Inámdar, who, however, refused to accept it' The rates were therefore held in abeyance and were brought into force by? the Collector on the death of the Inámdar when the village lapsed to Government.

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Through the Survey Commissioner and Director, Land.Records and Agriculture.


Poona, gith Augist 1895.
Forivarded witt compliments.
2. The undersigned approves of the proposals made by the Superintendent, Deccan-Revenue Survey; and supported by the Collector.
$\because$ J. Ẃ: P. MUIR MÁGX ENZIE,
Acting Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture.
.No. 3393 of 1895.

> Revinue Departmet. Belgaum 7th September 1895.

Submitted to Goyernment for orders, together with the subsequent correspondence.
2. The case of the village of Gujnal in the Gokák Taluka is on all fours with that of the village of Guti in the Belgaum Taluka, submitted to Government with this office No. 3389 , dated the 7th September 1895. The proposals submitted by: the Superintendenit; Deccan Reveque-Survey, for the Survey Settlement of the village, are reasonable, and hive been concurred in by both the Collector and the Șurvey Commissioner and Director of Land Fecords and Agriculture: and the undersigned recommends that they should bẹ sanctioned,

J. F. FLEET,<br>Commissioner in charge, S. I.

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No. 7574

## Bombay Castlé; 2nd October 1895.

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Risolction.-The proposals made by the Superintendent, Deacag Revenue Survey, "which are supported by the Collector of Belgaum, the Survey Commis: sioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, and the Commissioner, S. D., are approved and sanctioned. The rates should be introduced in the current year and guaranteed so as to expire concurrently with those of the other villages of the taluka:
G. S. CURTIS,

Under Secretary to Government:

The Commissioner, S.. .,
The Collector of Belgaum,

- The Survey Commisisioner and Director of Tiend. Rocoords and Agriculture",:
-The Accountant General,
- The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

The Government of India,
The Secretary of State for India. $\}$ By letter. :. .
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# INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELLATING TO THE ORIGINAL SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF •THE VILLAGE OF GUTI IN THE BELGAUM TA'LUKA OF THE BELGAUM COLLECTORATE. 

Letter No. 680, dated 19th June $\mathbf{i} 895$ and accompaniments, from the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey; to the Collector of Belgaum, suibmitting proposals for the Original Survey Settlement of the village of Guti in the Belgaum Taluka of - the Belgaum Collectorate

## page.

Endorsement No. 2955, dated 2 6th June 1895 , from the Collector of Belgaum, submitting, with his remarks, the above correspondence to the Commissioner, S. D., through the Survey Commissioner, and Director Land Records and Agriculture
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Endorsement No. 3389, dated 7th September 1895, from the Commissioner, S. $\ddot{\text { D. }}$. - submitting, with his remarks, the above correspondence for the orders of -Government
Government Resolution No. 7586", dated 2 n $\dddot{d}$ October ${ }^{\circ} 1895$, passing orders on the above correspondence ....

## No. 680 of 1895.

From "

To
W. S: TURNBULL, ÉSQUIRE,

Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Sturvèy;
Tag COLLECTOR of BELGAUM.
Deccan Survey Superintendent's Ofice, Poona, 19th June 1895. -
Sir,
I have the honour to submit through you, for the consideration of Government, my proposals for the revision settlement of .the village of Guti in the Belgaum Táluka of your collectorate.
2. The village was originally Inam, and only lapsed to Governmeit in - 1890-91. It had come under original survey operations whilst still Inám at.

- the same time as the other villages of the táluka, but the survey settlement was not introduced owing to the Inámdar declining to accept it ; on the village lapsing to Government, the original settlement was introduced and is that now in force.

3. The revision survey operations of measurement and classification were commenced and finished in 1890-91. They were carried out on the partial system. .
-4. The result of the revision measurement under every head is shown below contrasted with that of the former survey :-


The small difference of 10 acres between the two totals may be attributed to mistakes in the old work.
5. The circumstances of the village as regards climate, markets, and communications are identical with those of the adjacent village Panguti, which is

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 one of the batch of 132 villages which were reported on for revised settlement in 1887. I may therefore refer you to the report noted in the margin for full particulars under all these heads.6. The present state of the population of the village, live stock, and other information for the rillage itself will be found in the Appendices attached to this report.
7. The maximum rate which I propose for this village is the same as that previously sanctioned for the contiguous village Panguti, viz. Rs. 2 for dry-crop. No rate is required to be proposed for the garden, 解 it is all motasthal, and as such under Government standing orders has to be assessed only at the dry-crop rate.
8. The estimated assessment under every head resulting from the proposed rates is shown in the statement below contrasted with the old assess-


The incidence of the proposed settlement on an acre of the occupied land is Re, 1-0:8, as against Re, 0-13-8 formerly.
9. The period of the lease should be guaranteed to expire with that of the previously settled villages of the táluka in 1917-18.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Sexvant,
W. S. TURNBULL,

Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey.

Details of Cultivation and Crops.


## APPENDIX B．

Detail of Population．


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## APPENDIX $\mathbf{D}$.



## APPENDIX E.

Revenue Statement for one Government Village-Guti-situated in the Belgaum Tálulca of the Belgaum Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1890-91.


## APPENDIX F.

-Effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Governmient Occupieid Land.


Showing Area of Villages for Settlement, with details.

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No. 2955 of 1895.
Belgaum, 26th June 1895.

## Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D:

2. The proposals of the Superintendent of Surver are, in the opinion of the undersigned, free from objectiqn, and may be sanctioned.
3. All the necessary detailed information has been given in the report.
4. The Notification referred to in Government Resolution No. 7447, dated 21st October 1886, has only now been'received in this office, and consequently a further report will have to be submitted on petitions of objections, if any, that may be received within the limitation period of two months after the publicationof the Notification in the village.
-H. WOODEWARD, Collector, Belgaum District.
Through the Survey Commissioner, and Director Land Records and Agriculture.

No. $\frac{\text { 多 }}{500}$ or 1895.
Poona, 13th July 1895.
Forwarded with compliments.
2. The undersigned concurs in the proposals made by the Superintendent and supported by the Collector.

- 3. The facts stated in para. 2 of the Superintendent's letter seemed to need further explanation. A referenge was therefore made to the Superintendent. A copy' of this reference and of the 'Superintendent's reply. are appended.* It will be seen from this that the' settlement now proposed is an original settlement so far as this Department. is concerned. The further report promised by the Superintendent when received, wilt, if required, be sent ta the Commissioner.

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

No. 3389 or 1895.
Revende Department.
Belgaum, 7th Septentber 1895.
Submitted to Government for orders, together with the subsequent correspondence.
$\dot{\text { 2. The village of Guti in the Belgaum taluka was originally an inám }}$ village, and lapsed to Government in 1890-91. It was previously: surveyed for the purpose of fixing the amount of quit-rent; but the survey rates were not introduced with it, as the Inámdár did not consent to thuir introduction. On the demise of the Inámdar in 1890-91, however, when the village lapsed to Government, the Gollector ordered that the revenue of the village should be collected according to the survey rates- previously fixed by the Survey Department. The requisite sanction of Government to the introduction of the rates was not obtained; nor was any deolaration issued, fixing the term of the duration of the settlement. .The survey settlement now proposed must, therefore, be regarded as an original settlement.
3. .The circumstances of the village are the same ass those of the contiguous village of Panguti; and the propasal of the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, to treat this village in the same way as Panguti is reasonable. Both the Collector and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture concur in the Superintendent's propesal; and the undersigned recommends that it should be sanctioned.
J. F. FLEET,
$\bullet \quad$ Commissioner, in charge S. $D$.

Kevenue Survey and Assessment, Belgaum.
No. 7586.

Bombay Castle, 2nd October 1895.
Memoraudum fromi the Commissioner; S. D،, No. 3389, dated. 7 ih September 1895-Submitting with his remarks the
Letter from the Saperintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, No. 680 , papers noted it the margin,
dated 19th June 1895, and accompaniments.
Memorandum from the Collector of Belganm, Non 2955, ilsted
6th June 1895.
Memorandum from the Sarrey Commisaioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare, No. B,-1691, dated.18th July 189E, containing proposals for the introduction of a survey settlement into the village of Guti, Táluka agnd District Belgaum.

Resolution. -The proposals made by the Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, which are supported by the Collector of Belgaum, the Survey Commis-. sioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner, S. D., are approved and sanctioned: The rates should be introduced in the current year and guaranteed so as to expire concerrently with those of the other villages of the táluka.
G. S. CURTIS, Under Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Belgaum,
The Survey Eommissioner and Director of ${ }^{*}$ Laind Records and Agriculture (with the verna-

- cular correspondence accompanying letter No. 803, dated 15th July 1895, fromethe Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey),

With an intimation that the papers are being printed in the form of $a$ Selection from the Re . cords of Government, and that when it is ready the usaal number of copies of it will be forwarded

The Accountant General,
The Public. Works Department of the Secretariate ${ }^{\text {j }}$
The Government of India,
The Secretary of State for India.
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# INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF INAMATI RA'MDURG IN THE' PARASGAD TA!'LUKA OF THE BELGAUM COLLECTORATE. 



Nó. 789 of 1902.
From

## J. I. LUSHINGTON, Esquire,

Superintendent, Land Records and Agriculture, S. D.;
To
The COLLECTOR of BELGAUM.
Camp Ránebennur, Dhdrwár District,
12th May 1902.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith my proposals for the Revision Settlement of the Government village of "Inamati Ramdurg" in the Parasgad Táluka of the Belgaum Collectorate.
2. The village is composed of lands scattered in five villages belonging to the Rámdurg State whose assessment is collected by the Mámlatdár of Parasgad. Lands of a similar "Inamati Ramdurg" whose assessment is collected by the Mámlatdár of Navalgund are the subject of another settlement report No. 947, dated 3rd August 1899, by the Deputy Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey, and sanctioned by Government Resolution No. 9220, dated 22nd December 1899.
3. The accompanying map shows all such villages with Government portions separately delineated within them.
4. As to whether the lands in these villages were previously measured, classed and assessed under Survey rates is unknown. Vernacular correspondence on this subject has been going on for a considerable time between the following officers, but nothing can be traced as to the old rates under which the lands under report were originally assessed.
(1) Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
(2) Mámlatdár of Parasgad.
(3) District Inspector of Land Records and Agriculture, Belgaum.
(4) District Inspector of Land Records and Agrieulture, Dhárwár.
(5) Collector of Belgaum.
(6) Collector of Dhárwár.
(7) Superintendent, Land Records and Agriculture, Southern Division.
(8) Kárbhári of the Rámdurg State.
(9) Mámlatdár of Rámdurg.
(10) Kulkarnis of villages into which Government lands are situated.
5. The measurement operations were carried out in 1880,1881 and 1882, and classification in 1887, when the Rámdurg State lands were originally measured by the Survey Department. The work was done according to the partial system.
6. The former and the Survey areas under different heads of cultivation are contrasted below :-

N.B.-These figures are inclusive of Inám area.
e 701-1
7. From the Revenue History Statement (Appendix 0) received from the Kárbhári of Rámdurg and also the "Bhag-anna patraks" prepared at the Revision Survey it appears that these lands had been formerly measured, classed and settled, but nothing is forthcoming to that effect.
8. I propose to rate these lands (which are coloured red on the accompanying map) at Rs. 1-14-0. This rating is identical with that of Mr. Fletcher's, formerly Superintendent of Deccan Revenue Survey,' who in his letter No. 2433, dated 8th December 1888, submitted his proposals to the Survey Commissioner for the Rámdurg State lands based upon the rates in force in the adjoining British villages. The rate of Rs. 1-14-0 now proposed by me had been accepted also by the State. It appears also judicious that the lands in question should be assessed at the same rate which has teen in force in lands adjoining them in the Rámdurg State; and the State Kárbhári of Rámdurg in his Vernacular No. 67 of 1900 mentions that Government lands have been paying Local Fund Cess on assessments worked out according to the rates fixed by the Strite.
9. The result of the proposed rates is given below :-

10. The assessment under all heads is contrasted in the subjoined table :-

| Description |  |  |  | By former figures. |  | By sarvey figures. |  | Percentage increase. |
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| Government occupied land | - | -. | -•• | 213 | 89 | 211 | 227 | $155.0{ }^{\circ}$ |
| - Do. arable waste | ... | *- | -.. | .. 29 | 17 | 28 | 25 | $47 \cdot 1$ |
| Inam land $\qquad$ <br> Unarable unassessed | ... |  |  | 193 | 111 | 186 | 195 | $75 \cdot 7$ |
|  | $\cdots$ |  | -• | . $\cdot \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16 | $\cdots$ | ** |
|  |  |  | Total | 435 | 217 | 441 | 447 | 108.0 |

11. As regards the very high percentages of increase, I can only presume that the former "mamul" rates were imposed very roughly and the only information I can get is from the Rámdurg Kárbhári who staies that they were made some time before 1862, some 40 years ago. As these very light rates have been paid for so many years, I think the proper assessment can now be imposed, but the owners of fields should have the benefit of Government Resolution No. 3541, dated 4th May 1885, quoted under Section 108 of the Land Revenue Code, page 136.
12. In the village of Mullur, out of the 104 acres of Inám land, 49 acres are held as service Inám and consequently no quit-rent hàs hitherto been collected from the holders of these lands.
13. The average incidence of assessment por acre is Rs. 1-1-3 against Re. 0-6-9.
14. If the proposed rates be approved of by Government I have the honour to recommend that they be guaranted so as to expire simultaneously with the rates sauctioned for the Parasgad Táluka, viz., 1909-1910.
15. Appendices $O, Q$ and $Q^{2}$ accompany.

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

## J. L. LUSHINGTON,

Superintendent,
Land Records and Agriculture, S. D.

APPENDIX 0.
Revenue statement for 5 Government villages, situated in the Parasgad Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement vas introduced.

| Years. | Occupied land paying asaessment to Governments, |  |  |  |  |  | Unoccupied assessed arable Government land. |  |  | Land the Revenue of which is alienated entirely or partially (lnám). |  |  | Total land Government occupied Unoccapied and Inam. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Amount } \\ \text { finally } \\ \text { remitted. } \end{array}$ | Remarks |
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APPENDIX $Q$.


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

Showing area of Villages for Settlement soith details．

|  | Name of Village． | Former Táluka． | Bx Fonmaz Sunvis． |  |  |  |  | by Ruvirous Survax． |  |  |  |  | 号 | Rexayiz． |  |
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|  |  |  | Groes area including Inam． |  | Government aesemed Land． |  |  |  |  | Government assessed Land． |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 12345 |  |  |  |  |  | Acres． |  |  |  |  | Acres． | Re． |  | Inám． acres． | Aseers ment． Rs． |
|  |  |  | 160 |  | 36 | 19 | 11 | 161 | 2 | 36 | 19 | 18 | $\cdots$ | 104 | 113 |
|  |  |  | 116 |  | 96 | －． | $\cdots$ | 115 | 4 | 93 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 18 | 19 |
|  |  |  | 67 | 可 | 43 | 10 | 6 | 67 | 4 | 41 | 10 | 9 | － | 12 | 11 |
|  |  |  | 51 | 荡 | 11 | $\ldots$ | ＊＊ | 52 | 5 | 12 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊＊ | 85 | 36 |
|  |  |  | 40 |  | 26 |  | $\cdots$ | 46 | 1 | 29 | ＊－ | －0 | ．．． | 16 | 16 |
|  |  |  | 434 |  | 212 | 29 | 17 | 441 | 16 | 211 | 29 | 25 | ．．． | 185 | 195 |

# Below letter No. 789 of 12th May 1902 from the Superintendent, Land Records and Agriculture, S. D. 

No. 4394.

Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D.
2. The proposals relate to the revision settlement of lands which nominally belong to one village, but which are scattered over five villages of the Rámdurg State.
3. The rate proposed is identical with that proposed by Mr. Fletcher and. adopted by the State in the case of the five villages in which the lands are situated. The fact that it will be a little higher than that imposed on adjoining Government villages before the Southern Mabratta Railway was opened or local communications improved, is not a serious objection.
4. The increase in assessment at the proposed rates varies from. 36 to 433 per cent. or an average of 155 per cent., and appears at first sight to be excessive. This is due to the very low standard of the old assessments. If these assessments had been fixed at survey rates, as they actually were in the case of similar inamati lands belonging to the Dhárwár District, we should probably have found the average increase to amount to not more than 60 or 65 per cent. The average incidence of assessment per acre is Re. 1-1-3 as against Re. 1-7-6 for the inamati; lands of Dhárwár.
5. The lands dealt with in these papers have hitherto escaped the increase imposed on the Parasgad Taluka in the Revenue as well as the Revision Survey, and have since then profited by the introduction of the Railway. The undersigned therefore considers that the proposals made by Mr. Lushington are suitable and may be sanctioned.
6. The rates if approved may be guaranteed to expire at the same time as those sanctioned for the Parasgad Táluka.

P. E. PERCIVAL,<br>Acting Collector, Belgaum District.

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\text { No. A-4036 or } 1902 .
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Poona, 27th August 1902.
Forwarded with compliments. The Director does not agree that the maxima rates levied by the Rámdurg State should govern our survey assessment, "while an increase of assessment three, four and fivefold, even though it be on a minute scale, is objectionable. The maximum rate of the 4th group of the Parasgad Táluka Rs. 1-5-0, to which group these villages are most closely situated, seems to the Director a more suitable rate. This would, however, reduce the assessment by one-fourth only, and the concession proposed by Mr. Lushington in paragraph 11 of his report should, it is suggested, be also granted.

H. S. LAWRENCE, Acting Director of Land Records and Agriculture.

No. 3619 of 1902.

## Revenue Department.

Belgaum, 13th September 1902.

## Submitted to Government.

2. The Commissioner has the honour to support the proposals subject to the modification suggested by the Director, Land Records and Agriculture.
R. M. KENNEDY,

Commissioner, S. D.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

## Belgaum.

Revision settlement of the Government village of Inámati-Rámdurg in Táluka Parasgad.

No. 7474.

## 1 Reviñon Departhent. Bombay Castle, 23rd October 1902. .

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 3619, dated 13th September 1902-Submitting, with his remarks, the
Letter from the Superintendent, Land Records and Agricultare, S. D., No. 789, dated 12th May 1803.

Memorandum from the Collector of Belgaum, No. 4394, dated 8rd
June 1802.
Memorandum from the Director of Land Recoxds and Agriculture,
No. A.-4036, dated 27th August 1802. papers specified in the margin, containing proposals for the

Parasgad táluka of the Belgaum District.
'
Resolotion.-The Governor in Council concurs with the Director of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner, S. D., that the maximum rate for these lands should be the same as the maximum rate of the fourth group of the Parasgad taluka, That rate is Rs. 1-4-0 and not Rs. 1-5-0 as stated by the Director.;
2. With so large an enhancement in the assessment as the rate now sanctioned involves, the concession prescribed in Government Resolution No. 3541, dated 4th May 1885, will not suffice, for under it the full assessment would be due in the seventh year, and there would be in the case of many holdings a large increase in that year. The rule should be in all such cases that the enhancement should rise by 25 per cent. biennially until the maximum is reached.
3. The rate is guaranteed till 1909-1910 so as to expire concurrently with the adjacent villages of the Parasgad táluka.

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

To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Belgaum,
The Director of Land Records and Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

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## REVISED APPENDIX $Q$.


J. L. LUSHINGTON,

Superintendent, Land Records and Agriculture, S. D.

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| Appendix Q to the abovementioned letter ... |  |
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| Endorsement No. 898, dated 3rd April 1905, from the Commissioner, S. D.-Submitting with his remarks the above correspondence for the orders of Government ... |  |
| Government Resolution No. 3834, dated 10th May 1905-Passing orders on the above correspondence |  |

[The village Chandgad adfoins Government villages of Muchandi and Kanbargi which are shown on the settlement map attacheil to the Government Selec. tion No. COXV-New Series.]

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\text { No, } 1476 \text { of } 1904 .
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To
The COLLECTOR of BELGAUM DISTRICT.
Belgaum, 1st-20th October 1904.
Sir, -
I bave the honour to submit my proposals for the revision settlement of the villege Chandgad, in the Belgaum Taluka of your Collectorate, which lapsed to Government in the year 1899.
2. The village is situated about 8 miles to the north-east of Belgaum and is surrounded by Inám and Sángli State villages.
3. The brief history of the village is as follows. The village was formerly in the possession of the Desai of Kittur and was taken back from him and given in Inám to one Appaji Laxman Lad, on the 4th September 1819, in recognition of services rendered by him to the East India Company Government. In 1848 the living sons of Appaji Laxman (who was then dead) obtained the sanction of the Bombay Government that the Inám should be continued during the life-time of the Inámdar's sons.

In 1866 the eldest son Laxman Appaji died and the remaining son Divakar Appaji dying in the year 1899, the village then lapsed to Government.
4. The survey and classification of the village was made in the years 1853 and 1854, but the survey rates were not introduced as the Inámdar did not consent to them.
5. On the village lapsing to Government it was measured and classed on the partial system under Government Resolution No. 7452, dated 23rd October 1902.
6. By the survey of this village the area under, different descriptions of lands and soil is as follows :-

|  |  |  |  |  | Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dry-crop | ** | ... | $\cdots$ | *- | 244 |
| Rice | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43 |
| Garden | ... | ... | ... | ... |  |
| Inám | ... | ... | ... | ... | 294 |
| Uuassessed unarable | ... | $\cdots$ | .. | . | 42 |
| Forest | .,. | - | " | ... | 402 |
|  |  |  |  | ... | ,025 |

7. I propose to rate this village at Rs. 1-10-0 for dry-crop lands and Rs. 8 for rice lands, as the village is not so near the market town of Belgaum, as the villages to which a 9 -rupee rice rate has been given at the revision survey.
8. The estimated result of the proposed rates is given below for easy reference:-

| Name of Villago. | Maximam rates. |  | Government occupied land. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rice | Dry-crop. | Rice. |  | Dry-crop. |  | Total. |  | Remarks* |
|  |  |  | Area. | Asseasment. | Area. | Assess. ment. | Ares. | Assess. ment. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Chendyad | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a } \\ \text { rion } & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 10 & 0\end{array}$ | Acres: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } \\ & 289 \end{aligned}$ | Acres. | Rs. 308 | Acres. | Rs. <br> 597 |  |

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9. Besides the above Government occupied land, there is Inám land measuring 294 acres and assessed at Rs. 410.
10. The village was Inam up to 1899, when it reverted to Government. The "mámul" assessment recopered by Government since that year has been Rs. 536 , whereas the new survey assessment will amount to Rs. 597 thus giving an increase of 10.2 per cent. over the old assessment.
11. The village under report is inhabited and its total population according to the Imperial census of 1901 is 328.
12. If the proposed rates be approved of by Government, I have the honour to recommend that they be guaranteed so as to expire simultaneously with the rates sanctioned for the Belgaum Táluka, viz., 1917-18.
13. Appendix $Q$ accompanies.

I have, etc.,<br>J. L. LUSHINGTON, Superintendent, Land Records and<br>Agriculture, Southern Division.

APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}$.


No. 9190.
To

The COMMISSIONER, S. D.

Saundatti, dated 5th December 1904.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith Superintendent of Land Records and Agriculture, S. D.'s. No. 1476, dated 1st -20 th October 1904, with accompaniment, regarding the revision settlement of Chandgad village in Belgaum Taluka of this Collectorate.
2. I recommend that the proposed 'rates be sanctioned by Government, and that they may be guaranteed to expire simultaneouslo with the rates sanctioned for the Belgaum Táluka, viz., 1917-1918. .

I have, etc.,
A. M. T. JACESON, Collector of Belgaum District.
No. S.R. of 1904 .
Camp Maramagaon, 17th Dapember 1904.
Forwarded with compliments to the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay, for favour of opinion.


Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D.
2. The village is shown in the District Map. The proposals made by the Superintendent, which are approved of by the Collector, have the concurrence of the undersigned.


Dated 3rd April 1905.
Submitted to Government for orders.
2. The village in question is near Muchandi and Khanbargi, and belongs by position to Class IV, the rate of which is proposed to be applied to it.
3. The Commissionére recommends that the proposals of the Superintendent concurred in by the Collector and the Director may be sanctioned.

W. W. DREW,<br>Commissioner, S. D.

## Revenve Survey and Assessment.

## Belganm.

Revision settlement of the lapsed village of Chandgad in the Belganm Táluka.
. . No. 3834.

## Revbnue Department.

## Bombay Castle, 10th May 1905.

Letter from the Saperintendent, Land Records and Agriculture, S. D., No. 1476, dated 1st October 1904-Sabmitting proposals for the revision settlement of the village of Chandgad, taluka Belganm, district Belgaum.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. B.k.-196, dated 17th December 1904, to the Director of Land Records and Agriculture.
Memorandum from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. A.-2131, dated 27th March 1905.
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"2. The village in question is wear Machandi and Kanbargi, and belongs by position to Class IV, the rate of which is proposed to be applied to it.
"3. The Commissioner recommends that the proposals of the Superintendent concurred in by the Collector and the Director may be sanctioned."

Rrisantion.-The Commissioner's recommendation is sanctioned.
G. F. KEATINGE,

Under Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Belgaum,

- The Director of Land Records and Agindture,

The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.
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## BELGAUM COLLECTORATE.



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No. 1259 or 1909.
From

> G. H. COWAN, EsQ.., I. C. S., Assistant Collector, S. D., and Revision Settlement Offeer, Belgaum;

To
Tar COLLECTOR of BELGAUM.
Belgaum, 15th June 1909.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the revision of the current settlement of the Parasgad Táluka and Murgod Mahál.
2. The area under report includes 110 Government villages and some lands scattered through six villages of the Rámdurg State. The rates at present in force in the Government villages were fixed in 1886 for a period of thirty years commencing with the revenue year 1880-1881 and ending with the revenue year 1909-1910. The current rates in Inámti Rámdurg were fixed in 1902 and guaranteed till 1909-1910 so as to expire concurrently with the settlement of the adjacent villages of the Parasgad Táluka.
3. The revision settlement roport for the taluka submitted in 1880 covered 109 villages. It included Hirebelwadi, now in the Dhárwár Táluka, and did not include Sangrashiknp and Kenchramanhal which were resettled with the Dhárwár Táluka. The area and revenue of the two villages added to Parasgad are nearly the same as those of the village taken from it, so that the change in the boundaries of the taluka does not affect a comparison of the statistics compiled in 1880 with those now submitted.

## Position and Physical Features.

4. To the west and north of Parasgad are the Sampagaon, and Gokj́k tálukas of this district. To the east are Rámdurg State and a part of Kolbápur State. Along its southern border the táluka marches with the Navalgund táluka of Dhárwár District and for a short distance with the Dhárwár táluka, Saundatti, the chief town, is twenty-four miles from Dharwár by road and fortyfour from Belgaum.
5. The Malaprabha, flowing through the middle of the táluka from west * to east, affords a constant water-supply to the villages on its banks and is utilised to some extent for irrigation by water lifts. The nallas that run into it in the táluka flow from low ill-defined water-sheds not far from the river and only carry water for a short time after rain.
6. A steep, flat topped range of hills running north and south from Halki to Chulki makes the rainfall of the western half of the táluka markedly better than that of the eastern half. The plateau of this range, described for administrative purposes as forest, affords some poor grazing.
7. From the southern base of these hills, and further west from the Malaprabba, an undulating black soil plain extends to the Dhárwár border. This dry and treeless tract is very productive except when the rains fail. North of the river and west of the hills the land slopes up gently as far as the Kaladgi road. The soil here is mostly black but there is a fringe of red fields near the hills. To the east of the hills the land is more irregular and stony. There are considerable stretches of black soil but it is not everywhere of good quality. North of the Kaladgi road the aspect of the land is broken. The soil is for the most part poor and there is a large area of uncultizable waste.

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> Rainfall.
8. The amount and distribution of the rainfall in the last eleven years are given in Appendix A. The revision settlement report gave the average rainfall gauged at Saundatti as $26 \cdot 41$ inches. The eight years on which this average was based included two years of exceptionally heavy rainfall. Mr. Fletcher wrote: "It is probable that the only villages whioh suffer from uncertain or scanty rainfall are those in the northern corner of the táluka.". Even in 1880 this was too favourable a view of the climate.
9. There are now rain-gauges at Saundatti, Murgod, Shindogi, Halki, Yergatti and Korkop. The average rainfall of the three last decades gauged at Saundatti is:-

| $1879-1888$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $25 \cdot 5$ | inches. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1889-1898$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 25.03 | $\prime$ |
| $1899 — 1908$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 22.17 | $\#$ |

The average rainfall for the last eleven years gauged at the other places is:

| Murgod | ..- | ... | ... | 23.38 | ches. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Halki | ... | ... | ... |  | " |
| Yergatti | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |  | " |
| Shindogi | ... | ... | ... | 18.44 | " |
| Korkop | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 17.68 | " |

10. In the north-west of the taluka the rainfall in a normal year is evenly distributed over the monsoon months. The south-east of the táluka gets twice as much rabi as kharif rain.
11. In tbree of the last five years the rainfall has been much below the average and attention has been specially directed to the effect of short rainfall in different parts of the taluka by the new rules for the suspension and remission of land revenue. This experience enables me to particularise about the liability of different localities to scarcity with some degree of certainty. The tract of country lying west of the hills from Murgod to Saundatti is not apparently liable to scarcity owing to short rainfall. In the southern plain stretching from Karikatti in the west to Kaghdal in the east the rainfall becomes less as one goes east and the crops worse in a bad year. In Karikatti the land revenue has only been suspended once. In the three easlernmost villages the whole revenue or a part of it has been suspended in four out of the last five years. The extreme uncertainty of the harvest in the south-eastern corner is due to the soil being "karal," which requires more rain than fine black soil if it is to produce a crop. North of the Kaladgi road the hills, which are high and cover a large area south of the road, are continued in a low broken ridge, which has little or no effect on the rainfall. The whole tract north of the road and all the villages east of the hills are liable to searcity and had very poor crops in 1904-05 and in 1905-06.

## Cultivation and Crops.

12. The climate of the taluka is suitable for growing both early and late crops in a fair year. In the north of the talluka and in the neighbourhood of Manoli the soil is for the most part red and the area sown with late orops is consequently small. In the south of the táluka more than two-thirds of the land is generally sown with late crops and in the south-eastern corner, where the early rains are very uncertain, the area under early crops is often insignificant. The mixture of crops and rotation of crops, in so far as there is any rotation, are the same as those described by Mr. Monteath in his report on Ron and Navalgund tálukas.
13. The recent succession of bad seasons has disoouraged careful cultivation in the eastern half of the taluka. With dearth of fodder the number of cattle has decreased and water scarcity has driven much of the population out of their villages for several months of the year. It is not uncommon now to find a field more or less choked with "nattu."
14. Much oapital might be profitably invested in putting up mounds to check the damage done by water draining off the fields. Tagai has been freely advanced for the purpose; but to be effective in black soil the mounds must-be
backed with stone ; the stone has to be carted, in many cases, several miles; so most of the mounds put up have been of earth only and are of no permanent value. In some villages in the north where stone is abundant and the soil binds better, many useful táls have been put up.
15. Black soil lands more than a mile from the village are not usually manured and it would appear that the want of manure does not make a great difference to the crops. The red soil lands are regularly manured: if not manured they yield very little. The south of the táluka is near Dhárwár and olosely connected with the Dhárwár District. It should benefit from the demonstration farm that has been started there.
16. Appendix B contains information as to the area under each orop of importance in the last ten years. The corresponding statistical table attached to Mr. Fletcher's report gives the figures for Government lands only, whereas the information now supplied includes watan lands in Government villages. A direct comparison is therefore impossible. Assuming that 271,079 aeres, the total of columns 14 and 53 in Appendix B, corresponds to Mr. Fletcher's total of 165,476 acres, the following comparison of percentages may be made:-

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

It is possible that relatively to ryatwári lands a large area of watan lands is sown with wheat and cotton; but I think it certain that this is not the chief explanation of the important change in the proportion of land sown with crops for local consumption and crops sown for export.
17. Complete crop records for the period of the original settlement are either not available or it is not clear what villages they include. That there has been an increase in the area under cotton is generally admitted by the cultivators, and it is now as great as in the years of the American war, when the area under wheat was less than it is as present. Only the following figures are available to show the area under cotton in the Government villages of Parasgad before the current settlement. Both Government and inám lands are taken into account:-

| Year. |  |  |  | Acres under <br> cotton. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1830-31$ |  |  | $\ldots$ | 18,447 |
| $1831-32$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 15,942 |
| $1858-59$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 31,316 |
| $1859-60$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 39,698 |
| $1860-61$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \cdots$ | 42,724 |
| $1861-62$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 37,623 |

18. Belgaum-Amerioan cotton is apparently extinct. Mr. Fletcher reported that 654 acres were sown with American cotton. I have never seen a field of it in Parasgad and the only case I have heard of was reported as a novel experiment made with seed brought from Hubli.
19. Sesame, which was not, it appears, of sufficient importance to be separately meationed in 1879, is grown mainly in the Murgod Mahál and is the chief export crop of some villages that cannot grow much ootton.
20. In a normal year the area fallow is almost entirely made up of poor lands in the north of the taluka. The soil of these lands is not righ enough to stand yearly cultivation without more tilth and manuring than a small population, poor in cattle, can give it. When the quality of the soil is fair a year of fallow does not enter into the plan of cultivation.

## Communications.

21. Mr. Fleet, Assistant Collector, gives the following description of the Parasgad roals in 1881 :-
"The only Provincial road is that from Belgautn to Kaladgi which enters the táluka at Chachadi and leaves it at Korkop. A few years ago as I know personally from having travelled along its entire length in the rains it was all but impassable for traffic except in the fair season. The improvement of it has been taken in hand since the famine, but even now it is only bridged at a few places near Belgaum : and, though its condition is somewhat better, it is not much so, and the road, as a whole, must still be classed as one of very inferior description. The only local fund roads are:- (1) the road from Belgaum to Saundatti which enters the táluka at Hosur; (2) a branch of the same from Bail-Hongal to Murgod ; (3) the road from Saundatti via Murgod to the high road from Belgaum to Kaladgi at Halki ; (4) the road from Gokák to Nargund via Yergatti and Manoli; and (5) a branch of the same from Manoli to Saundatti. They are none of them bridged, and the first, the fourth from the borders of the táluka to Manoli and the fifth are the only ones on which any appreciable expenditure has been incurred and which can be considered to be open for traffic except in the fair weather and even at that season they are by no means easy and smooth to travel and convey goods over."
22. The provincial road is now bridged thronghout and the surface is excellent. The Local Fund roads at the present time are five in number: (1) from Belgaum to Saundatti : (2) from Bail-Hongal oid Murgod to Halki on the Kaladgi road ; (3) from Gokák to Nargund; (4) from Manoli to Saundatti; (5) from Saundatti to Dhárwár. Special repairs to certain portions of Nos. (1) (3) and (5) have recently been sanctioned. When this work has been completed all the fiveroads will have a good metalled surface throughout. The nallas are everywhere bridged or forded hy slab drains. The roads from Bail-Hongal to Halki and from Saundatti to Dhárwár are new : broad embankments have taken the place of sunken tracks that were water channels in the monsoon. The Publio Works Department is entrusted with the upkeep of all these roads. Two roads marked on old maps as running from Yekkundi to Murgod and from Yergatti to Hirekop were not made roads. They are tracks barely passalle for heavy traffic and the line of the latter is not everywhere traceable. There are two cable ferries across the Malaprablia, one at Manoli and the other at GurlHosur. In the greater part of the taluka villages off the made roads have easy means of access to them in the fair weather; but north of the Kaladagi road the cart-tracks, where they exist, are very rough.
${ }^{2}$ 23. For the benefit of pilgrims to the temple of Yellama situated on a hill between Saundatti and Ugargol, the Saundati-Yellama Municipality keeps up five miles of road from Saundatti to Ugargol. . Pilgrims come to this tomple from a radius of a hundred miles and yearly thousands of carts conveying them pass over the táluka roads. I aserile to the great improvement of communications the increased popularity of this pilgrimage, which is more a pionio than a penance.

## Trade and Markets.

24. At the time of the revision settlement the exports of the north of the táluka were taken to Vengurla. The southern villages traded direot with Kumta. The journey took eight days each way and the hire of a country cart for it was about Rs. 15. In 1883-84 the branch railway through Ron Táluka was opened; it is connected with Parasgad by the Gokák-Nargund road. Next year the main line to Hubli was opened and some years later the Poona-Londa line. With the opening of the railway direct trade with the Konkan has ceased. Most of the cotton and wheat grown in Parasgad is now taken to Bubli, where the cultivators are confident of receiving the full market price. The Gokak Mills and tho ginning factory at Bail-Hongal, controlled till this year by the Gokák Mills Company, compete with the Hubli buyers. A recent event shows that the competition is keen. Having lost control of the BailHongal factory this jear the Gokák Company has made a great push to ereot in a lew months a ginning faotory at Saundatti. I have been told that they
expect to buy there three lakhis' worth of cotton a year. The Bail-Hongal factory bought cotton last year to the value of five lakhs. It gets most of the cotton grown north of the river in Paraggad and Sampagaon tálukas. Some villages on the Gokák-Nargund road send their produce to Nargund,
25. The development of these important markets outside the táluka tends to diminish the business done at the local trade centres, Saundatti, Manoli and Murgod. In 1907-08 only 37 persons were assessed to income-tax and they paid Rs. 128.
26. The volume of export trade is fairly indicated by the area under cotton, wheat and oil-seeds. All the cotton is exported and most of the wheat and oil-seed. Wheaten bread is only eaten by the peasants on feast days. The area under these crops in a fair year at the present time is 105,000 acres, or about two-fifths of the whole cultivated area. In 1879 Mr . Fletcher gave the average area under these crops in Government lands only, for three years of exceptionally good rainfall, as 43,000 acres, or about one-fourth of the whole.
27. The ohief imports are cloth goods, jagri, rice, American oil and spices. I have not asked for information about the collections at toll nakas because they are not well placed for furnishing statistios about the táluka and because any conclusions as to trade that might have been based on the tall collections would be vitiated by the heavy pilgrim traffic.
28. Appendix C shows the value of goods sold at the various weekly bazars of the táluka. The number of shops is 328 as compared with 193 in 1879.

## Industries.

29. The industries of the táluka are not of much importance. The number of hand looms for cotton weaving has decreased from 470 to 446. The industry is said to be in a depressed state. A pparently the price of goods produced has not risen commensurately with the price of food. There is some increase in the number of looms for weaving wool. There are about twenty-five families of "bangars" at Manoli, but only some eight persons in them pursue their hereditary calling. The dye is now brought from Bombay instead of being made locally. There are now only two prosses for calico-printing at Murgod.

## Population.

30. The census statistios for the táluka are as follows :-

| 1881 | Parasgad | M | god | $\ldots$ | ... | 91,826 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1891 | Parasgal <br> Margod |  | $\left.\begin{array}{l} 65,208 \\ 45,376 \end{array}\right\}$ | ... | ... | 110,584 |
| 1901 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Parasgad } \\ \text { Murgod } \end{array}\right.$ | ." | $\left.\begin{array}{l} 67,696 \\ 40,615 \end{array}\right\}$ | ... | ... | 108,311 |

The deaths reported from the last census to the end of March 1909 exceed the births reported by 11,693. According to statistios therefore, without allowance for migration, the population of the taluka and mahál is 96,618 .
31. The figures given in the revision settlement report were for Government villages only and showed a decreass in population of 15 per cent. since the original settlement. This decrease, attributed to the famine of 1877, was partioularly notioed by the Government of India when eriticising the new rates proposed and is to be taken into account in appreciating the increase of population since 1880 .
32. The fall in the population of the Murgod Mahál between 1891 and 1901 is not real. An exodus from the mshal villages takes place at the time of cotton picking and in a bad year, such as 1901 was, the number of people who leave their villages is much larger than usual. The population of many malal villages at the present time is about double what it was reported to be in 1901. Of course this exodus might raise to some extent the number of the population in the cotton-growing area of the táluka; but in a bad year most people would, I think, go further afield. Making allowance for tho deathe from plague between 1598 and 1900 and the consequences of bad harvests I think it probable that the actual population of the taluka and mahál in 1901 was not less than in 1891.
33. The reported mortality from plague is as follows:-

| Year |  |  |  |  |  | Deaths. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1908 | ... | ... | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | ... | -•• | 242 |
| 1909 | ..- | $\ldots$ | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | ... | ... | 992 |
| 1900 | ... | -. | ... | -. | ... | 34 |
| 1901 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | -.• | 2,105 |
| 1902 | ... | ... | - | ** | ..- | 4,549 |
| 1903 | ..0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,184 |
| 1904 | ... | . 0 | ... | ... | ... | 2,830 |
| 1905 | - 0 | ... | ... | ... | - 0 | 492 |
| 1906 | ... | - 0 | ..- | ... | ... | 15 |
| 1907 | ..- | -." | ... | ... | - | 1 |
| 1908 | ... | .0. | ... | ... | ... | 106 |
| 1909 | (January to | March) | - | - 0 | ... | 90 |
|  |  |  |  | Total |  | 17,140 |

Major Hutchinson has been good enough to supply me with tables of mortality since 1901 which strongly suggest two inferences: firstly, that before 1902 known cases of plague were not reported; secondly, that throughout the epidemic a number of cases have been wrongly diagnosed, notably as fever, and not included in the plague returns. Making a fair allowance for these facts the deaths from plague may be put roughly at 20,000 .
34. Births are not registered as accurately as deaths but the margin of error has not, I am disposed to think, been great in recent years in Parasgad. Plague and bad harvests account for the decrease in population since 1901.
35. The rapid increase of population after 1880 is evidence that the new rates did not prevent an advance in prosperity. But owing to plague the population now-putting it at 99,000 -shows an increase of 9 per cent. only in thirty years and is lower than at the date of the original settlement. A material addition to the population of the táluka would not lower the standard of comfort and would enhance the profits of land-owners as caltivation is suffering from want of labour. This increase may be expected as plague has not been bad now for four years and during that time there has been a marked excess of births over deaths. See Appendix G.
36. The village sites of Kaloli, Sogal, Basargi and Gundulur have been abandoned during the period of the current settlement and the lands of these villages are not well cultivated in consequence. The population appears to be abandoning some other villages. The explanation in most cases is want of good water. The malevolence of the local God is blamed in one case and the villagers are thinking of moving the village a hundred yards away from his temple. Even this bane might be cured by a good well.

## Education.

37. Appendix H shows the increase in the number of schools and in the attendance at them. At the census of 1901, 6,620 males and 199 females were reported literate. It is the general rule, as far as my inquiries go, for those who have been to school to remember how to read and write. The result may be less satisfactory when eduoation reaches lower castes with a poorer average intelligence. I see no evidence that education has increased production by introducing improved methods. On the other hand I ascribe to it partly the rise in the standard of living. If this is correct the present tendency of education, so far as the question of taxation is concerned, is to diminish the taxable margin of wealth.

## Live-stock.

38. The agricultural stock of the Government villages in the táluks is shown in Appendix F. Cattle are largely imported from outside markets. The most important of these markets is Bail-Hongal. The best plough animals are brought in from Navalgund. A pair of these oxen, called "mudla" by the peasants, costs about three hundred rupees. A pair of "common or garden" (jowári) plough bullocks costs about a hundred rupees. There are very few of
the "mudla" cattle in Parasgad. The cattle kept in the south of the taluka are better than those in the northern half. In hard stony soil the area that one pair of bullocks can plough is smaller than in the black soil plain and the work is much rougher. Under these circumstances and with plenty of fodder available it is not so profitable to keep first class cattle.
39. The number of cattle in the Táluka at different times is stated in the following table:-

|  |  |  |  | 1850. | 1879. | 1890. | 1909. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plough cattle | 04 | ** | *** | 20,846 | 14,336 | 19,895 | 15,881 |
| Other cattle | ... | . 04 |  | 36,629 | 13,144 | 31,348 | 23,116 |

It is noteworthy that since 1890 cows have decreased from 10,883 to 5,699 while she-buffaloes (the more valuable and economical animals) have increased from 6,350 to 6,440 .
40. There are:good reasons why a smaller number of cattle should be kept now than in 1850. The grazing is so bad that more depends on the supply of karbi than on the supply of grass. Expansion in the cultivation of cotton and wheat has materially reduced the area planted with jowiri. Secondly, cattle are freely sold now. They are sent in large numbers from Bail Hongal to butchers in Goa and Belgaum. There is also an export trade of recent growth in dried meat, lard and bones. The three chief centres of this business are Bail Hongal and two other villages on the Saundatti-Belgaum road. In many villages not affected by scarcity eattle have decreased since 1880. In the neighbourhood of Manoli, where every year of short rainfall is seriously felt but comparatively little cotton is grown, there has been a marked increase in the number of eattle. I consider the number in 1890 exceptionally big. The first ten years of the current settlement were unusually prosperous and show a more than normal increase in population, agricultural stock and area of land cultivated.
41. At the present time it is only in the south-eastern corner of the taluka that shortage of cattle is felt. Kagdbal villagers hire about twioe as many oxen as they own. This is largely due to the fodder scarcity in recent bad years. But want of water is a serious consideration. The advantage of keeping oattle rather than hire them is much diminished when for months they have to be taken away from the village or spend their time in being driven to and from water. The cattle hired in this locality are brought mainly from Manoli and villages near it. I found no evidence at all that in the rest of the Táluka people felt the decrease in the number of cattle.
42. The number of sheep and goats has increased from 16,832 in 1879 to

- 30,587 . During the rains and for a month or two after they are grazed in forest and waste lands. From January onwards they are turned on to the fields. Penning does much to supply the doficiency of cattle manure.


## Carts and Ploughs.

43. In 1879 the number of oarts was 2,129 ; in 1850 it was 560 . Upon this increase Mr. Fleet, Assistant Collector, remarked : "On detailed inquiry probably 50 per cent. of them would be found to be the large carts drawn by four, six or eight oxen which are of use only for agricultural purposes." The number of carts in the present year is returned as 3,518 and the number of solid wheeled carts among them is not more than five per cent. Apparently none of the present generation of blacksmiths or carpenters has over had the making of these large old fashioned carts. If Mr. Fleet was correct there has been a great increase in the number of carts useful for general transport. The actual number of oarts is probably greater than the number reported. The circle books. show extraordinary variations in the figures for a single village in different years. The reason is that the number of carts reported is the number of carts in repair, use is the test of a cart being in repair, and the number of earts used depenis on the harvest. The last season was not good.
44. The decrease in the number of heavy ploughs I attribute to the tendency to economy in keeping cattle and to a smaller area being planted with irrigated orops There are now 457 heavy ploughs as compared with 1,192 in 1890.

## Prices.

45. The average prices of the chief articles of agricultural produce in the last twenty-one jears are given in Appendix N. No information is available for the years 1880-1888, a period of low prices elsewhere. A comparison of the price of jowári in the decades 1870 to 1879 and 1899 to 1908 discloses the following facts. Firstly in the first period in a year. of famine the price of jowari rose to $6 \frac{1}{4}$ sers the rupee. A single year of poor rainfall produced this result and the recovery was slow though the rainfall in the next two years was above normal. The highest price of jowári in the second period was 104 in 1900. Grain is now easily imported and local merchants cannot force a tremendous rise in price by holding baok their stock as they did in 1877. Secondly, in contrast to the maximum price the average price in the first deoade was 22 sers the rupee and in the second $16 \frac{1}{3}$ sers the rupee. To take a longer period, the average price of jowári for the years 1860 to 1879 was $24 \frac{1}{2}$ sors the rupee; for the years 1889 to 1908 the average was $18 \frac{1}{4}$ sers. The prices of other food-grains shown. in the appendix have gone up rather more than that of jowári.
46. The record of the price of grain in Parasgad for the last sixty years shows a continuous rise, the tendency being only obscured for some years at a time by causes of a temporary nature. The cause of this rise in the price of food is the larger area put under export crops, For the expansion in the cultivation of these crops in the last thirty years two reasons may be given. The railway and improved communications generally have proved a great stimulus to trade and directly increased the profits of cultivation by lowering the cost of transport. lt used to cost about Rs. 20 to put a khandi of Belgaum cotton on the Bombay market. It now costs about Rs. 10. In sterling the difference is greater. It is a further advantage that cotton is now put on the market earlier and in better condition. Secondly, the fall in the exchange value of the rupee tended to raise the price of crops exported, or competing with exported crops in the Bombay market, above what the price would have been if the rupee had retained its former exchange value. A balance in the profits of cultivation would only be reached by an increased supply of export crops lowering their price while a diminished supply raised the price of orops consumed locally.
47. It would be difficult ensugh to show the effect of these causes with complete information about local prices and exchange. But as I have stated figures of the cultivation of exported corops are not available for the period hefore the railway was opened. Also a large area of fallow from time to time in the wheat and cotton growing area, as a consequence of short rainfall, makes comparison for short periods fallacious. I think, however, that the figures I have given in an earlier paragraph justify the conclusion that as compared with the years of the original set $\hat{l}$ lement twenty to thirty thousand acres more are now .sown with export crops. These crops are grown in the most productive land, so that the extension of cultivation, in so far as more land is now occupied than before the famine of 1877, is an insignificant set-off. The table given at page 280 of the District Gazetteer shows the extension of cotton cultivation in the district up to 1882.
48. Is the area sown with crops for export likely ta increase still leading to a further rise in prices it The railway and the depreciation of silver are not recent developments, but agriculture is conservative and it dpes not follow that their full effect on prices has yet been reached. Famine relief was administered op a considerable scale in the taluka in 1906, yet in the two following years the area put under cotton was larger than in any previous year of the current settlement. It is true that the pripe of cotton was high but relatively it was not as high as jowari. The average cultivator with a faif sized holding of
good land now grows enough jowari for his own use and to pay his wages. For the market he prefers to grow cotton and wheat. As the land-owners grow grain for themselves and labourers get their wages in grain the actual demand for grains on the market is small proportionately to the consumption. Only a surplus is sold, so that it takes no great excess or defect in the total amount produced to materially affect the. market price. In this respect the crops exported, especially cotton, have an advantage. Those who grow them have less occasion to fear that a good harvest will lower the price materially. The figures for recent years certainly indicate that there is still more inducement to grow cotton than to grow jowari for sale. The ginning factory at Saundatti will tend to encourage the cultivation of cotton in future. In general a higher standard of living makes a contraction of trade, which is more than temporary, improbable. But there is a limit to the expansion of wheat and cotton cultivation, and I think the limit has been nearly reached. In the first place over a considerable area cotton and wheat cannot be grown because the soil is not suitable. Many villages must continue to grow bájri and jowári for sale. Secondly, though black soil villages could grow more wheat and cotton than they do at present they have a strong inducement to grow enough jowári for their own use. Jowári is cheap enough for the cost of transport to add materially to its price. I am told that it has not been brought from Dhárwár to Saundatti in recent years when the price was much below twelve seers a rupee. Much more important is the necessity of growing fodder. The grazing in Parasgad is of little value and the man who has to buy jowari fodder at a distance from his village and cart it pays very dearly for it. In no locality will the people deliberately and regularly grow less fodder than they require, but if the price of cotton is tempting they will leave a narrow margin for the eventualities of an uncertain rainfall. With a succession of good seasons prices will no doubt fall, but I see no reason to anticipate that they will be as low during the next thirty years as in the first fifteen years of the current settlement.

## Standard of Living, Wages, and General Wealth.

49. The persons with whom I discussed the general condition of the táluka agreed that there has been a rise in the standard of living. There has been a general increase in expenditure on clothes and on lighting. Not only are more clothes worn but a finer quality of material is demanded. The cheapness of American oil has popularised the use of lamps. An increasing number of people eat rice instead of jowári.
50. That there has been a rise in agrioultural wages is certain, but they vary in different parts of the taluka and the practice of paying at different rates for different operations and of paying in grain makes it difficult to give figures that could be regarded as accurate. For casual labour four annas a day is the usual wage.
51. There are grain pits in every village and the average land-owner has one of his own. The usual practive is to fill the pit in January and open it again to take out the stored up grain in August. A pit of ordinary size holds enough grain to last the owner's household for a year and so to carry them over a bad season. Possibly a few large grain pits in the big villages are half empty, in some localities the stocks of grain certainly cannot be great; but whenever I enquired this year people told me their pits were full. Of the disuse of grain pits or of huge granaries depleted owing to recent bad seasons I have heard nothing.
52. That money is fairly plentiful in spite of lean years is proved by the large proportion of sales and mortgages in which the price is paid or the loan advanced by a cultivator. Professional money-lenders are few. Of the land shown in appendix I as sublet a large proportion is owned by persons of the cultivating class who because they have very large holdings or for some other reason find it convenient to sublet.

## Water-supply.

53. Statistics of water supply are given in appendix J. Dearth of water is the greatest evil from which the táluka suffers and there has been no improvement in the last thirty years. The statistios show an actual decrease in B 483-8
irrigation wells from 277 to 233. As a certain number of wells and budkis have been built during the current settlement I can only explain these figures by supposing that a large number of wells have so far fallen into disrepair as no longer to be included in the returns. Columns 9 to 10 of the statement show a large proportion of wells in disuse. The chief reason for this is the fall in the water level thronghout the taluka, the result of ten years of short rainfall. There is certainly a marked decrease in irrigation away from the banks of the river.
54. The decrease in irrigation is a small part of the evil. Want of drinking water for men and animals is the chief cause in many villages of a small population, poverty in cattle, bad cultivation and low rents. The Local Board has sunk wells but many of them do not hold water. The present state of affairs is no doubt due in part to the short rainfall in recent years but it is not likely to be permanently remedied without considerable expenditure and the employment of a competent agency.

> Value of Land.

Sales.
55. Appendix K gives information about 148 sales of land. Some of these date back to 1903 but almost all were transacted in the last three years. The sales were taken from the Records of Rights after ascertaining that the purchaser bad no previous lien on the land and that there was reason to believe the whole amount of consideration was actually paid. The cases included in the statistics are fairly representative but not altogether so. In the poorest part of the taluka there were few cases of sale because there is not much demand for land. In Murgod and Saundati, where land is very valuable and a good many sales are shown in the record, a case of land being sold outright is exceptional as there are professional money-lenders in these places and they do not favour that kind of transaction.
56. For the whole taluka the average price per acre is Rs. 33, over thirty-three times the assessment. For the different existing groups the results obtained are as follows :

| - Group. | Number of sales, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Price } \\ & \text { per ecre. } \end{aligned}$ | Number of times the assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I and II | 49 | Rs. 55 |  |
| III | 83 | 30 | 30 |
| IV | 37 | 25 | 33 |
| V | 20 | 22 | 29 |
| VI | 9 | 15 | 84 |

57. Mr. Fletcher gives the figures for $5 \mathbf{7}$ private sales of the years 1875 , 1876, 1878. I omit the figures of sales in 1877, which was a year of serious famine, for the purpose of the following comparison:-

| Clase of cases according to the <br> number of times the Aseessment <br> for which land is sold. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |

58. I report the prices obtained in recent auctions in execution of decrees. They are few in number and I have no information whether the land was sold in every case free of encumbrances. See Appendix K-II.

## Mortgages.

59. The figures of the mortgages given in appendix L, I obtained from the Sub-Registrars of Saundatti and Murgod. The most recent mortgages on the books have been taken. The average mortgaging value of lavd is 18 times the assessment without possession and 28 times the assessment with possession.

## Rents.

60. During my tour in the taluka $I$ examined the rents recorded in the Record of Rights and I have compiled from the information collected a table Appendix M. This table shows the average gross rent and the incidence of assessment on rental. The area and average assessment of Government lands in the village according to old appendix $Q$ are made available for comparison with the area and the average assessment of lands from which the average rent in the village is deduced. The common basis of rents paid in kind in the taluka is half the produce and the difference between these rents lies in the cash paid in addition to half the produce. I have only come across five or six cases in which the rent of land was stated as a fraction of the produce less or more than one half. The area, assessment, and rent of lands leased on this system have been shown in the appendix. These figures are of value for checking the cash rents and correcting any accident of selection or the lack of a sufficient number of cash rents for arriving at a safe average.
61. I have in general avoided including the rents of district inam and personal watan lands as the owners of these boldings not being as a rule residents of the village where the lands are there is no guarantee that the farming of the lands will be careful and it often is not. The same objection does not apply in the case of village service watan lands, which I have treated for the purpose of the appendix as if they were rayatwari and subject to full assessment. I have omitted the rents of lands watered by wells to avoid the average rent inoluding the profit of definite improvements. I have not included cases as regards which it was brought to my notice that negligence had allowed the land to run down very much or it was actually stated in the resord that as a condition of the lease the tenant was to restore the land to a fair state of tilth. Finally I have omitted the rents paid by mortgagors to mortgagees in possession as the rent so paid is apt to be determined by the capital borrowed, rather than by the productive capacity of the land. Subject to these exceptions the leases included in the statement are either all the leases given in the Record of Rights or, when this appeared unnecessary, a proportionate number from every quarter of the village lands and for different kinds of soil.
62. It is more profitable to cultivate land with hired labour than to let it, and it is more profitable to let land for a share of the produce than to let it for's eash rent. When land is let for a stare of the produce the landlord arranges commonly to watoh the crop when ripe and to be represented at the harvest, so that the rent really includes some wages of supervision. To avoid this trouble absentees generally and resident landlords occasionally let their lands for a cash rent.
63. In a tract where the rainfall is uncertain the question arises how much of the rent it is customary for the landlords to forego in a bad year. I have made a good many inquiries on this point. In the south-eastern corner of the taluka where recent bad years have been most felt landlords have commonly remitted eight annas in the rupee of cash rent. At Yedravi, Betsur and Karikatti the whole of the land revenue was suspended in 1905-06 and next year the crops were estimated at over eight annas. Landlords recovered at one time or another the whole of the second year's rent and fourteen annas in the rupee of the first year's rent. It may be laid down as a general rule that rent is not remitted unless there is such a sequence of bad seasons as would lead
to a remission of land revenue under the standing orders. Rents appear to be recovered with very little difficulty. Of the few rents suits disposed of yearly in the táluka the greater number really arise out of a dispute about possession.
64. There has undoubtedly been a great rise in rents during the period of the current settlement. Landlords tell me they have risen fifty per cent. in villages with a large proportion of black soil. In these villages even the rent of red soil is high. For instance, black soil villages situated near the base of the hills such as Chikkumbi and Ugargol have a small area of highly assessed sandy red soils. Recent years of scanty rainfall have raised very high the rent of these lands because with little rain they produce a fair jowari crop and fodder has been at a premium. This is the explanation of the high rents of Bashidoni. Where the soil is for the most part of poor quality the profits of cultivation have increased but not in the same proportion. The rents in the last group of villages are very_low except in one corner where there is a tract of productive black soil.

I examined a number ofold kabulayats and am disposed to think that in the black soil area a rise of 50 per cent. in rents is within the mark. The figures given in the revision settlement report are not of much use as the rents reported were paid in advance-in two cases thirty years in advance. The leases of Saundatti then reported gave an average rent per acre of Rs. 1-13-0. The average rent now is Rs. 5-4-0.
65. Great differences in the rents of villages with the same rainfall and class of soil are due to a larger or smaller population relatively to cultivable area. But it is the population of the village and other villages in the immediate neighbourhood and not the population of a single village that has to be considered. The profits of cultivation are no doubt smaller in some villages than they would be if more labour was available, but the absence of competition among possible tenants lowers rents far in excess of any such diminution in the profits of cultivation. The absentee landlord is more affected by this state of affairs than the man on the spot and consequently a relatively small population affects cash rents more than rent paid in a share of the produce.

## Revenue History.

66. The total assessment of Government lands in the talusa by the original settlement was one hundred and twenty thousand rupees. This was increased on revison by $31 \cdot 5$ per cent. only though Government sanctioned in the first instance an enhancement by 40.8 per cent. While the first rates proposed and sanctioned were under discussion about ten thousand acres went out of cultivation and it was argued from this that the rates were excessive. Most of this land had actually been thrown up before the settlement was revied, but it took some time to close the accounts. The Survey Commissioner attributed the surrender of the land entirely to the prevalence of low prices, arguing that it had begun before the new settlement and that a perfectly natural process would not have been arrested at once whether revised rates were introduced or not. I am disposed to think that the decrease in population due to the famine of 1877 was chiefly responsible. At any rate it is clear that the rates finally imposed did not prevent the re-occupation of the land. Appendix 0 shows that in 1882-1883 the unocoupied assessed area was 18,546 acres and in 1895-1896 it was 3,659 acres. I have got information about afforestation during the current settlement, but it does not show what assessed arable area was afforested. I have calculated, however, that it does not amount to fuur thousand acres, so the figures given above represent a great extension of cultivation. The area of lands surrendered in recent years is small.
67. The circle books and columns 17 and 18 of Appendix 0 show that revenue has been easily collected during the current settlement. The balances outstanding and remissions since 1900 are due to exceptionally bad seasons in olose succession and to the new rules. The Mámlatdár has told me that he found on referring to old account books that before 1896 the whole revenue of each village came into the taluka as rule in two remittances, the first and the
second instalments. At the present time the revenue suspended in the Murgod Mahál is inconsiderable, the villages in the south-east owe one or two years' land revenue, and in a few other villages half one year's revenue is suspended.

## Proposals.

68. The following is a summary of the grouping and rates under the current settlement:-

|  |  | 2 villages have a maximum rate of Rs. 260 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group | I, | 17 | \% | " |  | 20 | 0 O |
| " | II, | 30 | " | " | , 1 | 110 | 0 |
| " | III, | 29 | " | " | , 1 | 16 | 6 |
| " | IV, | 13 | " | " | , 1 | 1 | 4 |
| " | V, | 15 | " | " |  | 1 | 1 |

The first two villages have a higher rate than any other only because they were settled with another taluka. Mr. Fletcher in grouping the villages adhered fairly closely to the original grouping by Captain Wingate. His report does not say much about the difference between the groups, but they ran theoretically from west to east and the differencel held to exist between them wes presumably one of climate.
69. The main factor in the difference of climate between the east and west of the talluka is the central range of hills. The rainfall gets slightly less as one goes east, but all the villages to the west of this range might almost be put into one group as far as rainfall is concerned. But villages along the western base of the hills are many of them depopulated. The relatively small population of this tract added to the slightly poorer rainfall is a good reason for not extending the first group up to the hills. I retain Mr. Fletcher's arrangement of villages in the first two groups with the following addition and exceptions:-
(i) The tro extra villages I inolude in the first group.
(ii) I propose to include Saundatti, Gujalarkop and Murgod in the first group. Saundatti is the head-quarters of the tiluka. Gujalarkop is a small village near Saundatti, its lands are much nearer to Saundatti where most of the cultivators live than the greater part of the Saundatti lands. Murgod is the chief town of the petha. The communications of Saundatti and Murgod with the chief markets outside the taluka bave been immensely improved. In point of rainfall the south-eastern half of the lands of Saundatti compare unfavourably with Asundi and Karikatti, but I do not consider this a sufficient reason for not putting the village in the first group.
(iii) I propose to include in the second group eight villages now included in the third group. The cultivable lands of five of these villages, Jangumbudagatti, Karlkatti, Somungundi, Aladakatti and Ganiyal, lie west of the hills, the only reasonable boundary for the second group. In my experienoe short rainfall only has never made it necessary to suspend land revenue in these villages. Three villages, Chikumbi, Hirekumbi and Dugbal are situated south of the hills. These villages have a fair watersupply and a larger population relatively to area than villagus further east. They have had markedly better crops in recent years of poor rainfall than Huli and Chulki and are little or no worse off than Ugargol and Betsur.
70. So far I have followed Mr. Fletcher merely extending slightly further east the limits of the first and second groups. The third and fourth groups present more diffioulty. Mr. Fletcher's fourth group is not further east than his third group. As far as climate is concerned I know of no reason for putting some of these villages into the third and some into the fourth group. The rain gauges do not show that the rainfall is more certain at Manoli than at Yergatti. The villages of the third group are slightly nearer the Manoli and Murgod markets but this now is a matter of no importance.
71. I propose a third group comprising nine villages only, seven south of the hills, Hanohinal, Chulki, Huli, Katmele, Manikatti, Bashidoni and Gorobal; two aorth of the hills, Nuganhatti and Aladkatti. The patchy character of this group calls for some justification. The west of the taluka has a great advantage in rainfall over the east. The maximum rates in the east are consequently. muoh lower than in the west and I propose to enhance the difference. That the hills from Murgod southwards are the dividing line between certainty and uncertainty of rainfall is so clearly proved by experience that no other explanation is required for imposing a much higher maximum rate west of the hills than east of them. But north and south of the hills there is not the same clearly marked difference and an intermediate group is necessary. In point of rainfall the nine villages I propose to include in the third group are slightly better off than those east of them. They have easy access to main roads. Their lands consist for the most part of fine black soil so that they can benefit fully and directly from the stimulus given to the cultivation of cotton and wheat by improved commanications. Two or three other villages in the mahal may be added hereafter to this group if their water-supply and their means of access to main roads are improved. But at the present time, I think, only two villages in that quarter are distinctly better off than the villages I propose to include in the fourth group.
72. In the fourth groap I include the remaining villages of the third and fourth groups, that is thirteen villages of the third group and seventeen villages of the fourth group. I also propose to promote Madamgeri from the last group to this group. It will be noted that the fourth group extends further west in the north than it does in the south. The rainfall of villages north of the Kaládgi road and near the Gokák Táluka is ancertain possibly owing to the lie of the hills between the two talukas. This is true of villages further west still in Sampgaon táluka. Madamgeri is near Kadbi which is a market village and has a comparatively big population. What I have seen of the crops there leads me to think that it has a less uncertain rainfall than villages further east and rents in it are much higher.
73. The remaining fourteen villages I retain in the fifth group. There is no doubt that the eastern corner of the petha is much the poorest part of the taluka.
74. The proposed groups are compared with the existing groups in the following table: -

| Current Settlement. |  |  |  | Proposed. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Extra |  |  | llages, |  |  |
| Groap | I, | 17 | " |  | villages. |
| " | II, | 30 | " | 35 | 0 |
| " | III, | 29 | \% | 9 | " |
| $\infty$ | IV, | 18 | " | 31 | " |
| " | $\nabla$, | 15 | 3 | 14 | \# |

In each case the lands of Inamti-Ramdurg are counted as a village and included in the fourth group.

## Rates.

75. The most definite information as to the inoidence of the present assessment and consequently the best ground on which to base proposals for the rates to be imposed hereafter is to be found in the rents. I am not, however, aware of any approved theory about the proper ratio of land revenue to rent. Accordingly I propose to state a theory however inadequately and devise a standard to be applied in the present case.
76. To tax good and bad land so as to seoure equality of incidence upon ability to pay is impossible without taxing rent out of existence. Nobody has ever proposed that the State should levy as land revenue on the best land. anything like the full economic rent. On the other hand as all occupied land, even when on the margin of cultivation, pays some land revenue, it follows
that on the worst land the revenue must be equal or nearly. equal to the rent. It is therefore impossible so to fix maximum rates for different groups as to ensure that the net rent of land will be everywhere the same. But subject to essential limitations the fixing of rates for different groups should aim at equalising the net rent of land. If the incidence of land revenue is to be as fair as possible, it is not enough that the assessment should be everywhere the same fraction of the rent. It is not enough whether we deal with ideal or actual holdings. It is not the case that as the rainfall becomes more uncertain or the land, for whatever reason, less profitable to work one man with one pair of oxen can cultivate a proportionately larger holding, nor are the aotual holdings proportionately greater. Conseguently fixing the land revenue at the same percentage of rent per acre will not secure equality of incidence on ability to pay or anything like it. Land which regularly yields the maximum return to the minimum expenditure of labour and capital can stand a high incidence of assessment on rent. This is the character of good black soil lands in the first group. Its average rent paid in cash is over Rs. 5 the acre. I think Government would be dealing very fairly with the ocoupants of such lands if they fixed the assessment at half the rent. Land yielding a smaller rent oannot be taxed so as to leave the net rent the same as that of the best land for in that case land renting for Rs. 2-8-0 the acre would pay no assessment at all. But as the rent becomes less, the revenue should be in a decreasing ratio to the rent. The rate of assessment to rent cannot however decrease till the worst land is reached. On the contrary before the worst land is reached, the ratio of revenue to rent must begin to increase again so as to allow of the worst land paying some assessment and land a little better being more highly assessed.
77. If this statement of how assessment should bear on rent is a fair one, an equitable incidence of assessment on rent when rents differ as they do in Parasgad may be represented by the following figures :-

| Gross rent. | Assessmento | Net rento |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Re.a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rg, a. p. |
| 500 | 280 | 280 |
| 4880 | 2.30 | 250 |
| 400 | 1130 | 230 |
| 380 | 180 | 200 |
| 3. 00 | 130 | - 1130 |
| 280 | 0150 | 190 |
| 200 | 0100 | 160 |
| 180 | 080 | 100 |
| 100 | 060 | 0100 |
| 080 | 040 | 040 |

78. I proceed to apply this standard to the average rents and assessment recorded in appendix M .

Group 1.-In the two villages now assessed on a maximum rate of Rs. 2-6-0, the assessment is lower than the rents would justify, but not much lower if the average of the two be taken. The assessment is too low in all the seventeen villages with a maximum rate of Rs. 2 except Mugli and Harugop. Mugli has a smaller population than it should have owing probably to a deficient water-supply. In Harugop a larger proportion of land of poor quality lowers the average. The rents of the three villages now in the second group that I propose to include in the first group are in each case high. An increase to Rs. 2-8-0 in the maximum rate would leave the assessment low relatively to rent except in 8 villages. This is the rate I propose. It involves an enhancement from Rs. 2-6-0 to Rs 2-9-0 in two villages, from Rs. 2 to Rs. 2-8-0 in seventeen villages and from Rs. 1-10-0 to Rs. 2-8-0 in three villages. The enhancement works out to nearly 29 per cent. for the whole group.
79. Group 2.-In the 27 remaining villages of Mr. Fletcher's second group the assessment is too low in eighteon villages and high in nine villages.

Five of the nine are uninhabited, a ciroumstance which tends to lower rents without making the land less profitable in an equal degree for the cultivating oocupant. In all the nine the average assessment is so much below the maximum rate as to indicate that there must be some land of very poor quality in the village, In six of the eight villages I propose adding to the group the assessment is lower than the rents justify. I propose a maximum rate of Rs. 2 for this group of 35 villages. This increase of 23 per cent. for 27 villages and of 44 per cent. for eight villages would make the assessment too high proportionately to rent in 17 villages. Of these eight are uninhabited. In nearly all the average assessment is comparatively low. The increase amounts to 26.7 por cent. for the whole group.
80. Group 3.-In two of the nine villages I propose to make into a third group the assessment is at present high proportionately to rent. These two villages are Huli and Marikatti. There is reason to believe that the exceptionally bad seasons of the last decade are responsible for the low cash rents in these villages, cultivators hesitating to risk the loss that the uncertainty of the rainfall renders very possible. The rents paid in a share of the produce are high. I propose for these villages a maximum rate of Rs. 1-10-0. The increase for the group will be 18.5 per cent.
81. Group 4.-Of the thirteen remaining villages of Mr. Fletcher's 3rd group, eight are already highly assessed proportionately to rent. In seven of the remaining sixteen villages of Mr. Fletcher's fourth group, the assessment is high proportionately to rent. Rents of the sixteen villages compare favourably with those of the thirteen villages more highly assessed. In Madamgerithe average rent is more than five times the average assessment. I propose for these thirty villages and for Inamti-Rámdurg a maximum rate of kis, 1-6-0. The increase for. the whole group will be 7 per cent.
82. Group 5.-The rents of the remaining fourteen villages of Mr. Fletcher's fifth group are very low. Many of them are badly out off from the main roads of the taluka, so that they send part of their cotton to Bágalkot which is twice as far off as Gokák or Bail-Hongal. On the other hand much of the land thrown up just before and after the first revision settlement has been re-ocoupied. I propose that the present maximum rate Rs. 1-1-0 should be retained.
83. The proposals are summarised in the following table :-

| Current Settlemento |  | Proposed Settlement. |  | Percentage increase for gruap. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of villagen. | Maximom rata, | Namber of villages. | Maximum rate. |  |
|  | Rs. a. p. |  | Rs. 8. p. |  |
| 2 | 160 |  |  | -0.0.* |
| 17 | 200 | 22 | 280 | 28.8 |
| 30 | 1100 | 35 | 200 | $26 \cdot 7$ |
| 29 | 160 | 9 | 1100 | $18 \cdot 5$ |
| 18 | 140 | 31 | 160 | 7 |
| 15 | 110 | 14 | 110 | -0.0. |

The increase for the different groups works out as follows :-

| Group | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | R8. | 18,972 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , | 2 | -• | $0 \cdot 9$ | -* | \% | 9,843 |
| $n$ | 8 | . $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | -0* | 3 | 3,640 |
| g | 4 | *** | $\cdots$ | *** | 3 | 1,649 |
| $\boldsymbol{\square}$ | 5 | *** | $\cdots$ | *** | 23 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | *** | Rs. | 34,104 |

84. The increase in the assessment that I propose will be imposed almost entirely on the western half of the táluka. For those villages which have suffered from scaroity and famine during the current settlement I propose a
slight increase or none at all. I contend that the increase is justified by the average rent of the average dand in the average village of each group.
85. I have noticed in paragraphs 78 and 79 that the existing assessment in a few cases and the proposed assessment in a number of cases is high relatively to rent and that in general when this is the case the average assessment of the village is low showing the poorer classes of lands can stand an enhancement of assessment less well than the best lands. I was prepared with suggestions for modifying the application of the new maximum rates It appeared to me not unreasonable to suppose that if the Survey Department had contemplated the imposition of maximum rates in the Karnatic twice as high as what they actually imposed at the original settlement they might have classificd up to 24 annas instead of up to 16 annas. Supposing them to have classified up to 24 annas and to have had experience of the great difference in rents, as now placed on record in every village, they would, I surmised, have left the classes of land which are near the margin of oultivation more or less as they stand and would have differentiated more among the better lands so as to reach the higher classification maximum. The classification is up to 16 annas only but it would be perfectly possible so to apply the enhanced rate as to achieve practically the same result as re-olassification up to a higher maximum would give. It would in my opinion be advisable to exempt the worst lands in the first two groups from any enhancement of assessment, and to graduate the application of the enhanced rates. It is in the first two groups that the rates now proposed are so much higher than at the original settlement. In the meanwhile I have read Government's review of the Karajgi Settlement Report. They consider that an approved enhancement of assessment must be applied in the same proportion to every class of land inside the group. I infer from the resolution that the suggestions submitted in this connection and condemned by Government are not unlike those I had in view. I therefore put forward no proposals for modifying the enhancement of the rates in the case of the lowest classes of soil.
86. The most obvious criticism by way of comparison to whioh the rates I have proposed are exposed arises from the rates sanotioned for Navalgund in 1906. The villages in Navalgund or Nargund Petha adjoining those in Parasgad for which I have proposed maximum rates of Rs. 1-10-0 and Rs. 1-6-0 have a maximum rate of Rs, 2 sanctioned for thirty years and Rs. 1-12-0 in force at present and sanctioned for five years. The lower rate is the one proposed by Mr. Monteath. It is far from certain that the higher rate will ever be imposed. Mr. Monteath drew up his proposals during the touring season 1903-1904, an unusually good year for wheat ; I saw Nargund Petha that year and I have seen no such wheat since in five years' experience of the neighbourhood. The soil of the south-east of Parasgad is "Karal". Mr. Monteatin refers to the existence of this soil in Nargund, but does not say much about it. In addition to never producing as good crops as fine black soil and in particular not producing good cotton, which the classers may be assumed to have taken into account, Karal soil requires more rain in order to produce any crop at all. Thus the character of the soil accentuates the uncertainty of the rainfall in this locality. I think there can be no doubt that the villages on the Parasgad side of the boundary are worse off than those on the Nargund side. A large number of people have told me so and have given the same reason, namely, that on the Nargund side the lie of the land is much flatter. The soil takes in rain slowly and when the land is not flat the rain, of which there is rarely any to spare, runs off the fields instead of soaking into them. Kagdhal, Haralkatti and Achmatti have only had one orop estimated at over six annas in the last five years. They are badly off for water and poor'in cattle.
87. Pátasthal water-rate has been remitted in the táluka with effect from 1907. The revenue surrendered amounts to Rs. 498. The Akarband is to be corrected when the new settlement is introduced. In the meanwhile I find that the effeot cannot be shown in Appendix $Q$ without looking up each survey number in the Akarband, and it hás consequently been ignorel. No change is to be made in the treatment of other garden lands at the last settlement, which was as follows: I quote Mr. Fletcher's report: "Land under wells, existing at
former settlement, has been assessed within the highest dry crop rate, that under new wells has received no additional rate for irrigation. In the case of wells that receive water by percolation from Government tanks the usual addition up to double the dry crop rate has been made." In calculating the enhanced assessment of garden lands for Appendix Q, I have treated them as dry crop lands.
88. At revision settlement it was found that rice was being grown in two villages. In one of these, Yekkeri, no rice has been sown for many years. The maximum rate, Rs. 8 , is high enough.
89. I propose that the new rates sanctioned should be imposed at once, subject to the concession made by Government Resolution No. 3541, dated 4th May 1885, and guaranteed for thirty years. During the last five years the mortality from plague has been insignificant and the population has been increasing. Little or no increase in the assessment has been proposed in those parts of the taluka where the number of cattle falls short of the people's requirements.
[^3]APPENDIX A.
Statoment showing Rainfall recorded at (Saumdatti) Tahuta Parasgad, Distriot Belgaum, for the yeare 1898 to 1208.

|  | Year. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Early Raln } \\ & \text { (1st Jannaray to } \\ & \text { A prii). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Ante-Monsoon <br> (11th April to 4th June). |  | Monmon Kharif (5th June to 14th $\Delta u g a t t)$. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Moncoon Rabi } \\ & \text { (15th A0gut to 21st } \\ & \text { October). } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Late Rsine } \\ & \text { (22rd Ootober to } 31_{s t} \\ & \text { December). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fall. | Rainy daya | Fall. | Rainy days, | Falli | Rainy dayb | Pall. | Raing dayı. | Fall | Rainy daya. | Fall. | Rainy days. |  |
|  |  |  | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1898 | -0 | ... | 0.72 | 2 | 6.98 | 14 | 7.29 | 35 | 11.14 | 81 | $3 \cdot 89$ | 8 | 29.2 | 90 |  |
| 1899 | ** | ... | $1 \cdot 43$ | 3 | 7.68 | 14 | $8 \cdot 70$ | $35^{\circ}$ | 759 | 23 | 0.24 | 1 | $20 \cdot 62$ | 76 |  |
| 1900 | ..• | ... | 0.27 | 8 | $2 \cdot 22$ | 9 | $9 \cdot 68$ | 41 | 8.88 | 16 | 0.25 | 1 | 16.30 | 70 | - |
| 1901 | -0* | ..0 | 1.54 | 6 | $9 \cdot 25$ | 18 | 4.41 | 37 | 9.51 | 27 | 0.78 | 5 | $25 \cdot 47$ | 93 |  |
| 1902 | -.• | ... | 0.40 | 3 | $2 \cdot 52$ | 9 | 6.1 | 27 | 8.94 | 23 | 8.15 | 15 | 26.2 | 77 |  |
| 1908 | ** | ** | ** | -** | 0.74 | 8 | $9 \cdot 6$ | 39 | 18.43 | 38 | $1 \cdot 57$ | 6 | 29.80 | 91 | - |
| 1904 | -.• | -** | 0.82 | 2 | 6.3 | 11 | 5-881 | 27 | 5.59 | 15 | $0 \cdot 49$ | 2 | 18.81! | 67 | * |
| 1905 | -•• | - $*$ | - 0 | ** | $2 \cdot 58$ | 16 | $6 \cdot 71$ | 22 | $8 \cdot 17$ | 25 | 0.11 | 1 | 18.57 | 64 |  |
| 1906 | -•* | ... | 0.20 | 1 | 1.33 | 6 | 6.0 | 24 | 14.96 | 83 | $2 \cdot 99$ | 5 | $25 \cdot 48$ | 69 |  |
| 1907 | ** |  | 0.2 | 1 | 3.38 | 8 | 6.89 | 44 | 15.50 | 28 | 1.6 | 2 | 26.85 | 81 |  |
| 1808 | ** |  | 0.50 | 3 | 1-26 | 5 | 0.80 | 45 | 7.98 | 22 | 0.10 | 1 | 16.64 | 76 |  |
|  | Average |  | 0.53 | 2 | $3 \cdot 90$ | 10 | 649 | 35 | 10.15 | 25 | $1 \cdot 78$ | 4 | 22.87 | 76 | . |

## APPENDIX A:

Statement showing Rainjall recorded at Murgod, District Belgaum, for the yeare 1898 to 1908.

|  | Year, |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Early Rain } \\ & \text { (1at Janaary to 10th } \\ & \text { Aprij). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Anto-Monsoon(11th April to ath (11th April to ath |  | Moneoon Kharif (5th Jane to 14th Augatht. |  | 'Monsoon Rabl(15th August to 21 stOctober). |  | Late Raint (22nd Oetober to 81nt December). |  | Total. |  | Remarke |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fall | Rainy day. | Fall | Ralny daysa | Pall. | Rainy daya. | Foll. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy daga. | Fall. | Rainy daya. |  |
|  |  |  | Inches. | No. | Inchea. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inohes. | No. | Inches, | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1898 | ..' | ... | 0.55 | 3 | 6.73 | 12 | $8 \cdot 39$ | 30 | 12•46 | 25 | $8 \cdot 22$ | 8 | $32 \cdot 35$ | 78 |  |
| 1899 | -0 | *. | 0.37 | 2 | $2 \cdot 97$ | 7 | 4.41 | 18 | 6.40 | 21 | 0.12 | 1 | 14.27 | 47 |  |
| 1900 | ... | .. | 0.36 | 2 | 2.96 | 5 | 11.97 | 39 | 2.44 | 13 | 0.14 | 1 | 18.67 | 60 |  |
| 1901 | - 0 | ... | 183 | 5 | 6.20 | 5 | 4.72 | 24 | $5 \cdot 15$ | 20 | $1 \cdot 14$ | 2 | $19 \cdot 10$ | 76 |  |
| 1902 | - | - | 0.78 | 2 | $5 \cdot 58$ | 11 | 4.85 | 18 | 787 | 20 | 8.23 | 15 | 27.21 | 66 |  |
| 1903 | - | - | - | "' | . 6.71 | 8 | 6.81 | 20. | 12.48 | 24 | $3 \cdot 45$ | 8 | 26.95 | 60 |  |
| 1901 | $\cdots$ | -* | 0.77 | 2 | S\%5 | 10 | 6.81 | 24 | $6 \cdot 27$ | 15 | 0.77 | 4 | 17.97 | 55 |  |
| 1905 | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | * | -•• | .. | 3.91 | 18 | 681 | 83 | 778 | 20 | 0.44 | 2 | 18.94 | 68 |  |
| 1806 | ... | -•• | ** | .." | 8.18 | 4 | 10.45 | 37 | $17 \cdot 18$ | 84 | $2 \cdot 73$ | 6 | 3355 | 81 |  |
| 1907 | .. | .. | 0.1 | 1 | $2 \cdot 53$ | 7 | 11.2 | 44 | 11.50 | 27 | 1.6 | 8 | 26.12 | 82 |  |
| 1903 | $\cdots$ |  | 0.8 | 1 | 0.99 | 3 | 12.98 | 42 | 7.62 | 27 | 0.30 | 2 | 21-36 | 75 |  |
|  | Average |  | 0.43 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8.15 | 29 | $12 \cdot 9$ | 22 | 196 | 4 | 23.33 | 68 |  |

## APPENDIX A.

Rainfall gawged at Rorkop, Halki, Yergatli and Shindogi for tho years 1898 to 1908.


Details of cultivalion and orops in the (110) Government villages of the Parasgad Talmka of the Belgawn Collectorate.


APPENDIX C.
Statement showing the willages in which the principal woekly Batars are held in the Paraegad T'abuka of the Belgaum Uolloctorate.


APPENDIX C-continued.


APPENDIX C-concluded.

| Namber. | Villagee. | Daya on which Bexfre is held. | Weekly salem |  | Chief articles traded in |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Articles. | Amount. |  |
| 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 13 | $\underset{\text { Sattigeri. }}{\text { Hirekop }}$ Karyat | Saturday |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs. } \\ 54 \\ 6 \\ 40 \\ \cdots 48 \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Total .. | 148 |  |
| 14 | Shivapur, moaje Kotur. | Saturday | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Grain } & \text {... } \\ \text { Jagri } & \ldots . \\ \text { Cloth } & \ldots \\ \text { Country cotton } & \ldots . \\ \text { Miscellaneous } & \ldots\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}58 \\ 9 \\ 87 \\ \hdashline 0 \\ \hline 62\end{array}$ |  |
| 15 |  |  | Tctal ... | 156 |  |
|  | Yergatti $\quad$-. | Saturday ... |  | 202 21 81 6 231 |  |
|  |  |  | Total ... | 541 | - |

## APPENDIX $D$.

Detail of population according to occupation by percentages is the Parasgad Táluka including the Murgol Mahal.

| Agricultaral popralation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Noo-agricultaral poppolation. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having foterent in land. |  |  |  |  | Labourers |  |  | Total agricaltural popralationa | Craties, | Untrilled labour. | Othert. | Total notio asticultoral pupalationa $\therefore$ : |
| Land oceupante not cultivating. | Land occupanta onltivating | $\begin{gathered} \text { Temants } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { sharers } \\ \text { colitivating. } \end{gathered}$ | Otherwe | Total. | Tarm serrsuth | Pield In bourers and crop watehers. | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| $\begin{gathered} 4,180 \\ \text { Perconfage. } \\ 8.81 \end{gathered}$ | 47,698 4. CH | 1.737 1.60 | 858 0.77 | 64,591 8022 | 450 0.40 | 18,158 18 | 18,588 17716 | 72,079 87.38 | 38,44 | 2,798 258 | 14,006 | 36,332 $38-63$ |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AYPENDIX F. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Detail of population according to religion and education in the Parasgad Táluka.


Slatement showing the Agricultural stock of the 110 Government Villages in the Parasgad Taluka of the Belgamm Collectorate dwring the year 1904-09.


The opper line of figurea is that of the previous sotllements.

## APPENDIX G.

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, etc., and average Births, Deaths and Vaccinalion, Taluka Parasgad, District Belgaum.


## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their average altendance in the year 1907-08.

| Number of village: | District | Government Schools. |  |  |  | Muniaipar Schoole. |  |  |  | Privale Schools, |  | Bemarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Girla. |  | Boys, |  | Girli. |  | Boys. |  |  |
|  |  | Number | Aversge attendayce. | Number of schools | Avernge attend. ance | Number of echools. | Average nttend. ance. | Number of echools. | Average attend. ance. | Number of achools. | Average attend ance. |  |
| 1 | 3 | $\square$ | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 1879-1890/108 | 108 Government villager of Paraskad Tilokn. | 14 | 408 | $\chi$ | 11 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | 16 | 1410 |  |
| 1807-1008/153 | Pyragad Talub en ... | 31 | 1,361-1 | 4 | 110.5 | 1 | 97-1 | - 1 | 40.4 | 8 | 257:3 |  |

## APPENDIX I.

* Statement shosoing the proportion of Govermment occupied and Inám lands cultioated by Occupants and Sub-tenants, etc.; in the year 1906-07.
[Note.-The information is taken from the Record of Righte.]

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Namber } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villages. } \end{gathered}$ | Talatich | Total acrea nitivated by occupanta or Indadárs. |  | Total acres caltiventer by ocempante or Inámdsits in partnership with othore. |  | Total merea caltirated by Sub-tenonts on money rent |  | Total acree cultivated by Sub-tenante for produce of grain rent, |  |  |  | Total area in marea. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inam | Govern: ment. | Inamm. | Govern: mont | Incm | Govern: ment. | InKm |  |  | Govern: ment. | Inim. |
| 1 | z | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  | 11 | 18 | 18 | 14 |
| 110 | Parasgad $\quad .$. | 1,04030 | 39,400 | 8,607 | 4,092. | 28,687 | 每,148 | 26,672 | 18,190 | 4,901 | - 02,703 | 2,31,600 | 1,06,786 |

## APPENDIX J.

Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Fanks and other sources of sater-surply in the 110 Government villagos of the Paraggad Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate for the year 1908-09.


Abstract.

| Distriok | Detalle, | Wolle, Badkit and tho 11 kg . |  | 2anks. |  | Other conrees. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pakka. | Kecha. | Patka. | Encha. | Pakka. | Kıohs. |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  | Yor irrigation ... me ... | 0 | 168 | $\cdots$ | 2 | ..* | " |
|  | For drinking mpply of buman bolnga but not for itrigation ot | 205 | 00 | 12 | 50 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | For oattlo and wacbing and other porposes, | 10 | 7 | 11 | 88 | $\cdots$ | 1 |
|  | In alruse $\quad$-0 ** | 92 | 350 | 1 | 0 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | Total | 828 | 48 | 84 | 107 | ... | 1 |
|  | Total reoorded as the original mettioment ... | 403 | ." | 87 | 87 | 14 | $\cdots$ |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{K}$.

In abstract statoment showing ordinary sales in 110 Government villages of the Parasgad Táluka of the Belgaum Collectorate.


An abstract statement showing sales of land in execution of Civil Courts decrees in the Parasgad Taluka of the Belgaum District.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{I}_{0}$

An abstract etatoment showing simple mortgages in 110 villages of the $P$ aracgad Talnka of the Belgamim Collectorate.


An abstract statement skowing mortgages with possession in 110 villages of the Parasgad Taluke of the Belgawim Collectorate.

| Clans of acseser rcoording to the nomber of timee tie survey emesment for which hand is mortgeged. | Nomber of cament | Total neres mortgaged. | Totel aremement | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average rata } \\ & \text { of amemment } \\ & \text { per ecre. } \end{aligned}$ | Total mam for which martgaged. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Avernge rate } \\ \text { per gere for } \\ \text { which miortgagesh } \end{gathered}$ | Avernge, number of times the survey for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | $\boldsymbol{7}$ | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs, at p. | Rs, | Ras an p. |  |
| Class I-1 to 10 times .o. | 11 | 130 | 180 | 160 | 1,091 | 860 | 6 |
| \% II-11 to 25 \% 00 | 37 | 332 | 330 | 0150 | 5,933 | 17130 | 19 |
| , III-25 to 50 , .0. | 31 | 201 | 170 | 0130 | 6,220 | 30150 | 38 : |
| , IV-51 to 100 " ... | 14 | 51 | 50 | 0150 | 8,382 | 6650 | 70 |
| \% V-101 to 150 * ... | 7 | 61 | 41 | 0100 | 4,338 | 7110 | 118 |
| Total ... | 100 | 775 | 771 | 0150 | 20,964 | 2700 | 28 |

## APPENDIX M.

Rents in 19 villagos of Growps I and II (current settlement):


## APPENDIX M.

Rents in 30 villages of: Group III (current eettlement).

| Name of Village. | Aree of occopied Government land. | Average assessment per acre of village. | Casb rentala. |  |  |  |  |  | Pentals paid in s share of the produce |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Nomber of lease. | Ares of land rented | $\begin{gathered} \text { Assess- } \\ \text { ment } \\ \text { par acre. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Grose } \\ \text { rent per } \\ \text { acre. } \end{gathered}$ | Net rent per acre. | Grons rent number of times the aspersment. | Ninunber of leases. | Area. | Assencement. | Rente |
|  | $\Delta \mathrm{cres}$. | Ra. a. p. |  | A. g. | Rs. a. | Rs. as p. ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Re .a. p. |  |  | A. E. | Re. 2 |  |
| Saundatti | 9,211 | 1411 | 70 | 1,059 4 | 15 | 540 | 8150 | 4 | 15 | 17230 | 2821 | 1 produce + Re. 238 |
| Ugargol | 2,911 | 134 | 44 | 47787 | 17 | 8140 | 870 | 27 | 18 | 10715 | 1408 | 1 produce + Rs, 162. |
| Betsur | 8,437 | 1411 | 22 | 84830 | 14 | 8130 | 290 | 3 | 2 | 3288 | 850 | t produce + Rs. 42 |
| Yedrari | 2,905 | 156 | 20 | 40538 | 15 | 370 | 220 | \%6 | 6 | 7121 | 950 |  |
| Hiri-Ulligeri | 711 | 186 | 18 | 15029 | 16 | s 9 | 230 | 2.6 | 1 | 1588 | 280 | 1 produce + Res 48. |
| Daderikop | 1,288 | 1811 | 19 | 9167 | 26 | 3140 | 280 | $2 \cdot 8$ | 4 | 721 | 1158 | 1 Produce + Re, 115-8. |
| Hariapur | 461 | 1881 | 8 | 9714 | 18 | 486 | 2116 | $2 \cdot 8$ | 8 | 4118 | 630 | 1 produce + Res 81-5. |
| Yekkandi | 495 | 01411 | 6 | 490 | 10 | 800 | 200 | 80 | 8 | 467 | 413 |  |
| Gondi | 484 | 1510 | 5 | 408 | 14 | 2140 | 1100 | $2 \cdot 3$ |  | Nit. |  |  |
| Kagihal | 881 | 1001 | 5 | 7235 | 10 | 270 | 170 | $2 \cdot 4$ | 9 | 6584 | 5311 |  |
| Bemgundikop | 668 | 148 | 7 | 888 | 14 | 2180 | 180 | 22 | 4 | 8120 | 1010 | 1 produco + Re, 78 |
| Belwalkop | 862 | 177 | 8 | 8814 | 17 | 870 | 200 | $2 \cdot 3$ | 7 | 4223 | 6813 | $\frac{1}{2}$ proiuce + Re. $52-1$ |
| Shingarkop | 1,597 | 118 | 12 | 20529 | 10 | 320 | 220 | $8 \cdot 1$ | 19 | 21138 | 1838 | $\frac{1}{2}$ produce $+\mathrm{Rs}_{6}$ 182-9 |
| Katral | 598 | 182 | 10 | 12316 | 14 | 440 | 800 | 85 | 7 | 9212 | 11112 | \$ produce + Ra, 125, |
| Sogal | 1,413 | 104 | 17 | 22513 | 10 | 320 | 220 | 8.1 | 17 | 15817 | 162 2 | \# produce + Rs, 141. |
| Dhupdal | 899 | 106 | 8 | 339 | 11 | 2150 | 1140 | 27 | 18 | 13822 | 1150 | ¢ produce + Re, 50-15 |
| Chakrageri | 952 | 0150 | 1 | 77 | 12 | 400 | 2140 | 8.5 | 8 | 6813 | 531 | $\underline{1}$ produce + Res, 36-1. |
| Watnal | 252 | 124 | 9 | 7411 | 11 | 3120 | 211 of | 3.5 | 9 | $59 \quad 0$ | 708 | 12 producet Re, 53-8. |
| Hadagali | 367 | 142 | 4 | 2835 | 14 | 300 | 112.0 | 2.4 | 5 | 3626 | 436 | 1 produce $+\mathrm{R}_{6}$, 51-4 |
| Kadihalli | 291 | 130 | 4 | 8710 | 14 | 420 | 2150 | 3.3 | 2 | 89 | 198 | \$ produce $+\mathrm{Ra} .8-8$ |
| Gujalarkop | 162 | 131 | 5 | 1188 | 012 | 560 | 4100 | $7 \cdot 1$ | 3 | 2411 | 302 | $\frac{1}{2}$ produce + Rs. 76. |
| Nadarinhalli | 774 | 124 | 5 | 8921 | 13 | 270 | 140 | 2 | 3 | 2234 | 182 | \# produce + Rs. 7-9. |
| Badi | 1,052 | 122 | 7 | 9488 | 10 | 190 | 090 | 1.5 | 10 | 13119 | 13413 | - produce + Ba, 119. |
| Margod | 1,823 | 0148 | 29 | 3534 | 13 | 460 | 3880 | 8.6 | 20 | 20636 | 27012 | 1 produce $+\mathrm{R}_{6}$ 292-15 |
| Dandankop | 411 | 114 | 8 | 640 | 12 | 3140 | 2180 | $3 \cdot 4$ | 6 | 934 | 1047 | 1 prodmee + R, 89. |
| Karimani | 142 | 1111 | 5 | 5118 | 12 | 460 | 340 | 3.8 | 1 | 1212 | 180 | 1 prodice + Ras 36. |
| Basargi | 319 | 01211 | 12 | 27321 | 018 | 1120 | 0150 | 211 | 4 | 570 | 520 | 1 produce + Rs 20. |
| Tadaelur | 2,360 | 087 | 21 | 26881 | 08 | 160 | 0140 | 87 | 80 | 84616. | 1684 | 1 produce + 8is, $13-8$. |
| Halki | 762 | 092 | 12 | 1290 | 012 | 2140 | 220 | 3.8 | 23 | 26018 | 16412 |  |
| Gundiar | 815 | 084 | 12 | 1739 | 06 | 0180 | 070 | 8.1 | 18 | 2276 | 10018 | \$ prodace + Rs, 28-4. |

## APPENDIX MI.

Rents in 99 villages of Group IV (current settlement).


## APPENDIX M.

Rents in 17 Villages of Group $\bar{V}$ (current Setllement).


APPENDIX M.
Rents in 15 Fillages of Group VI (current Setilement).

| Nsme of Village. | Area of occupied Goverament lsnd. | Average assessinent per acre of village. | Carh rentals. |  |  |  |  |  | Rentals prid in a share of the produce |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Num- ber of leasea. | Ares of land rented. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Alsees- } \\ \text { ment } \\ \text { per sere. } \end{gathered}$ | Grome rent per scre. | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { rent per } \\ \text { acre. } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | Gros: rent number of times the ancesa ment. | Num- ber of leases. | Arez, | Assesswent. | Rent |
| Sattigeri | Acres. <br> 4,151 |  | 17 | $\begin{array}{l\|l} \text { A. } \\ \mathbf{2 0 9} & \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { R.s. } & \text { a. } \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} R_{0} & \ldots \\ 0 & \text { pl } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} R s & a & p_{1} \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \end{array}\right\|$ | 27 | 32 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { A. } \\ \mathbf{3 2 5} \\ \text { g. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } \\ & 125 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ | 1 1 produce $^{\text {+ Ra, 29-8 }}$ |
| Yerganvi | 1,687 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 5 & 9\end{array}$ | 13 | 1971 | 050 | 0980 | $0 \leqslant 0$ | $1 \cdot 8$ | 14 | 17581 | 738 | $3^{1}$ produce + Ra, 10. |
| Karabgati | 1,087 | 076 | 8 | 2034 | 080 | 1110 | 180 | $3 \cdot 8$ | 5 | 6159 | 288 | 1 produce only. |
| Korkop | 584 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 8 & 2\end{array}$ | 5 | 782 | 070 | 0100 | 030 | 14 | 11 | 10820 | 608 | 1 produce+Re. 10. |
| Madamgeri | 1,371 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 5 & 8\end{array}$ | 15 | 14217 | 060 | 210 | 1310 | $5 \cdot 5$ | 15 | 9512 | 871 | 1 produce + Re.14-10. |
| Tawaigeri | 546 | 074 | 1 | 920 | 070 | 070 | .0. | 1. | 5 | 5526 | 184 | 1 produce only. |
| Akziaggar | 1,087 | 09.5 | 6 | 6830 | 080 | 150 | 0130 | $2 \cdot 6$ | 0 | 9921 | 434 | 1 produce only. |
| Gorankop | 936 | 061 | 8 | 11535 | 060 | 080 | 020 | $1 \cdot 3$ | 8 | 917 | 14.8 | 1 produce only. |
| Bhagojikop | 1,715 | 092 | 7 | 10618 | 080 | 140 | 0120 | 2.5 | 27 | 30013 | 1780 | 1 Preduce + Ra, 164. |
| Hirelmop | 4,874 | 074 | 19 | 2868 | 070 | 130 | 0120 | 2.7 | 34 | 47786 | 2172 | 1 prodace+ Ra. 121. |
| Obikkop | 472 | 088 | 7 | 6825 | 0880 | 820 | 1100 | $4 \cdot 2$ | 7 | 5938 | 2512 | $\frac{1}{2}$ produce + Ra, 6-8. |
| Magalihal | 2,982 | 045 | 23 | 29418 | 050 | 0100 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | 8 | 7 | 804 | 190 | 1 produce |
| Itand | 1,602 | 057 | 6 | 4050 | 050 | 012 | 060 | $2 \cdot 4$ | 8 | 9437 | 2915 | 1 produce + Rn, 0-9.a |
| Desal | 1,021 | 040 | 12 | 18828 | 080 | 060 | 080 | 8 | 10 | 104 32 | 2311 | $\pm$ produce + Res 5. |
| Mollikeri | 1,120 | 060 | 10 | 23828 | 029 | 106 | 088 | $2 \cdot 8$ | 7 | 9599 | 824 | - producot Ra . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. |

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APPENDIX N.
Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Taluka from $1838-89{ }^{*}$ to 1903.

| Year. | Seers of 80 tolks axd chataks of five tolks per rapee. |  |  |  |  |  | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jowári. | Wheat. | Rala. | Tardest. | Safflower | Cotton with reed. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | $\sigma$ | 6 | 7 |  |
|  | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. |  |
| 1888-89 | 244 | 178 | 2814 | 1311 | $18 \quad 2$ | 78 | Figures from 1895 |
| 1889 -90 | 2013 | 187 | 250 | 1013 | 183 | 75 | prices for the |
| 1390.91 | 216 | 1912 | 239 | 1213 | 211 | 715 |  |
| 1891.92 | 1712 | 117 | 1810 | 104 | 136 | 910 |  |
| 1892.93 | 198 | 100 | 176 | 87 | 127 | 88 |  |
| 1893-94 | 2113 | 137 | 21 II | 112 | 238 | 96 |  |
| 1894-95 | 229 | $19 \quad 9$ | 2311 | 915 | 219 | 90 |  |
| 1895 | $24 \quad 9$ | 207 | 199 | 814 | 1511 | 81 |  |
| 1896 | 215 | $13 \quad 4$ | 1710 | 815 | 136 | 712 | : |
| 1897 | 117 | 713 | 1512 | 61 | 918 | 77 |  |
| 1898 | 213 | 116 | 234 | 1010 | 192 | 118 |  |
| 1899 | 175 | 1311 | 1514 | 127 | 213 | 1013 |  |
| 1900 | 105 | 90 | 98 | 67 | 1210 | 64 |  |
| 1901 | 1210 | 87 | 131 | 69 | 110 | ... |  |
| 1902 | 170 | 93 | 158 | 100 | 131 | 611 |  |
| 1903 | 257 | 158 | 2513 | 78 | 1911 | 77 |  |
| 1904 | 236 | 1611 | 213 | $813^{-}$ | 220 | 67 |  |
| 1905 | 190 | 132 | 1914 | 92 | 1413 | 612 |  |
| 1906 | 120 | 81 | 1310 | 712 | 112 | 518 |  |
| 1907 | 150 | 1013 | $17 \quad 7$ | 75 | 108 | 68 |  |
| 1908 | 136 | 712 | J3 15 | 515 | 910 | 63 |  |

## APPENDIX 0.

Revenve statoment for Government (110) villages situated in the Pavargod Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1880-81.


APPENDIX 0.


Effect of Rerision Settlement proposals


ทisoó Government occupied land.


sithoos-continued.


tisog-concluded.


Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner.
2. Mr. Cowan's proposals result in an inorease of Rs. 34,104- or 22 per cent. in the assessment of the taluka, the average assessment per acre rising from Re. 1 to Rs. 1-3-6. The enhancement is in my opinion fair and the proposals both in regard to grouping and rates have my support.
3. The táluka has emerged from a series of bad years with diminished but by no means exhausted resources. In consideration of the precarious nature of the rainfall in recent years the patasthal assessment has been abolished, involving an annual sacrifice of Rs. 498. Remissions of revenue during the last five years have been granted to the extent of Rs. 1,35,525. With fair seasons the recovery of wealth will be rapid, and there are unmistakable signs that the recovery has already begun. A large amount of outstanding tagai was colleoted with ease during the last year. The census of agricultural stock taken in July 1909 reveals a marked upward tendency as compared with 1905 and 1900. It is noteworthy that the tendency commences in the years of moderately fair harvests succeeding the famine of 1905-06, and that it has synchronized with the operation of a scientific system of suspensions and remissions. This is no argument against a moderate enhancement of the assessment, for in fair seasons the rates proposed by Mr. Cowan will not be felt and poor seasons bring automatic relief. The figures of the recent census of agricultural stock, which were not available to Mr. Cowan, are contrasted below with the figures of four earlier censuses :-

|  | Year. |  | Plough eattle. | Milch cattle. | Sheep and goats. | Carta. | Ploaghs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1890 | ... | - 0 | 25,305 | 21,570 | 53,934 | 3,613 | 9,064 |
| 1896 | -• | ... | 25,665 | 21,575 | 46,337 | 4,383 | 11.855 |
| 1901 | ..- | ... | 13,297 | 18,399 | 37,759 | 4,333 | 9,131 |
| 1906 | $\cdots$ | ... | 17,807 | 12,505 | 40,939 | 3,822 | 8,097 |
| 1909 | ... |  | 19,973 | 15,641 | 42,366 | 4,290 | 9,404 |

In 1850 the number of plough cattle was $20,8 \pm 6$ and in 1879, the year before the introduction of the expiring settlement, the number had sunk in consequence of the famine of $1876-77$ to 14,179. That was the effeot of one disastrous season ; after a deoade of lean years and famine the number stood in 1906 at 17,807. My point is that the resources of the people have not been crippled and I see no reason to suppose that the recovery of wealth will not be as rapid as it was after the famine of 18:6-77.

There is, however, no question that the present number of plough cattle is inadequate for the proper tillage of the land ; if all the land in occupation is to be cultivated, each pair must plough 34 acres, and deducting fallows it appears that each pair does in fact plough 30 acres. I believe that this is an excessively high average, though Mr. Cowan found no evidence, except in the south-eastern corner of the taluka, that the people feel the want of cattle.
4. In 1881 the population of the táluka stood at 91,826 ; it is calculated to stand now, after allowing for losses due to plague, at 99,000 , of whom two-thirds are dependent on agriculture. In the early years of the expiring settlement the unoccupied assessed area was about 18,000 arres; it is now about 4,000 . Rents in villages with a large proportion of black soil have risen 50 per cent. during the settlement. Prices of agricultural produce have advanced enormously. Juári, the staple grain, was sold at an average of 68 lbs per rupee during the original settlement and at an average of 37 lbs . per rupee during the expiring settlement. This is a rise of 82 per cent. The price of wheat has advanced in the same period by 138 per cent. The price of cotton has risen 50 per cent. since 1900. The table in paragraph 57 of Mr, Cowan's report shows a marked rise in the value of land.
5. Mr. Cowan's proposals have been framed with care and are based on a long acquaintance with the tạluka. I have no hesitation in commending his proposals for acceptance.


To
The COMMISSIONER,
Southern Division.
Poona, 19th April 1910.
Sir,
I have the bonour to forward herewith Mr . Cowan's report with proposals for the 2nd Revision Settlement of the Parasgad Táluka of the Belgaum District. This is the first táluka in the Belgaum District to come under resettlement and the other tálukas will be taken up one after the other between 1913-14 and 1917-18.

I have elsewhere alluded to the many disadvantages of this system of piecemeal settlement of a district by a succession of officers at different times.
2. Mr. Cowan's report shows that he has a good practical knowledge of the táluka and its conditions. I accept his recommendations as to grouping which are based upon sound arguments and upon a personal knowledge of the villages concerned.
C. * * * I must challenge the statement that in fixing the assessment rates for different groups the Settlement Officershould aim at equalising the ' net rent' of land.

The formula. "equality of incidence upon ability to pay" is not easy to understand and will not stand scrutiny. Whose ability to pay? The land's ability or the landholder's? If the latter, then, are we to take a larger propor-• tion from the big landholder and a smaller proportion from the small landholder ? Are we to make a sliding scale of land tazation according to the size of a man's family?

The objections and difficulties are innumerable and insuperable.
7. It is not possible for the State in a ryotwari settlement to examine into the circumstances of each individual revenue payer but it is the especial merit of the Bombay system that it has with minute care distributed the burden of the assessment on a consideration of the fertility of each individual field assessed.

If in addition to this minor distribution carg is taken over the major distribution, that is to say, care is taken to discriminate by means of the grouprates between secure and insecure tracts there need be no fear of poor lands or poor holders being overassessed.
8. I quite agree with Mr. Cowan when he says that in a secure tract with good soil and a favourable climate it is fair that the assessment should be half the rent or in settlement language the full half net assets.

But when he goes on to say without qualification thas the pitch of the assessment should decrease as the rent becomes less, I disagree entirely. The proportion to be taken by the State need not decrease unless the general conditions become more unfavourable, e. g., cultivation more costly and olimate more precarious and insecure.

I also disagree with the conclusion finally reached at the end of paragraph 76. This conclusion is that where the conditions of agriculture are most unfavourable and precarious there a relatively high proportion of the profits of agriculture may fairly be taken by the State. This is indeed a reductio ad absurdum of the whole theory.
9. I now proceed to examine in detail Mr. Cowan's proposed rates and their results. I have displayed these in the appendix to this letter. It.must here be pointed out that nothing but confusion can result from a comparison of factors which are dissimilar. Thus no clear idea can be gained by a comparison of the maximum rate of a group with the average rentals of that group. In order to ascertain the real effect of the proposed rates in the various groups I now compare the resulting average assessments with the average rents as we know them to stand now.
10. This is done in the following table:-


The rents in column 2 of the above table are the cash rents, the general level of which is clearly lower than that of the mised rents taken partly in kind and partly in cash.

The results when so stated are obviously open to the criticism that there is not sufficient discrimination between the strong and the weak tracts. We actually find that in the worst and most insecure tract in the whole táluka, Group 5, the incidence of the assessment, instead of being much lighter, is considerably heavier than in the strongest and most favourably situated tract, Group No. 1, and the real difference is much greater than would appear from the figures, because Group No. 5 is the group in which fallows are common.
11. Mr. Cowan's general account of the groups is here very neeful. It is clear that Groups 4 and 5 are the groups which need lenient treatment. Groups No. 1 and 2 are strong groups with a secure rainfall, and Group No. 3 is an intermediate group with a good fertile soil but with rainfall slightly less secure.

In Group No. 1 our assessments may safely and justly approximate to the full half net assets. In paragraph 10 above I have shown that in Group 1 the net assets at the lowest reckoning amount to not less than Rs, 4-8 per acte. Therefore the assessments in Group 1 might fairly be so revised as to produce an average acre assessment of Rs. 2-4. The existing average assessment in the group is roughly Rs. 1-8 per acre (bide figures in Appendix Q-44,202 acress with an assessment of 65,616). Thus assessments equal to the half not assets would in this group exceed the existing assessments by 50 per cent.

But by standing orders of 1884 a Settlement Offcer may not increase the revenue in a group of villages brought under the same maximum rate by more than 33 per cent.

The difference must therefore be sacrificed and a maximum rate must be imposed which will have the effect of raising the average assessment in group by about 33 per cent., i. en, to an average assessment of about Rs. 2 per acre. A maximum rate of Rs. $2-9$ would produce this resulto
12. This result is not, however, one that I can contemplate with satisfaction. The orders of 1884 admitted that "Data of the rents at which land is
leased by private persons are not largely available'. They were passed at a time when Settlement Officers in Bombay at any rate had no conception of any standard of assessment, had little or no knowledge of the absolute value of land to its holders, and consequently framed their rates largely by guess work.

It is important also to notice that these orders were originally framed in 1874 with special reference to certain Deccan districts only.

They are likely now to perpetuate the grave inequalities in the incidence of the assessment which I have already.brought to notice-rich tracts let of lightly and poorer tracts more heavily taxed.

The rigidity of our old Revenue Collection system which is described in the same orders, Government Resolution No. 2619 of 26th March 1881, has long since been replaced by the more elastic and businesslike system now in force-in my humble opinion our Settlement Oficers are now hampered and will, as time goes on, continually find themselves more hampered by the excessive rigidity of our present settlement system.
13. For Groups 2, 3 and 4 I am prepared to accept Mr. Cowan's proposals. For Group 5 I would suggest that the expediency of reducing the existing assessments should be considered with especial reference to the fallow area and the area of assessed waste in this group. On these points the reports gives me no information. If Group 4 is let oif with only 33 per cent. of the net assets, why should the impoverised Group 5 pay 51 per cent.? Mr. Cowan left the rates in this group unaltered. Possibly he might have preferred to reduce them had he thought such a course open to bim.

I have the honour $t$ obe,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
F. PRATT,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and Director, Land Records.

## APPENDIX.

(Referred to in paragraph 9 of the Settlement Commissiuner's letter.)

| Group. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Numbor } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villagese } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Old } \\ \text { maximum } \\ \text { rate. }}}{\substack{\text { O } \\ \hline}}$ | Oid averages per acre of |  | By Mr. Cowan. proposala. |  | Percentage increasa. |
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|  |  |  | Assessment. | Rent. | $\underset{\substack{\text { maximum } \\ \text { rate. }}}{\text { New }}$ | New average assessument per scre. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Group I | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 17 \\ 3 . \end{array}$ | Re. a. <br> 26 <br> 20 <br> 110 | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & p \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4 & 11 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 10 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 \end{array}$ | Rs. 2. $\} 28$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 14 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +5 \text { per cent. } \\ & +25 \quad " \\ & +55 \quad, \end{aligned}$ |
| Group II | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lr} 1 & 10 \\ 1 & 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 10 \\ 1 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1\end{array}$ | $\} 200$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 6 & 0 \\ i & 7 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +23 per cent. } \\ & +45 \quad, \end{aligned}$ |
| Group 1II | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lrr} 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 13 & 9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 3 & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\} 110\{$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & +18 \text { per cent. } \\ & +30 \quad \text {; } \end{aligned}$ |
| Group IV | 18 17 1 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lrrr}0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 10 & 11 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 9 \\ 0 & 6 & 2\end{array}$ | No change. <br> $+10^{\prime}$ per cent. <br> +29 " |
| Group V | 14 | 11 | 0664 | 0125 | 11 | 064 | No chpnge. |

F. PRATTT,

Acting Settlement Commissioner and Director, Land Records.

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From
The Honourable Mr. M. C. GIBB, LL.B., I. C. S. Commissioner, S. D.;
To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department, Bombay.

Belgaum, 2nd May 1910.
Second Revision Settlement Report of the Parasgad Taluka of the Belgaum District.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. Cowan's report No. 1859 of 15th June 1909 with the Collector's No. 10489 of 8th November 1909 and the Settlement Commissioner Mr. Pratt's No. 278/S. S. of 19th April 1910.

I forward also petitions of objections received with the Collector's remarks (No. 725 of 27th January 1910), sent with Mr. Pratt's No. 279/S.S. of 19th April 1910.
2. Mr. Cowan appears to endeavour to make the rental value of lands as shown in the Record of Rights the main basis of his proposals; but he discusses with great fullness and gives great weight to those general considerations which, before the Record of Rights was introduced, formed practically the only basis for Revision Settlement. The result of this procedure is that rise in prices, improvement in communications, and other general matters influenced the proposals made, quite as much as the information about rents on which they are supposed to be based.
3. Government have, since Mr. Pratt wrote his remarks, definitely ruled that the information about rental values collected from the Record of Rights nhould not be made the main basis of revision assessment, but should be used is a check only (Government Resolution No. 3416, dated 15th April 1910). Mr. Pratt's criticisms of the result appear to assume that the Settlement Officer should make the rental values his main basis. Mr. Pratt argues that in the prosperous group $I$, we should aim at making the assessment equal to half the net assets ; and the orders of Government Resolution No. 2619 of 26th March 1884 precluding this, we should do the utmost we can towards the desired result by making the maximum rate Rs. 2-9-0 instead of Rs. 2-8-0 as proposed. On the other hand, he considers that the existing rates in group $V$, which Mr. Cowan proposes to retain unaltered, should be reduced.
4. The basis of Mr. Pratt's criticisms as regards group I having been rejected by Government, his argument cannot be accepted as valid for fixing any higher maximum rate than the one proposed. As regards group II, I do not think that sufficient ground has been shown for reducing the rates which have been paid without difficulty for the last 30 years.
5. The principal doubt which occurs to me in considering the proposals

| No. |  | Village. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | made is whether Government will be justified in accepting recommendations for grouping which involve a very large percentage inorease in certain villages. In discussing a recent settlement report, both Mr. Pratt and I remarked that a Revision Settlement Officer must justify by strong reasons an alteration in the existing grouping. But Mr. Cowan knows the táluka well and has given good reasons for the changes he proposes, which are agreed to both by Mr. Brendon the Collector who also knows the district well and by Mr. Pratt. The villages to which I refer and the percentage increases proposed are given in the margin. Now it is to be

noted that while Mr. Cowan and Mr. Brendon apparently experienced no qualms when making their original recommendations, Mr. Cowan says, in commenting on the petitions submitted, that he is not sure that the assessment he has proposed is fair in the poorer soils of Murgod and surrounding villages, and Mr. Brendon evidently is of opinion that some expedient to prevent a rise in the poorer soils is desirable. Now had the villages referred to by Mr. Cowan been those in which a large rise as above indicated was proposed, I should have been inclined to suggest keeping to the existing grouping in the case of these villages; but with the exception of Murgod, the villages in which it is feared that the increase on the assessment of the poorer land will or may be too large are not those in which the grouping has been changed.
6. Mr. Cowan says that the assessment on these poor lands in Murgod is about ten annas an acre ; in Tadaslur and Gundlur the average assessment is only ten annas an acre by the 2nd (proposed) Revision. In the latter two villages, therefore, the enhancement on the pooter soils will be something less than two annas an acre. In Murgod it may be 5 annas. This may be a little more than the enhancement ought to be, but there appear to be sufficient grounds for putting Murgod in the first group.
7. The statement I have made above that Mr. Cowan experienced no qualms when making his original proposals may be taken exception to because it is evident that had Mr. Cowan been at liberty to do so he would have proposed a modification of the enhancement of the rates in the case of the lowest classes of soil-at all events in the first two groups (his paragraph 85).
8. On the whole then it seems that the proposed rates may result in an undue enhancement in some of the poorer soils in some cases.
9. $M_{y}^{\prime}$ suggestion, therefore, is that the proposals made should be sanctioned but that the effect of the enhancement of the rates on the poorer soils in villages in the first two groups should be carefully watched, and if at the time that the full rates are about to come into operation it is thought they are likely to press hardly on the people, the Collector should be at liberty to make proposals. The result of the Igatpuri concessions will be to spread the rise over some years so that there will be time to watch the effect of the proposals.
10. In conclusion I must state my opinion that Mr. Cowan has made his enquiries with care and thoroughness and that his report is clear and full.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
M. C. GIBB,

Commissioner, S. D.

# Revenue Survey and Assessment. <br> Belgaum. 

Revision Settlement of the Parasgad taluka
and Murgod mahál.
.No. 2083.

## Revende Department.

## Bombay Castle, 1st March 1911.


#### Abstract

Letter from the Commissioner, S. D., No. s.r.—452, dated 2nd May 1910-Submitting, with his remarks the papers noted in the margin

Letter from G. H. Cowan, Esq., X.0.S4, Assistant Collector, S. D., Belgaum, No. 1259, dsted 15th June 1909, and secompaniments Memorsadum from the Oollector of Belganm, No. 10489, dated 8th November 1909. Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Current No. 278-8.s., dated 19th April 1910. containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Parasgad taluka and the Murgod mahál in the Belgaum district.


Letter from the Collector of Belgaum, No. 725, dated 27th January 1910 : -
"In continuation of my No. 10439, dated 8th November 1909, I have the honour to forward herewith petitions* of objections received against Mr. Cowan's proposals for the revision settlement of the Parasgad taluka, together wit'z a statement* showing the villages from which the petitions were received, the present and the proposed groups in which the villages fall and the nature of the objections put forward.
" 2. The objections are all conched in general terms. I have made enquiry into the principal objections and can find notling to sabstantiate them. For instance the Murgod petition states that lands have been forfeited owing to the inability of the occupants to pay the present assessment, and the Tadaslur petition states that the population of the village has increased. The fact, hiwover, is that only two survey numbers measuring 31 acres 15 ganthas assessed at Rs. 10 have been forfeited since 1905 and that the population of 'Cadaslur has not inereased, the population of the village according to the census of 1891 and 1901 being respestively 691 and 659.
"3. In regard to these two villages and the villages of Gundlur and Harugop Mr. Cowan remarks :-

- These villages are in the sams neighbourhood. In that neighboarhood Basargi and Gundlur village sites have been abandoned and the site of Chikbudnur is almost deserted. The rayats of Tadaslur and Guadlur are certainly not very prosperous. Murgod village has two maps and two corresponding volumes making up its Record of Rights; the lands in the plain are shown in the first volume, the lands on the hill are shown in the second. In striking contrast the lands in the plains the rents of which are high, the survey numbers on the hill are let for little or nothing more than the assessment which is about 10 annas an aore. It was a consideration of the rents in this neighboarhood that led me to think that the enhancement justifiable in the case of lands of fair quality would not be fair in the case of poorer lands in the same group. The enhancement I have proposed is fair for the average land in the average village. I am not satisfied that it is fair for a large area of land in these villages. There would seem to be three solutions of the difficulty-
I. To manipulate the groups. I can give no general grounds such as greater distance from markets, leas rainfall or poor means of communications for lowering 'Tadaslur, Gundlur and Haragop one group, but it may be advisable to do so simply becanse much of the land of these villages is of poor quality. This plan would involve ignoring the principles of grouping and applied to isolated villages would do away with groups altogether.

Ir. To fix the enhancement of the rates with reference to the value of the poorer lands instead of the average land. This involves the sacrifice of an increment of revenue obviously justitied by the rise in prices and rents.
III. To use jantries modified in accordance with what the rents show to be the profits of cultivaticn of different classes of soil. Please see paragraph 85 of my report.'
"Of Mr. Cowan's suggestions for dealing with these villages I prefer his third suggestion, but I fear it is contrary to the recent instructions of Government. But

- Not printed.
possibly you may be able to suggest a method of dealing fairly with the poorer lands in these villages without sacrificing their position in the grouping.
" 4. The ebjections stated by the rayats of Saundatti and Karikatti are identical. The soil in these villages is grod and the value of land high. No land in either of these villages has been sold owing to soarcity or deficient rainfall. It is also atated that cotton is sown on a large scale bezause jowari does not yield sufficient to pay the assessment. This is untrue. As a matter of fact, jowari is generally stored for domestic cunsumption and sold only when the other crops fail, the assessment being paid from the yield of other crops.
"5. The Sutgatti, Ugargol and Manikatti rayats allege that they are obliged to sell or mortgage their lands to raise money for their ordinary requirements. The weight of this objection may bu judged from a study of the following figures :-

| Villages. | Total coltivable ares of the village. | Area and ascessment of land sold sivee the introduction of the Risord of Rights in 1906-07. |  | Ares and sssessraent of land mortgaged since the introdaction of the Record of Rights in 1806-07. |  |
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|  |  | Area. | Assesmment. | Ares. | Assessment |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. |
| Sutgatti | 2,021 | 222 | 364 | 171 | 274 |
| Ugargol | 6,4.35 | 226 | 268 | 230 | 283 |
| Manikatti | 1,680 | 33 | 27 | 67 | 62 |

Apart from the smallness of the transactions it is not of course the fact that all, or possibly any, are due to the pressure of the assessment.
"6. The objections received frois other villages call for no remaks.
"7. I am of opinion that no case has been made out for any alteration in the proposed grouping or rates."
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Direntor of Land Records, Current No. 279-s.-s., dated 19th April 1910.

Resoletion:-The Settlement Officer's report describes an area which is purely agricultural. There are no industries of any importance, the bazars are small, and only R. 128 is paid in income tax. The general impression is one of rural comfort ; professional money-lenders are few and money is fairly plentiful.
2. With few qualifications it is certain that the tract has advanced steadily in prosperity since the last settlement. The population which numbered 92,000 in 1881 had risen to 108,000 in 1901 ; but the subsequent ravages of scarcity and plague caused a set back, so that the Settlement Officer estimates that numbers have now fallen to 99,000. But the figures in Appendix G show that since 1905 there has been a marked recovery. For the present, however, cultivation suffers from the want of sufficient labour. There has also been a general rise in agricultural wages. This has raised the cost of cultivation, but is otherwise important as connected with the rise in the standard of living, one result of which the Settlement Officer interprets to be, in part, the well defined progress made in education. Cattle, like the people, show a marked recovery in numbers since 1905 but the Collector considers that their numbers are at present inadequate for the proper tillage of the land. The Settlement Officer found no evidence of this except in the south-eastern corner of the taluka, where the villagers, on account of the serious scarcity of water, find it more advantageous to hire cattle in the season than to keep them all the year round.
3. Unmistakeable signs of increased prosperity, which show the basis on which the standard of living bas been raised, are to be found in other directions. All the cotton grown in the táluka is exported and so is most of the wheat and oilseeds, and the area under these crops has increased during the current settlement from 25 to 40 per cent. of the whole cultivated area. This has taken place concurrently with, and largels in consequence of, the enormous improvements
made during the last 30 years in the means of communication, which have made distant markets easily and cheaply accessible, sharpened local competition for the cultivator's surplus produce and enabled him to get better prices all round. The Settlement Officer reports that the average price of jowári rose from 22 seers per Ke. 1, during the decade 1870-79 to $16 \frac{1}{3}$ seers for the decade $1899-1908$, and that the increase in the price of other food-grains was even greater. On the other hand, the price of food stuffs in famine years is now very much cheaper than it was before the advent of the railway. Cotton has also risen steadily in price. In these circumstances there has been a considerable extension of cultivation and the area of unoccupied assessed land is at present insignificant. Rents have risen by 50 per cent. and land, despite the limited labour supply, the doubtful sufficiency of plough animals and the almost entire absence of a nou-agricultural class who might seek it as an investment, sells at 33 times the assessment. The land revenue has throughout been collected without difficulty. The great rise in prices and rents clearly justifies an enhancement of the land revenue, and the Settlement Officer has stated a case for fixing the increase at 22 per cent. of the present assessment.
4. The groups I to $\mathbf{V}$ proposed by the Settlement Officer are sanctioned subject to the modification that the hill portion of the village of Murgod which has been included in group I, should be placed in group II. The map shows that this portion of the village lands belongs geographically to the second group of villages, and that as regards proximity to the petha town and the roads, it is no better off than the lands immediately to the north which are in the second group. The Settlement Officer, in the remarks quoted by the Collector in paragraph 3 of his letter No. 725, dated 27th January 1810, clearly does not consider these hill lands capable of a rise in the grouping and a simultaneous increase of rates and it appears that if they had constituted a separate village, they would have been placed in group II. There should be no difficulty in dividing the village, since the Settlement Officer reports that the maps and records of the two halves of the village are already kept separately.
5. The Governor in Counoil is pleased to approve of the following rates for groups I to IV which are recommended by the Settlement Oficer:-

|  |  |  | Maximnm rate per acRs. a. p. |  |  |
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| Group I | ... | ... | ... | 28 | 0 |
| Group II | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 20 | 0 |
| Group III | ... | -.. | . $\cdot$ | 110 | 0 |
| Group IV | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 0 |

As regards the rate of Re. 1-1-0 proposed by the Settlement Officer for group $V$, the Settlement Commissioner suggests for consideration the expediency of reducing the existing assessments with especial reference to the fallow area and - the area of assessed waste in that group. The Commissioner, S. D., does not think that sufficient ground has been shown for reducing the rates which have been paid without dificulty for the last thirty years. The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the revised rate for group V should be Re. 1 instead of Re. 1-1-0.
6. The proposals:made by the Settlement Officer in paragraphs 87 and 85 of his report are approved.
7. The revised rates should be introduced in the revenue year 1911-12, levied in and from the year 1912-13 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.
8. Government approve of the suggestion made by the Commissioner, S. D., in paragraph 9 of his letter that the effect of the enhancement of the rates on the poorer soils in villages in the first two groups should be carefully watched and that if by the time the full rates are about to come into operation, they are considered likely to press hardly on the rayats, the Collector should submit definite proposals.
9. Government concur in the remarks made by the Settlement Commissioner in paragraphs 6 to 8 of his letter.
10. Government agree with the Commissioner, S. D., in his opinion of the care and thoroughness of Mr. Cowan's enquiries and the excellence of his report.
R. D. BELL,

Under Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Belgaum (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,
G. H. Cowan, Esq., i.c.s.

The Government of India (by letter).
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F. PRATT,
Settlement Commissicner and
Direcior, Land Records.


# INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF BELGAUM TALUKA INCLUDING CHANDGAD MAHAL.. 



From

M. WEBB, Esq., B.A., İ. C. S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Belgaum and Khạapur Talukas;

## To

The COLLECTOR of BELGAUM.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit proposals for the second revision settlement of Belgaum taluka including Chandgad mahal.

## Introductory Remaris.

2. The proposals relate to 133 Government and 4 inam villages. The first revision settlement was introduced into 131 Government villages in 1887-88. Since then Karguppi has been transferred in 1889 to Hukeri mahal and Rangadholi has been taken over from Hukeri in 1890. Two inam villages, Gutti and Chandgad, lapsed to Governuent in 1890 and 1899 respectively. Both had come under original settlement operations but the inamdars did not accept the settlements. Gutti had been surveyed at the same time as the 131 Government villages referred to above, but the survey settlement was not introduced then: On its lapsing to Government an original settlement was introduced in 1895-96. In Chandgad the present original settlement was introduced from 1905-06.

The four inam villages are Khasbag, Badas, Belvatti and Shirgaon.
Revision settlement was introduced in K̇hasbag in $1888-89$ and in Badas and Belvatti in 1896-97. The proposals now submitted for Shirgaon are for the original settlement and are made under the orders of the Collector.

The proposals relating to 131 Government villages and one inam-Khasbagare printed as Selection No. CCXV, New Series, and paragraph 2 of these proposals gives the reference to the original settlements.

The literature relating to the settlements of the other villages is as under :-

Gutti ... No. CCCXXXIX, New Series.
Chandgad ... "CCCCXXXIV "
Badas ... $\}$ Letter No. S.-1983 of 20th August 1895 from the Survey
Belvatti ... $\}$ Commissioner, printed as appendix $N$ to this report.
Rangadh oli,
Original ... No. CXVIII New Series.
Rangadholi,
Revision... ,, CLXXXVIII
Generial Description.
3. The taluka, in which I include Chandgad mahal, is bounded on the south by Khanapur taluka, cn the east by Sampgaum. Hukeri and Gokak talukas touch it along short pieces of its northern boundary, and for the rest it is bounded by Kolhapur and Savantvadi States and intersected by portions of Shahpur and Kurundwad jagir. The result is an extremely broken outline ; the general effect is that of the letter $\mathbf{F}$ lying on its back and reversed, thus_u. The back line is represented by a strip of country running from the Western Ghats to Sampgaum taluka. The villages in the extreme east of this strip, round Bagewadi are good black soil land, very like the neighbouring villages of Sampgaum. Going west however, red soil soon predominates, and rainfall increases; west of the Jamboti-Belgaum road, the better class dry crops give way to the inferior millets. The northern part of this strip maintains a fairly level character as far as Chandgad; the southern portion, however, from Gunjgi on
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is extremely hilly ; communications are difficult, even when villages lie compara-. tively close to a main road; and the oultivated lands are buried in forest.

Of the two upright spurs the eastern is separated from the back strip by State territory; it extends from Belgaum northwards between the railway and a line of hills, which in the north it enters. At its base in the neighbourhood of Belgaum it widens out round the southern end of these hills, running west along the valley of the Markandeya and east along the Kaladgi road.

The western upright spur consists of the vall +y of the Tambraparni, known as the Kini valley, extending from the Belgaum-Vengurla road to the banks of the Ghatprabha, which separates it from Hukeri. The soil along the valley for a mile or two north of the Vengurla road is red; beyond this the valley broadens out and the soil becomes a rich black.

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4. Rainfall.-Rainfall increases rapidly from east to west: Chandgad gets twice as much rain as Belgaum; and Belgaum again nearly twice as much as Bagewadi, the average at Belgaum being 56 inches, while that at Mugatkhanhubli near Bagewadi is 31 inches.

The whole taluka may be said to be famine proof; it suffers occasionally from unseasonable rain, but hardly ever from a lack of it.
5. Crops.-Taking the taluka as a whole, rice is by far the most important crop, occupying on the average 35,000 acres; jowari follows at a long distance with 14,000 acres, while nachni and sava each claim 11,000 acres. The area under rice therefore is nearly equal to that under all the millets combined, except bajri, which is unimportant. The chief rabi crops are cotton and lentils. There are on the average 600 acres of sugarcane, which is grown wherever possible in rice land, with the aid in the east of the taluka of kacha wells and tanks, round Belgaum of tanks, and in the Kini valley of pats, generally unauthorized.

From the amount of dry crop land converted to rice which has been found during the ch cking of leases and sales, rice cultivation would appear to he greatly on the increase ; but this conclusion is not borne out by the figures supplied by the Director of Agriculture, according to which itis nearly stationary. I cannot help thinking that there is something amiss with the figures, but. I have not been able to trace the error. At the same time it may be said that the figures in Appendix B of the old report seem to, be absolutely wrong. In the five crops-rice, jowari, cotton, lentils and sugar-for which I have figures, the area decreased by 5,470 acres from 1885-86 to 1913-14. There was a further decrease in 1914-15, but the year does not seem to have been a typical one. The decrease is absorbed in an increase in fallows, which, if the figures in the old report can be trusted, have risen from 52,182 acres to 71,873 , the average of the last five years. The increase in fallows has apparently occurred chiefly in groups VI, VIII, IX, XI and XII, and is, I think, to be largely accuunted for by the inclusion of inferior villages in too high groups. Fir these villages I am proposing some relief. In the two lowest groups probably the proximity of forest has also something to do with it.

Turning to the distribution of the various crops, this is governed by the rapidly changing character of the country and climate from east to west. In the extreme east, in the first two groups jowari and cotton occupy the premier position. From this they are rapidly ousted by rice, which from the third to the ninth group is the principal crop grown. As jowarı decreases, however, the less:r millets increase, and in the hilly tracts which form groups nine to twelve they are more grown than rice.

Cotton is confined to the south-eastern part of the taluka which forms groups I, II, IV and part of VI. In the neighbourhood of Belgaum, and in the better dry-crop tracts, grass has a very high value. In these neighbourhoods grazing ground fetches higher rents than any but the best dry crop land, and even in the west of the taluka the importance of cut grass and grazing makes it worth while to retain land which brings in no other income than that from this source.
6. Modes of husbandry.-The methods of cultivation are on the whole good without being progressive. An interesting account of rice in this taluka is published as Bulletin No. 82 of 1916. It points out the large number of implements used, which are said to be on the whole remarkably well adapted for the , uses to which they are put, and the necessity for drastic weeding in order to keep down gonag, a form of wild rice. On the other hand, attempts have been made for years in the neighbourhood of Belgaum to induce cultivators to take steps to keep down hoppers, the principal insect pest of rice; but though the rayats will clamour for help if the measures of their instructors are relaxed, they will do little to help themselves. Rice is usually drilled and not transplanted. A. little waingan or hot weather rice is grown in the neighbourhood of Patne in the bed of the river.

Nachni on the other hand is almost always transplanted. In the western forest villages the wasteful practice of kumri prevails in strictly limited areas; it consists in leaving the land fallow until it is covered with a certain amount of forest growth ; this is cut and burnt, and a crop of nachni is taken, followed next year by one of sava. The land is then fallowed for another long period until the process can be repeated. The seed is sown broadcast in the case both of nachni and of sava.
7. Commınications.-The Madras and. Southern Maratha Railway crosses the taluka from north to south, with stations at Desur and Belgaum within the Belgaum taluka and Sulebhavi and Ṣuldhal just outside the boundary of it.

There are 3 provincial roads-the first from Vengurla to Kaladgi, extending through the whole of the northern part of the main strip of the taluka; the ynd running due south from Belgaum to Khanapur and the 3rd passing from Belgaum through Bagewadi and on to Dharwar.

The local board roads are described in the last report as only fair weather tracks; this description would give a somewhat unfair idea of them now-a-days; they are for the most part metalled and are passable for carts at all times of the year. In the cold weather when grain is transported they provide a very fair surface. The longest is the Ramghat road running from Belgaum through the southern part of the main strip. Part of this road from Patna to near Jangamhatti is abandoned, and is in such a bad state of repair that through trafic by it from Patna to Belgaum is impossible. The Forest Department' has now undertaken the repair of it from Patna to Ramghat, and is making a diversion thr, ugh Ambevadi to connect it with the Vengurla road. This will give good communication with Belgaum. The next most impo tant local board road is that to Jamboti, which branches off from the Belgaum-Khanapur road a mile or two from Belgaum and runs south-west through Kiniye. As far as Kiniye the road is fair b't afterwa.ds it becomes very hilly. A third connects Bagewadi with Parshwad in Khanapur taluka and with Khanapur, running through Bendigeri, Gejpati and Badas; it is level and in fair condition. Another branches from the Belgaum-Dharwar road at Bagewadi, and runs to Sampgaum and Bail-hongal. It is in charge of the Public Works Department and is therefore in better order than most local board roads, but is only of importance to this taluka for sending cotton tcc Bail-hongal. Minor iocal board roads connect Belgaum with Kanbargi and Shirgaon with Patne, the latter passing through the market towns of Chandgad and Here.

The Kini valley has no roads to connect it with the outside world ; but there is a red soil track which gives a fair passage for carts in the cold weather to the Vengurla road ; and there are cart tracks leading direct from Kini to Belgaum through State territory.

There are two passes giving access to the Konkan--the Amboli Ghat and the Ram Ghat: The Vengurla road passes down the former ; but the latter is impassable for oarts and is only used by pack animals.
8. Markets.-In the taluka proper the principal fixed markets are Belgaum and Bagewadi; the former is by far the most important; but Bage adi ha a character of its own, on account of its situation between the rice lands of Khanapur and Belgaum, and the dry crop taluka of Sampgaum : people fom Sampgaum bring jowari and buy rice, and those from the other
side sell rice and buy jowari. The fact that Bagewadi and the neighbouring villages occupy this position on the border undoubtedly adds to their prosperity. Further, Bagewadi acts as a collecting centre for sugar which is sent thence to Belgaum. The people of these villages also visit the markets of Khanapur, Parshwad and Belgaum, and are themselves visited by traders from Dhamne and Santi-bastwad, who buy rice, husk it and sell it in Belgaum.

Further west, there are general markets of less importance at Santibastwad, Bagilge-Dukarwadi, Kowad, Chandgad, Patna and Adkur, and markets principally for the sale of cattle at Turkewadi and Here. Santibastwad is a half way stage for traders from Belgaum who are buying rice. Dukarwadi, Chandgad and Patna are largely visited by Konkanis, who have a taste for the rice grown west of Halkarni. Of the two cattle markets, Turkewadi is the most important, a Sanitary Committee being run on the proceeds of the fees paid for "chits" to show the genuineness of sales of cattle.

Outside the taluka, Khanapur is attended by the people of the villages round Ganebail; Sulebhavi by those from the neighbourhood of Hudli, north-east of Belgaum, and Daddi in Hukeri taluka by the whole of the Kini valley. Daddi I have not seen; but it appears to be situated like Bagewadi on the border line between a rice and a dry crop tract, and to have an importance similar in character.

Of more importance to most of the taluka than the market towns are the itinerant traders. In the west of the taluka, from Halkarni, most of the rice is bought by Konkanis or by local men who buy in the villages and take it to the Konkan. In the east traders come from Belgaum, Bastwad, Dhamne and Yellur in Kurandwad State. These traders bring their own carts, and usually have a set price for all villages, whatever their distance, without allowing for cost of conveyance. In this way each village becomes its own market and the distance from the regular market town loses much of its importance. It is true that these traders do not bring things to sell, but the wants of the people are so small that an occasional visit to the nearest village of any size will supply all the oil, or salt or cloth which they require.

8a. Imports and exports.-Statistics have been compiled from the records of tine Madras and Southern Maratha Railway for 1910-11 and 1915-16; to do more would have demanded labour out of proportion to the results. So far as these two yeurs can be taken as typical, they seem to show chiefly the increasing importance of Belgaum as a market for grain and sugar. Belgaum station received from Alnavar alone 48,000 maunds of grain-mostly rice-in 1910-11 and 37,000 maunds in 1915-16; it exported 58,000 maunds in 1910-11 and 120,000 in 1915-16; most of this went north to Gokak and Hukeri, from which I conclude that it consisted mostly of rice. Of sugar, 21,000 maunds were exported in 1910-11 and 35,000 in 1915-16, chiefly to Dharwar, Bijapur and Goa.

Leaving the railway, I have already mentioned the export of rice by road to the Konkan. The other chief article of export is harda or myrabolams the collection of which forms a constant source of income to the people of villages in the mahal; the produce is sent chiefly by cart to Vengurla, but some 23,000 maunds are also sent annually by rail to Marmugoa.

Grain as I have said is imported to Belgaum in large quantities for subsequent distribution; much of this comes from Alnavar, where it is collected from Khanapur taluka and the Dharwar and Kanara districts. Fruit is brought from the Konkan to Kankumbi in Khanapur taluka and thence by a cart track via Mahalunge Tudiye and Belgundi to Belgaum. Tobacco comes from Nipani. Otherwise there are no imports worth mentioning.
9. Munufactures and Industries.-There are none of importance.

The weaving industry employs 1,200 looms, mostly in and near Bagewadi; they have decreased by one-third during the period of settlement.

The principal means, other than agriculture, by which the villager adds to his earnings are harda picking and cutting and carting wood for the Forest Department. There are unlimited opportunities for the latter, but this form of labour is distasteful to the people, and they will not undertake it except
under pressure. Even harda picking they will only carry on_long enough to satisfy thier immediate requirements.
10. Population.-The population in 1891 was $1,18,970$ and in $1911,1,11,265$, a decrease of 8,605 , or 7.1 per cent. on the earlier figure. The decrease occurs in every one of the present groups, except the third which includes Belgaum itself. The present tenth group of three small villages and the neighbouring villages of the ninth Betgiri, Bailur, Baknur and Morab, have suffered worst, the former having lost 55 per cent. and the latter 39 per cent. of their population; but apart from this, it cannot be said that any one part of the taluka, larger than a group, has suffered worse than any other. For example, the first group has lost 15 per cent., but the second which touches it only 3 per cent. ; and all over the taluka groups which have lost heavily adjoin groups which have suffered comparatively little.

The decrease in the first decade is very much larger than that in the second; taking the figures of the Census Report, which include inam villages and so differ from those of Appendix M, the decrease from 1891 to 1901 was 10,000 and from 1901 to 1911, 700. The Census Commissioner affirms that this result was unmistakably due to plague; and I see no reason to differ from him. From 1897 to 1901 the deaths from plague and fever-they are not shown separately-were 13,782; from 1902 to 1911 they were 6,338. Besides those who died, probably many people left the taluka for healthier localities, and have since returned. To anticipate criticism I can only add that it is not due to the spread of forests, because in the areas where the decrease is largest, forests have increased least; nor is it due to the efforts to stop kumri, because the villages whick practise this form of cultivation are small and are not among the worst sufferers.

In the villages which I have quoted as showing an exceptional loss, the cause is I think their unfavourable position and not plague; and I am proposing that their assessment should be materially reduced.
11. Schools and Education:-The taluka is certainly backward in matters of education. During the last settlement, Government and Municipal schools have increased from 27 to 60 , but the number of pupils, boys and girls, has risen from 1,827 only to 2,842 ; private schools have decreased from 24 to 14 , and the attendance from 922 to 618.
12. Health.-Plague was very severe in the early years of the out-break. As pointed out above, there were 13,782 deaths from 1897 to 1901 . Since then its severity has decreased ; there were 6,338 deaths from 1902 to 1911 and 2,115 only from 1912 to 1916. Malaria occurs to a certain extent, as in any other part of India with so large a rainfall ; but on the whole the taluka does not suffer much from this cause.

The statistics of births and deaths which have been received from the Deputy. Sanitary Commissioner seem to show that since 1911 a great improvement has been effected in registration; the number of births before that year never exceeded .39 per thousand, and in 1907 were reported to be 33 per thousand ; since 1911 they have never been below 41 per thousand and have been as high as 47. The deaths since 1911 average 3444 per thousand in the taluka proper, and $26 \cdot 39$ in the Mahal. It is doubtful whether the Mahal is healthier than the taluka; probably the difference is due to registration:
13. Live and Dead stock.-Nearly every kind of live stock has dècreased in number during the last settlement. Plough cattlo have gone down from 26,208 to 21,038 , but there is still a pair to every $9 \cdot 2$ acres of cropped land. In the last settlement report it is remarked with some surprise that there was a pair of plough cattle to every 6 acres; perhaps the author's surprise would have been less if he had noticed that in his figures of working cattle he had included calves. A study of the statistics in the taluka form shows that the decrease took place almost entirely between 1894-95 and 1900-01. In the latter year the number of plough cattle and milch cattle was almost exactly what it is to-day, while that of young stock was less by 3,200 or over 20 per cent. From 1894 to 1900 the census form was prepared annually ; and there is a gradual decrease in each year. From 1900 to 1909 there are no statistics ; but since 1909 there has been a steady increase under all the most

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important heads and this increase has evidently continued since 1901. The number of young stock is larger now than in any year since 1896-97.

The decrease is evidently due not to any alteration in agricultural conditions, but to bad seasons in this or neighbouring talukas. The number of young stock would lead one to expect a definite increase ; that this is not the case is due probably to the withdrawal of cattle to meet the deficiencies of other talukas. The latest settlement reports of Badami, Hukeri and Sampgaon talukas all comment on the same decrease ;'and the jungle villages of Belgaum form an excellent source of supply for them. That cattle breeding flourishes is shown by the condition of the cattle markets of Turkewadi and Here.

Horses and ponies declined rapidly from 1896-97 and their number has not recovered. Probably bicýcles have taken their place.

None of the above statistics clearly indicate any rise or fall in the prosperity of the taluka ; plough cattle, milch cattle, ploughs and conveyances are all sufficient. If cattle at present show a slight decrease, there are more young stock. than ever coming on.
14. Water-supply.-There has been a very considerable extension in the number of wells, paka wells having risen from 45 to 142 and kacha from 63 to 389. The latter consist often of mere scoops in the groand, but they are sufficient to support valuable crops of sugarcane. Tanks for irrigation have risen, according to the appendix, from 18 to 125 ; but I consider the earlier figures to be very doubtful; probably they included only tanks in the charge of the Public Works Department. In 1890 there were 17 tanks in their charge; now there are 134, including some in inam villages. This fact alone indicates the greater security of irrigation.

A matter to which attention should be drawn is the unauthorised extension of jrigation, both from tanks and streams. In the ordinary course an extra rate should be levied in such cases under section 55, Land Revenue Code, and replaced by a permanent rate at the time of settlement. If no rate has been imposed under section 55, in other words if the extension has not been discovered beforehand, a settlement officer can hardly deal with the matter ; it is necessary first of all to discover every channel leading from a tank or stream, then to inspect each channel to see what numbers are irrigated from it and finally to compare the results with the prati books to see if such irrigation is allowed for in the classification of the land. The most that I could do in the time at my disposal after these unauthorised channels were discovered and the Settlement Commissioner had been consulted was to have a rapid test inspection made of certain villages and tanks. The result was that in eleven villages it was found that 225 acres were irrigated without authority from second class tanks and in 27 villages 596 numbers were newly irrigated by damming streams. In years of deficient rainfall, the area is probably -much larger. No new rates have been imposed under section 55 during the whole course of the settlement. My inspection has been too scanty and partial for any proposal to be based on it ; and so I merely invite attention to the fact.

One thousand six hundred and three acres are entered as irrigated in 1915-16; and 4,561 in 1914-15, when there was less rain ; the estimate is worthless as kulkarnis never see what land is actually, irrigated but judge only by the crops grown ; and there are no earlier figures with which to compare it.'
15. Sales.-All the sales that could be found in the Record of Rights or the Mutation Register have been tabulated and scrutinized; and the whole collection has been most scrupulously sifted. The broader classes of land which have been excluded are :-
(1) Inam land; it sells sometimes for more than the current rate because the Government dues are low; but sometimes for less, because possible purchasers are confined to the inamdar's own family.
(2) New rice land (naukird); because the purchaser pays for something to which the assessment at dry crop rates bears no relation.
(3) Land getting water without authority from tanks or pats, because this also is an advantage not allowed for in the assessment.
(4) Sales to close relations; these are at times in the nature of gifts, at nominal prices, at times in the nature of mortages, the loan for which security is thus given bearing little relation to the market price.
(5) Sales partaking of the character of mortages such as conditional sales.
(6) Sales in liquidation of a debt; the price almost always includes interest and other items which cannot be rigidly calculated.
In fine all sales in which the lanid paid for did not bear the exact character which was represented by the assessment have been excluded so far as they could be discovered.

Two hundred and fifty-seven sales of the first ten years and 734 of the last ten years have been passed, and probably at least twice ast many excluded on various grounds.
(ii) After excluding all sales to which objection could be taken on these accounts or on any grounds which could be discovered by enquiry, the remainder are not sufficient either in number or in freedom from peculiar features to enable any but the broadest conclusions to be based on them. They do show whether the price of land has risen throughout the taluka, but they cannot be relied on to show any "market rate" for particular villages or even, at times, for particular groups. For the sake of comparison the sales contained in the original report have been tabulated; these sales are by no means above suspicion however and as a further test details have been extracted of all sales which could be traced of the first ten years of the current settlement. The results are below :-

Times assessment.

| Old Group. |  |  | Last report, | Firat ton yoars | Last ton yoara. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | . | . | $19 \cdot 17$ | $37 \cdot 1$ | $63 \cdot 19$ |
| II | $\cdots$ | .. | $17 \cdot 41$ | 21.77 | 56.29 |
| III | $\cdots$ | - | 30:25 | 53.41 | 75.16 |
| IV | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $19 \cdot 22$ | 34. 32 | $67 \cdot 45$ |
| V | $\cdots$ | . | 22.60 | $43.0{ }^{\circ}$ | 44.18 |
| - VI | . | $\cdots$ | 22.95 | 28.13 | 24.65 |
| VII | . | $\cdots$ | $17 \cdot 36$ | 26.66 | 66.24 |
| VIII | $\because$ |  | 11.26 | 51.18 | 73.80 |
| IX | $\cdots$ |  | $19 \cdot 11$ | $64 \cdot 33$ | $40 \cdot 68$ |
| X | $\cdots$ |  | None. | None. | 21.73 |
| XI | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $36 \cdot 67$ | $42 \cdot 74$ | $52.57^{\circ}$ |
| XII | $\cdots$ | -• | $10 \cdot 47$ | 29.91 | 58.48 |

(iii) As instances of the way in which these statistics are unreliable in detail, it may be pointed out that in group IX, the high figure of the second period is reached because of one sale alone which showed no abnormal feature except the price, more than 150 times the assessment. In group XII-also prices vary enormously, undoubtedly because they are governed by the personal inclinations of the buyer and seller rather than by any considerations of market value ; this is only to be expected in outlying tracts where sales are few and far between; and I do not look on the high figures of the third period as of very much value. Subject to these remarks, the results taken all round, show a very decided appreciation in the value of land throughout the taluka.
(iv) The relation of prices to rents have been worked out but the results do not appear to be of any particular value ; and are therefore given. In the neighbourhood of Belgaum the return on capital is lowest, amounting to hardly two per cent., as might be expected from the fact that there is so much more capital there to be invested. Further out however it frequently rises to 10 'per cent. or more; the average is between 7 and 8 per cent. Many capitalists find it profitable to invest in land in the neighbourhood of Halkarni, about seventeen miles from Belgaum and the villages of Hajgoli, Madavale, Kitwade and Belgundi are largely in their hands.
16. Leases.-Leases appear to provide far more reliable statistics than sales. They are very much more numerous, and the personal element does not enter so largely into the determination of rents as it does of selling prices.

Further when a few leases of an obviously inconclusive nature are eliminated, such as those of mortgaged lands leased to the mortgagor, there are fewer possibilities of error. There is also a closer approach to a real market rate, for when bargains are struck yearly for the lease of half the numbers of a village, they tend to run more on' regular lines than sales, which may occur perhaps once in five years, and then affect only a single number. The leases contained in Appendix $H$ have been scrutinised with as much care as the sales, but for the reasons given above the results are, I think, much more valuable.
(ii) Leases in this taluka are usually for cash in the case of dry crop lands and for a definite amount of grain in that of rice lands. Leases for a share of the produce occur, but can be left out of account as those on more definite terms are so numerous. Where rents are cash or a definite amount of grain, the landlord does nothing beyond paying the assessment. He does not give seed or cattle or advances, or contribute to the "haks" of the village artisans;"nor, so far as I can gather, does he remit as a general rule any of the rent in case of crop failure.
(iii) In the preparation of Appendix H, rents for five years have been abstracted, scrutinised in the same way as sales and the average taken. Kind rents have been valued in cash at the average market rate prevailing in the village itself. Inam rents are as a rule slightly lower than those of Government land, probably because the tenants have been established for a long time and are less amendable to having their rents raised. Where other statistics are available in sufficient quantity, inam lands have been excluded, but otherwise they have been taken into consideration, a note being made in the remarks column.
(iv) An attefpt has been made to allow for fallows by including in the averages land that has been fallowed for not more than three years out of five. The people.usually insist that the poorer dry crop land requires fallowing for periods equal to those in which it is cropped, and that their profits are thereby reduced. Probably they overstate their case and even when land is fallow, they derive some profit from grazing. The method I have followed is of course arbitrary, but it appears to meet the case fairly. It does not mean that all the leases are reduced by threefifths ; in most cases the five years will include only one or two fallows, and often none at all.
(v) The lowness of dry crop rents in some villages seems to call for remark. It is not obvious prima facie why land which does not fetch the assessment should beretained at an annual loss by the landlord ; and yet verylittle such land is given up. The explanations are various ; at times it is the pride of landlordism; more often it is due to the fact that the cultivator of rice requires a certain amount of dry crop land. This is reflected in the old Maratha system, by which only the rice land was assessed, and a certain amount of dry crop land was thrown in with it. The latter fulfils a variety of purposes, providing grazing, rab where it is used, and often wood for agricultural purposes. It also contributes materially to the cultivator's food, for he requires nachni as well as rice ; and though by earning wages as a labourer he might often procure his nachni at much less real expense, he dislikes labour of this sort and pays more, witbout realising it, for the nachni.
(vi) Grass land as a rule fetches very high rents, especially in the neighbourhood of Belgaum. Isolated instances have been left out of account, because they are probably due to a special quality in the land which should have been dealt with in classification, though often it was not. But where much land is left under grass, the rents for grass lands have been included, because in such cases the indication is not that the land has any special quality, but that a neighbouring market provides a steady demand.
(vii) If in villages the leases are few, it usually indicates that holdings are small, and mostly cultivated by their owners. Naturally the owner keeps his best land for bimself; hence where leases are few, they probably relate only to inferior land if the soil classification is reliable this should not affect the multiple given by the assessment over the rent;'but in practice it probably results in the multiple being alightly lower than it would be if superior lands were also leased.
17. Crop experiments.-I give a summary of the published crop experiments conducted in this taluka.


From these experiments it may be deduced with some plausibility that rents. incash ora measure of grain amount to about half the gross outturn of an average crop. For instance in the last two experiments if the percentage of incidence is multiplied by the average multiple of, the village, it will be found that in Kudchi for a twelve anna crop of wheat, the rent would be $45^{\circ} 5$ per cent. of the gross outturn, and in Belgaum for a ten anna crop of rice it would be 69 per cent: or probably in the neighbourhood of 50 per cent. for a twelve anna crop. These calculations however are hardly more than speculation.
18. Prices.-A graph is appended showing the range of prices since 1842 of rice, jowari and nachni, the three principal products of the taluka. The first point which it brings to light is the steadying influence of the railway on prices of all grains, but especially on that of rice, which is the grain principally exported. The enormous swings noticeable in the years preceding 1887 are"almost absent from later years.

It is difficult to select a period with which to compare present day prices becuase of these swings. The present world wide rise began about the year 1883 ; and I give below the average prices in seers per rupee of the same three grains for the three decades from 1882 to 1911 and for the last four years since then for which statistics are available :-

|  |  | 1882 to 1891. | 1892 to 1901. | 1902 to 1911. | $\begin{aligned} & 1912 \text { to } 1915 \text { or } 1906 \\ & ; \quad \text { to } 1915 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice |  | 11.8 | - 10.7 | $9 \cdot 47$ | 7.9 or 8.47 |
| Jowari | $\cdot$ | 19.9 | . 16.45 | $15 \cdot 4$ | 12.81 or $13 \cdot 12$ |
| Nachni | - | 24:8 | $19 \cdot 57$ | 17-12 | 14.75 or 14:82 |

The period 1882 to 1891 includes the statistics for only eight years, as those for 1886 and 1887 are missing. Comparing the average for these eight years with that for the last four it appears that rice has risen $33 \cdot 05$ per cent., jowari $35 \cdot 6$ per cent. and nachni 40.2 per cent. in value. It has been pointed out by the Settlement Commissioner that owing to the fall in value of the rupee, prices might be expected to have risen by 36 per cent. since 1883. It appears that the prices of grain in Belgaum havedeveloped that figure almost exactly; and if assessments are to have the same relation to produce that they did at the beginning of the settlement they should be raised by the full 33 per cent. permissible for a group. The proposals putforward later on do not reach this point, and may for that, if for no other reason, I think, be called moderate.
19. Wages.-There is a general concurrence of opinion that wages have risen. Pessimists say they have doubled, but probably they depreciate the wages which were demanded in the good old days in order to exaggerate the increase. In Belgaum itself coolie hire is about six annas; in the villages round the hire of

- an agricultural labourer is four to five annas; and it decreases in the remoter parts. The Forest Department have great difficulty in obtaining coolies at
piece rates by which they may earn six or seven annas a day, but this is probably. due as much as anything to distaste for the kind of work. Also even the hardest workers, who come from the Konkan, earn six annas as often as a higher figure ; and probably the more leisurely native of the taluka does not often earn more than fout.


## Revenue History.

20. Variations in occupied area and Revenue.-The total area of unoccupied land in the villages now under report has diminished by about 10 per cent. since the introduction of the present settlement; it was 10,117 acres then and is 8,931 acres now. It has decreased in nearly all the higher groups and in group XII ; it has increased considerably in groups VIII, IX and X, the increase occurring almost entirely in the poorer villages which I shall deal with specially in my proposals for grouping.

There are no varitaions in the assessment which call for remark.
21. Remissions.-I can make few comments on Appendix K becuase taluka form XXIX which might explain it is destroyed every five years and the necessary details, have been ommitted from forms XIX and XXVIII. The only considetable remissions occurred in the six years following the introduction of the settlement and were presumably due to it. Since 1908-09 the greater part of the sums shown as remitted are really account adjustments for land held by the Military Department.
22. Collections.-Practically the whole of the assessment has been recovered throughout the period of settlement. Unauthorised arrears from 1904-05 to 1908-09 were considerable owing to the character of the seasons. Similar outstandings occurred in Sampgaon taluka.
23. Coercive measures.-For the last five years there have been no cases of distraint of immovable property; there were two cases of attachment of movable property in 1911-12 and two in 1912-13, but the property was not sold. During these five years fines amounting to Ris. 281-11-6 have been imposed for late payment of land revenue ; and 892 notices were also issued; but notices and fines only indicate unpunctuality and not necessarily inability, to pay.

These details show that the land revenue has been recovered without difficulty.

## Proposed Grouping and Rates.

24. A careful inspection of the taluka has convinced me that the present grouping is absolutely unsuited to existing conditions. The groups are too many, they are wrongly composed and they are arranged in the wrong order.

The number of the groups was formerly 18 ; and is now 12. This large number is probably due not only to the variations in climate and rainfall which are of course large, but to the piecemeal way in which the taluka was formed and the difficulty in getting villages which had been settled along with different talukas, to fit into groups with one another without too sudden changes in their rates.: I am confronted by a similar difficulty and can reduce my groups only to nine. Ultimately they may be reduced further ; but in a taluka where the worst villages differ so greatly from the best, a fairly large number of groups is almost unavoidable.
25. As instances of what I mean by wrong composition and wrong arrangement, I may point especially to groups III, IV and V together, VII, VIII and IX, and lastly $X$. These will be sufficient, though $I$ could point out other instances as well. . Group III includes Belgaum itself, Khasbag its suburb, and Rangdholi, a village adjoining Pangutti in the group above. Group IV comprises five villages in the near neighbourhood of Belgaum, and six in the south-east of the taluka. Group V includes four villages in the neighbourhood of Belgaum, and one-Nandiwhich adjoins Pangutti. The three groups therefore are not homogeneous in themselves, and villages which appear to be of similar character are spread over no less than four groups. I can see no reason for separating Belgaum from the villages near it, or for putting Pangutti, Nandi and Rangdholi in three separate groups.
26. Taking groups VII and VIII, the first includes two villages-Kudnur and Rajgoli-in the north of the Kini valley; why they were preferred to the other
villages of the valley I cannot discover, either from the settlement report or from available statistics or from my own observation. Group VIII comprises most but not all of the remaining Kini valley villages, and some in the south of the taluka. The former is one of the richest and most prosperous tracts in the taluka, and should; I think, undoubtedly be placed much higher; the villages in the south are some of them, like Bastwad, fairly prosperous, some like Morab, altogether wretched. Moreover Morab, is precisely similar in situation to Bailur, where its people have gone to live ; but Bailur falls in Group IX. Group IX is a similar mixture. It includes good villages like Bagilge-Dukerwadi in the south of the Kini valley and Bailur, one of the poorest. Group $X$ consists of three villages which are rapidly declining; they are out of the way of all markets, and few far worse off than Halkarni in Group XI or the villages round Chandgad, which fall in Group XII. The groups are further complicated by the fact that thene are nine nice groups which intersect the dry crop groups.
27. Considering therefore that the groups required a drastic rearrangement, it has been my principal object to find some means of checking and suppotring the results of my own observations. As the system which I have employed is I think new, and very probably open to much criticism, I explain it in detail.
28. Soil classing is intended to fix the comparative merits of land which are derived from its natural fertility ,and its position in the village; grouping to fix the merits of the village itself, according to its position in the taluka. Theoretically the qualities which affect fertility attaching to land classed at the same number of annas are equal throughout the taluka; consequently if the value of say, 8 anna land could be ascertained in different villages, the difference would indicate the comparative merits of those villages in exactly the points which are to be taken into account in grouping. These according to the new Settlement Manual are climate, rainfall, general fertility of 'soil and communications. I might add other points which affect villages as a whole, such as proximity of forests. General fertility should strictly be dealt with in classing ; but in Sampgaon taluka Government have approved of considering it also in grouping. It is reflected very strongly in some of my data, especially those relating to the Kini valley.
29. It would be far too arduous a task to select land of the same anna valuation in each village and compare the rents obtained for it; and the instances thus obtained would be too few for reliable deductions to be made from them. On the other hand in this taluka rents in general which can be given a cash value are very numerous; and afford a wide basis for deductions. By taking the average of rents for five years, the basis is greatly widened without excessive labotur. Rents are already expressed in multiples of the assessment, but even in this form they are useless for comparing villages of different groups, because the factors differ of which they are multiples. If however the sum is completed and the rate of assessment multiplied by the multiple, a standard is obtained by which every village in the Presidency could be compared. For instance suppose that in one village rents are three times the assessment; and the maximum rate is one rupee; then the rent of 16 anna land is presumably three rupees; if in a village of snother group rents are four times the assessment and the maximum rate is Re. 1-8-0, the rent of 16 anna land will be Rs. 6 ; and the advantages of the second village are presumably twice those of the first. In my own calculations I have taken 8 anna land as the basis for two reasons; first because it lets as a rule for more nearly the average rent of the village, land at the extremes usually letting for more or'less in proportion than the anna classification would indicate; secondly, without going into the question of how closely net rent approximates to economic rent, the two are probably not far apart; if half the economic rent is to be the limit of assessment, the net rent of 8 anna land affords a guide as to what the maximum rate of assessment should be, because it is in fact half the rent of 16 anna land. I have taken the liberty of adding a column to Appendix $H$ to show these results .as "Indices" against each village.
30. In applying these indices caution is necessary; their value depends very much on the number of cases from which the initial average has been taken. "They can be checked, in the case of jirait or tari lands by comparison with the
multiple given by rents of mixed lands ; in the case of whole villages, the indices of surrounding villages afford a valuable test of accuracy.
31. The proposals now submitted are based in the first instance on my owr. observation; the method described above has been used only to test them. In practice the results are very close to what I should have expected. There are sports among the indices for which I have found no reason except defective soil classification. For instance, Hulikavi, Gejpati and Badas, give a very low figure; I can only account for it by the preponderance of red soil for which not enough has been allowed in classification. I have dealt more fully with them later on. Again the high rents in the Kini valley are probably due partly to the excellence of the black soil composing it; the increase of assessment is however limited by the 33 per cent. rule and the proposed rate is not too high if only the other advantages of the tract are considered.
32. The details of the groups and rates which I propose are as follows :-
I.-Inclades the villages of the present group and Chandanhosur. These villages are situated in the neighbourhood of Bagevadi and consist mostly of good black soil.
Dry-crop rate Rs. 3-4-0.
Rice rate Rs. 10.
II.-Includes the present group, except Chandanhosur and Pangutti. Chandanhosur appears to be more closely allied to the first group, to which also it is closer geographically. Its rate was not raised at the last settlement and its index shows that it can easily stand a maximum rise now. Pangutti is remote from all the villages of the old second group, and is of a totally different and certainly poorer character. It belongs geographically to the strip of country running north-east from Belgaum and for the reasons given below I place it in Group IV.
Dry-crop rate Rs. 2-10-0
Rice rate Rs. 10.
III.- Consists of Belgaum and the villages round it, which form the old Groups: III and IV.
Dry-crop rate Rs. 2-2. .
Rice rates Rs. 15, 12 and 10.
IV.-Includes Gutti, Pangutti, Nandi and Rangadholi in the north-east of the táluka, and the better villages to the west of my proposed second 'group. The latter villages I find very difficult to place. They are of a rather non-descript character, lying close under the hills, and containing some good black land capable of growing jowari and wheat. They mark in fact the limit of the black soil tract in the east of the táluka. Their communications are inferior to those of the first two groups, but they can get at several different markets; while they grow better crops than the villages in Group V. They are I think best dealt with by forming them into an intermediate group between the black and the red soil villages.
The other four villages also are not bad but suffer from poor communications. being cut off by hills from the railway and from Belgaum.
Rangadholi at present is in the same group as Belgaum; it was settled with the Hukeri Talluka, and given a maximum rate of Rs. 1-12, that of Belgaum being Rs. 1-14. In situation it is precisely similar to Butti and

- Pangutti; it lies in the same valley; but half a mile closer to the railway, from which it is cut off by hills. Its soil is perhaps a little better than that of Gutti, but not to such an extent as to warrant its being grouped separately. Its index figures are high, but are based on only a few cases and are, I think, slightly misleading. I propose to take it out of the Belgaum Group, and put it with Gutti and Pangutti in Group IV. It will thus get a rise of two annas in its maximum dry-crop rate.
Dry crop rate Rs. 1-14-0. Rice rates Rs. 10."
V.-Four villages-Desur, Gunjgi, Jankatti and Bidarbhavi-from old Group VI and two-Bastwad and Vaghvade-from Group VIII. These villages are all similarly situated. They have easy access to Belgaum by railway and by road. They mark the limit of the better dry-crop villages in the south of the taluka, and the beginning of the poorer red soil. To these six villages I add Hulikavi, Gejpati and Badas from old Group IV, as I-consider them to be grouped too high at present. I have inspected them twice and can find no reason for their low indices except the preponderance of red soil; they lie at the beginning of the tract where nachni, begins to dominate over jowari ; and they will not grow wheat or cotton as the villages to the north of them do. In appearance also they correspond more to the villages to the west of them than to those to the east. I propose to leave their dry-crop rate at its present figure, and I am of opinion that if this concession is not given to them they will be overassessed.
Dry-crop rate Rs. 1-10-0.
Rice Rs. 10.
VI.-Includes the best villages of the Kini valley, now in Groups VII and VIII. The prosperity of this tract is very obvious and is clearly shown in the indices. It is to be accounted for partly by the richness of its black soil, which is generally capable of taking a second crop of lentils; but also, I think, by its situation next to the dry-crop lands of the Hukeri Taluka, and by its excellent water-supply and unfailing rainfall.
Judging from the indices, these villages would stand a much higher rate of assessment, but any further rise would involve a transgression of the percentage rule.
Dry-crop rate Rs. 1-5-0.
Rice rate Rs. 10-8-0.
VII.-An intermediate group of nine villages from old Groups VIII, IX and XI, between the black soil villages of the Kini valley and the hills forming the south-west part of the taluka. They lie for the most part on hard red soil and nadchni is the main dry-crop. All these villages have easy access to Belgaum either by the Vengorla road or by hard country tracks. As they were grouped formerly, Belgondi and Yelebail were in different groups, for which I can see no reason, and Halkarni, a prosperous village on a main road, was undoubtedly placed too low. Bagilge-Dukerwadi, Mangaon, Mandedurg and Basarge are superior to the other villages, but not to such an extent as to justify placing them in a higher group.
Dry-crop rate Re. 1.
Rice rate Rs. 10-8-0.
VIII.-A belt of villages stretching through the hills which flank the Vengurla road from the Khanapur road to the western boundary. The easternmost villages, Katgali, Ganebail, Nittur, Singinkop and Idalhond are within fairly easy reach of Belgaum; but they lie among steep hills and dense jongle. Their rice land, especially in Ganebail, Idalhond and Singinkop is fairly open; bat their dry-crop land tends to be smothered in forest. Judging from their indices, an even lower dry-crop rate than I propose would be justified; but Katgali, Ganebail and Nittur will get a relief of five annas in a rupee, and the other two of nine annas in Rs. 1-4-0, and this is all that I think their situation justifies at present. In the west the country is more hilly than in the east, and commanications are worse; but there are good open tracts in the valleys, and the villages are within easy reach of Chandgad, Here and Patne, and are visited by Konkanis in search of grain. In this group I place the three inam villages of Badas, Belvatti and Shirgaon. Their rents show that they correspond closely with the surrounding villages. Shirgaon is at present unsettled, and so
the rents cannot be expressed in multiples of the assessment, nor can indices be given; but the rates per acre correspond with those of Hambere, which adjoins it and falls in this group.
Dry-crop rate Re. 0-11-0.
Rice rate Rs. 9, 8 and 7.
IX.-All these villages lie in the hilliest part of the táluka. Even when close to a road, as is Sonarwadi, they are difficult of access and they are swamped by jungle. Most of them are already in the lowest group, and to these I add Morab and Sonarwadi from Group VIII, Bailur, Betgeri, Uchvade and Baknur from Group IX, the whole of Group X and Kolik from Group XI. The indices of all these ten villages show that they have been much too highly assessed ; their population has gone down from 2,293 to 1,442; the unoccupied assessed land has risen from 2,061 to 4,039 . The only possible exception to this tale of woe is Kolik, in which the population has fallen from 354 to 279 , but the unoccupied land has decreased from 518 acres to 197. Sut the other villages, I think, require at least the relief I have suggested, and Kolik from its situation must go with them.
Dry-crop rate Re. 0-7-0.
Rice rate Rs. 6 and 5.

33. Rates.-The dry-crop rates which I propose start from Rs. 3-4-0 and go down to seven annas. The limits are fixed by the following considerations. The first group adjoins the first two groups of Sampgaon Taluka, the rates for which, lately approved by Government, are Rs. 3-8-0 and Rs. 3-2-0. The proposed rate for the first group of Belgaum is Rs. 3-4-0, which falls between these two.

The present and proposed rate for the lowest group is seven annas; these villages are mostly very poor, and there appears to be no reason to raise a rate which from their index figures, they now stand only with difficulty.
34. The rice rates vary according to the suitability of the climate for rice cultivation and general accessibility. The neighbourhood of Belgaum appears to represent about the eastern limit of the tract in which rice can be grown with practical safety. The rates in that neighbourhood are therefore highest; east of it they decrease with the decrease of rainfall; west they decrease as accessibility gets less and hills and forest increase. I have pointed out that each village is usually itself the market for rice ; consequently one rice rate will cover more villages than, one dry-crop rate, because distance from a market is of less importance.
35. In strict theory there does not seem to be any reason for departing from one uniform rice rate for eaeh dry-crop group. In practice, however, I have departed from this principle in Groups III, VIII and IX. In Group III the rate of Belgaum and its suburb Khasbag is already Rs. 12; and the rice index of Belgaum shows that there is no reason against increasing it. I propose Rs. 15 for it. For the other villages in the neighbourhood of Belgaum I propose Rs. 12; this in the case of most of them gives an increase of 33 per cent. I except however four villages-Shindoli, Kudchi, Nilji and Chandgad to the east of Belgaum. The indices, especially of Shindoli, Nilji and Chandgad; are definitely lower than those of other villages in their neighbourhood. I have been told that this is because Belgaum draws away the labonrers from these villages; but I suspect also that they are just over the border line of the best rainfall. For these villages I propose a rate of Rs. 10. As a minor reason, it may be added that if they are given a higher rate, the increase for the group will be more than 33 per cent.

In Group VIII the general rate is Rs. 9 ; but for the less accessible villages to the west of Chandgad I propose Rs. 8; besides being inaccessible, these villages suffer a good deal from pig.

In Group IX, the villages formerly rated at Rs. 6 are rated as they are; the rest are given a uniform rate of Rs. 5 , three being left as before and the rest raised slightly.

## Sumary of proposals and their effect.

36. The result is that a rise varying from 25.38 to 32.75 per cent. is proposed for all groups except the last, in which I suggest a decrease of 16.44 per cent. ; the decrease means a net loss to Government of only Rs. 529.

The total increase for the taluka is 27.61 per cent. The principle on which these rates are proposed is that if ${ }^{\circ}$ rents are three times the assessment, the latter is on the low side. A summary is given below of the extent to which average rents exceed the assessment:-

|  | Dry | Rice. | Mixed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Villages for which statistics are available | 124 | 99 | 120 |
| Villages in which rents exceed 5 times the assessment | 27 | 30 | 18 |
| Villages in which rents are from 4 to 5 times the assessment | 17 | 24 | 18 |
| Villages in which rents are from 3 to 4 times the assessment ... ... | 25 | 25 | 25 |

These details, I think, amply justify the suggested increase. In fact the increase would be higher if it were not for the necessity of reducing overassessed villages.

Reductions are proposed in the dry-crop rates of 22 Government villages; and 11 are left as they are now. Rice rates are left as they are in 13 of the poorest and most remote villages and are raised in the rest.

Of the villages in which a reduction of the dry-crop rates is proposed, ten are dealt with above. The other twelve form two blocks in the south extending from Nidgal to Katgali across the Khanapur road, and from Rankunde to Hajgoli across the Jamboti road. The dry-crop index figures of these villages are based on 88 leases; and taken together indicate, I think, that the present assessment amounts to considerably more than half the rental value.

In the first block round Ganebail, the population has decreased from 1,963 to 1,686 ; the unoccupied land has decreased slightly, but is of too small an extent to be a criterion. In Ganebail and Idalhond the rice rentals' are high; and an inspection of their rice land leads me to think that the index figures are correct; consequently an increase of the rice rate is proposed. There are no data for Singinkop or Nidgal, but in their situation and general condition they are similar to Ganebail and Idalhond and are therefore assessed at the same rate.

The index of Katgali is definitely low and is supported by the condition of the village; no change in the rice rate is recommended. The index of Nittur is also low but doubtful ; in general circumstances it resembles Katgali and I suggest the same rate for it. Nittur and Katgali are cut off by sudden hills and suffer from forest animals; the population of Katgali has declined by 23 per cent. and in appearance it is decidedly poor.

In the second block of villages, the population has declined by nearly 28 per cent., and the unoccupied land has gone up from 289 acres to 2,578 , the increase occurring in every village except Karle, where there is no difference, but chiefly in Tudiye. These facts seem to me to justify accepting the evidence of the dry-crop indices, which are based on 40 leases, and indicate that the drycrop rate is too high. The rice indices however all show that the rice rates can be raised; in Bahadurwadi only there are no leases of pure rice land available; but in that village the rents of mixed lands are 3.77 times the assessment. It is proposed that the dry-crop rate in these villages should be reduced to 11 annas and the rice rate raised to Rs. 9.
37. I venture to think that the groups proposed are more homogeneous than the old ones, and that the rates are more equitably distributed. At the same time I cannot pretend to consider the present grouping as in any way final. It may be possible in the future to reduce the groups still further, for instance, by giving the Kini valley the same maximum rate as that prevailing round Belgaum. But for the present this is prevented by the reasons which I have explained.

## Speclal classes of land.

38. Patasthal.-The maximum rate is not shown in the last report; but the Superintendent, Land Records, informs me that two jantris were used, both based on a maximum rate of Rs. 8.

Sales and leases of patasthal land are few in number; and those that occur almost always include some dry-crop land as well. I give below details of the sales and leases of mixed patasthal and dry-crop land that have been traced :-

Sales. (Last ten years only.)

| Area. | Assesment. | Price. | Maltiples of susessment represented by prioes. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. g. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. |  |
| 3835 | 8111 | 3,988 | $48 \cdot 8$ |
|  |  | Leases. |  |
| Arean | Ascessment. | Rent. | Maltiples of ascesmenent represented by nent. |
| A. g. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| 17232 | 332130 | 1,869 $13 \quad 3$ | $5 \cdot 61$ |

I propose that the maximum rate should be increased by four annas in the rupee to Rs. 10 which the above details amply justify. All pats known to exist have been inspected and patraks have been drawn up by the General Duty Circle Inspector, and the greater number of them have been also inspected by myself. A list of numbers which have ceased to be irrigated from pats for a considerable number of years is appended; and it is recommended that they should be classed as dry-crop land.

At the time of the last settlement 120 acres were treated as patasthal and assessed at Rs. 611; as a result of my proposals the area will be 116 acres and the assessment Rs. 682, an increase of $11 \cdot 62$ per cent. In one village, Morle, the total percentage increase of assessment is 68 per cent.; but this is only because land formerly classed as dry-crop is now treated as patasthal.
39. Kumri.-No mention of this has been made in previous reports. For the reasons given in my Khanapur Report, I propose that kumri should be excepted from the settlement guarantee and that the rate should be fixed by the authorities who deal with the question of finding fresh sources of livelihood for those who now rely on kamri.
40. Non-agricultural land.-A great deal of agricultural land in Belganm City was appropriated to non-agricultural purposes before the introduction of the last settlement, and has since been paying only agricultural rates. 'Altered assessment will now have to be charged on it. Under Government Pesolution No. 4763 of 17 th July 1903, I am precluded from dealing with it. A list of such land has been compiled and will be submitted to the Oollector under his orders. In the meanwhile $I$. would recommend that land converted to nonagricultural purposes before the introduction of this revision settlement should be definitely excluded from the settlement guarantee.

## Period of gcarantee.

41. In my Khanapur Report I have mentioned some reasons for which a short period of guarantee might be thought desirable. They apply with more force to the case of Belgaum; for the construction of roads may materially alter the condition of many villages. For instance a road down the Kini valley would greatly enhance the value of the land there. I do not think howerer that these reasons outweigh those on which the policy of long guarantees is based; and I recommend therefore that the period should be the usual one of 30 sears.

I hare the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient serrant, M. WEBB, Assistant Settlement Officer, Belgaum and Khanapar Tálukas.

APPENDIX A.
Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Belgaum, District Belgaum, for the years 1886 to 1916.

| Year. | Early rain (18t January to 10th $\Delta$ pril) |  | Ante Monsoon (11th ADril to sth June). |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monsoon } \\ & \text { Kharif (5th } \\ & \text { Jane to } 14 t h \\ & \text { August). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Monsoon Rabi (15th August to g2at Ootober). |  | Late raing (28nd Oatober to 316t December). |  | Total, |  | Remarisa, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | Raing | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { daỵs. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { dayy. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Raing days. | Fail. | Raing dayg. |  |
|  | Tnches ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | Inche | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1886 | ... | .* | 8.40 | 88 | 8950 | 68 | 6.60 | 96 | 8.88 | 10 | 40. 31 | 181 |  |
| 1887 | 9.988 | 9 | 8.08 | 13 | 889.16 | 61 | 18.83 | 45 | $4 \cdot 36$ | 19 | 52.67 | 195 |  |
| 1688 | 1.08 | 8 | 5.88 | 11 | 25-58 | 65 | 14•30 | 40 | 0.87 | 10 | 45.81 | 134 |  |
| 1890 | 0.16 | 1 | \% 8.8 | gil | 99-31 | 68 | 24.49 | 51 | $0 \cdot 20$ | 1 | $55 \cdot 40$ | 140 |  |
| 1890 | 0.68 | 1 | 9.69 | 6 | 50.69 | 53 | 10.20 | 14 | $5 \cdot 76$ | 9 | 49.85 | 83 |  |
| 1891 | 1.70 | 4 | 1.66 | 6 | 88.68 | 57. | 8.05 | 20 | 8.11 | 5 | 48.81 | 78 |  |
| 1898 | $0 \cdot 49$ | 8 | 88 | 18 | 95-05 | 40 | 50.51 | 88 | S.7\% | 11. | 64.01 | 9 |  |
| 1893 | $0 \cdot 7$ | $g$ | 8.87 | 10 | 9106 | 40 | 1506 | 88 | 4-97 | 4 | 9967 | 86 | - |
| 1894 | $9 \cdot 14$ | 4 | 1.36 | 6 | 34.98 | 54 | 7.58 | 18 | 8.48 | 5 | $48 \cdot 10$ | 86 |  |
| 1895 | $0 \cdot 88$ | 8 | $4 \cdot 15$ | $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ | 96-68 | 49 | $0 \cdot 61$ | $\boldsymbol{m}$ | 6.85 | 5 | 47.09 | 89 |  |
| 1896 | 1.63 | 1 | $4 \cdot 16$ | 8 | 46.99 | 56 | 8.44 | 15 | 2.88 | 3 | $65 \cdot 70$ | 89 |  |
| 1898 | 0.15 | 1 | 6.60 | 10 | 9855 | 45 | $9 \cdot 50$ | g0 | $0 \cdot 48$ | $g$ | 45.98 | 78 |  |
| 1898 | 2.65 | 9 | $8 \cdot 45$ | 17 | 96-48' | 50 | $13 \cdot 17$ | 83 | 804 | 6 | 80.79 | 101 |  |
| 1899 | 0.81 | 1 | 106 | 8 | 14-15 | 48 | 9.78 | 18 | 0.48 | 8 | 88.63 | 69 |  |
| 1900 | ..• | - | 8.51 | 6 | 59.15 | 47 | 818 | 14 | 0.68 | 1 | 68.50 | 68 |  |
| 1901 | 809 | 9 | 8.84 | 11 | 87•10 | 48 | 18.30 | 86 | $1 \cdot 89$ | 6 | 55.96 | 98 |  |
| 190\% | 0.84 | 9 | 8.97 | 7 | 21.98 | 30 | 18.08 | 86 | $\mathbf{1 7 6 9}$ | 16 | 51.86 | 81 |  |
| 1009 | $\ldots$ | ... | 41 | 11 | $80 \cdot 10$ | 49 | 9.05 | 81 | 0.54 | 8 | 4390 | 83 |  |
| 1904 | $2 \cdot 48$ | 3 | $5 \cdot 15$ | 8 | 37.18 | 68 | 6.78 | 26 | 1.58 | 2 | 63.01 | 70 |  |
| 2005 | 0.18 | 1 | 3-12 | 7 | 18.64 | 89 | 6.89 | 18 | 0.80 | 8 | 88.97 | 67 |  |
| 1906 | 1.87 | 3 | 468 | 6 | 9213 | 89 | 16.38 | 95 | 409 | 4 | 4768 | 70 |  |
| 1007 | $0 \cdot 16$ | 1 | $8 \cdot 16$ | 7 | 81.48 | 44 | 16.18 | 87 | 2.09 | 2 | 81.95 | 81 |  |
| 1008 | 100 | 1 | $1 \cdot 7$ | 3 | \%7-31 | 58 | 7. 18 | 80 | 0.56 | 8 | 47.91 | 79 |  |
| 1909 | $0 \cdot 36$ | 8 | 808 | 6 | 50.47 | 49 | 8.87 | 11 |  | 8 | H148 | 68 |  |
| 1910 | 100 | 9 | $8 \cdot 88$ | 6 | 85.50 | 84 | 6.48 | 15 | 8.78 | 6 | 41.04 | 68 |  |
| 1911 | $0-01$ | $\cdots$ | S.63 | 0 | 82-17 | 88 | 14.00 | 88 | 180 | 4 | 40.70 | 5 |  |
| 1918 | $0 \cdot 21$ | 1 | 8.81 | 1 | 166.58 | 41 | 11.17 | 96 | 2.25 | $y$ | 78.88 | 88 |  |
| 1818 | ... | *** | 480 | 28. | 97.80 | 45 | 9.76 | 10 | 0.32 | 1 | 41.47 | TY |  |
| 1914 | ... | ... | 1.05 | 6 | $71 \cdot 48$ | 48 | 10.88 | 84 | $3 \cdot 67$ | 10 | $86 \cdot 41$ | 65 |  |
| 1913 | 1-24 | 8 | 8.68 | 6 | 80.81 | 36 | 16.59 | 5 | 9.38 | 5 | 54.05 | 74 |  |
| 1916 | $1-\mathrm{PP}$ | 1 | 6.69 | 8 | E8.50 | 40 | 10.25 | 98 | 14.00 | 16 | 56.61 | 94 |  |
| Average | 0.70 | 1 | $8 \cdot 66$ | $\boldsymbol{Y}$ | 34-32 | 42 | 11.88 | 98 | 3.84 | 6 | 8519 | 77 |  |

## APPENDIX A-continued.

Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Chandgad, District Belgaum, for the years 1886 to 1916.


## APPENDIX A-continued.

Statement showing rainfall recorded at M. K. Hubli, Taluka,Bail Hongal, District Belgaum, for the years 1906 to 1916.



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## APPENDIX C.

Details of population according to occupation for the Belgaum Taluka including Chandgad Petha according to Imperial census of 1911.


Agricultural stock of the 133 Government villages in the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate during the year 1915-16.


Shops, industrial, etc., in the 133 rullages of the Belgaum Taluka, Belgaum District.


## APPENDIX F.

(OLD APPENDIX J.)
Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks, and the other sources of water-supply in the Government villages of the Belgaum Taluka, Belgaum Collectorate, for the year 1914-15.


Abstract of Appendix $F$.


## APPENDIX G

Selling value of dry crop lands in the villages of the Belgaum Taluka, District Belgaum.



## APPENDIX G1—(old App. K).

Selling value of rice lands in the villages of the Belgaum Taluka, District Belgaum.



APPENDIX G:-(old Appendix K).
Selling value of mixed lands in the villages of the Belgaum Taluka, District Belgaum.



## APPENDIX H (OId Appendix M).

Leases of dry crop lands in the villages of the Belgaum Taluka, District Belgaum.
[Note-Brackets indicate that leases are too few for a raliable average to be taken.]


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APPENDIX H (OId Appendix M)-contd.


APPENDIX H (Old Appendix M)-concld.

| Serial No. in Appen $\operatorname{dix} L$ | Name of village. | Arand leased. | Assessment. | Rents, | No. of times the assessment repressented by the rental Falue. | Index. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group No. VIII-contd. | A. g. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  | Rs, a. |  |
| 83 | Kiniye | 7588 | 38120 | 5906 | $1 \cdot 74$ | 0-18.9 |  |
| 84 | Rankunde. | 1939 | 780 | 10146 | $1 \cdot 45$ | (0-11.6) |  |
| 85 | Tudiye : . ... | 19411 | 5380 | 5386 | 1.0 | 0-8.0 |  |
| 86 | Bahadurvadi ... | 815 | 1100 | 1200 | 1.9 | 0-8.7 |  |
| 87 | Hajgoli | -757. | 2100 | 25106 | 1.23 | 0-9•6 |  |
| 89 | Nandavade . ... | 658 | 1780 | 680 | $8 \cdot 54$ | $0.15 \cdot 9$ |  |
| 90 | Asgaon $\quad . \cdot$ | 1412 | 300 | $\begin{array}{llll}21 & 1 & 4\end{array}$ | 7.2 | (1-15.6) |  |
| 91 | Karanjgaon $\quad$... | 6827 | 18.80 | 60180 | 2.74 | $0.12 \cdot 9$ |  |
| 92 | Ambowadi | 122 | 4.20 | 5 F | 1.85 | . 0.4.7 |  |
| 98 | Jangamhatti $\quad .$. | 9436 | $\begin{array}{lll}11 & 8 & 0 \\ 10 & 0 & \end{array}$ | 2950 | $2 \cdot 68$ | 0-11.8 |  |
| 94 | Patne - ... | 8721 | 1000 | 3197 | $8 \cdot 16$ | 0-14.2 |  |
| 95 | Ralivade - ... | 601 | $\begin{array}{lll}14 & 8 & 0 \\ 05 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 13461 | $9 \cdot 26$ | 2-9.6 |  |
| 96 | Hallarvadi ... | 8624 | 95450 | $76 \quad 0.3$ | 8.1 | 0-18.5 |  |
| 97 | Madsvale $\quad$... | 9619 | 25.40 | 43146 | $1 \cdot 73$ | 0.7.8 |  |
| 98 | Kolindre , ... | 2026 | 400 | 180 | $4 \cdot 5$ | (0-1577) |  |
| 99 | Adure $\quad \rightarrow$... | 8324 | 5000 | 9896 | 6.72 | (1-7.5) |  |
| 100 | Savarde ... | 59 | $2{ }^{2} 400$ | 1701 | 7.55 | (1.10.4) |  |
| 101 | Suliye - ... | 149 | 300 | 7182 | $2 \cdot 60$ | (0-9•1) |  |
| 104 | Kokre | 3029 | 420 | 11128 | $2 \cdot 86$ | 0-10.1 |  |
| 105 | Kitvado | 1576 | 26120 | 10091 | 9.75 | 0-13.1 |  |
| 106 | Shevale | 430 | 900 | 3900 | $4 \cdot 88$ | 0-15.1 |  |
| 107 | Jolugada | 9135 | 14180 | 43128 | $2 \cdot 96$ | $0.10 \cdot 86$ |  |
| 108 | Raindevada | 2188 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 1996 | $5 \cdot 6$ | (1-3.6) |  |
| 109 | Chandgad | 7437 | 14120 | 90.48 | $6 \cdot 12$ | 1-5.4 |  |
| 110 | Jambre | 9135 | 14120 | 43128 | $2 \cdot 96$ | 0-13.0 |  |
| 111 | Umgnon | 1898 | 15.20 | 17917 | 11.87 | 2-9.5 |  |
| 112 | Nahveli | 667 | 7120 | 85186 | $10 \cdot 96$ | 2-6.36 |  |
| 218 | Nagre | 2934 | 840 | 20124 | 6.89 | (1-6.86) | 1 khalsa. |
| 114 | Bhogoli | 778 | 18100 | $\begin{array}{llll}98 & 9 & 9\end{array}$ | $2 \cdot 89$ | 0-9.9 |  |
| 115 | Pilni | 2715 | 490 | ,26 08 | 6.71 | 1-4.0 | 2 khalsa. |
| 116 | Gudevale | 12036 | 2200 | $77 \quad 08$ | 9.27 | 0-11.4 |  |
| 117 | Parle | 7922 | 1270 | $84 \quad 91$ | $2 \cdot 74$ | $0.10 \cdot 0$ |  |
|  | Total | 2,561. 36 | 654140 | 1,696 108 | ... | ... |  |
|  | Average per acre ... | $\cdots$ | $0^{*} 41$ | 0104 | $2 \cdot 16$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 118 | Somarvadi | 9620 | 5380 | 6810 | 1.27 | $0-10 \cdot 1$ |  |
| 119 | Morab | 61.1 | 2340 | 2412 | 1.8 | 0.8 .2 |  |
| 120 | Bailur | 437 | 2880 | 2112 | 1.8 | (0.7.5) |  |
| 121 | Betgeri | 7888 | 2180 | 1648 | $0 \cdot 75$ | 0.5.2 |  |
| 122 | Baknur | 1333 | 4320 | 8632 | 0.88 | 0-5.8 |  |
| 123 | Uchhvade | 17211 | 5500 | 5148 | 0.93 | 0.6.5 |  |
| 124 | Mahalunge | 5785 | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 8294 | 0.54 | 0.8.2 |  |
| 125 | Kokti | 167 | 500 | 2.128 | $0 \cdot 56$ | (09.3) |  |
| 126 | Dhamno S. Bailur | $122{ }^{2}$ | 3580 | 1900 | $0 \cdot 54$ | 0-8.8 |  |
| 127 | Kolik | 6710 | 700 | 700 | 1.0 | $0.4 \cdot 5$ |  |
| 130 | Morie | 1139 | $20^{2} 00$ | 400 | 8.0 | (0-7.0) |  |
| 132 | Kodale | 802 | 4119 | 1078 | $2 \cdot 20$ | 0-7.7 |  |
| 183 | Vaghotre | 1188 | 200 | 2100 | $1 \cdot 31$ | (0-4.58) |  |
|  | Total . | 857 9 | 27019 | 252106 | ... | ... | . |
|  | Average per acre ... | ... | 0411 | 029 | 0.9 | ... |  |

## APPENDIX H ${ }^{1}$ (Old Appendix M).

Leases of Rice lands in the villages of the Belgaum Taluka.
[Note-Bracketa indicate that cases are too few to give a conolusive index.]


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APPENDIX H (Old Appendix M)-concld.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Serial } \\ \text { No. } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { Ap- } \\ \text { pendix } \\ \mathbf{L .} \end{gathered}$ | Name of village. | Ares of land leased. | Assessment. | Rents. | Maltiple of assessment. irepresented by the rent. | Inder, | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group No. IX. | A. g. | Re. a. p. | Re. a. p. |  | Rs. a. |  |
| 118 | Sonarwedi | 215 | 1000 | 1510 | 1.50 | 54 |  |
| 119 | Morab | 1127 | 3188 | 136124 | $4 \cdot 94$ | $15 \quad 3$ |  |
| 120 | Bailur | 2538 | 8238 | 230127 | 2.62 | 714 |  |
| 121 | Betgeri | 538 | 1380 | 2118 | $0 \cdot 21$ | 013 |  |
| 122 | Baknur | 138 | 5120 | 5120 | 10 | $\left(\begin{array}{ll}3 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |  |
| 124 | Mahalunge | 759 | 1800 | 1521 | $1 \cdot 16$ | 25 |  |
| 125 | Kobti | 910 | 2100 | 4400 | 2.9 | 411 |  |
| 128 | Isapur | 215 | 500 | 700 | 1.4 | $\left(\begin{array}{ll}(4) & 3\end{array}\right)$ |  |
| 130 | Morle | 30 | 700 | 800 | $1 \cdot 14$ | $(218)$ | 8 Inam. |
| 131 | Ghotgevadi | 155 | 2680 | 4378 | 1.63 | 41 |  |
| 132 | Kodali | 4310 | 6488 | 18804 | 8.91 | 811 |  |
|  | Total | 12880 | $280 \quad 0 \quad 7$ | 696111 | ... | ... |  |
|  | Average per acre |  | 2210 | $5 \cdot 41$ | 2-48 | ... |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathrm{H}^{3}$.

Leases of mixed lands's in the villages of the Belgaum Táluka, District Belgaum.
[Note.-Brackets indioste that leases are too few for a reliable average to be taken.]


APPENDIX H2-continued.


APPENDIX H9 -concluded.


## APPENDIX I.

(Ond Appendix N.)
Prices prevalent in the Belgaum Táluka from 1877 to 1818 (up to May).


## APPENDIX J

Changes in occupied area for the village of Belwatti of the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum District into which the first revision Settlement was introduced in the year 1896-97.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{Year.

1}} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Ocenpied Government lend pasing fall aquessment.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Unoecr pied assessed cultivable Government land.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Tand, the revenue of which is aliennted entirely or partially.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Tokal land, Governmont occupied. unocoupied and inam.} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Remarks.

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\hline \& \& Acres.
i \& Absesement. 5 \& Aores. \& Asserg-
ment.
6 \& Area.
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6 \& ( $\begin{gathered}\text { Revenue } \\ \text { aliengied } \\ \text { or Nuksan. }\end{gathered}$ \& | Quitrent. |
| :--- |
| 8 | \&  \& Assess ment (full). 10 \& <br>

\hline \& \& Acres. \& Re. \& Acres. \& Re. \& Aores. \& Be.. \& R8. \& Aerem. \& 88. \& <br>
\hline 1888-87 \& ... \& ... \& .. \& ... \& ... \& 146 \& 155 \& 50 \& 116 \& 175 \& <br>
\hline 1887-68 \& ... \& .* \& $\cdots$ \& , ... \& $\cdots$ \& 146 \& 155 \& 20 \& 146 \& 176 \& <br>
\hline 1880-90 \& ... \& ... \& -.* \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 146 \& 156 \& 90 \& 146 \& 175 \& <br>
\hline 1800-00 \& $\cdots$ । \& ..' \& $\cdots$ \& -... \& $\cdots$ \& 146 \& 156 \& so \& 146 \& 175 \& <br>
\hline 1800-91 \& $\cdots$ \& ..** \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& 1,484 \& 005 \& 90 \& 1,484 \& 715 \& <br>
\hline 1801.89 \& ... \& , ‥ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& 1,484 \& 685 \& 50 \& 1,484 \& 715 \& <br>
\hline 1808-98 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ..* \& $\cdots$ \& 1,484 \& -695 \& 90 \& 1,484 \& 715 \& <br>
\hline 1803-04 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& 1,484 \& 685 \& 90 \& 1,494 \& 715 \& <br>
\hline 1804-95 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 1.484 \& 605 \& 50 \& 1.484 \& 75 \& <br>
\hline 1806-98 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 1.48t \& 605 \& 80 \& 1,484 \& 716 \& <br>
\hline 1896-87 \& ... \& ... \& ..* \& ... \& ... \& 1,481 \& 968 \& 90 \& 1,489 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1887-98 \& $\ldots$ \& ..* \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 988 \& 90 \& 1,481 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1808-90 \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 1,481 \& 968 \& 20 \& 1,481 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1880-00 \& $\ldots 1$ \& ..* \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 968 \& 50 \& 1,461 \& 968 \& <br>
\hline 1900-01 \& ... \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& 1,481 \& 968 \& 99 \& 1.481 \& 688 \& <br>
\hline 2901-08 \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& 1,481 \& 868 \& 90 \& 1,481 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1909-03 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 946 \& 48 \& 1,481 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1903-04 \& ... \& $\ldots$ \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 1,481 \& 946. \& 48 \& 1,48I \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1804-05 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 1.481 \& 946 \& 49 \& 1,481 \& 959 \& <br>
\hline 1905-06 \& '... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,461 \& 048 \& 48 \& 1,481 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1908-07 \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 946 \& 48 \& 1,481 \& -988 \& <br>
\hline 1907-08 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 1,481 \& 946 \& 48 \& 1,481 \& 888 \& <br>
\hline 1908-00 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& ..' \& 1,181 \& 948 \& 48 \& 1,181 \& 988 \& <br>
\hline 1000-10 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 068 \& 90 \& 1,481 \& 968 \& <br>
\hline 1990-12 \& -.- \& ... \& ... \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 968 \& 88 \& 1,481 \& 860 \& <br>
\hline 1011-19 \& ... \& ... \& \& ... \& $\cdots$ \& 1,48I \& 668 \& 81 \& 1,481 \& 969 \& <br>
\hline 1918-18 \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ..• \& , ... \& \& 1,481 \& 889 \& 91 \& 1,481 \& 1,010 \& <br>
\hline 1918-14 \& $\cdots$ \& ... \& .. \& -* \& \& 1,481 \& 980 \& , 49 \& 1,481 \& 1,008 \& <br>
\hline 1014-15 \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& ... \& 1,481 \& 945 \& 48 \& 1,481 \& 994 \& <br>
\hline 1016-16 \& ... \& ** \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 1,481 \& 989 \& 49 \& 1,481 \& 1,088 \& <br>
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\end{tabular}

## APPENDIX J.

Changes in occupied area for the village of Badas (Inam) of the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum District into which the first revision settlement was introduced in the year 1896-97.


## APPENDIX J.

Changes in occupied area for the village of Gutti, Taluka Belgaim, of the Belgaum District, into which the Original Settlement was introduced in the year 1895-96.


## APPENDIX J.

Changes in occupied area for the village of Rangadholi, Taluka Belgaum, District Belgaum, into which Revision Settlement was introduced in the year 1886-87.


## APPENDIX J.

Changes in occupied area for 130 Government villages in the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum District into which the Revision Settlement was introduced in the year 1887-88.


## APPENDIX J.

Changes in ocoupied area for the village of Khasbag of the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum District into which the Revision Settlement was introduced in the year 1887-88.


## APPENDIX J.

Changes in the occupied area for Chandgad village of the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum District into which the Original Settlement was introduced in the year 1905-06.


## APPENDIX K.

Collection of assessment on Government land in the villages of the taluka of Belgaum.



New Group III (1l viliages) max. 3-s-contd. (a) Old Group III ( 2 village) max. 1-twcontd.


| Year. | Dexnepd. | Bomission, | Optstanding. |  | Year. | Demand. | Remission. | Ontatandinge |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Antho rised. | Unauthosised. |  |  |  | Anthorived. | Dnsuthe rived. |
| 1 | 8 | 3 1 | 4 |  | 1 | 2 | \$ | 4 , | 8 |

NEW Ghour IV (9 vinhages) ㅍax. 1-14-comtd.
(a) Old Growp IV (s villagss) mas. 1-10-conta.
1911-18
1918-18
1918-14
1914-15
1915-16

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(c) Old Grous FI (9 villapes) mac. 1-4-contd.

(0) Ohd Grow In (1 village) mace 1-18.

> (c) Old Growp FI (? villapes) mac. 1-i. .


| Year. | Demmad. | Remiasion. | Outatandinse. |  | Year. | Demsnd. | Romisgion. | Outatandinge. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Authorized. | Unentho rized. |  |  |  | Authorized. | Unauthorized. |
| 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | . | 3 | 4 | 6 |

New Group IV (9 vilinaes) max. 1-l4-conta.
(c) Old Group III (I villags) max: 1-18-contd.


New Group $V$ ( 9 fimlages) max. 1-10
(a) OLA Group IV (3 villages) max. 1-10


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| Year. | Demand. | Remission. | Outstandings. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Authorised. | Unauthorized. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Nbw Grote $V$ ( 0 villiages) max, 1-10-eonta) (r) Old Group VIII (4 willanoes) max. 1-10-contd.


New Grovp VI (19 villages) sax. 1-6. (a) Old Group VII (s villages) max. 1-2.

(b) Old G roup VIII 117 villages) max. 1-0.

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(b) Ola Group FIII (if willages) max. 1-a-contd.


New Group VII (10 vidhages) max. 1-0.
(a) Ola Grous VIII (1 village) max, $1-0$.
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| Year. | Demand. | Remistion. | Outetandiogs. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Antho- rized. | Unanthorized. |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 |

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| Year. | Demand. | Romisaion. | Outatandinge. |  | Yoar. | Demand. | Remission, | Outatandinge. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Authorized. | Unavthorjzed. |  |  |  | Nuthorized. | Onanthorized. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | $\checkmark$ |

Ngw Gnoup Vill ( 43 villages) yax, 0-11-conta. (b) Old Group FIII (8 villages) max. 1-0-contd.


| 1886887 |
| :---: |
| 1887-88 |
| 11888-49 |
| 1830-90 |
| 1890-91 |
| 1891-92 |
| 1892-93 |
| 1888-94 |
| 1894-85 |
| 1895-96 |
| 1896-97 |
| 1897-99 |
| 1890-99 |
| 1890-00 |
| $1900-01$ |
| 1901-02 |
| 1902-03 |
| 1903-04 |
| 1901-05 |
| 1905-06 |
| 1906-07 |
| 1907-08 |
| 1909-09 |
| 1500-10 |
| 1910-11 |
| 1971-12 |
| 1912-13 |
| 1919-14 |
| 1914-15 |
| 1915-16 | (d) Old Group $X 1$ (IO villages) max. 0-9.



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\text { (c) Old Group } I X \text { ( } 1 \text { village) max. 0-1t. }
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490.40 \quad \ldots \ldots
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| Yeaz | Damand. <br> $g$ | Remission: <br> 8 | Ortatandinges. |  | Year.$1$ | Demana. <br> g | Remisaion. <br> 3 | Ontatandinge |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Anthorized. <br> 4 | Unanthorized. 5 |  |  |  | Authorized. <br> 4 | Unenthorised. <br> 5 |
|  <br> (d) OLX Group $\overline{X I}$ (1 villates) max. 0-9-eontd. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Eis. } & \text { a, } & \text { D. } \\ \text { H. } 888 & 6 & 0 \end{array}$ | * | Rat a |  |
| 1810-1I | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Sel } & D_{4} \\ 186 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | Rs. a. ...... | Re. En p. | 1801-98 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 80 | 1,009 140 | .....** |  |  |
| 1913-18 |  | ....... | ... | ..... | 1899-00 | 1,404 9 | 10... 16 | . | $\cdots$ |
| 1919-13 | 19280 | *..... |  | - | 1900-1II | 1,400 210 | 101180 |  | - |
| 918-16 | 28180 | ..... | $\cdots$ | ...... | 1501-08 | 1,400 20 | +**** | $\cdots$ | -... |
| 1814-15 | 10880 | . | $\cdots$ | ...... |  | 1.885140 | $18490$ | ...* | ...* |
| 1916-16 | 20s | *..... |  | .-* | 1803-04 | 1875140 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | (0) Old Group $X$ II ( 6 villages) mase $0 \rightarrow$ |  |  |  | 1804-05 | 1,956 140 |  | $\ldots$ | .....** |
| 1886-81 | 168 |  |  | ...... | 1805-96 | 978 60 | . ...... |  |  |
| 1887-68 | 1680 |  |  | ...... | 15060 | 187860 , | 8830 | $\cdots$ | ...... |
| 1888-68 | 6880 | 101150 | $\cdots$ | -...** | 1907-08 | 1,374 60 | 402 | ***********) | ... |
| 1880-90 | 68480 | 107180 | ...... | $\cdots$ | 3908-09 | 2.874 8 0 | 4118 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1890-91 | 1,886 880 | 180 | *.... | ...... | 1900-10 | 1.5156 | 014 \& |  |  |
| 1801-98 | 1,896 8 |  |  | ...... | 1910-11 | 1,574 60 |  |  | ..... |
| 1888-58 | 1.5968 | ... |  | ...... | 1911, 18 | 1.5726 | - $*$... | *m... | $\ldots$ |
| 1898-94 | 1,896 8 |  |  | .....) | 1918-18 | 1.808 000 |  |  | ... |
| 1804-95 | 8 |  |  |  | 1918-14 | 1,908 00 | $\cdots$ | .... | ...... |
| 1836-88 | 11 |  |  |  | 1914-15 | $\begin{array}{llll}1,585 & 8 & 0 \\ 1,488 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\ldots$ | *-m" | ...... |
| 1806-8\% | 1,408 6 0 |  |  | **** | 1915-16 |  |  | ...... | .... |


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## APPENDIX L.



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Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals

|  | Name of Village. <br> 9 | No. of Group. <br> 8 | By Former Bettlement. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Meximam rates. |  |  | Dry-orop. |  |  | Rice. |  |  | Garden. |  |  | Total. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Dry- crop. ¢ | Rice, | Garden. | Area. <br> $\rho$ | Asbebsment. 8 | Ave- <br> rage. <br> 9 | Area. | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { Absers. } \\ \text { ment. } \\ 11\end{gathered}$ | Average. | Ares. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Assegs- } \\ \left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { ment. } \\ 14 \end{array}\right\| \end{gathered}$ | Average. <br> 16 | Axes, 16 | Ábsebs mont. | Average. 18 |
| 1 9 0 | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Khasbeg } & . . . \\ \text { Badeas } & . . . \\ \text { Belvatiti } & . . .\end{array}$ | III | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Re. a. } \\ 1 & 14 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}$ | Es. | - $\quad$.. | 107 1.719 1.849 | 18. 14. 688 680 | $\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 \\ 0 & 8 & 8\end{array}$ | 18 181 189 | Rs. A11 697 468 | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 11 & 4 \\ 8 & 4 & 9 \\ 8 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { P. } \\ \text { M. } 70 \\ \cdots \\ \cdots\end{array}\right.$ | Rs. 9 128 $\cdots$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | 1186 $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8150 \\ & 1,899 \\ & 1,481 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B8. } \\ 656 \\ 1,888 \\ 988 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}9 & 9 & 11 \\ 0 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 10 & 8\end{array}$ |
| - | Total | $\cdots$ | ** |  | ..* | 8,161 | 1,878 | 065 | 898 | 1,466 | 31110 | 71 | 131 | - 1186 | 8,684 | 8,870 | 0198 |

APPENDIX
Effect of Settlement

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on occupied land in inam previously settled villages.

| By Revision Settlement. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percent age increase. <br> 34 |
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| Maximum Rates. |  |  | Dry crop. |  |  | - Rice. |  |  | Garden. |  |  | Total. |  |  |  |
| Dry crop. 19 | Bice. 80 | Garden. | Area. -8 in | Absess- menti- ms | Ave- rage. isi | Area, 25 |  | Average. <br> 97 | Aras. 18 | Assesg- ment. g9 | A varage. | Area, 81 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Assess- } \\ \text { ment: } \\ 50\end{gathered}\right.$ | Average. |  |
| $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs.a. } \\ 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 81 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | Re. a 15 0 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{r} 108 \\ 1,718 \\ 1,968 \end{array}$ | 188. 181 458 884 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 78 \\ 181 \\ 139 \end{array}$ | R8. 514 568 598 | 198 4 5 10 | M. 90 <br> *8 <br> ** | Rs. <br> 188 <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}11110 \\ \cdots \\ \cdots\end{gathered}\right.$ | 860 1,883 1.461 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs. } \\ 767 \\ 1,500 \\ 868 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}5 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 10 & 9 \\ 0 & 10 & 8\end{array}$ | +16.9 -9.19 -9.54. |
| - | - ${ }^{-}$ | . ${ }^{+\prime}$ | \$,169 | 885 | 048 | 389 | 1,871 | 412 | $\cdots$ | 189 | 11111 | 8,624 | 8.890 | 01910 | -1.74 |
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L (Proposals in one village not previously settled).


## APPENDIX M.

Population and area and assessment of Government unoccupied land, Belgaum Taluka.


APPENDIX M-continued.


## APPENDIX M-concluded.



List of Survey Numbers which have ceased to be irrigated from pats in the Belgaum Taluka.

M. WEBB,

Assistant Settlement Officer, Belgaum.

## APPENDIX N.

Papers relating to revision settlement of the inam villages of Badas and Belwati. No. 905 of 1895.

Deccan' Survey Superintendent's Office,
Poona 9 th August 1895.
From

## The SUPERINTENDENT, Deccan Revenue Survey;

 ToTex SURVEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit, for your consideration, proposals for the revised settlement of two inam villages, Badas and Belwati, situated in the Belgaum taluka.
2. Both villages came under original settlement in 1871-72, and under revision in 1890-91. The authority under which revision was undertaken is Government Resolution No. 8732 dated 28th October 1885.
3. The revision operations of measurement and classification were conducted on the partial system, and were commenced and finished in the field season of 1890-91.
4. The resalt of the revision measurement as regards changes in the division of land is that 302 old survey numbers with an area of 3,465 acres have become 343 new survey numbers comprising an area of 3,505 acres.
5. The result of the revision measurement for the two villages, as contrasted under every head with that of the original survey, is as follows:-

| , | Desoription.$1$ |  |  | Original burvey. <br> 2 | Revision survey.$3$ | Difference |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | More. | Less. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 5 |
| Dry crop ... |  |  | ..: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aores. } \\ & \mathbf{8 , 0 4 9} \end{aligned}$ | Aores. <br> 3,052 | Acres. 3 | Acres. |
| Garden . $\quad .$. | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Rice | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 280 | 321 | 41 | ... |
|  | ... | ... |  | 136 | 182 | ... | 4 |
| Total ... |  |  |  | 9,465 | 8,505 | 44 | 4 |

The difference between the old and new total is only 40 acres which is so trifling as to need no special comment.
6. As regards classification, out of a total of 343 old survey nambers 122 were re-classed. The numbers re-classed show a percentage of 35.5 of the total numbers and of 29.6 of the total acres.
7. The two villages are contiguous, and lie south-west of Belgaum about ten or twelve miles distant. Their circumstances as regards climate, markets and communications are similar to those of the Government villages surrounding them, which have been reported on in detail under all these heads when the revised settlement proposals were submitted for them in 1887 and I therefore need do no more than to solicit a

Government Selection CCXV, new series. reference to the previous report. The information peculiar to the villages will be found fully given in the various appendices attached to this report. From these it will be seen that the general progress of the two villages during the expired lease has been altogether satisfactory, that the present assessment has apparently been collected without difficulty, as there have been no remissions, and in the case of one village no outstandings, and in the other only some trifling outstandings, all of which have occurrea during the last eight years.
8. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that a small enhancement of the assessment, such as has been made in the neighbouring Government villages, will not be unreasonable. The adjacent villages have all come under revised settlement and I have therefore, under standing orders, to propose the same rates for these two villages as are now in force in the Government ones. These rates are Re. 1 for dry crop and Rs. 7 for rice land. These are the rates (with the exception of the rate for rice in Belgondi

- 1456-19
which is Rs. 9) sanctioned for the Government villages of Belgondi on the north, Karla and Kinys on the east, Morab on the soath, and Tudiya on the west. It will be sean that two villages-Yalebail on the north and Baknur on the south-are also contiguous to the villages ander report, and that these were rated at revision at 14 annas for dry crop, and for rice the first at Rs. 8 and the second at Rs. 6. These rates are not applicable to the two villages onder report, the old rating of which is the same as that of the 4 villages mentioned above as being on their three sides, viz., 14 annas for dry crop, and Rs. 7 for rice, whilst the old rates for Yalebail and Baknar were 12 annas for dry crop and Rs. 8 and 6 for rice respectively. For the explanation of the reason why the rate now proposed for the rice is the same as the original one, I would refer you to the concluding part of paragraph 37 of the settlement report on the Belgaum taluka.

9. There is no garden land in the two villages.
10. The estimated result of the proposed settlement is constructed below with the present assessment under every head :-

11. The total percentage enhancement amounts to $31 \cdot 1$. The incidence of the old assessment on an acre of occupied land is Re. 0-7-0; by the proposed rates it will be Re. 0-9-3. On the rice land alone, the incidence of the old assessment is Rs. 2-8-9 and the new incidence will be Rs. 3-4-6. With reference to this increase which may create surprise without explanation, as the old and new rates are the same, I may mention that new rice has been assessed at the same rates as the old, and that the increase is partly due to this cause, and also to difference in the calculation tables used formerly and now to work ont the assessment.
12. I have in conclusion only to recommend that the period of the lease of the proposed settlement should be gasranteed to expire with that of the talaka, which will be in 1917-1918.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obdient servant,
W. S. TURNBULL,

Superintendent, Deccan Revenue Survey.

APPENDIX A.
Details of cultivation and crops in the two inam villages of the Belgaum taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate.
Average of five years from 1886-87 to 1891-92.


APPENDIX B.
Detail of Population.


The upper line of figures is that of the previous settlement.
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APPENDIX $C$.
Statement showing the Agricultural stock of the two inam villages in the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate during the year 1892-93.


APPENDIX D.

Statement showing wells, Budkis, Tank and other sources of water-supply in the two


Abstract.

inam villages of the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate for the years 1891-92.


## APPENDIX E.

Revenue Statement for one Inam Village Belwati situated in the Belgaum Taluka of the Belgaum Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1871-72. The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.


## APPENDIX E ${ }^{1}$.



## APPENDIX F.

Effect of Revision Seltement proposals on Government occuppied land.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{1}}$

Showing area of villages for settlement, with details.


No. S.-1983 of 1895.
Poona, 20th August 1895.
Reply to letter No. 905, dated 9th August 1895, from the
Superintendent, Deccan Survey.,
These proposals relate to the revision survey settlement of two* inam villages of the Belgaum taluka, the Government villages of which were
${ }^{\text {P1 }}$ 1. Radas. $\quad$ revised in 1887 under Government Resolution No. 6236 of 15th
. September.
2 The rates proposed correspond with those which have been applied to the adjoining British villages. They result in an increase of 33 and 29 per cent. respectively in Belvati and Badas and are hereby sanctioned. The guarantee may be given so as to expire with that of the taluka as proposed by you.

> J.' W. P. MULR-MACKENZIE,
> Survey Commissioner and Director, Jand Records and Agriculture.

# Below Report No. S. S. R.-101, dated 7th January 1918, from the <br> Assistant Setllement Officer, Belgaum. 

## No S. R. V.-19.

Camp viâ Belgaum, 20th May 1918.
Forwarded, with compliments, to the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.
2. The Collector regrets the delay that has occurred in forwarding this report; the delay is due to pressure of much other work and also to a desire to make some inquiries in the Chandgad Mahal before submitting the report.

3 Mr . Webb, who has made the proposals for the second revision settlement of the Belgaum Taluka, has had revenue charge of the taluka since 1915. As he remarks in his report, the settlement of the talluka presents many difficulties owing to the variations in climate, rainfall and soil which are found between Bagewadi on the eastern boundary of the taluka and Pilne on the west. These variations necessitate a large number of classes both for dry-crop and rice cultivation. Theformer revision settlement provided twelve groups with different rates of assessment for dry-crop cultivation. Mr. Webb proposes to reduce this number to nine.
4. Mr. Webb's report introduces an innovation in that he has attempted to devise a common standard of comparison between all villages in the táluka by deducing the letting value of land classed as eight-anna land in each village from the average letting value of those lands in each village which have been actually leased in the past five years. He has only used this method for testing the correctness of his grouping and while admitting that in many villages the number of leases available is too small to make the resultant figures representative of the lands of each particular village, he claims that the results are a valuable test of accuracy when comparing the conditions of neighbouring villages in the same or different assessment groups.

In the Collector's opinion the resilts arrived at are defective especially in the case of dry-crop lands for the following reasons; that it is doubtful whether the lands for which rental statistics are available can be accepted as typical of all the lands in the village : if they are not, then the rental value of eight-anna land arrived at is inaccurate : that usually lands which are leased are the property of absentee or non-agricultural landlords and are more valuable than the ordinary land in the village : that in the western villages of the Belgaum Táluka dry-crop land that is not favourably situated is usually left fallow every alternate year and on poorer lands for three out of four years and that even when cultivated it produces nachni the first year only followed by crops of sawa and til, which are of descending grades of value. Mr. Webb has, it is true, endeavoured to allow for fallows, but the method adopted by him appears an inadequate allowance for the fallows that are necessary in the red-soil groups: lastly the method of calculation being based on the assessment reproduces any fault that may lie in the assessment.
5. The revision settlement proposals result in an increase of Rs. 36,955 , being an addition of 27.53 per cent. over the assessment fixed by the settlement of 1887, the average rate of assessment being raised from Rs. 1-1-3 to Rs. 1-6-0 per acre.

By the proposals out of the 133 villages the dry-crop maximum assessment. is increased in 99 villages, reduced in 24 and remains unchanged in 10 . The rice crop maximum assessment is increased in 120 villages; reduced in 2 and remains unaltered in 11. The total assessment will be increased by over 45 per cent. in 8 villages.

Mr. Webb justifies the proposed increase by the rise in the value of rice, jowari and nachni during the period of the expiring settlement, the market price in Belgaum of rice having risen 33, that of jowari 35 and that of nachni 40 per cent., in value, and by the high rents realized for rice lands generally and particularly in
groups 3 and 5 ; he also considers that some villages notably those in the Kini Karyat were lightly assessed at the first revision settlement.

The villages in which a reduction of assessment is proposed lie to the south of the táluka proper bordering on Khanapur Taluka, the population has suffered from malaria and the village lands being largely interspersed anong forest lands are subject to ravages of wild pig.
6. When the last settlement was prepared, the railway through Belgaum had only just been completed. Although it does not pass through many villages in the Táluka, the railway has exercised a great influence on the táluka's principal market Belgaum and through Belgaum on all its smaller markets: the gradual rise in the price of jowari and rice and the absence of great fluctuations in the price of food grains following on a good or bad season are directly attributable to the railway.

No special improvement in road communications can be pointed to as having occurred since the last settlement but the roads that then existed have been improved and conveyance of goods by pack bullock has almost entirely given place to cart-traffic.

On the other hand the taluka has in the last twenty years suffered severely from plague and unfortunately there seems every likelihood of plague recurring annually though the mortality may decrease as facilities for inoculation increase. No great improvement in methods of cultivation has taken place during the last thirty years, indeed it is doubtful whether better crops of rice can be produced by any other system of cultivation than that practised whilst without better supplies of manure the laterite soil on which most of the dry-crop cultivation is carried on cannot be made more productive.

It is a common complaint that the rainfall of recent years has been more unseasonable than in former years, the rainy season has been late in setting in and consequently the rice-cultivating season has been set back. The rainfall figures for Belgaum and Chandgad support this theory. For the last ten years the average rainfall from 11 th April to 4th June has decreased in comparison with that for the two preceding periods of ten years.

The decrease in livestock since the commencement of the last settlement is perhaps partly due to the disuse of the pack-bullock; it is also due to the prevalence of cattle disease in the Chandgad Mahal between 1912 and 1914 ; other contributing causes may be the increased area of hilly land in the vicinity of Belgaum reserved for grass both for military and commercial purposes and the enforcement of stricter grazing rules by the Forest Department.

The increase of fallows is probably due to the growing sterility of the light stony soils of the uplands in the groups situated west of Belgaum. The soil is every year impoverished by the detrition due to the heavy rainfall whilst the reserves of tree growth available for the burning of rab are steadily diminishing. In the poorest lands a crop of nachni followed by a crop of sawa is all that can be obtained in each cycle of eight years; even on lands that are not sloping a til crop in the third year, which provides little more than the assessment, is all that the land can produce in the same period besides the nachni and one sawa crop. The grass produced during the fallow years is of poor quality and the cultivator seldom cuts and stores it.
7. While therefore the condition of the more fertile villages has undoubtedly improved during the last thirty years, the state of the outlying villages in the hilly country to the west is but little better than it was. Their people are still among the most ignorant and impoverished inhabitants of this District, such of their lands as have any real productive value being often mortgaged to moneylenders. The enhancement of the price of rice or nachni brings little benefit to the man who requires all that his land can produce for feeding himself and his family.

At the present time, although the prices of jowari and rice are abnormally high, nearly 60 per cent. above normal, on account of the conditions due to the great war now being waged, this advantage to the cultivator who has surplus produce to sell is to some extent discounted by the enhanced cost of many things
required for his agricultural operations such as iron. Cloth, salt and oil have all risen largely in price, the daily wages of labourers in the more productive tracts of the taluka are seldom less than eight annas. No one can predict with confidence how long this state of things will last. In fixing a settlement for thirty years, however, the existing conditions, even if they prove eventually to be temporary should not be ignored nor mest the possible profits that the war prices may bring to some fortunate land owners be allowed to outweigh the difficulties which the small land owner cultivating his own holding now has to face.
8. The Collector agrees with Mr. Webb's grouping and rates in groups 1, 2, 6 and 9.

In group 3 he considers that the rates for rice lands are rather high in the following cases :-

Belgaum.-The maximum rate is raised from Rs. 12 to 15 . Mr. Webb can justify the increase by pointing to the rentals shown in the appendix H-1 of leases which average over 28 rupees per acre; on the other hand leases of rice lands in neighbouring villages such as Muchandi and Dhamne are nearly as high. The rice lands of Belgaum have suffered for several successive years from damage from rice-hoppers. In 1917 many land owners paid Rs. 2 per acre to meet the cost of netting the hoppers : though large numbers were netted, experience of past years does not lead to the hope that the netting is more than a temporary remedy. The hoppers affect the rice-lands east and north-east of the town and are not found in any numbers in the adjacent villages. The Collector considers that the maximum rate should not exceed Rs. 14.

Mr. Webb proposes to raise the maximum rate in five villages from Rs. 8 to 12 and in one from Rs. 9 to 12 per acre. The Collector agrees with this proposal in the cases of Kanbargi and Muchandi. Dhamne is further away and has not particularly good communication with Belgaum but its lease figures and area under double crop ( 55 per cent. of the rice area) warrant the rise.

Hindalge, Kangrali and Mannur have a much smaller area under double crop, 25,38 and 5 per cent. of the rice area; the sales recorded in the two former villages show much lower prices than those for Muchandi and Kanbargi and their rentals are much less than those for Muchandi. The rental and sale figures for Mannur represent very small areas and are not in the Collector's opinion representative. It is proposed that the maximum rate'should be lowered to Rs. 11 in the case of these three villages and that the maximum rate should be raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 11 for Kudchi and Nilji. These have areas of 70 and 76 per cent. of the rice area under double crop and both are nearer to Belgaum than Kanbargi and Muchandi. The result of these proposals would result in a total reduction of Rs. 984 in the proposed assessment for this group.
9. Group 4 is a composite.group made up out of various villages not considered suitable for grouping with the villages, with which they are now combined. Mr. Webb has added Nandihalli and Nagenhatti from group 6 as he found that they had some black soil as well as red soil land. In Nagenhatti 65 acres were under cotton in 1916-17 in Nandihalli 10. Also the leases for dry-crop lands in Nandihalli show a high rate compared with the assessment. At the same time the proposed increase of dry-crop maximum assessment by 10 annas per acre is high for these two villages. In Nandihalli the'area under ragi in 1916-17 was $71 \cdot 7$ per cent. of that under jowari, in Nagenhatti 28 per cent., but in the adjoining villages of Kanvikarvinkop and Nagerhal the areas under ragi were only 3 and 5 per cent. of those under jowari. It is true that the details of cultivation for Ankalgi more closely approximate those of Nandihalli but this is an argument for the reduction of Ankalgi from this group rather than for raising Nandihalli as Mr. Webb proposes. The lease figures support this proposal. It is proposed that the three. villages should be taken into group 5 which includes the villages that adjoin them on the west and east.
10. It is suggested that the dry-crop maximum rate for group 5 has been fixed too high in order to avoid loss of assessment by reducing the rates for Hulikavi, Badas and Gejpati. This, however, results in an apparent over assessment at the expense of Vaghavade and Santi Bastwad. It is true that the rents in these two villages are above the average of those in other villages of their present group but
fallows are numerous and only 6 acres of land, were cultivated with jowari in Santi Bastwad in 1916-17. If these two villages are to continue in this group, and this seems advisable, the rate must be lowered. It is proposed that the drycrop maximum rate be lowered from Rs. 1-10-0. to Rs. 1-7-0. This will mean a reduction in dry-crop assessment for Ankalgi, Badas, Gejpati and Hulikavi but a moderate increase ip the case of the remaining eight villages. It must be noted that all these villages have their rice rates considerably enhanced.

The financial result of these proposed changes in groups 4 and 5 will be a reduction of Rs. 1,663 in the proposed assessments.
11. In group 7 it is recommended that the maximum rice rate should be reduced to Rs. 10. Only a small proportion of the rice land in these villages produces a second crop of lentils, whilst in group 6 the proportion is considerably the larger. It is true that the villages in group 6 are closer to the Belgaum-Vengorla road but Daddi for rice is probably as good a market as Belgaum and Daddi is nearer the villages in group 6. The effect of this proposal will be a reduction in the proposed assessment of this group by Rs. 338.
12. In group $\overline{8}$ it is recommended that the dry-crop maximum rate in the case of the twenty villages which now have a maximum rate of 7 annas should only be advanced to 9 annas. The crop statistics for 1916-17 show that 78 per cent. of the area available for dry-crop cultivation in these villages remained fallow, the corresponding figure of fallows for the villages in the present group 12 which are placed by Mr. Webb in group 8 is 68 per cent. The rice rates are being raised considerably by Mr. Webb's proposals. As stated in paragraph 6 of this report, these dry-crop lands are very sterile and it is doubtful if the rise in prices affords any advantage to those who own them. Mr. Webb's figures for leases in this group (appendix H) are discounted by the long fallows necessitated by the barrenness of the soil. If this proposal to form another dry-crop group with a maximum of 9 annas is approved, this will involve a reduction of Rs. 705 in the assessment proposals for the group. It is not proposed to include any of the villages reduced to the last group in this intermediate group, their statistics show that they require the most lenient assessment possible.

The effect of all the changes proposed in Mr. Webb's figures will be a reduction of Rs. $3 ; 690$ leaving an increase on the existing assessment of Rs. 33,265 equal to a percentage of $24: 78$ and an average assessment of Rs. 1-5-7.
13. The Collector agrees with the classification of the Inam villages. The maximum rice rate of Khasbag should be the same as that fixed for Belgaum.
14. Kumri assignments, even when rights to cultivation are secured, have not been recognized under any previous Revenue Settlement: It is not proposed that they should be dealt with in the present Revision Settlement." It is only the Kaim Kumri lands found in four villages of the Taluka that could be dealt with and classification would be a preliminary necessity in this case; the other land over which kumri is practised with permission periodically is included in Government waste.
15. No good reason for departing from the practice of a thirty years' guarantee for the Revision Settlement is apparent.
E. I. SALE,

Collector, Belgaum.

# Below endorsement No. S. R. V.-19 of 20th May 1918 from the <br> Collector of Belgaum. 

No. S. T.-191.
Poona, 17th June 1918.
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, Southern Division.
2. Before coming to the main issue, which is the settlement of the maximum rates and groups, I will touch on a few points which Mr. Webb's report suggests. He has given us an excellent report and has given much care and labour to the details of the settlement, and generally speaking there is very little to criticise in his report. I had the advantage of geeing him at work in Khanapur and discussing his problems.
3. It is specially important to notice the value of land used only for grasscutting or grazing. Those lands which are not rice are to a very great extent used for grass, and it is entirely a mistake to conclude that they therefore have no value to their holders and can pay no assessments except in the years when thay are under crops. The same feature was noted in the Revision Settlement Report (Mr. Disney, paragraph 42). The Government unoccupied waste in even 1887 sold annually for more than its assessment.
4. The Belgaum-Turkewadi road should certainly now be abandoned and replaced by the link to the Vengurla road which the Forest Department is now said to be making.
5. In the population statistics, it is a pity to take the trouble to exclude the inam villages. The number of villages which are inam at one settlement is not the same at the next : and it is better to consider population statistics by solid blocks of country rather than by single villages or classes of villages. The outstanding fact of course is that between 1896 and 1901, plague caused a heavy fall in population, and this loss has not yet been recovered, because, though not quite so virulent, plague has by no means disappeared.
6. It is certainly necessary that a special staff should be now employed to examine and class the newly irrigated land under pats. There is evidently a great deal of this class of irrigation not paying its proper assessment. This is quite different from the assessment of new rice or new garden land converted by its holder's improvement.
7. Mr. Webb stopped his price-graph at 1915. I have now carried it on to 1917, which adds much to its value. Through showing the prices in seers per rupee, a rice of price from an average of 11 seers to an average of about 8 in the case of rice which is a rise of nearly 50 per cent. during the last 20 years looks very little indeed in the table. If the prices were given in rupees per maund, the rise would be far more conspicuous. The question raised about non-agricultural assessments in paragraph 26 (3) has just been settled by R. 819 of 28th January 1918. The notification will be issued in the new form, and will set these difficulties entirely at rest.
8. As to the term of guarantee, I fully subscribe to all the reasons which have hitherto in the placid past dictated the 30 years' settlement. But I think all those reasons are of small validity in the present year. We are in the fourth year of a world-wide war. It has had the most extraordinary effects, as yet uncomprehended and unanalysed; on prices and economics, and what the ultimate effect is going to be, or how long the effects will take to pass away, or how far they will prove permanent, no man can possibly predict. In such circumstances, to guarantee that, come what may, we will not alter the land assessments for 30 years which we now propose to fix with reference mainly to the donditions of the period before the war, is a proceeding of very doubtful wisdom. Of course, if we fix rates which are far too high, it is always open to us, without risk of recrimination from the people, to lover them. But suppose it proves even five years from to-day that the rates we have fixed are impossibly low and that the administration of the country cannot be carried on without heavier taxation (heavier, that is to say, in the number of rupees levied,
though not possibly intrinsically heavier), then are all other taxpayers and all other lands which come under settlement hereafter to bear the burden, in order that the people of talukas now settled may have the benefit of an obstinate and blind-folded guarantee? Either we should reduce the period or we should reserve the right to reconsider the guarantee say, in 10 years' time; the economic upheaval caused by the war may be expected within ten years to have settled down to some definite level, which can then be adequately considered.
9. It is my task rather to review and give my opinion upon the recommendations of Mr. Webb. I do not propose in addition to go over all the observations of the Collector. I must however observe that I do not assent to all his propositions in economics, and particularly as to his paragraph 7. I would stay only to observe that it is the economic rent (that is, the landlord's income as landlord) which we tax, and not the profits of cultivation, which are always left to the cultivator. When the land passes into the possession of moneylenders, our assessment is paid by the moneylender, and not by the "impoverished cultivator." The total abolition of our assessment would make no difference to that cultivator. Then as to the sale of surplus produce, ever since our assessments have been fixed in cash, some portion of the produce must be sold to realise that cash. If the cultivator prefers to work part of the year as a labourer, he may possibly sell the surplus produce of his land destined to pay the assessment to himself for a part of his wages, and pay his assessment thus. But even then a rise in the money value of the surplus out of which he pays the assessment does justify an increase in the assessment in his case : just as in the case of the big landlord who sells his surplus produce to merchants by the ton.
10. When the Collector in paragraph 6 says that he hopes the mortality from plague will decrease "when facilities for inoculation increase," presumably he means rather when willingness to accept inoculation increases. Surely, there is not in Belgaum any deficiency in the facilities?
11. We now come to the consideration of the statistics and rates. The situation is curious. We have a number of $d r y$-crop groups. But the chief crop of the taluka is rice, and there are 9 rice groups ranging down from Rs. 15 to Rs. 5 (new rates). These groups.do not coincide with the dry-crop groups, and there is no map or other means of ascertaining without great difficulty which village is under each rice group. We have to pick these out from Appendix Q of the Revision and Appendix K of the present report. We ought to have also a map of the rice groups, and I have had this prepared and I propose to discuss the rice rating entirely separately (paragraph 21).
12. We have lately heard of the notion promulgated by Mr. M. K. Gandhi in Kaira that it should be left to land-revenue payers to settle for themselves what revenue they should pay or refuse to pay. Fantastio as the principle would be if crudely applied, still in fact it is substantially the basis upon which our land revenue settlements are revised. We base our demand upon the value of land as disclosed in sale-deeds and leases. We first carefully scrutinise these sales and leases, and eliminate all which do not give a fair market value in a free bargain. We then average a large number of these transactions, and upon that basis determine what are the full rents or profits. When two persons sit down to determine a price at which land shall be sold, they are really capitalising the net profits of the land, bringing all their experience and knowledge to the task. Usually they are persons of whom at least one knows the land very well and has actual experience of its profits and defects, while the other knows that if he gives more than the capitalised profit he will himself have to bear all the loss. Now the land is already subject to our (expiring) assesments. Therefore, the sale value capitalises only the profit left after paying our assessment. Likewise the lease value is the rent which accrues to the landlord, from which he tounst deduct and pay our assessment. Now, if our assessment takes half the net profit, after all the expenses of cultivation and maintenance of the cultivator, etc., have been met, then the lease value would be two multiples of the assessment. The sale value would be one multiple of the assessment multiplied by as many years' purchase as the rate of interest the purchaser desires to earn determines. If he is willing to accept

2 per cent., he will pay 50 multiples. If he desires to earn not less than 6 per cent., he would pay $16 \frac{3}{3}$ rd multiples. If he wants 10 per cent., he will pay 10 multiples. In the case of sales, we have to form some conception of the normal standard rate of interest before we can judge whether the land values are high or low. With money at the value it has had of late years before the war, it is a fair assumption to take 4 per cent. as the least rate investors would accept. If therefore we find the sale multiples exceed 25 , then plainly the land is not assessed upto the full standard of half the net profit. Even though the multiples drop below 16, still that does not fully prove that the assessment is too high but the rate of interest expected may exceed 6 per cent., but at 16 or less we should certainly say that the assessment was not capable of being raised.
13. In paragraph 14 in his discussion of leases, Mr. Webb has not made quite clear what is his method of dealing with inam lands. In the case of a lease of inam land, the gross rent would bear to the assessment (not the judi) the same ratio as for any'other land, and the lease multiple is not affected. In sales, the purchaser of Inam land buys not only the surplus profit above the assessment, but also the capitalised alienation. This capitalised alienation (Nuksan) should therefore be deducted from the price before the multiple of the assessment is calculated. If these adjustments are applied, inam land becomes just as useful for our statistical purposes as any other. It is a pity Mr. Webb has not made it clear exactly how he used the inam land figures.
14. Mr. Webb has worked out an ingenious addition of what he calls an 'index-number' to unify the statistics of all groups. What he means is this : If in one group with an assessment of $\mathbf{x}$ we find the lease or sale value is a certain multiple, we cannot directly compare that with the multiple we find in another group, because there the assessment is y. Moreover, land differs in classification. All the land sold in one village or group may have been of high classification, while all sold in another may have been of low classification. He therefore points out that when we find a certain multiple in a certain village or group, subject to the same maximum assessment, it means that land of all degrees of classification has sold for a certain multiple of the actual assessment. Since the assessment of land is sufficiently proportionate to its quality, it therefore follows that if that land had been assessed at the maximum rate for 16 -anna land, then it would have sold frr the same multiple of the maximum assessment as was realised upon the actual assessment. More plainly, if 100 acres of land of various classifications sells or leases for 22 multiples of the assessment, then if the maximum rate per acre in that group had been Rs. 5 for 16 -anna land, then 16 -anna land would sell or lease for Rs. 110 per acre. So far I think he is quite justified. The gradation of assessment according to quality of land is not perfect, and not strictly harmonical : but it is reasonably near, and no amount of corsory inspection and examination or theorising could possibly get nearer than our survey and classification operations have got. Mr. Webb therefore says that if the rent multiple is multiplied by the maximum rate, we get the annual agricultural profit of the best land, and he therefore proposes to take half that product as representing a full fair standard maximum rate. He conld also take the sale-multiples and divide by the standard number of year's purchase and add unity; and that would give him the lease multiple for the same land for reinforcing his lease statistics.
15. Mr. Webb has not calculated his index also from the sale statistics. I have done so for several batches of villages and it is remarkable how well Mr. Webb's sale multiples tally with his lease multiples if a reasonable assumption as to the year's purchase is made. Thus:-

| Group 1 Rice. |  | Mr. Webh's Leare maltiple. | Lease multiple deduced from <br> Mr. Webb's sale multiple. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Appendix $G$. | Appendix H . |
|  | ... | $3 \cdot 42$ | 3.74 (at 4 per cent.) |
| , III | ... | $4 \cdot 06$ | $3 \cdot 6$ |
| Sindoli and Kudchi | ... | $2 \cdot 7$ | $2 \cdot 8$ |
| Group ILI | ... | $5 \cdot 54$ | 5.1 (at 5 per cent.) |
| " VI | ... | 41 | 3.7 (at 6 per cent.) |

Taking the lowest multiples, Kudchi and Sindoli, if the full lease value is 2.7 times the existing assessment, then the best land in those villages would lease for $9 \times 2 \cdot 7$, or 24.3 and therefore the full standard maximum rate should not exceed $12 \cdot 15$.
16. The method is ingenious; it eliminates the variable quality of the land which has actually come into the market and it eliminates the variable group assessments and enables us to get a standard figure for all groups and all villages, at which the people themselves have assessed the maximum rate. Mr. Webb's 'index' to the proper assessment rate is not affected by any error in the classification as the Collector suggests in paragraph 4. If there be error in the classification, then the sale and lease figures will correct this error by being higher or lower according as the general classification is too low or too high. Mr. Webb therefore will correctly get at the true index to a full standard assessment. To take an extreme case, suppose land is classed at half its proper value over a whole village, then Mr. Webb's index will be doubled and the maximum rate for that village will be raised. Even isolated errors here and there in the classification have the same tendency to correct themselves. Of course, minor-errors and the vagaries of individual sales and leases are eliminated by averaging a substantial number of instances and by the scrutiny applied by the Assistant iettlement Officer.
17. Turning to the dry-crop groups, we must remember that these are the less important of the assessments of the taluka. For the first three groups I have no criticism to offer. Coming to group IV, I find it includes two villages now assessed at Rs. 1-4-0 (Nagenhatti and Nandihalli) which are proposed to be grouped with the remaining villages now assessed at Rs. 1-10-0, and to be raised to the maximum rate of Rs. 1-14-: The Collector does not think these two villages can stand the increase. Turning to their sale and rent'statistics for dry-crop and mixed lands (and excluding rice since this is not in question), I find that the rental multiple for Nagenhatti is 2.03 and 2.4 , while for Nandihalli it ts 4.54 and 2 respectively. These are with one exception low rates, and do not indicate much ability to bear any increase. Turning to the sale statistics, I find 45 and 12 respectively as multiples for 'the dry-crop and 26 and 61 for the mized lands. These show on the whole a capacity to stand some increase but not so great an increase as from Rs. 1-4-0 to Rs. 1-14-0. The area which gives the multiple of 61 is very smull. Ankalgi lies two miles further to the east, and has always been in a different group. Its statistics are more favourable. I support the Collector's view that Nagenhatti and Nandihalli must come down.
18. I next turn to the proposed new group VI which is to consist of part of old group VIII and old group VII. For this new group VI an assessment of Rs. 1-5-0 is proposed instead of the present Re. 1 and Rs. 1-2-0. It comprises what is known as the Kini karyat. Its statistics show that it is the most lightly assessed of the whole taluka, and the most prosperous, and I think there can be no doubt that in assessing it at Rs. 1-5-0 we are taking too little. The question is how can we raise its assessment to a reasonable level? My proposal is to amalgamate it with the proposed new group V which is now proposed to be rated at Rs. 1-10-0, but which I propose should be rated at Rs. 1-8-0. This is the light yellow group reaching from Santi Bastwad to Badas in the east. Mr. Webb has made this group out of fragments. The three villages in the extreme east were assessed at Rs. 1-4-0 and Re. 1. Now the statistics show that these eastern villages were very much overassessed. They all fall within the rice-growing area ; in the forest and hill country in which almost the only "dry-crop" is nachni. We pass with hardly credible suddenness within a few miles from poor rice crop and still poorer nachni in the neighbourhood of .Badas and Holikavi to cotton and juvari at Bagewadi. I do not know of any taluka in which all the statistics and observations go to show so sudden a transition. I am convinced that the three villages just named must come down even below their present rate of Rs. 1-10-0 and should be assessed at Rs. 1-8-0. Then their next neighbours on the west now assessed at Rs. 1-4-0 cannot bear more than Rs. 1-8-0 and the two villages Nagenhalli and Nandihalli under group IV should be added to them. We
should then get a substantial group at Rs. 1-8-0 and adding these to the Kini karyat we get a uniform group occupying a symmetrical position right across the taluka assessed at Rs. 1-8-0 in which the total increase will not exceed 33 per cent. Mr. Webb himself points out that at Rs. 1-5-0 the Kini villages are underassessed, and he did not see his way to surmount the difficulty. I venture to think that this proposal to carry the group right down to Badas gives a satisfactory solution.
19. Next we come to groap VIII. Here too we find that as we go east, the group deteriorates, though on the extreme west one or two villages are below the average, probably on account of the long distance from Belgaum and the Railway. Whatever the cause may be, we have the result that there is a cluster of villages from Chandgad southwards, which is very much better in all respects than the rest of Mr. Webb's group VIII. See the rent and sale statistics of the following 14 villages:-

| 1. | Chandgad. | 8. | Shipur. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 亿. | Umgaon. | 9. | Nandvade. |
| 3. | Kolindri. | 10. | Sulaye. |
| 4. | Jambre. | 11. | Hambere. |
| 5. | Gulavde. | 12. | Nhavli. |
| 6. | Patne. | 13. | Nagve. |
| 7. | Asgaon. | 14. | Adure. |

They are conspicuously better in all respects than the rest of group VIII. Some of them were in the old 7 -anna group, and some were in the 9 -anna group, while Mr. Webb pats them all at 11 annas. This in my opinion is insufficient, and they should be amalgamated with the light green villages of group VII at Re. 1. But that would be an increase of approximately 100 per cent. and therefore we must be content with the 11 annas which Mr. Webb now proposes. At the last settlement these villages were given so low a rate as 7 annas. Thirty-three per cent. increase does not permit us to go above $9 \frac{1}{2}$ annas, but by including villages from higher groups, 11 annas is proposed and I fear we shall have to be content with it, though the Changad group is very greatly underassessed. The Collector, I am surprised to see, proposes that the dry-crop rate for these Chandgad villages should not be advanced above 9 annas, on the ground chiefly that most of their dry-crop lands are fallow. But Mr. Webb has shown that even though the lands may grow grass only, still they have a very distinct value, as has been discussed above; and Mr. Disney has pointed out in 1887 that much of the so-called dry-crop land in these villages is really rab-cutting land assessed at the nominal rate of much less than one anna per acre, because of its very low classification; and after all the sale and lease values show overwhelmingly that there is no need to put them in a lower group with assessment at 9 annas in order to avoid the proposed increase of more than 33 per cent. in these villages. What Mr. Webb proposes is not to be avoided; but rather I would certainly increase this cluster if it were possible; I entirely concur in the reduction of the villages round about Nittur and Shinginkop; though now assessed at Re. 1 and $1 \frac{1}{4}$, they are very plainly overassessed for dry-crop and should certainly come down to 11 annas.
20. Thus as to the dry-crop groups, I accept Mr. Sale's proposals as to Nagenhatti and Nandihalli. I propose to amalgamate groups V (so enlarged) with VI at an intermediate rate of Rs. 1-8-0, and so satisfy Mr. Webb's objection that Kini karayat is underassessed and I support Mr. Webb's group VIII, though the Chandgad locality is still under-assessed.
21. Since rice is the principal crop of the taluka and the rice lands are assessed at least 4 to 6 times as highly as the dry-crop lands, it is very undesirable to mix up the consideration of the rice rates with the dry-crop (see paragraph 11 above). We also have under the Record of Rights and the careful scrutiny of documents made by Mr. Webb a distinct and important body of statistics for rice land alone, which must not be ignored. I therefore have had two maps prepared to show the old 1887 rice groups and those which Mr. Webb now proposes. Broadly speaking, I concur with his proposals. I have spent a
great deal of time in analysing his groups and checking the sale and leases statistics of all the villages therein. Where however my calculations lead me to the same conolusion with Mr. Webb, I have decided to say nothing in elaboration of his report, except so far as the Collector's counter proposals need notice. I then deal with the rice groups thus :-

Group 'I. -One village formerly Rs. 12, now proposed Rs. 15, coloured crimson. The Collector thinks it is too high. On the contrary, I think the rate might ever be Ris. 16. It is quite true that the land has suffered from rice-hoppers. But all this is fully discounted in the sale. and lease statistics. The proposed rate is quite moderate and should stand.

Group II.-Six villages coloured green, proposed rate Rs. 12. This consiṣts of five villages raised from Rs. 8 and one (Kanbargi) from Rs. 9. They can all stand the increase well. We have statistics of sales and leases covering more than 200 acres of pure rice land in the six villages. The lease multiple is $4 \%$. The sale multiple 65.08 . Assuming (for the near neighbourhood of Belgaum) that investors are satisfied with a return not exceeding 4 per cent. (the statistics relate mostly to the years just before the war), then dividing $65 \cdot 08$ by 25 we get 4.6 as the capitalise 1 nett return after deducting the assessment; to which we add one assessment and get 3.6 as the corresponding lease multiple (which indicates that investors actually expected a little over 4 per cent.). Even the lower of these rates fully justities a 12 Rs. maximum rate. The Collector proposes the reduction of part of this group to Rs. 11, but I cannot see sufficient ground to support this.

Group III,-The 29 villages, coloured purple, rate now proposed Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$. The average lease multiple of the group is 5.54 and the multiple deduced from the sale figures (with an investing rate of 5 per cent.) is $5 \cdot 1$. The villages can easily stand Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$. Eighteen villages of the Kini Karyat are raised from$7 \frac{1}{9}$ which gives an increase of 40 per cent. What I have said about the drycrop group applies to the rice group also. Even wilh 40 per cent. increase, they are plainly underassessed. Five villages round about Tadsinhal on the Vengurla road are even raised 50 per cent. from Rs. 7. But all these increases are fully justified by the statistics. The Collector proposes a reduction to 10 because of a supposed deficiency of second crop. But this also is fully taken into account in the sales and leases by which as I have already explained the people assess themselves.- But Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$ will be quite a moderate rate.

Group IV.-Thirty-three villages, proposed rate Rs. 10, coloured red. This group consists of Bagewadi and 5 -villages in the south-east, formerly rated at Ris. 9. There are practically no statistics for these villages; because there is no rice area of any consequence. The increase is negligible. The bulk of the group comos out of the old purpls group at Rs. 8, with a cluster of villages round about Santi-bastwad, formexly rated at Rs. 7. All of these villages can very well stand tine proposed rate of Rs. 10. The only controversy is about the two villages Kudchi and Sindholi. The Collector urges that Kudchi should be rated at Rs. 11 ; if so, sindholi must go with it. I think it should be rated at Rs. 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ certainly, and might even go into the green group at Rs. 12, where it belongs by its position : with it must go Sindholi. The average lease and sale multiples, assuming a return if 4 per cent. as already assumed for other villages close to Belgaum, is 23, and this would justify a maximum rate not exceeding Rs. 12k. When we consider their position with reference to the 15 Rs. group, I think there is no doubt both Kudchi and Sindholi should be rated at Rs. 12.

Group V.-A long straggling group of 33 villages, proposed rate Rs. 9, coloured brown. Twenty-eight of these villages come from the old Rs. 7 proup. These comprise chietly the Chandgad cluster in the upper valley of the Tamraparni on which I have commented already. It is proposed to raise this $\&$ roup from Rs. 7 to Re. 9 , only $\pm 8 \% 6$ per eent. upon ti $e$ rice lands. But the statistics show that this group of vilages is greatly underassessed; we find here the highest multiples in the whole taluka. It is difficult to calculate the aggregate increase when the increase in the dry-crop and rice lands have to be taken together at different rates. At any rate, the rice assessment is the more important, and I an satisfied that these 28 villages should be rated at

Rs, 10 , joining the red group. We then come to four villages of whioh tha lease multiplea are-

| Aggaon | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5.22 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Patne | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5.06 |
| Nandvade | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 6.24 |
| Shirpur | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 3.86 |

These villages are now rated at Rs. 8. It is proposed to include them in group $V$ at Rs. 9 only, an increase of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Though their sale statistics are not so good as the lease figures, they relate only to a few gunthas. These villages could very well go into the purple $10 \frac{1}{g}$ group. They are not inferior to the five villages which have been raised by Mr. Webb from Rs. 8 to Rs. 12 out of the same original gr , up. I would therefore either raise 32, villages of group $V$ to Rs, 10 or if not, then at least the Asgaon cluster to Rs. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. But there is one village which cannot share this elevation : Hajgoli formerly assessed at Rs. 6 is now proposed for inclusion in this group at Rs. $9_{w}$ and on the figures it can just stand this 50 per cent. increase, but it is rathev strained and I think Rs. 8 would be a fair assessment. It should go down into, the next group.
22. In view of the rail and road communication and its statistics, I think the cluster round about Nittur, Idalhond, etc., which has been let off very lightly in dry-crop rating, can well stand a rice rate of Rs. 10, which I propose for the rest of group V. The Belgaum rice grouping is influenced chiefly by communications. I think we attach too much weight to this point. When rice has been prepared for market as paddy and is lodged upon a cart, it makes really very little difference in the prufits of an acre, whether the distance to be travelled is 2 miles or 20 , and whether the road is good or bad. Distance from market would much affect the value of vegetables grown as irrigated or second crops, and fruit, and so on, but it has practically no bearing upon rice. When we give Belgaum the highest rate and the isolated forest-girt villages in the south-west the lowest rate, it is really in deference to competition for the land and the rate of interest the landholder reasonably expects to earn in such remote tracts.

Group VI.-Proposed rate Rs. 8, 9 villages enclosed in double red lines. This consists of two villages out of the old 7 Rs. group, four villages irom 6 Rs. and 3 from the old dark blue group at 5 Rs. These 3 increased 60 per cent. can easily bear the increment, and the four villages from the 6 Ks group. which are part of the Chandgad valley are still underassessed at Rs, 8. However, I propose the group should remain as Mr. Webb has pat it.

Group. VII.-One village only, proposed at Rs. 7, coloured dark blue. This is a poor village. I see no object in having a group of one village. It should go down inato group. VIII and enjoy a reduction of Re. 1 in its maximuma, nate.

Group WIII.-Nine villages, proposed rate Rs. 6, coloured umber. Two of these out of old Rs. 7 group might possibly bear a rather higher rate. But Mr. Webb has seen them and describes Morab as "wretched." The other villages of the south-west and Bailur, etc., all seem poor. The group nay stand.

Group IX.-Proposed rate Rs.' 5, coloured yellow. Three villages. very poor and isolated in the extreme south-west are reduced by Re. 1 from the old rate Rs. 6. Three villages, Kokti, etc., are raised from Rs. $4 \frac{1}{8}$ to 5 and one Kolik from Rs. 4 to 5 . Prob bly the rice lands in these villages are just as productive as those in the Rs. 10 group, but the remote situation and the isolating effect of surrounding forest and hills depress land values and oblige us to accept very moderate rates. Mr. Webb uas emphatic upon the substantial increment in land values conferred by good roads ; he had plotted figures on his map showing how the high values radiated from and along the roads. This is no doubt true, but I think it is a mistake to regard this as due only to the saving in costs of cartage to market; it is far more due to the set of fashion
and demand for landed investments which is determined by railways and good roads for passenger vehicles.
23. To sum up, I propose to reduce the rice groups from 9 to 7 in number by amalgamating IV and V, and also VII and VIII; one village of V to go down into VI. [If JV and $V$ are not amalgamated, then at the least there are four villages out of group $V$ which should be raised to group III and 4 in group VI which should be raised to group $V$ as already indicated.] I much prefer the amalgamation of IV and V completely. We then get a solid block of twothirds of the taluka rated at Rs. $10 \frac{1}{3}$ and 10 and this might be made into single group at next revision. It is only just near Belgaum and the Railway that we have a few villages rated higher, and only in the isolated ghat country that we have three groups rated at Rs. 8,6 and 5 according to my proposals. It will be seen that $I$ differ from Mr. Webb only as to the rating of $V$ and two villages Kudchi and Sindoli in group IV, with the trivial adjustment of Hajgoli and Katgali. I have had to devote much space to these rice groups because Mr . Webb has left them completely buried in his dry-crop groups whereby their relative importance is reversed.

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2. The current settlement of the taluka was introduced in the year 1887-88 by Government Resolution No. 6236 of 15th Septewber 1837 and will expire on 31st July 1918. By Government Order No. 9747 of 10th October 1916 Mr . Webb was appo nted Assistant Settlement Officer for a period of one year for the talukas of Belgaum and Khanapur in addition to his ordinary duties as $\Lambda$ ssistant Co lector of these two talukas. Mr. Webb did the inspection in the touring season of 1:116-17 and has submitted the report on 7th January 1918.
3. The report shows that the agricultural condition of the taluka has increased in prosperity during the current settlement. The total area of unoccupied land has diminished by about 10 per cent.
4. Communications.-The Southern Mahratta Railway was opened in the last settleinent and after the settlement report was written on 14th February 1887. The line from Belgaum to Londa was opened on 21st March 1887 and that from Belgaum to Miraj on 22nd December 1887. There has therefore been a very considerable improvement in communications since the rates were last fixed as the district is now in touch with Poona and the sea.
5. Agricultural stock.-The increase of agricultural stock since 1909 is satisfactory and it is gratifying to learn that the number of important agricultural stock is larger now than in any year for the last 21 years.
6. Sources of irrigation.-These have increased from 108 to 545, i.e., by 500 per cent.
7. Prices have risen by 35 to 50 per cent.
8. Area under rice has increased from 21,000 acres to 33,000 acres, nachna from 400 to 10,000 , cotton from 1,400 to 4,000 and sugarcane from 450 to 575 . This shows the prosperity of the taluka in a very striking manner.
9. The taluka is very fortunate in rainfall. The average during the settlement is 53.19 at Belgaum and 1.1636 at Chandgad (iv the west) against the average of $47 \cdot 33$ of 9 years at Belgaum and $96 \cdot 49$ of 6 years at Chandgad.
10. Co-operative Societies.-Twelve co-operative societies have been formed, the number of members being 1,392 and the money invested Rs. 1,29,977.
11. Agricultural improvements.-An agricultural farm within easy reach has been established in the neighbouring taluka of Gokak and the experiments there will be to the advantage of the cultivatirs of wet land in this taluka. An Agricultural Association has been established in Belgaum and an agricultural implement depot opened in 1915. Implements of the value of Rs. 3,162 were sold frou this depot in 1916-17 to the cultivators in the district.
12. Health.-Much of the loss in population was due to the severity of plague in the early years of its outbreak, the number of victims in the first five years being 13,782. In subsequent years as prejudices declined, evacuation, inoculation and rat-trapping have decreased the mortality. But for plague the taluka has a good record. It is not malarious except to the west and its health is generally good.
13. Wages have risen. An agricultural labourer in his own village gets good wages. The Forest Department has great difficulty in obtaining coolins even at 6 or 7 annas a day. The standard of comfort of the agriculturists has iucreased. As Mr. Webb has stated in his administration report for 1916-17 "looked at from the restricted point of view of the people they are perfectly prosperous."
14. Indebtedness.-The area heldiby agriculturists and non-agriculturists is 143,700 and 18,500 acres respectively. Agriculturists hold 89 per cent of
the total area. No tagai was advanced in 1916-17. It would appear that agriculturists are not heavily indebted.
15. Grouping.-The groupings in the tract are more numerous and complicated than in other talukas, owing to the wide variation in physical features. We have high plains in the north; rich valleys in the centre and ranges of hills and copious rainfall in the west. In the east we have rich black soil. At the original survey there were 18 groups. At the first revision survey these 18 groups were reduced to 12. Mr. Webb reduces them to 9 and Mr . Anderson further reduces them to 8 as. to dry-crop and 7 as. to rice. The Commissioner considers this reduces the number of groups to a minimum at present looking to the varied nature of the country.
16. Subject to the following remarks Mr. Webb's proposals as to rates have the Commissioner's approval.
(1) Dry-crop-Group IV-Rate Re. 1-14.

The Collector proposes to take the two villages of Nandihalli and Nagenhatti of rate Re. 1-4-0 to the next lower group and also one village (Ankalgi) rate $1-10-0$ to that group.

The Settlement Commissioner agrees as to the first two villages and the Commissioner concurs. (The figures of 12 and 45 of sale statistics given by the Settlement Commissioner would appear to be inaccurate, as these figures refer to rice lands. Dry-crop sale figures are 21 and 25.) The percentages of increase in Ankalgi in 21.8 and the statistics of lease ( 3.4 ) and sale value (33.3) are higher than those in Nandi where with a rental figure of 2.6 and sale figure of 18.7 the rate is proposed to be raised from 1-8-0 to 1-14-0. The Commissioner therefore considers that Ankalgi does not require reduction.

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Group V—Rate Re. 1-10.
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The Collector proposes reduction from 1-10-0 to 1-7-0. But the Settlement Commissioner proposes a reduction to $1-8-0$. Both these officers are agreed as to the necessity of reduction and the only point for consideration is whether the.reduction should be to Re. 1-7-0 or 1-8-0. For the reasons given by the Settlement Commissioner for raising the next below group which is admitted to be under-assessed the Commissioner thinks the Settlement Commissioner's rate should be adopted.

Group VI—Rate Re. 1-5.
The Collector agrees with Mr. Webb's proposals. The Settlement Commissioner proposes increase in rate to $1-8-0$.

Average rental value is 5-14-0. Mr. Webb says :-
"The prosperity of this tract is very obvious and is clearly shown in the indices. It is to be accounted for partly by the richness of its black soil which is generally capable of taking a second crop of lentils; but also I think by its situation next to dry-crop lands of Hukeri taluka and by its excellent water supply and unfailing rainfall.
"Judging from the indices these villages would stand a much higher rate of assessment."
In the Commissioner's opinion this group should have a higher rate and the Settlement Commissioner's proposal appears adequate at present.

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Group VIII-Rate Re. 0-11-0.
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The Collector agrees as to 22 villages (old rates 0-9-0 to 1-4-0). He proposes that in 20 villages (with rate of $0-7$ ) the increase should go to $0-8$ and not to $0-11$ as proposed. The Settlement Commissioner does not agree but would rate all the villages in the group at Re. ${ }^{1}$ but for the present accepts Mr. Webb's proposals. Lease statistics justify Mr. Webb's proposals.
17. (2) Rice.-Separate numbers have been given to groups having different rice rates by Mr. Anderson and maps showing groups according to revised numbers accompany.

Group I-Rate Rs. 15.
As to the village (Belgaum) with Rs. 15 rate the Collector says the rate should be Rs. 14 as rice lands in Belgaum have suffered from hoppers; but as
stated by the Settlement Commissioner, arguments that hoppers cause serious damage that impairs the value of the land are considerably discounted by the sale and lease statistics. The landlord gets for a sixteen-anna land Rs. 40 rent per acre. The Commissioner therefore considers the Rs. 15 rate proposed by Mr. Webb should stand. If serious damage by hoppers is proved the cultivators receive suspension and remission under the rules.

Group II-Rate Rs. 12.
In the Rs. 12 rate group the Collector proposes to reduce the rate of Hindalgi, Kangrali and Mannur by Re. 1 (i.e., to Rs. 11) as all these villages have a much smaller area under double crop. The Settlement Commissioner does not see sufficient ground to support this recommendation. The lease statistics for these villages are $3.7,3.6$ and $4 \cdot 2$, i.e., the rent per acre of 16 -anna land is Rs. $29^{\circ} 6,28^{\circ} 8$ and $33 \cdot 6$ respectively. The Commissioner thinks Mr. Webb's rates should stand as the lease figures justify the Rs. 12 rate.

Group III-Rate Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$.
Of the villages rated at Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$, the Collector proposes 10 villages (Mr. Webb's group VII) to be put under Rs. 10 rate. Looking to the lease figures in these villages which are all high the Commissioner does not think any reduction is called for. The Collector's proposal for reduction is based on the fact that a small proportion of rice land in these villages produces a second crop; but this fact is discounted by the lease statistics and all these villages have a situation value to be taken into account as they lie in the neighbourhood of the Belgaum-Vengurla provincial road.

Group IV—Rate Rs. 10.
Rs. 10 rated villages.-(These should be ' 39 and not 33 as stated by Mr. Anderson : 33 must be a clerical error.)

The Collector proposes to raise Kudchi and Nilji to Rs. 11 because they have 70 to 76 per cent of rice area under double orop. The Settlement Commissioner would raise Kudohi to Rs. 10ヶ certainly and even to Rs. 12 but would raise with it Sindoli. He makes no remarks as to Nilji. The lease statistics of Kudchi and Nilji are 3.1 and 3 respectively, i.e., their present rentals per acre of 16 -anna land are Rs. 27.9 and 24 respectively. They can bear an increase upto Rs. $13 \frac{1}{2}$ and 12. It is for consideration whether the rate should be Rs. 10 as proposed by Mr. Webb or Rs. 11 as proposed by the Collector or Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$ or 12 (only for Kudehi) as proposed by the Settlement Commissioner. The Settlement Commissioner does not refer to Nilji at all and refers to Sindoli. This is not understood, as Nilji can, as has been shown above, bear a higher rate and Sindoli cannot as the lease figure for it is $2 \cdot 08$, i.e., the rent is Rs. 187. Nilji and Küdchi can have Rs. 11 as proposed by the Collector.

## Group V-Rate Rs. 9.

The Settlement Commissioner proposes to do away altogether with the group of 33 villages having a maximum rate of Rs. 9. He says he is satisfied that 28 villages would bear Rs. 10 and 4 Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$. He proposes to raise all these 32 villages to Rs. 10 or if not at least to raise 4 villages (of the Asgaon cluster) to Rs. $10 \frac{1}{2}$ group. The remaining village of Hajgoli he proposes to be reduced to the Rs. 8 rate and transferred to the group of that rate. As to Hajgoli the rent is Rs. $22-8$ at the rate of 3.8 of the assessment; and on these statistics the village could bear Mr. Webb's Rs. 9 or even Mr. Anderson's Rs. 10 or $10 \frac{1}{2}$. "Many capitalists," says Mr. Webb, "find it profitable to invest in land and the villages of . . . . Hajgoli are largely in their hands." Of the remainining 32 villages lease statistios for Nittur is 1.2 and for Suliye 2.4 and on these figures these 2 villages do not' seem to be capable of standing any enhanced rate. But these 2 villages must have a better value for their crop on account of their proximity to the made roads-the first the Belgaum-Khanapur road and the second the Here-Chandgad road. Both Here and Chandgad are bazaar villages. As to Nittur it is within fairly easy reach of Belgaum. Mr. Webb says that the index of Nittur is "doubtful." There does not seem to be any objection to putting these villages in the lot with others. The Commissioner is of opinion that all these 33 villages can come under Rs. 10 rate.

## Group VI-Rate Rs. 8.

The group of Rs. 8 rate will stand as it is if Hajgoli is not brought down to this group. There are 8 villages in this group. The figare 9 shown by the Settlement Commissioner is evidently a clerical error.

Group VII-Rate Rs. 7.
The only village in the Rs. 7 rate group, viz., Katgali, is proposed by Mr. Anderson to be taken down to the group of Rs. 6. Lease statistics support this proposal. This should be done.

Groups VIII and IX—Rates Rs. 6 and Rs. 5.
Groups of rates of Rs. 6 and Rs. 5 will stand, the former group only havipg Katgali brought down to it from the Rs. 7 group.
18. The results of these proposals are given in a table appended.

The effect is to raise the land revenue by 27.53 to 28.5 per cent which is well within the prescribed limit. "If assessments are to have the same relation to produce that they did at the beginning of the settlement, they" says Mr. Webb "should be raised by the full 33 per cent." These proposals are therefore on the side of moderation.
19. Patasthal.-Mr. Webb's proposal that the maximum rate should be increased by 4 annas in the rupee to Rs. 10 is recommended. Lands no longer irrigated from pats should be classed as dry-crop.
20. Unauthorized extension of irrigation.-The extent of unauthorized irrigation disclosed in page 12 of Mr. Webb's report on which the Collector has passed no remarks shows either that the crop inspection has been perfunctorily performed for years past or that the village officers. and Circle Inspectors are couniving at this unauthorized improvement of cultivation. The Collector will be asked to have the matter thoroughly sifted and this most unsatisfactory state of affairs set right this touring season.
21. It is recommended that kumri area should be left out of consideration in this settlement. This area is comprised in certain villages placed in charge of the Divisional Forest Officer for revenue management (vide Government Order No. 3791 of 31st March 1915), and one of the reasons for the transfer of revenue management to the Forest Department is that that Department should have full control over kumri area. If the area is brought under settlement and assessment guaranteed for a term of years, the Divisional Forest Officer will find it difficult to exercise full control over the kumri lands (vide in this connection this office No. 1750 of 25 th April 1917).
22. In view of the rapid changes expected in the financial and economical conditions of the country in the years immediately to follow, the Commissioner recommends the Settlement Commissioner's suggestions to reduce the period of guarantee or to reserve the right to re-consider the guarantee, say in 10 years' time, be approved.
23. Three new maps prepared in this office using smaller number of colours accompany.
24. The petitions of objection together with the Settlement Commissioner's No. S. T.-191 of 4th June 1918 accompany.
L. J. MOUNTFORD,
Commissioner, S. D.

## Summary of proposals.

Dry-crop.


Rice Groups.

L. J. MOUNTFORD,

Commissioner, S. D.

# GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY. 

# Revenue Departmbnt. 

Resolution No. 6958.
Bombay Castle, 10th July 1919.


#### Abstract

Memorandum from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 3137 dated 19th July 1918-Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified below,* containing proposals for the second revision settlement of the Belgaum táluka including the Chandgad mahal of the Belgaum district together with certain petitions of objections relating thereto.


#### Abstract

- Letter from Mr. M. Webb, I.C.S., Assastant Settlement Officer, Belgaum and Khánápur tálukas, No. S.S.R.- 101 dated 7th Januery 1918, Memorandum from the Collector of Belgaum No. S.R.V.- 19 dated 20th May 1918. Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. S.T.- 191 dated. 17th June 1918. Letter from the Collector of Belgaum No. S.R.V. 19 dated 29th May 1918. Memorandum frcm the Settlement Commisaioner and Director of Land Repords No. S.T. - 191 dated 4th June 1918.


Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the second revision settlement of the Belgaum táluka including the mahál of Chandgad.
2. The close enquiry made by the Assistant Settlement Officer into the economic condition of this tract during the course of the expiring settlement indicates a considerable improvement in prosperity. During the last thirty years the táluka has reaped the benefits of the railway which was just about to open when the existing settlement came into force and the influence of the improved communications has been particularly marked in the stabilization of prices of food-grains during this period. The rainfall during the settlement has been ample and well assured, there has been a notable improvement in irrigation as evidenced by the increase in the number of wells and tanks and the revenue history of the taluka is a record of collection of the assessment without difficulty. The price of food-grains and the value of agricultural land with which the rates of assessment are intimately correlated show a considerable advance, the price of rice, which is the staple crop of the táluka, having risen by no less than 33 per cent. The statistics of population and live-stock present at first sight less favourable features. The population has receded by 7 per cent. during the currency of the settlement, a decrease which is mainly due to the ravages of plague and is chiefly confined to the earlier period of the settlement, since when the population has tended to recover. The reduction in population in the hill villages particularly appears to be due in large measures to the attractions of the labour markets. The number of cattle of all kinds has decreased during the settlement, but careful inquiry shows that the greater part of this decrease took place previous to 1900, and that since 1909 there has been a welcome increase, particularly in the number of young stock. The decrease, which is recorded, is partly due to export of cattle to less favoured areas, while the demand for plough cattle has fallen in some parts owing to the extension of grass cultivation which has proved a profitable venture.
3. For the discussion of the grouping and rating of the taluka Mr. Webb has collected a remarkable array of statistics of sales and leases of the various lands in the táluka, and it is most satisfactory to note this further evidence of the utility of the record of rights. In the selection of these statistics Mr. Webb has exercised great care and assiduity, and Government consider that he is entitled to much credit for this work in particular and also for his general treatment of the settlement proposals. While Government recognize the potential value of his ingenious system of indices derived from the average value of leases in terms of the assessment as an addition to the volume of statistics upon which settlements are based, they are disposed to agree with the criticisms of the Collector of Belgaum. Conclusions derived from such indices are by no means infallible, and, as indeed the Settlement

Officer has been careful to point out, the results have their greatest utility as tests of conclusions reached from those well established principles which govern the grouping and rating in revision settlements.
4. As rice plays so important a part in the economy of this taluka, the most convenient method is to accord separate treatment to the proposals for dry crop and rice grouping and rating. For dry crop groups the Settlement Officer proposes a reduction of the number of groups from twelve to nine and the Settlement Commissioner by further judicious amalgamation proposes eight groups. Government accept the grouping as recommended by the Commissioner, S. D., subject to the following modifications :-

The villages of Nandihalli and Naganhatti should be lowered from the fourth to the fifth group as proposed, but Government would also accept the Collector's proposal to accord similar treatment to Ankalgi. Government further do not consider that the proposed treatment of the detached group of villages in the south adjoining Nittur is justified by their favourable position in respect of communications. This group contains three villages, Singinkop, Nidgal and Idalhond, now rated at Re. 1-4-0, and three villages, Ganebail, Katgali and Nittur; rated at Re. 1, and it is proposed to group these villages with a less favourably circumstanced group at eleven annas. Government would prefer that these villages should be added to the group which is to be rated at one rupee.
5. Government have given careful consideration to the proposed dry crop rates, but while they recognize that the volume of statistics fully justifies the proposed increases, they would prefer lower rates for the four highest groups in consideration both of the extensive ravages caused by the recent epidemics of influenza and of the uncertainty of the trend of prices in future years.

They accordingly sanction the following rates for the groups shown by the Commissioner in the summary of his proposals (with the slight modifications ordered above) :-

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6. The grouping and rating for rice lands present a more complicated problem, but Government are disposed to accept with greater confidence in this case the proposals to increase the present rates. Government accept the Commissioner's recommendations for the small and favourably situated groups to be rated at Rs. 15 and Rs. 12. As regards the groups proposed for Rs. 11 and Rs. 10-8-0, Government consider that the rate should be lowered and these villages included in the Rs. 10 group. The Settlement Officer has proposed a group to be rated at Rs. 9, which group comprises the majority of the villages in his eighth dry crop group. The Commissioner is disposed to raise the rate and include the group in the Rs. 10 group, but Government, after consideration of the statistics and of the increase which is caused to a number of these villages by the proposed Rs. 9 rate, do not feel confident that a further increase would be justified. Accordingly they accept the Rs. 9 group as proposed by the Settlement Officer. The villages of Katgali and Nittur, which the Settlement Officer would rate at Rs. 7 and Rs. 9 respectively, should be placed in the rice group rated at Rs. 6. Subject to this ' modification, Government accept the Commissioner's proposals for the rice groups to be rated at Rs. 5, Rs. 6 and Rs. 8.

## 7. The Assistant Settlement Officer's proposals for inam villages are approved.

8. A small area of patasthal land is dealt with in paragraph 38 of the report. Government accept the proposal subject to the modification that the proposed increase should be made in the water share only of the assessment, the soil share following the group rate as in the orders on the Purandhar revision report.
9. The suggestions relative to kumri land in paragraph 21 of the Commissioner's remarks are accepted.
10. The Commissioner supports the Settlement Commissioner's proposal to reduce the period of settlement or to reserve the right to reconsider the settlement after the lapse of ten years. Government have given careful consideration to the reasons adduced in support of the proposal, but are unable to recede from the accepted policy of a thirty-year settlement which was fully reconsidered and reaffirmed in the orders on the Shevgaon settlement (paragraph 4 of Gavernments Resolution No. 6441 of 29th June 1916).
11. The petitions of objections have received full attention, but Government do not find that they disclose any grounds for further'modification of the orders now issued which accord liberal treatment to the less favoured villages of the táluka.
12. The revised rates should be introduced in 1918-19, levied in 1919-20 and guaranteed for a period of thirty years.

SHAMRAO D. MANKAR, Acting Under Secretary to Government.

G. R. No. 6958, R. D., dated 10th July 1919.

To
The Commissioner, S. D., The Accountant General,
The Collector of Belgaum, The Public Works Department,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, M. Webb, Esq., I.c.S.,

The Government of India (by letter).

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R. B. KALELKAR,

Acting Superintendent, Land Records, S. D.

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Acting Superintendent, Land Records, S. D.



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## BROACH COLLECTORATE.



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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF THE BROACH TA'LUKA OF THE BROACH COLLECTORATE.




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To,.
THE COLLECTOR of BROACH.

Sir, .
Surat, 11th August 1899.
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of Táluka Broach of your Collectorate.
2. The current rates were introduced by Mr. N. B. Beyts in the year 1870-71, so that the period of guarantee expires on 31st July 1900.
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taken place in the number of villages during the currency of the existing settlement. There are in all 111 villages, of which 102 are Government and Constitution of the Táluka. 9 Inámi as shown in the margin. Besides these, one Gáekwári village (Karmali) 1. Maktápor. $\mid$ f Nartahla. is situated in the centre of the táluka. Of the
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9. Mangleswar. Government villages, 78 are Bhágdári (co-shared) and 24 are Senja (non-shared), that is, ordinary rayatwári. In case of the former, the Bhágdars or sharers pay the full survey kamal and are jointly and sevérally responsible for it. Their tenants or inferior holders are tenants-at-will, enjoying customary rights and privileges. Of the total Government culturable assessed land, viz., 107,726 acres, the Bhágdári lands amount to ${ }^{7} 79,297$ acres, or $73 \cdot 6$ per cent.
4. The revision field operations were carried out during the working seasons of 1896-97 and 1897-98. The measurement operations consisted in the separation of numbers (i) broken up by roads, (ii) in which Government and alienated lands were clubbed together, and (iii) from which land was appropriated for public purposes.
5. Classification operations extended to broken up numbers, Kiáris and Classification numbers under one acre in area. The area thus falling within the scope of revision survey operations was very limited. As a mafter of fact, the classification of almost the entire afea of the táluka was deduced from existing records. Even in the matter of subsoil water classification, if there has been any eliange, it has been, in the direction of cancelling well Kasar on brack soil fields as will be explained further on.
6. In the matter of boundary-marks an important depaiture pas, however, made in the field work, which remains to be mentioned. The cultivators bitterly complainad about the earthen Bándhs in their furvey numbers. THe táluka under

## Substitution of Khants for Bandhs.

 report, and for the matter of that, the whole district of Broach, is so letel that in low-lying villages, during the rains, Bándhs are liable to be washed away and reduced below the standard size. The people complained that the digging of earth for the repair of boundary-marks destroyed the level of the fields, and consequently cotton crop, which is grown in -stiff black soil, suffered by the| Taluke. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Namber of } \\ \text { Villages. } \end{array}$ |
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|  | . | lodgment of water in places frotn which the earth was removed.' In the circumstances the Survey Commissioner and Director "ot Land Records and Agriculture, with , the concurrence of the Gollector, sanctioned the substitution of Khufts of brick and mortar in placė of earthen Bándhs. The work was carried out in the villages noted in the margin. The facility thus afforded to the people would have been more extensively availed of by them but of the expense

which many villages were unable to stand.

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7. The following statement shows the increase in thie number of fields due to revision measurement and the percentage difference in area between the original and revision survey numbers:-

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Golumn 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, \&c., in order that the percentage difference may be correctly represented.
8. In the following table the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared :-


The increase in the unarable waste is due to the correction of errors at the original survey in some villages on the Narmada, in which half the area of the river bed was not included by an oversight in the total area of those villages. The decrease in the arable area is due to the transfer of assessed unoccupied Bhátha lands to the heading of unassessed cultivable (vide paragraph 22).
9. Details of occupied land are shown below:-

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Five hundred and forty-three acres shown in the original survey as unoccupied Bhatha is now recorded as unassessed cultivable (see paragraph 22). The areas ( 25,475 acres) of two villages, namely,-Aliabet and Polaria, which are annually sold by auction, are not included in the above statement (vide Nos. 48 and 98, Appendix Q).
10. The taluka Broach, containing the populous town of the same name, is situated on the north bank of the river. Narmada, Position, Aspoct, Climate, ©c. 29 miles from the Gulf of Cambay. It is bounded on the north by the talukas of Vágra and A'mod and the Gáekwári territories; on the east by the Rajpipla State ; on the west by táluka Vagra; and on the south, the river Narmada separates it from táluka Ankleshvar. It comprises $2 n$ area of 303 square miles. Except a few villages on the banks of the Narmada, which are formed of alluvial deposits and where vegetation grows luxuriantly, the táluka presents a flat level plain of black soil, locally called "Kahnam", with hardly a tree or a hedge to break the monotony of the landscape: Small clusters of trees, all round the horizon, mark the village sites which are brought prominently to view owing to the flatness of the country, Trees do not thrive in these parts, as the contraction of the black soil in the hot weather by producing deep and wide fissures, tears' up and exposes the tender roots of young plants to the scorching heat of the midday sun with fatal results. Owing, to the want of shady trees, there are very few villages fit for camping duripg the hot weather. The climate is considered healthy.
11. There are two rivers flowing within the boundaries of the taluka, viz., the Narmada and the Bhuki. They are both subjéct Rivers. to tidal influence and are therefore of no importance from an irrigational point of view. The latter is, for a few miles from its mouth, merely a tidal estuary and the remainder of its length is dry except in the monsoon.
12. In the matter of external communication the taluka is most favourably * Commonications. situated. The railway line runs. through the middle

Commanications. of the táluka, and the river Narmada affords an outlet to the sea. The internal means of cummunication, in the form of roads, are however defective Surface metal is wanting and has to be brought by rail from a long distance. 'The construction of metalled roads is therefore an expensive matter, even for the rich Local Board of this district. So far however as the carting of agricultural produce is concerned, the want of made roads could not be much felt in a country which is level and not broken up by nálas and creekls. The trunk road of the district from Broach to A'mod and Jambusar is metalled up to the 11th milestone from Broach. A part of the Broach-Dehgám road is also metalled. The road to Jhádesvar is gravelled and bridged. The last namied two roads were constructed since the original survey. Other small roads leading to Kukarvada and to the railway station from the town of Broach are also metalled.
13. The ancient port of Broach was the highway of commerce for the country north of the Narmada up to Dehli and Agra. In the beginning of the present century, its trade was partly diverted to Surat and then to Bombay. Sinpe the opening of the B. B. and C. I Railway in 1861, the export and import trade of the ports of Broach and Jambusar has greatly fallen off. Still the present trade of Braach p.rt is considerable, as will be seen from the figures given belows.. The shifting changes in the Narmada and the silting of its bed year by year ofter great difficulties to its navigation. I am, informed that the Commissioner' of " Customs, Salt and A'bkari, is trying to find means, if possible, to repuedy the evil. In 1815-16, about twelve years after Broach finally passed into the hands of the British, its total export and import were estmated at Rs. 26,67,325. "During ten years ending 1847, the earlist period for which regular trade returns are available, the average yearly value of both imports and exports was Rs. $1,15,00,910$. From that time the sea trafic would seem steadily to have declined. Betweeen 185 and 1870 , the average was reduced to Rs. $63,43,690$, while in 1874 the returns had fallen as low as Rs. $39,12,970$ " (oide Gazetteer, page 425). It will be seen from the subjoined statement that there has been fittle variation in these figures (Rs. $39,12,970$ ) up to the present day. It may be mentioned for the sake of comparison that the exports and imports of the sister port of Surat are about the same as those of Broach. The chief articles of import are cocoanut, bamboos, timber, coal, wood, kerosine oil, molasses and heavy metals such as corrugated iron sheets, iron bars, \&c., from Goa, Malabár, Kárwár, Cochin and Bombay; and those of export are grain of all kinds to Bowbay, Káthiáwár, Malabar
and Mauritius, Mowra flower is railed from Godhra and Bahádarpur and shipped to Uran :-

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| , |  | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1893-94 ... | $\ldots$ | 23,23,376 | 20,07,645 |
| 3894-95 ... | ... ... ... | 24,52,297 | 18,36,963 |
| 1875-96. | ... ... ... | 29,97,540 | 21,01,817 |
| 1896-97... | ... ... ... | 23,35,581 | 18,90,886 |
| 1897-98... | ... ... ... | 22,15,404 | 20,38,494 |
|  | Average ... | 23,24,840 | 20,35,162 |

The above statistics include the port $\boldsymbol{o}^{f}$ Dehej, for which separate figures are not available; but the total of that port does not exceed a couple of lakhs of rupees amually.
14. The average rainfall of the ten years ending 1397 was 43 inches 63 cents.

Rainfall. Although the remarks supplied by the Director of
Land Kecords and Agriculture in Appendix A on the rainfall of the táluka tend to show that the years under report have had fairly good seasons, it is a common complaint in the district that the last four or five years have been exceptionally bad; so much so that a large area of land has been suddenly relinquished during the current year in the southern low-lying villages of táluka Ankleshrar. Though Broach Täluka has not been a heavy sufferer, it is a common experience that the cultivators have not done well during the last few years. This year the crops have been good, but prices have been abnormally low, especially that of cotton which occupies about half the cultivated area of the taluka. It will be observed that the total rainfall has varied considerably from year to year-a condition not quite favourable to successful agriculture.
15. The following extrac $t$ from Appendix $B$ shows the average percentage areas under different crops during the five years ending wi th 1897-9ع:-

16. The chief crops of the tiluka in order of importance are cotton and Crops. rice mixed, jowar, láng (Lathyrus sativus), wheat, til and tür. Broach is purely a jaráyat táluka. There are onty about 34 acres of old and new rice. It is one of the best cultivated tálukas in Gujarát. The Kanbi and Bohra cultivators are intelligent, hard-working, and skilful. Their fields present a trim and well-cultivated appearance. "The usual rotations in black cotton soil are as follows :-
lst year.-Cotton or cotton-rice mised.
2nd year.--Cold weather jowar with or without pulses.
$3 r d$ yeari.-Bare fallow or lang or til or túr or cotton.
The practice of keeping a field bare fallow is followed in three talukas of Broach, A'mod and Vágra, and in the neighbouring State villages. It does not obtain in any other part of Gujarit. The fields are ploughed during the monsoon and cold weather and harrowed throughout the year and kept faultlessly free of weeds.

The-black soil is so well worked that to walk over a bara fallow (vasilvada) during the hot weather months is about as difficult as walking on a soft sandy beach. A vasilváda is expected to produce a bumper crop of cotton and rice the next year and reduces the cost of weeding, which is considerable in deop black soil fields, especially during a wet year. The area ( 20,275 acres) returned as "fallow" includes grass and grazing, which probably extend to about 14,000 acres.
17. Cotton occupies 39 per cent. of the net cropped araa, to which, if the area under rice shown separately be added, it will be found that the mixed crop of cotton and rice take up about half the area under cultivation. .Rice as a rule is grown along with cotton only after bare fallow. The practice of growing rice along with cotton is, I believe, not so common now as formerly. Increase of populition and the consequent contrastion in the area available for cultivation would seem to have a tendency to check a system of rotation whioh includes a non-productive year of bare fallow; and unless a field is kept in this way in good hoart absolutely olean, a mixed crop of cotton and rice cannot be grown with success. The extensive observance of the practice, in former years, may be judged by the fact that the first instalment of land revenus used to be collected at the time of barvesting the rice crop and was called "Dangar tavji" or rice crop instalment.
18. Broach cotton has long held a front place among Indian cottons in European markets. There is, however, no doubt that it has deteriorated, owing to the want of care in the selection of seeds and the picking of balls which are not fully matured. The former has its origin in the spread of steam ginning factories and the latter is due to the fear of being robbed in the fields. . In former days when cotton was hand-ginned, the seeds of the bestlooking pods were naturally kept aside for sowing. Now the seed is bought from tha owners of ginning factories, who pay no particular attention bbyond perhaps distributing seed of the samples which have yieldod the best percentage of lint without reference to its quality. Field theft is so common that it has led to the practice of picking cotton twice in the week, instead of gethering the wool in three pickings, as is the custom in Surat and elsewhere. Unripe pols, which have not yet fully opened out, are forced with hands and the immature.lint ex-' tracted from it. Thus, the Broach cotton has somewhat fallen behind the produce of the Surat Collectorate, in length, strength, and silkiness. Although thefts and incendiarism are so common in this', district, 'it is extremely difficult to obtain a conviction, as the people are so afraid of each other that they do not come forward to give evidence. To give an instance. Once during my testing I came upon a field of cotton, a portion of which had been cut to the ground during the previous night. There were at least 20 peoplo walking along with me and not one of them would utter a word about the wan destruction of the crop. "Walk on, Sir," was all that everybody repeated. A piece of paper was tied conspicuously to a bush near by which explained the matter. It stated: "If you do not return so and so to our village, you will hear more from us." A woman was of course at the bottom of the quarrel as usual. The erection of houses, one or two storeys high, so common in Broach villages, is to a great extent due to the prevalence of incendiarism in the district. One never sees a stack of grass or kadab (jowar stalks) in the fields. All the fodder is stored away in houses for the fear of being destroyed by fire.

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19. Except in goradu soil near Sukaltirth, all jowári grown in the tálukas north of the Narmada is shialu or the cold weather variety. Láng is a favourite crop in the three talukas of Broach, Vágra and $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ mod. It is not grown to any great extent in other parts of Gujarát. Of luxuriant growth, it covers the soil completely, thus checking the growth of weeds. Láng as well as shiálu jowári fodder is highly esteemed as cattle food.
20. The eccentric course of the river Narmada on the borders of Broach and Ankleshvar is too well-known to require any lengthened description. Every year the floods sweep away large areas in some places and deposit fresh silt in others. Thus for instance, the Sákarpur bhátha (including the village site) was almost wholly washed away and at the present time a tendency towards reformation is shown at that spot. To give another instance, the railway bridge spanning the Narmada was constructed about 20 years ago, after the original siructure was swept away by the floods, at a cost of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ millions of rupees. Siace then, the river bed has silted up to a considerable extent on the north bank; while the opposite side has been so far eroded out that the Railway authorities are now spending a million or two more on protective works to stop the water cutting a new channel beyond the precincts of the present bridge.
21. In cases of alluvion and diluvion, the following practice is observed in the district. Survey numbers partially washed away and reformed are measured every year, and the assessment adjusted according to the provisions of the Land Revenue Code. In cases of numbers wholly washed away, the owners retain the right of occupancy, but are granted remission of assessment so long as the land is not reformed. Thus it happens, as in Sákarpur, that many survey numbers are recorded as occupied which do not pay any assessment at all.
22. All unoccupied bhátha numbers are now treated as unassessed culturable waste. They are not of a permanent character and their areas vary year by year. Such lands are sold by auction and realize considerable revenue. On the otherhand, the remissions granted on account of diluvion amount also to a large sum.
23. Rich bhátha or alluvial loams are sometimes sublet at rates as high 'as Rs. 50 to 60 per acre, Rs. 30 to 40 being a conmmon sam obtained for lands on which the floods have deposited fresh silt during the previous monsoon; whereas the rate for káem or permanent bhátha is Rs. 20 .to Rs. 25 per acre. On the other band, where the deposit consists of mere sand, it is worth little and affords but poor grazing. The following statements show details of auction-sales of unassessed bhatha lands and the remissions granted on account of diluvion. It will be seen that, excluding the lands of the island of Alia which grows only coarse salt grass; the average rate realized is Rs. 9 per acre.
24.

Statement showing the Realizations at Annuul: Auction-sales of Bha'tha Lands.


26. No weekly bazars are held in any of the villages of the taluka under

Markets and Fairs. report. An important annual fair is held at Sukaltirth in the month of November, which is generally attended by about 50,000 persons. It is a semi-religious fair and a brisk trade is carried on in articles of domestic utility. Fairs of a similar nature are held at Bhadbhut and Tavra, at intervals of 18 and 20 years, respectively; and are largely attended by traders.
27. Thirty years ago Broach was the chief market for the whole of the " district north of the Narmada. Since then, however, Palej has risen to be a place of considerable importance. In 1871 there were 11 ginning factories, and one spinning mill in Broach, and 4 factories in Pálej. At the present day there are 4 spinning and weaving mills in Broach, the number of factories remaining the same; whereas Palej boasts of 11 factories. It is said that the cultivator prefers to take his groods to Pálej in preference to Broach, as thereby he avoids. paying road toll and Municipal octroi duty.
28. The following statement represents the tonnage and freight on goods Railway Traffic. traffic despatched from the stations named, in the last five years, as furnished by the Railway authorities. Information for inward traffic is not available:-

| Year. | Broage. |  | Chamirgay, |  | Pailed. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amount. |
|  |  | Rs. |  | Rs, |  | Rs. |
| 1894 | 26,569 | 1,67,146 | 213 | 1,035 | 11,203 | 68,017 |
| 1895 | 25,470 | 1,67,003 | 119 | 617 | 10,630 | 67,399 |
| 1896 | 31,805 | 2,06,993 | 104 | 468 | 22,381 | 1,46,221 |
| 1897 .... ... | 29,226 | 1,84,142 | 210 | 1,056 | 15,699 | 98,457 |
| 1 st half of 1898. | 21,263 | 1,40,060 | 817 | 3,111 | 18,164 | 1;15,501 |

[^4]Population and Resonrcean
29. Of the total population of the taluka, excluding the town of Broach, as many as 81 per cent. are engaged in agricultural pursuits.
30. The following table compares the population and resoarces of the táluka:-

|  |  | 1870. | 1874. | 1887. | 1897. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PopulationWells... |  | 55,854 | 64,606 | ... | 69,199 |
|  | ... | 391 | (1871) 507 | (1831) 625 | (1896) 843 |
| Agricaltural cattle | ... | 9,410 | 13,561 | 11,134 | 11,4:3 |
| Cows, buffloes and their young |  | 17,422 | 15,402 | 16,695 | 17,116 |
| Horses aud ponies |  | 610 | 594 | 526 | 653 |
| Sheep and gouts . | ... | ... | 9,977 | 9,275 | 12,906 |
| . Ploughs | ... | 6,313 | 5,793 | 5,744 | 5,078 |
| Carts ... |  | 4,063, | 4,325 | 4,450 | 4,683 |

31. The first column of figures is taken from the original report; the two other population figures are for the census of 1871 and 1891. The increase in population is 7 per cent.
32. There is not much noticealle difference between the figures of the different periods for which the statistics are available. The statistics for 1870 show a great variation from those of the other periods, due apparently to faulty enumeration. The above figures relate to a period immediately subsequent to the period of the American War. The taluka was then in the zenith of its prosperity. It is, therefore, a matter for congratulation that, as sbown by the statistics, Broach has maintained the high degree of general prosperity reached during the sixties.
33. The number of wells is small. In light soils on the banks of the Narmada many wells, sweet at other times, become salt during the hot weather. In black soil, the water is generally of good quality; but the springs are deep and the supply scanty. Many villages depend upon a couple of sweet wells for their existence. The general depth to the water is about 45 feet in the monsoon, and 65 feet during the hot weather. Wells have to be generally dug about 85 feet, and could not cost less than Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500. The increase in the nymber of wells is due to the praiseworthy efforts of the Local Board in supplying as far as possible a much felt want of the district.
34. At the original survey, well kasar was put on all wells situated in the fields, At the revision, no black-soil field has been classed for sub-soil water. ${ }^{\text {ton }}$ Only a small area classed as bágáyat and light soil gabhan numbers near villages, where irrigated crops are regularly growip, are clased for sub-soil water advantage.
35. The Bohras of Broach, among the athicultural classes, are superior in Appendix E. . " number (forming 29 per cent. of the total population), They are a hardy and stalwart set of people, presenting a well-fed and wellolothed appearance. The Bohra is truculent and revengeful, apt to stand on his rights, and foind of litigation, to which he resorts on all possible occasions, at the expense of valuable property. Most of the crimes in Broach are traceable to the quarrela among this community. They are a hardworking lot, carting grains and timber, or hawking vegetables from village to village in the off season. During the American War;' the Bohras of Broach, amassed considerable 'wealth which, like true Mahomedans, they frittered away in pomp and show.
36. The Kanbis of 'Broach suffer from the same drawback as their brethren of the Kaira District, their population does not increase. One not unoften bears the sub-tenants sympathising with the lot of the Bhágadars and Matádárs. " 0 , our Matadirs" they would say, "poor fellows. There are tluree of them and not a single living issue between them. One of them had a son born to him, but he is dead. So strange it is. Why, in the same village the ohildren jostle against your knees in the Mahomedan quarter; whereas the Kanbiwada presents a forlorn and empty appearance." It is a well known faot that very few ohildren are born to kanbis, and infant mortality is also said to be high. As a oommu-
nity they are sound and healthy，and it is hard to explain why the population does not increase．

The other important classes，viz．，the Kolis and Bhilis，live mostly by field labour．

37．In ancient times the town of Broach was celebrated for its weaving Appendix G．－Shopa，and dyeing industries．Its rich kinkaubs and other Looms，de． gold and silver embroidered clbths used to find their way to the distant parts of the world．These indus－ tries have practically long since ceased to exist．At present hand－loom weav－ ing is carried on to a small extent．The weavers are mostly Musalmáns．The Parsi weaver has died out during the last decade or two．Goods manufactured are chiefly napkins，towels and coverlets of the annual value of about Rs． 5,000 ． However，steam ginning factories give employment to a large number of hands for three or four months of the year．There are at present 4 spinning mills and 11 factories in Broach，the same number of factories in Pálej and one at Chamárgám．

38．The táluka under report is well supplied with schools，which number 75 with an average attendance of 4,440 ．The important

> Appendix H.-Schools. communities like the Bohras，Kunbis and Rajputs are keen upon giving primary education to their children．
39．Of the total survey numbers 22 per cent．are alienated．Of the Gov－ ernment numbers 81 per cent．and，of the alienated numbers 77 per cent，are cultivated by the owners

Appendix I．－Survey num－ bers cultivated by the owners． $\}$ themselves．Of the remainders 8 and 19 per cent．， respectively，are sublet for money rent．
40．The usual figures supplied by the Registration Department regarding Appandices $K, K^{1}, \ldots, L^{1}$ ；sales，mortgages，\＆c．，are furnished in the appendices M． noted in the margin．In 14 cases of ordinary sales， the sale－money averaged $7 \frac{1}{3}$ times the assessment． These cases refer either to bhatha soils or to ordinary fields possessing superiór advantages in the form of wells，\＆c．，as the assessment is shown to be as high as Rs．74．In 78 cases the sale－money averaged 25 times the assessment，white in 17 sales by decrees of Courts the price obtained was $5 \frac{1}{4}$ times and in 30 cases 19⿺辶 $\frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment．

41．Cases of simple mortgages show 10,27 and 9 transactions．＇The average amounts for which fields were mortgaged were $7 \frac{1}{2}, 16 \frac{1}{4}$ and 31 times the assessment，respectively．In cases of mortgages with possession the mortgage money is about the same as shown in cases of simple mortgages．

42．In 44 cases of sublêttings the rent obtained was twice the sum of the assessment which is paid by the pynners．In other cases the rent paid was 7 and 18⿺⿱十口⿰⿸尸口⿱⿱亠䒑十⺝刂土 times the assessment；but it is douptful if these high figures refer to lands sublet for agricultural purposes．－
＊43．The above figures are favourable and show a very high demand for agricultural lands，which is not surprising when it is remembered that the area of transferable land amounts to only 26 per cent．of the whole．＇The remainder represents the land held u nder Bhăgdári tenure which is seldom brought under the hammer on account of the legal difficulties involved in their sales．The competition for unfettered lands must，therefore，be very great among the rich vakils and merchants of Broach．

44．It has been made clear in previous revision reports of talukas which were settled during the early seventies that the prices
Appendix N.-Prices. of agricultural commodities have remained almost stationary since the period of the American War．The same is the case with the táluka under report．In case of cotton twe sets of prices are shown in Appendix N．They are deduced from transactions of sales and purchases recorded in the books of twa firms of local＂merchants．They do not agree，which，$h$ owever，is not surprising．The price of cotton fluctuates to the extent of Rs． 20 and more per a Bombay candy（ 800 lbs ．）during the season ${ }_{\text {v }}$

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1. I give below, however, the average prices of Indian cottons since 1834-35 from Mr. A. F. Beaufort's valuable book on Indian Cotton Statistics. It will be seen that the price of cotton ranged very high during the sixties, a circumstance which, as is well known, added greatly to the material prosperity of the cotton-growing tálukas.

| - Xears. |  |  | Valu | per |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. |  |
| 1834-35 to 1840-41 | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| 1841-42 to 1845-46 | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| 1846-47 to 1855-56 | - | ... | ... | ... |
| 1856-57 to 1859.60 | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| 1860-61 ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| 1861.62 ... | $\ldots$ | :.: | ... | 29 |
| 1862 -63 ... | - | ... | ... | 44 |
| 1863-64 $\quad \therefore$. | ... | ... | ... | 73 |
| 1864-55 ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 |
| 1865-66 ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| 1866-67 ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 43 |
| 1867-68. | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| 1868-69 | ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| 1869-70 | -0* | ... | ... | 39 |
| , 1 | Average of 10 years |  | ... | 45 |
| 1870-71 to 1879-80 | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| 1880-81 to 1888-89 | ... | ... | ... | 26 |

45. The revenue history statement requires a few explanatory remarks, Appendix 0 .-Revenue The area shown as unoccupied includes bhatha numHistory. bers which are annually put up to auction. These have been now recorded as culturable waste. It will be seen from the statement given in paragraph 9 that, excluding such bhátha lands, the unoccupied area amounted to only 104 acres in 1897-98. The large sum of Rs. 87,000 shown as remission in the first year of the current settlement represents the difference in excess of the former assessment. The remissions granted in succeeding years were due wholly to diluvion (vide paragraph 25).
46. The subjoined statement shows the extent of difficulty experienced in "collecting the land revenue . The number of notices is unusually large, but there was not a single case of distraint. The unfavourable seasons experienced during the last four years are the main cause of the dilatoriness on the part of the people in paying up the instalments of assessment on the dates fixed for that purpose:-

47. The settlement of the six marginally noted patis or villages, which

Original Settlemeñt. form the present first group, was introduced two years before that of the remainder of the táluka. Certain survey numbers of these villages were included, for the purposes of sanitation

1. Vejalpur.
2. Dungri.
3. Ali Pati.
4. Kanbimaga.
5. Kasak Pati
6. Mојамрриг. and municipal taxation, within the limits of the Broach Municipality. The assessment on these numbers is collected by the Mámlatdár and is credited to the Imperial Revenue. The settlement of the six villages, including the lands within and without the municipal limits, was carried out in 1869, and the maximum rates were fixed at Rs. 9 for the numbers within municipal limits and Rs. 7 for other lands.

The area within municipal limit is not included in Appendis Q. It will, form the subject of separate correspondence.
48. The current jaráyat or dry-crop maximum rates are as follows :-

| Groups | Rater. Rs. |  | Fillages. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| T | ** | 7 | 6 |
| II. | -** | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ | 36 |
| III | $\cdots$ | 6 | 46 |
| IV | -0. | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | 14 |

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Bhátha rates range from Rs. 10 to Rs. $6 \frac{1}{3}$
Rice water rates range from Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$
It will be noticed from paragraph 118 of the original report that the consideration which guided the imposition of the above rates was, that the rate of Rs. 7 corresponded with the highest rate imposed in Olpad and was already adopted for lands in the six pattis situated without municipal limits. Attention at the same time has been drawn for the "need of "extreme caution in raising the revenues of this somewhat fickle táluka." There can be no doubt that the rainfall though sufficient is often unseasonable. The soil is undoubtedly rich; but the want of natural surface drainage, when the rainfall is unevenly distributed, tells greatly upon its productive quality. The prevalence of stiff-black soil in a country devoid of the natural means of drainage has caused the relinquishment of many acres of land in several villages of this district, though not of the táluka under report. Another important consideration is that whereas in the adjoining Collectorate of Surat, the cultivators are enabled, during the slact season, to employ themselves profitably in carting timber and grain from the interior to the ports and the railway stations or in the cultivation of sugar and other irrigated crops, no such means of livelihood exists in this district.
49. The maximun rates of Rs. 9 and Rs. 7 fixed for the six pattis were reasonable, as these form part of the town of Broach and their soil is also light and naturally well drained. Ar reduction of ouly 8 annas for each of the succeeding groups was therefore insufficient.s. The pitch did not sufficiently take into account the important feature of the want of surface drainage in the black soil villages which ${ }^{\text {² }}$ is characteristic of this táluka. 'The proposed maximum rates for groups II, III and IV had therefore the effect of unduly raising the revenue. The result was consequently modified by the application of lowering distance scales, which arrangement, on account of the small population of most of the villages, did not present any very great difficulties.
50. There is, I believe, an unanimity of opinion among Revenue officers that so far as the jaráyat area is concerned the present actual assessment is suitable and no increase is desirable. "The current settlement was introduced at the end of a decade which brought unparalleled prosperity to Broach, due to the inflation of prices, especially that of ootton, during the American War; and though the officers concerned in the original settlement were of the opinion that the high prices could not be maintained, as a fall had already commenced, it may be presumed that the rich and prosperous state of the tatuka, contributed, to a great extent, to the rise in the assessment of Rs. 99,000 oyer the figures of the previous ten years or of Rs. 86,000 over those of thie year preceding the settlement. Since then, as has been already pointed out, the prosperity inaugurated during the sixties has been maintained and no material improvement in vital or other statistics was probable or has taken place.
51. I beg to propose the following changes in the present grouping. As already stated, there is no necessity for changing the rates of the six pattis. . The distance scale applied to them at the original settlement is nearly similar to

Maximam Ratea, Dry-crop or Jaragat Lands.
the one to be proposed. I propose to place all the villages of the present second and third groups in my second with a miximum rate of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$. As regards the present fourth group I propose to divide in two with maximum rates of Rs. $4 \frac{3}{4}$ and •. R.s. 4, respectively.
52. It will be seen from the subjoined statement that under the proposed arrangement the increase per acre in the villages of the original third group will amount to Re. 0-1-6 and the decrease in those of the second to Re. 0-1-9. It has already been shown that, since the original settlment, Pálej has risen to a place of considerable importance, and a reference to the accompanying map will show that all the villages constituting the proposed second group, stand at an equal advantage as regards their distance from market towns. The produce, if not sold in the villages to marchants or their agents, is easily disposed off at Pálej, Chamárgám or Broach,'whichever market may be found most convenient.
53. The proposed third group will consist of ten villages adjoining those of the second group. In the fourth or the last group are placed four villages situated on the Bhuki, which under the current lease, owing to their protimity to the salt creek, have somewhat deteriorated and in consequence require a more lenient treatment than those I propose to put in the third group.
54. The following statement compares the application of rates on the jaráyat soil of the táluka :-

| Groaps. | By Obigital Sutvey. |  |  |  | By Revigion Subver. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villages. } \end{aligned}$ | Maximum Ratea. | Total Asseesament. | Assessment per Acre. | Groups. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Villages. } \end{gathered}$ | Maximam Rates. | Total <br> Assess. ment. | Asserament per Acre. |
| I ... | 6 | Ra $7$ | Rs. $8,605$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { 8. } \mathrm{p} \text {. } \\ 5 & 14 & 6 \end{array}$ | I ... ... | 6 | Rs. 7 | Be. <br> 8,823 | $\begin{array}{rl} \text { Re. } & \text { B. } \\ 6 & 0 \end{array}$ |
| III ... | $\begin{aligned} & 36 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $2,04,536$ $\mathbf{2 , 1 9 , 8 0 9}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 3 & 6 \\ 4 & 15 & 9\end{array}$ | II ... ... | 82 | - 514 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{2 , 0 0 , 2 0 2} \\ & 2,23,306 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 1 & 9 \\ 5 & 1 & 3\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | 4,24,345 | 516 |  |  |  | 4,28,508 | 516 |
| IV ... ... | 14 | 5otal | 41,654 17,231 | 4 1 11 <br> 8 14 9 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}\text { III } & \ldots . & \cdots \\ \text { IV } & \ldots & \cdots \\ & & \\ & & \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \pi \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41,789 \\ & 15,168 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 & 1\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | 5S,885 | 409 |  |  |  | 56,947 | 31411 |
|  |  |  | 4,91,835 | 4153 |  |  |  | 4,89,284 | 4150 |

55. The area under rice is insignificant. At the original survey the

Rice Rates.
maximum rate for water was put at a rupee less than that for soil. I now propose to apply the jaráyat or dry-crop maximum rate to rice land for both soil and water. In Derol the original tank himáyat is now cancelled as the tank water, is no longer utilized for the rice beds. The following statement compares the result of the application of rates on rice lands:-

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Serial } \\ \text { Number } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { Appen- } \\ \text { dix Q. } \end{gathered}$ | Village. | By yomame Servers, |  |  | by betisior Survey. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Maximam}_{\text {Rate. }}$ | Acrea | Average | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Marimum } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | Acres. | Arerage, |
|  |  |  | A. g. | Rs. a.p. | " | A. g. | Rs. a. p. |
| 13 | Wáhalu | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}6 \cdot 8 \\ 5.8\end{array}\right\}$ | 025 | 81210 | $5 \cdot 8$ | 025 | 62 |
| 15 | Derol - ... | Do. | 221 | $13 \quad 510$ | 5.8 | 217 | 80 |
| 51 | Hinglot ... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}6.0 \\ 5.0\end{array}\right\}$ | 023 | 713 | -" $5 \cdot \mathrm{~s}$ | 023 | $6 \quad 210$ |
| 71 | Ghodi ... | Do. | 121 | 832 | 5 | 121 | 8311 |
| 96 | Navetha ... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}5.8 \\ 4.8\end{array}\right\}$ |  | 870 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |
|  | Total | $\cdots$ |  | 1067 | ... | 5 | 710 |

56. As regard bhatha lands, I am respectfully of opinion that their present Bhátha Rates. assessment is low as compared to the rates borne by other lands of the táluka. These bhatha or alluvial
deposits are very fertile. They are generally sublet at Rs. 20 or over per acre. I, therefore, propose to raise the rates on those bhatha villages where the floods exercise a beneficial influence; whereas in those places where the rush of flood water causes erosion or the deposit consists of coarse sand and gravel, instead of fine silt, it is not proposed to raise their present assessment.
57. The following table compares the result of the application of rates to bhátha lands :-

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Serian } \\ \text { sumber } \\ \text { in } \\ \text { Appon- } \\ \operatorname{dix} Q \end{gathered}$ | Name of Village. | By Formise Sutysy. |  |  |  | By Revision Survey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Maximunay } \\ \text { Rate, } \end{array}\right\|$ | Acres. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Arpess:- } \\ & \text { ment. } \end{aligned}$ | Assessment per Aero. | Maxinum Kate. | Acres. | Absems- | Assesment per Acro. |
|  | * | Rs, |  | Rs. | Rs. n. p. | Rs. |  | Rs. | Re. 8. p. |
| 7 | Kukarrida ... ... | 9 | 27 | 387 | 1454 | 9 | 27 | 413 | 1584 |
| 22 | Jhadeswar | 68 | 16 | 156 | 9146 | 10 | 16 | 158 | 9140 |
| 24 | Tarra ... ... ... | 8 | 527 | 2,523 | 4129 | 7 | 527 | 2,726 | 529 |
| 25 | Sukaltirth | 8 | 263 | 2,808 | 1097 | 10 | 265 | 3;333 | 1293 |
| 42 | Kadod ... ... , ... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}8 \\ 6 \frac{1}{2}\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 224 \\ & 214 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} 9 & \text { II } 10 \\ 9 & 10 . \end{array}$ | \} 10 | 46 | $6 \pm 5$ | 1404 |
| 43 | Kansia ... ... ... | 9 | 1,994 | 16,505 | 845 | 9 | 1,993 | 16,422 | 8310 |
| 44 | Borblistha ... | 10 | 766 | 8,116 | 1096 | 10 | 774 | 9,503 | 1265 |
| 45 | Sarphudin ..... | 10 | 122 | 1,522 | 1277 | 10 | 142 | 1,771 | 1277 |
| 46 | Sakarpur ... | 9 | 759 | 6,002 | 7146 | J0 | 762 | 8,032 | 1089 |
| 47 | Taib ... ... ... | 7 | 1,055 | 6,565 | 637 | 7 | 1,060 | 8,635 | 824 |
| 49 | Dhanturia ... ... | 63 | 555 | 3,829 | 6145 | 7 | 555 | 4,385 | 7145 |
| 80 | Nikora ... | 8 | 611 | 4,250 | 6154 | 10 | 611 | 6,767 | 1112 |
| 81 | Angaresar ... | ... | 78 | 2:0 | 2111 | 10 | 78 | 856 | 10757 |
| E2 | Japor ... ... | 7 | 159 | 1,302 | 830 | 10 | 159 | J,977 | 12611 |
| S8 | Nat ... ... ... | 8 | 4 | 29 | 740 | 30 | 5 | 48 | $\begin{array}{lll}9 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ |
|  |  | ** | 6,984 | 54,647 | 7132 |  | 7,020 | 65,772 | 9511 |

58. The area of 46 acres shown as bhatha in Kadod in the above statement, all but six or seven acres in Kukarvada and about 200 acres in Sakarpur do not exist at present. They form part of the bed of the river Narmada, Inasmuch however as this area is recorded as "occupied" in revenue accounts (vide paragraph 21), its original classification is confirmed just as in case of other bhattha numbers, and the assessment worked out accordingly.

The assessment on the bbátha of Angaresar was not settled according to survey rules. It was fixed on the average realizations of former years. The same is the case with a large area of bhátha in Nikora. Such numbers have been classed for the first time during the revision survey. These bhátha lands are as fertile and sublet at as high a rate (from Rs. 25 and over per acre) as those of the adjoining villages of Nád, Janor and Sukaltirth. The maximum rate of Tavra is reduced one rupee. The assessment on its bhátha numbers unuer the proposed maximum rate will also be reduced by a few annas after the application of distance soale as they are situated on the extreme limit of the village boundary. This bhattha is very poor as the deposit consists of coarse sand.
. 59. Uttam Prakár Bagayat numbers exist in the three villages of Sukaltirth, Nikora and Kadod. The bigáyat soil is similar to blátha soil, the only difference being that it is not subject to floods. Uttam bagóyat numbers have the advantage of possessing sweet water wells, but the water level is much deeper than in the bágáyat soils of Jalálpor and other tálukas of Surat. In Sukaltirth the soil was classified up to 16 annas just as was done in case of similar soils in the Surat Collectorate; whereas in Nikora and Kadod it was classified on the jarilyat scale with the
addition of well kasar. At the revision survey the bágáyat soil is uniformly classified on a scale of 24 annas with additions for subsoil water advantage; and, therefore, the application of the proposed dry crop maximum rates to the garden lands will raise their assessment in proportion to their fertility. The following table compares the result of the application of rates on bágáyat lands :-

| Sorisi in appendixQ | Name of Village. | By formar Sutiry. |  |  |  | Bx Revisiox Survey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Maximum Rato. | Aeres, | Assest. ment. |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Maximum } \\ \text { Late. } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Acres. | Asresgment. | Averago. |
| 25 | Snkaltirth ... ... | Rs | 1,119 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } \\ \mathbf{7 , 7 3 8} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. a. p. } \\ 6 & 14 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } \\ & 5 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ | 1,126 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Rs} . \\ 10,481 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{rl} \text { Rs. } & \text { B. } p_{-} \\ 9 & 411 \end{array}$ |
| 42 | Kadod | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}8 \\ 62\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 55 \\ 123 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}13 & 12 & 0 \\ 6 & 13 & 4\end{array}$ | \} 53 | 22 | 195 | 81310 |
| 80 | Nikota ... ... | 8 | 67 | 697 | 1065 | 53 | 157 | 1,359 | 8.106 |
|  | Total ... |  | 1,208 | 8,613 | 721 | ... | 1,305 | 12,035 | 937 |

60. The following abstract from Appendix Q compares the result of the application of the rates over the whole talluka:-

| By former Scívey. |  |  |  | By Reision Suavey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villages. } \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{\text {Arean }}$ | Assessment. | Group. | Number Villages. | A гея. | Assessmont. |
|  |  | Acres. | Ris. |  |  | Acres. | Rs. |
| I | 6 | 1,457 | 8,605 | I ... | 6 | 1,458 | 8,829 |
| II | 36 | 41,234 | 2,18,508 | II ... | 82 | 91,507 | 5,01,401 |
| III | 46 | 50,280 | 2,68,853 | III ... | 10 | 10,105 | 41,895 |
| IV | 14 | 14,503 | 58,892 | IV ... | 4 | 4,400 | 15,158 |
|  | 102 | 107,474 | 5,55,158 |  | 102 | 107,470 | 5,67,283 |

It will be seen that my proposals result in an increase of Rs. 12,125 or $2 \cdot 18$ per cent. The application of distance scales will make a reduction of a few hundred rupees. The increase has taken place in bhátha and bágayat lands to the extent of Rs. 11,125 and Rs. 3,422, respectively. The total assessment on jaráyat lands has decreased by Rs. 2,551.
61. It will be noticed that in Appendix $Q$ the percentage results (col. 33) Appendix Q. work out in a hap-hazard manner. This is entirely has been explained before. Kukarwáda, No. 7, will be reduced by about 5 per cent. after the application of distance scale and Sukaltirth, No. 25, by about 10 per cent. The rise in Kadod, No. 42, is on bhátha land, which does not exist; at the original survey all but 3 or 4 acres of bágayat land was classed as bhátha, Borbhatha, No. 44, Sakarpur, No. 46, and Taria, No. 47, are entirely bhátha villages. They are well able to bear the increase. In Nikora, No. 80, and Angaresar, No. 81, the increase is also on bhátha lands (vide para. 58).
62. In revision reports, a statement in the form of Appendix $Q^{(2)}$ is appended, comparing the amounts of the old well kasar with the new sub-soil water assessment. It is Sub-boil Water Assessment. not possible to separate the well kavar from the total assessmeut in the táluka
under report; and as the villages which bear sub-soil water assessment are ferr, a statement is furnished below to show the same, in place of Appendix $Q^{(2)}$.

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63. In the táluka under report Kacha or Wada lands are allowed free of

Kachas. assessment up to 10 gunthas; I would therefore recommend that the existing Wadas nay be continued to the holders free of assessment up to 10 gunthas.
64. The usual reservation to Government of teak, sandalwood and blackTrees. wood trees will be declared at the time of announcing the rates. Other trees growing in occupied land belong to the occupants.
65. In conclusion, I have the honour to recommend that the rates, if sanctioned, be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant, P. R. MEHTA, M.R.A.C., Acting Depaty Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey.

Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Broach, District Broach, for the years 1888 to 1897.


APPENDIX $\mathbf{B}$.
Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Broach T'aluta of the Broach Collectorate.


## APPENDIX C.

Statement showing the Villages in which the Principal Weekly Bazars are held in the Broach Taluka.
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APPENDIX $D$.
Detail of Population according to Occupation by Percentages.

| agrioultural population. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-aghevatural Population. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having Interest in Land. |  |  |  |  | Labourers. |  |  | Total Agricultnral Population. | Crafts. | ITnskilled Labour. | Others. | Total Non-agri* cultural Population. |
| Land Occopants not oultivaling. | I, and Occupants cultivatiug. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Tenants and } \\ \text { Sharers cultivat- } \\ \text { iog. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Othora. | Total. | $\underset{\text { Servants. }}{\text { Farm }}$ | Field Lnbourers and Crop Watehers. | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| 1.29 | 20.41 | 20.84 | 18.80 | $59 \cdot 34$ | $5 \cdot 61$ | $18 \cdot 30$ | $21 \cdot 91$ | 81.25 | 3.21 | 7•85 | 7.69 | $18 \cdot 75$ |

APPENDIX E.
Detail of Population according to Religion and Education.

| Sex. |  |  | As per <br> Village <br> Census. | Percentnge on total Y'opulation able to read or learning. | Religion, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Hinlu Casteg. |  |  |  |  | Musalmán Sects. | Christians. | Pargis. | Others. |
|  |  |  |  |  | Kanbis. | Kolis. | Kachius. | Brâhming, | Oblbers, |  |  |  |  |
| Males <br> Females | ..' | ... | 34,801 | 32-36. | 2,946 | 2,673 | 235 | 1,208 | 17,585 | 10,127 | 2 | 2.) |  |
|  | ... | ... | 34,651 | 3.95 | 2,789 | 2,667 | 199 | 1,236 | 17,572 | 10,166 | ... | 22 |  |
|  | Total |  | 69,452 | 18.20 | 5,735 | 5,34.0 | 434 | 2,444 | 35,157 | 20,293 | 2 | 47 | , |

APPENDIX F.
Statement showing thees Agriculíural Stock Government Villages ix the Broach Táluka.


## APPENDIX G.

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, \&c., and average Births, Deathe and Vaccination.


Statement of Schools together with their average Allexdance in the year 1937-98.

| * Nimber of Villapos in which there are telaools. | Táluka, | Local Board. |  |  |  | Mevioipat Echoods. |  |  |  | Private Scmools, |  |  |  | Jemarks, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  | Boys. |  | Cirls, |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  |  |
|  |  | Number of tichools. | Avernge Atteniance | Number of Schools. | Average Attoudance. | Number of Schools. | Average Atlendance. | Number of Echools. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Averago } \\ \text { Attendavee. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Number of sichools. | Averago Attendance. | Number of Schuols. | Avemgo Attondance. |  |
| - 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 59 ... ... | Broach ... | 59 | 2,803 | 1 | 30 | 8 | 1,127 | 3 | 202 | 2 | - 131 | 2 | 87 |  |

## APPENDIX 1.

|  | Taluka. | Totsl Number cultivated by Occapanta or lnamdaro. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Occupanta or Inámdára in partnership with others. |  | Total Numbera cultivated by Eub-tenante on Money-rent. |  | Total Numbera cultivated by rubtenants for Produce of Grain-rent. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Waste } \\ \text { Numbert. } \end{gathered}$ | Parampok Numbera. | Total Numbers. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Gcrerament. | Ynam. | Government. | Insm. | Government. | lnam. | Government. | Inam. |  |  | Governmeut. | Inam. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 102 | Broach | 16,346 | 4,401 | 243 | 183 | 1,722 | 1,088 | 433 | 31 | 496 | 989 | 20,223 | 5,6s6 |
|  | Percentages | 81 | 77 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 100 | 100 |

APPENDIX J.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tank, and other Sources of Water-supply in the Government villages of the Broach Túluka.


## APPENDIX K.

An Abstract Statement showing Ordinary'Sales in the Broach Ta'luka.


* An Abstract Statement showing Simple Mortgages in the Broach Ta'luka.

| Clase of cases according to the number of times the Surrey $\Delta$ sesesment for which land is sold. | Number of cases. | Total Acres | Total Assessment. | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | $\Delta$ verage rate por Acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the Survey Assessmen for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class I- 1 to, 10 times | 10 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { A. g. } \\ 52 & 21 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 321 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. a. p. } \\ 6 & 111 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { arc } & \text { p. } \\ 2,413 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { lis. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 45 & 15 & \\ 45 & 15 & 0\end{array}$ | 7.50 |
| "II- 11 to 25 " | 27 | 20115 | $630 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 3 2. 0 | 10,259 00 | 50151 | 16.28 |
| "III- 26 to 50 " | 9 | 3816 | 14540 | $4{ }^{4} 7$ | $4,511 \times 8$ | 13512 | 31.08 |
| „, IV- 51 to 100 ," ... | 3 | 518 | 3060 | 59.2 | 1,697 0. 0 | 3116 | 55.86 |
| $\nabla-101$ to 150 | ... | .. |  |  |  | ... | ... |
| Total | 49 | 29230 | $1,127 \quad 4 \quad 0$ | 313 | 18,880 * 8 | 64.710 | 16.73 |

## APPENDIX L

An Abstract Statement showing Mortgäges with Possession in the Broach Ta'luka.


## APPENDIX M.

$F$
An Abstract Slatement showing Sublettings in the Broach Ta'luka.

| Class of cases according to the nnmber of times the Survey $\Delta$ sessement for which lund is sold. | Number of cases. | Total Acres | Total <br> Assessment. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { A verage rate } \\ \text { of Assessment } \\ \text { per Acre. } \end{array}\right.$ | Total sum for which sublet. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average rate } \\ & \text { per Acre } \\ & \text { for which } \\ & \text { sablet. } \end{aligned}$ | Average ${ }^{\prime}$ times the Survey Assessmen - for which |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 |  | 4 | 5 | - 6 | 7 | $8{ }^{+}$ |
| Class I- 1 to 5 times... | 44 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A. g. } \\ & 273 \cdot 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ \text { p. } \\ 1,802 & 14 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 6 & 9 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 8,383 & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 12 & 5 & 11 \end{array}$ | 1.87 |
| , II - 6 to 10 | 7 | $44 \cdot 2$ | 164140 | 31110 | 1,145 00 | $26 \quad 1510$ | 6.94 |
| \% III-11 to 25 | 5 | $19 \cdot 16$ | $\begin{array}{lll}95 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ | 4147 | 1,743 00 | 89 13, 6 | $18 \cdot 27$ |
| , IV-26 to 50 , ... | 2 | 2.5 | 880 | 400 | 26500 | 124103 | 31-17 |
| " $\overline{\text { P-above } 50 \text { " ... }}$ | $\cdots$ | ... | . $\cdot \cdots$ | ... | .... | $\cdots$ | ... |
| Total ... | 58 | 339.3 | 2,071 100 | 6619 | 6,536 110 | $19 \quad 4 \quad 5$ | 8.15 |

APPENDIX N.
Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Broach.Tíluka.

| Yearr. | Lbat of 39 Touns priz Rtpre. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wheat. | Rice in husks. | Tar. | Jowar. | Bajri. | Seasme. | Cotton (seed). | $\overline{\dot{C}_{\text {ctton }}} \begin{gathered} \text { (seed). } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1865-66 | 173 | 231 | 113 | 181 | 17 | 10 |  |  |
| 1866-67 | 181 | 254 | 15 | 213 | $20 \frac{1}{1}$ | 113 | ... | ... |
| 1867-68 | 18 | 264 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | 24.4 | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | 121 | ... |  |
| 1868-69 | $17 \frac{1}{4}$ | 323 | 183 | 21 | $20 \frac{1}{2}$ | 151 | ... | 97 |
| 1869-70 | $24 \frac{1}{4}$ | 31. | . 181 | 293 | 293 | $14 \frac{1}{4}$ | ... | $8 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Average | 19 | $27 \frac{3}{4}$ | 16 | 23 | 22 | 123 ${ }^{4}$ | ... | 9 |
| 1870-71 | $27 \pm$ | 41 | 191 | 314 | 293 | 161 | ... | 13 |
| 1871-79 | 298 | 361 | 183 | 41 | 323 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | ... | 91 |
| 1872-73 | 281 | 323 | 171 | 438 | 314 | 16 | ... | 9 |
| 1873-74 | $32 \frac{3}{4}$ | $34 \frac{1}{3}$ | $23 \frac{1}{2}$ | 435 | 41 | $14 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\cdots$ | 113 |
| 1874-75 | $31 \frac{1}{2}$ | 32 星 | $21 \frac{3}{4}$ | 43 亲 | 41 | 15 |  | 114 |
| 1875-76 | 328 | $34 \frac{1}{2}$ | 323 | 213 | $34 \frac{1}{4}$ | 133 | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | $12 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1876-77 | 18 | 29 | $26 \frac{1}{4}$ | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | 213 | 13 | 13 | 113 |
| 1877-78 | $23 \frac{1}{2}$ | 293 | 184 | $27 \pm$ | 27 | 13 | $11 \%$ | 12 |
| 1878-79 | $19 \frac{1}{4}$ | 27 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | 21.8 | $19 \frac{1}{4}$ | 11 | 113 | $10 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| 1879-80 | - 16를 | 29 | 172 | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ | $20 \frac{1}{2}$ | 113 | 111 | 101 |
| Average | 26 | 323 | 21 | 32 | 293 | 14 | 113 | $11 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| 1880-81 | 2312 | 381. | $23 \frac{1}{2}$ | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | $32 \frac{3}{4}$ | 144 | 10 | $10{ }^{3}$ |
| 1881-88 | 34. | 41 | 323 | 463 | 41 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | 11 |
| 1882-83 | 29 | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | $23 \frac{1}{2}$ | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | $32{ }^{3}$ | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | $10 \frac{1}{2}$ | 11 |
| 1883-84 | 251 | 41 | 293 | $38 \frac{1}{2}$ | 323 | 161 | $10 \frac{8}{4}$ | $11 \frac{1}{1}$ |
| 1881-85. | 27 | 32 ? | $27 \frac{1}{4}$ | 293 | $32 \frac{3}{4}$ | 15 | $10 \%$ | 11 |
| 1885-86 | 32 | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | 254 | 41 | 3:3 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | 103 | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1886-87' | 323 | 41 | 274 | $34 \frac{1}{2}$ | $34 \frac{1}{2}$ | 16 | 1112 | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1887-88 | $23 \frac{1}{2}$. | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | 291 | 34 | 323 | $15 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | $10 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1858-89 | $27 \frac{1}{4}$. | $36 \frac{1}{2}$ | 274 | 29 | 27 | $13 \frac{3}{1}$ | 93 | $10 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| 1889-90 | 234 | $30 \frac{1}{2}$ | $20 \frac{1}{2}$ | $35 \frac{1}{3}$ | 28 | 111 | $10 \%$ | 9 |
| 4 verage | 28 | 37 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | 361 | 323 | 15 | 103 | 11 |
| 1890-91 | 27 | 32 | 271 | 36 | . $33 \frac{1}{2}$ | 1312 | 91 | 12 |
| 1891-92 | $21 \frac{1}{2}$ | 371 | $26 \pm$ | 323 | 30 | 124 | 114 | 13 |
| 1892-93 | 24 | $31 \frac{1}{2}$ | 20 | 33 ${ }^{2}$ | 29 | 111 | $14 \frac{1}{3}$ | 91 |
| 1893-94 | $25 \frac{1}{2}$ | ... | 214 | 82 | $28 \frac{1}{2}$ | 11 | $9 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1894-95 | 274 | - 651 | 254 | 351 | 33 | 129 | $18 \frac{1}{2}$ | 12 |
| 1895-96 | 33 | 323 | 254 | $37 \frac{1}{8}$ | 342 | 13 | 104 | $10 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| 1896-97 | 23 3 | $30 \frac{1}{2}$ | $20 \frac{1}{2}$ | 29 | - 25 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| 1897-98 | 17 | 29 | 15 | $21 \frac{1}{2}$ | 191 | 13 | 113 | $14 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Average | 25 | 37 | 23 | - 321 | 29 | 123 | 111 | 12 |

## APPENDIX 0.

## Revenue Statement for the Government Villages, situated in the Broach Táluka of the Broack Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in $1 \leqslant 70.71$.

[The yedrs above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Eettlement.]


Effect of Revision Settlement Proposal

on Government unoccupied Land.


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## APPENDIX Q(1).

Showing Area of Fillages for Set'lement, woith details.


## APPENDIX Q(a)-continued.



## APPENDIX R.

No. 1025 of 1871.
To

J. G. W HITE, Esquiri,<br>Acting Collector of Broach.

Superintendent's Office, Surat, 20th October 1871.
SIR,
On the 25th February last, I had the honour of addressing you on the Revenue Settlement of the Broach Taluka of the Broach Collectorate. The arguments therein set forth, and the general bearing of the sketch proposal, having met with your concurrence and the approval of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., I at once set about the experimental introduction of the Surivey rates authorised under Section XXV of Bombay Act I of 1865.
2. I now basten to report more fully upon the measures adopted for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, with the view that his sanction may be given to my proceedings before the 1st instalment shall fall due under the new system in January next.
3. In order to avoid forwarding documents of a duplicate character, all the matter contained in the preliminary report will be embodied in this, with such alditional observations on several subjects which, though not absolutely needed for information of the local authorities, may yet be essential to complete the account of the first Survey Settlement in your Collectorate.
4. The taluka under settlement-one of the five which compose the Collectorate, and the Position. one containing the City, is situated on the north bank of the $21^{\circ} 1^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ Narbada, 29 miles from the river mouth. Its fort being in latitude $21^{\circ} 41^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ north, and longitude $73^{\circ} 2^{\prime} 40^{\prime \prime}$ east of Greenwich.
5. The Ankleshvar Taluka is situated immediately opposite on the south side of the river ; the Wagra Taluka intervenes seaward, and faces it from west to north wwest as far as the village of Tankaria; from thence Gáikwar territory adjoins, stretching to the north-east; and the Rajpipla State, on the opposite shore of the Narbada, south-east, completes the circle.
6. Were it not for several islands mid-river, and a broad strip of allavial soil on the south bank which belongs to Broach, its shape would resemble a Figare. leg of mutton, the outer curve being formed by the Narbada, and the knuckle and inner curve defined by the Bhukhi-a tributary which debouches into the main stream 15 miles in the direction of the Gulf of Cambay. The town lies midway, so to speak, on the river side.
7. There are no outlying villages of Bhuki to this táluka, but it contains one belonging Isolated Villages. to the Gáikwar's sovereignty in the very centre of the district, affording refuge to bad characters and creating other inconveniences. This village-Karmali-is but one of the many instances requiring adjustment at some future day, by a judicious system of exchange with British villages likewise awkwardly situated in foreign talukas. While on this subject, it may not be out of place to suggest that the first favourable opportunity should be taken to rectify the present ill-arranged strips of territory interlaced with ours in almost every táluka throughout Gujarát, but more particularly in the Kaira and Southern Collectorates.
8. Nikora, the most eastern village, is in direct line 12 miles from Broach; Méhgam, on the western side, is 15 miles; beyond which the Aliabet, an aninhabited and uncultivated tract of river formation covered with mangrove jungle, extends 9 miles farther west. Pálej, the northern extremity through which the Railway passes into foreign territtry, is 18 miles distant; and Borbhata extends $2 \frac{1}{2}$ miles south. These limits, given in cardinal directions from Broach, embrace an area of 303 square miles, ascentained by the measurement of village lands in detail.
9. Broach originally contained 172 villages, 10 of which were alienated; and included the present Wagra Táluka, which was separated in 1834. In

Number of villages and changes
in the Pargana. 1845 it had 90 villages left, 8 of which being Inámi. By an adjustment of táluka boundaries in 1861, several Wágra and Ahmod villages were added to Broach, so as to round off the boundary and to bring the Pálej Railway Station within its limits. At.present the Mámlatdar's records show 106 villages; and, for reasons to be explained hereafter, the survey has sub-divided these into 111 villages. The area of 9 Inám villages amounts to $8,630 \frac{51}{31}$ acres, and the Government portion to 185,502 acres, or 290 square miles : the latter area will be used in all subsequent calculations, as the Inám villages do not fall under this revision, except that the general rates will affect thair summary settlement.
10. It is impossible to say when Broach first became a place of commercial importance. History.

Its existence as a town, situated on a sacred river of the Hindas, may date back many thousand years, to a time coeval with the semi-civilization of China, to which it was known under the name of Polee-kie-tch'e-po', transli-
terated into Varikachewa,-the capital of a kingdom on the Nai-mo-tho or Narbada. It was presumably established, long before the discovery of it was made known to the western world by the enterprise of Greek travellers, prior to the Christian era. Arriam, the Greek, and Ptolemy, the Egyptian historian of the Augustan period, speak of it as Barigaza, situated on the Narmadas; and the unknown author of the Periplus of the Erythrean Sea, geographically identifies it with Barigaza, by the statement of its being "thirty miles on the Narmadas," and by his eccurate description of the "bore" or tidal wave of the Gulf of Cambay. Its name has, at various times, been much transformed from the original Brigu-kacha, literally the delta of Brigu, the tutelary saint of the river, whose shrine is still to be seen in old Broach. To the Arabian travellers of the tenth and twelfth centuries it was known at different times as Baroh, Baros, and Buhruj; the latter phonetically the same as it is now in Gujarati. It has had at least a dozen forms in English in three generations; but Broitsh, Borich, and Broach, seem to be the last.
11. The commercial and political history of Broach is succinctly given in an interesting Iittle brochure from the Pen of Mr. Martin Wood-called forth by the Jishibition of 1888. I may be pardoned quoting his notes on the political portion of it, as the best compilation of dates to hand:-
"In 1535, after the Emperor Humayun's fruitless chase to the island of Diu after Bahádur Khán, the king or Subedár of Gujarát, and his daring capture of Chámpáneer, he left for Agna, and the Mogal line lost its power over Gujarat. The province was re-united to the empire of Delhi by Akbar in 1573, though a few years afterwards the province again revolted, when amongst other places Broach was held by Mozaffer Shah, the grandfather of Ahmed Shah, founder of Ahmedabad. About 1617 the. Emperor Jehanghir, to whom Sir 'I'homas Roe was accredited, resided for a year or two in Gujarat. It was in 1727 that the Mahráttas under Baji Ráo first levied chout in Gujarát; but this invasion seegs to have been almost invited by the disaffection of the Musalmán rulers of the province.
"In 1725, Ahmed Khan, the Viceroy of Gujarat having opposed the Imperial authority, Sur Boland Khan was sent by the Emperor to restore order in that province and to assume its Government. The rebellious Viceroy was evidently a mauvais sujet, for he sought the aid of the Mahrattas; but after giving battle to Sur Boland before the walls of Ahmedabad, he retreated, and became a mere planderer like his marauding allies. Sur Boland Khan made vigorous efforts for the protection of the country, and appointed military officers to the command of each district. One Abdula Beg was appointed to the charge of Broach, and continued to hold that district as the deputy of Sur Boland Khan, until the recall of the latter in 1727, in consequence of his iuability to check the encroachments of the Mahrattas just alluded to. The Government of Ahmedabad soon ceased to exercise any control over Broach, or to afford Abdula Beg any protection against the increasing power of the Deccan freebooters. He therefore turned his eyes southward, and eventually offered submission to the Nizamul-mulk, who grauted Sanads in 1734, conferring on Abdula Beg the title of Nek Alam Khan. Oa Abdula Beg's death in 1738, he was succeeded in the government of Broach by his recond son, Mirza Beg, who assumed the title of Nek Alam Khan the 2nd. Dying in 1752, he was succeeded by a third son, who also died three months after. Disputes now arose respecting the succession, and these resulted in forming the link which connect those troublous times with the rise of our own power. The contentions were protracted for nearly two years, when Syad Edrus, the head of a family which has long exercised a powerful religious influence at Surat, espoused the cause of Mirza Ahmed Beg, a grandson of Abdula Beg (the first Nawab), and succeaded in placing him in possession of Broach. Mirza Ahmed died in 1768, and was succeeded by his son Maazad Khan, the last Nawáb.
"In 1771, the British Government, in right of its sovereignty over Surat, preferred certain claims against the Nawáb of Broach, and equipped a force to reduce him to obedience. The Nawab, being a prudent man, and anxious to avoid a collision, repaired to Bumbay under a guarantee of protection, with the view of negotiating terms. The result was a treaty with the Nawáb, dated. November 30th, 177 1. Perhaps the Political Secretary of those days had been too astute for the poor prince of Brouch, for it soon hecame evident that the Nawab viewed this treaty as unfavourable to his interests, and it was suon disregarded by bim, a course which led to the extinction of this little Mussalman State on the Narbuda. A second expedition was fitted out against Broach under the command of General Wedderburn, and it was captured on November 1sth, 1772. When the British troops entered the town, the Nawab took to flight, and seems after this to hare sunk into obscurity. The storming of the town was not accomplished without sơme close fighting, for our General Commanding was Eilled ; and his tomb may be seen by the present visitors to Broach. The administration of Broach and its dependent territory was now entrusted by the Bombay Government to a [Native] Chief and Council, by whom it continued to be administered until 1783. Then the Government of India bestowed the district on Mabadaji Sindia, in acknowledgment of aid and comfort aftorded by him to the British cause on occasion of reverses suffered by the Bombay troops at Wargaum in January 1779. Thus Broach cane under a Mahrátta prince, and remained in the possession of Sindia from this time until, he having taken up arms against the British, Broach was again taken by storm on the 29th August 1803
by a force under Colonel Woodington: The district of Broach was subsequently ceded by Sindia to the British Government by the treaty of Surji Ajungaum in December $1808^{*} *$ * Since 1803 the political annale of Broach, with one exception, have been uneventful The exception alluded to, is a riot which took place at Broach in 1857, and which;' though merely a caste disturbance between Parsis and Mussalmans, waa nearly becoming one of the incidents of the great mutiny. The two factions, in their dire struggle with each other, overcame the police, and the small detachment of troops. then in the town was inadequate for operations against a large tumultuous mob, Happily the affair passed off without assuming the form of animosity against the British Sircar."
12. The general appearance of the country is bare and unprepossessing. A great $\Delta$ spect of Cotntry. extended plain of hedgeless black soil, without a perceptible elevation throughout its entire length and breadth; and far aivay in adjacent talukas a continuation of the same character, with but a few bábul and tamarind trees, marking the sites of villàges three to six miles apart, looming important in the distance by refraction, but on approach dwindling down to a few scattered trees barely sufficient to shade the smallest encampment. In a very clear state of the atmosphere, the Sátpuda Range and the nearer lying Rajpipla Hills are in the morning dimly perceptible; bat during the rest of the day the glare as of a distant furnace marks the horizon on all sides, The country would be entirely without interest were it not that one is, conscious .that those low cotton fields are a mine of wealth and support to the industry of many thousand familiea here and abroad; and the tiled houses you see, seemingly baked and caked with a snaff coloured dust, are the babitations of a race of peasant proprietors who have tilled the soil over two thousand" years without having yet exhansted its fertlity, and once lent worldwide fame to the ancient Barignza. In the eastern corner towards Sukaltirth, 'where the river has for centuries deserted its former bed, there is to be found an exception to thip outward appearance of nakedness; the rich marwar or goraro soil has favoured the growth of many noble trees and tall palms. The kabitburr, a banian tree of great antiquity, mentioned by Pliny as capable of affording shelter to an army of 30,000 men, is now in keeping with the general deception. On an islet of the Narbada opposite Sukaltirth, this tree-a noble one-by its isolation, is supposed to have sprung from the tooth-pick of Kabir, a saint who grafted the tenets of several modern faiths upon a Hindu stock so craftily, as to render the question of his disciples being Hindu or otherwise still open to debate. The tree is nothing more or less than an ordinary burr forming the centre of a deuse forest of other trees which have been propagated by myriads of flying-foxes depositing seed, having in the distance the distinct outline of a single tree-the treeless neighbuurhood aiding the illusion.
13. The town, built on an artificial mound the debris of successive ages, occapies

## Appearance of the Town.

 comparatively a commanding position on the north bank, which is more elevated than any other part of the country. It is surmounted by a fort with high towers and curtains, over which a modern city rears an irregular mass of tall galie ends and dirty roofs. The well-wooded suburbs and lower town extend over a distance of two miles parallel with the river, but nowhere exceeds half a mile in width. This area contains 10,808 bouses and 37,000 inhahitants, and is traversed longitudinally by two parily metalled streets-ithe inner one passing through the centre of the bazaar; the outer one, starting from the Railway Station, skirts the suburbs and steam factories, aud terminates at Scandial- folat, an elevation on the river side. The river here at monsoon flood presents the appearance of an ocean, with a midcurrent one mile broad, which at lovest surfinerebb is soldom less than half a mile across. A great variety of uative craft, of every size and shäpe up to 80 tons, are to be seen either hauled up on the foreshore, or still in the stream oohtenditg with the Railway. Approaching the town from the sonth, especiahly at thet decline of day, over a noble span of iron piles, the appearance of its tall houses and mill chimueg tops glistening in the sun is indeed very picturesque; and should a visit be paid to it during the months of March, April and May, no city in the would will impress you more with its noise and sleeplessness night and day being alike devnted to King Cotton.14. The climate of Broach is as healthy as that of any part of Gujarat, though perhaps

## Climate and Rainfall.

 not so agreeable to one's feelings as the districts immediately bordering on the sea in the Surat Collectorate: The moderate fall of rain on its flat and retentive surface suffices, howeyer, in a great measure, to equalise the greater rainfall southward.15. The mean masimuin and minimum range of thermometer registered in the Civil

| Yeam. | Minlmam. | Maximum. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1866 | 55 | 105 |
| 1867 | 50 | 105 |
| 1868 | 50 | 110 |
| 1869 | 60 | 105 |
| 1870 | 60 | 100 | Hospital during the last 3 years hardly serve to convey a correct idea of the temperature. I have therefore appended Dr. Birdwood's monthly comparative tables for the period extending from January A.D. 1852 to December 1861 in the four collectorates of Gujarát and other cotton districts of the Bombay Presidency.

16. The moraings in December, January an 3 February are sometimes bitterly cold, the thermoneter having been known to stand at: 40 degrees in the open air at daybreak. Dr. Hove, a Yolish gentleman, who travelled in these parts in A.D. 1787, relate . 476 - 10
that he found all the cattle foot-prints in the soil about Broach filled with fee $;$ and it is recorded that a frost of great severity destroyed all the crops in the country in 1835. This degree of cold, happily for vegetation, is not common, because the ordinary temperature in January is very liable to blight the cotton buds when there is a deficiency of dew. North-easterly hot winds only prevail in the month of March and a few days in A pril, during which time the thermometer rises to 110 degrees even under a well-roofed house; -the occasional lull experienced being even more oppressive than the hot blast, as it stops the eváporation of the watered tattie. Early in April the cool sea-breeze commences to set in from the south-western direction, incronsing day by day until it verges upon being stormy, as it sweeps along the broad channel of the Narbada valley to the scorched regions of Central India.
17. During the last eleven years the average rainfall has only been 34 inches, much

| Yeara |  | . Inches ${ }_{0}$ |  | Cents. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1860 | ... | $\cdots$ | 29 | 32 |
| 1861 | ... | . | 26 | 40 |
| . 1862 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 34 | 79 |
| . 2863 | -. | ... | 51 | 27 |
| 1864 | $\cdots$ | ... | 25 | ... |
| 1865 | ... | ... | 37 | 50 |
| 1868 | ... | ... | 88. | 45 |
| 11867 | $\cdots$ | -.. | 32 | . 12 |
| 1868 | *-* | .. | 88 | 4 |
| 1869 | ... | ... | 45 | 29 |
| $1870{ }^{\text {. }}$ | $\ldots$ | .0. | 23 | 91 | below former averages. Between the years 1852 and "1861 the indication was 41 inches 60 cents. Last year, was considered an unfavourable season, as little more than half the, necessary supply was obtained ; but during the curront season. --being a succession of two bad ones-it is to be feared that the registered fall of 17 inches will possibly result in the failure of rice, and a premature ripening of other crops:

18. A.D. $1818,1814,1820,1835,1838$ and 1840 were years in which either drought frpst,, or locusts caused a failure of the crops. So late as $1868-69$ the rasats had to drive their cartle to the hills to provide them fodder, and a great number of villages in the collectorate were deserted for the time being. Years of partial failure have also been very common. The uncertainty of steady rainfall in these regions and great changes in the temperature ; liability of cotton to blight daring the few clondy days in January, and other contingencies, such as boll-worms, which have greater or less vitality according to the ceasons; are a few of the very disturbing elements in the estimation of equitable rates for a fixed term of years in Broach.
19. The Bhukbi, which borders on the north side of the district, is only a monsoon' Rivers tributary, or a mere drain of the high parts of the delta itself, and is consequently dry during the greater portion of the year, except at its mouth, which is under tidal influence a distance of several miles up.
20. The Narbada itself hardly requires more than passing notice, as from a revenué Narbada. point of view, it has much less importance than rivers of smaller dimensions in Gujarát. Taking its rise in Omerkantak, the highest land of Central India 5,000 feet above the sea, it pursues a serpentine westerly course to the Gulf of Cambay, a distance of 750 miles. Its north bank is bounded by the Vindhia and Bander Mountains, and south by the Sátpudas, Kalygong and Mahádeo Hills, which approach within a few miles and never exceed the distance of forty,-the average width of the valley being alout $\$ 8$, miles on each bank. The river flows parallel with these monntains over a rocky bed, $\mathrm{in}^{7}$ a succession of falls and rapids. The last 80 miles of its course lies through the broud delta of marl and clay underlying the black alluvial formation npon which Broach and several tálukas belonging to the Gáekwar are situated.
21. With the view of utilizing the water carriage between the mineral districts and sea-board, several attempts were made to test the practicability of its navigation by loaded boats being floated down the stream; but the results were mest unfavourable, and held forth no prospect of overcoming dificulties by engineering skill. In a condensed memoir of the undertaling published in 1833, it is stated that "the Narbada, in its physical character and features, presents such insurmountable obstacles to ordinary calculations, that it may be safely said to be impracticable as a navigable stream ; and its valley, so much lauded, is for several bundred miles in detached portions a barren, hilly, and uncultivable jungle. The agricultural districts referred to lie north of its upper portion, while the chief mineral ones stretch over the south bank af one of its central basins from 250 to 500 miles frem the sea, in which distance its free navigation, far from equalling that of ordinary rivers, which is at least one-fourth of their length, scarcely extends beyond its limited tide-way of twenty-five miles through the year. * * Its great declivity from its source to its debouchure would seem of itself to angur" extrene rapidify as fatal a point to navigation as want of water, and creative of the latter; for were the descent direct and gradual, it would involve a fall of 64 feet to the mile. The Godavery, Colonel Cotton states, is 2 inches; the Amazon, 700 miles from the sea, 0.2 ; and the Ganges about one foot per mile, 800 miles from its source. Since in the flow of water a fall of twelve inches per mile is equivalent to a current of one mile, that of the Narbada would have an estimated. flow of nearly seven miles, sufficient to drain off the monsoon supply many times multiplied." It is owing to this cause that the highest monsoon flood subsides in a few days, and by February the volume of fresh water
et Sukaltirth is scarcely ankle deep. In April last I experienced the greatest difficulty in crossing over to the opposite shore, a few miles below Broach, even in a canoe only drawing a few inches, and had to be dragged over sandbanks and shallows until the flood tide set in.
22. From July to November boats under 30 tons burthen ply between Broach and Tallakwars, a distance of 35 miles direct and 65 miles by wiudings of the river. Taking advantage of spring tide native craft of $\$ 0$ tons come up as far as the present Railway bridge, but lie aground during ebb, a circumstance which renders it doubtful whether any expenditure on the part of Government will suffice for the restoration of the port of Broach. The alluvial character of both banks under rapid corrosion, with the strong tendeucy of the bed to silt up as the mouth of the river expands and the scour becomes less year by year, render the idea of forming a safe and deep anchorage almost futile. I deem its condition hopeless, and much beyond the ability of the best engineering skill, unless backed by expenditure which there would be no possible inducement to incur, in the face of the G. I. P. Railway having tapped the mineral districts above, and the B. B. and C. I. Railway conveniently carrying away all the traffic below Broach itself.
23. From an irrigational point of view the river is unserviceable, as tidal waters flow to Narbada irrigation impracticable. the extreme limit of the district, and no facility is afforded for : the construction of headworks except it be several hundred miles away in foreign territory. The land, moreover, which would most benefit by irrigation, lies on the south bank, and has been provided for in the great canal scheme of the Tapti River.
24. In connection with this subject I may mention that irrigation by means of tanks is $n i l$ Irrigation from Wells and and is very limited from wells, which are mostly confined to the Tanks. gorat villages; although at one time-as mentioned by Dr. Hove in 1750-it was customary even in black soil cultivation to give two waterings to the cotton plant for full development of the fruit and the requisite length of fibre. How or when this practice fell into total desuetude doss not appear; but the mere mention would lead one to believe, in the absence of old wells, that the tanks of the district were formerly used for irrigation.

Wells. $\quad 25$. Out of 391 wells in the district, 8 are alienated, and the remaining ones are used in the following manner:-


The depth of these wells in black suil is from 40 to 65 feet. Some of the large ones could not now be erceted under 5,000 rupees. In gorat the depth averages 25 feet; and in bhátha localities they are a few feet below the surface, but hold very little drainage water, in consequence of the subsoil being sandy. Deep sinking taps the tidal springs.
26. There are no macadamized roads beyond municipal limits, and only two cleared roads through fields, trenched and bridged:- one in the direction of Kákarvaula, which is ultimately to be the traroway to Deheja loading station at the mouth of the Narbada ; proposed to be connected with Broach; the other is the bigh road to A'hnod, and Jambusar. These roads are, except for the bridges, scarcely better than the common cart tracks, as they are quite as much rutted-their sole advantage being their straightness. The truth is, that the natural surface of the country is so level and hard thtt both bullocks and drivers do not feel the absence of made roads a hardship, especially as there are very few impediments to traffic in the shape of rivers and water-courses.

The oonstruction of the Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway right through the heart of the district has done much to atop the factious charges made against Government by the mercantile community, for neglecting the high'roads of traffic to the sacrifice of the cotton trade in particular. The water carriage of the Narbada has been demonstrated to be beyond remedy; hence nothing more is left to be done for Broach than a wise control of the monopoly. ind conveying goods by rail, and the reduction of rates rendered possible by more economical management.
27. The local funds of the district may therefore be advantageously spent for many a Tanks. year to come in clearing out the tanks, hardly one of which Tanks. remains to deserve that name. In most years every tank is dry before the cold season is over, and the rayats are much distressed on account of their cattleduring the trying months of the hot season, when water is most required. Some systematic plan is absolutely needed to creavate the tanks thoroughly in a fixed number of yoars, so as to take them all in rotation, rather than to dribble away our resources in partial and general repairs, the effects of which are not traceable after one season.

In a district so liable to drought and nncertain rainfall, and physically bereft of water resources, owing to springs lying deep, and the tidal character of the Narbada as far as our villages extend, the condition of these tanks should certainly be one of the chief objects of a Revenue officer's attention. It is quite possible that they conld be made reproductive works, and used in the irrigation of lands now growing rice on all sides as a dry crop; and cotton conld be either saved or improved by one or two waterings at the proper time.
28. It is impossible to say at what depth soil gives place to rock in this alluvial delta, as

> Soils. the deepest boring for wells has never extended to more than 85 feet, a depth far beyond what is interesting or essential to agriculture. The upper stratum consists of black mould from 1 to 4 feet thick, under which ure alternate layers of sand and clay from 2 to 8 fect thick mixed with calcareous earth and kanker. "In the river bed the clay is hard and tenacions, and reaista the action of floods very considerably: the sand and gravel through which the borer passed daring the construction of the Railway bridge was compact and firm, and appeared in the first instance to offer a sufficiently strong base for any structure at a depth of 20 feet. It was subsequently found that several piles had fallen through, and that this foundation was after all only a thin deposit over a deep stratum of clay, which had to be penetrated 60 feet before calcareous earth was touched offering sufficient resistance. The experience thus dearly bought accords with the accounts given by well-sinkers, who agree in stating that the water-bearing straturn, a firm marl, is met with from 60 to 85 feet below the general surface of the country.

Variety and distribùtion.
29. There are three principal descriptions of soil in this táluka-black or regar, gorat, and bhátha.
The first is widely distributed and covers the greatest area ; the second is met with to a very limited extent in the villages about Sukaltirth ; and the last description is found in the several islands in the river, and on its south bank. Strictly spealing , there are no other varieties, but great differences exist in the mere quality of each, more "particularly in recent river deposits.
30. Owing to the different effects on the growth of cotton, and a slighi change of colour in the soil itself it has been supposed that there are two distinct descriptions of black soil ; but 2 study of the subject will prove that the character of the soil, in respect to its good and bad effects opqn the cotton plant, is entirely dependent on depth. In some parts the stratum of pure soil is above 4 feet, and in others barely covers the underlying calcareous earth mixed with nodules of kanker. Inasmach as the tap root of the cotton plant for full development needs a depth of at least three or more feet of soil, it is not surprising that as soon as it reaches kanker, or the dry and hard stratum which the clayey surface has deprived of the benefits of rain penetration, the plant should immediately become stunted, and give rise to the supposition that the soil mast be of a different terture. The greyish appearance it sometimes assumes is owing to the subsoil becoming mixed up with it-a characteristic peculiar to the Bara villages to the westward, where the black lomm is of less dep,th and frequently so shallow as to be incapable of cotton caltivation, though well adapted for fibrous rooted plants.
31. The composition of this soil, as marginally given,* is a certain indication of its marine origin opposed to the theory held by some that the soil is but the detritas of trappean roeks, notwifhstanding that the soil of those rocks yields to analyais a very high percentage of iron,

Its constituents.
 and little or no trace of magnesia. The black earth of Central Russia, remarkable for its long sustained fertility, and similar in all respects to the Broach soil, is considered by Murchison to be a submarine depcsit. Ehrenburg considers it a debris of ancient forests; and Neobod a true allavium, the deposit of still water, and not decomposed trap.

32 An instance of this formation is now occurring in Aliabet, an island at the mouth of Formation. the river, proving in a great meatare that Ehrenburg and Neobold may both be right. This island, which has attained within a comparatively short time an area of 22,000 acres, is covered by a dense forest of marine trees growing upon black clayey soil in every respet very different from the silicions accretions caused by annual floods higher up in the channel of the river ; but is still incapable of cplture, owing to the tide covering most parts of it, and the total absence of sweet water. The idea of Broach once having keen the bed of the ocean may not appear extravagant, when geologists recognize several parts of the high tableland of India to have been under the same element. Within a few years past it has been demonstrated that the gulf stream has had a marked tendency to desert the eastern for the western shcre, and if it were not that the wood-cutters on Aliábet are likely to change the character of its surface before long, by denading it of marine vegetation, it is within the bounds of possibility that this tract will in years to come add to the area of Broach cotton soil.
33. The reddish soil of Gujurát has been frequently described in Settlement Reports as a Gorat. - silici-calcareous earth, inclined to be very sandy in places, but still very fertile. It will therefore be sufficient to mention at the position in which it is found here (below the general level of the cotton plain, and within, a curved line between Angareshwar and Tavra, the limit described by a water-course on the
accompanying map, according to tradition the ancient chmnel of the river) distinctly proves its comparatively recent formation; that is to say, later than the ocean deposits of the upper plaid. It is a soil easily worked, if kept free from weeds, of which it is prolific. and is poouliarly adapted for grain crops. Under irrigation every known product may ba raised on it.
34. The fertility of the sedimentary deposit of earth and sand in alternate layers, varyBhatlaa. ing in thickness on the low south bank and islets of the river, depends upon the changeable direction of the stream during the freshes. The very nature of this kind of soil, composed of the finest reduction of organie and inorganic particles of a rich mineral and wooded valley, gives "it a decided superiority over other soils of the district ; but its possession is not at all times without disadvantage to the rayat, especially during a long lease, as the earthy stratum is. frequently found, after a single flood, buried six feet below a surface of pure sand, admitting of cultivation by a tedious process, known only to the Broach rayat, described in paragraphs 40 and 126.
35. No description, however elaborate, can convey a better idea of the soils of a district
than a simple statement of the areas devoted to certain cropa during a short series of years. Although priding myself on an intimate aequaintance with the district after having visited all parts of it. the mere compilation of the following statement enabled me to appreciate its resources infinitely better than I had done. The surprise was principally in respect to the large area set apart for rice, which is drilled inte the land on the unbunded surface of the country like orilinary grain crops. It must be observed that when the greater proportion of a mixed sowing of rice and cotton is rice, it has been placed solely under that head.

| No. | Descriptipn of Crops. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sanvvat 1923 } \\ \text { i(A.D. 1866-67.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sumvat 1924 } \\ (\text { (.D. 1867-68.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Samrat 1925 } \\ \text { (A.D. } 1868-69 . \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eamvat 1906 } \\ & \text { (A.D. 1869-70.) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. |
| 1 | Kappas ... | 31,299 2 | 31,660 36 | 26,302 28 | 28,766 11 |
| 2 | Jowár | 22,446 11 | 27,884 1 | 30,932 17 | 25,610 23 |
| 3 | Wheat | 7,466 28 | 8,875 13 | 6,380 28 | 5,731-0 |
| 4 | Bajri | 1,280 29 | +50328 | 51638 | 1,163 8 |
| 5 | Rice - ... | 11,357 18 | 14,003 37 | 16,384 11 | 19,7¢8 18 |
| 6 | Kodra | 1,175 8 . | 8759 | 56820 | 1,433 26 |
| 7 | Túr | $15832{ }^{\prime}$ | 3071 | 5963 | 62339 |
| 8 | Til and Túr mixed | 4,92136 | 4,575 34 | 5,817 33 | 3,315 23 |
| 9 | Láng | 2,996 15 . | 4,694 32 | 4,200 26 | 4,204 18 |
| 10 | Wal and Divela | 1,351 21 | 1,066 19 | 1,807 18 | 1,059 1 |
| 11 | Gram and Divela | 338 | 7435 | 14834 | 11831 |
| 12 | Tobacco | 1,122 1 | 1,241 31 | 1,400 34 | 1,692 32 |
| 13 | Kasumbi ... | 144 | 2834 | 6815 | 3134 |
| 14 | Sugarcane ... | 870 | 1512 | 23523 | 15611 |
| 15 | Vatána | 4503 | 1,040 2 | 2980 | 17218 |
| . 16 | Plantains ... | 3621 | 3129 | 343 | 6928 |
| 17 | Vágedu, a coarse rice mixed with Kodra ... | 74835 | 87, 20 | 18820 | 2219 |
| 18 | T'ee <br> Total | 1918 | 3635 | 49213 | 42918 |
|  |  | 87,136 36 | 97,466 8 | 95,07¢ 20 | 94,319 $38{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Miscellaneous. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I | Banti, Makai, \&c. ${ }_{\text {\% }}$ | 120 | 26 | 020 | 28 |
| 2 | Guevas ... | 5021 | $47^{\prime} 15$ | 585 | $64 \quad 9$ |
| 3 | Vegetable crops | 9347 | 1,005 29 | 1,103 20 | 1,093 5 |
| 4. | Kathole $\quad$.. | 9517 | $\bigcirc 4930$ | 10325 | 19632 |
| 5 | Flowers | 83 | 87 | 620 | 429 |
| 0 | Lime-tope ... | 212 | 17 | 226 | 228 |
| $\therefore 7$ | Mango-tope ... | 213 | 310 | 237 | 213 |
|  | Total ${ }^{*}$ | 88,230 30 | 98,583 34 | 97,643 38 | 96,929 30 |
| 1 | Bet land | 1,831 39 | 1,884 26 | ...... | ...... |
|  | Total | 90,062 29 | 100,468 20 | 97,049 38 | 96,929 30 |
| 123 | Roade or fallow <br> Beer or meadow land. | 12,042 23 | 15,505 16 | 16,157 17 | 15,985 32 |
|  |  | 6,269 30 | 6,944 10 | 5,n27 28 | 5,745 18 |
|  | Waste land - | 1,652 2 | 1,598 36 | 2,988 36 | 3,985 26 |
|  | Grand Total | 110,027 2 | 124,517 4 | 1,22,423 33 | 122,616 26 |
|  | 476-11 |  |  |  |  |

35. What appears most noteworthy in the above statement is;' that, notwithstanding the high price ruling for cotion in the rears given, the agyals never put more than o third portion of their lands under cotton, wisely ubstaning from impoverishing the eoil by attempting jts cultivation oftener than once in three years. I have been tald that many trials were previously mude to grow it in succession, all ending in confirmation of the coonomic truth, that nature demands a rotation which cannot be depurted from without the supplement of special manure, and even then the advantage gained is quys.ionuble.
36. It has been truthfully suid that "the rayat cultivates his land upon a system

General state of Husleandry. which, though primitive, is found well adapted to the circumstances of soil and cimate. His plough is regulated by the power of his cattle and the strengith of the ploughman. His seasuns bave been prescribed by the expcrience of centurits. He is often poor, in the English acceptation of the word, but, with the few wants of the Hindu, is not in bad circumstances. He has not, in general, much capital beyond the stock of his farm, and he is frequently obligid to borrow at heavy interest the means of carrying out the more expensive operations of cultivation, repaying the advance in its produce. He is the creature of habit, averse to change, and ofraid of innovation. He meets most suggestiuns fur his improvement with the philosophical assertion that be is content with things as they are. l'racticully speuking, the Indian is quite incapable of the foresight which custs bread upon the waters, that it may be reaptd after many days."

As a body the Broach rayats are above the average of Indian agriculturists; they are painstaking, bat somewhat improvident of their resourcos, preferring the drill cuitiva ion of a large extent of land to the economical management of a small farm. In black sol villages they generally consume all the manure as fuel, a practice which may in a great measure be owing to necessity, as the country has been denuded of all its trees. 'Their drill cultivation, is allowed to be very good and, when their circumstances will allow of manure being used, very effective.
38. Deep ploughing in black soil and ridging on the European system utterly failed under ihe supervision of American planters \&ngaged by- Government though it is now well known that the laud they abandon-

## Plougbing and Manuring.

 ed in Kukvada, many years following yielded more lnxuriant crops than the rayats ever for not using manute, is the greater evaporation of moisture from the sul and premature ripening. This prejudice has perhaps no better foundation than the time hnnoured custom of their fore-futhers, which has a wonderful hold on these people, but may be equally due to the fact that deep ploughing is expensive, and proves of no immediate advantage. Want of foresight. and the necessity which the system world entail of huving smaller farms, are sufficiently deterring, apart from other considerations, to account for the partiality to their light drills, which can go over 20 acres of cctton land in the season.39. In gorat the plongh has to be cftener used to eradicate weeds, and manuring once in three years is necessary to restore the soil whith is sooner exhausted than black. Manure also, it is said, tends to diminish the growth of weeds. Nine acres of this soil is as much as a plough with a strong pair of bullociks can munage.
40. In bhátha, which has not a deep covering of sand, the drill only is ordinarily used; but it frequently happens that the sand lies so deep, that it has to be bored when in a mo:st and adhesive state into separate holes for each individual seed or seedling, to whatever depth the bhatha may lie ; after which a connection with the surface is formed by dropping in earth gathered from neighbouring fields or the river side. This labourious process has its reward in magnificent tobacco and castor-oil crops.
41. The advantages of a judicious rotation are perfectly understood by these people, otherwise it would scarcely be possible that land known to have been tilled 2,050 jears should not appear very much the worse for wear.
In black soil, cotton is followed by jowár in the second year, and wheat in the third year. A year in fallow may inprove the produce of cotton; but it is not absolutely required when the land has been properly manured. The rayats resort to fallowing when they have more land than thay can couveniently cultivate. Cotton immediately fullowing jowar would end in failure; wheat, tár, or gram are considered the most appropriate crops after jowár'.

In gorat the rotation varies considerably, owing to the number of grain crops it is capable of producing ; but the favourite system is jowar mixed with túr during the. first year, bajjri in the second year, and kodra mixed with castor-oil in the third.

In alluvial soils the common rotation is tobacco and castor-oil alteroately; but in some oxceptional villuges, rice, vegetsbles, plantains, and sugar-cane are the succession orops; cotton, jowar, and wheat serving to ring the changes without disadvantage.

There are only a few embanked rice-beds in the district; all the rice raised is of a coarse description cultivated in the open black soil dry-crop fields, either mixed with cotton or jowar every eecond or third year, depending chiefly on a favourable fall of rain. In the bunded fields-which only, however, aggregate 8 acres in the taiuka-rice is grown annually by itself, and is thesefore a superior crop.

Relative value of local Land Heasures and Weights.
42. Bofore entering upon the grbject of yield, it will be as well to state the relative value of lozal and English laud measuras and weights, as the terms used may be bowildoring. "
The Broach bigah contains 24,775 yards 7 feet $6!$ inchos, and is only 57 sqasre yaris in
se half an acre, which contains 48,408 yards. Ths stau lard bigah of tha ahmedabad, ercess of half an acre, which contains 48,408 yards. The stau lard bigah of the Ahmedabad, all practical purposes two Broach bigahs, 1 is Ahmedabad and Nurat bigahs, may be considored equal to an acre.
43. In the same way, throwing out fractions, the Broach manad is equal to 40 lbs.

A Dhuri of Kappas or $1 \frac{1}{4}$ maund is equal to 43 lbs.
A Bhar of Kappas, or 20 maunds $\quad, \quad 960 \mathrm{lbs} .=320$ lbs.
A. Candy of clean Cotton

3
clean cotton.

A Kalsi of grain, or 16
3
786 lbs.
640 lbs.

Seed cotton on an' average yields ono-third clean cotton. Bhar is the weight solely applied to the former, and candy to the latter.
44. Under the rotations mentioned, a grood black so:l fild in'a farourable year (I do not Yield. of course refer to the best fields exceptionally attended to and manured) will yiuld per bigah during the

| 1st | 6 dhuris of Kappas. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2nd; | 12 maunds of Jowar. |
| 3rd | 8 |

When cotton is mixed with rice, the double crop is not more profitable than the single one, because, what is gained in rice is found to be lost in cotton; and this rule apples more or less to all mixed crops. The only advantage gained is the chance the rayst has of saving one crop should the other fail.
45. As the produce of black soil must constitute the basis of assessment, from which a Weight in Produce. relative rate has to be adduced for other soils talen in connection with the greater or less labour and cost of production, it will save a great deal of time, and render the subject less wearisome, if I do not at present trouble you with voluminous details, though I may in the course of further discussion notice them.
46.' All the information my classers and I have been able to glean from various sources in different villages, not restricting the inquiry to one class of rayats, tends to establish the fact that the bigab yields from 4 to 6 dhuris of kappas, equal to from 128 to 132 lbs . of clean cottow per acre; these figures indicate, respectively, a fair crop and a very good one.
47. Mr. Stormont, the Superintendent of Experiments, now in Broach, informs me that "a good fair crop in good Broach soil means a yield of about ten maunds of seed cotton per acre, that is 400 lbs , two-thirds of which will be seed and the remaining third ( 133 lbj .) clean cotton. As special cultivation coupled with the application of manure will give results superior to the above, so bad and careless farmiag will fall much short of it. A field of fair land with a liberal application of manure will produce 12 maunds per acre, while the same land after several years of bad management will not yield more then 7 to 8 maunds. The finest crop of cotton $I$ ever saw was not far from the village of Dehgám in 1859-70. It was one bigah in estent, and the owner subsequently informed me that the weight of the produce was about 9 maunds ( 260 lbs . clean cotton par acre) ; the case of course was quite an exceptional one."
48. Taking Mr. 1)avies, the former Collector of Broach, as the exponent of the opposite extreme, we have him in one place declaring that it takes 16 to 18 bigahs to produce a caady of cotton ( 785 lbs .), which is about 92 lbs . to the acre; and, in another place, that the average produce of the Collectorate is 40 lbs . the bigah or 80 lbs . the acre. In his statement to the lievenue Commissioner in 1843, he gives 4 dhuris of kappas or 61 lbs . of clean cotton as the average yield per acre.
49. Thise discrepanicies may be fairly tested by two statements made to ma by Patals endeavouring to hoodwink me as to the state of their own village, but doubtless correctly disclosing circumstances in connection with what they were not themselves in the slightest measure concerned. One told me that 4 dhuris per bigah was a sddharan or ordinary crop; and the other, whom 1 balieve to be a straightforward man, said 6 dhuris are usually expseted in ordinary seasons from a field properly rotated and attended to. Those statements are borne out by Mr. Stormont, a gentleman of a great practical experience.
50. If there be one subject more than another that admits of the greatest confusion of

Cost and Profits of Cultivation. ideas and conllicting statements by those who are not totally unacquainted with all the processes of farming, it is the cost of cultivation and profits derived therefrom. There are so many varying elements to be dealt with in their consideration, that they have always provel in every country a fruitful source of disggreement. The most painstaking officials have been satisfied with data which may be quite
correct of one farm, but totally out in respect to others. In 1849 the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., called for a statement from the C llectors of his division, showing the experses and profits of cultivation, leaving it to their discretion to select any mode of best illustrating the вubject.
51. Mr. Fawcett, the Collector of Surat, furnished his in great detail, and Mr. Davies gave the general resuits of his investigations in Broach after having revised its settlement. As the Olpad and Broach Tálukas have a strong resemblance to each other in soil, climate, and the skill of cultivators, a comparison will not be uninteresting. The Surat bigah being one-serentiz larger than that of Broach, I have reduced both their calculations to acres, and subjoin a statoment of market prices upon which each based their estimates :- -

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Kappas. Jowar. Whest, } \\
& \text { Olpid } \quad \ldots \quad \text {... } 30 \text { Rs. per Bhar. } 8 \text { Rs. } 14 \text { Rs. per Ksloi. }
\end{aligned}
$$

52. As Mr. Davies' estimate is an average, I shall only compare it with Mr. Fawcets's second class land representing the average in Olpád: -

53. It may be remarked that the rates quoted happen to be the lowest ever attained before A.D. 1870 and 1871. The style of cultivation, more especially in Broach, judging by what it cost, must have been of a very indifferent character, and consequently accounts for the small profits derived.
54. Mr. Stormont considers that the proper cultivation of an acre of cotton and other staples cannot be well done under Rs. 12 at the present price of labour and hire of implements ; and, if manured, Rs. 20, he thinks, would be more like the approsimate expenditure. The truth is, much depends upon what the cultivator elects to go in for- 8 dhuris of kappas the acre, or 16. I find from inquiries independently instituted, that the general expenditure in reality much accords with Mr. Fawcett's estimate for Olpad-the mean of a season's rotation being about Rs. 7 per acre. With the exception of manure this includes every item, even the deterioration of dead stock.
55. In an estimate of this kind it is not correct to take any but the ordinary produce of a fair season, and the mean average prices of a series of years, rejecting those which are abnormal. The following is therefore a fair statement for the purposes of settlement:-

1st year, Cotton.


Deducting Rs. 7 as the mean cost of cultivation, the rayat is left Rs . $15 \frac{1}{2}$ for rent and profit. Supposing the rent to be Rs. 6, he has $9 \frac{1}{2}$ left per acre to support his family' and provide for all contingencies. By application of manure and greater attention ha can increase his profits much more. A year's fallowing makes up the loss of a crop by improving the produce in the next three; so I have not allowed for-it.
56. The only market of the district is, strictly speaking, Broach itself, where the prices Markets. of cotton and other products are regułated, so that distant"villages, which have to sell their produce at the same prices nearer villages obtain, stand at a great disadvantage under the old system, as the cost of conveyance and loss of time and trouble have not been allowed for in their assessment. The Railway Stations at Chamargam and Palej afford in a minor degree the advantages of a market; but I am told the purchaser always makes a deduction in the price of cotton equivalent to the railway expense to Broach. The great number of ginning, spinning, and pressing mills now set up in the suburbs, and the active part mill managers take in dealing direct with the rayats, have led tof the mutual benefit of both parties. The Broach market has consequently become a very stirring "place of business.
57. Fairs are held at Sukaltirth anmually; at Bhadbhut once in 18 years, and Tavra once in 20 years, during which time commercial transactions would seem to have a greater charm than religious observances. Native merchants from all parts of the Presidency come togethar and effect a brisk exchange of gcods. The Exhibition of 1868 gives Broach the proud distinction of being the first city in Western India which has had such an institution.
58. The fine muslins, ornamented cloths and fabrics of Broach, its ivory and gems, once Manufactures. had a world-wide fame,-China, Greeee and Egypt interchanging commodities with it when more than half Europe was in a state of utter barbarism. It is said that the pre-eminence of Barygaza was reduced by the competition of Musiris and Barace, supposed to be identical with Onore and a neighbouring port on the Malabir Coast. At present its only manufactures are a coarse description of cotton plaid and towelling, European looms having displaced native fabrics; so that the credit of this once famous place is now solely restricted to its capability of producing the raw material.
59. As the Railway authorities do not register the value of goods conveyed, I have had Sea-borne Trade. no means of correctly ascertaining the value of the export and import trade by land ; bat the details of sea-borne traffic during the two past years, and its value during the past ten years are appended. The following abstract is a proof of the decline of the shipping interests, to the benefit of its rival, the railway:-

|  |  |  | Imports. Rs. | Exports. Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1861-62 | ** | ** | 25,61,035 | 70,17,951 |
| 1870.71 | *** | $\cdots$ | 8,73,017 | 10,98,745 |
|  | Decrease | ** | 16.88,018 | 59,19,206 |

60. The following analysis of prices of the principal pro-

| Prices. | ducts during several periods has bean obtained from the reca of the Collectorate: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eind. |  |  |  | lst period <br> 1] years between 1809 and 1820. | $\begin{array}{\|c} 2 \text { nd period, } \\ 7 \text { years } \\ \text { between } \\ 1833 \text { and } \\ 1840 . \end{array}$ | 3rd period, 8 years between 1840 and $18 \pm 8$. | 4th period 10 years between 1850 and 1860. | oth period, 10 years between 1861 and 1870. |
|  |  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs, |
| Kippas per Bhar 960 lbs. | -." |  | ... | $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | 461 | 307 | 491 | 1131 |
| Jowar , Kalsi 640 lbs . | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $14 \frac{14}{10}$ | 135 | $8 \frac{1}{2}$ | $11 \pm$ | $23 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wheat \% Kalsi 610 lbs . | ... | .-. | ... | 164 | $17 \frac{1}{4}$ | 14 | 134 | 31 |
| Rice " Kalsi Gu0 lbs. | ... | - | ... | 134 | 113: | 98 | 19 | 35 |
| Tur ", Kalsi 640 lbs . |  | ... | ... | 12! | 144 | 113 | 15 | 371 |

The mean average covering a period of 60 years is therefore:-

| Kappas | ... | ... | ... 59 | R. | Bhar. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jowar | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... 14 |  | Ealsi. |
| Wheat | ... | ... | ... 18 | " |  |
| Rice | ... | $\ldots$ | ... 18 |  |  |
| Tur | ... |  | ... 18 |  |  |

Excluding the prices ruling between the years 1862 and 1869 as being unsafe, the following averags will in all probability be the nearer approsch to the future state of the market within the next 30 years:-

Kappas Rs. 50; Wheat Rs. 16 ; Jowár Rs. 12 ; Rice Rs. 14 ; and Tur Rs. 14.
61. It would be unwise to overlook the fact that the price of the chief staple has fluctuated very considerably within the last 12 years, and that the price now quoted-Rs. 65 the Bhar-is less than what. obtained in 1861-62.
With America rapidly recovering her lost prestige; Egypt and South America extending their vast cotton areas; India herse.f in her numerous new fields belping to swell the market; B 476-12
and Broach deteriorating in the quality of its supply, it would be utter madness to rest on any other belief than that the price of cotton will yet steadily fall :-

|  |  | ' | Re. per Bhar. |  |  |  |  | Rs, per Bhar. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1860-61 | $\ldots$ | -. | $\cdots$ | $50 \frac{1}{2}$ | 1866.67 | -•• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 94 |
| .1861-62 | - | ".' | ... | 70 | 1867-68 | ... | ** | ... | 90 |
| 1862.33 | ... | ... | ... | 143 | 1868-69 | . $\cdot$ | -* | $\cdots$ | 115 |
| 2863.64 | -里 | ... | -4 | 170 | $1869 \cdot 70$ | '** | * | ** | 125 |
| 1864.65 | ... | 6** | ... | 100 | 1870-71 | -** | -** | *** | 70 |
| 1865-66 | *** | ... | ** | 110 | May 1871 | -•' | '** | -** | 65 |

62. The price of grain during the last 20 years has gradually risen. The tabulated statement below shows that it commenced to improve several years prior to that great disturbing cause-the American war. The price of cotton falling in future will not so prejudicially affect the grain market as it used to do before the opening of the Railway. This can be proved by a reference to these two statements. The greatly improved state of the country and facilities of transport have materially altered their relation. The market of Gujarát is, strictly speaking, Bombay itself, and the only difference in the chief products of equaily fertile districts is the sum represented by the Railway tariff : 一

Pounds per Rupee.

63. Excluding the 36,099 inhabitants of the town, the population of the district was found to be 55,554 inclusive of children-the males numbering 29,438 , and females 26,416 , sub-divided into the following professional classes :-


| .- | ... | 139 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -.' | ... | 322 |
| -** | *.. | 4 |
| ** | *** | 120 |
| -.. | ** | 829 |
| -.* | -• | 52 |
| -.' | - | 223 |
| ... | $\cdots$ | 200 |
| -.- | $\cdots$ | 2 |
| ... | ... | 6 |
| ... | $\cdots$ | 23 |
| *** | *. | 60 |
| ** | ... | 28 |
| *-* | ** | 55 |
|  |  | ,854 |

64. An arrangement according to castes will be found in the Appendix. The Mussalman population proves to be by far the strongest, numbering 8,427; next in order are the Kunbis 3,565, Kolis 2,818, Bhils 2,740, Rajputs 2,012, Dhers 1,580, Fishermen 1,438, and Bráhmans r,232; the remaining class ss being in small numbers.
65. It is impossible to say what increase there has been since the last survey census took Ratio of increase. placs in 1813, as no detail is shown for Bronch and Várea separately, which used to be formerly one taluka; but if the average proportion per square mile be any indication, the increase has only been $5: 5$ per mile.
66. Black soil and goradu districts cannot be well compared with respect to the muber of their inhabitants, as it is well known that tine ons is casier tilled than the other; hace the
holdings are larger, and the agriculturists fewer in number: The only district beyond the limits of the collectorate which bears a strong resemblance to the soils and productive capabilities of Broach, is Olpád,-a district already settled, only 12 miles apart from boundary to boundary.
67. This admits of a useful comparison of their general resources, and will serve in" some Comparative resoarces. . . respects to be a guide to an equitable adoption of rates :-

68. It thus appears that Olpad has in every respect the superiority, but such is not the case. The extensive area of Broach bhatha soil, for the most part on the islets of the river, cultivated by hand dilling and boring, of course does away with the necessity of ploughs, osen, and carts, and hence accounts for the difference. I am convinced that on the whole Broach is the more fertile of the two districts.
69. There are 9,017 distinct Khátedárs in this táluka, or men who have direct transactions

Size of Farms, and extent of Khitas. the subsidiary farms are of all sizes, the Bhádár renting the and as it suits his convenience to do so. The largest khata on record is for the sum of Rs. 2,700 on 190 acres.

The fixed holdings are uniformly larger in black soil than in gorat and bbatha. In annual sales of the non-permanent bhatha, one or two influential rayats' club and purchase the right of cultivation to the value of from Rs. 5 to 10,000 , and then sub-divide the plot amongst their friends.
70. Without knowing exactly what the necessary annual expense of a rayat's family is, and how all the circumstances of the district affect his living in it, particularly in respect to the amount of land available for his use, and the capital he can command for superior farming, so that his industry may find full scope, a Settlement Officer's proceedings may inadvertently fail in its graat puzpose -a purpose which I humbly conceive to be the raising of just that amount of revenue for the exigencies of the State, which shall in no wise trench upon the legitimate profic of farming or curtail the comfort and happiness of a people who are not immigrants, but belong to the soil from time immemorial.
71. All the cultivators subsist on grain, and the buttermilk supplied by their buffaloes

Conditions of living entirely upon the Soil. and cows. Their meals are frugal, the rich having three, and the poor only one. The outlay in the purchase of a buffalo and the cost of keeping it is generally defrayed by the sale of ghee to the village bania. The supply of grain necessary for a family consisting of a man, wife, and two children, at the rate of 6 lbs. par diem, amounts to 55 maunds annually; and allowing the grain they consume to be of three varieties-jowári. rice, and dál-at an average price of Rs. $l_{\frac{1}{2}}$ per maund, which, taken together with salt and a fer condiments, will make the expenditure at least Rs. 90.
72. The clothing of an Indian rayat is of the simplest shape and the coarsest terture, A Mussalman, Kanbi, or Rajput may invest in a large red turban, but it lasts him half his existence. Rs. 24 will, therefore, be a moderate estimate; thus requiring in all Rs. Il 4 annually to feed and clothe himself and family.
73. The contingent expenditure for social and religious ceremonies of the better classes will probably not be under Rs. 20 per anaum on an arerage of 30 years. This espanditure cannot, as Europeans may suppose, be dispensed with at option. It must be incurred at whatever sacrifice, and must therefore be taken into account, making the rayat's personal expeuses altogether Rs. 134 per annum.
74. The value of his stock may also be reduced by a 30 years' commutation to an annual charge, as follows:-

75. The cost of keeping a pair of plough oxen on grass or karbi is almost as much as that which suffices for the rayat's family; but a set-off to this may be allowed in the fodder produced on the farm. By these steps we arrive at the conclusion that the smallest sum required by him to maintain his family in comfort and respectability, and to provide farm stock, is Rs. 161, which mast be realized from the produce of his farm, after defraying the cost of cultivation and the Government assessment. Failing in which, and as a consequence of having no other occupation to fall back upon, the rayat must run into debt at a rate of interest from 12 to 18 per cent., and sink into a hopeless state of insolvency, the evil effects of which descend to his children.
76. We have found in para. 69 that the average size of farms in the taluka is 15 acres ; consequently upon that area Ris. 11 per acre is the net profit required to support the rayat and his family. Their assistance on the farm must of course diminish hired labour and reduce the cost of caltivation as an equivalent to their support, though it does not wholly do away with it. I have not provided for accidents from fire, and the untimely death of cattle; which must be met with from sarings in good years.
77. It is needless to enter into the causes which led the rayats of this district into a Actual condition of the Rayate. state of general bankruptey prior to 1850 ; suffice it to say, many continuous years of depression in prices, bad seasons, and at the same time a fatal shortsightedness in advancing the demands of Government inopportunely, all worked to one common end. On the other hand, an energetic retracing of our steps from 1844, a revival of prices from 1854-55, and the material aid of a railway, have combined to the restoration of the district. At present the people may be said to be thoroughly solvent, acquiring wealth in spite of their improvidence and wasteful expenditure in marriage ceremonies. They have a well-fed and well-clothed appearance, live in substantial houses, and are surrounded with all the comforts to be desired. Their independence of character has always been remarkable, espacially so among the Borahs, who are a truculent set, not even fearing to place the Collector in the Civil Court, and seem to resort to that tribunal on the slightest disagreement between themselves, out of a pure love for litigation.

## Tenares,

78. There are 2 Inámi, 9 Sirákti, 78 Bhágdári, and 24 Senja villages in the taluka.
The Inám villages Adol and Mangleswar were held rent-free, but have since been brought under Bombay Act VII of 1863, and are now made liable for a quit-rent. The Sirákti villages are oouzifa paying salámi in addition to the summary settlement quit-rent. Umraj, belonging to Said Hydrus, C.S.I., has been exempted from the latter impost by confirmation of his title.
79. All the Bhágdári villages, held on the well-known mutual and individual responsibility tenure, did not exist before our rule, several having been created since our possession of the country; whilst others have lapsed into begoti. These villages have times out of number forfeited their right to be considered Bhágdári, in having failed to pay the revenue quota; but somehow the Revenue authorities have all along feit a strong disinclination to assert the State right of enforcing payment, and permitted in every instance a reversion to the practice as in Senja villages of individual, instead of mutual, responsibility; thus giving the Bhágdár defaulters the full benefit of all the privileges attending the tenure, without securing the sole advantage belonging to Government.
80. In allusion to the outstanding balances which were always in a special degree a standing reproach to the revenue management of Broach, Mr. R. Chambers, the Sub-Collector, in a letter to his superior officer at Surat, dated 10th September 1838, explains the canses:-"The origin of the greater part of these balances, I believe, to be the much lauded Bbágwár system as it at present exists. When a Bhagdár from age, inability, poverty, perverseness or other cause, is anable or unwilling to cultivate his share of land, or let it out to other cultivators; when his fielles are injured or washed away by inundation, or when from his neglect or misfortune they have become infested with weeds; when his crops suffer severely from insects or blight, while those of other cultivators escape; when he. is unable to obtain money to relieve him from his difficulties, is foreed to bide himsolf to avoid arrest, and is in danger of being imprisoned at that season when the fields require his constant attention : in sach cases, which must frequently occur, balances necessarily arise and, without
great vigilance on the part of the Revenue officers, must accumulate from year to year. Ender the Khatabandi system, if his fields become impurershed, the cultivator is allowed to relinquish them and take up others; if from poverty or other cause he permits balances to rema:u due, his khitta is taken from him; and if his crops suffer from unavcidatle calamity, he reccives remission proportionate to his loss. But under the Bhagrár system, no part of a share can be relinquished: it would destroy the equality of the Bhags; no remession can be granted to an individual Pátel without outraging all the others. The officers settling the jamábandi, taking into consideration the losses suffered by part of the cultivators or the large balance due by the village, may fix the amount of its assessment at a low sum; but only a small portion of the indulgence reaches the individuals who have suffered loss or who owe the balance, while the other sharers reap their portion of the indulgence, and derive a profit from the misfortures of the rest. I have, therefore, in settling the ankra of a village frequintly fixed it higher than the estimates of crops would have warranted me in doing; because $I$ was aware that however low it might be fixed, balances must still remain due and the Government revenue suffer at the same time by indulgence granted to those who did not need it.
"But the mutual responsibility of the Bhagdárs may be brought forward as a remedy against these evils. This system of mutual responsibility.is certainly acknowledged to have byen in force daring the former Government. but then the Patels had the power of making any additional phala or levy which they thought fit, and used to realize profits which are not now permitted. Since the introduction of the Number-Kharda system in Samvat 1885 (A.D. 1828-29) the Patels have had but little power of gaining any profit from their shares except as cultivators, and the revenue has been collected from each rayat directly instead of through their Patels. It seems to have been on this account that since that period no Bhágdar has been called upon to pay the balance due by another Bhágdár, nor the balance due by his inferior holder or cultivator. Even previous to A.D. 1828-29, if the syrtem of responsibility was enforced, a reference to the outstanding balances will show that it could not have been acted upon as a general rule.
"And, in my opinion, taking into consideration the change of system above noticed, it would not be consonant to justice to make a Bhagdar responsible for another's balance, except when collusion was evident between him and an inferior holder, or where the revenue payable by a village had been fixed for a term of years or farmed. In the latter case, I have always beld the Mattadars responsible, and then allowed them to suggest their own plans for the recovery of their balance, and assisted them as far as I was authorized by the regulations.
"When balances accumulate against a Bhág from the causes mentioned, the only measures which can restore it to a proper state are, either relieving the Bhágdar from the grievance which oppresses him, or giving over his Bhag to a person better able to manage it. With respect to the first measure, striking off old balances and giving advance of taccávi will not always prevent balances from again arising against the same Bhag ; indeel, I have seen so many instances in which this has been tried without success, that I am almost of opinion that a person once noted for many years as a defaulter can never by any possibility become a respectable man. In such cases where there is no hope that a Patel will ever manage his Bhág properly, it becomes necessary to deprive him of his watan and give it to another. As, however, it has been decided in the Civil Courts that a Watandár Patel may at any time recover his Bhag apon paying the expenses which may have been incurred in improving it by the temporary holder, I have generally found that there is a reluctance to undertaking the charges and responsibility of any Bhág, poless the Watandár Pátel will give what is called a Mádhuri or written bond relinquishing his claim to the share. When I have found it necessary to give a Bhág into other hands, I have always made the remission of old bilances conditional on the signing of a Madhuri; bat though, by the terms of the bond, the Patel relinquishes his claim in perpatuity, I have generally given his share to another only for a term of years. in order that if the hereditary proprietor or his heirs became at any time competent to manage the share, the Collector might have the power to restore it to him.
"In many cases, however, a Patel would refuse most obstinately to sign a Mádhuri; and 28 no one will then take his share, it is difficult to know how to act. 'lhe best plan I think is to consider the share as broken, and manage it in the same manner as the Grimatya land, or land not incladed in the Bhágs."

I have quoted Mr. Chambers at great length, becanse he gives a very clear idea of how the system works in Broach.
81. The 24 Senja villages have remained so by preference, and have the common bigoti vivat.
82. Under the Native Government immediately preceding our rale, the mode of collect-

Past Revenue management. ing the land revenue was, with few exceptions, by the Bhagdári system, on an annual valuation of the standing crop. The Government share was supposed to be half the gross produce, subject to the payment of village expenses. This proportion was apparently nominal, as in reality much less must have been realized to have led to the recognition of a general taluka rate of Rs, 3-12-3 per bigah, recorded as the equivalent of the State share, and made applicable, when from some cause or other the talsing of a crop estimate was not convenient.
83. This gives me an opportunity in the early stage of the question to correct a very erroneous impression as to the share due to Government. They Who have had no opportunity of comparing traditions with practice, and whose imperiect arquaintance wilh the subject
Value of theoretical rules as to Government sliare. makes them all the more dogmatical, night beutfit by stadying the following statements.

Estimating the produce of a bigath of good Broach soil at six dhuris, and the market price at the commencement of our rule to be Rs. 54 the bhar, we obtain the following figures: -

| Value of produce | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 164 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gupees. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government Siare | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 34 |
| Rsyat's do. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1: 4$ |

Thus a theoretical half share of produce results in being practically only a fourth, and even still less,* if the village charges are to be deducted from that share.
84. Coloned Monier Williams, in 1813, very moderately estimated the produce of a bigab of land in the Collectorate to be from Rs. 6 to 15 besides the straw and dry cotton bushes, and the portion of grain eaten in the fields by the cultivators from its beginning to ripen to its being cut and lodged in the kally or storel. He considered that the average rate which the payment to Government, under every head of land tax, bars upon the whole pruductive land in the Coilectorate is 1 Re. 3 quarters, and 35 reas per bigab, and assumes that not more than one-sixth of the produce of all the arable land goes to Government, the pasturage being entirely exempted.
85. The first regular revision of the State demand in Broach was effected by this very First revision. officer, assisted by committees composed of Munsiffs and Patels of villages, their work being entirely based on an estimate of the produce by trial fields in each villige; but no regular classification of the soil was ever attempted.
86. In subsequent years up to 1837, the rule was to fix the annual demand with reference to the revenue of four productive seasons in each village, and to distribnte it over the Bhágdári shares. This was a very deceptive practice, inasınuch as false estimates of one year would be perpetuated and certain to vitiate all those of the future; and as it was impossible to check the correctncss of the remissions yeariy asked for, and granted on the score of the failure of crops and inability to pay up the aesessment, must have become before long a very hap-h:zard affair, depending entirely upon the temper of the Coilctor, and the advice he obtained from his native subordinates.
87. Believing that the price of cotton and other staple products had attained a permanent

## Mr. Kirkland's revision.

level in 1835-36, in consequence of the slight fluetrations which had taken place ever since 1816, Mr. Kirkland entered upon the revision of the revenues of his collectorate with very questionable zeal, and ended in raising the revenue 58 per cent. in excess of the average of the preceding nine years. It is said he found no difficulty in realizing the demand, and left fewer outstanding balances than existed in any former year. The momentary success of this measure no doubt was as much due to the personal character of the Collector and the spirit he infused into his subordinates, as to the fact that the rayats had been putting by a little money, and were for a short time capable of responding to the voice of the charmer. The sequel of this revision was the bankruy tey of the district, best described by John Marshall Davics, in an elaborate report which I shall not quote, because I bope it may be printed.
88. Five Broach villages were experimentally taken in hand by Mr. Coles, the Sub-ColIntroduction of the Register
es stem. lector, in 1833, on the principles laid down by order of the Honourable the Court of Directors, the intention, of which was to supersede the annual crop estimutes by rates fixed solely on the intrinsic qualities of the soid, regardless of the use the rayats may put it to at any time. Mr. Chambers' settiement of some villages in the Vagra division offered him a preeedent be was glad to avail himself of, under the difficulty he experienced at jamábandi in regard to the old system of computation, especially when the same description of crops in adjoining fields aiffered greatly in value -the simple result, it was supposed, of the particular rayat's skill. In all the other villages, Mr. Coles states he found it expedient to depart from the usual custom of the country of settling with the Bhagdárs of each village, and with their consent settled to take for the most part from the rayats two-thirds of the produce, Government paying the izafat and village expenses. The share struck him as being large, but from personal observation as well as from information received, he had every reason to believe that the estimates of the crop were greatly in favour of the rayats. There were some villages, he states, notorious for having picked the cotton and taken away the túr and jowari before inspection; and rather than sacrilice the intirests of Government, he considered it expedient to put on a small percentage, and to reduce the estimates in other villages which were evidently high. He moreover found it too late in the season to make a thorongh investigation, and left the taluka without submitting a report to Government. The results of his labours, whether they where lost or not, under the pecaliar circumstances of the case, could hardly have been of any use to his successor.

[^5]89. In 1844, Mr. A. W. Ravenscroft, the Collector, undertnok the revision of the remainSecond General Revision. ing villiges on the principle Mr. Coles had introduced into five ouly. He informed the Revenue Commissioner that he completed the begoti settlement of Broach, Vágra; and Delej, taking as his chief guide the classification operations of native assessors, resulting in a deerease of revenue amounting to $\mathrm{Rs}, \mathrm{n} 2,000$ in 90 viliagrs. Mr Ravenscroft's reluction was, it appears, absolutely necessary. Ontstanding balances and insolvency were becoming*chronic, as prices steatily continued falling from the very ycar of Mr . Kirkland's injudicious enhancement of the State demand.

90. The two considerations which guided him were, the average price of a bhar of cotton being then only Rs. $33 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{*}$ and the average produce of $y$ bigah of first class land being 4 -dhuris $=192 \mathrm{lbs}$. of kappas (equal to 64 lbs. clean cotton) the price of which was Rs. 6 annas 5 . Al-
share of the cultivator, and the remainder as that of the Govern-

- The average of the year I find was 32 anlylowing one-half of this as the share of the cultivator, and the remainder as that of the Govern-
ment, he fised the maximum at Rs. 4 the bigah, but in consideration of the land of some villages being more productive than others, his rates varied from Rs. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 4 in the best villages; Rs. 1 to 3 in the second class; and Rs. 1 to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ in the third class.

Another point to which he attached importance is best stated in his own words:- "The adoption of liberal measures in making the assessment appeared to me highly necessary, from the circumstance that the greater part of the villlages being held on the Bhagdari tenure, and as the Bhágdárs do not cultivate any extent of land by thiir own dependanns, but let out what they do not r quire themselves, on rates somewhat above the Government rents, any fall in the price of proluce would fall heavily upon under-tenants who, being persons of little capital, would be much reduced."
91. In his forwarding letter to Government, Mr. Pringle, the Revenue Commissioner, remarked that " although the Collector s:ys the classification of soils as originally made by the assessors was rarely found in need of modification, he nevertheless states in another part of his report that the rates of assessment proposed by them were higher than the Collector had considered - it advisable to adopt. The correctness of the classification and the rates viewed relatively, must in a great measure be taken on trust; but there were two considerations which made this less a cause of hesitation than it otherwise might have been. One is that the grand distinctions in the soil of the Broach collectorate are few in number, and tracts of soil are remarkably uniform in quality. Also the limited extent of the collectorate wakes the relative difference in the value of the produce us affected by the vicinity of markets inconsiderable; owing to all these circumstances the risk of misclassification or disproportionate rating is less than in most other districts. The other consideration is that, the sharehuld system of settlement prevailing, the present measure is only intended to provide a more satisfactory means than has hitherto been available for getting at the total amount of revenue to be demanded of the shareholders jointly, who will in practice adjust the details as heretofore among themselves."
92. Although agreeing with Mr. Ravenseroft as to the advisability of the reduction effected by him, in substituting moderate rates for those existing, I may be permitted to object to the statement that his rates represented half the value of the produce of Bronch cotton fields even at prices so low as Rs. 33y the bhar. If Ks. 4 is to be considered the assessment upon a four dhuri yielding field, he must have met with cotton fields in this fertile district only producing one dhuri 48 lbs . of kuppas, equal to only 16 lbs . clean cotton to account for his one Rupee rate. Such a low state of husbandry which this yield indicates is impossible to conceive, unless the rayats of that time haring lost all beart ceased to plough and drill, and merely flung their seed broad-cast into the unprepared land-an act which certainly would not have entitled them to the slightest indulgence.
93. I have sfopped to comment on this assertion of the State share of the produce, because I think the idea has been so general, so deluding, and fraught with such great consequences to the rayat, especially at the present time when it is sought to charge agriculture with all the burden of taxation, that no opportunity should le lost to put it in a correct light ; and happily it invariably occars that the context in each case provides the refutation, as in the two above noticed. I consider it almost libellons to make it appear that the State landlord takes half or two-thirds, when in reality he does nothing of the kind ; it is therefore no advantage either to his creditor treasury, to maintain the purest of fictions.
94. A point equally npen to objection is the supposition on the part of Mr. Pringle that the villages of Broach, however distantly situated from the market town, are all admissible to the snme terms of assessment. This view it is allowed has been very generally adopted throughout all the revisions effected by Collectors' establishments ; even Mr. Davies' proceedings prove that it was the rule rather than the exception, to rate villages adjacent to markets precirely on the same terms as villages situated 10 to 15 koss off, regardless of the fact that rayat $A$, who has to cart his produce 15 koss , after all only sells it for the price obtained by B, who delivers it, so to speak, from his door, without loss of time and trouble.
95. It may here be opportanely asked of those who believe in the practicability of a fixed share of the gross produce throughout a d.strict, wheth.r this olservitiun dives not show that its general application would be inequitable, without reimsursement to the rayat of cartage for 15 koss at 3 annas per koss, in some indirect way. It is pulpable that the net proceeds of land, deducting all expenses including cartage, which will vary in every village, must be the only posibible basis of a fixed share :-
96. The classes in the list of rates given below of Mr. Ravenscroft's settlement, seem
$M_{r}$. Revenceroft's Rates. to bave been regulated by the size of the villages and general character of their inhabitants, rather than by the situation of villages to the nearest market.

In Black Soil.
$\left.\begin{array}{lccccc}\text { Iat Clase from Rupees } & 1 t & \text { to Rupees } 4 \\ \text { 2nd do. do. } & 1 & \text { to do. } & 3 \\ \text { 3rd } & \text { do. } & \text { do. } & 1 & \text { to } & \text { do. } \\ 2 \frac{1}{2}\end{array}\right\}$ Per Bigah.

In Bhátha Soit.
$\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Ist Class from Rupees } & 1 \frac{1}{2} & \text { to Rupees } & 5 \frac{1}{2} \\ \text { 2nd } & \text { do. do. } & 2 & \text { to } & \text { dc. } & 4 \\ \text { 3rd } & \text { do. do. } & 2 & \text { to } & \text { do. } & 4\end{array}\right\}$ Per Bigah.

In Garden Land.


Garden land prior to 1844 never paid any assessment over and above that which was levied on dry-crop land. Grass land was assessed at hs. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ the bigrh.
97. In June 1848, John Marshall Davies, at the request of Government, submitted a very

Last Revision prior to the
Survey Settlemene elaborate report upon the bearing of the assessment in his collectorate. Mr. Davies left no point untouched; but his acconnt appears to refer to the collectorate as a whole, in which you are aware there are districts varying considerably in their fertility, perhaps in a greater measure than in any other part of Gujarat. Several of his observations are therefore very general, and consequently the arguments derived from them, although in a collective sense applicable, are, with reference to talukas separately taken, more or less incorrect.
98. The revision of the Broach Tajuka was the last of a series in his collectorate. It was introduced in 1849, just as Mr. Ravenscrofl's five years' lease expired. Its design was to adapt the rental to the decreased means of sustaining it; and he held that if former ascessments were considtred only fair and reasonable, eilher based npon data anterior to the fall in prices, or designed vithont sufficient consideration to circumstances only then coming into operation, it follows that under the full development of the altered data they must have been heavy and impracticable. Mr. Davies is eloquent in the rajat's cause, and it must be admitted that his figured gtatements are very seductive. It is impossible to deny that he toisk on the whole a sound view of the position, and had the courage to use all his influence to condemn the poli $y$ of the past; yet it cannot be overlooked that he proved a little too much. His estimate of the rayat's profits, by reducing the produce, is much too low. If be thoroughly believed in his own figures, he must have hesitated to propose rates still so high as to leave the rayat positively nothing to subsist upon.
99. After all the condemnation which the former settlements met with at his hands, and notwithstanding a still falling market, Mr. Davies only reduced the taluka. Re. 9,781 on the sverage of nine years' revenue,-being $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., following upon a reduction of 18 per eent. effected by Mr. Ravenscroft four years previously.
100. His rates per big6h have been converted into scres below. Judging by the altered Ms. Davies Ratee. figures of the taluks revenue, the rates were on an average lowered four annas and five pies per bigsh.

## In 1st Class Fillages

Black soil, from Rs. 8 to Rs. 3 the acre,-prevailing rato
Rice land, from Rs. 6 to Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$, inculsive of water,-prevailing rate., s 5
Gorat,* Rs. 14 to Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$, , prevailing rate........................................ is 6 $6 \frac{1}{2}$
Irrigated lands, Rs 20 to Rs. 7,-prevailing rate........................................ 8
In 2nd class villages the rates are intermediate.

## In Srd Class Villages.

Black soil, Rs. 5 to Rs. 2, and 60 on, with other soils in proportion,-
prevailing rate ........................................................................ Rs. 31
Grass lands were ansessed from Annas 8 to Rs. 3 per acre.

[^6]101. It was usual to allow fallow lands a remission of the assessment after three years' Rates on Follow Land. continuous cultivation to an extent left to the judgment of the that they have varied in every village, or, more correctly speaking, in everg rayat's kbata; latterly the practice was discontinued.

Resolution of Government.

Realizations daring the 20 years past.
102. As the resolution of Government on Mr. Davies settlement contains a great deal of interesting matter concerning fallow lands, I beg to append it.
103. The following statement exhibits the extent of Government land acnually under cultivation during the last 20 years; remissions granted for lands permitted to lie fallow; and revenue realized :-

104. I shall now proceed to notice the survey revision; axd must commence by in-
forming you that I have mapped and separately numbered five additional villages, lying far apart from the parent villages, many miles across the broad stretch of the Narbada. Sanction is requested to allow them to remain separate, especially as there are no legal objections to the measure, and many arguments for its expediency.

1. Kasia, part of Jhadeswar on the south bank of the Narbada.
2. Polaria, part of Dhunturia,-is a separate hamlet having no connection with the latter.
3. Taria, part of Sakarpur, -is a separate island.
4. Kukarwada, part of Sakarpar, - is a large village on the opposite river bank, both villages being three miles apart.
5. Aliábet, part of Mehgam, -is an immense island at the mouth of the river, having no connection with the latter.

This change will give Broach 102 khálsa villages, instead of 97 , which appear in the Mámlatdár's reeords.
105. Another proposition requiring confirmation is that one of the two names which several villages have, and indiscriminately used in official records, should be retained.

1. Radpur alias Alipur.
2. Khanjamapur,, Bhurthana.
3. Rasnlpur " Chamargam.
4. Sáháhbád " Jhánor.
5. Tralsa " Tralsamadh.
6. Musadábád "Bholav.
7. Anguria " Hasanpur.
8. Mustafábád " Bhadbhut.

The names on the right-hand side ought to have the preference, because of being better known.
106. The measurement of the 102 Government villages were condacted during the seasons of 1862-64 to $1865-66$ under the superintendence of Messrs. Hall, Hormusji, DeSouza, and Atmárám. The classification was commenced in $1865-66$ by Messrs. Guerin and Critchell, and bought to a close in 1867-68.
107. The division into survey numbers according to the different classes of land is given below. The undivided land which appears in this statement consists of rivers, roads, sites of villages, and other parts incapable of cultivation.

Details of Surveyed Area.

| Description of Land. | Goubrnmert. |  | Aminnated. |  | Tutad. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Numbers. | Acres. | Numbers. | Acres, | Numbers. | Acres. |
| Dry-crop ... ... ... ... ... | 18725 | $\begin{array}{r} 101,73030 \\ 8 \quad 2 \end{array}$ |  | 19,413 16 |  | 121,144 6 |
| Rice -... ... $\quad .$. |  |  | 5,540 |  | 24,265 | 82 |
| Bhathe and superior order soil .... ... |  | 14,013 25 |  | 5610 |  | 14,574 25 |
| Total | 18,725 | 115,752 17 | 5,540 | 19,974 16 | 24,265 | 135,796 33 |
| Unealtarable Numbers | 360 | 29,593 14 | ...... | $\ldots$ | 369 | -9,593 14 |
| Unculturable land, not divided into     <br> Numbers... $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | ... $\cdot$ | 20,182 15 | ...... | ...... | ... $\cdot$ | 20,182 15 |
| Total | 369 | 49,775 29 | ...... | ...... | 369 | 49,775 29 |
| Grand Total | 19,094 | 165,528 6 | 5,540 | 19,974 16 | 24,634 | 185,502 22 |

103. The general accuracy of both operntions and exteut of test taken for the purpose accuracy of Field Work. of establishing this point are exhibited in detail in the following statements :-


109．The errors from which the averages of the preceding statements have been de－ duced are exbibited in the two following statements；the first being for the mensurement and the second for the classification：－

First．${ }^{\circ}$

| Total number | Number of Fields in which the difference between Oiginal and Test Measurements did not exceed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tested． | 1 per cent． | 2 per cent． | 3 per cent． | 4 per oent． | 5 per cent． | 6 per cent． | 7 per cent． | ${ }^{8}$ per cent． | 9 per ceut． | 10 per cent． and upwards |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 2，383 | 1，634 | 546 | 87 | 40 | 20 | 17 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 12 |

Second．

| Number of Fields snbmit－ ted to test． |  | Number of Fields in which the difference between Orig［an］and Test Clnseification w |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs． a． p． Rs． a p． <br>  $\cdots$  0 0 0 <br> 0   1   <br>       <br> 0  6    |  |  |  | Ra．a．p． Re． a． p．   <br> 0 0 7 0 1 1 <br> 0 to 0 0 1 0 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re, a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & \text { to } & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a } & p \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \text { to } & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rso a. p. } \\ 0 \text { s } 7 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { npwards. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 2，762 | － 1 | 1，159 | 2 | 686 | － | 768 | －• | 103 | －• | 112 | $\cdots$ | 0 | ． | 11 | $\cdots$ | 10 | － | $\cdots$ | ． |

110．The only important departure from a correct standard of classification was discovered by me in Kásiábet，chiefly owing to the very exceptional nature of bhátha soil as described under that head．The ordinary rules of our field classification are not adapted for it，and it is found

Alteratious made by the Superin－ tendent． impracticable to prescribe any rules for that，to which only a sound unfettered judgment of relative values can apply－cases which the Settlement Officer is alone from settlement experience competent to decide．I therefore visited the place myself to determine the classitivation．In several other villages the permissible discrepancy of even one anca in the rupee was deemed to be too much ；the classification was in consequence rectified．The natural bagayet classification of Sukaltirth was treated in the same way under my own supervision．

111．The occupants of Káiahet petitioned to have the survey numbers in that village sub－divided，as they are very large，and do not allow of a port：on being resigned if they wished to do so．They have provided boundary marks and will assist in the work．I therefore think
Kásiabet，requiring farther sub－ division．
 it should be done during the ensuing season，and would have ordered it at once，had not the season been too far advanced．The relative classification I fixed will hold good in the smaller numbers，so that little or no alteration will be necessary in the aggregate assessment．．

112．The attention of the Railway anthorities should be directed to the new drain they have cut through Kásia not being deep enough to drain several valuable fields，the bunding up on their part of the blind－river has placed several fields longer under water than they were wont to be．An excavation of three feet at least is absolutely necessary，or Government will bave to sanction the classification buing permanently lowered，to meet the deterioration．

118．The Revision Officers，my predecessors in Brosch，were strong in the belief that every question of assessment in the district was chiefly to be swayed by the consideration of cotton．If the price of the bhar fluetuated in a series of years，and at last fell to Rs．28，that in itself constituted sufficient grounds in their estimation to lower

Common opinion that cotton should regulate the incicience of assessment． the assessment to a pitch which would enable the rayats to make cotton cultivation profitable， though it may at the same time be true that the black soil is espable of other productions which would enable the rayat to pay the assessment far better than on cotton．

114．Daring tha agitation which took place many years ago to induce Goverament to lower the assessment in cotton districts，Mr．Fawcett，the Collector of Surat，deciared that the rayat could readily pay the assessment on other field produce．The Committee then sitting maintainel that it could be no matter of indifference to Governinent whether lands cspable of prolucing cotton were cultivated with it or with less valuable grains（less valuable in the sense of grain not bsing an exported article of European commerce），as if it were expedient that Government should sacrifice revenue to bolster the iaterests of a trade affected by causes extranoous to India．

It would have been more to the purpose had they urged a general reduction to render grain cultiration a little more profitable than it was at that time of unusual depression, instead of making the minor the major cause.
115. It cannot be allowed that the soll of Broash is more famous for its growth of cotton than it is for jowar and wheat, which generally occupy a very large share of the culturable area of the táluka. Their comparatively steady valus in the market, while cotton widely flactuates, and the liability of their being less affected by fareign markets, makes them more reliable for data on which a settlement intended for any long term of years should be based.
116. There is no doubt that the incidence of the State demand has been much higher in black soil districts than in others, on the just consideration that the soils of the Narbada and Tapti valleys are readily cultivated and capable of being tilled longer without the aid of manare ment. than red and basur soils. The begoti assessments, from time to time revised, have beenksupposed
to be half or two-thirds the gross produce; but I have shown in preceding paragraphs the inconsistency of this opinion. In years of higher ruling prices, such as 1862, when the bhar of kappas realized Rs. 170, the Government share of a cotton field (for that season solely of course) was not more than $\frac{1}{14}$ th the gross proluce.
117. Mr. Davies professes to have taken half the produce. Let us at once test it. His prevailing black soil rate in a first class village was Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per acre, with a remission of the assessment every fourth year on fallow land-a condition the rayat would not fail to accept, as the outtarn of produce in the other three would be considerably improved. By this means the rata is in the first stage reduced over a period of four years, to an average of Rs. 4 annas 6. Now to conceive that this sum represents half the produce of a first class black soil field, is but to admit a very feeble conception of the fact. Allowing the bhar to be worth only Rs. 30 in his day, and taking the produce at six dhuris per bigah, or 12 per acre, the realized value must have been Rs. 18 ; therefore his rate of Rs. 4 annas 6 is even less than fourth. Be it also remembered that the rayat had grass lands at his disposal for rates from 8 annas to Rs. 3 per acre, a very material consideration. How then is it to be accounted for that offioers of undonbted ability and integrity, should be committed to such statements? I have no hesitation in saying that the subject could never have been personally investigated, and the great tendency of subordinate establishments towaids any popular idea, however erroneous, is well known.
118. In proposing that a maximum dry-crop rate of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}} .7$ should be adopted for first class Survey proposal, black soil villages, 1 have been led by the following oonsiderations : Firstly, that rate correspouds with the one sanctioned by Government in the settlement of Olpad. Though Broach is 30 miles more distant from Bombay by rail, its slightly superior fertility puts them both on a par, hence the necessity of maintaining a relative value in assessment of adjoining districts. Secondly, all the contingencies likely to occur in a period of 30 years, failure of crops, and depreciation of prices, which the past state of things affords criteria. In the last three seasons we have fair examples of a good, bad, and very bad rainfall. Only 17 inches fell this season, in consequence of which it is said that the rice and grain crops have nearly failed, and that cotton will yield only 8 annas in the rupee. In prices we have similar examples, the bhar of cotton was Rs. 142 in 1869-70, just half in 1870, and is not expected to be much more than Rs. 60 this season. Nothing more need be added to induse the utmost caution in raising the revenues of this some what fickle taluka. That it-should be raised is not to be doabted for a moment, because of the improved state of the market, and because an avarage embracing a very long pariod indicat s a decidedly higher permanent level. At the same time it must be borne in mind that Broach has only just become solvent, and we must so pitch th: assessment that there shall be no grounds left the rayats to demand a remission, under any circumstance, during the whole period of settlement.
119. Fallow lands will be assessed as if they were cultivated, and no abatement of the
full assessment admitted for grass land-village cattle being only allowed a small plot to stand upon. Thesa conditions alter the corresponding value of begoti rates under the old and new systems, and are just mentioned to prevent any misconception.
120. You will observe in the opposite group map that I have divided the villages into Grouping. four classes, making the market of Broach the centre. As I have previously stated, the prices of commodities are regulated by the dealers in Brouch, and therefore distance is the primary cause of any distinction being made between villages intrinsicully ot the same producing capability. Any greater refinement than I have adopted will be inconvenient, without bing correspondingly useful.
121. For the first group, coloured pink, containing 6 villages (the greater portion of the

## First Gróup.

 lands of whioh are within Municipal limits), a Rs. 7 maximum was proposed, and sanctioned by Government in their Resolution No. 2400 of the 16 th Juue 1869 . I have included these villages in the present report so as to be able to refer to the taluka as a whole, without in any way altering the assessment, which has already come into uperation.

A maximum of Rs. 7 the acre, classed at 16 annas in the rupee-indicating its faultless condition-was not considered high for lands situatel within Municipal limits and commanding
all the advantages of vicinage to a large town. But to show you that the maximum is subject to reductions from a variety of causes, which are supposed to affect the value of particular fields, the average rates in the 6 villages are given below. Mojampur is excluded because it is affected by much higher bhátha rates.

122. The second group, coloured blue, consists of an outer circle of 36 villages more Second Group. distantly situated, having a maximum of Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}$. It contains a few small villages which were put into the lowest class by Mr. Davies, from no other consideration than that they were small. As their fertility is not affected by that condition, I have no grounds to follow such a classification; hence their increase will appear proportionately great by the present arrangement.
123. The third group, coloured yellow, contains 46 villages still more distantly situated, Third and Fourth Groups. for which a maximum of Rs. 6 appears suitable. In like manner a reduction of 8 annas in the maximum of the fourth group, coloured green, seems to meet the condition of 13 villages it comprises, situated on the western boundary. They are, comparatively speaking, the poorest in the táluka, partaking much more of the "bara" type of villages which are more or less impregnated with saline matter, and have less depth of loam, a circumstance which renders a cotton crop always more precarious -being in fact the secret why the coast villages are such bad cotton producers.
124. The rice which is grown in open jerayat fields with cotton, will simply be assessed Rice Rates. on dry crop rates; and the bunded rice-fields in bhatha land will also be brought under bhátha rates-leaving only $8 \frac{9}{40}$ acres of bunded rice-beds to be assessed on rice rates. I propose to apply to them a water rate varying from Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$ in addition to the soil rate of their particplar group. A reduction appears in the proposed assessment of this description of land, chiefly on account of 28 acres in Amleswar being thrown into the jerayat class.
125. Bhatha rates have been applied to the undermentioned villages according to their position and general character. The rates include superior order goradu fields producing tobacco and other valuable descriptions of dry crop. They are classed on a scale of 24 annas, to give full scope to their relative fertility:-

|  |  | Maximum Rate |  |  |  | Maximum Rate. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. |  |  |  | Rs. |
| 1. Borbhate | $\cdots$ | -.. | ... 15 |  | 8. Nikora ... | ... | ... 12 |
| 2. Sarphudin | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... 15 |  | 9. Nând | - | ... 12 |
| 3. Kasis | $\cdots$ | ... | ... 1312 |  | 10. Sukaltirth | ... | ... 18 |
| 4. Sakkapur | $\cdots$ | ... | -.. 132 |  | 11. Taris ... | :- | ... 1014 |
| 5. Kukarmuda |  | -.. | ... 12 | - | 12. Jhanor ... | $\cdots$ | ... 10h |
| 6. Karod | $\cdots$ |  | ... 12 |  | 33. Dhanturia.;. | $\cdots$ | ...) 9 9 |
| 7. Tavre | $\cdots$ | ... | ... 13 |  |  |  |  |

- 126. The alluvial soils of the district, not of a permanent character, are annually put up to auction. The objections to a fixed settlement are two-fold. Firstly, the impossibility of maintaining boundary marks so as
numbers-owing to the corrosive action of floads which would
Bháthan not $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{aem}}$, to define the limits of survey numbers-owing to the corrosive action of floads which would
necessitate the fields being surveyed year after year, especially as the islands frequently change their formation. Secondly, these lands, which do not unfrequently realize Rs. 20 the bigah in some years, may be comparatively worthless in others, or in a great measure deteriorated by the fickle nature of the floods. The depth from the surface sand to the alluvial stratum called bbatha, to which the roots of plants must descend, often lies from 6 inches to 6 feet. When the superincumbent sand is more than balf a foot deep, a gauge-like instrument is used for drilling holes, which are then filled up with soil so as to connect the stratum with the surface, where the oil-sted or tobacco vursling is planted and watered by hand once or twice. I tberefore think that all such lands, not well above flood influence, should be sold yearly-by the Collector to the highest bidder.

127. The value of bet lands during the year past, as determined by public auction, including Rs. 4,300 for the wood cutting privilege on Aliábet, was Rs, 41,650-13-2, or Rs: $10-7-2$, per acre on the gross area. In point of fact that sum is paid on little more than half the arca actually fit for cultivation, and averages about Rs. 20 the acre. It may therefore be argued that the kaem bhatha must be relatively under-assessed, which is not the case, for it should be borne in mind that in one case the assessment is a fixed ons for a long term of years, and in the other, the bidding only takes place for the richest newly formed land only cultivable for one year.

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128. The kasar imposed on Government wells amounts to Rs. 3,880 , being levied at the Well Rate. rate of Rs. 3 3㫨 per kos of sweet water, subject to reductions depending upon spring supply, depth of well, and area commanded for rotation. The alienated wello-on two annas in the rupee of full assessment-have been assessed at Rs. 210 annas 6.
129. You will learn from the tables given below what effect the survey settlement hiss had on the area of occupied Government land in each of the four groups specified :-

| No. I. | ${ }^{6}$ Groaps. |  |  |  | Occupied Government land. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1. | II. | III. | IV. |  |
|  | Rg, a. p. | Rs, a. p. | Re, a. p. | Rs, $\quad$ or . | Re. a. po |
| Experimental Settlement ... | 9,032 013 | 2.15 .172014 | 2,70,733 010 | 56.295 0 1 | 5,52,13* 0 |
| Recommended Revision $\quad \cdots$ | 9,932 013 | 2,15,172 014 | 2,73,054 0 | 56,293 01 | 5,54,454 012 |
| Arerage reslizations during the past 10 years | 8,164 19 | $\begin{array}{llll}1,82,891 & 9 & 2\end{array}$ | 2,7,345 4 4 5 | 47,004 76 | 4,56,405 610 |
| Last year's (1870-71) collection ander the former system | 7,222 8 4 | 1,80,286 66 | 2,34,256 129 | 46,617 0 | 4,63,382 120 |

Proportion raised.
130. Thus it appears that this settlement raises the assessment in the following manner :-

| No. IL. | Assessment, | Increase upon 10 jears' sverage. |  | Increase upon last yearis collections. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. a. p. | Re. A. p. | Per cent. | Rs. a. p. | Per cent. |
| Ten yeare' कverage... ... ... ... | 4,55,405 630 | -0... | ... | ...... | -* |
| Collections under old system for 1870-71. | 4,68,382 120 | $\begin{array}{llll}18,977 & 5 & 2\end{array}$ | 3 | '...." | ... |
| Experimental Settlement for 1870-71 iso. | 5,52,133 60 | 96,727 $15 \quad 2$ | 214 | 83,750 100 | 18 |
| Recommended Revision - ... | 5,54,454 120 | $99.049 \quad 5 \quad 2$ | 21年 | 86,072 0 ? | 18 |

The recommended revision in Tables I and II is in consequence of slight alterations being required in villages, after the experimental introduction, and concerning which the villagers were duly informed during Jamábandi.
131. The accompanying diagram illustrates the subject more clearly. Green denotes the - Diagram. area under occupation. Green with bars the waste land including 1,990 acres of bhatha soil annually sold. The red line is the revenue demanded; yellow indicates revenue realized; and the ink wash remissions made. Pink, the survey demand by the seftlement, and the part with bars the assessment of waste land.

> General Financial Statement.

Analysis of the Increase.
132. A general statement is appended, giving each village its particular group, and showing how it has been effected.
133. The increase effected by the settlement upon the preceding year's revenue may be accounted for in the following manner:-

134. The above increase, which is 181 per cent. upon former rates, does not in its average form give a correct idea of the revision which has thoroughly adjusted the inequalities of village rates and field classification, How the increase has operated, as will be seen by the following table:-


Average Rates.

135. The average rates are subjoined, and require no explanation.
136. I shall omit to give the details of the distribution of the survey kamál in bhágdári villages, as I can add nothing new to the system explained in the settlement reports of Nadiad and Borsad; suffice it to say, that out of 78 bhágdari villages in this talnka, 37 accepted the

Apportionment of the Surve日 Kamél in Bhígdari villages. survey ákar upon their existing shares; 10 preferred the Sirásari phalla, which is simply dividing the survey rental upon the whole village into proportionate shares according to the acres found in each Bhag; and 81 villages adhered to the phalla on the anna divisions of the village, - by far the most inequitable mode, as it ignores both the quality of fields and quantity of land which may be in each sharer's possession. I endeavoured to make the Bhághdars agree to the akar system, which is only bigoti in another form, but they were not to be persuadel.
137. The vadára land amounted to $360 \frac{14}{40}$ acres in 65 villages, and is supposed to be GovFaddira or excess Land. ernment land not originally included in the Bhag. I have added it to the Bhag, as no other plan is practicable, the excess being a parely paper one without any division in the field. Doing this entails no loss to Government, as the full assessment is added to the akar of the village.
138. There are no alienations within the shares, a circumstance which bappily facilitated Bhagdari Alienations. the settlement of a táluka containiug more Bhágdari villages than any other in the province.
183. Out of the Government waste, consisting of 8,269 acres of assessed and 1,990 acres

Waste Land, quantity left and ralue. of unassessed land, 186 acres were set apart as standing ground for the village cattle. I anticipate that about 600 acres will still have to be disposed of in the same way, as I had no time to complete this portion of the settlement before the season terminated. The assesement value of the unoccupied waste amounts to Rs. 36,752 .
140. The amount of Ghar-bhára, or ground-rent levied within manicipal limits, amounts Ghar-bharu. to Rs. 325-3-6 on 60581 square yards of land. A classification has been submitted to you in a separate reporr, proposing that the rent should be raised to Rs. 3,831 . I need not therefore increase the dimensions of this report by its details. The point to be decided in the matter is, how much of this Government will allow the Broach Municipality. In the districts Rs. 621-1-6 are still levied. I am of opinion that all such rent upon land used purely by the agricultural community for dwelling purposes should be remitced, and only retained when paid by non-cultivators.
141. The fruit-trees of the district only gield an insignificant revenue of Rs. 30. I proTrees. pose that the sum should not be levied in future, as Governmeut were pleased to order in the case of the Bo:sad and Nudiad talukas. Tine few brab palm trees in the táluka should come under any ruling for Ulpád-still in abzyance.
142. A Shepherd cess was levied only in Bhorbhatta to the extent of R. 3 and anna 1, Sbepherid Cese. which I remitted in accordance with precedent.
143. The occupation right of land was purchased in the following villages for the sums Sale of Wastef Land. . placed against them :-

| Name of Village. | Acres sold. | Survey Assessment. | Occupation Value. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| . |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs, a. p. |
| 1. Kadod | $97 \frac{3}{40}$ | 47280 | 8,200 00 |
| 2. Karele ... '... | $52 \frac{8}{40}$ | 25200 | 6,350 |
| 3. Nikora . *** ${ }^{\text {c. }}$ | $\frac{24}{40}$ | 260 | 7600 |
| 4. Dhanturia ... | $23 \frac{38}{30}$ | 91. 8.0 | 90200 |
| 5. Taria | $110{ }_{40}^{30}$ | .577 0 | 1,722 811 |
| Total ... | 284 $\frac{81}{40}$ | 1,395 60 | 17,250 811 |

The average value per acre being Rs. 60, and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ times the survey assessment.

| 144 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 145 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 146 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |

147. I regret exceedingly that the impaired, stat of my health has prevented me com$\begin{array}{ll}\text { General resolts. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { pleting this report th my own satisfaction; } ;\end{array} \text {, however, hope that } \\ \text { His Excellency the Goternor in Council will be pleased to approve } \\ \text { of the general results gf fhe settlement. }\end{array}$
I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to determine a pitch of assessment which shall be alike adapted to the interests of Government and the rayats, and to that end spared no pains to reduce the somewhat uncertain and changeable conditions of agriculture in the taluka to some tangible form. As the settlement is designed for a period of 30 years, and has a future which may not wholly be unattended by evils recorded of the past, I do not think it would be at all judicious to raise the assessment bigher than I propose- 181 per cent. on last year's collections, and 21 per cent. on the average collections of the past 10 years.

The sum of Rs. 86,072 , plus Rs. 5,380 local cess, consequent on the increase-(in all Rs. 91,452 , exclusive of Rs. 1,886 raised on commated quit-rents of alienated land)-has been permanently added to the resources of the State, whilst the rayats have not been left without sufficient support and provision for the many contingencies of their occupation. If it be admitted that agriculture in this country is the basis of its prosperity, then, in the true interests of the State, caution is imperative in our settlements, lest they should unhappily bar all improvemeats, by exbausting the pecuniary funds of the people.
148. In conclusion, I would beg to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor Conclusion. in Council the valuable service rendered by the settlement Sheristadár, Jivanlal Laxmiram, a clever and energetic revenue officer. I regret for his sake that it is impossible to submit to Government the voluminous compilations of the vernacular department to convey an idea of his share of the labour, attending the preparation of a taluka for settlement, which is almost entirely bhágdíri. He would make an excellent Mámlatdár,-a position he may be said to have fairly earned by his connection with altogether four settlements.

A'zam Rewashanker Ramshanker, the very upright and worthy Mámlatdár of the district, also rendered me very valuable assistance.

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

# L. ASHBURNER, Esquire, <br> Acting Revenue Commissigner, Northern Division. 

Broach Collector's Office, Oamp Juntram, 18th December 1871.

## Sir,

As promised in paragraph 26 of my report on the Revenue Administration of the Broach
-For the year 1870-71. Collectorate,* I have the honour to forward this day, by book Taluka made by the Spperin quest $y$ ou will submit it, through the Survey and Settlement Commiasioner, N. D., to Government, at an early date as practicable.
2. The report, you will observe, speaks for itself; no remarks are, therefore, necessary from me, except that in paragraphs 5 and 53 there are some clerical errors which I have rectified-in the said paragraphs-with pencil.
3. The proposed rates, I ame sure, are such as will not bear at all hard on the cuiltivators from ths following facts which I ascertained during my inquiries as Income Tax Commissioner and Magistrate, F. P. Ise Amiji holds 23 bigas in Wadiva, as sub-tenant, at a rental of Rs $6 \frac{1}{4}$ per bigath $=$ Rs. $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per acre-the superior holder paying the assessment; this land, being in Mr. Beyts' 3rd class group, is only liable to a maximum assessment of Rs. 6, leaving the landlord-superior holder-Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}$ clear profit. Indeed to this we should add something for the sub-tenant's profit, as said Ise having 62 bigahs of bhág land of his own in another village, is not likely to have come so far to hold land ${ }^{\text {rim a }}$ a stranger without some appreciable advantage. Several other cultivators, examined on oatlinty the as Income Tax Commissioner, state the rent taken from sub-tenants for black soil in the willages of 'Mr. Beyts'. Ath class group ranges from Rs. 4 to 6 s bigah $=$ Rs. 8 to 12 per acre. Whe actual cases inquired into. by me have never shown a rental less than Rs. 5 per bigah $=$ Rs. 10 per acre. Again, rayats examined by me during my income tax inquiries, say some, that black soil ordinarily produces 3 to 4 dhurries of cotton $=3 \frac{3}{2}$ to 5 maunds per bigah $=7 \frac{1}{2}$ to 10 maunds per acre. The lowest rate for which cotton was sold at the end of last year and beginning of this was Rs. 60 per bhar $=$ Rs. 2 雪 per maund : $7 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds will fetch Rs. $17 \frac{3}{3}$, and 10 maunds Rs. 25 . But another informant stated that after fallow ordinary black soil produced 5 dhurries, 3 dhurries after wheat, and 2 dhurries after jowari. The price of cotton has since risen again : nearly all my informants give the rental of gorat as double that of black soil.

Lastly, in a case of mischief, the complainant stated that the cotton out down in one kumbha = nearly 1 acre of his black soil manured land-would produce a crop value 50 rapees ; but, afterwards, on cross-examination, reduced the value to Rs. 45 at the present price of Rs. 90 per bhar, i.e., 10 dhurries, which, as he gave his kumbha as $1 \frac{1}{2}$ bighás, would make 7 dhurries per bigah, or 14 dhurries per acre; and this was confirmed by an independent witness, who had come to me on toll-contracting business, as being the case if the land be manured.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. WILSON,

Acting First Assistant Collector in charge.

No. 11 or 1869.
From
The COLLECTOR of BROACH;
To
The ACTING SUPERINTENDENT or
GUJARA'T REVENUE SURVEY.
Camp Surat, 31st January 1869.
Sir,


Government have sanctioned in their Resolution No. 2234, dated 20th June 1867, the rates of assessment to be introduced dated 20 th June 1867 , the rates of assessment to
within the Manicipal limits of the town of Broach.
2. As the limits include certain fields belonging to six


Patis (villages), the Collector of Surat desired this Department to give effect to the Government Order as regards the lands of these fields.
3. The Vernacular correspondence which was under circulation reached me only on the 24th September 1868, and immediately after the opening of this season I stopped, on my way to Bulsár, at Broach and made myself acquainted with all the necessary details.
4. I found that it was impossible to introdace the rates in the fields abore alluded to, becanse the five patis out of six are in Bhagwari tenure : the peculiarity of the tenure is to fix Government assessment on the whole lands of the village, and then to distribute the same among all the Bhágdárs according to their respective shares. However, as the Collector was anxions to carry out his desire, it was decided with his approval to introduce survey rates in all the lands of these six patis.
5. It is very desirable to attempt every kind of improvement at the time of the introduction of the new settlement. I took this opportunity to explain to the Bhagdars the benefits which they will derive by adopting the following changes in the usual systems:-
(1) To fix the amount of Phalá payable by each Bhágdár according to the figure deduced from the Survey Akar (assessment) for all the lands in his possession, and not according to the old system. The benefit is that every sharer will have to pay the amonnt of Phála on the proportions of the lands in his possession, and no one will be a loser or gainer. Under the existing syotem all the Bhágdárs of equal shares are paying same rents, though there is difference in the extent and quality of the lands in their possession; and no one would like to part with any bit of his lands for making ap the deficiency of others.
(2) To ask Government's permission for exclading the fields, included in the Municipal limits from the Bhágdári tenure and for, ylosessing them similar to otber Gámáti or nonbhágdari lands. The benefit is that, the laids's being situated near the Railway station and contiguous to Broach town would fetch a tery good price if sold or mortgaged to some one for building purposes, suck as cotton grib, bangalows, \&e. But the Bhágdár is not allowed to sell or mortgage, under the Bombay Act VI of 1862, a field or part of a field unless he is able to dispose of all the lands of his whole bhág. This is impracticable and th:: a Bhágdár is, under the existing tenure, precluded from deriving the profit which is enjoyed by all other occupants and owners of alienated lands. After the introduction of the survey settlement and recoguizing the existing oceapancy, it does not make any difference in the light of occupancy, whether it be a Bhagdári or Rayatwari tenure.
6. You will be glad to hear that I succeeded in obtaining the agreement from all the Bhágdárs of the five patis as regards first change, which is very material. This will enable $n s$ to find out the separate figures for the lands included in the municipal limits. They did not wish to have the second change. I am sure they will have to repent for their losing this good opportunity.
7. Though the Bhágdárs agree to the Akar system, it does not rcmove the necessity of introducing the settlement in all the lands of these five patis (villages), as it does not affect the Bhágdári tenare. Vejalpore bing no-bhágdári villaze, its portion (ferv fields attached to the monicipal limits) can be separately assessed without extending the new settlement to the remaining lands of the village. But that plan would keep the work of introducing survey settlement onfinished only in a few fields near the Broach City. This is not advirable and I am therefore of opinion that Vejalpore Pati should not be excluded from the operation of the new settlement. When this is done, the work of introducing settlement in all the patis contignous to Broach town mast be considered as finished.
8. The total area of these six patis under the survey measurement is as follows :-

| Calcurable- |  |  |  | Goverumeat. Land. |  | alimated Land. |  | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | No. | Acreas | No. | Acrea, | Na. | Acres |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dry ... } \\ & \text { Bagiyat... } \end{aligned}$ | - |  | ... <br> Total | ... | 1.663 .35 | $\ldots$ | $704 \cdot 12$ | $\cdots$ | 23657 |
|  |  |  |  | ... | $145 \cdot 16$ | ... | $140 \cdot 15$ | ... | 255.31 |
|  |  |  |  | 397 | 1,809-11 | 170 | 844-27 | 547 | 2,653 38 |
| Eharibo | ... | Grand Total |  | ... | 1,283:39 | ... | -** | $\cdots$ | 1,283-39 |
|  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 3,093 10 | ... | 844-27 | $\cdots$ | 3,937 37 |

9. The principal produce is jowfra and cotton. In fact the lands of these patis may be considered as coming within the boundaries of Broach Kasbo itself. The cultivators are the residents of the town or suburbs attached to the town. It is well known tt-* Broakh isa
large town and, independent of bzing the best market, has the advantage of a large railway station and seaport for the export of cotton and other grains, and possesses 8 cotton gins, \&c., already at work. As regards the dispoial of agricultural produce, Broach is superior to Surat. The maximun: rate of dry-crop for the villages near the Surat City is Rs. 7 per acre for 16 annas, the same I beg to recommend for these villages, except the fields attached to the municipal limits for which Government have already sanctioned special rates mentioned in the begining of this letter.
10. The garden land is very limited here. The wells near Broach are very deep, more than 50 or 60 feet, while those near Surat are from 30 to 40 , not only is the work of building wells very expensive, but to keep them and the old wells in repairs is also costly. 1 am sorry to find that some old wells capable of irrigating have been allowed to remain in a decayed condition since a long time past. The Kachias or vegetable-sellers make use of the few wells situated near the town and make good money by it. Under these circumstances, I think the "Cosse" system observed in Chorási (Surat) fixing bagáyat kasar separately would not suit hare, but a maximum rate of Rs. 12 per acre for the lands out of the municipal limits will answer the purpose. The maximum area for each "Cosse" is fixed at (3) three acres. I may also mention the fact that several fields formerly irrigated by well water and which paid garden rates are lately appropriated for cotton gins, \&c., and the water of the wells is used in that purpose. I do not ihink such wells should be disregarded in fixing the usual area of a field irrigable from the water of the wells; because it would be very unjust to assess those persons who irrigate them per crop, and realize less profit than those who make more money by appropriating water for other purposes. Care however will be taken not to assess that portion of a field by garden rates which will be assessed by special building rates. Thus you will see that I will have to correct the extent of garden lands shown in the ákarband and register where the area of whole fields having a well is entered as garden lands.
11. The following comparative statement shows the result of old and new settlements of Government. lands. Marks A and B shop the result of the lands within and out of the municipal limits, respectively :-

| No. | Stames of Patis, | Dey Cror Lampa. |  |  |  |  | Gandey Laypr. |  |  |  |  | Totat, |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { In- } \\ \text { creage } \\ \text { nnder } \\ \text { now } \\ \text { oyn- } \\ \text { tem } \\ \text { bet- } \\ \text { ween } \\ \text { cole } \\ \text { nimn } \\ 15 \text { nnd } \\ 16 . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Old System. |  | Now 8ywtem. |  |  | Old Syttem. |  | New Syatem, |  |  | Old System, |  |  | Now System. |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { Acre. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \mathrm{Ru}- \\ \text { poes, } \end{array}$ | Average clabsineation Annag | Rate per Aore. 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ra}- \\ & \text { peet. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { Acre. } \end{gathered}$ | Rupees. | Average classiffcation Annse. | Rate per Acre. <br> , | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Rui- } \\ \text { pees. } \end{array}$ | Aver- age of years. | Total of col- umns 4 nid $\theta$. | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { Last } \\ \text { yearg. } \end{array}\right)$ |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 12 | $\text { Mojumpore }\left\{\begin{array}{l} A . . . \\ 8 . . . \end{array}\right.$ | Re. B. p. | Re. | A. p | Re a, p. | Re. | Rs. a. | Rs. | A. p. | Re. a. p. | Re. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 9 & 8 \\ 10 & 11 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 5 & 4 & \theta \\ 4 & 12 & 8 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 129 \\ & 158 \end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ | ". | $\cdots$ | -* | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | 129 152 | $\cdots$ |
|  | Total ... | 3180 | 189 | * | . $\cdot$ | 281 | 912 | 14 | . | $\cdots$ | . | 273 | 207 | 207 | 281 | 74 |
|  |  | - | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{ll}10 & 6 \\ 12 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}5 & 14 & 6 \\ 5 & 9 & 8\end{array}$ | 1,701 | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{\square}{*}$ | ${ }^{10} .{ }^{7}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}10 & 9 & 4 \\ & \cdots & \end{array}$ | ${ }^{80}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | 78 1,701 | $\because$ |
|  | Total | 16 | 1,353 | * | $\cdots$ | 1,720 | 160 | 25 | $\cdots$ | - | 80 | 1,430 | 1.378 | 1,378 | 1,770 | 101 |
| , 1 | $\text { all } \quad . \begin{cases}A & . . \\ B & . .\end{cases}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | 18 <br> 13 | $\begin{aligned} & 6180 \\ & 8120 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 295 \\ & 1,545 \end{aligned}$ | .. | $\because$ | 11.6 | 8 10 0 | 79 | $\because$ | $\because$ | ". | $\begin{array}{r} 295 \\ 1,624 \end{array}$ | .. |
|  |  | 5 06 | 8,388 | -* | $\cdots$ | 1.840 | 100 | 30 | $\cdots$ | ** | 78 | 1,484 | 1,419 | 1,413 | 1,019 | 507 |
|  |  | ". | "* | 18 18 11 | $\begin{array}{rrr} 7 & 18 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|l\|} \hline 841 \\ 7 & 1,439 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\ddot{\square}$ | 82 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 373 1,639 | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | 410 | 1,326 | * | $\cdots$ | 1,880 | 100 | 16 | .. | $\because$ | 32 | 1,931 | 1,353 | 1,3i2 | 2,012 | 670 |
| 5 | Dangri $\quad \cdots \begin{cases}\text { A } & \cdots \\ \text { B } & \cdots\end{cases}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | 118 | 6 7 8 <br> 6 15 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 850 \\ & 1 \times 2,756 \end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | 50, 2,764 | ... |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Vejalpur } . .\left\{\begin{array}{ll} \text { A } & . . \\ \text { T } & . \\ \text { Total } & . . \end{array}\right\} \\ \text { Grand Total } \end{array}$ | 4110 | 0, 2,009 | $\cdots$ | -• | 2,804 | 80 | 3 | $\cdots$ | .. | $\cdots$ | 1,990 | 2,019 | 2,012 | 8,804 | 788 |
| 6 |  | $\because$ | ". | 11180 | 610 6 | $\begin{array}{l\|r} \hline 64 \\ 8 & 930 \end{array}$ | . $\because$ | $\because$ | 148888 | $\left.\begin{array}{lll} 14 & 8 & 8 \\ 10 & 14 & 0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{r} 209 \\ 92 \end{array}$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | 4146 | 6808 | - | . | 1,044 | 80 | 5 | $\cdots$ | . | 240 | 858 | 908 | 900 | 1,284 | 384 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | 78173 | - |  | 19,678 | * | 88 | 148 | - | 401 | 7,2i2 | 7,288 | 7,251 | 10,079 | 3,828 |

12. It will be seen from the above that under the new system there is an increase of Re. 2,828, out of which Rs. 800 are to-be attributed to the adoption of special rates for the lands in municipal limits and the remaining sum to the general revision when the circumstances of the changes in price and in the right of occupancy since the reductions in the rates made by the late Mr. G. N. Davies, are to be taken into consideration, no other conclusion can be arrived at than that were increase about 20 per cent. in a place like Broach town can be considered heavy but a fair one. In Mojumpore there are about 100 acres bhátha lands not capable of fixing permanent assessment the occupancy right of which will be sold annually as heretofore.
13. The statement given in paragraph 11 does not include the amcunt of assessment*

- 2 pies per aquare yard. to be fixed by special rates on the lands occupied for building purposes. The reason is that I am not yet in possession of cor-
rect information on the points required for my calculation. I have therefore requested the Assistant Superintendent of Survey through you to supply the same to meas soon as possible, I hope to get them at the time the sanction solicited in this report is receised. The result on this subject will, of coarse, be given in the Jamabandi report asking the usual gusrantee for the rates. I may, however, mention that the greater portion of the lands referred to in this paragraph is an alienated one which is subjeot only to summary settlement ( 4 pie).

14. There is a point deserving of special notice. ` The Surat Monicipal rates* sanctioned - Resolation No, 862, dated 28th by Government is applicable to Broack as ordered By GovernFebrasty 1887. ment in their Resolution No. 2234, dated 10th June 1867. The 5th rule of Surat authorises to assess the lands not applied to agricultural purposes at the rate of two pies per square yard. The lands which are subjected to the summary settlement have to pay to Government under the Rule 5 above one-eighth of the above rates; it may be mentioned that greater portion of the lands occupied under the cotton gin, \&e., are alienated lands and their holders are already ${ }^{\text {A }}$ supplied with the sanads under the Summary Settlement Act VII of 1803. It is true that necessary blank places are kept in the sanads for filling up the figures arrived at by the result of the anticipated revision survey. There will be no dificulty to fill in the same, but we will have to make a propision in sanad something like that reserved in the Rule 7." Unoccupied or temporarily occupied culturable land may at any time be subjected to the non-agricultural or building rate." That is when any portion of alienated culturable land is appropriated for the building purposes, \&c., to levy summary settlement calculated on the differences between the agricultural and building rates, Though the words "Government land" used in Section XXXV do not authorise the levy of such special rates in future as regards alienated lands; yet when the Bill No. 3 of 1868 passed by the Bombay Legislative Council and now before the Government of India will become law and the limits of the town of Broach is notified under Section......of the Bill, all difficalty now appearing will be removed. I wish to have a definite instruction on this point to enable me to explain to the parties at the time of introducing the settlement.
15. In anticipation of the sanction of tro proposed rates asked for in this letter, I have commenced to prepare all the necessary papers, with a view to introduce the seftlement without a further delay.
16. In conclusion I beg to say that it will be very satisfactory to me, if this report passes through Mr. Hope, the Collector of Surat, befare he proceeds on leave.

> :I have, \&co,
> (Signed) SHAMBHUPRASAD L.,
> Assistant Settlement Offcer, Gujarát Revenue Survey,

No. 36 or 1869.

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\text { Superintendent's Office, Surat, 10th February } 1863 .
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Forwarded to the Collector of Surat through the Sub-Collector of Broach for the Revenue Commissioner's sanction to the proposad contained in the Ássistant Settlement Officer's report.
2. Act No. IV of 1868 having passed into law, provides for what is referred to in the 14th paragraph.

(Signed) N. B. BEYTS,<br>Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment.

No. 301 op 1869.
Forwarded.

(Signed) C. M. HOGG, Acting Sub-Colledtor.

Cámp Dehej, 18th February 1869.

No. 876 or 1869.
Camp Kuchwal, 29th April 1869.
The Collector regrets to state that owing to an oversight on the part of his office this report, whioh arrived during his absence on leave, did not come to his notice until two days ago-
2. Mr. Hope had several conferences with Mr. Shambhuprasad last cold weather regarding the way in, which the Bhágdárí lands should be dealt with and the proposals referred to in paragraph 5 were made with his concarrence. It is much to be regretted that the second was pot acceded to as well as the frrst, as it would have greatly simplified and facilitated the
acquisition of land for cotton mills and all progressing undertakings. A final attempt might be made at the time of introducing the rates.
3. The Collector entirely approves and recommends for sanction the rates proposed in paragraphs 9 and 10 for the lands not within municipal limits. The Mozumpore bhátha must be sold annually as heretofore, as the experiment of selling the occupancy right which was tried in the case of the Kasia, but was anything but successful.

Vide my No. 1708 of the 17th Seqtember 186s, and Goverament Resolution No. 4057 of the 2nd November 1868.
4. The authority for inserting in the C.S. sanads, the proviso regarding building to which Mr. Shambhuprasad refers in his paragraph 14 has now been given by Section VII of Bombsy Act IV, 1868, and the limits were notified in the Government Gazette of February 4th (page S5).
5. The favour of early orders is requested as the season is advanced.

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\text { (Signed) T. C. HOPE, } \underset{\text { Collector. }}{\text { ( }}
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No. 2577 of 1869.
Revenue Department,
Mátherán, 31st May 1869.
Submitted to Government with reference to the Government Resolution No. 2234, dated 10th June 1867.
2. The Revenue Commissioner considers the settlement of the six villages by Ráo Bahádur Shambhuprasad Laxmilal as very satisfactory and recommends it Five Budgdari end one Rayat- for the sanction of Government accordingly. Anticipating this, wari for the sanction of Government accordingly. Anticipating this, settlement, as the year is nearing its end.
3. Mr. Shambhaprasad has been instructed to make a final attempt, as suggested in paragraph 2 of $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {. }}$ Hope's memorandum, to get the Bhagdárs of the five villages to accept the second proposal regarding the exclusion from the Bhágedari tenure of such of their fields as have been included in the municipal limits of Broach, and the Revenue Commissioner trusts that he will be successful ${ }^{\text {4. }}$
(Signed) A. F. BELLASIS, Officiating Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 2578 of 1869.
Mátherán, $31_{8 t}$ May 1869.
Forwarded to the Collector of Surat for information and guidance and for the issue of the necessary instructions in reference to his memorandum No. 876, dated 29th April 1869.

- (Signed) A. F. BELLASİS,

Officiating Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 1222
Copy forwarded to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, for information and guidance, in continuation of No. 116 of 14 th ultimo.
(Sig̣ned) E. HOSKING,
Tithal, 2nd June 1869.
Revenue Survey and Assessment.
No. 2400 .
Revenue Departyent.
Bombay Castle, 16th June 1869.
Memorandam from the Officiating Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division No. 2577, dated 31st May 1869—Submitting, with reference to Government Resolution No. 2234, dated 10th Jane 1867, one from the Collector of Surat, with its accompanying commanication from the Assistant Settlement Officer, Gujarat Revenue Sarvey, containing proposals for the assessment of five Bhágdári and one Rayatwári villages, a portion of whose lands are included within the municipal limits of the town of Broach; and stating that he considers the proposed settlement very satisfactory and has authorised its introduction in anticipation of Government sanction. в $476-17$

Resolotion.-Government are pleased to confirm the sanction accorded by the Revenue Commissioner.

$\bullet^{\prime}$<br>(Sigred) F. R. S. WYLLIE,<br>for Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 882 of 1872.
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## The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,

Revenue Department.
Camp Dholka, 14th February 1872.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the proposals for a revision of the rates of assessment in the Broach Taluka in the Broach Collectorate, contained in Acting Superjutendent Mr. Beyts' letter No. 1025, dated 20th Uctober last, printed copies of which have already been sent to Government. The tielay in this office has been considerable, Mr. Ashburner having probably thought it better that I should make the report, as the experimental assessment had been carried out under my instructions, and since resuming charge my time has been so fully occupied that I have till now beef unable to take the matter up.'
2. This is the first táluka in the Collectorate taken up for revision on the principles of the Bombay Revenue Survey, under Act I of 1865, and is important as a kind of standard by which to a certain extent the pitch of assessment in the remainder will be regulated. The survey settlement having, however, already been carried out in parts of Surat differing little from this in climate and soil, we bave in its result excellent practical grounds on which to base the present proposals, which I trast will meet with the approval of His Excellency in Council.
3. The historical information recorded by Mr. Beyts with regard to the town of Broach is interesting. The derivation of the name itself, however, appears to me to be merely an abbreviation of the tutelary saint or sage's name, Bhagu Rishi (pronounced Rushi) or Bhagu the sage, which is almost precisely the existing Gujrathi from Bharuch, of which Broach is a corruption. A legend still survives of the reason of the change of the course of, the Narbada from Ankleshvar, three miles to the south of its present position, whence it can be traced by, a well-defined bank to beyond Hansot, near its mouth, to Broach. A disciple of the sage one day complaining to him of the distance he had to go to wash his clothes, was told that his grievance would be at an end, if the next time he went to wash he, on his way home, dragged his cothes after him and did not look behind him. The advice was followed, and the man on only turning round to look, when he reached his own door, found that the river flowed at his feet instead of at Ankleshvar.
4. I huve no doubt of the alluvial origin of the black soil of Broach, but it also shows unmistakeable symptoms, in the shape of small nodules of zeolitic minerals, of haring been contributed to by the deltitus of trap rocks. The alluvium I believe to have been gradually deposited by rivers from the east since the Eocene period, for nummulitic limestone lies on the flanks of the trap range running south from the Rájpipla Hills and skirting the Mandvi Táluka of Surat as far as the Tapti, and passes under the black soil; whereas nearer the Gulf of Cambay, to the west, more recent deposits are visible tqwards the mouth of the Kim, which lies about midway between the two larger rivers. The forest of marine trees mentioned in the 32nd paragraph of the report, are the ordinary mangrove bushes found all along the coast. The difference between the black and gorat soils has probably arisen from the latter having been deposited in places where the force of the stream has been greater than in others, and has, in consequence, not allowed the vegetable aud mineral ingredients that supply the colouring matter of the black to settle down : there is but little difference in the proportion of silica in the two.
5. Mr. Beyts' description of the crops and usual system of cultivation prevalent in the district will tend to show why the often-reiterated call for more cotton could not be responded to in a country in which there is, comparatively speaking, no waste land. Constant cropping with this staple is incompatible with a system of shallow ploughing, resorted to in the absence of proper supplies of manure, to provide afresh those fertilizing properties in the soil which would evaporate if brought to the surface and exposed to the rays of a tropical sun. If deep ploughing had been the practice in Broach, its marvellous, fertility would not have' endured for 2,000 years. The system of growing rice in open black plains, the rice being of course of a coarse kind, is, I believe, confined to the Broach Collecturate; but, from the large area devoted to it, is evidently profitable.
6. Mr. Beyts has yielded to the desire expressed in some of the public prints, to obtain information on the subject of the yield of the soil, and in the 44th and following paragraphs of his letter entered into particulars of estimates of average produce made at various times by ditferent individuals. 'l'he estimate of entton rises from the 120 lbs . (equal to 40 lbs . cleaned) per bigah of Mr. Davies (paragraph 4S) to the 8 dhurris or 384 lbs. per acre, equal to about 1.92 per bigáh, adopted by himself (paragraph 55) as a fair yield for purposes of settlement, which is precisely double Mr. Davies' own estimate of 64 lbs. of clean cotton to the acre.

Mr. Stormont's estimate of 400 lbs . ( 133 clean) to the acre (paragraph 47) exactly corresponds with what has been given to me scores of times-many years ago in Broach-as a fair average yield, viz., 5 maunds to the bighh. I confess I always looked upon this as a low average, more, suited to soils of an inferior than of a middling quality, and Mr. Stormont is made, in paragraph 49, to agree 1,0 an estimate of 6 dhurris the bigath, or 12 par acre (lbs. 576 uncleaned or 192 cleaned) as the outturn of an ordinary cerop. Mr. Beyts' estimate of 4 dhurris per bigáh may be considered fully low, and we may safèly take 10 dhurris or 80 lbs . (co cleaned) as the standard. By way of comparison with these estimates of cotton produce, I beg to call to the recollection of His Excellency in Council the report on the experimental farm near Bhargaum in Khandesh, forwarded with my letter No. 5889 of the 9 th November 1870, and the returns of produce contained in the former, which gave in one field as much as 229 lbs. 2 ozs . of cleaned cotion per acre and an average of 82 lbs . per acre.
7. I have entered into these particulars with a view to show the difficulty of arriving at. any fair idea of what would be a proper assessment to place upon land by calculating the outturn at an average over large areas. and where the seasons are so uncertain as in this country. Taking the bhar of uncleaned cotton at the lowest rate obtaining of late years, Rs. 65, the average assessment at the rates proposed by the Superintendent for his first class of villages would wary from the proportion of Rs. 6,22 , to Rs. 26 of yield, to one of 6,22 to 13 ; or, in other words, the assessment would, if one averpge were correct, be about one-fourth of the gross produce, and if the other were right, as much as a half. Taking the same price at an average of 10 dhurris or 480 lbs . per acre, the proportion of assessment to produce would be as $6,2 \%$ to 32,5 in addition to the value of the cotton stalks: If the field in Dehgam, alluded to in paragraph 49, had been assessed at the full rate of Rs. $9 \frac{1}{2}$, the acre now proposed for the village the assessment to the value of the produce would have been as 6,5 to 48,75 .
8. These figures, at all events, prove that the general pitch of the proposed assessmentein moderate, even when calculated by the standard of a low estimate of produce, at prices considerably less than those now ruling, and as low as they are likely to be for years to come.
9. I will now proceed to notice the method in which the villages are proposed to be grouped for assessment and other details of the proposals for revision.
10. The groups, four in number, and falling by gradations of half a rupee per acre, from Rs. 7 to Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$, will be best understood from the map facing page 40 of the printed report. The town of Broach and its surrounding hamlets, forming, in fact, part of the town itself, are put iuto the first. class, and the classification of athe rest is based nolely on their distance from this central market. No other system would be correct or reasonable, as the climate of all is alike. The village of Chamárgám in the 2nd group, and of Páléj in the 3rd, possess the advantage of railway stations and cotton factories; and I should have recommended their being raised a class each, but that Broach prices regulate the value of agricultural produce in them, and their distance from the market tells against them, as well as against other villages in their respective groups.
11. The Superintendent's report does not contrast the effects of the revision separately for dry crop and bhatha lands in the different groups of villages. The general increase in the former on the whole taluka is given at paragraph 135 as Rs. 51,962:4-0. This deducted from Rs. 4,73,432-2-0, given in paragraph 135 as the survey assessment on dry crop, would leave a balance of Rs. 4,26,469-14 as the assessment at the old rates, and the percentage increase on the latter would thus be $12 \cdot 18$. Considering the great rise in prices that has taken place since . Mr. Daties' revision, this may certainly be considered moderate.
19. The area to be assessed at rice rates is trifling, and the water rates proposed (paragraph 124) of from Rs. $\odot \frac{4}{2}$ to $5 \frac{1}{3}$ appear appropriate, and are recommended for sanction.
13. The question of the rates to bz levied from bhátha-richgalluvial soils in or but little raised above the ordinary dry bed of the river-is one of importance, and requires careful oonsideration on the oue hand, with a viers to pervent undue loss of revenue to the State; and, oix. the other, not to assess too heavily land the fertility of which is liable to fluctuate in consequence of the flooding of the river in the monsoon. The highest rate (paragraph 125 of the report ) in any village is Rs. 15, and they go down to one of Rs. $9 \frac{3}{4}$ in Dhanturia.
14. The total survey assessment on this description of land given in the statement in paragraph 135, being Rs. 73,616-8-0, and the increase (in paragraph -183) Rs. 34,109-12-0, it . follows that the amount leviable under existing practice was Rs. $39,506-12-0$, and the increase one of 86.33 per cent. The average assessment per acre is, notwithstanding (see paragraph 135), only Rs. 8-7-1. The reason for this apparently low rate is explained in paragraph 127, and is satisfactory. From the percentage increase on the whole being so great, and the average assessment per acre being fully two rupees less than under the old system, it is evident that a far greater area has been brought under permanent rates in the new than was so assessed under the old, or else ther is some confusion in the figures which I cannot understand.' Altogeher the dita given in the report, on which Government are asked to sanction these rates, are so scanty, that I hesitate to recommend its being done without further inquiry, and a re-inspection of the land entered at permanent rates. Government have had one petition against the assessment proposed for lhatha lands from the village of Sakarpur Bhátha; and I think it pery desirable that the subject should be reconsidered by the present Superintendent and the Sprvey and Settlement Commissioner, as it is dificult and complicated, and a mistake made nowt will be perpetuated for at least 30 years.
15. I do not see any separate entry of bagayet or garden lands in the statements embodied in the report, as the fixing of a well rate of 33 per water bag (paragraph 128) would lead me to expect. The rate is far higher than any yet proposed in Gujarát, and the information given on the subject, being confined to that in the paragraph just mertioned, is so slight thet I have really nothing on which to recommend it for sanctipn or otherwise.
16. On the whole I cannot do more than propose that the sanction of Government should be given to the levy of the rates proposed and the introduction of the survey system-due notice of which was given to the people in the course of the experimental settlemgnt last year-for currant season, pending receipt of a final report on the doubtful points now moted.
37. The methods reported in paragraph 136, in which the holders of different villages on the Bhagwari tenure have accepted the survey reassessment on their lands, have been explained in ptevious reports; but the report would have been much more valuable, if it had contained information regarding the sub-tenures and the position of the sub-tenants in these villages, to enable Government to judge of the advisability q o otherwise of interference by degislation, to define, if not to improve, the latter, a question already mooted, and which must sooner or later be taken into considerativa in this Presidency, as it has been ip other parts of India. I know that in some parts of Broach the rights of gustomary tenantave being steadily undermined by the stratagems of the Bhágdars, in enticing them into signing leases for rent differing from what they havd been in the habit of paying;' andu twoytd heg to recommend that a special report on the state of matters in the taluka undey settlement should. be called for from the Collector or the Survey Officers.
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18. The setting pside of land for cattle. to otand oth in monsoon ( inot for general grazing purposes ) teported in paragraph 139 is customary and may be sanctioned, as may also the inclusion in the bhágs or shares, of wadhára or excess land at-full assessment rates metitioned in paragraph 137.

19: The levy of ground rent in villages will be regulated by the terms of Government Resolution No. 5244 of the 20th October last.
20. I concur in the proposal in paragraph 141 to forego the levy of the revenue from fruit trees.
21. The remission of the shepherd cess in Bôr-Bhatta, reported in paragraph 142, may be sanctioned.
22. It is satisfactory to find (see paragraph 143) that the occupation value of land, in the ingtances in which it was sold, fetched so large a sum as $12 \frac{1}{2}$ times the survey assesment, even before the rates had been guaranteed. I have no doubt that it will yet improve greatly and rapidly.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Yourimost obedient Servant, A. ROGERS,

Revenue Commissioner, N. D. P.S.-That matter brought to notice in paragraph 112 may be tranfferred for disposal to the Public Works Department.

## A. ROGERS.

No. 874.
Rembamo Department. :
Resolution.-Government concur with Mr. Rogers in thinking that definite orders cannot be passed on the information submitted. As suggested by him, therefore, Government can only. sanction the levy of the rates proposed and the introduction of the survey system, provisionally, for one year. In the meantime, the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., should obtain from thre Superintendent of the Gujarát Revenue Survey full explanation on alt the doubtful points noted by him, and should, in ample time to allow the subject to be fully considered, submit a full and clear report for the orders of His Excellency in Council, through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

## E. W. RAVENSCROFT, <br> Acting Chief Secretary to Goverament.

## To

J. G: WHitce, Esquirm,


(1. The annexed statement shows in detail the effeat of the revision referred to; and the first sillage I will notice is Shakarpur, the one referred to in paragraph 14 of the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 882 of the lith of 'February last, as having petitioned Government regarding the increase of assessment by the survey.

12．Shakarpúr is immediately on the banks of the＂Narbąda，＂a little below and opposite the town of Broach and its lands adjoin those of Sarphudin，one of the best，if not the best， sprcimen of kóem bhátha in the taluka．To all appearance a large portion of the lands of Shakarphrare as good as those of Sarphudin．＇The survey raised the one from Rs．4，640－12－2， to Rs．7，261，or 5 复 per cent．while it only raised＇the other from Rs．1，935－10－11 to Rs．2，17s－ $0-0_{\mathrm{r}}$ or 12 per cent．Now it was apparent that either Shakarphr was over－assessed，or Sarphudin underassessed，and it struck me that a larger amount of land in the former must have been entered as bhaltofa than could fairly be classed under that head．
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13．Mr．Bulkley and myself，in tompahys with two pof qur most experienced classers， went carefully over a very large portion of the lands before $\frac{1}{I}$ ordered à re－classification，we found that all the lands entered as bhatha really came under that category，but that there were three caises for their deterioration since the classification took place ：－

1．The vêry best bhátha lands had been completely swept away by the river．
2．The high floods scoured，the lands，instead of rosting upon them gently and allowing the deposit of the alluviom held in suspension，and this acour is increasing ytarly．
3．＂Khar＂or Ribe is present in the soifyalthough，hardly apparent at the ordinary full depth， but clearly traceable on deep dibgitg．This khar burns up the crops and makes． the water brackish，and no superiorcisps can be grown where it＂exists．
14．After being fully satisfied that these lands häd deteriorated yery sensibly since the classification，which deterioration is，I fear，still gbing on，I ordered a new classification，which has reduced the assesment from Ks． 7,261 to Rs． $5,627-11-0$ ，an increase over the old realization． of Rs．986－14－10，or $2 I \ddagger$ per cent．In thiswis include the reduction on account of dande carried away bodily by the floods．

15．This is the village alluded to by Mr．Beyts in paragraph 110 of his report，and in the Kasia－Bet． classification of which he took immense＊personal trouble，geging over every field himself．On the people still expressing dissatisfac－ tion I personally went over a very large area of the village lands，after which Mr．Bulkley made another personal inspection before I finally decided to reclass them and to cut up the larger－sized numbers．It is quite unnecessary＇that I should remark how diffeult the classification of bhátha land is ：one year a field may be covered with alluvion，and the next with sand，and，although the sub－stratum may be the rioh deposit of ages，stillit is the surface which the cultivator has to deal with．The cultivators，I think，know now we have done our best，and have no reasonable complaints left．The assessment of the cultivation of Kasia－Bet was raised by the survey from Rs． $15,875-5-0$ to Rs． $19,215-8-0$ ，that is，Rs． $3,340-3-0$ ，or 21 per cent．The new classifica－ tion makes the assessment Rs．17，242－10－0，raising it Rs．1，367－5－0．．

16．The assessment jimposed by the survey has been lowered Rs．71，by deducting Sarphudin．from the head of bhátha and adding to the head of dry－crop， a piece of Beer land which was classed as bhátha．It really is bhátha formation，but hás never grown anything but grass from the，immemorial．

17．In this village a revision of bhatha lands had to be made in consequence of the Taria．．．encroachments of the river，which has washed away a very large area of bhátha，causing a decrease of Rs．970－1．0 in the jassessimant fixed by the survey；
＊－18．The landś of this village bâving been classed as bháthe and natural bágayet，and Sukaltirth．＊assessed at that rate，Mr．Beyts．imposed，in addition，a kasar on the pucka wells used in watering this land．Of this the people complained bitterly，and I，therefore，struck off the kasar in all lands assessed permanently at，natural bágayet and bhátha rates．This causes a decrease of Rs．937－4－0，thus making the new assessment Rsa 12，39，－15－0（instead of Rs．13，333－3－0）against the old assessment of Rs．11，750－12－2．


To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT；

By．Government Resolution，No 874 ，dated 28th Fiebruary 1872，survey rates were introduced into the taluka of Broandoror oue year，until further information had been givea on certain points＂which were noticed by the Revenue Commissioner，Mr．Rogers．Colonel Presoott gives this informution in the annered Jamabandi Report for the year 1871－72．

2．The canses of increase and decrease in the retionue have been explained by Colonel Prescott，as well as the necessity for making certain alterations in the assessment，because of the washing away of lands by foods，and of deterioration，\＆c．In the latter I concur，sp that I shall at onoe discuss the points on which information was sought by Goverantent．

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3．Mr．Rogers had remarked that the settlement report does not constrast the effect of the revision separately on dry－crop land，rice land，and bhatha，and the presentsreport of Colonel Prescott does not deal with this point．Mf．Rogers has；concluded that as the increase on dry－crop land is Rs， 51,962 ，if taken from the survey dry－crop assessment the result would show an increase of 12 pet cent．But the fact is Rs．${ }^{1} 51,962$ does not represent the increase on the old survey dry－crop assessment；it is merely the increase on the preceding year＇s collections．There is nothing in the report to show what is the percentage of increase on dry－crop alone，although as the collections 2on the two jears， which have been compared，were made presumably on about equal＇areas，Mr．Roger＇s conclusion that the incnpase is 12 per cent．is near eftough to be correct．
i．＇The＇same observations apply to the increase of 86 per cent．on bhátha，with this ，notable difference，however，that the collections were not made on equal areas；for，as Colo－ nel－Prescott says，with very few exceptions，all bhátha lands used to be assessed at dry－crop rates．And on turning to Statement B，it may be seen that 15,000 acres in bhátha villages were assessed as，dry－crop；whereas the survey has reduced that area to 8，500，and has elassed 7,583 acres as bhatha，with an assessment of Rs． 60,000 ．It is probable，therefore that no distirct record was ever made to show the total dry－crop assessment of the taluka， distinct from dohatha，and so Mr．Beyts may not have given figares which were notrireliable and preferred to state his couclusions as approximate ；for be says，in paragraph 133 of his ＇report，the increase＂may be accounted for＂，as attributable to dry－crop 52,000 and to， bhátha 34,000 ．

5．The bhátha rates proposed by the survey do not apply to lands＂which are＂，not well above flood influence．＂The non－permanent bhatha was recommended to be sold annually ＂（see paragraph 126 of report）．

6．The maximun rate applied to bhatha land is Rs． 15 the acre，and the reasons of Mr．Beyts satisfied Mr．Rogers．Mr．White，the Collector，however，considers the rates to ${ }^{\circ}$ low，and points to the fact that at auction sales land has fetched Rs． 20 the acre Colonel Prescott has defended these rates，and justly observes that the auction sales are not a fair criterion of the assessmert which should be imposed．In the one case the parchaser buys after inspection of the land，and with a knowledge of the quality and area of the land for that year．He knows almost to a nicety what produce it will yield，and the value of the produce，and so bids up to an amount which leaves him a fair margin of profit．He，in fact， buys a certainty，and the transaction is more in the nature of an investment for a year at a certain rate＂of interest．This is quite a different thing from taking up the land permanently， with an obligation to pay a certain sum yeur after year in good seasons，or bad seasons，with a probability that his profits may be nil in some years，and trusting to his profits in good years to cover his losses in bad．I therefore concur with the survey officers and Mr．Rogers in thinking that the rates are not too low．

7．The koss rate of Rs． 33 was thought by Mr．Rogers to be exceptionally high．Colonel Prescott explains that the same maximum rate has been adopted for the Ulpad Táluka， and shows the manner＂of its working；though an average rate，Rs．8－10－5．，is，I think， high．As the rate has been adopted in Ulpad，which is of less fertility than Broach，it may be allowed to stand．

> I have the honour'to' be, Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant, L. R. ASHBURNER, Revenue Cónmissioner, $\cdot$ N. D.

No． 1120 of 1875.
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Revenue Departikent． Роона，19 th June 1873. ，

The accompanying report from the Superintendent of the Gujarát Survey contains his explanation upon the several matters affecting the original proposals submitted for the settlement of the district（the Braach Táluka），which are specially noticed in the former Revenue Commissioner＇s letter．

2．In referring＇to the measures adopted with regard to the complaints of over－ assessment of bhetha lands，Colonel Prescott explains that he and his Assistant（Mr．Bulkley）， after personally inspecting the greatar portion of these lands，came to the conclusion that a re－classification of them was advisable in order that the rates might be adjusted according
action of the monsoon floods, singe the original" classification was carried out. The effects of
 this revision are explained in detail for each village, the general result being a reduction of Rs. $3,1 / 1 I^{r}$ apon the assessment imposed at the first settlement. In three cases the assessment has been slightly increased by the revision (see paragraph 19), . but the chief modification made was in the village of Sakarpar, in which theqreduction amounted to about 21 per cent.
8. I had an opportunity of inspecting the lands of this and other of the bhatha villages in company with the Superintendent during my tour in Gujarat this season, and have fully satisfied myself that the reduction made in this case was required to correct the mistakes in the former valuation. I am alse of opinion that the revistion of the classification generally, which has been judiciously carried out, leaves no grounds for future complaint; and I would therefore recommend that the reduced assessment of these bhátha lands as now fixed should be formally sanctioned.
4. From the explanation regarding the well-kasar, given in paragraph 39, there is no reason, I think, to apprehend the assessment for garden coltivation will be found to be too High. Rs. 33 per koss does certainly appear to be a high rate ; but the Supermatendent shows that, owing to the reductions made under his system of classifying well-lands, the average rate is only Rs. 2-13-5 per acre, and this certainly cannot be said to to bigh for a Gujarát district: Rs. 2 per acre whs the ordinary water-rate for well-land in the Deccan under the first sarvey settlement.'
5. If the Superintendent's proceedings in the matter of modifying the rates for bbátha lands, ęnd his recommendation in favour of retaining the water-rates, as originally imposed, are approved of, sanction may now be accorded to this important settlement.

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& \text { J. T. FRANCIS, Colonel, } \\
& \text { Sarvey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D. }
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No. 3804.
Revente Departuent.
Bombay Castle, 4th July 1873.
Rrsolution.-In the provisional sanction given to the revised rates of assessment for the Broach Taluka in Government Resolutioǹ No. 874 of the 28th February 1872, those rates were only guaranteed for one year pending the receipt of certain information pointed out as necessary by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D. This information has now been supplit, and Government have before them in addition the result of the first year's working of the new rates.
2. There being no appreciable difference in the climate or rainfall of the villages of the talula such as to affect their relatire fertility, the grouping of these into four classes according to distance from the market of Broach, with maximum rates falling by half a rupee a class, is approved.

* 3. The maximum of Rs. 7 for the dry-crop lands of the táluka is that sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 2400 of the 16 th Jane 1869, for the suburbs of Broach, which now form the first class. It appears appropriate, and allows a margin for a still greater fall.in the value of the chief staple, cotton, than has lately taken place. The average rate tbroughout the taluka appears from the statement at paragraph 135 of Mr. Beyts report to be Rs. 4-15-3 pein acre. This would, at the present ruling price of cotton-6 $\mathrm{f} d$. per lb . represent a grain rent of $17 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{lbs}$. clean cotton, or $51 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{lbs}$. of seed cotton, being, according to the estimates in the 46th paragraph of the report, between $\frac{1}{7}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ of a fair crop, or about $\frac{1}{1 r}$ of a grood one, and may therefore be agreed to without hesitation.

4. It is shown in the Revenue Commissioner's forwarding report, that the result of the revision generally was to raise the existing demands on dry-crop lands by between 12 and 13 per cent. on those according to Mr. Davies' revision carried out in about 1849-50. Judging by this criterion and the great increase in value of agricultural produce since the latter was carried out, the present proposals are certainly moderate.
5. The explanations now afforded with regard to the rates for garden (brgayet) lands are satisfactory. The area of such lands is only 885 acres 22 gunthas under 118 wells, and the average rate pep acre Rs. 8-18-1, which, considering the rate on dry-crop lands, is also moderate. These, and the rates fen rice lands, ranging from Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to $5 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$, are accordingly sanctioned.
6. With regard, to the bhatha or alluyial lands, it is proved that the complaints of over-assessment on the part of the people were in some cases well founded, in consequence of the change in the value of their lands"by the action of the river floods in the time that had elapsed between the classification of the soll and the introduction of the settlement. The statement given at paragraph 35 of the Superintendent's present report, with his explanations
of the causes of the apparent difference in the incidence of assessment under the old and new systems, are sufficient to satisfy Government of the appropriateness of the proposed rates for so long as the land may remain unaffected by the floods. In sanctioning the proposed rates for this description of land, thérefore, His Excellency desires it may be considered a standing rule that whenever a survey number is thrown op in consequence of the land deteriorating in value through being swept over by floods, it shall not be re-assessed during the period of settlement, but annoally sold by anction for cultivation. This may, it is feared, cause constant changes in the Survey Registers, but the alternative is preferable to that of the land lying waste in consequence of the assessment no longer remaining equitable or its re-assessment by the inexperienced establishment of the Collector.
7. The proposals' with regard to inclusion of excess land at fall rates in the shares of Bhagdári villages (paragraph 137), to setting a part of land for cattle to stand on in the monsoon (paragraph 139), to foregoing the levy of revenue from froit trees (paragraph 141), and to remitting the shepherd cess in Borbbata (paragraph 142), are sanctioned, as proposed by the Revenue Commissioner, whose suggestion for the treatment of Gharbharu (house-rent) not within municipal limits according to the terms of Government Resolution No. 5244 of the 24th October 1871, should also be carried out.

- '8. The usual guarantce for the permanency of the rates now sanctioned for thirty years, 1 commencing with A.D. 1870-71, may be given, and the Survey Commissioner should be requested to forward $\mathbf{a}$ draft of the notification to he issted under Section 28 of Bombay Act I of 1865 for pablication in the Government Gazette.
F. S. CHAPMAN,

Chief Secretary to Government.

From

H. L. PAINTER, Esq., I. C. S.,<br>Assistant Collector;

To
The COLLECTOR of BROACH.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit my remarks on the revision settlement report of the Broach Taluka.
2. The chief points for me to notice are--
(i) The grouping and rates for each group (dry crop).
(2) The treatment of bátha lands.
3. The proposed new groups $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 and $\mathbf{3}$ for jiráyat are taken as comprising land of uniform fertility; the division into groups being made solely in consideration of distance from the place where produce may be disposed of. That the soil all over this area (excluding batha) is to all intents and purposes equally productive I am well satisfied from my personal observations. The few places where the soil is of the kind known Gorat (light yellow) instead of the prevailing black do not suffer but rather benefit through being exceptions to the general rule. I therefore entirely endorse the proposal to consider the ordinary lands in the suggested groups 1,2 and 3 as being on an equal footing as regards their natural capacities.
4. Now as to the grouping of these lands from topographical considerations group 1 is the same as in the original survey and there is no doubt that the advantages possessed by the villages comprising it through being contiguous to the City of Broach fully justify this tract being placed in a olass by itselt. I must confess, however, that the reason for the difference of Ks. 2 in the maximum rate for land in this group according to whether it is within or without the Broach Municipal limits is not clear to me. The ordinary village distance scale would, I should have thought, have been an efficient enough instrument for dealing with proximity or otherwise to the City, of which each of these villages forms a part, the distinction is a purely artificial one, and what would happen if the municipal boundaries were extended?
5. . Mr. Mehta's second group comprises the 2nd and 3rd groups of the old survey and he gives as his reason for this modification that all the villages in the area concerned" stand at an equal advantage as regards their distance from market towns," the towns in question being Broack, Chamárgám and Pálej. This implies that all field produce may be disposed of with equal advantage at either of the three places named. I am prepared to admit that this may be the case as regards cotton, as it can generally be disposed of at a ginning factory or ginned and sold afterwards at any of these centres, though there is only one factory at Chamárgám, which does not work every season. But I do not think that the same can be said of food stuffs. For these, Broach is the only real market in the táluka, and the amount disposed of at • Pálej and Chamárgam must be insignificant in comparison with what is brought to the City. On this account I am somewhat doubtful as to whether it is justifiable to hold villages, nearly Pálej and Chamárgám as being on a par with those in the vicinity of Broach City.
6. Whatever way the above question be decided, there are other lands which Mr. Mehta proposes to group in his second class, which I do not think should find a place there on the ground that they are easily accessible to Broach City. I allude first to the lands of Taria and Dhanturia, and secondly to those villages which lie on the south bank of the Narbada. As regards the first, I distinctly think they should be placed in an inferior class to the villages of the proposed 2nd group on the north bank of the river on account of the inevitable necessity of transporting their produce by eart and boat instead of by cart alone. As for the second, if the market resorted to is Broach, the same consideration
applies, and if it is Anklesvar, the lands should be in a group of the same maximum rate as that fixed for the lands of the Anklesvar Taluka intervening between these villages and anklesvar town, which is only a few miles distant. I am aware that a large part of the areas concerned consists of the batha land which is specially dealt with, but the grouping is not made with reference to such soil, it being the exception in the taluka and not the rule.

7: • The villages which Mr. Mehta proposes to put in the 3rd group should undoubtedy be relegated to that place on consideration of their distance from the nearest market town, viz., Broach.
8. The proposed fourth group consists of four villages where the conditions approach that of the Bahra tracts of the Vágra and Jambusar Tálukas: the soil is an inferior brown and there is a good deal of Khar land about. The well water is distictly brackish in this area. Mr. Mehta and myself had apparently come independently to the conclusion that the assessment of this small portion of the táluka required reducing, for, I on one occasion mentioned at least three if not all four of these villages to him as the only ones in the taluka, where any reduction in the rates was necessary, and found that he himself had formed exactly the same opinion.
9. Now as regards the maximum rates of the various groups. Subject to the above remarks as to the villages comprising each group, I consider that they are quite fair, for although some of them are relatively lower than"under the old settlement, Mr. Mehta's different treatment of the village distance scale re-establishes the equilibrium except in the proposed 4th group which is the only locality where complaints against the present assessment are ever heard. I may remark, however, that when a maximum rate for a village is once fixed it appears rather strange for this rate to be exceeded as is proposed to be done, in the case of lands near the village site in certain larger villages.
10. I now come to Bhátha lands. Mr. Mehta's policy is on the whole to Bhàtha lands. considerably increase the assessment; and I am entirely in agreement with him. An index to the high value attached to this soil by those whose business it is to know is punished by the prices realized at the yearly auction of the contiguous and similar unassessed Bet lands, and were it not for combination among villagers and a form of terrorisom from outside, that is, were competition for these Bet lands absolutely free, the prices now realized would undoubtedly be much enhanced. It is necessary to see these lands and crops which they produce in order to appreciate the real state of things with regard to them.
11. I have nothing to add beyond a remark on Mr. Mehta's statement and year round except in the hot weather and as far west as the Aliabet on an ordinary ebb-tide. At and above Shukaltirth the water is always fresh. This being so, I think that this river possesses considerable potentialities for irrigation purposes. It must, however, be admitted that the need for irrigation is likely to be felt only under exceptional conditions in such land as borders the Narbada. As for the Bhukhi, the length, which is for the most part dry except in the monsoon, contains pools of fresh water for several months, and it is a fact that these have in this year of drought been used for irrigating the neighbouring land. A scheme for damming up the Bhukhi above the tidal portion of it would therefore appear to be one worthy of fair consideration.

I have the honour to be, \&c.,

H. L. PAINTER, Assistant Collector.

From

# The SURVEY COMMISSIONER and DIRECTOR, Land Records and Agriculture; 

## To

The COMMISSIONER, Northern Division.

Poona, 30th March 1901.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward the revision settlement proposals for the Broach Táluka prepared by Mr. P. R. Mehta, acting Deputy Superintendent of Survey. Some remarks by Mr. H. L. Painter, Assistant Collector, are also forwarded. The Collector, Mr. Panse, with whom the proposals remained some time, has not written any remarks, and the proposals are forwarded under the instructions given in Government Resolution No. 6057, dated 27th September 1900.
2. It was directed by Government Resolution No. 8235; dated 31st December 1900, that no proposals for the revision of existing settlements in districts which had been severely affected by famine should be submitted for a period of three years, except such proposals as might be complete or which, if accepted, would result in a reduction of the existing assessments. The present proposals result in a small increase, but they are submitted because they are as complete as the Survey Department, which comes to an end in a few days, can make them. The proposals, however, seem to require further consideration before orders can be passed upon them.
3. The proposals result in an increase of Rs. 12,125 or $2 \cdot 18$ per cent., which would be reduced to about 2 per cent. by the application of distance scales. Over two-thirds of the net increase is on Bháta land and the rest on Bágáyat. The average assessment on dry crop land is not increased, except slightly in the few villages of the first group and in those of the third group, and is diminished in the lowest group. Unfortunately these results are obtained by rather considerable increases in the case of particular villages and it is doubtful whether these increases can be justified. It is doubtful whether, if a revised settlement is to be introduced, it should not take the form of a fairly uniform decrease, involving a considerable reduction in the total assessment. If that course were thought desirable, the proposals might be reconsidered with the view of introtucing reductions at an early date.
4. Mr. Mehta has explained in paragraphs 49 and 61 of his report that the irregularities in the results of the present proposals, as shown in the last column of Appendix Q, are chiefly due to the application of lowering distance scales at the original settlement. The orginal maximum rates had the effect of unduly raising the revenue and this was counteracted not by lowering the rates, but by applying reducing soales. In April 1899, Mr. Mehta suggested that the existing arrangement should be allowed to continue. He argued that as the revenue officers were agreed that the present assessment should not be increased and that the present incidence of assessment was satisfacfory and as it was not intended to revise the dry crop classification, the existing rates and scales might be allowed to continue unaltered. In the first draft of the settlement report he wrote as follows :-
"In the beginning of this report I have shown that almost the entire area of this taluka has been deduced and a very small area reclassed. Such being the case, I am respectfully of opinion that, bis the present actual pitch of assessment is both equitable and proportionately distributed,

- Group IV.
it would be advisable to adopt (except in the case of 4 villages* .........) the current maximum rates together with the distance soales for the coming revision. If different scales are applied the maximum rates will have to be lowered, and I am respectfully of opinion that it is not neeessay to change the existing arrangement."

5. In reply I pointed out that in other talukas so much stress bad been laid on the unscientific manner in which the old distance scales had been calculated and applied, that it would scarcely be reasonable to propose that the Broach scales should be sanctioned for all time without revision. The fact that no considerable changein the total assessment was necessary or desirable was not an argument against detailed examination, because, although the total results might be fair, there were probably considerable inequalities of pressure owing to the hap-hazard methods followed at the original settlement, and as the results of the revision to be undertaken were to form the basis of a perpetual settlement, it was necessary that these inequalities should be eliminated as far as possible. Moreover we could not well propose that the rates should be modified in four villages and confirmed in all others withont examination.
6. The present proposals were submitted by Mr. Mehta in accordance with this ruling. It was proper that the detailed assessment should be revised as far as possible, in accordance with modern practice, and the Survey Department could take no other course; but it seems clear that the revision of the settlement is not a matter of great importance, provided the existing assessments are not two heavy. This can perhaps. be guarded against by remissions in years of partial failure of crops. In the four villages of the lowest group remissions of an anna in the rupee would seem to be required even in fairly good years. In a district in which the cultivation is so uniform as in Broach; it should not be difficult to ascertain every year the value of the average outturn per aere in a group of villages similarly situated, and I am of opinion that the revenue levied in a particular year should not on a rough approximation exceed one-fourth of the gross outturn. In individual cases the proportion would often be higher, but enquiry in individual cases should be avoided unfless there were reason to fear that, owing to circumstances beyond the cultivator's control, the assessment to be levied would exceed or approximate to half the gross produce, in which case it should be lowered to a third. In assessing the revenue for the purpose of a settlement the proportion should of course be far lower. I am of opinion that the Government demand should approximate to one-seventh of the gross produce of a district, or 15 per cent. as an outside limit. In individual cases the ordinary limit should be one-sixth, and any one who could show that, through no fault of his, the assessment was ordinarily more than one-fifth of the gross produce, should have a claim to reduction to one-sixth. In districts in which these proportions are exceeded the assessments should be gradually lowered, Such districts are few, but there is reason to fear that Broach is one of them, though the evidence on the subject is not quite conclusive. In this connection I would refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 of my remarks on the Ankleshvar Settlement Report, recently forwarded.
7. Mr. Mehta has not referred in his report to the crop experiments taken in the taluka, though the question of the value of the outturn is of great importance in this district. In 1897-98 five experiments on cotton were taken by Mr. Mollison. The value of the outturn per acre was from Rs. 18-3-0 to Rs. $30-9-8$ and averaged Rs. 25-0-4. The average assessment was Rs, 5-6-0, and the incidence ranged from $17 \cdot 76$ to $28 \cdot 81$ per cent. and averaged $22 \cdot 12$. In each field a subordinate crop of rice was grown, which was not tested but was assumed to produce sufficient to pay the assessment. The report adds-" It has to be remembered that the practice of fallowing is common in the district and that on an arerage perhaps one-fourth of the holding of a good cultivator is fallowed every year." "The value of the sulbordinate rice may be considered a set-off against the practice of fallowing." Mr. Mehta in paragraph 17 of his report says that rice as a rule is grown along with cotton only after a bare fallow. He believes the practice of growing rice with cotton is not so common as formerly, increased demand for food crops standing in the way of the year of fallow.
8. These appear to be the only recorded experiments on cotton in the district, with the excepticn of one taken by Mr. Painter in Ankleshvar in December 1896 and one by Mr. Sorabsha Hormasji in Jambusar on a very poor crop. Mr. Painter found an outturn of 314 lbs . of seed cotton worth Rs. 23.4-5. In Mr. Mollison's experiments the outturn ranged from 265 to 4461 bs . and averaged $364 \mathrm{lbs} . \mathrm{Mr}$. Beyts, in paragraph 55 of the original settlement report, takes the outturn as 381 lbs . the acre. In paragraph 47 he'says that Mr. Stormant
estimates a good fair crop in good Broach soil as 400 lbs , two thirds of which would be seed and the remaining third clean cotton. Taking outturn as 384 lbs of seed cotton and price as Rs. 70 the bhar of 9601 bs., the value would be Rs. 23. At this estimate the average assessment in a group of villages should not greatly exceed Rs. 4 and should in no village exceed Rs. 412. In group II the existing and proposed average is Rs. 5-1-6 and is in one village Rs. 5-7-9. It is unlikely that in an ordinary year the gross value of the cotton raised in a village would average so high as Rs. 28 the acre over all the land nominally devoted to the crop.
9. Two experiments on jowári were taken by Mr. Mollison in 1897-98. The outturns were Rs. $41-1$ and Rs. 47-1-6. The latter orop was preceded by fallow and the former by a crop of láng and til. The assossments were Rs. 5-15-2 and Rs. 5-10-11 and the incidence 1442 and 12.06 per cent. On the other hand an experiment by Mr. Painter in the same year gave outturn Rs. 14-2-1 only, an incidence 42.60 per cent. In three experiments taken by Mr. Mollison in a village of Ankleshvar the outturn averaged Rs. 23-6 and in two taken in another village the outturn averaged Rs. 32-13. Mr. Beyts estimntes the outturn of a field of jowari at 960 lbs . of grain worth with fodder 20 per cent. more than that of an acre of cotton. But it is to be remembered that with a good crop of jowari the market is quickly glutted with grain, and the saleable value of kadli is doubtful. In Mr. Molison's two experiments in Broach the outturn was 1,199 and 925 lbs., averaging 1,062, which is high. Mr. Painter's experiment gave 324 lbs . and the five Ankleshvar experiments an average of 707 lbs .960 lbs . at 32 Ilss. the rupee would be worth Rs. 30.
10. Two experiments on láng by Mr. Mollison in 1897-98 gave outturn Rs. 40-13 (full maximum of formulæ) and Rs. $25-12$; incidence 14.98 per cent. and 20.17 per cent. One by Mr. Painter gave outturn Rs. $21-2 \cdot 2$ and incidence 28.74 per cent.
11. An experiment by Mr. Painter on wheat in the same year gave outturn R.s. 19-6-3 and incidence $31 \cdot 03$ per cent. In five experiments taken by Mr. Mollison in the Hansot Mahal the average outturn was Rs. 25-2-8. One experiment on gram taken by Mr. Painter gave outturn Rs. 12-13 the acre only. Esperiments on rice lands and bhatta soils are wanting.

| Year and kind of Fallow. | Brach. | $A^{\prime}$ mod. | Vagra. | $J_{\text {amba- }}$ sar. | Ankleshvar. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres, |
| 1895-96 ... $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { True Fahlow } \\ \text { Grass land } \\ \text { a }\end{array}\right.$ | 11,993 | 7,671 | 17,298 | 2,838 | 1,323 |
|  | 9,716 | 4;715 | 3,351 | 3,807 | 17,514 |
| 1896-97 ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { True Fallow } \\ & \text { Grass land }\end{aligned}$ | 14,610 | 6,374 | 14,232 | 6,977 | 1,784 |
|  | 7,237 | 6,570 | 6,854 | 3,580 | 17,127 |
| 1897-98 ... $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { True Fallow ... } \\ \text { Grass land }\end{array}\right.$ | 11,795 | 5,229 | 10,733 | 3,845 | 2,560 |
|  | 8,041 | 6,013 | 6,854 | 3,337 | 17,197 |
| 1898-99 ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { True Fallow } \\ & \text { Grass laud }\end{aligned}$ | 11,323 | 5,589 | 11,063 | 5,768 | 2,346 |
|  | 7,885 | 5,986 | 5,973 | 3,574 | 16,946 |

12. The statement in paragraph 16 of Mr . Mehta's report that the practice of keeping a field fallow is only followed in Broach, A'mod and Vágra, is scarcely borne out by our statistics as shown in the marginal table. The proportion of true fallow, however, appears to be highest in Vágra and Broach.
13. Regarding the course of prices it is diffioult to obtain very definite information. There is a universal belief among the people that prices have fallen during the currency of the settlement, but the evidence is not very clear. Prices of food-grains receded after the American War, but then a recovery set in and the average prices of the last 10 years differ little from those of the first decade of the settlement. As regards cotton the evidence has been discussed at some length in paragraph 8 of my remarks on the Ankleshvar report. According to the figures given in Appendix N to Mr. Mehta's report the price of seed cotton just before the settlement was about Rs. 106 per bhar-of 960 lbs., during the first decade Rs. 82 to Rs. 85, during the second decade about Rs. 86 and during the last eight years (1890-98) Rs. 80 to Rs. 85. During the latter period it touched the lowest price in the 30 years, viz., Rs. 66. The figures from Mr. Beaufort's book, quoted in paragraph 44 of Mr. Mehta's report, give the average price of clean cotton from $1 \$ 70$ to 1880 as 29 per cwt., which is rather less than Rs. 82 per 320 lbs ., which may be taken as the weight of clean cotton yielded by a bhar of sced cotton. From 1880 to 1890 the avorage price is given as Rs. 26 per cert., equivalent to Rs. 74 per bhar. The price taken by Mr.

Painter in December 1896 was about Rs. 71. The price taken by Mr. Mollison in 1897-98 was about Rs. 67 per bhar, which was no doubt the best price cultivators could then get. These figures show a downward tendency, which will probably be accentuated by further reduction of the market. There is also some reason to fear that the outturn per acre is diminishing through overcropping.
14. It cannot, however, be contended that the original settlement was founded on war prices. In Ankleshvar Colonel Prescott forecasted the future price of cotton at Rs. 70 the bhar. In the case of Broach Mr. Beyts went to the astonishing length of estimating the price of cotton in the next 30 years as only Rs. 50 the bhar, notwithstanding that the average of the preceding 10 years was Rs. $113 \frac{1}{3}$ (paragraph 60 of original settlement report). The future prices of food-grains are also estimated at exceedingly low figures. It is said that anything may be proved by statistics and it might be proved from the original settlement report that it was now our duty to propose a large increase in the assessments. But though proved it would not go near to. be thought so. Although Mr. Beyts estimates the average future value of the outturn of an acre of dry-crop land at only Rs, $22 \frac{1}{2}$ (paragraph 55), his estimate is vitiated by his exceedingly low estimate of cost of production and by the light-hearted way in which he speaks of Rs. 6 as a fitting assessment for land yielding Rs. 22 2. ${ }^{2}$. His estimate of cost of production is hs. 7 the acre, but Mr. Stormont (paragraph 54) estimated it at from Rs. 12 to Rs. 20. Our estimate at the present time would be about the same. It seems evident that in making his proposals Mr. Beyts was more influenced by the prevailing high prices and the general prosperity of the people than by the consideration of what the prices were likely to become.
15. Seeing that the district has lately sufferod severely from famine, it is useless to discuss other statistical information at the present time. Mr. Mehta was of opinion that the prosperity insugurated during the sisties had been maintained down to 1899, but that no material improvement in vital or other statistics was to be expected or had taken place. The population appears to have remained stationary between 1872 and 1881 and to have increased slightly between 1881 and 1891.
16. The conclusion to be drawn is, I think, that no increase of assessment can be recommended and that when the assessments are revised they should be gradually decreased. A decrease of assessment amounting to about 10 per cent. - might be introduced in Groups I to III, and to about 20 per cent. in the 4th group. If these suggestions are approved, the proposals should be reconsidered. I do not think that the increase in the assessment on bhatha can be supported. On first-rate bhatha the assessment may be low, but there is little of this and the condition of it is liable to normal change. I here is no more fruitful cause of complaint in Gujarát than the way in which land which does not bear bhatha crops has been assessed by the Survey Department as bhatha, and it would be better not to increase the cause of complaint. The fact that similar lands fetch high prices at auctions is not a sufficient argument. A fixed assessment should as a rule not exceed one-third of the rent which a man is willing to give for a year's occupancy.
17. As regards the appended supplementary report (dated 16th Novem. ber 1900) submitted by Mr. Mehta relating to the survey numbers situated within the limits of the Broach Municipality (referred to in paragraph 47 of revision settlement report of the táluka), I am of opinion that no clange is. required in the existing assessments, and that they may be guaranteed for a further period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant, W. P. SYMONDS, Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agrioulture.

No. 66 ог 1900.

## From

> P. R. MEHTA, Esquire,
> Assistant Superintendent, Gujárat Revenue Survey;

## To

The COLLECTOR of BROACH.
Broach, 16th November 1900.
SIr,
I have now the honour to submit the supplementary Revision Settlement Report on the survey numbers situated within the limits of the Broach Municipality referred to in paragraph 47 of my Revision Settlement Report on the Broach Taluka.
2. As has been stated ( vide paragraph 47), " the settlement of the six marginally noted páttis or villages was introduced two

1. Vejálpur.
2. Dungri.
3. Ali Yatti.
4. Kombiwkga.
5. Kasak Pátti.
6. Mojampur. years before that of the remainder of the taluka. Certain survey numbers of these villages were included, for the purposes of sanitation and Municipal taxation, within the limits of the Broach Municipality. The assessment of these numbers is collected by the Mámlatdár and credited to the Ịmperial Revęnue. The settlement of the six villages including lands within and without the Municipal limits was carried out in 1869."
7. In dealing with these villages, it was found necessary to exclude the area falling within Municipal limits, as the question regarding the period of guarantee was 'under correspondence. It has since been ascertained that no record exists in the Collector's office on the subject. It may be mentioned that Government Resolutions No. 2234, dated 10th June 1867, and No. 862, dated 28th February 1867, in dealing with the rules for the assessment of and enquiry into titles to land apparently contemplated the extension of guarantee to 99 years. In the case of Chotá Daskroi in Ahmedabad, where agricultural lands are found within Municipal limits, a guarantee has, however, been given for 30 years (vide Government Resolution No. 451, dated 16th January 1893). It is therefore for Government to decide whether the guarantee on the lands situated within the limits of the Broach Municipality should extend to a period of 30 or of 99 years. If, however, it is considered advisable that the survey numbers under report should be brought under settlement with the remainder of the táluka, I beg to submit the following proposals.
8. The existing maximum rate for jiráyat land is Rs. 13 on a classification scale of 24 annas or R.s. $8-10-8$ on a sixteen-anna valuation. For the reasons stated in paragraph 49 of the Broach Revision Settlement Report, I beg to propose to continue the current rate and to fix it in round figure at Rs. 8-12-0.
9. The subjoined statement (Appendix Q) compares the current with the proposed settlement. The increase in Kasak Patti is due to the re-classification of a small number measuring 33 gunthas. There is no rice land within the area under report. No distance from village scales were applied to the páttis at the time of the original settlement, and it is not possible to do so in case of survey numbers scattered in different portions of a large city :-

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|  | Vejálpur Dungri －A＇li Pátii Kombiwága Kasak Pátti Mojampur | Rs，a．p． | A． | Rs． | Rs．a．p． | Rs．a． | A． | Rs． | Rs．a．p． |  |
| 1 |  | 8108 | 24 | 183 | 7118 | 812 | 29 | 213 | $\begin{array}{llll}7 & 5 & 6\end{array}$ | ＋16．39 |
| 2 |  | 8108 | 6 | 29 | 6108 | 812 | 6 | 38 | 6 | －2．56 |
| 3 |  | 8108 | 35 | 317 | 81511 | 812 | 29 | 316 | $\begin{array}{llll}10 & 15 & 5\end{array}$ | －0．32 |
| 4 |  | 8108 | 41 | 287 | 6150 | 812 | 42 | 299 | 7 3 2 | ＋+1.18 |
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| 6 |  | 8108 | 23 | 124 | 563 | 812 | 23 | －129 | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 8 & 9\end{array}$ | ＋4．03 |
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I have the honour to be，
Sir，
Your most obedient Servant，
P．R．MEHTA，
Assistant Superintendent，
Revenue Survey，Gujarat．
Through the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture．

No. 1753 or 1901.
From

> G. D. PAANSE, Esquire, L.S., Collector of Broach ;

Ter COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division.

- Broach, $\frac{50}{50}$ th April 1901.

Sis,-I have the honour to submit my remarks on the proposals submitted by Mr. P. R. Mehta, Acting Deputy Superintendent of Survey. I should have forwarded them immediately on receipt of Mr. Mehta's report ; but I had then just taken charge of the District and was not sufficiently acquainted with the actual condition of the several villages in the Táluka to be in a position to give a definite opinion on the important proposals submitted in the report. My hands were also then too full with famine work to allow of my visiting the villages for personal inspection for the purpose. I moreover thought that it would be more desirable to postpone the submission of the proposals until after the Famine was over so as to allow of their being considered in the light of the experience gained in the famine. I accordingly wrote to you to extend the time for submission of my report and you were pleased to move Government in the matter. The papers were, however, subsequently called for urgently and were submitted forthwith without my remarks. I am, therefore, glad to have this opportunity of submitting them, and am now in a better position to do it after the experience of the famine and with Mr. Symonds' valuable suggestions before me.
2. The main points for consideration in ten proposals submitted by Mr . Mehta are the reduction in the maximum rates, the regrouping of the villages in the Talukas, the application of the new scale of distance test, and the enhancement of rates in Bágayat and Bhata lands.
3. The Taluka is at present divided into four groups as shown in the map accompanying Mr. Mehta's report. The first consists of 6 villages or pattis immediately adjoining the City of Broach, the second of 36 villages more removed but within a distance of about 5 or 6 miles from the City, the third of 46 villages further removed including also those to the south of the Narbada, and the fourth of 14 villages in the western corner of the Táluka on the side of the Bhuki river. The maximum rates fixed for these several groups at the last survey were Rs. 9 and 7 for the first group according as the lands fell within or without the municipal limits of the Broach City, and for the next three groups at Rs. $6 \frac{1}{2}, 6$, and $\frac{5}{3}$, respectively.
4. These rates, Mr. Mehta observes, were pitched rather too high and had the effect of unduly raising the total assessment, and a lowering distance scale was applied to reduce it so as to bring the increase within proper limits. The total increase sanctioned under the settlement, however, came to not less than 99,000. Mr. Mehta now proposes to retain the existing rates for only to the first group. and to reduce it for the next three to Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}, 4 \frac{3}{4}$, and 4 , respectively. This lowering of the rates was calculated to effect a considerable reduction in the total assessment; but it is proposed to transfer all the 46 villages of the third group to the second and to form the third group of 10 out of the 14 villages, which at present form the fourth group. It is also proposed to enhance the rates on the Bágáyat and Bhata lands, and to apply the new scale of distance to equalize the pressure of assessment on the lands in the several groups. The combined effect of these proposals is to leave the jiráyat assessment nearly as it stands and to add considerably to the amount charged on Bhata and Bágáyat lands and effect a net increase in the total assessment by Rs. 12,125 or 2.8 per cent.
5. It is now to be seen whether the proposal to retain total assessment at its present pitch, with the further increase proposed, may be supported. Mr. Mehta thinks it justified by the fact that the prosperity enjoyed by the Taluka in the sixties, at the end of which decade the existing settlement was introduced ( $1870-71$ ) has been maintained. This position, however, I find myself unable to support with the facts and figures furnished by Mr. Mehta's report, and in the remarks of Mr. Symonds and more particularly with my personal experience of the actual condition of the Taluka during the last famine.
6. In the first place it is to be remembered that the prosperity which the Táluka enjoyed during the sixties, was exceptional and was due to the exceptional causes prevailing during that decade. The chief of these was the unusual rise in the price of cotton consequent on the unprecedentedly large demand for it during the time of the American War and a few years after. The trunk line of the Railway, that was then just opened, had given an impetus to trade and the abnormal demand for cotton stimulated increased production. The ready sale, which the produce found at the high prices, which then ruled, brought a large influx of money into the country, raised the value of the landed property and with it the credit of the agricultural classes. These in consequence enjoyed for the time being an amount of prosperity, the like of which they had hardly enjoyed for a long time before and have not enjoyed since. That prosperity. was, however, shortlived and ended with the restoration of the normal condition of the trade between England and America. On the cessation of the war and since then there has been a steady turn in the tide.
7. Owing to its poorer quality, Indian cotton has never been able to compete with American cotton, and the great increase in the production of the superior cotton in America and other countries since then has gradually reduced the demand for Indian cotton and kept down its price.
8. It will be seen from the figures given by Mr. Mehta in paragraph 44 of his report that cotton which in the sixties sold at Rus. 45 per cwt. and had in the years 1863-64 and 1864-65 gone to Rs. 73 a cwt. fell to Rs. 29 in the next decade and to Rs. 26 in the decade following, and during the last decade it went lower still.
9. It will likewise appear from Appendix N. of Mr. Mehta's report that the prices of the food-grains have also declined from what they were in the sixties though not to the same extent, and when the value of their agricultural produce thus steadily declined, it was hardly to be expected that they should be able to maintain the prosperity which they temporarily enjoyed during the decade, in which the present settlement was intr oduced. As a matter of fact, as will appear from paragraph 30 of Mr. Mehta's report, the population, which in 1871 stood at $64, \mathcal{C} 06$, did not show any increase in the first decade and during the second increased to 69,199 , i.e., only 4,593 or $7 \cdot 11$ per cent. during a period of 20 years.
10. It will also be, seen from the same paragraph that the agricultural cattle, which in 1874 stood at 18,561, were reduced to 11,134 in 1877 and to 11,423 in 1897. There was likewise a fall in ploughs from 5,793 in 1874 to 5,078 in 1897 . If we take inta consideration the loss of cattle life and agricultural stock in 1897 and more particularly during the famine years, the decline will be seen to be. more painfully marked.
11. But while their material resources have been thus reduced, their indebtedness has steadily increased and added to their depression. Under these circumstances it would not, I think, be safe to assume that their former prosperity still continues, and on that assumption to accept the existing settlement as a proper basis for the new one, we have to consider whether the existing rates imposed during a year of unusual prosperity would suit under the present unfavourable *circuastances. The market prices of the more important produce have fallen over 40 per cent. below what they were, when the rates were introduced, the soil has deteriorated, and the condition of the people become impoverished.
12. According to the usual accepted rule the assessment is not ordinarily to exceed one-sixth of the gross produce, i. en, about 16 per cent. of the total yield. The examination made by Mr. Symonds of the results of the several crop experiments made during the three years previous to the famine in this Taluka and other parts of the District would, however, appear to show that the incidence of the assess-
ment at the existing rates is found to exceed this limit. At the most favourable estimate the average yield of a fair crop would, as shown by Mr. Symonds in paragraph 8 of his report, be Rs. 28 an acre, and the average rate of assessment for it should not exceed Rs. 4, or at the outside Rs. 4-12-0 per acre.
13. From the figures shown in appendix $Q$ of Mr. Mehta's report this limit would, however, appear to be exceeded in the case of most of the villages in the Táluka with the exception of those in the fourth group. The rates proposed if adopted would press rather heavily even in ordinary years and more so in years of indifferent crops, and in the event of the market prices falling below what they at present are, which is not unlikely considering the growing competition of other countries, and the possibility of more restricted demand for produce.
14. The reasons urged by Mr. Symonds for a considerable reduction in the proposed rates would appear to be cogent and have my full support.
15. It is now to be seen as to how this reduction may most conveniently be effected. Mr. Symonds proposes a reduction of 10 per cent. for the first three groups and 20 per cent. for the fourth. It will, however, appear that the present second group is not confined to the 36 villages of the corresponding old group, but is proposed to include all the 46 villages which formed the old third group. This is proposed on the ground that all the villages of the old two groups possess equal advantage in respect of the facilities they enjoy for the disposal of their produce at the three market places in the district, viz., Broach, Chamargám and Palej. Chamárgám by its central position is no doubt favourably situated to attract the trade of the greater part of the taluka; but a reference to the figures given in para. 28 of Mr. Mehta's report would show that during the four years from 1894 to 1897 its total exports amounted at the highest to only 213 tons in a year as against 15,699 for Pálej and 31,805 for Broach. These tigures show that its trade has not developed to any appreciable extent to justify its being taken into account as a trade centre. The figures for Pálej are no doubt high, but the greater part of the trade comes from the A'mod and Jambusar talukas and the adjoining Gaikwâri territories and from only a small portion of the outlying villages of the Broach Táluka. It cannot, therefore, be considered as a trade centre for the táluka. Broach, therefore, continues to be as before the chief trade centre with its facilities for export by rail and sea.
16. I $\ddagger$ is, therefore, this centre that ought to be taken into consideration in dividing the táluka into groups for the purpose of a graduated scale of assessment. The villages that lie within 3 to 5 miles of this centre undoubtedly enjoy greater advantage by their proximity to it than the villages further removed; in applying the distance scale to lands in a village differences of a quarter of a mile from the village are taken into account; and it would not be proper to ignore differences of 5 miles and more in the formation of groups. I would, therefore, propose that the second group may properly be made to include only villages within 5 miles of Broach, 3 miles from Pálej and 2 from Chamárgam, the remaining villages be included in the third group. This grouping would be in accordance with the proportionate advantage which the several villages derive from their situation with respect to the three market places already referred to. The present inclusion of the villages of third group in those of the second has resulted into increasing the assessment of the former villages by Re. 0-1-6 per acre and in reducing that for the latter group by Re.-1-9-0. A reference to the map of the old groups accompanying Mr. Mehta's report wouid. show that the second group consists of villages nearer' to Broach than those which form the third group. That being the case, it is hardly desirable that the villages more favourably situated to the principal trade centre should be relieved by adding to the burden of those more unfavourably situated, in that respect. I should prefer the case to be otherwise.
17. The grouping I proposed would remove this objection and equalize the burden according to the facilities which the several villages actually enjoy for their disposal of their produce.
18. As regards Mr. Mehta's proposal to divide the present fourth group of 14 villages into two and to transfer 10 of them to the new third group and to retain the remaining 4 for the fourth group, I am of opinion that all the villages may well be retained in the fourth class as they are at present. It is true that the four villages selected for the fourth new group are most unfavourably situated in the taluka; but the remaining 10 are not much less inconveniently placed. The assessment on 4 out of these 10 villages, Nos. 92, 95,96 and 97 , is actually reduced by over 4 per cent. in the proposed revision, and that of one more, viz., Amleshvar, even with the increase of 6 per cent. proposed is only Rs. $3-10-0$, which is below the maximum average rate proposed for the lowest group. The remaining 5 also deserve to be treated similarly on account of their situation and soil.
19. As regards the proposed reduction in the maximum rates it was certainly desirable, considering that the old rates as remarked by Messrs. Mehta and Symonds were pitched unduly high. This reduction was well calculated to afford substantial relief to the lands included in the several groups... The benefit of it is, however, as already remarked, counteracted by the proposal to transfer the whole of the old third group into the second new group. The effect of it has been to keep up the total assessment as it stands at present; and the average of the several classes comes to Rs. 6-0-11 for the first class, Rs. 5-7-8 for the second class, Rs. 4-2-5 for the third and Rs. 3-7-1 for the fourth group. These fgures, except for the last group, would appear to stand higher than the Rs. 4 to Rs. $4-12-0$ rate representing the limit of $\frac{1}{6}$ th produce referred to by Mr. Symonds in para. 6 of his report, and he has proposed a reduction of 10 per cent. in the assessment in groups I to III and of about 20 per cent. in group - IV. This reduction would appear to be necessary to bring the assessment nearer to the $\frac{1}{6}$ th produce limit referred to above, and I think this should be done. I would, however, suggest that in case my suggestion against the inclusion of the present third group in the new second group be not approved, the reduction in the case of villages situated beyond 5, 3 and 2 miles from Broach, Palej and Chamárgam, respectively, be at least 15 per cent. to compensate the disadvantages which they suffer by their situation and that in the case of the remaining villages it be as proposed-by Mr. Symonds.
20. As regards the "difference in the rates for the lands contained in the six patties of the first group according as they fall, within or without the municipal limits of the City, the remarks made by Mr. Painter in his report would appear to be worth considering.
21. A considerable increase in the assessment on bágáyat lands is proposed by Mr. Mehta in para. 59 of his report. These are situated in the three villages of Shukaltirth, Nikora and Kadod.
22. In Shukaltirth the soil was classified up to 16 annas as in the case of similar soils in the Surat Collectorate, ánd in Nikora and Kadod the classification was on the jirayat scale with the additio of well-kasar. At the present revision survey all these bagayat lande are classified at 24 annas with the addition of sub-soil water; this has the effect of raising the average rate on them from Rs. 7-2-1 to Rs. 9-3-7. The increase is most marked in Shukaltirth, which eontains the major part of these lands. Considering that the soil of these lands ${ }^{4}$ not better than that of the jiráyat land and the fact that the water level is very deep, I think it would not be desirable to assess these lands at the very high rate proposed. It would, I think, be sufficient if the assessment. "were at the maximum fate of Rs. 7 , which is more than that proposed for jiráyat lands in the first group which possess exceptional advantages.
23. A much larger increase is proposed for Bhatả lands, but as to this I fully concur with the remarks made by Mr. Symonds, and I am of opinion that no jncrease be made in the existing assessment on these lands.
24. Four of the villages of the taluka are situated to the south of the Narbada and from their position they ought, I think, properly to form part ol. the Ankleshvar taluka on that side. The river forms the natural boundary
between the two tálukás. Access to them over the river is not easy in the monsoon and their natural trade connection is with Ankleshvar. The lands in them are also cultivated to a great extent by cultivators of the Ankleshavar táluka. These villages may, therefore, be transferred to Ankleshvar táluka.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir; Your most obedient Servant, G. D. PANSE, Collector of Broach.

No. 3635 of 1902.
Revente Department. 29th April 1902.
Submitted to Government.
2. The time has now come when the adjustment of assessment in this taluka may be deliberately considered. The crop of cotton and juvar this year is estimated at about eight annas, and the people have so far got over the famine of 1899-1900 as to be able to continue their occupation. It is said that no land "will remain uncultivated by reason of want of bullocks or seed.
3. Neither the grouping of the original survey nor of the present proposals is quite right. Of the three trade centres mentioned by Mr. Mehta, one, viz., Chamárgam, has dropped out altogether, its only ginning" factory having been sold and deported to Khándesh. On the other hand, one of the movements. during the survey period now closing has been the transfer of much cotton trade from Broach to Pálej. In 1871 it is said there were nine ginning factories in Broach and only one in Padej. Now there ant only four working in Broach and six in Pálej. There Is practically no difference in price at the two places, as the difference in raitway freight to Bombay is only about eight annas per bhar. Proximity to Broach, however, is still more advantageous to the cultivator than proximity to Pálej, because all the grain goes to Broach either for local consumption or for export by boat. The point is not of great importance, but personally the Commissioner would prefer the following :-

1st group.-As per both maps,
2nd group.-As per blue in original map "with the addition of Pálej and six neighbouring villages.
Srd group.-All the rest marked yellow in the original map. Some of these.

- are fairly near to Pálej but have a long lead into Broach for their grata:.
"4th group.-As per green in original map, The need of distinguishing? these into two classes is not apparent:"

4. This is the first taluka under ordinary conditions to come up for the full consideration of Government since the present phase of agricultural, depression has been recognized. ©It is consequently of muoh interest. Ankleshvar, it is true, has been provisionally settled, but it was subject to special naturai drawbacks which may hate entitled it'to special treatment.

- 5. It so happens that the Broach District presents a olimax of all, or nearly all, the alleged adverse influenees and -results of the day. The average assessment is the highest in the PYesidency, perhaps in India. The influx of money in the sixties, the condequent inflation of valuesand credit and the rush to grow cotton was enormous. The Vhoras led the way in reckless, extravagance. There followed a fall in prices, successive bad seasons and, it is said, degenera-
tion of soil with effect both on quality and quantity of outturn. The reaction has been severe. It is more than doubtful whether Mr. Mehta's estimate of "the high degree of general prosperity" was true when he wrote it. It-certainly is not now. As the people say-" Once we lived on ghee, now on oil".

6. Of the broad facts there can be no doubt. No one, however cheerful, could now repeat the words of Mr. Beyts in 1871 that "the people may be said to be thoroughly solvent, acquiring wealth in spite of their improvidence." There is as yet no record of rights to supply accurate statistics, but from 10 to 25 per cent. of the land in the various villages is said to have passed into the possession of the sávkar, and numerous marriages have taken place this year at the cost of Rs. 15 each instead of Rs. 200 or Rs. 300 as in former years, not because the parents had become more thrifty, but because their credit would not go farther. Nor is this altogether due to the famine of 1899, great as the shock of it was. Mr. Lely has known the district for nearly 30 years, and during the whole time the steady tendency has been that of slow decadence-to use an expression of the people themselves: "the light has been going out of their faces since 1877." If this is a fact it should be faced.
7. It is admitted that much trouble is due to a succession of bad seasons culminating in the great famine and two subsequent lean years. The difficulty is to distinguish between this and deeper-rooted causes and, therefore, the undersigned thinks that any relief which Government may sanction by way of experiment should be at first for a limited period only if that is legally possible.
8. The alleged permanent evils which fall within the scope of a survey settlement report under existing facts are chiefly two, viz., deterioration of the soil and heavy assessment. The former, the Commissioner considers, in this district, is probably a fact, and though there may be other causes of it, two at least are these :
(1) The partial abandonment of the old practice of keeping the land under fallow every fourth year and the consequent exbaustion of the land by incessant cropping. (2) The temptation afforded by the higher profit on cotton to sow it out of the proper rotation and so still further to . exhaust the land.
The latter of these wwo causes can only be, checked by Government action if the Agricultural Department can introduce some alternative product which will pay as well as cotton. Otherwise the people must be left to their own folly. The former cause is of much importance if facts are to be recognized.
9. Fallowing in the black soil country between the Narbada and the Máhi. rivers plays a peculiar part in agriculture. It has nothing in common with the practice in the Deccan and remoter parts of Gujarát of letting poor and .shallow soil lie idle for a term of years because it will not bear anything worth the trouble of cultivation. It is a regular agricultural operation which ought by long established maxim to be repeated for every field every four years, and it entails every bit as much labour-in harrôwing and weeding-as if a crop were sown. Manure is little used, becaúse it is said to stimulate an overgrowth of weeds, but partly perhaps because it is very scarce, as there is nothing else to use for fuel, and periodic fallowing takes its place. The rest every four years not only recuperates the land, but gives an opportunity of thoroughly working it and cleaning it. Whether the method is scientific or not is beside the point. It is sufficient to note that good husbandry is held by common consent to demand it on the strength of immemorial experience, that the survey settlement ignored it and so discouraged it, the result of which bas been, it is generally believed, impoverishment of the land.
10. Under former native rule though the nominal demand of the State was one-half of the gross produce, that on fallows was remitted. This alone reduced the Government share nearly to the level of the present survey. settlement, and by a means which aptly harmonized with the actual conditions. The same sympathetic line was followed by the British Government for many years. It is mentioned in the Government Resolution No. 2548 of 1850, appended to Mr. Beyts' Survey Report of 1871, that in 1847-1848 lands assessed at Rs. 105,176
were left fallow and were apparently exempted from payment. Mr. Davies, one of the ablest of the pre-survey Revenue officers, is quoted in the same Resolution as urging that "expediency and trup thrift point alike to the propriety of encouraging fallows as one of the best means of securing the land revenue in time to come." The words were prophetic in view of the loss which has been brought about by an abandonment in this matter of all concern in the special times and needs of the people. There was no doubt at that time in the mind of either Government or Mr. Davies that fallows should be encouraged by the abatement of revenue. The only question was whether, as proposed by the latter officer, it should be annually left to the discretion of the Collector and his Assistants. Apparently this was the plan adopted, vide Mr. Beyts' paragraph 101. The concession, however, was gradually diminished and eventually withdrawn altogether in the sixties as incompatible with the rigid rule of the survey which was beginning to prevail. Now the ryot has to pay down the money for the year whether he has got anything out of the land or not. Roughly one-half of them according to the figures given by Mr. Symonds (paragraph 12), are steadfast enough to what their fathers taught them, to resist the temptation and get the money for the fallow from the sávkár or from the surplus crop of the other fields, but the other half think only of the present. It is said by the people (truly or otherwise) that-in the adjacent Baroda villages the land, as compared with that of British villages, retained its fertility because fallows were allowed for in their system, but that deterioration has lately begun to show itself there .also since the revenue survey was introduced in (about) 1887.
11. The Commissioner is convinced that a thoroughly wise private landlord in the black soil portions of Broach district would remit altogether the assesment on all land kept fallow provided it did not exceed a fourth of a man's holding, expecting in the end to more than recoup himself out of the increased or the continued productiveness of the whole. This was also the view of the older officers like Mr. Davies, but the Survey officers of 1871 had so helplessly fallen under the rule of a system that they refer to the treatment of fallows as a matter only of history and betray no consciousness of its being within the range of practical discussion. It is admitted, however, that though specific remission on fallows would be appropriate to a smaH estate, it is perhaps an unnecessary departure from survey principles which would rather recognize the practice as a factor making for reduction all round, like any other especially heavy cost of cultivation in a district. There is, however, one concession which is possible, would probably be very acceptable to the people, and could not but tend to prudent husbandry, so much needed. By ancient rule every year a fourth of the land should not only go without a crop but should be harrowed and weeded at much expense. The immediate consequence, barring accidents, is a bumper crop next year-a crop of cotton mixed with rice. The ulterior consequence, in which both Government and ryot are concerned, is the conservation of the powers of the land. Let then Government show their interest in the land and accept the law of nature and bring their system into line with it by suspending the revenue on all such land for one year only, sulbject to the 25 per cent. limit, making it patyable not in the year when there is nothing but outgo, but in the year of extra good return. This could not but be a relief to the ryot who would be freed from the necessity of raising the money elsewhere, and Government could no longer be charged, however fancifully, with driving the man to the sávkár.
12. The Commissioner is conscious of the gravity of the proposal on account of the departure from the systematio and rigid spirit of the survey system. He only asks for full consideration of it on its own merits, and for this purpose the is sending a copy of these remarks to the Collector in order that the practical objections may be fully stated. The position at present cannot be called satisfactory. A man who holds four fields is every year called upon either to violate a fundamental maxim of his craft or pay the assessment of one field out of his pooket, in addition to heavy cost of labour. In many cases, rather than do this he elects to crop all four fields by which Government eventually loses as wel as he, in the lessened value of the land. Under a ryotwári system Government are not mere traffickers in the soil whose business is done when they have put the land into the market at a fair price. As landlords they cannot divest them-
selyes of an interest in its right ase, and they are in a false position when their - pules directly encourage bad management. With the increasing staff for inspection which brings the Collector into closer contact with the actuals of cultivation, intervention is becoming more easy. Fallows, for instance, are recorded with an accuracy unknown before, and it ought to be more possible to adopt a revenue settlement to facts instead of pursoing the hard and fast line regardless how it may run athwart the demands of sound agriculture.
13. There remains the question of rates. Though the clamour about the weight of the assessments is exaggerated, and though the present demand can be easily met in this fertile táluka in a'good year, yet it must be remembered that good years have not been of late the rule, and may not be in the futureFor other reasons also, which need not be reiterated, the Commissioner agrees with Mr. Symonds that there should be a reduction on Mr. Mehta's rates. It is significant that Mr. Beyts (paragraph 116) justifies a higher assessment in black soil district by the consideration that "the soils . . . are capable of being "tilled longer without the aid of manure". He makes no mention of their requiring a process more expensive than any manure used in this country, and this process should be allowed for-in this assessment, i.e., the incidence per acre per annum should be recognized as not four times the rate divided by four, but four times the rate divided by three. Another point is that the maximum rate recently fixed for the first group in Ankleshvar is Re. 5-8-0, which should perhaps set the lead for the adjacent group of Broach taluka.
14. Generally the Commissioner is of opinion that considering the depressed state of the people and results, so far as they go , of the experiments of outturn, the situation calls for some liberality.

Assuming that the grouping remains the same as it is now with the exception of adding Pálej and six villages to group II, the new maxima rates : might be as follows :-

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An objection which holds good in some districts to making any concession is that, as most of the land has passed into the hands of "sarvárs, that class will reap more benefit than the cultivators. It is probably less true in this taluka than in many. The sturdy Vhora and the shrewd Kunbi, in spite of occasional outhursts of fatuous extravagance, are still able to hold their own and to take advantage of any favour done them.
15. These rates would not involve a reduction so large as suggested by Mr. Symonds, but the relief would be sabstantial. The taluka is a fine one and with proper methods of cultivation could easily pay a high assessment Of course a series of calamitous years such as has lately occurred cannot be forecast in any settlement and will have to be specially met.
16. Mr. Mehta's rates on the Bhatha and Tttam Bágáyat lands are not unfair, if they are carefully classed. Such lands usually escape their due burden.
17. The proposal to transfer certain villages to the Ankleshrar táluks has been referred to Mr. Logan for further opinion.

F. S. P. LELY, Commissioner, Northern Division

## From

Tee COLLECTOR of BROACH;
To
The COMMISSIONER, NORTHERN DIVISION. Broach, 11th June $190{ }^{\circ} 2$.
Sir,
I have the honour to reply to your No. 2634, dated the 29th April last, inquiring my opinion on the suggestion of Mr. Panse that certain villages on the Southern bank of the Narbudda should be transferred from the Broach to the Ankleswar Táluka.
2. The villages referred to are:--

1. Kansia Bet.
2. Borebhata.
3. Sarfuddin.
4. Sakurpur.
5. The anomaly of their position has a historical origin; for apparently they were founded from Broach villages; and the Patels of Kansia and Borebhata and the Khátedárs of Kansia are still largely residents on the Broach side, and most of their produce (except tobacco) comes to Broach. Accordingly they are disinclined to the proposed transfer, as it will involve a journey away from their homes when they have business with the Mámlatdár. To the majority of the

* cultivators in Borebhata, Sakurpur, and Sarfuddin, however, it is probably not very material which táluka they belong to. Their market of course will not be affected by the cbange.

4. From the official point of view the present arrangement is very inconvenient, for all journeys between Broach and the villages have to be made by boat, and with a tidal river the duration of even a short voyage is uncertain, to say nothing of the mud. The Mámlatdár is accordingly much in favour of the change. For Abkári purposes these villages have already been put under Ankleswar, and instances bave occurred showing that for Police purposes the - present system is unsuitable. As the first object in the demarcation of tálukas should be the convenience of Government, I am of opinion that the transfer is desirable and should be carried out. The islands of Dhanturia and Alia Bet must remain under Broacl, for though their situation causes inconvenience in inspection, they can be visited with less inconvenience from Broach than from Ankleswar.

| . I have the honour to be ${ }_{2}$ |
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| Sir, |
| Your most obedient Servant |
| A. C. LOGAN, |
| $\quad$ Collector, Broach. |

No. 5332 of 1902.

Revente Department. Camp Bulsár, 14th June. 1902.

Forwarded to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of Mr. Panse's remarks (No. 1753, dated 25-30th April 1901) on the Revision Settlement proposals of the Broach táluka submitted to Government under this office No. 3635 , dated 29th April 1902.
2. From what $\dot{M}$. Logan says it is obvious that the transfer of the villages to the Ankleshwar Taluka would result in a balance of advantage to the people as well as to Government officers and it is, therefore, recommended.

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

No. 2124 of 1902.
From

> A. C. LOGAN, Esquire, I. C.S.,
> CCollector, Broach ;

To
The Hon'ble Mr. F. S. P. Lely, C.S.I., I. C. S.,
Commissioner, Northern Division.
Broach. 12 th June 1902.
Sir,
I have the honour to make the report called for in your No. 3636, dated the 29th April last, forwarding a copy of your remarks on the revision of the Broach Táluka settlement.
2. The principal question referred to me is that of encouraging a system of fallows; but as this involves a revision to pre-survey methods, I trust I may be excused for making a few preliminary remarks on the survey systom.
3. The Native Governments are said to have taken one-half of the produce of the cultivated lands, taking nothing on the fallows. Now the average value of the produce of one acre in Broach Táluka according to Mr. Mollison's experiments may be taken to be-

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|  |  |  | or in three years | ... | 83 |

of which the Native Government would have taken Rs, 41-8-0, taking nothing in the fourth year. Under our surviey settlement the average assessment per acre is Rs. $5-3-0$, which comes to Rs. $20-12-0$ only in four years. Even, therefore, if the Native Government got considerably less than balf the gross produce, the advantage is.all in favour of our system ; and it is hardly possible a rayat to. say with justice that the survey system has compelled him to till all his land every year.
4. Under British rule the system of granting remissions on fallows continued up to the settlement, but from 1860 the remissions rapidly dwindled and after 1863 they were practically nil. Whether this was due to the action of the agriculturists or the Revenue authorities, the fact remains that ten years before the survey officers appeared on the scene, the sjstem had died, and they cannot fairly be accused of killing it.
b. When the survey officers appeared they had the choice of reviving it by reverting to the Native system or of adopting a different principle, and their adoption was deliberate. I can see no reason for supposing that Mr. Beyts, who went back to Chinese histories for light on the district, could have failed to give bis attention to the revenue administration of the century before his time, and
to have studied its advantages and disadvantages. He probably saw that the death of the old system under Mr. Davies' regime (which accepted the native principle) was a natural oné. And he had the old system distinctly in his mind when he wrote in paragraph 113 "we must so pitch the assessment that there shall be no grounds left for the rayats to demand remission under any circumstances." He did so effectively as the illustration given by me in paragraph 3 above proves. If the native assessment amounted to anything like the figure which there appears, the rayat is now in a far better position for leaving fallows according to the necessities of his land than he was before British rule. .
6. I am inclined to attribute the death of the fallow and remission system to the general effect of British rule, rather than to any specific action by our officers which can now be secured. With a small population, a low standard of comfort, considerable insecurity of property and a system of paying a specified share of actual crops, ascertained by annual inspection, the custom would continue, because there would be no particular stimulus to depart from it. The reversal of all these conditions threw it into, disuse (as a universal practice), the process being vastly accelerated by the immense prosperity of the years between 1860 and 1870. The priacipal cause, I believe to have been the desire of the cultivator to make as much money as he could, knowing that he could keep it all. He may say now that poverty compels him to sow every acre; but this is merely because his standard of expenditure has grown so greatly, that he calls that poverty which his ancestors would have called aflluence. In 1866-1867 the fallow of the táluka has fallen to 12,000 acres or just about what it is now; and poverty was certainly not the cause of that, but the extraordinary profits which the land was yielding at that time. Nor is poverty the cause now, for several instances have come to my notice in the inquiry for which I have been keeping these papers, of lshatedars with holdings of 100 acres and upwards who keep little or no fallow from year to year. The change of revenue system was evidently the least of the various contributing causes, and I fear that any alteration of it now will not produce very perceptible results.
7. In partial explanation of the absence of one-fourth fallows it must be noted that there is a practice of sowing jowari, til or lang at distances of five cubits, which the cultivators say is as good as a fallow. How far this practice forms a complete substitute for pure fallows, I could not say without much longer time for inquiry than is allowed me; but so far as it exists it must be an alleviation of the burden of the land. There is another point which I think deserves notice before I pass to consider in detail, the proposal referred to me. That proposal is framed, as I understand, on the assumption that the absence of regular fallows is creating a permanent deterioration of the soil, while at the same time it is supported by the urgument that fallow land yields a double crop the next year. I would venture to inquire whether the double crop must not take as much or nearly as much out of the soil as two successive orops would have done, and if so whether the practice can really have any practical effect, one way or the other, so far as deterioration is conceraed. It would greatly simplify the discussion of the question if this consideration could be eliminated, for the ground of the proposal would then be narrowed to the immediate benefit of the cultivator. As regards this, the adrantage appearing from his getting the value of two crops where he has only sown one, is much discounted by the expense of breaking up the fallow; and an exhaustive inquiry conducted by a qualified officer of the Agricultural Department might perhaps ahow that the extra profit of the fallow system is not after all so grest as to make it likely that any action of Government will induce to the rayat to revive it.
8. The proposal before Government is that the assessment on land left fallow up to one-fourth of the holding should not be taken in the year of the fallow, but in the next year when there is a crop. The justification adduced is that a rayat who now leaves a fallow has to pay the assessment in that year out of his own pocket, not out of the land. The principal objection to the plan is that after the first year of its operation the system will not differ at all from the present one. The khattedár of a bolding of four acres, who agrees always to lesve one fallow, will only pay on three acres the first year; but for the next and all
succeeding years he will be paying double assessment on one acre, which with that of the other two cultivated acres, comes to the full assessment; and I doubt if he would feel that he was getting any inducement by the nominal change. He will be equally "out of pocket" than as now, and I greatly fear that the chief use he will make of the "principle" will be to olanour that for some reason or uther the fallow did not yield the expected "double orop," and, therefore, the arrear demand must be remitted. If an inducement is to be held out to the rayat, I fear jt must be at some sacrifice of the revenue. . To give the rayat a real interest in keeping a fallow it will probably be necessary to collect a little Iess than the whole, say three-fourths, of the suspended item; so that only 18 instead of twice the assessment would be taken on the fallow in the year of its cultivation.
9. The question then arises (1) whether such a system would be honestly accepted by rayats and would enlarge the present area annually left fallow and (2) whether it could be worked without excessive trouble to the Revenue Department. Probably it cannotbe worked with our machinery if it is left to the rayat's discretion to leave what fallow he likes subjeet only to a maximum and to olaim the concession on whatever he chooses to leave. The inquiries will be too minute, the calculations too intrioate. It may work, however, if we insist that to oome under the system at all the rayat shall leave one-fourth of his land fallow every year; so that the Talati would only have to ascertain whether a full fourth was fallow or not.
10. One great danger of the plan will be the opportunity for corruption which it will give to the Talátis: and I regret to say that I have no confidence that the existing agricultural staff will act as an effective check on them. I feel no confidence that the rayat will make an honest use of the concession; and I think that the experiment, if tried at all, should be tried tentatively under the existing settlement, and not be made a part of the Revision. The loss to Government whether the system is used honestly or dishonestly will be great, and it would be a lamentable sacrifice of the revenue were it to be inourred in addition to the loss by the Revision, and prove after all to have been merely or principally a source of dishonest profit to the cultivators and Talátis. There is in my opinion no reason for hurrying to make any reduction of the existing revenue of this stáluka. The crops of 1900-1901 could not have been much under 12 annas, and those of the current year were also except in a few villages, but little below that figure. The High prices of cotton and jowari this year must have been enabled the cultivators to make profits.at least equal to thrse of a normal year ; and I see no reason to doubt that they have fully recovered from the temporary losses of the famine. Accordingly if Government desire to try the experiment of encouraging fallows at a sacrifice of revenue, I see no good reason why the introduction of the Revision Settlement should not be differed for two or three years for the purpose.
11. The question of reducing the assessment having been dealt with by my predecessor, I do not understand that I am called on to go into the matter again, and, therefore, offer no retharks beyond repeating the opinion, I have already expressed on other settlement reports, that no assessment ought to be considered too high which. leaves the land able to bear a rent equal to itself. This I believe to be the case with land in Broach generally in normal times. I wholly disagree with Mr. Symonds dictum that "a fixed assessment ought not as a rule to exceed one-third of the rent which a man is willing to give for a year's occupancy ", nor can I imagine on what solid grcund it is based.

## I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
A. C. LOGAN,

- Collector, Broach.

No. 5503 of 1902.

## Revente Deppartment. <br> Camp Bulsar, b9th June 1902.

## - Forwarded to Government.

2. Mr. Logan sees no good reason why the scheme for encouraging fallows should not be tried as an experiment for a few years. This is all that the Commissioner proposed, vide paragraph 7 of his memorandum.
3. Mr. Logan makes various other remarks which demand the attention due to an officer of his experience and acumen.
4. He takes the demand of the Native Government to have been, roughly, Rs. 41-8-0 per acre every four years against Rs. 20-12-0 at present. The comparison is, the Commissioner submits, misleading. To begin with, the latter is in cash, which forces the grower to sell his produce at once whether the market is favourable or not. This must too often mean a sacrifice. Secondly, the cultivators formerly got free grazing-a great consideration. Thirdly, under the more easy going methods of native management he was able to filch many advantages which are impossible under the rigid British system, and which greatly reduced the burden. Fourthly, the standard of living is far higher than it was a century ago, requiring a much larger margin for what is popularly held to be necessary expenditure. The modern ryot probably spends three or four times as much on food, clothes and luxuries as his grandfather did. Mr: Logan recognizes this and appears to consider it as in some sense a fault. It is simply a natural consequence of the freer views of life fostered by our Government, and any assessment which does not allow for it will be oppressive. In any case if the ryot says, as Mr. Logan suggests, that the Survey system bas compelled him to till all his land every year, the Commissioner certainly did not say so. It has only furnished an inducement.
5. The "death of the fallow and remission system" of Mir. Davies' time was doubtless owing chiefly to the rage to devour the land with cotton in the sixties, which has not yet exhausted its injurious influence. The action of the Survey Officers assisted it and some modification may. help to counteract it.
6. Mr. Logan (paragraph 7) suggests that the double crop after fallow must take as much out of the soil as two successive crops would, and, moreover, its increased value would be largely counterbalanced by the expense of breaking up the fallow. There is no breaking up of the fallow, for, as the Commissioner bas already pointed out, the chief advantage of the fourth year is not so much in the rest it affords as in the opportunity of thoroughly working and weeding the land. A field laíd in fallow by a careful Broach farmer has a singular appearance. The stiff black soil has been so harrowed that it crumbles under the foot almost like coarse.sand. Land not subjected to periodical fallows becomes not only more or less exhausted but also (to use an Einglish agricultural word) "dirty."
7. It is not quite correct to say (Mr. Logan's paragraph 8) that if the assessment on a fallow is merely suspended till the next year the system after the first year will not differ at all from the prosent one. Suppose a man has abandoned altogether the old method and crops all his four fields every year, a suspension and consequent reduction of assessment in the first year will tempt him to revert to the old method, especially if he is conscious that the land requires it. Thereafter he will be urged to continue it by the fact that if he goes bsck again to reckless ways he will have in that year to pay for 5 fields instead of 4 . Thus the influence of the system will be in favour of sound agrioulture instead of against it. That is all that can be expected. That the ryot will be "up and asking for more' ${ }^{\text {is }}$ no real objeotion, for he may be relied on to do that whatever the orders.
8. The Commissioner agrees with Mr, Logan that the proposed change would increase the responsibility of the village and district staff who are not
able to bear it. That, however, so far as it goes, is only one more argument for improving the staff-a paramount necessity in many interests. Even as it is, it is not clear how the serious loss to Government anticipated by Mr. Logan will result.
9. Mr. Logan has touched upon the question of rates and takes occasion to dissent from Mr. Symonds' dictum, which the Commissioner on his part thinks a sound one. The rent which a man is willing to give for a year's occupancy is naturally much ebove the share which should be taken from a permanent holder. It is either a rack-rent ascertained by competition or in case of a mortgagee landlord it has no reference to the value of the land at all but only to the interest he thinks his due. In the former case it is bid with an eye only to what can be drained out of the land without any outlay on conserving its powers. If the bidder already holds other land upon the produce of which he lives he may have reasons for getting this particular piece altogether apart from its mere value. Lastly, Government has deliberately adopted the generous policy of leaving a broad margin for the wants of the cultivator and it is only in accord with that to limit themselves year in and year out, whether the crop be average or only three-fourths average, to a third of what a speculative rackrenter will give for a temporary lease.

F. S. P. LELY, Commissioner, Northern Division.

No. 3618 of 1902
From

> Ter COLLECTOR of BROACH;

To

## The COMMISSIONER,

 Northera Division.Broach, \%7th September 1902.

## Stir,

In continuation of the correspondence regarding the Revision of the Survey Settlement of the Broach Taluka ending with this office No. 2124, dated the 12th June last, I have the honour to send the following information which has come to my knowledge in connection with a petition of the Inámdár of Umaj in that taluka for a Commission under Section 88 of the Land Revenue Code.
2. The annual assessment taken by the Inámdár is Rs. 8 per acre on the average; but the Khátedárs are able to sublet their lands at Rs. 14 per acre. The soil and other advantages of this village are reported to be in no way superior to those of the adjacent Government villages of Sherpara, Nandelav and Kasad. The maximum assessment actually levied in these villages under the existing Settlement is Rs. $5-12-0$, while the maximum rates under the Revision proposals will be:-m

|  |  |  |  | Re. at p. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sherpara | ..0 | . 0 | ... | $\cdots$ | 5 | 1 |
| Nandelar | . | ..* | $\ldots$ | .." | 5 | 18 |
| Kasad | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 111 |

3. The facts may be thought to be of some interest in connection with the question whether the existing assessments required reduction.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
A. C. LOGAN,

Collector, Broach.

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No. 8745 or 1902.
Revente Defartment.
Ahmedabad, 2nd October 1902.

## Forwarded to Government.

2. The facts are interesting, but it is easy to attach too much significance to them. Every agricultural question is beset by so many varying conditions that it is dangerous to draw inferences from single data or even from single sets of data For instance, the argument based on terms of subletting is vitiated in many areas by the fact that only the superior land is sublet, partly because the inferior land is in the hands of the lower classes who prefer to till it with their own hands, and partly because only the good lands yield a sufficient margin of rent over and above the assessment. It is well known that the survey assessment is a smaller share of the produce of good lands than of poor lands. It is also well known to all who have gained experience in the fields that comparing one with another the fertility of some is over-estimated and of others under-estimated. It is no discredit to the able officers of the Department to say that, working as they did by general rules, they often did not appreciate more subtle qualities of soil which were and are obvious enough to the practical cultivator. The subletting value is based on actual crops, the Survey Assessment on assumed crops.
3. Mr . Logan gives the average rent taken by the İnámdár at Rs. 8 , but it is not clear if the rate of Rs. 14 is the average obtained by subletting or only the maximum. Nor is it mentioned if the area sublet is sufficiently extensive to make it a safe basis for argument even for the limited village or group of villages. The fact that the Inámdár is pressing for a Commission shows that, as in most villages of the class, it is difficult to realize rents. As a fact cultivators often escape paying and this would naturally lead to more reckless contracts than would be made in a Government village. At the best Rs. 14 must be an extreme rack-rent. The Inámdár estimates the natural rent at Rs, 8 and the Commissioner would be inclined to accept him as the safest guide. If he is right, the Government rates are by no means too low considering the established policy.

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

Revenue Survey and Assessment.
Revision settlement of the Broach Taluka of the Broach District.

No. 7209,

## Revenor Department.

## Bombay Castle, 14th October 1902.

Memorandym from the Commissioner, N. D, No. 2635, dated 29th April 1902-Submitting,
. 4 Letter from the Deputy Superintendens, Gujarat Revenue Aurvey, with his remarks, the papers No. 693 , dated 11 th August 1899 .
Letter from the Assistant Collector, Broach, Na. 1898, dated 27th September 1899.
Letter from the Asgiatant Sapertintendent, Gujarat Revenue Sarvey, No. 66, dated 18th November 1900.
Letter from the Sorvey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultore, No. E.-480, dated 30 tb Maroh 1901. Letter from the Collector of Broach, No, 1758, dated 26th April ${ }_{1901 .}^{\text {Let }}$
noted in the margin, con. taining proposals for the revision settlement of the Broach Taluka of the Broach District.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 5382, dated 14th June 1902-Sabmitting a letter No. 2103, dated 11th iden, from the Collector of Broach.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D. No. 5503, dated 19th June 1902-Submitting a letter No. 2124, dated 12:h idem, from the Collector of Broach.
Government memorandum No. * 5194, dated 29th July 1902,
Government memorandum No. * 5195, dated 29th July 1902.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., Na. * 7054, dated 2nd August 1902.
Government memorandum No. *5566, dated 8th August 1902.
Letter from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. * A.-4348, dated 13th September 1902.
Memorandam from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No.* A.-4349, dated 13th. September 1902-Submitting a miemorandum from the Superintendent of Land Records and Agriculture, N. D., No. 1060, dated 3rd idem.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 8745, dated 2nd October 1902-Submitting a letter No. 8618, dated 27th September 1902, from the Collector of Broach.

Resolomion.-These papers contain Mr. Mehta's proposals for the revision settlement of the Broach Taluka in the Broach District, They have been fully criticised by all the officers through whose hands the papers have passed. The papers also contain a supplementary report by Mr, Mehta on the revision settlement of certain survey numbers situated within the limits of the Broach Municipality.
2. Mr. Mehta states that he believes there is unanimity among Revenue Officers that the present assessment is suitable, and he infers from statistics that the prosperity which existed when the original settlement was introduced has been maintained. He is to some extent supported by the Assistant Collector, Mr. Painter, who after having had charge of the táluka for some time said that what was proposed as the fourth group by Mr. Mehta [Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey,] was the only locality in which complaints against the present assessment were ever heard. On the other hand it has long been recognised that the assessments in parts of this district are relatively to those in the rest of the Presidency very high, and the Survey Commissioner, as well as Mr. Pánse, the Collector, and the Commissioner think that there are grounds for a reduction. The facts that until the failure of crops in 1899 the revenue was collected without distraint and that practically no land was uncultivated, together with the high sale, mortgage and letting value, seem to indicate that the assessment is not in itself oppressive, and the information communicated in the Collector's letter No. 3618, dated 27th September 1902, is not without significance, although the Governor in Council agrees with the Commissioner that much importance should not be attached to isolated data unless the whole circumstances are known. The general range of existing prices appears to be much the same as that on which the original settlement, was based. But the view

[^7]of the Commissioner, who has known the taluka during the greater part of the term of the original settlement, that during the period the steady tendency has been that of slow decadence, is one to which much weight must be attached; and although the pitch of the assessment may not be the sole or even the principal cause, a reduction of it cannot fail to give relief. There are such advantages in a moderate assessment that, in the opinion of Government, there should be no hesitation in making a reduction whenever there are reasonable grounds for holding the demand to be too high. In view of the unfavourable seasons through which the táluka has passed Goverument are of opinion that the reduction should be made at once and not await the result of any kind of experiment.
3. It is unnecessary to deal at length with Mr. Symonds' suggestion that the Government demand should approximate to oue-seventh of the gross produce and that any one who could show that his assessment was ordinarily more than one. ifth of the gross produce should have a claim to reduction to one-sixth. The Government of Bumbay have never countenanced attempts to regulate assessments by arithmetical standards which, in view of the infinite variations of outturns and cost of cultivation, could not be successful and if practicable would not be equitable, and such attempts have been emphatically condemned in the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1-50-2, dated 16th January 1902. The dictum that a fixed assessment should not as a rule exceed one-third of the rent that a man is willing to pay for a year's occupancy is enunciated with reference to the assessment of bhdtha land, but is also based apparently on the assumption that rent should be one-half of the produce and the assessment one-sixtb. The Government of India have recognised the halfassets principle, which corresponds to Mr. Logan's view that the assessment may be equal to the rent, as a fair general atandard. But even if the amounts offered at auctions for the temporary occupation of alluvial lands could be regarded as rent, they vary so widely that they could not be taken as a definite standard in the special case of bhdiha lands, and in a táluka in which 81 per cent. of the occupants cultivate themselves, rents can give little guidance as to an equitable assessment.
4. In this as in other cases the assessment must continue to be based on the valuation of the Survey Departoment. A mere percentage reduction, as proposed by the Survey Commissioner, would not be suitable, for it must be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that the new distance-from-village scale results in a more equitable distribution of the demand. Phe Governor in Council considers that the reduction in the maximum dry-crop rates proposed by the Commissioner should give sufficient relief and is pleased to sanction it. Similarly the slight modification in the existing grouping of the villages and the transfer of four villages to Ankleshvar taluka which is proposed by the Honourable Mr. Lely is approved in preference to the more extensive changes recommended by the Depuly Superinterdent. The revised Appendis $Q$ submitted by the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, in accordanoe with the instructions given to him in Government memoranda Nos. 5195, dated 29th July 1902 and 5566, dated 8th August 1902, gives in detail the results of the proposals sanctioned by Government. The following table compares the grouping and rates now savetioned with those of the present settlements-

|  | Group No. |  | 'Present settlement, |  | Revised settlement now aqnotioned. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Number of villages, | Maximnm dry orop rate. | Number of villages. | Maximum dry. orop rate. |
|  |  |  |  | R. | . | Rs. |
| 1 | $\cdots$ | -•• | 6 | 7 | 6 | $6 \frac{1}{3}$ |
| II | - | -•• | 88 | -61 | 42 | - $5 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| III | -.* | ... | 46 | 6 | 26* | 5 |
| IV | -.. | $\bullet$ | 14 | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | 14 | 4 |
| - Pour villages have been tourisfurred to Ankienhyar tilutan |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The result is a net decrease of Rs, 16,863 in the Government demand fir the whole táluka, as specified below :-


The decrease in the total assessment is, owing to the application of the revised scale for distance from village, not so great as might be expected from the reduction of the maximum rates, but that in the assessment of dry-crop land is substantial, and in a large proportion of the villages the demand has been much reduced. There is no reason to doubt that relief has been given where and to the extent to whicfi it is needed. The revised rates should be introduced .at once and guaranteed for the usual period of thirty years.
5. Government are of opinion that the objections urged by Mr. Logan against the scheme of suspensions on account of fallows subinitted by the Honourable Mr. Lely have much weight, and in particular it seems to them that, as practically the full assessment of holdings will have to be paid in all future years after the first, the concession may not be recognised to be very advantageous and the value of it may not be commensurate to the trouble involved. At the same time Government can see no material disadvantage in the suspension of collection except the difficulty involved in the collection of arrears, and are willing to give authority to make any suspension which circumstances would seem to justify ${ }^{\text {c }}$. In the present case the expectation of the Honourable Mr. Lely that Che liability to be required to pay at any time the suspended arrears will be sufficient inducement to continue the proportion of fallow on account of which the suspension was allowed may be fulfilled, and, if $s$, the result will be very, beneficial. He should be authorised to try the system. experimentally either in the Broach Táluka alone or in all the tál ukas in which there is need of regular fallows. It will probably be necessary, at least until the establishment is largely strengr hened, as urged by the Collector, to insist on a fixed proportion of fallow as a condition of the concession, instead of lenving it to the discretion of the occupants to determine how much should be fallow subject to a maximum ; but it should be left to the Commissioner to determise this point after such further inquiries as he may deem necessary and subsequently in the light of such experience as may be gained.
6. Effect has been given to the proposal made by the Collector of Broach Sortain - for the transfer of the villuges specified in Burebhátin sakaryari the margin on the south of Narbada to the Ankleshvar táluka, so far as the revision of rates is concerned. The Collector should be requested to submit the requisite dratt notifications under section 7 of the Land Revenue Code and Section 5 of the Indian Registration Act, for publication in the Bombay Government Gazette.
7. The recommendation made by Mr. Mehta regarding vádas is approved.
8. As regards certain lands in the villages specified in the margin which

| Vejalpur, | Kombiwagan |
| :---: | :---: |
| Duugrt. | Kagai titti. |
| Ál jotti. | Mojampur. | are within the bundaries of the Broach Muncipality, the Governor in Council agrees with the Survey Commissioner that no change is required in the existing assessment which

should now be guaranteed with that sanctioned for the rest of the táluka for a period of thirty years.

W. H. J. WILKINSON,

- Acting Under Secretary to Government.

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


Effect of Revision Settlement Proposals on Government Occupied Lana


## APPENDIX Q.

(referred to in para. 4 of G. R. No. 7233, dated 14th October 1902).


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Acting Superintendent, Land Records,-
Agriculture and Registration-N. D.

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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF THE JAMBUSAR TA'LUKA OF THE BROACH DISTRICT.




# No. 115 of 1900 

From

> P. R. MEHTA, Esqutra, M. R. A, C., Assistant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey ;

To
The COLLECTOR of BROACH.
Broach, 3rd January 1901.
SIR,
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of taluka Jambusar of your Collectorate.
2. The current rates were introduced by Mr. N. B. Beyts in the year

Original Settlement. 1875-76 and will not expire till the close of the revenue year 1905-1906.
3. The táluka Jambusar comprises in all 85 villages, of which 2 villages, vie., Vad and Wante Kávli, are Inámi. Of the 85 Government villages, 55 are held on the bhágdári tenure. Since the original settlement no less than 13 villages have been transferred from bhágdári to ordinary begoti tenure at the request of the bhágdárs. Of the total Government culturable area ( 91,123 acres), the land held on bhágdari tenure amounts to 49,115 acres or 54 per cent. Of the total culturable area, viz., 167,525 acres, the alienated lands amount to 67,376 acres or 40 per.cent., divided as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | $\Delta$ cres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sároda Wanto |  | ... | ... | 6,762 |
| Kerwada Wanto | ... | ... | ... | 842 |
| Amod Wanto... | ... | ... | ... | 2,785 |
| Other alienations | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 56,987 |
|  |  |  |  | 67,376 |

4. The lines on which measurement operations were carried out have been desoribed in my previous reports on Broach and Anklesvar. The area falling under revision is small, as will be seen from the statement given in paragraph 6.

Measurement and classification.
5. With regard to classification, it may be mentioned that, except the lands deteriorated by the inroad of salt water, almost the whole of the original classification was deduced from the existing records. Survey numbers which had deteriorated by the inroad of salt water were re-classed. The classification of other lands in the bara villages having been found correct was left intact. Thus the scope of the revision classification was much less restricted in the bara villages of Vagra than in those of Jambusar. In the case of the former the original classification was found too high and was reduced proportionately to the damage caused by the blowing of salt earth from extensive Khar tracts along the coast. The extent to which the revised assessment will be affected by the re-classification of lands deteriorated by the inroad of salt water is shown below :-

| Serial Number in Appendis Q. | Name of rillage. * | Reduction <br> due to <br> re-classifi- <br> cation | Serial Number in Appendix $Q$ Appendix | Name of village. | Reduction due to re-classitcation. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - | Rs. |  |  |  |
| 50 | Jahejpur alias Dolia ... ... | 98 | 59 | Nádá - ... ... | 626 |
| 51 | Tankáriá... ... ... ... | 735 | 60 | Devlá ... ... | 788 |
| 53 | Bakarpar Timbi... ... ... | 456 | 61 | Sindhav ... ... | 96 |
| 54 | Asanwad... ... ... ... | 38 | 63 | Bhadkodrá ... | 377 |
| 55 | Sarafrajpur alias Thakor Talavdi. | 201 | 64 | Malpur ... ... | 637 |
| 56 | Islámpur... ... : ... ... | 515 | 66 | Jhamdi ... ... | 173 |
| 57 | Kapuria ... ... ... | 23 | 75 | Sardarpur... ... | 162 |
| 58 | Asársá ... ... ... | 255 | 79 | Madafar ... ... | 30 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 5,205 |

6. The following statement shows the increase in the number of fields due to revision and the percentage difference in area between the original and revision survey numbers:-


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, \&c., in order that the percentage difference may be correctly represented.
7. In the following table the areas of the original and revision survess are compared:-

|  | Total. | Unarable waste. | Remaining |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By Original Survey <br> By Revision Survey | 241,233 | 72,973 | 168,260 |
|  | 243,477 | 75,952 | 167,525 |
|  | ... | $\cdots$ | 735 |
|  | 2,244 | 2,979 | $\ldots$ |

The increase of 2,927 acres in the unarable waste is due to the addition of 2,208 acres on account of half the area of the river (left out by mistake at the original survey) to the area of the village of Valipur and the remaining 771 acres to the deterioration of fields by the inroad of salt water and to a small extent to land being taken up for public purposes.
8. Details of occupied land are shown below.

| . Desoription of land. | bi Pobxirr Sodity. |  |  |  | By Remibioz Surpey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Government. |  | Alicuated. | Total. | Government. |  | Alienated. | Total. |
|  | Occapied. | Unoccupiod. |  |  | Occupied. | Cnoccupted. |  |  |
| Dry-crop... ... ... | 88,103 | 8,791 | 65,686 | 162,530 | 87,570 | 8,415 | 65,513 | 161,498 |
| New rico ... . .wo m | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1,099 | - | 532 | 1,431 |
| Old rice ... ... ... | 2,532 | 881 | 1,225 | 4,588 | 2,454 | 789 | 1,158 | 4,396 |
| Gardon ... ... | 744 | ... | 398 | 1,142 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -.. |
| Unculturable ... | ... | 78,795 | 178 | 72,973 | $\cdots$ | 76,774 | 178 | 75,952 |
| Total ... | 91,379 | 82,417 | 67,437 | 241,238 | 91,123 | 84,978 | 67,376 | 243,477 |

The decrease of 256 acres in the occupied area is due to the deterioration of fields by the inroad of salt water. The increase of 2,561 acres in the total unoccupied area is owing to the addition of 2,979 acres from the areas of occupied and-unoccupied lands to the heading "Thnculturable" as explained above. The decrease of 61 acres in the total alienated area is due to 32 acres having been
made khalsa and 29 acres taken up for roads and other public purposes. The area under rice will be dealt with in its proper place. At the original settlement survey numbers bearing Well-Kasar were shown under the heading of garden lands. It will be seen that in Appendix Q the original garden area is not ghown separately, but is included in the jarayat or rice, as the case may be, in order to allow of a correct comparison being made between the original and revised incidence of assessment. As regards the unoccupied area, the figures are exceptional. The experience in Gujarát and all over the Presidency, has been that the introduction of the original settlement added considerably to the area under cultivation. Such has not been the case in Jambusar. The Padtar area has kept on increasing till it was about 10,000 acres in 1897. Since the last two years 3,500 acres more have been added to it, and it is feared that next March there will be a still further decrease in the area under occupation. Of the total unculturable area of 75,952 acres, 51,000 acres consist of various salt numbers and the sand tract lying north of the villages of Káreli, Vedach, \&c., as shown on the accompanying map.
9. The taluka Jambusar forms the northern limit of the Broach district. It is bounded on the north by the river Mábi, which separates it from the Kaira Collectorate on the south by the river Dhadhar, which separates it from the tálukas of Amod and Vágra. It is bounded on the east by the Baroda territory and on the west it stretches to the Gulf of Cambay.
10. The climate is considered healthy. The prevailing soil is gorat. Two separate lines, cutting each other at right angle at a point west of the town of Jambussar, divides the taluka roughly into four equal parts. The prevailing soil in the south-west quarter is black and in parts water-logged, and in the case of bara or coast villages impregnated with salt. The remainder of the táluka possesses rich marwa or gorat soil. In this part the fields are enclosed by live fences. Here the country presents a well-wooded appearance, and fruit trees, such as the mango, jack, custard-apple, \&c., grow luxuriantly. The contrast in the material condition of these two divisions is striking. The marwa villages, with a few exceptions, are prosperous and well cultivated; whereas the condition of the water-logged and bara villages is no better than that of the bara villages of Vágra or the south-western villages of Anklesvar. A full and interesting description of soil, physical features, \&c., will be found in Mr. N. B. Beyt's Original Settlement Report published in Appendix R.
11. The rivers Dhadhar and Máhi are tidal. The former is navigable as Rivers. far as the Tankaria Bandar, beyond which the stream ie reduced to a few feet of water. The Máhi is navigable, for s.mall craft, as far as the village of Sarod.
12. The water-supply is, over the greater portion of the táluka, both Wells. plentiful and of good quality. Irrigation, however, is practised, but to a very small extent. In some cases the water is considered "Chopdu," i.e., contains mineral oils which, after 3 or 4 years of irrigation, deteriorate the soil by making it too adhesive for cultivation. In the bara villages the supply is both deficient in quantity and inferior in quality. In many villages drinking water oan only be obtained in the hot weather from wellis or budkis dug in the bed of the village tank.
13. There are no metal roads in the táluka. Cotton, which forms 40 per cent. of the total area under cultivation, is carted mostly to l'álej ( 22 miles from the town of Jambusar and 40 miles from the western villages) or to Broach, which is 30 miles from Jambusar. The road from Jambusar to Broach is metalled up to the 9th milestone from Broach. During the period of heavy traffic it gets very bad. This so-called trunk-road of the district becomes worse than a country track in February and March. In my former reports I have already dilated on the difficulty and expense of metalling roads in this district. The Jambusar-Broach road has swallowed up several lákhs of rupees during the last 25 years. Still it is in as bad a condition as it could be. The only way in which this taluka and the fertile tract of country beyond it could be brought within easy reach of the main line of communication is by connecting them by a narrow-gauge railmay with Broach. Last year a Calcutta firm undertook to construct such a railway under a guaranteo from the Broach Local Board. Unfortunately, however, this scheme eould not be put through, as the Local Board was informed that, under the law, it had no authority to guarantee the Company. The B. B. \& C. I. Railway Company
would not undertake the construction, as it is feared that the branch line would develop the trade of the ports of Broach and Tankária to the detriment of the main line.
14. "Tankária and Dehegạ́m are the only bandars in the táluka; the former, situated seven miles from the mouth of the Dhadhar on its north bank, is considered one of the best ports in the Gulf of Cambay. It admits boats and vessels of as large a size as those which frequent Broach and Cambay, and with much greater facility for ingress and egress than either of those ports. The landing ground of Tankaria is composed of kankarish soil, which enables vessels to lie up against the bank as in a wet dock. Business in these ports has of late years very much declined: all the merchandise of north-eastern Gujarat and Malva, which used to flow through them, has been diverted by the B. B. \& C. I. Railway, except a small portion of the local trade" (vide paragraph 32 of the original report). The navigation is also, day by day, becoming more difficult owing to the silting up of the river at its mouth. T'be chief items of import are rice, timber, sugar, kerosine oil, cocoanut, building stone, iron, bamboos, grossary, cloth, \&c.; and the chief exports, cotton-seed, grain, sesame and tobacco. The subjoined statement compares the value of the present trade of the two ports with that of the former years:-

15. The rainfall of the past five years has been unseasonable and defective. Rainfall. It has been the common experience of the Revenue Officers that these adverse seasons have crippled, for the time being, the material resources of the taluka to a considerable degree. Government revenue has also suffered and a considerable area has been thrown out of cultivation.
16. The following extract ${ }^{\circ}$ from Appendix $B$ shows the average percentage areas under different crops during the five years ending 1897-98:-

17. It will be observed that cotton occupies 41 per cent. of the gross cropped area ; then comes jowari with 20 per cent., wheat 13 per cent. and bajri, rice and kodra about 5 per cent. each. Mr. $\cdot$ Beyts in paragraph 34 .of the original report states :- "Although cotton finds its ultimate market in Bombay vid Pálej and Tankária, it must-nevertheless be remarked that cotton is not the only important staple of this district. Two-thirds of the crop is in reality made up of food-staples consumed in some measure locally, but the greater portion is either carcied across the Gulf to Káthiáwár and Cutch or conveyed to neighbouring inland markets." From the figures furnished by Mr. Beyts in paragraph 27 it will be observed that in 1875 the cotton crop occupied 34,361 acres out of the gross cropped area of 86,403 aores (after deducting 2,940 acres of unassessed, waste, \&c.,) or 40 per cent. of the gross cropped area. Cotton was then, as now, the rent-paying crop of the taluka. The principal markets at the present day are Pálej and Broach ; not a bail being shipped from either the Broach or the Tankária Bunder. Wheat is grown mostly in the western villages where cotton does not thrive in soil impregnated with salt.
18. The middle portion of the taluka suffers from water-logging. It has, Drainage. however, been now drained by a system of surface drainage (vide Vagra Revision Settlement Report, paragraph 16). As will be seen from the accompanying map, four main drainage channels have been provided, namely : (1) Aurangpur-Nadiád, (2) Kora-Madafar, (3) Nobar-Umra, (4) Dábha-Umra. The total cost of the drainage operations was paid out of the Imperial Revenue and amounted to Rs, 40,000.
19. The principle markets to which the produce of the táluka is transport ${ }^{-}$ Markets ed are Broach and Vagra, which are situated 30 and 22 miles, respectively, from the town of Jambusar. All the cotton produced in the taluka finds its way to either of these two railway stations. Grain to a small extent is exported to Kathiáwár ports via Tankária. There are five ginning factories in the possession of two owners. Ouly two of these have been working for the last few years.

Population and resources.
20. The following compares the population and resources of the taluka :-

|  | - |  |  | 1874 | 1888.89, | 1598-99. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wells ... | ... | ... | .., | 700 | 924 (1892) | 943 (1897) |
| Agricultaral cattle | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 17,092 | 12,924 | 12,428 |
| Cows, buffoloes and their young |  |  |  | 21,093 | 16,737 | 21,554 |
| Horses ... ... | ... | ... | ... | 656 | 360 | 479 |
| Sheep and goats... | ... | ... | ... | 8,244 | 6,947 | 6,477 |
| Ploughs ... . | ... | ... | ... | 5,927 | 6,803 | 6,031 |
| Carts | ... | ... | ... | 5,036 | 4,377 | 3,976 |

The population figures are conflicting and no correct comparision could be drawn from them. The census of 1872 returned the population at 93,249 souls. The returns for 1881 show a population of 77,772 and those for the census of 1891 of 81,362 . There is, however, no doubt, that of late years the population has tended to become reduced. This is due partly to plague and famine and a series of unfavourable seasons, but largely to the unprofitable cultivation of low-lying lands in water-logged villages. The increase in the number of wells is due to the praiseworthy efforts of the Local Board in supplying water for domestic purposes, especially in the western villages. The decresse in the number of bullocks and carts is serious but is easily accounted for by the declining trade of the Tankária Bundar. It is, however, significant as implying that the cultivator now no longer possesses. what formerly was a considerable source of income to him during the slack season of cultivation.

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21. The usual figures supplied by the Registration Department regarding soles, mortgages, \&c., are furnished in the appendices noted in the margin. In 14 transactions of ordinary Appendices K, Kl, L, $\mathbf{L}, \mathrm{M}$. sales the sale money averaged 4 times, and in 77 transactions 24 times, the
assessment. The latter figures are exceptional when compared with those for assessment. The latter figures are exceptional when compared with those for
mortgage transactions and sales by decrees of Courts. In 41 cases of sales by decrees of Courts, the sale money averaged 4 times the assessment. In cases of simple mortgages and mortgages with possession the mortgage money averaged from 7 to 16 times the assessment. The ordinary rate at which the agricultural land is sublet is twice the survey assessment; but although this is the condition made at the beginning of the lease, the owners of late years have not been able to realize even the survey assessment from their tenants: otherwise 13 villages would not have given up the bhágdári tenure under which they were held,
22. As regards prices of agricultural produce I have alteady shown in my Prices. Broach and Anklesvar reports that they have remained almost stable during the last 25 years.
23. The most striking features in the revenue history of the past 25 years are the increase in the area of unoccupied land and the items of outstanding balances. In these respects the taluka under report compares unfavourably even with Vágra, which is acknowledged on all sides to be the poorest sub-division in the district. The remission shown in the first year is due to the usual abatement of revenue on the introduction of a new settlement. The discrepancy in the areas of the pre-survey period and those of the first year of the current settlement is due to the former having been calculated in bighas.
24. The following table shows the extent of the difficulty experienced in collecting the revenue. The number of notices has been large and a few distraint cases are reported, which Compulsory processea, is not to be wondered at considering the adverse seasons of the last five years:-

25. The táluka Jambusar, in common with the other gorat tracts of Maximum rates. Gujarât, enjoys the reputation of being a rich and prosperous country. But from the foregoing pages, it will have been gathered, that this general description is not applicable to parts of it where the prevailing soil is black and water-logged, or to the bara tract. This portion of the talluka is described in the original settlement report (paragraph 8) as follows:-"The south-west corner called the bara is distinguished by a considerable tract of fertile black soil.........The villages are far apart and do not approach in appearance the stability and comfort of villages in the Kahnam, the superior tract lying north and east." I am respectfully of opinion that these remarks are misleading. A soil impregnated with salt could hardly be described as fertile, and the tract distinguished as Kahnam, a term applied to the rich black soil cotton country lying between the Narbada in the south and Baroda in the north, is the worst portion of the taluka with a large proportion of its area lying unoccupied ever since the introduction of the current rates.
26. The original settlement had the effect of increasing the assessment on Government occupied lands by Rs. 53,797, vide Appendix Q. It will be seen that under the proposed rates this increase is wiped off. It is hoped that a
material decrease in the assessment will have the effect of increasing the area under cultivation thus benefiting both the cultivators and the Government revenue.

The current maximum rates are as follows :-

| Group. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of of } \\ & \text { villages. } \end{aligned}$ | Maximum ratels. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Soill. | Watas. |
|  |  |  |  | Rs. As. | Rs. As. |
| I ... | $\cdots$ | 2 | 5.8 | 48 |
| II ... | ... | 42 | 50 | 40 |
| III... | ... | 32 | 48 | 38 |
| IV... |  | 9 | 40 | 30 |

28. The proposed rates are shown below :-

|  | Group. | Number of Villages, | Maximnm rate, both for soil and water |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Re, As. |
| I | ..' | 41 | 412 |
| II | - | 7 | 40 |
| III | . | 24 | 58 |
| IV | ... | 13 | 30 |

29. It will be noticed that though the original number of groups has beens kept up in the proposed arrangement, their constitution is considerably altered. The proposed Group I consists of 2 Patis of Jambusar of the original group I, 34 villages of the original group II and 5 of the original group III. The proposed group II contains 7 villages, all of which belong to the corresponding original group. The proposed group III contains 15 villages of the original group III and all the 9 villages of the original group IV. The proposed group IV consists of 13 villages, 1 of the original group II and the rest belonging to the original group III.
30. Jambusar, oomprising the two Patis, formed by itself the original Group I, with a maximum rate of Rs. 5-8-0. I have proposed to place it in my 1st group with a maximum rate of Rs. $4-12-0$. I am respectfully of opinion, and I believe it is also generally held by the Revenue officers that the current assessment of Jambusar is high. It must be mentioned that the soil of all the villages comprising the original 1st and 2nd groups, is classed on a scale of 24 annas, and accordingly the maximum rate of Rs. 5-8-0 tantamounts to a rate of Rs. 8-4-0. I have adopted the maximum rate of Rs, 5-4-0 for the 1st group of Amod villages. It is, therefore, reasonable to fix a lower rate for the more distant villages of Jambusar which form the proposed 1st group. That the current assessment of Rs. 6-2-5 per acre of the Jáni and Kanbi Patis is high is easily borne out by their revenue history. The Patis were held on the bhágdári tenure. The proud bhágdárs who would not yield an inch to the pursuations of Mr. Beyts at the time of the original settlement (paragraphs 52 to 58 ) in their dispute with their Japti Kheduts have been obliged under the pressure of a high assessment to give up the bhagdari tenure altogether. There are at present no less than

1,195 acres lying unoccupied. The original settlement raised the assessment of the two Patis by 32 per cent. (vide paragraphs 87 and 88 ). Under the proposed rates the current assessment after "the application of distance scales. will be reduced by about 22 per cent. It is true that 24 per cent. of the increase at the time of the original settlement "was due to the lands found in the possession of the ryots in excess of what they were supposed to hold" (vide paragraph 68); at the same time the contention of the bhágdárs (which they maintain to the present day) was that the excess land was allowed them free of assessment for grazing purposes under Mr. Davies' settlement:
31. Of the remainder of the villages of $m y$ group $I$, five have been raised from the original group III. Their current maximum rate is Rs. $4-8$ which under the proposed arrangement is raised to Rs. 4-12. They are Piludra No. 13, Kánva No. 14, Káreli No. 15, Wante Káreli No. 16, and Aurangpur Timbi No. 28. Of these the assessment of Wante Kareli is raised 20 per cent. which will however be reduced to 13 per cent., after the application of the distance scales. There is no reason whatever to place the first four villages in a lower group. They comprise an area which is perhaps the most prosperous in the taluka. Aurangpur Timbi is not low-lying and has been therefore separated from the group of .water-logged villages. The remaining 34 villages belonged to the original second group. Their current rate is Rs. 5 , which is reduced by 4 annas under the proposed rate.
32. My second group consists of 7 villages which belonged to the original group II. It is proposed to reduce the maximum rate of these villages from Rs. 5 to Rs. 4. These villages are similar to those of the proposed group I. They have however fallen off considerably during the currency of the existing settlement. Their land revenue is collected with difficulty and the people are more heavily in debt than those of the surrounding part. Rao Sáheb Gopalji Gulabbhai, who is Mámlatdár of great experience and who has been in oharge of this taluka for the last two years, agrees with me that these villages are iu need of help in the form of a reduction in their assessment. Under the proposed arrangement they will be reduced by 12 per cent. If they were placed in the first group there would be a rise which is not considered derivable in their present reduced circumstances.
33. My thind group consists of all the 9 bárá villages of the original fourth . group and 15 others which are, though not bara, no better in condition than the coast villages. The maximum rate of bárá villages is reduced from Rs. 4 to Rs. 3-8.O. The assessment on this group is reduced from Rs. 95,129 to Rs. 72,854, including Rs, 5,015 due to re-classification. The application of the distance-fromvillage scales will effect a further reduction of about Rs. 5,000 . The condition of most of these villages is identical with that of the bárá villages of Vágra. Khán, pur De No. 49, Jahejpur alias Dolia No. 50, Islámpur No. 56 and Tankaria No. 51 , though not included originally in the bará group are similar in condition to the sea-coast tract. Their land is out up by salt water creeks and sweet water is obtainable only in wells dug in the bed of the village tank.
34. My last group consists of villages whioh are water-logged. I have applied a rate of Rs. 3 to this group. More than half the area of Government land of these villages is lying unoccupied (vide Appendix $Q^{n}$ ). Out of the total unoccupied area of 9,204 acres, there were in 1897-98 no less than 4,955 acres or 54 per cent. belonging to this group. There can be no doubt of the heaviness of the assessment when villages such as Kévá No. 80, Nadiád No. 76 and Kalak No 73 in close proximity to the town of Jambusar have more than half their areas lying uncultivated for the last many years. Under the proposed rate the assessment on this group will be reduced from Rs. 46,138 to Rs. 31,299. The application of distance scosles will cause a further reduction of about Rs. 1,700 .
35. The following table, which is an abstract of Appendix Q, compares the results of the original and the proposed rates. A column has been added to show the probable result after the application of distance scales. Another column has also been added to show the dearease due to re-classification as per paragraph 5 ;-

36. 'It will be observed that the current assessment on Government occupied area amounts to Rs. 4,10,472, which is now proposed to be reduced to Rs. $3,61,154$ or 12.01 per cent., including Rs. 5,205 due to re-classification. There will be a further decrease of about Rs. 15,600 after the application of distance-from-village scales, bringing up the total reduction to Rs. 64,920 or 15.82 per cent.
37. The total rice area of the táluka as shown in the statement given in

## Rice.

 pàragraph 8 is 3,243 acres under old rice and 1,099 acres under new rice. Of the former not less than 789 acresare lying unoccupied. The rice fields in this taluka are not embanked except in one or two villages such as Maghnád, Jantrán, \&o. In the unembanked felds the rice is drilled and not transplanted and is of inferior variety. The rice area under tank irrigation measures 1,718 acres.38. In the táluka under report, Káchá or Vádá lands are allowed free of Fádáa. assessment up to 10 gunthás. 1 would, therefore, recommend that the existing Vádás may be continued to the holders free of assessment up to 10 gunthás.
39. The usual reservation to Government of teak, sandalwood and blackwood trees will be declared at the time of announcing Trees. - the rates. Other trees growing in occupied land belong to the occupants.
40. In conclusion, I have the honour to recomGuarantee. mand that the rates, if sanctioned, may be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant, P. R. MEHTA, M.R.A.C.,
> Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát.

Through the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture.

APPENDIX 4.
Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Jambusar, District Broach, for the years 1898-98.

|  | Year. | Early rain (lat January to 10th April). |  | Ante Monsoon (11th April to 4th Jane). |  | Monsoon kharis (6th June to <br> 214th August). |  | Monscon Rabi <br> (15th Augnst <br> to 21 㫙 October) |  |  |  | $\therefore . \quad$ Total \% |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{Fall}_{4}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raing } \\ \text { day. } \end{gathered}$ | Fallu. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { daga. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall | Rainy | Fall. | Rning dayb. | Fall | Rainy *days. | Fall | Raing daya. |  |
|  |  | Inches. | No. | Inches. | - No: | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches, | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1888 |  | 0.62 | 2 | ... | ... | $\therefore 6.60$ | 10 | 0.06 | 9 | $\because 0.75$ | , 1 | 14.03 | . 22 | 7. |
| 1889 | ... - | ... | $\cdots$ | 0.55 | - 2 | 20.79 | 28 | . $6 \cdot 67$ | 14. | ... | ... | 28.01 | 42 | ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 1890 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 0.57 | 1 | 20:13 | 24 | 6.47 | 11 | 0.05 | .. $\%$ | 27.22 | 36 |  |
| 1891 | ... | $0 \cdot 13$ | 1 | ... | ... | $18 \cdot 57$ | 16 | 10.38 | 13 | ... | "... | 29.08 | 30 |  |
| 1892 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 0.65 | ¢11 | 21.00 | 23 | 16.33 | 20 | 0.02 |  | 38.00 | 44 | against Ap- |
| 1893 | ... | 0.22 . | 1 | 0.07 | ... | 39.53 | 26 | 6.61 | 15 | - 1.54 | 3 | 47.97 | 45 | the Vágra |
| - $189{ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | ... | - | ... | ... | $40 \cdot 48$ | 30 | 16.72 | 15 | 8.42 | 4 | $65 \cdot 62$ | 49 | Settlemert |
| 1895 | ... | ..- | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 20.73 | 29 | $2 \cdot 37$ | 7 | ${ }^{5} 0.68$ | + 1 | 23.78 | 37 | $\xrightarrow{-}$ |
| 1896 | ... | ..' | ... | ... | ... | 29.04 | 33 | $5 \cdot 42$ | $9 \times$ | $1.30 *$ | 1* | $35 \cdot 76$ | 43 |  |
| 1897 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16.04 | 17 | 11.00 | 19 |  |  | 27.04 | - 30 |  |
| * 1898 | ... | 1.07 | 1 | 0.11 | 1. | 39•87 | 23 | 970 | 15 | 0.05 |  | 50:80 | - 40 |  |
|  | Averago | 0.18 | 1 | 0.18 | 1 | $24.80^{\circ}$ | 23 | 8.80 | 13 | 1-16 |  | '35'21 | 89 |  |

APPENDIX B.


## APPENDIX D .

## Detail of Population according to Occupation by Percentages.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \&  \& \& circobruras Por \& ATION. \&  \& \& \& \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Non-AGbiodltubíl Population.} <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{.., Having intetest in Land.} \& \& Labourers, \& \& Total \& \& \& $\vdots$ \& Total <br>
\hline \& Landt sccupants cultivating. \& $$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Tennnts } \\
\text { and } \\
\text { sharera } \\
\text { cultivating. }
\end{gathered}
$$ \& Others. ${ }^{*} \begin{array}{r}r \\ \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& Fofn Servante. \& Field labourers and crop watchere, \& Total. \& Agricul tural Popalation. \& Crafte \&  \& Ls
Others.
$=$ \& agricultural Populetion, <br>
\hline 1 \& 2 \& 3 \& 45 \& 6 \& 7 \& 8 \& 9 \& 10 \& 11 \& $12 *$ \& $13^{*}$ <br>
\hline 2,135
.
. \& 15,142

1881

3 \& | $13,253^{\circ}$ |
| :---: |
| -16.30 | \&  \& 6,754

$* \quad 707$ \& 18,423

22.64 \& .$^{24,177}$ \& 66,215
81.38
$\square$ \& 2,180
2
268
$\%$ \&  \& 3,320
4008
$\cdots$ \& 15,147
4
18.62 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{12}{|r|}{} <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

Detail of Population according to Religion and Educalion."


- APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the Agricultural Stock:


## APPENDIX G

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, \&c., and Average Births, Deathe and Faccination.


APPENDIX H. ,
Statement of Schools together' with their average attendance.;
$\therefore$ (

Statement showing the proportion of Government occupied and Inam lands cultivated by Oocupants and Sub-tenants, \&ce.


Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks, and other sources of Water-supply.

| Numbar lagen: lagos. | Taluka, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | tanks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Oterbr bourois, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Romarka. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Tor Irrigation. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For drinklng } \\ \text { gupply of } \\ \text { humun boing } \\ \text { but not for } \\ \text { Irrigation. } \end{gathered}$ |  | For enttle and washing and othar puryosem rrigation or drinking supply of human belagu. |  | In dignmo. |  | Por Irrigatlon. |  | For drinklug cupply of nololy. |  |  |  | In diruso. |  | Por Irrigation. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For drinking } \\ & \text { supply of } \\ & \text { human bolng } \\ & \text { sololy. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | In dimuc, |  |  |
|  |  | Pakks. | Kacha. | Pakika. | Kanha. | Pakka. | Kacha. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pallon } \\ & \text { ln or } \\ & \text { lndin. } \\ & \text { ropaifr. } \end{aligned}$ | Othor | Pakks. | Kacha. | Pakka. | Kaoba | Pakka. | Kacha. |  | Othor | Pakka. | Kacha. | Pakka. | Eaoba. | Patha. | Kagha | Pak̃ka. | Keche. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | - | $\checkmark$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 91 | 88. | ${ }^{23}$ | 24 | 85 | ${ }^{86}$ | 87 |
| $86$ 85 | Jambuanr . $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1891.98 . . . \\ 1808.97 . . .\end{array}\right.$ | 884 244 | 8 5 | 874 898 | 11 7 | 167 180 | 10 22 | 88 98 | 18 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 5 30 | 948 995 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 15 | -.. |

## APPENDIX K.

An Absiract Statement showing ordinary Sales.


An Abstraet Statement showing Sales by Decrees of Courts.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{L}$.

An Abstract Statement shwing simple Morlgages.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{L}^{(1)}$.

Showing mortgages with possession.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the survey assessment for which land is sold, | Namber of cases. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { acreas } \\ \text { mortgaged. } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { assessment. }}{\text { Total }}$ | $\Delta$ verage rate of assebsment por acre. | Total sam for which mortgaged. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Averago rate } \\ & \text { fer acree } \\ & \text { for which } \\ & \text { mortgaged. } \end{aligned}$ | Average number of times the survey for which mortgaged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | A. g . | Rs, a. p. | Rs. an p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| Class I-1 to 10 times ... | 24 | 884 | 410140 | 4107 | 2,625 00 | 29126 | $6 \cdot 38$ |
| , II-11 to 25 , ... | 50 | 15330 | 79040 | 523 | 12,927-8 0 | $84 \quad 1 \quad 3$ | 16.37 |
| * III-26 to 50 , ... | 23 | 7430 | 363 \% 0 | 4139 | 11,490 00 | 153114 | 31-62 |
| " IV-51 to 100 , ... | 3 | 131 | 1200 | 6122 | 70500 | 397211 | 58.75 |
| , V-101 to 150 , ... | ... | . ${ }$ | ...... | $\cdots$ | ...... | ... | ... |
| Total ... | 100 | 31815 | 1,576 880 | $415 \quad 2$ | 27,747 8 8 0 | $87 \quad 2 \quad 5$ | $17 \cdot 60$ |

APPENDIX M.
An Abstract Statement showing Sub-lettinge.


## APPENDIX N.

## Statement showing the prices prevalent.



## APPENDIX 0 .

Revenue Statement for the Khálsa Villages situated in the Jambusar Táluka of the Broach Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1875-76.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


- APPENDIX Q.

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DIX $Q$.



## Q-continued.


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

Showing Area of Villages for Settlement, with Detaild.


## APPENDIX Q(1).

Showing Area of Villages for Settlement, with Details.


## APPENDIX Q ${ }^{(2)}$.

Comparative Statement showing Amount of old Well Kasar and new Subsoil Water Assessment.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Num. } \\ \text { ber. } \end{gathered}$ | Name of Villager | Subsoif mater abgrsmurit. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Criginal } \\ \text { rell } \\ \text { tasse. } \end{gathered}$ | Dry-crop. |  | New rice, |  | Old rice. |  | Garden. |  | Total |  |
|  |  |  | Areas. | Astess ment. | Area. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Assess. } \\ & \text { ment. } \end{aligned}$ | Area, | Assess. ment. | Area. | Asaessment, | Area. | Assessment. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 17 |
|  | Kasbe Jáni Páti <br> Kasbe Kambi Páti ... | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs. } \\ 189 \\ 19 \\ 17 \\ 27 \end{array}$ | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rg. | Acres. | R8. | Acres. | Rs, |
| 1 |  |  | 90 | 111 | ... | $\ldots$ | 20 | 18 | ... | ... | 110 | 129 |
| 2 |  |  | 57 | 73 | ... | ... | 6 | 5 | ... | . -0 | 63 | 78 |
| 7 | Ankhi ... ... |  | 24 | 14 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 14 |
| 9 | Uched ... |  | 16 | 18 | ... | ... | ... | ..0 | . | ... | 16 | 18 |
| 10 | Vávio.. |  | 54 | 42 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 54 | 42 |
| 11 | Dábha :... | 17 | 55 | 24 |  | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 | 24 |
| 12 | Gajera ... | 156 | 1,615 | 512 | 1 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . 0 | ... | 1,616 | 513 |
| 13 | Piludra ... | 71 | 462 | 186 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 1 | ... | ... | 483 | 194 |
| 14 | Kanva | 85 | 334 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | ... | ... | 345 | 77 |
| 15 | Káreli | 49 | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  | ... | ... | ... |  |  |
| 17 | Vedach | 72 | 1,052 | 332 | 111 | 30 | 9 | 3 | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,172 | 365 |
| 18 | Uber... ... ... | 3 | 17 | 13 | 5 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 | 10 |
| 19 | Valipur ... ... | 3 |  | - | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |  |  |
| 20 | Sárod ... ... | 2 | 6 | 3 | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 |
| 21 | Nadhna $\quad$... ... | - 31 | 328 | 151 | 101 | 37 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 429 | 188 |
| 22 | Amanpur Motu ... | 2 | 4 | 4 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 4 | 4. |
| 24 | Bhodar ... no. | 9 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... |  |  | $\ldots$ | ... | .. |  |  |
| 25 | Kalmad. | 99 | 94 | 101 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | ... | $\ldots$ | 99 | 106 |
| 30 | Náhár $\quad .$. | 26 | 38 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | ... | ... | 47 | 13 |
| 31 | Kavi Musalmán Páti | 83 | 86 | 32 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 104 | 40 |
| 32 | Kavi Hindu Páti ... | 56 | 32 | 18 | 6 | 4 | $\cdots$ |  | ... | *.. | 38 | 20 |
| 35 | Runád ... | 83 | 92 | 35 | 13 | 3 | 16 | 5 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 121 | 43 |
| 36 | Kimoj ... | 8 | $\because$ | - | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$. | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |  |  |
| 39 | Dehegam ... | 16 | 24 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 6 |
| 42 | Bojadra ... |  | 39 | 14 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 | 14 |
| 45 | Umra ... | 12 | 6 | 5 | ... | - | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 5 |
| 46 | Nobar . ... ... | 134 | 136 | 108 | 3 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | 139 | 109 |
| 47 | Rampur ... | 22 | 31 | 14 | 1 | 1 | - |  | ... | ... | 32 | 15 |
| 48 | Samoj . ... | 44 | - 146 | 55 | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | ... | ... | 152 | 58 |
| 51 | Tankáriz ... ... | 12 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | - |
| 60 | Devia ... | 5 | $\cdots$ | ... | .-. | $\cdots$ | ..' | ... | ... | ... | .. | $\ldots$ |
| 61 | Sindhav | 9 | $\cdots$ | ... | .. | - | .. | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 63 | Bhadkodra | 13 | $\cdots$ |  | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |  |  |
| 65 | Chidra | 24 | 47 | 22 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | .-. | ... | ... | 47 | 22 |
| 66 | Jhámdi ` ... ... | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... | .-. | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ |
| 70 | Dildostpur alias Kaliari. | 2 | ... | ... | .. | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | -. | $\cdots$ | . | ... |
| 73 | Kalak | 1 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... |  |  | $\cdots$ | -* |  |  |
| 80 | Káva... | 67 | $\cdots$ |  | ... | ... | 7 | 2 | ... | $\cdots$ | 7 | 2 |
| 85 | Jantran | 26 | 1 | 1 | ... | $\cdots$ | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | 4 | 2 |
|  | Total .. | 1,464 | 4,886 | 1,977 | 275 | 97 | 97 | 46 | .. | ... | 5,258 | 2,120 |

## APPENDIX R:

## No. $228 \ddagger$ of 1876.

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department.
Camp Igatpuri, 27th March 1876.


#### Abstract

Sir, I have the honour to forward a very able report by Mr. Beyts, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, on the re-assessment of the Jambusar Taluka of Broach. The Survey and Settlement Commissioner and the Collector record memos. on the same subject, which are


 also appended.2. The Superintendent has given an interesting account of the early history of the taluka, its geography, soil, climate, and agricaltural products, and a variety of statistical information, which it is needless to reproduce, for it has already been embodied in the remarks of the Survey Commissioner and Collector. It would only add to the bulk of this already too voluminous report, withont conveying any additional information. I will at once address myself to the proposed rates of assessment.
3. I had charge of the Jambusar Taluka for nearly five years, at a period when Assistant Collectors were compelled by circamstances to make themselves more familiar with their district than is possible at the present time, when the tenure of office only lasts for a few months. I can therefore vouch for the accuracy of Mr. Beyts' description of the taluka, and for the judgment he has shown in the grouping of its villages according to their fertility and proximity to markets.
4. The best test of the fairness of an assessment is the progress of cultivation under it combined with a consideration of the average prices of produce. I will therefore endeavour to show the revenue that has been paid by this taluka, at various periods, during the last centary.
5. The Jambusar Taluka was held by the British Government from A.D. 1778 to 1783 as security for a debt of 12 lalkhs due by the Peishwa; we have information for only one year of that period, A.D. 1776, when the revenue amounted to Rs. 2,$86 ; 000$; the area under cultivation in that period is not on record.
6. In 1803 the táluka was returned to the Peishwen and held by him till 1817, when it was formally ceded to the British Government by the Treaty of Poona.
7. During this period (from 1808 to 1817) the revenue averaged Rs. $3,82,488$, and in the first four years of a return to British rule the average was Rs. $3,19,769$, the total area at this period was 221,337 acres from 86 villages (one village of 2,722 acres has since been added to the taluka) ; but, as we have no information of the area under cultivation at this period, we cannot arrive at the incidence of the assessment per acre.
8. Whatever the rates were, they remained anchanged till 1837, when Mr. Vibart revised and increased them very considerately. He divided the villages into two classes, Gorat and Black soil. In the former his rates were-


Black Soil Rates.


A kumbha is 2 per cent. less than an acre, and these rates redaced to acres would be as follows:-

## Gorat Villages.

| 1st Class villagen | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Rs. | -10 | 9 | 0 | to Rs. | 8 | 2 | 10 | per acre. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Black Soil Villages.

9. The average realizations under Vibart's settlements from 1838 to 1847 were Rs. $4,02,261$. But the effect of the enhanced assessment wes most disastrous. Almost coincident with the increase imposed by Mr. Vibart, there occurred a fall in the price of agricultaral produce, and especially of cotton, which is the staple produce of the taluka, and the result was that cultivation declined, and notwithstanding that large remissions were granted every season, outstanding balances accumulated, till in 1847 they amounted to Rs. 28,000.
10. It was evident that a reduction of the Government demand was required to save the district from ruin; and after a very careful enquiry Mr. J. M. Davies, who was then Collector of Broach, redaced the rates as follows :-

Gorat Villages.


Black Soil Villages.


Reduced to acres the rates were as follows:-
Gorat Villages.

| 1st Class villages ... |  |  | $\ldots$ | ... | Re. 714 | 10 to Rss | 210 | 3 per acre |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2nd } \\ & \text { 8rd } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do. } \\ & \text { do. } \end{aligned}$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots 6$ | 5 to „ 3 | 3210 | do. |
|  |  | ... | ... | ... | \% 6 | 6 to " | 210 | do. |
|  |  |  | Black Soil Fillages. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1st Class villages |  |  | ..* | ... | Re. 518 | 0 to Rs. 2 | 2103 | 3 per acre. |
| 2nd | do. | ... | - | ... | " 64 | 6 to m | 110 | do. |
| 3 rd | do. | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | " 4 | 7 to ${ }_{20} 2$ | 2110 | - da |

The effect of these rates was to reduce the assessment by Rs. 77,550 on the kumal of 1847, or by Rs. 51,921 on the average realizations of the past decade, and Rs, 28,000 was written off as irrecoverable.
11. A reaction immediately set in, and the present prosperons state of the district dates from Mr. Davies' settlement, which was introduced in 1849. The figares from this year to 1855 are not given, but in paragraph 71 of the Superintendent's report there is a statement of the cultivated area, the rental, the remissions, and collections for the last twenty years, which shows that the area of cultivated Government land has increased from 79,614 acres in 1855 to 89,126 acres in 1874-75, or 113 per cent., while the revenue on the same lands has risen from Rs. $2,28,740$ to Rs. $3,70,114$, or $61 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent., while remissions have almest disappeared, being about per cent. on the demand, and that chiefly on account of destruction of crops by locusts in the Bara or coast villages.. The taluka has at the same time increased in population 26 per cent., and in all the elements of agricultaral wealth in nearly the same proportion. Details will be found in paragraphs 73 to 79 of the Superintendent's report.
12. During the same period prices of wheat, jowari, and rice have increased 30, 46.87, and $54 \cdot 65$ per cent. respectively, and cotton $63 \cdot 39$ per cent., while the Bombay and Baroda Railway traverses the adjoining talluka of A'mod, and a made rosd is in course of construction, connecting Jambusar with the Pálej Railway Station and with the large market of Broach. Wheat, which is so largely produced in the Bara villages, has found its way to the Earopean markets, and takes its place as an important article of export, so that there is no longer any possibility of its becoming a drug in the local markets, as was the case when the country was closed to all trade or trafic after the first fall of rain.
13. Having thus endeavoured to show what have been the burdens of the taluka for the past century and how it has borne them, I will proceed to consider the rates to be imposed for the next thirty years, but, before doing so, I will give below the rates that have been already fixed for the other tálukas of Broach :-

> Maximum Dry Crop Rates.

14. I have already expressed my concurrence in the grouping of villages proposed by Mr. Beyts, and I am glad to observe that it has also the approval of the Surrey Commiar sioner.

The following are the rates proposed by Mr, Beyts :-
Maximum Dry Crop Rates.

| 1 ot Class, containing 8 villages |  |  |  |  | - | ... |  | $5-8$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | ** | ... | * | 5 |
| Srd do. | do. | 32 | do. | - | $\ldots$ | ... | $\%$ | 41 |
| 4th do. | do. | 9 | do. | ... | ** | ** | 2 | + |

It will be observed that they are identical with those imposed on the adjoining talukas of ${ }^{\prime} \bmod$ and Wagra.
15. The first olass includes the two quarters of the town of Jambusar, which, though* practically one, have always been treated as separate villages. Mr. Vibart's maximum rate on these two villages was Rs. 14 per kambha. Mr. Davies reduced it to Rs. 10 per kumbha, and the Superintendent now suggests Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per acre, but he explains that this rate
calculated on a soil classification of 24 annas will virtually amount to Rs. $8 \frac{1}{4}$, and though he admits that these villages have hitherto paid a rate of Rs. $10-9$ per acre, withont difficulty, he defends the reduction on the ground of the necessity of preserving aniformity, and adhering to the theoretical principles of the sarvey system. I do not atlach much importance to aniformity or the theory of the Survey. The highest authority of the Survey Department has already, with the approval of Government, abandoned theoretical accuracy. However, a maximum rate of Rs. 81 with'an average of Rs. 6-3-4 on the town of Jambusar raises the revenue by $8 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., but the Survey has discovered 827 acres of cultivated land which has been fraudulently held in excess (wadhara) of that hitherto assessed. The revenue on this land, Rs. 5,133 , added to the 84 per cent., raises the percentage of increase to 32 per cent. These two villages have paid a Rs. 10-9 rate for the last twenty years, without remissions, and without outstanding balances, and with a subletting rate of double that amount. I shoald therefore have hesitated, considering the great increase of prices in that period, to consent to any reduction for the sake of the theoretical principles of the survey, but the fraudulent enjoyment of this 827 acres of land must have greatly assisted the Bhagdars in paying the high rate of Rs. 10-9, and as they will be now deprived of the benefit of the light rates imposed on grass lands by Davies' settlement, I think the increase of $8 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. will be sufficient.
16. - On the second class of 42 villages a maximum rate of Rs. 5 with an average of Rs. 5-2-9, due to the 24 -anna scale, raises the revenue by 17 per cent., reduced to 12 per cent. by allowance for mileage ; but, as this includes Rs. 9,621 on 1,817 acres of excess (wadharre) land, the real increase is only 11.03 per cent., which, considering the rise of prices and the improvements of communications, is very trifling.
17. A maximum rate of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ with an average of Rs. 4-1-1 on the 32 villages of the third class raises the revenue $11 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cent., which will be reduced to $6 \frac{1}{2}$ by the mileage scale, but Rs. 4,088 is derived from 1,036 acres of wadhára, the real increase is therefore only $7 \cdot 14$ per cent.
18. The fourth class are assessed at a maximum rate of Rs. 4 with an average of Rs. 8-1-7. This rate increases the revenue t per cent., but Rs. 1,579 is derived from 504 acre of wadhéra, so that, really, there is a decrease of $3 \cdot 68$ per cent. Wheat is the great staple of these villages, and, if the season should he unfavourable for this crop, the cultivator has nothing to fall back upon, for the season is then too far advanced for any other crop. The villages of this class have received the greater part of the remissions that have been granted in the last twenty years. Bearing this fact in mind therefore, and that the adjoining villages in Wagra are assessed at Rs. 4, a higher rate would be inconsistent and tend to perpetuate the pernicious system of remissions which has hitherto been found indispensable.
19. There is a great deal of what is called Akasia rice grown in this taluka, that is, rice grown without irrigation intermixed with dry crops. The rice irrigated from tanks is only 3,324 aores, and the water rates proposed are the sime as in the other talukas of Broach, evir., Re. 1 lower than the soil-rate. Hitherto the average rate for irrigated rice has been Rs. $5-10.8$ per acre, the new rates will raise the average to Rs. $6-0-8$, and the revenue from Rs. 16,755 to Rs. 20,088, or 16.59 per cent., but Rs. 2,217-4-9 of this is due to 367 acres of wadhára.
20. The garden rates imposed by Mr. Vibart were Rs. 24 per kumbha (2 per cent less than an acre). Mr. Davies reduced the rate to a maximum of Rs. 12 per kumbha, and an average of Res. 9-13-2, which was assessed on only 107 acres. The survey finds 860 acres of garden land under 226 wells, and the Superintendent proposes to impose a well kasar or Rs. 24 per kos or leather bag for drawing water. He finds that this rate will give an average of Re. $7 \frac{3}{4}$ and return a revenue of Rs. 6,587 . Without entering on an elaborate dissertation on the correct principles of taxation, I may state briefly that I do not approve of this mode of taxing wells, for it is calculated to discourage their use. I think therefore that the system which has been sanctioned for Khandesh and Nasik should be applied to Jambusar, viz, to impose no separate water-rate for wells, but to take the highest soil rate of the class to which the village belongs, via., Rs. $5 \frac{1}{5}$, Rs. 5, Rs. 41 and Rs. 4, according to the class of the village, as the Superintendent's average is only Rs. 7s. It is probable the lower rates I propose will give such on impulse to well caltivation that a larger revenue will be the result.
21. With this modification I think the rates proposed by the Superintendent and approved of by the Survey Commissioner are reasonable, and may be sanctioned by Government.
22. Making a slight allowance for the modification of well assessment I have proposed above, the result will be to raise the revenue from Rs. $3,70,401$ to Rs. $4,24,202$, or $14 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., with a prospective increase of Rs. 12,250 from the cultivation of waste lands. Of this increase Rs. $5 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cent. is due to the assessment of waduara and Rs. 9 to a real onhancement of the rental.
23. If the figares in paragraph 25 of the Superintendent's report are to be depended upon, it appears that the Government demand on the cultivation of 1875 amounted to about one-sixth of the produce, but it is hardly possible that these data can be correct. The progress of the taluka in the accumulation of wealth could hardly have been mo uniform and satiofactory
as it has been if Government had taken se large a share of the produce as one-sixth. The fact is, we have not yet carried out the enquiries on the produce per acre sufficiently long or over a sufficiently large area to enable us to calculate the average produce with any decree of accuracy.
24. It appears to me that this is not the proper place to discuss the Japtikherut or tenant-right question. I therefore abstain from any remarks, except to say that it is one of the most important questions of the day, and demands the first attention of Government in the Legisiative Department.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,<br>\title{ L. R. ASHBURNER, }<br>Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 332 or 1876.
To
Ter Revenue commissioner; N. D.

Camp Fágra, 8th February-1876.

SIR,
I have the honour to forward a report, No. 88 of the 28th altimo (received on the 3rd instant), from the Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assesement, Gujarát, proposing rates of assessment for the Jambusar Taluka. As Mr. Beyts is anxious that this report should reach Colonel Francis before he leaves for Sind, I will be as brief as possible in my remarks.
2. The A'sarsa (not Asarwá) reclamation scheme referred to in Mr. Beyts' paragraph 14 has received the sanction of Government, and in other parts of the district tracts of greater or smaller extent are being reclaimed by private individuals.
3. The evil referred to in paragraph 15 might doubtless be remedied and rendered, as Mr. Beyts observes, "a source of much benefit to the taluka," but the Public Works Department works so expensively, that experiments are only justifiable when more than ordinary talent and not merely that "pervading the department" is brought to bear on them.
4. The fact mentioned in paragraph 28 , as to the State demand in this táluka having been hitherto about one-sixth of the gross produce, is important, as bearing on the question as to the extent the rates will bear being increased. The fact stated in paragraph 35, as to the value of the chief products being double what it was in 1855-56, and in the case of cotton treble, is also deserving of careful consideration.
5. In paragraphs 52 to 62 the Japti-kherut tenure and the position of Japti-kheruts to the Bhagdárs is treated of at length, and the views of the Sub-Collector and of the Collector of Surat on the subject expressed to the Revenue Commissioner in 1867 are quoted, Mr. Beyts' own views being expressed in paragraph 60. The opinion of Colonel Prescott on the general question of customary tenants is also quoted.
6. While agreeing generally in Mr. Beyts' views and concurring with him, Colonel Prescott and Mr. Hope as to the necessity (or at all events the desirableness) of legislation to define and determine the position and rights of Japti-kheruts, I am of opinion that the question in its legal bearing might, with advantage, be referred, in the first instance, for the opinion of the Legal Remembrancer.
7. From paragraph 77 you will observe that "the occapante of Government land do sublet portions of their holdings to annual tenants for double and, in some instances, treble the rates of assessment now in force" -a fact I brought to the notice of Government on the occasion of the survey rates being introduced into another táluka (that of Broaeh, if I remember rightly,) as furnishing a reason for increasing the assessment over that recommended by the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.
8. You will also observe from paragraph 79, that Mr. Beyts bears out what, I informed Government in my last-but-one administration report as to the indebtedness of the ryots in this district having nothing to do with the incidence of the survey assessment. Indecd, as pointed out in that report, this fact was virtually admitted by the people of a village in the Amod Taluka more deeply in debt, perhaps, than any other in the district.
9. Paragraph 85 to 101 of Mr . Beyts' report treat of the grouping of the 84 villages of the taluka and the rates proposed for each group. As respects the first group containing two villages only, I quite concur in the opinion expressed in paragraph 89 that "the increase ( $8 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) by the proposed rate is an exceedingly moderate enhancement of the State demand." The underlining is mine, it appearing to me doubtful whether Mr. Beyts has shown sufficient reason for lowering by Rs. $1 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per acre the rate imposed by Mr. Davies, the champion of the then groaning ryot.
10. In regard to the fourth group, containing the Bara villages, I think that Rs. 4 per acre is perhaps a sufficiently high rate ; but it seems to me that the rates proposed for the second and third groups might be enhanced somewhat (say to Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ and Re. 5, respectively,) without pressing at all severely on the people.
11. The distribution of the villages into the different groups appears to me to have been effected with sound judgment. The rice and garden rates are exceedingly moderate.
12. On the whole, looking to the prosperous condition of the taluka, to the undoubted fertility of its soil, and to the facts of the great rise in the value of its principal products since 1855-56, and of the subletting of land at double and even treble the assessment, I think I may confidently assert that the taluka has certainly not been over-assessed according to Mr. Beyts' proposals.
13. In conclusion, I beg to draw attention to Mr. Beyts' suggestion that his report should not be printed, and to solicit the early orders of Government on the proposed rates, and treatment of the Japti-kherut question. I beg further to request that the report and its accompaniments may be returned to me after the orders of Government have been passed on them, to enable me to have them copied-a process which, if carried out now by my small English establishment, would occupy a considerable time, and so oceasion mach delay in their submission.

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

Collector.
(Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.)

No. 306 of 1876.
Revende Depabtment.
Ahmednagar.District,
Sangamner, $21_{\text {st }}$ February 1876.

The Acting Superintendent has given a full account of the district. We gather from his remarks that, as regards natural features and capabilities, it is divided into two main tractsdiffering materially from each other in the above respects-and separated by an intermediate tract partaking more or less of the characteristics of both.
2. The first of these main divisions, and which the Acting Superintendent calls the Kanam Division, comprises the tract of country lying on the north and east side of the district. It is carefully enclosed, well wooded, and composed almost entirely of the rich Marwa or Goraru soil. The houses even in the agricultural villages are two and three stories high; while in its general character it assimilates to the best parts of the Nadiad and Borsad Talukas of the Kaira Collectorate.
3. The other main division, comprising the south-west corner of the district and called the "Bara," is composed of a tract of black soil, generally impregnated with Khar, and terminating in a salt Runn on the sea and river banks. It is open, devoid of trees, and a marked difference in the appearance and general condition of the villages is observable, as compared with those of the Kanam tract.
4. The intermediate tract, known as the Ninbhara country, is composed of a fertile black soil, containing a mixture of Goraru in some places, and impregnated with salt in others, where it borders on the Bara. It produces good wheat crops and fair cotton, except in the parts where the soil is tainted with salt, and there, as in the Bara Proper, cotton is never grown. These three divisions, as, will be noticed in the sequel, constitute the main groups by which the Acting Superintendent's rates are regulated.
5. Besides the pargana settlement introduced in the beginning of British rule, the revenue system of the district has undergone two subsequent revisions by revenue officers. The first revision, which was effected by Mr. Vibart in 1836-37, resulted in a considerable increase in the pargana standard of assessment. Owing, however, to the steady fall in prices, which occurred shortly after, Mr. Vibart's rates were found to be too high, cultivation fell off, arrears of revenue began to accumnlate, and after the lapse of about twelve years Mr. J. Davies was called upon to undertake the revision of former officer's settlement.
6. The Acting Superintendent gives a full account Mr. Davies' revision, supplementing his remarks with extracts of the Government orders upon it. No fresh survey of the land was made by Mr. Davies, and he also maintained the three classes of Awal, Doem, and Seem, into which the soil had been originally apportioned under the pargana settlement. The condition
and capabilitien of each village were carefully enquired into, and after considering all the circumstances of the case he proposed a reduction in Mr. Vibart's assessment, amonnting altogether to Rs. 77,550. His proposals were approved of by Government, and the assessment as then fixed has remained in force from 1848-49 to the present time.
7. Considering the condii ion of the district and the depressed state of prices, there can be no doubt the reduction effected by Mr. Davies was urgently called for at the time. The rates fixed by him have now, however, become most favourable for the cultivator owing to the great rise in prices which has subsequently taken place, and we have to consider what increase of assessment should now be made on that account, as well as for other general reasons affecting our survey settlements.
8. But before taking up the more immediate question of the rates proposed by Mr. Beyta, I would refer to the statistical information furnished in the 73rd and following paragraphs of his report. The Census and other returns, it will be seen, embrace an interval of of twenty-three years, being nearly the full period during which Mr. Davies' nettlement has been in force. We may assume therefore, in a general way, that the comparative results show the improvements that have taken place daring the currency of that officer's settlement.
9. On referring to the comparative staternents given by Mr. Beyts, we find that the material improvement in the distriot daring the interval alluded to is indicated by an increase of 一
$26 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in population,

| $22 \frac{3}{4}$ | do. | houses, |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $96 \frac{3}{2}$ | do. | tanks, |
| $21 \frac{1}{2}$ | do. | wells, |
| $2 \frac{1}{2}$ | do. | plonghs, |
| $35 \frac{1}{2}$ | do. | under the head of other animals, and |
| $11 \frac{3}{4}$ | do. | cultivated area. |

On the other hand, however, we have to note a decrease of -
17ł per cent.in carts,

| 64 | do. | cows, |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $21 \frac{1}{2}$ | do. | oxen, |
| 83 | do. | buffaloes. |

10. Mr. Beyts considers this decrease to be due to fanlty enumeration, observing "that as the population and cultivated area have increased to the extent shown, it must follow that carts and oxen, \&c.; must have likewise increased proportionately." This inference may probably be generally correct ; but at the same time it may be questioned, whether the openong of the railway and diminution of traffic to the Tankara and Degam Bandars has not had some effect in bringing about the dimination of carts. And the same causes may have affected the stock of oxen to some extent in the same way, but they would have little to do with cows, the diminution in the number of which is remarkable. The decrease of pastarage area by the cultivation of the former waste lands may have tended to bring about a diminution in the number of milch-kine, but the large falling off of above 64 per cent. in cows is not to be accounted for in this way, and faulty enumeration, as indicated by Mr. Beyts, seems to be the chief canse of it.
11. According to the information given in para. 76, the occupancy right of land fetohes only about Res. 50 per acre. This certainly appears to me to be a small price for land in exch a fertile and popalous district as Jambusar. Mr. Beyts thinks it is less than its real market value, and that the result of his auction sales of waste to be made at the introduction of the rates will bear out his view. Meanwhile we may consider that the information now before us is not sufficient to enable us to form a proper opinion on the subjeot.
12. As opposed, moreover, to the fact of land being of such little value, we find it is sublet for double and treble the present rates of assessment. Aftar commenting on this subject Mr. Beyts sums up his pemarks regarding the condition of the cultivating classes in the following terms:-
"From the foregoing facts it may be safely asserted that the taluka is in a highly prosperous condition-a condition clearly indicated by the well-clothed and healthy appearance of the cultivating classes, their substantial houses and abundance of stock."
13. In his 85th para., Mr. Beyts enters upon the question of the grouping and rates he proposes to adopt for the district. It will be seen that he proposes to divide it into four groups. The first may be said to be a special group, as it includes only the two villages, comprising the - lands of the kasba town of Jambusar. The other three are generally made up according to the three divisions of fertility into which the district is naturally divided, as explained in a previous paragraph, combined with market advantages. The first of them, for instance, comprising 42 villages, which is Mr. Beyta second group, includes the tract in which the rich Goraru soil prevails. His third group comprises the Nimbhara tract, and his fourth is composed of nine vilJage日, situated in the purely Bara portionof the taluka.
14. There are a few cases in which this general grouping has been departed from. The first is that noticed in (para. 94) in which the four villages, margipally named, have been put into the third, or Nimbhara group. It will be scen from the map that they are outlying villages in the extreme north-eastern corner of the taluka; and in consideration of their distance from market, and for other stated reasons Mr. Beyts has put them into the third in "place of the second group, to which they naturally belong.
15. The next exceptional case is that of Tankária and its adjoining village of Islampur, which, though situated in the Bara tract, have been raised to the third in place of the fourth group, on account of the bandar and market at the former place. These exceptional cases have been judiciously selected, and the grouping generally has, in my opinion, been correctly done.
16. The following are the maximum rates proposed for each group, viz.: -


Mr. Beyts represents his maximum rate for Gorarn soil to be Rs. $8 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per acre; but a 24 anna scale on which the classification was effected would make the rate only Rs. $8-4$ with the adoption of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ maximum as given above. Mr. Davies' rate for this soil in the same two villages as are included in our present first group was Rs. 10 per acre. But as Mr. Beyts' proposals will effect an increase of 32 per cent. on existing fayments, it is evident the higher class of rate adopted at the former seitlement could have been but sparingly applied. The Goraru soil of these villages is excecdingly fertile no doubt; but judging from the information obtained from the Acting Superintendent as to the manner in whichits classification was effected, I consider his proposed rate to be quite high enough Nominally it is a considerable reduction on the rates of the two former settlements, but it must be borne in mind that the cultivator in those cases, as explained by Mr. Beyts, had the benefit of a light grass land rate, whereas no concession of the kind will be made under the new settlement to be now introduced.
17. The percentage increase for the several groups ranges, it will be seen, from 32 in the first to $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. in the last, being 17 in the second and $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the third group. This apportionment of the increase accords, in my opinion, with the capabilities of the respective villages. It may be thought, perhaps, that ecme increase might be made to the assessment of the last group. But, as pointed out by Mr. Beyts, this and the Nimbhara tract comprise the part of the district where the crops fail occasionally, and the remissions hitherto given have been confired to the villages of these two groups.
18. Judging also from general enquiries, it seemed to be the opinion of the people of the district, that the existing rates in this tract were relatively higher than those obtaining elsewhere, and should not be increased. I would accordingly record my strong support to Mr. Beyts' proposals for the Bara villages, as also to the settlement as a whole, which, it will he seen, is estimated to effect an increase of $14 \frac{1}{2}$ fer cent. in precent fayments.
19. In discussing his rice land rates, $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}}$. Beyts explains that but little regular rice cultiParac. 97-99. Vation in banded or embanked fields is to be met with; that there are no irrigation tanks, and that where rice is grown it is mostly as a mixed crop in Jirayet land. There are, however, 3,324 acres which have been classed as rice land, and to which he proposes to apply a water-rate to be fixed at 1 rupee below the soil-rate of the village, and added to the latter. In villages consequently where the 5 rupees maximum sate is fixed, the combired soil and water-rate for rice will be Ras 9 per acre.
20. Mr. Beyts estimates that the assesment calculated in this way will amount altogether to Rs. $£ 0,088$, ard that the average rate will ke about 6 per acre. The Collector appears to think the rate is low, but considerirg the indifferent character of the cultivation, in my opinion it is quite as high as it should be.
21. The rates for well garden lands, which are explained nnder the paragraphs marginally
paras. 100 and 101. $\quad$ noted, appear to me to be moderate, as they give an average rate

Paras. 100 and 101. of only Rs. 73 per acre.
22. The geneial effect of the proposals under all heads, as shown by the tabulated statement in Iara. 102, is to raise the askesement of the district from Rs. $3,70,404$ to Rs. 4,24,201, the difference of Rs. 53,797 being equivalent to an increase of $14 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. There is also a prospective revenue of about Rs. 12,250 from waste lands after providing free grazing allotments, the lands of which, the Acting Superintendent explains, are incladed ander the Rs. 32,043 , shown as the full assessment of the waste lands of the district.
23. The Collector seems to think the proposed enhancement is very moderate, and that

Parns. 7 and 8 of Collector'a letter. ralue of the gross prens. $4 \frac{1}{2}$. But, if we refer to Mr. Betys' statement, showing the gress preduce of the district, we find that he estimates the present assessment to be about one-sixth of the produce. He is careful certainly to explain that his "estimate may в 1765-9
be considered to be well under the mark," and I should certainly take it to be so, as othervis9 his proposed increase could not safely be imposed. Prices, it is true, have risen from 100 to 150

Para. 89 of Report. per cent. since Mr. Davies settlement was introduced, but this mate of the value of the produce, which is not calculated on the prices of that period, but of those now ruling in the markets of the district. It appears to me that these circumstances affecting the pressure of the present assessment have not been sufficiently considered by the Collector in adrocating an increase on Mr. Beyts' proposel assessmant, which, in my opinion, is calculated to provide a suitable enhancement of our present revenue domand.
24. Mr. Bzyts has entered into a long discussion upon the rights of the Japti-kheruts in Kasba Jambusac and the village of IKafi. Tae case is very clear as regards the latter village, for, as the kheruts have paid reyularly according to the fixed rats of assessm3nt, and a record of these payments is forthooming, thiy may corta:aly bs now eatered as regalar khátedárs of the land held by them, as auggested by the Collector.
25. But the case is different with regard to th3 Japti-kherats of the kasba. Thair receipt books show that in many cagzs they have been puying the Biágdárs higher rates that were fixed by Mr. Davies in 1848, anl there are aaid to be cajes in which the Civil Courts have passed decrees in favour of the claim to the higher rate made by the Bhágdars. Mr. Beyts, however, proposes that the settlement made by Mr. Davies should hold good, and would accordingly restore the Japti-kherats, who are now paying higher rates, to the original position accorded to them under that officer's settlemant. Bat, in my opinion, such only of the Japti-kherats as have continued paying Mr. Davies' rates ahould, as with the village of Kavi, be recorded as khátedars at the fixed survey rates, whilst those who are now found to be

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to Report. paying more than that officer's rates, and claim to pay according to Report. to the latter in future, should be referred to the Civil Coart, in accordance with the orler passed by the Revenue Commissioner in 1870.
26. In conclusion, I would observe that Mr. Beyts appasirs to be entitled to credit for the careful and complete manner in which he has placed the whole question of the settlement of this district before us.

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& \\
& \text { J. FRANCIS, Colonel, } \\
\text { Survay and Sestlement Commissioner, N. D. } \\
\text { (Through the Revonue Comnissi oner, N. D.) }
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No. 86 of 1876.
To
J. G. White, Esquire, Collector of Broach.

Superintendent's Office, Camp Jambusar, 20 th January 1876.

## Sir,

In complisnce with Resolution of Governmant, No. 4973 of the 26th August last, I have the honour to propose rates of assessment for the Jambasar Taluka of the Broach District, showing the estimated financial effect, and beg you will forward the sams at your earliest convenience through the Survey and Seftlemont and Rovenue Comnissioners, N. D., for the orders of Government.
2. I have been unable to submit this report earlier because there were many points on whioh I wished to satisfy myself by personal enquiry in the taluka; and the delay has b3en so far fortunate that it has given Government tha advantage of the advice I received from the Survey Commissioner who joined my camp before the Christmas holidays.
3. I will premise by a brief physical sketch of the tract to be operated on.
4. It is most compact in form, having no intermisture of foreign villages so common in

Position and form, Guzerat; it has, moreover, no outlying villages. Is contained Cambay on the west, and the Dhadhar river on the south-the neck of the peninsula being its eastern boundary adjacent to Baroda territory. It faces Cambay territory and the Borsad Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate lying on the north side of the Mahi, and th; A'mod Talukz lying south of the Dhadhar. Its extreme length from Bojadra-east-to Málpor-west-is 24 miles, and its breadth from K\{ri-north-io Tankario-nouth- 17 miles.
5. The táluka contains 87 villages, two of which are Inim. The khalsa area is $367 \frac{21}{6} \frac{1}{8} \overline{8}$ square miles, and the area of the two Inam villages $5 \frac{13}{3} \frac{3}{4} 8$ square

[^8]miles, the total area being $373 \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{8}{ }^{8}$ squ
the survey in the following manner :-

| Desoription of Land. | Govamaxamx. |  | Alidxatid. |  | Totas. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Numbern. | Ames, | Numbers. | Acros. | Numbers, | Acres. |
| Occupied- <br> Dry.crop $\qquad$ *.. $\qquad$ <br> Garden <br> Rice <br> $\cdots \quad \cdots \quad \cdots$ | 22,968 | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}88,741 \cdot 84 \\ 880 \cdot 86 \\ 8,396 \cdot 16\end{array}\right.$ | 17,259 | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}65,730 \cdot 6 \\ 971 \cdot 28 \\ 1,228 \cdot 3\end{array}\right.$ | 40,227 | $154,472 \cdot 0$ $1,252 \cdot 24$ $4,554 \cdot 19$ |
| Total ... | 22,968 | 92,949•6 | 17,269 | 67,329.37 | 40,227 | 160,279 3 |
| Onoccupied Cultarable Waste- <br> Dry-crop <br> Garden <br> te $t=0$ <br> 4th 4 <br> - 4 •禺 <br> Rice ... <br> ... | 1,731 | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}10,480 \cdot 8 \\ 6 \cdot 6 \\ 15.5\end{array}\right.$ | ...... | ...... | 1,731 | $10,480.3$ 5.0 15.5 |
| Total | 1,731 | 10,500'8 | ....'* | ..."• | 1,731 | 10,500•8 |
| . Unculturable waste divided into numbers ... <br> Village sites, rivers, tauks, roads, \& C | - 1,435 | 54,635•35 9,685•22 | .0.0... | ........ | 1,435 | $\begin{array}{r} 54,635 \cdot 35 \\ 9,688 \cdot 22 \end{array}$ |
| Grand Total | 26,194 | 167,778:31 | 17,259 | 67,329•37 | 48,398 | 235,103 28 |

* 6. The " Hissávár," or subsidiary share-measurement now in progress, will most likely make some slight difference in the occupied and unoccupied area, which will, however, be corrected in the final report. The most noticeable point in the above statement is the fact that considerably gress. ied area is alienated, the alienees for the most part being likewise more than half of the occupied ar

7. This taluka formed part of the lands handed over in A.D. 1773 by the Peshwa Date of accession. Rughunath Rao to the English. They were continued to the British under the terms of the Treaty of Purandhar as security for the payment of the sum of 12 lakhs which the Marátha Government agreed to pay to the Honourable Company. As this payment was never made, Jambusar remained under the British till A.D. 1783, when it was ceded to the Peshwa. The taluka continued in the possession of the Marathás till A.D. 1817, when it was formally annexed to the British Empire by the Treaty of Poona, dated the 13th June of that year. It would seem that during the latter years of the Peshwa's rule this taluka had been badly governed, and that when the transfer took place crowds from the neighbouring districts flocked into Jambusar.
8. The face of the country is nearly a dead flat, with a gradual slope dipping south-west Appearance.
from the high bank of the Mahi. The south-west corner, called
the Bara, is distinguished by a considerable trant of fertile black soil which terminates towards the sea and Dhadhar river sloore in a Runn. In this part the country is hedgeless, open, and almost devoid of trees except in the immediate neighbourhood of villages, and even there they are restricted to stunted specimens of the tamarind, pipal, and babul. The villages are far apart, and do not approach in appearance the stability and comfort of villages in the Kánam-the superior tract lying north and east. There the country is closely hedge-bound and beautifully wooded, containing in a compact group some of the most magnificent villages of the province, very densely populated. Several of the villages, such as Gajera, Sárod, Kávi, and Dagám, are more like Kasba towns having mansions of three and four flats. The taluks in this direction is very similar to the best parts of the Nadiad and Borsad Talukas of the Kaira District. Jambusar, on the whole, has always been considered the first táluka of your Collectorate, chiefly because of the great extent of its famous Marwa soil, which has proved so manifestly conducive to the prosperity of animal and vegetable life. This estimate of its importance is fully impressed on the traveller passing, through Broach, by the old cart-road from the Narbads to the Mahi.
9. The rainfall registered in the Mámlatdár's Kacheri during the last ten years is Rainfall. marginally given, averaging 28 inches 42 cents. Perhaps,the agency employed for such delicate registration is not the best, and it would not be safe to theorize on the comparative influences in other districts from such

| 1865-86... | 27.53 | 1872-73... | ... 86-29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1866-67... | 86.38 | 1878-74... | ... 21889 |
| 3867-68... | 1981 | 1874-75 .. | ... 83.98 |
| 1868-69... | 26.51 |  |  |
| 1869.70... | 28.56 | Total | ... 284-18 |
| 1870-71... | 80.87 |  |  |
| 1871-78... | 28-42 | Mean averag | .... 28'42 | doubtful data. The fall appears very small indeed, but in reality not much is needed. The Marwa soil absorbs every drop and retains it ; and the black soil does not require more to bring its cotton and wheat to perfection. Heavy dews, upon which cultivation is dependent, would seem to make up for the apparently small rainfall in a manner better suited for vegetable life. It is a.atonishiag to find how moist the sub-soil remains to the close of the season notwithstanding that the surface appears dry, and from the very fact that a very large portion of this district produces two heary crops in succession without irrigation it must be allowed that the moistare supplied by nature is ample.

10. There is nothing on the records of the Collectorate to show that Jambusar has ever Droughtand famines, suffered from drought or famine, except in those years in which the whole Province was more or less affected. There have been years of deficient rainfall and years in which locusts have prevailed to a certain extent in the Bára villages whilat the Marwa tracts have not ahared the distress. From the general character of the taluka and the fact that sweet-water springs lie a few feet below the surface--soil in more than one-third its area, Jambusar must be admitted to stand higher in the scale of security from such calamities than any other talaka in Broach.
11. The climate is temperate : never very cold or very hot. The atmosphere, in conClimate. sequence of the strong sea-breeze which prevails after March, is genial, keeping the soil mellow and productive. The hot winds are consequently less oppressive than in the northern collectorates. The sea coast during the hottest months especially near the kunker cliffs of Degám-if I may use the term cliff to describe abrupt banks on the sea-shore, 20 to 30 feet high-is perhaps as inviting for a summer camp as any place known in Gujarat. Regarding the healthiness of the district, I am told that, excepting the town of Jambusar (which is not very clean, especially in its suburbs), that fever and other Indian complaints, such as liver and dysentery, are not common; this, in a measure, justifies the term in use here-applied indirectly to climatic conditions favourable to digestion and good health-pani mafic che,-literally, the water is suitable.
12. The only rivers are the Mahi and Dhadhar which flow on the boundary. They are totally unfit for irrigation and are only navigable a few miles from the sea. The Mahi is a broad estuary in its 18 mile connection with the taluka, being five miles wide at its moath, in a straight line to Cambay. The stream approaches a shelving and somewhat broken bank during the rains and leaves a great expanse of sandy marsh below the south bank between the villages Uber and Kareli-as may be noticed in the accompanying map-affording pasturage for the cattle of the country side: The Dhadhar rises in the hills east of Pawaghar, flows 12 miles between. the high allovial banks of this and the $A^{\prime}$ mod talukas, and is during the next 12 miles an estuary. These two rivers are within influence of that strange tidal phenomenon-the bore-which attains during high spring-tides the height of 7 feet; progresses at the rate of ten miles an hour-erectas a wall; then suddenly curls and breaks with a thundering roar, generally fatal to the hapless craft which may not have been placed in a direction stem on.

## 13. The taluka is on the southern and western sides intersected by several creeks which Creekso impregnate a considerable margin of land on either side with saline barrenness.

The largest of these creeks-having the most pernicious influence-is the one which passes Tankaria bunder, extending one arm towards Madáfar and the other towards Bhadkodra, $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ and 8 miles respectively, its greatest width near the bunder being 300 yards; but $4 \frac{1}{2}$ miles further up, where the creek has \& well-defined bank before it bifureates, it is only 100 yards wide, and favourable for the erection of a slaice-bridge with roadway. This would shut out the mischievous tidal wave, and serve to retain the apland drainage, with the view of oweetening the extensive unarable waste, and facilitating communication with the shipping place-not at all times approachable except by a considerable detour.
14. A very desirable measure, not only because it would reclaim four handred acres of land Reclamationa desirable. in a very important position, but would prevent the clouds of saline dust blowing on to the cultivated lands of villages far constant, to their manifest injury and depreciation of the public revenue. This scheme has, I believe, on the suggestion of this Department, been placed before Government by Mr. Gregory, C. E., in a modifed form, designated the "Asarsi Bund Scheme," and it is to be hoped that it will receive the attention it deserves. There are similar tracts-for instance, in the vicinity of Doliá and Khanpur-which might also be attended to. If the salt pans at the former place could be done away with, or made to yield less blown dust, the interests of agriculture would be promoted, and if more liberal terms were offered to private capitalists than the present, I have no doubt that these unsightly tracts would be reclaimed speedily without the State adrancing a shilling.
15. The taluka from its gradual slope is naturally well drained, but $I$ have been told that

- Drainage. the villages about Dabba suffer from the accumulation of monsoon water coming from the Gáekwári territory and country westwards, but finding an imperfect outlet-in a channel which passes the Kasba town, and ultimately flows into the Khanpur creek-floods a most valuable tract and destroys its kharif crop. What is thus considered and is unquestionably a very great evil, might surely, with the talent pervading the Public Works Department, be rendered a source of great benefit to the taluka. These suggestions will not, it is hoped, seem mere fault-finding, as they are honestly made in the interests of the people and Government.

16. The soils here are of two kinds, Káli, or the ordinary black, varying from stiff black clay to a friable greyish monld, and the Gorat, locally called Soils. Marea, which is far superior to any soil known by that name in the Ahmedabad or Kairs Districto, yielding more shundantly than any other soil under equal conditions of tillage.
17. It is impossible to give a better description of its virtue than Colonel Monier Williams has already done. He says :-"The Marwa is a sandy soil of light brown colour, quite free from stones of every description; it absorbs the rain rapidly, and never presents a broken surface in the dry season or a muddy one in the wet. Fine water is found in almost every part of it at a comparatively short distance from the surface. The fields are everywhere enclosd with tall live hedges composed principally of the euphorbium terncalli, euphorbium antiquorum, capparis sepium, capparis corymbosa, phylanthus Madraspatensis, cadaba Indica, clerodendron floribundum, and zygophyllum salerocarpum. This soil abounds too with fine umbrageous trees not only in the hedge-rows, but in the fields: they consist of the mango in large proportion, the tamarind, the mowra, the kirnee, the burr, the pipal, \&c., all growing to the largest size and having the most flourishing appearance. These hedges and trees swarm with birds of many kinds, from the peacock to the sparrow. Game of all kinds is in the greatest abundance, and nowhere are flocks of monkeys more frequently met with. The villages, too, in the Marwa are almost invariably larger, more comfortable, and more beautiful as to trees, tanks, wells, and pagodas, than those met with anywhere else ; they are more crowded with inhabitants, and the stature, condition and clothing, and whole appearance of these clearly indicate that they live under some peculiar advantage: the whole is owing to the nature of the soil. Wherever Márwa prevails...whether in the Jambusar, the Baroda, the Petlad, the Cambay, the Mátar Pargana, or in many others composed entirely or partly of it...it does not signify what Government they are under,...whether that of the British, the Gaekwar, or the Navab of Cambay,you find the same abundance of the finest trees, hedges, universal cultivation, fine villages, and every demonstration of plenty and comfort. The fecundity of the soil seems, indeed, to defy the oppression of bad Government."
18. In a general way it may be said that the villages lying east of a line drawn north to south through the town of Jambusar and the portion lying north of the line drawn east to west of the same place, touching Degám on the coast, are chiefly of the Márwa type : the other division contains the black soil villages with small patches of Marwa interpersed here and there.
19. It is estimated that a full third of the area of this taluka consists of Marwa, a third pure black, and the remainder poorer black, more or less impreganted with salt: but not withstanding which, only a very small portion of the latter, usually covered by the tide, can be considered unculturable.
20. The tillage here is as practical and as advanced of its kind as any in Gujarat Tillage. especially that of the Kanbis and Boras. Rotations are carefully quantity being required for red than black soils. The alternative is frequently adopted of ${ }^{-}$ sowing a rabi crop when, through an unssasonable fall of rain, the kharif has actually failed. or seems likely to do so. There are, however peculiarities which strike an outsider as unaccountable, as, for example, the almost universal absence of transplanting rice, and the equally general custom of growing only the cold weather juwari (shialn) as a ravi crop, instead of the monsoon juwari (chomasu) as a kharif crop. It is true that this latter castom prevails also throughout all the Broach tálukas, north of the Narbada, but it is not adopted in the Ankleshwar Táluka, south of that river, where classing rules hardly suffice to solve the problem why two different systems of husbandry obtain in apparently similar soils. Again, it seems unaccountable that sugarcane is not grown in the rich productive Márwa with ample irrigational resources.
21. The modes of cultivating the staple products, cotton, wheat, juwari, bajri and rice as a dry crop, do not differ from what are common in this Province and described in former reports.
22. The crops grown in this taluka, in what soil, and when harvested, are given below.

| Description. | Soil. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bájri-with Math, Mung, Wal, } \\ & \text { and Arad. } \end{aligned}$ | In Martia soil of the best quality. Sown in June after the first fall of rain. Bajri reaped in October and the other pulses, called Rathol, in December, each kind ripening in succession. |
| Rice better kind (Sutarsal) . ... | In red black soil, July to November. |
| Vagadu or drilled rice, a coarse but sweet grain, called Dhundhni, with Kodra and Tuer. | In Márwa of poorer quality verging on black, also in black. Sown in June. The rice is first harvested in the first week of October. Kodra later in October and Tuer last in December. |
| Juwar (Shialu) ... | Almost entirely in black scil, occasionally in the poorest Márwa. Sown in September, harvested from the end of February to the middle of March. |
| Sundia Juwár <br> - 1765-10 | Marwa and the light black soil chiefly grown for fodder. Sown in July, reaped in October. |



[^9]26. The yield per acre given below is the result of test experiments in wheat, juwar Yield and cotiton fields ; for the other products the testimony of the ryots in various villages have been compared and accepted. As long as a man is not questioned about his own fields, he will in the greater number of instances tell the truth.

In Maunds of 40 lbs .

|  |  | Average. | Meximum. |  |  |  | Average. | Maximam. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bajri alone | $\cdots$ | 18 | 40 | Bavto - | . | $\cdots$ | 16 | 25 |
| Math, mung \} mixed |  | 12 | 20 | Tobacco | ... | . | 30 | 50 |
| Wal, arad $\}$ mixed | $\cdots$ | 12 | 20 | Til... | $\cdots$ | . | 7 | 12 |
| Wagradu, rice \} mixed | $\ldots\{$ | 20 | 32 | Safflower | ... | - | 5 | 10 |
| Tuer $\}$ mixed | $\cdots\{$ | 6 | 10 | Lang | ... | ... | 15 | 20 |
| Juwár shiálu ... | ... | 14 | 30 | Mustard | $\cdots$ | ... | 6 | 8 |
| Jnwari Sundiu ... | ... | 15 | 25 | Rice alone, 2nd | sort | .** | 20 | 32 |
| Cotton kappas ... | $\cdots$ | 8 | 14 | Rice, 1st sort | $\ldots$ | ... | 24 | 40 |
| Cotton kappas \} mixed |  | 4 | 6 | Guwar | ... | ... | 15 | 25 |
| Indigo $\}$ mixed | $\cdots\{$ | 15 | 20 | Gram | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 10 | 15 |
| Wheat ... |  | 15 | 30 | Caster-oil seed | ... | . | 10 | 15 |
|  |  | 26 | 30 | Coriandar seed | ... | ... | 17 | 25 |
| Tuer $\}$ mixed | $\cdots\{$ | 6 | 12 | Tuer alone | ... | ** | 20 | 35 |

Vegetables from 50 to 500 maunds.

[^10]27. The following statement shows the area of each crop cultivated during the year 1875 and its approximate value calculated at the current prices:-


28. This eatimate may be considered, if anything, well under the mark, as it is almost impossible to state accurately what the second and mixed crops in each field have yielded additionally. Taking however the figures thus given for what they are worth, and dividing them by the Government collections for the year 1874-75 (Rs, 3,70,114), it appears that the State demand has hitherto been about one-sixth of the gross produce.
29. The Classing Assistant who carried out the crop experiments in wheat and juwar fields, states " that while weighing out the grain, I asked the occupant and cultivator of the area reaped, how many seers of gram he estimated there were, and that in each case his quantity was more than a fourth less than got by actual weighing. I must however admit that the variations in yield of wheat seem much greater than I should have imagined, since in one case the yield of an equal area was nearly fourfold that of the other. I am aware that this was an exceptionally rich crop for the tallaka as a whole; bat I believe that that particular field would almost always yield the quantity it did when 1 made the experiment, and even allowing that its average should be diminished by one-fourth, that is, as the ryot stated- 27 maunds per acre, instead of nearly 36 -the result, when turned into cash, shows that the occupant of that land was paying Government an assessment not equal to the value of one-eighth of the yield in grain, leaving out of the estimate of produce the value of the straw."
30. The made roads in this district are, it is to be regretted, easily enomerated by reason Roads. of their fewness. That portion from Jambusar Kasba to Broach, which traverses the táluka eastwards from Jambusar as far as the Dharlhar river-a distance of four miles-is embanked and gravelled in parts, and was originally bridged throughout its short course, but the high floods of 1868-69 carried a portion away and up ta the present time the bridges have not been restored. The Dhadhar is now crossed by a temporary wooden structure which is annually set up, the paka bridge being still in contemplation. The road from Jambusar to Tankaria Bandar is merely a straight line, entrenched on either side, but wanting in bridges and culverts to render it of any use. The question whether or not this road, only nine miles long, should be metalled, is answerable in two ways. In the interests of the Railway Company, no ; in the interests of the táluka, most assuredly, yes. Why it should not be as well made as the 10 -mile road from Surat to Domas, and the 5 -mile road from Surat to Variao leading to nothing, is difficult to conceive. But as far as it concerns the railway, however bad the present road may be, the traffic to Tankaria will continue as long as the alternative road to Palej (the nearest railway station, 18 miles distant,) is equally bad.
31. Taking into consideration the very handsome revenue derived by the Imperial exchequer from this small district, it seems unfair that it should be the only one in Gajarat without an imperial road. A high road, properly metalled and bridged from Broach to Jambusar through the centre of the district, is but its due. It is impossible to represent the wants of Broach, so as to convince Government that one high road in a district is a palpable necessity? Can it not also be proved that much less important districts in the NorthWest and Bengal, not paying a tithe which Broach does towards imperial funds, are laxuriating in broad metalled roads they are not honestly entitled to, whilst Broach is unconsidered ?
32. Tankaria and Degam are the only bunders in the taluka; the former, situated Banders-Ports. seven miles from the month of the Dhadhar-on its north bank-is considered one of the best ports in the Gulf of Cambay. It admits boats and vessels of as large a size as those which frequent Broach and Cambay, and with mach greater facility for ingress and egress than either of those ports. The landing ground of Tankária is composed of kankarish soil which enables vessels to lie up against the bank as in a wet dock. Business in these ports has of late years very much declined : all the merchandise of North-eastern Gujarát and Máwa, which used to flow tbrough them, has been diverted by the B. B. \& C.I. Railway, except a small portion of the local -trade. A statement showing the imports and exports daring the last 15 years is appended. The chief items of import are timber, cloth and eugar, and the chief exports, grain, cotton and ghee; the average valae of which is given in the following table:-


Comparing these figures with the return furnished for the year 1850 in pre-railway times, we find-

|  |  |  | Import. | Export. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Tankária <br> Degám ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 3,56,294 | 41,85,770 | $45,42,064$ |
|  |  | ... | 61,003 | 2,07,577 | $2,68,530$ |
|  |  | Total | 4,17,297 | 43,93,347 | 48,10,644 |

-showing the imports to have diminished by one-half, and the exports by three-fourths.
33. The markets to which the produce is generally conveyed are Jambasar, Tankaria, Markets of the tsjuks. and Degam, the principal merchants residing in Jambusar, which is a large and substantially built town, containing 14,924 resident iuhabitants, the main streets of which, with palatial houses three and four stories high, exhibiting massive and cunningly carved beams, balconies, and elaborately frescoed walls, prove its importance as a commercial town.
34. Althongh cotton finds its ultimate market in Bombay vid Pálej and Tankária, it must nevertheless be remarked that cotton is not the only important staple of this district. Two-thirds of the crop is in reality made up of food staples consumed in some measure locally, but the greater portion is eithor carried across the Gulf to Kathiáwar and Catch, or conveyed to neighbouring inland markets. Perbaps no táluka in tujarat has greater facilities for the disposal of its produce than this. The ryots; even in respect to cotton, have now been placed in a position to be independent of middlemen, by the establishment of no less than seven Ginning and Pressing mills within the limits of this táluka,* which are found sufficient to absorb the whole crop; and as the Managers of these Ginning Companies are
likewise traders, the local markets maintain sufficient competition to ensure a fair price being paid the grower; at least the price is never so out of keeping, as it used to be, with Bombay quotations of the staple.
35. From the subjoined statement of ruling prices in the local markets during the Prices last 20 years, it is apparent that the value of the chief products, such as rice, juwar, bajri, and wheat, is now twice as high as it was in 1855-56, and in the instance of cotton (kapas) three times higher. It is true that prices have fallen throughout the country in late years, but as I have had occasion to repeat in each of my late settlement reports, that such an admission must be accepted only in a very limited sonse, fallen truly, but only from the abnormal height reached duxing the eventful years of the American war. If these years be struck out, as they should be, the prices ruling now will prove to be on a much higher level than they were in former years. It cannot be denied that India, throughout, had commenced advancing in material wealth from natural causes long prior to the American war, afact which would justify the belief that with open markets, telegraphic communications and improved facilitios of transit, the prevailing evil of the past,-a distrigt glutted with pro-duce-cannot reasonably be expected to recur.

36. The total population by the Consus of 1872 was 98,249 , of which 49,363 were males Population. and 43,886 females. 78,618 , or $84 \cdot 31$ per cent., were Hindus; 14,202 , or $15 \cdot 23$ per cent., Musalmans ; 403 or 43 per cent., aborigines; and 84 or 09 per cent., foreign Asiatics. There were besides 4 non-Asiatics and 2 of mixed race. Of the Hindus a little over 71,000 were of the higher castes; and of the Musalmans 6,000 were Borahs, chiefly located in Jambusar, Tankária, and Kávi.
37. The total number of deaths in the three years ending with $1874-1875$ was 6,303 , Vital statistica. or an average yearly mortality of 2,101 , or 2.25 per cent. of the sotal population. During the same period the number of briths is returned at 4,111 souls, or an average yearly birth-rate of 1,370 , or $1 \cdot 46$ per cent. of the total population.
38. Of the average number of deaths, 1,757 , or 83.62 per cent., were returned as due to fever ; 132 or 6.28 per cent., to diarrhca and dysentery; 9 , or 0.42 per cent., to small-pox ; 11, or 0.52 per cent., to cholera ; and 162, or 7.71 per cent., to miscellaneous diseases. Deaths from accidents and violence averaged 30 or 1.42 of the average mortality of the sub-division.
39. The castes chiefly occupied in agriculture are the Kolies, Kanbis, and Borahs, numeriOccupation. cally strung in the order given. Of these the Borabs are the most intelligent and laborious, and proportionately the most prosperous. About 14,000 souls are enumerated as engaged in trade and labouring in occupations not connected with agriculture.
40. There are no manufactures of any importance carried on here; the cloth made-a coarse Manufacturea. fabric-has no sale much beyond the kasba lázar. There are manufacture of indigo dye. This branch of trade was at one time very important, but gradually fell off. Last year's crop returns show 638 acres of land having been planted with indigo, producing 812 maunds.
41. According to the survey enumeration there are in the 85 Government villages 4,949 Agricultural stock. carts, 7,734 ploughs, 16,192 agricultural bullocks, and 16,836 buffaloes and cows. Out of the 27,005 houses in the talnka only 1,002 are thatched, and these are chiefly in the occupation of the Iowest castes, such as Bhungias and Bhomias, who do not represent the agriculturist.
42. Although it appears from the last Census that there are only 254 inhabitants to the square mile in this taluka, the ratio is high, if it be borne in mind that it relates to a district more than half black soil. Were the light-soil villages separately classed, and not depreciated by a general average, it would appear that the better portion of Jambusar is densely populated. I may take, for instance, the village Gajera, where a teeming population of 911 per square mile exist, and Kanwa, 686, -the average of the Márwa villages being over 400 to the square mile. Notwithstanding the lowering effect of its black soil division, taking the taluka as a whole, it will be found vastly superior to any other in this collectorate.

Resources,
43. Tabulated, the resources of the district appear as under.

No. I.

44. As this is the last of the Broach talukas under settlement, it will be as well to compare its resources per square mile with those previously settled.

| - | Broach. | Ankileshwar. | Wagra. | A'mod. | Jambuear. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inbobitanta ... ... | 419 | 230 | 124 | 229 | 254 |
| Houses .... ... ... | $60 \frac{1}{2}$ | 63 | 38 | 64 | 74 |
| Cows and baffaloes ... | 601 | 71 | 25 | 61 | 46 |
| Oxen ... ${ }^{\text {W }}$... $\ldots$ | 32 | 62 | 31 | 48 | 44 |
| Ploughs ... ... ... | 22 | 28 | 131 | 19 | 21 |

45. The tanks of this táluka are not used for irrigation, but only for domestic purposes

Water resonreep. and watering cattle. It has been previously stated that the rivers on the boundary north and south are tidal up to nearly the tract of conntry they march with, and are consequently useless for irrigation. The two water-courses, one close to Tankaria and the other close to Jambusar, which might be utilized for rice by the erection of sluice-gates, are at present negleoted. Ihe only water obtainable for irrigation is therefore from wells, of which there are 602,-128 being out of repair, 248 used for drinking purposes, and 226 for irrigation.
46. In the 85 Government villages there are 12,625 distinct holdings or Khátas, averag-
s:ze of holdings. ing $12 \frac{3}{7} \frac{7}{0}$ acres. The average acreage to each head of the agricultural population is $4 \frac{52}{40}$; to each head of the entire population
 The average incidence per head of population is Rs. 7-13-8.

Renwre.
1 Tundej, \& Kareli, 3 Pilodra, 4 Wanto Kareli, 5 Islampur, 6 Mirzapar, 7 Magnsd, 8 Umra, 9 Rampur, 10 Kore, 11 Nariad, 12 Chhidra, 18 Panchakda,
47. Two villages, Vad and Kávli, are Inám-the former held by Charuns, and the latter by the Rajput Grássia of Sarod. Out of the remaining 85 villages, 72 are held on the Bhágdári tenure, and the 13 marginally given on the simple Senja or Rayatwári tenure.
48. The aliensted lands in the 85 kh ilsa villages aggregate no less than 65,969 acres, Alienations. paying a quit-rent of Rs. 39,927. This immense area, equal to Alienations. $\frac{2}{6}$ ths of the entire táluks, there is reason to suppose, was acquired during the confusion which existed in the years preceding our rule.
49. An account supposed to be formed daring Mr. Callender's management of the taluka, bearing date Samvat 1841, A.D. 1784-85, when compared with the claims measured in A.D. 1818-19, shows the following discrepancy in area, as well as in the nature of the tenures under which the lands were held:-


Thas in the wanta alone the claim in the year 1818-19 exceeds the recorded area of $1784-85$ by 11,000 kumbhas or 10,548 acres. It is evident from this that lands first obtained: under Veckania and Girania by Grássias merge into their wánta in time.
50. The principal Wantadars are: the Thakor of Sarod, who possesses 6,762 acres in 31 WEnta villages ; the Thakor of Kerwáda, 842 acres in two villages; and the Thakor of Amod, 2,785 acres in 16 villages. The estates of the two former have been brought under Act VII of 1863, but by some unaccountable mistake the Ihakor of A'mod's estate was not similarly treated. An exhaustive account of this estate, the greater portion of which lies in the A'mod Taluka, is given in the printed settlement report of A'mod Taluka, published last year.
51. Another denomination of wanta, not notioed before, is met with in the táluka registers. Ka:is wanta appears to exist only in the villages of Uber and Dábha.' The peculiarity in

Uber is, that it gives the State one-ninth part of the kamal, plas all the proceeds derived from timber on the estate; in Dabha balf the full kamal, without the timber consideration. This tenure is supposed to be of a comparatively recent period and considered an usurpation, hence was taxable; the term Karia applied to it, being derived from the Arabic Khiraj, or tax. The tenure has since passed under the summary settlement, by order of the Revenue Commissioner, and therefore has fallen under the general denomination of sanadi hcldings.*
52. Whilst on the subject of tenures I cannot but give prominence to the position of the Japti Kheruts in this táluka, especially in reference to the long standing dispute in the kasba town, arising from the exactions of the bhágdárs, since they discovered that Act I of 1865 left the Japti-Kheruts to their tender mercies.
53. It is necessary that I should briefly state what a Japti-Kherut is. The term Japti Kherut means a permanent tenant, or as he is described in the old records of the Surat Collectorate Japti or Gamvalia, in contradistinction to the migratory or Uparvadia cultivators I'he word Japti is supposed to be derived from or rather is a corruption of the Arabic Jalita, meaning law, established practice, usage; hence Japti-Kherut is acknowledged to signify customary tenant. Another definition by no means opposed to the above sapposes Japti to be derived from the Hindustani term $J a b s e$, an idiom equivalent to 'from time immenorial." Japti is also described in the Official Glossary compiled by the Department of Revenue and Agriculture thus:-"In Narwádári and Bbágdári villages Japti lands means lands not included in the tenure." It is therefore unquestionably true that a Japti-Kherut is not a tenant-atwill, but a permanent tenant attached to his holding upon a tenure which is as much recognized as the Bhagdári iteelf.
54. As a Gamvalia he is an integral part of the village commanity, for whom the Patels of the village in former times acted as co-partner and agent in effecting a settlement with the State, the portion to be paid by the different holders of land in the village being settled by the village community among themselves. The Japti-Kherut could not, without violence or injustice, be ejected from his land, or even outbid as to rent by other cultivators, as might be done with the casual or migratory caltivator who tilled the spare lands of the village, or worked as the tenant of the chief men of the village, or may be of the Japti-Kherut.
55. The position of the Japti-Kheruts who might belong to a village formerly "Senja," and subsequentily granted a bhágdari constitution, will naturally be less affected by the obligations binding the Bhagdárs and the State; as, for instance, in the kasba town of Jambusar, the dhára of which may be quoted to illustrate the nature of the Bhagdári villages in Broach, either transferred from the purely "Senja" system as a device on the part of the Collector to secure the responsibility of the Patels and Matadars, or reconstructed on the lapscd tenure, regardless of the principle that the Mooksh Bhagdars of the original constitution were only the leaders of the peasantry-their hereditary chiefs who had quite as much interest in the welfare of the little commonwealth as the peasants themselves.
56. The following dhára of the Kunbi-pati of the Kasba is freely translated. "In former years this Kasba was constituted with 7 different bhags, comprising 112 annas, and managed accordingly. During the Maratha rule these bhagg were broken up and redaced to 2 only, leaving the number of annas the same; on this plan the revenue management was carried on up to Samvat 1868, A.D. 1812, when, in consequence of the principal Bhagdár Ghela Maoji having died, the Bhágwari system was abolished and the Bigoti or Senja system substituted and carried out up to Samvat 1884. It was then proposed that 6 bbags to be held by Jani Lurminarayen Chimanram should be formed, thus making in all 7 bhágs; but this was not carried out, and the Bigoti system continued, uninterruptedly, up to Samvat 1891, A.D. 1835, in which year an order was issued by the Sarkar (i.e., by Mr. Vibart, Collector of Broach, ) to the Survey Kárkun and the Amin Patel Manordas Rugnathdas to reconstitute 7 bhags and make the appropriate distribution of the viltage lands in each. Upon this order those officials obtained a written agreement from the Jani Patels and others, and distributed the lands; but having neglected to state what particular Kheruts belonged to each bhig, the bhágdári system proved a failure, and the existing bigoti management was continued up to Samvat 189:, A.D. 1837 ; in the latter part of which year the bhagdari syatem was at last effected by creating two Patis or divisions of the kasba-Jani and Kanbi Patis-each having their revenue accounts, khardas, and talátis separate. The Jáni-pati was divided into three bhags and the Kunbi-pati into four. The lands having been proportionately distributed to each bhag, a written record of the same was provided each bhagdar."
57. The only peculiarity of this proceeding was the firm adherence to the original form of 7 bhags ; but alas ! where the spirit ? The seven new bhagdárs consisted of -

> Three Kanbis,
> Two Borahs, and
> Two Brahmins,--
four at least|not connected with the peasantry of Jambusar by either caste, religion or ocoupation. The idea of establishing the Bhágdari tenure at any price may now appear ridiculous;
*Note-The commutation upon 18 years' average receipta wall be carried out by the Sarvey.
but what was to be done? The preceding years of great depression in the district, falling prices, and the impoverished condition of the rayats, induced the Collector to devise methods to secure the revenues of the village, hence the bhagdári guarantee was eagerly pressed upon any one willing to venture. It is remarkable in the history of this quasi tenure, that whilst the real Bhágdári villages were reverting to the Bigoti system, others of the mongrel type, of which the Kasba Jambusar is an apt illustration, were being created; but it is fair to add that the rights and privileges of the Japti-Kheruts were never intended to be interfered with, a point proved by the Khattavai forms of entry, and the practice of direct Khátavai collection by the village Taláti. A protectıve measure discontinued by the adoption of Blane's forms in A.D. 1847-48, with the sole view of lessening the work of the Taláti, Act I. of 1865 left the position of these cultivators, to say the least of it, very dubious inasmuch as tenant right was undefined, so that there is every reason to anticipate; unless our Civil Courts are entirely guidel by principles of equity, that the adage Summum jus summa injuria, will prove too true.
58. An enquiry into the complaints of oppression against the Bhagdars of Jambusar, in that they were exacting more from the Japti-Kheruts than the established rates fixed by Government, was instituted by order of the Revenue Commissioner in 1857. Mr. Mackenzie, Third Assistant Collector, haviog furnished his superior officer, the Sub-Collector, with a report on the subject, the latter officer, supplementing his own investigation and views, informed the Revenue Commissioner of the case in the following terms:-

- From enquiry it appears that Japti-Kheruts exist only in the Jambusar Kasba and in the village of Kavi, in the Jambusar Taluka. In the latter place it appears that no list of these Japti-Kheruts has ever been made; their lands are not incorporated with those of the Bhágdars, but are entered in separate lhátas of their own, and they pay the revenue direct into the Government treasury like the other Bhágdars of the village; in fact, they are only Japti-Kherats in name, being, in reality, independent Khatedars.


59. I accordingly deputed my Assistant, Mr. Shumbooprassd, to report on the subject. - Appendix A. This report is appended in full* with the opinion of the Revenue Government to issue instructions as to how the case is to be disposed of, in case the Bhagdars, acting on the ill advice of the shoal of Mukhtiars who infest this district, should refuse to revert to the status quo ante on the basis of Mr. Davies' settlement. I have reason to fear this, because, when speaking to the Bhagdars as to what I should like to do, they maintained the strictest silence,-ominous of contesting the point in a Court of law.

## 60. My present view of the case is briefly this -

1st.-That the Japti-Kheruts' hol iings included in Mr. Davies' list when he settled Jambusar in 1847-48 shall stand good, because the omission of the "numbers" in the list, alluded to by Mr. Mackenzie, is supplied from the village Khátávais of that period.

2nd.-That the prescriptive rights of the Japti-Kheruts have not been abrogated by the act of reconstituting Jambusar on the Bhágdári tenure, after twenty-three years of Senja management, in that their holdings, and the items of Government assessment thereon, were recorded against their names at the time, would show in the clearest possible way
...that the intention of the Settlement Officer was not opposed to established custom and the rights of the Japti-Kherats.

3rd.-That the gancats or leases obtained from the Japti-Kheruts after the date of Mr. Davies' list are andoubtedly due to coercion and frand-their very date proving it.

4th.-That the heirs of the Japti-Kherats should succeed to all rights and privileges according to Hindu custom.

5th.-That the Bhágdári constitution be maintained intact, and that the Japti-Kheruts be entered as Khattadârs precisely in the manner they have been hithe:to entered in the village records of Kávi and in Adajan of the Surat Collectorate.
61. It may be asked what advantage will the Bhágdárs derive from these holdings being shown subordinate to the Bhágs, and will it not in effect lessen the responsibility of the Bhagdars? Very great advantage, since the Bhagdars will in case of the Japti-Kherut dying withont heirs obtain the occupancy right of the holding. Jt was with this intention that even parely alienated lands, the owners of which never having had any connection with the Bhagdári system, were formerly included in the Narwa and Bhágdári divisions of villages in the Kaira Collectorate, where the tenure existed from time immemorial in its purest form.
62. On the general subject of customary tenants, Colonel Prescott, my predecessor, has left on record the following opinion :-
"Section XXVII. of Act I of 1865 is most declaratory as regards the record of rights, but not one single cultivator* of the soil in these Bhágdari and Narwa villages unconnected with the coparcenary, whose names are authorizedly entered in the accounts, be his rights what they may, and notwithstanding these rights may be recorded by the Survey, can under any existing law enforce his claim in a Court of Law, if opposed by the Bhágdar. Either these Japti or customary tenants, whose rights are coeval and are in many cases antecedent to the Narwa or Bhág, and in no way derived from the Narwadars or Bhágdárs, must have their rights defined by law or become in a very short time tenants-at will," as it is too much to expect that the Civil Courts will ever on grounds of equity supply the explanatory clauses contemplated by the Legislature but unfortanately omitted. I beg to add extracts from the letter of the Collector of Surat on this very important subject, addressed to the Revenue Commissioner in 1867 (No. 46.5), and hope yon will a:d in impressing upon Government the necessity of introducing tenant-law sections in the revised Revenue Code now onder consideration-
"As to the rights of inferior holders, it seems to me that the phrase 'tenantright' is not only very imperfect, bat likely to give a wrong impression and one to the prejudice of many of the class which it is desired to protect. Speaking very broadly, I may say that in all Bhágdári, Narwadári, Inám and Tálukdári villages the superior holder stands in the place of the Government, and not in a position analogous to that of a large 'Khatadar' in a Government village who employs labourers on his farm; and the inferior holders correspond very closely to rayats in directly managed villages anterior to the Revenue Survey, that is to say, that there is a large body of them pcssessed of prescriptive righte, precluding their dispossession as long as they pay a certain assessment depending on the rude custom of the country, and also another body holding land from year to year. The same individuals of course often hold land under both tenures. In most Bhágdári villages we have the class very well defined, as the Japti-Kheruts of Broach, for instance, but it is to be found everywhere, though in some individual instances reduced and almost eradicated by long, unrestrained oppression.
"The fact that the rights of the State have teen, to a certain extent, delegated appears to afford a moral justification for leaving this class of peasant proprietors to their fate. But even politically such a course is imprudent in the extreme, and sows the seeds of fature convulsion. The case of Ireland is now too complicated to be more than glanced at in connection with the subject. But in Bengal we have very lately seen the hasty and probably half unintended transfer of proprietary right which accompanied the permanent settlement bearing fruit in the array of class against class to an extent which with other Indian races would have led to violence, while the Government was vainly endeavouring to retrace its steps by compromise and arlitrary revival of practically extinguished rights. It is to be apprehended that the question then is far from settled and will break out again under fresh aspects.
"During a tour in Bengal, the North-Westerin Provinces, and the Punjab in 1862-63, I found that the rights of inferior holders was the question of the day, and that the Government of Upper India, especially the Punjab, were endeavouring to aefine and secure them, while still intact, so as to avoid any chance of future class antagonism.
"On my return, I gave my best attention to the question in the only form in which it came directly before me, that of the rights of certain rayats under Talukdárs

[^11]in Ahmedabad. There was some misunderstanding as to facts between Mr. Ellis, Mr. Peile and myraelf, and I believe the Talukdars obtained more than could have been proved to be their right. But whatever may have been the merits of the individual case, I endeavoured to ensure the general question, attracting attention by placing my papers regarding the Punjáb at the disposal of Major Prescott who, I believe, framed, in consultation with Mr. Pedder, some sections for the proposed Survey Act. The Act appeared without them however, and I can now only express my strong sense of the neesssity for legislation ere the march of events shall have rendered it of little avail."
63. It is unnecessary to repeat the system of Revenue management which obtained

## Past Revenue management

 under the Mahomedan and Marátha Governments; suffice it to say that about the time we were called upon to administer this taluka a misture of bighoti rates and division of the produce or Bhagbatai system prevailed. The lands were in the hands of the heads of villages, and the Patels were responsible for the payment of thie Government assessment, and had to find caltivators to till the village lands. The revenue in 1776 is said to have amounted to Rs. $2,86,000$. From a detailed statement furnished by the Assistant Collectors in 1822, it appears that the average revenue raised by the Maráthás during their term of possession from 1803-04 to $1816-17$ was Rs. 3,82,488-the highest amount being Rs. 4, 86,468 in the year 1807-08, and the lowest Rs. 1,67,582 in 1815-16. Unjer British administration during the first four years, 1817-1821, an average revenue of Rs. 3,15,769 was obtained, the highest amount being Rs. 4,09,854 in 1820-21, and the lowest Rs. 2,70,697 in 1818-19.64. The system adopied in the beginning of British ruie was that of imposing a lump assessment on the value of an estimated yield, framed by Munsiffs and Amins on statements of crops of all kinds grown in each village. To this estimate a sum calculated to cover the village expenditure being added, an apportionment of the total sum to be paid was made on the annas of each share or Bhág in Bhagdári and leased villages, and according to the area cultivated by each occupant in the Khatabandi villages. No additional assessment used to be levied on accoont of sugarcane or similar valuable crops being raised, nor was it the custom to grant "badlan" or other such rent-free lands. But in the Bára villages no assessment was levied on land the year it was kept fallow, while the following year, regard being paid to the area thus kept fallow, some additional assessment was imposed.
65. A revision of the Pargana rates was carried out by Mr. Vibart, the principal Collector, in 1836-37, the effect of which was to considerably raise the revenue of the taluka. The rates are tabulated in the sixth column of the statement appended.
66. These rates with very slight alterations (in subsequent years) held good until Mr. John Marshall Davies undertook the revision of the whole Broach Collectorate on grounds he has ably discussed, -Jambusar being the third taluka which had the benefit of his advocacy. The revision he effected in 1847-48 did not come in force before 1849-50-remissions to the extent of the proposed decrease having been made in the meantime. Mr. Davies does not appear to have interfered with the classes awol, doem, and soem, into which the soil had been originally divided by the Munsiffs, but after consultation with the Mámlatdar and the village officers, and duly considering the quality and capabilities of each village, the rates were lowered; current arrears of revenue to the extent of Rs. 28,000 odd were remitted, and the total assessment was reduced by Rs. 77,550.
67. Mr. Davies, in his report on the subject, proceeded to show that the Bighoti settlement made by Mr. Vibart, which he was about to revise, was materially in excess of the realizations for the previous decennial period, and based his arguments for reduction on the unprecedented decline in the fall in prices of agricultural produce since the date of its introduction. The principal of the substitution of a Bighoti, or fixed rate, on the lands, in lieu of the system of a share of the produce, and rates in kind, being to throw the risk from prices and seasons on the caltivator, it was hardly perhaps safe to assume a standard in excess of previous realizations. Had prices maintained an ordinary stability, the scale of the rates then decided upon by Mr. Vibart for the taluka might not have proved otherwise than suitable; but the extreme decline which had taken place may fairly be admitted, in accordance with the Collector's opinion, to have so far invalidated the calculations as to have rendered a revision of the enhancid standard adopted by Mr. Vibart indispensable.
68. The following summary of Mr . Davies' proceedings in this matter, showing the figured results of his revision, is derived from Mr. Chief Secretary Malot's letter to the Revenue Commissioner, dated the l6th June 1849, such being the form adopted in former jears to convey the sanction of Government instead of by Resolution:-
"On a comparison of the list of villages submitted with Mr. Vibart's letter of the 15th March 1837 with that now given, some discrepancies are observable which require to be explained.
"Mr. Davies has been unable to reconcile the details of the data collected by him with those found in Mr. Vibart's proceed ngs, but in the aggregate they agree and the percentage of the excess also corresponils; a perfect accordance was scarcely to be expected after the admission made by the Daftardár, as statad in paragraph 4.

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"In paragraphs 7 and 10, Mr. Davies describes the effects of the settlement made by Mr. Vibart, and at the end of paragraph 8 sums up the causes of the decline of his valuable district in the following terms.-
' In a word, as nothing but a continuance of prosperous seasons and of high prices of produce would have ensured the permanence of the new rental itself, a first experiment and a considerable increment over previous payments, the eventual disappointment to Government and loss to the rayats are clearly traceable to causes of an opposite charanter, among which the foremost of all is a fall in the value of the great staple of the district infinitely more serious than any which has occurred since our acquisition of the country.'
"The table given in paragraph 7 gives strong evidence of the oppressive nature of the settlement and of its failure in its object as far as this taluka is concerned. After the grant of remissions far in excess of what was conceded in the other parts of the Collectorate, heary outstanding balances still accumulated, and had for the most part to be ultimately entirely foregone, and altogether a strong case is undoubtedly made out in favour of a reduction of rents.
"As one proof of the unfavourable operation of the Bighoti settlement, Mr. Davies notices the unsuccessful result of the trial of the leasehold bystem, under which remissions had been freely given in every instance. The leases were not attempted to be renewed, and not one leased village at present remains throughout the entire taluka. The quantity of land brought under cultivation only exceeds that at the settlement ( 79,386 kumblas) by 2,220 kumbhas, inclusive of pasture lands, the present quantity of which, though in the aggregate small, is mach beyond what it was in 1838-39. The extent to which unreclaimed lands might be brought under the plough under a more favourable assessment is represented to be very considerable, and the settlement of 1838-39 (Vibart's) has evidently failed, owing to its oppressive nature, to develope the resouress of the district.
"The following are the abstracts of cultivation and revenue, past; present and prospective, as obtained from the Statement No. I, appended to Mr. Davies' report:-

"By the settlements proposed, the Government is callel upon to sacrifice a present revenue of Rs. 77,550 with an available rental in prospect of Re. 7,676 and with reclaimable lands to an extent nearly equal to that already under direet assessment. This result is however based on a compariscn of the amount of the settlement for 1846-47 on Mr. Vibart's rates; but in this are included remissions to a large amount which should not properly be taken into account in the comparison. Contrasting the amount of the proposed settlement with the average previous to the Bighoti system, the deficiency is Rs. 18,741 (not Re, 8,741 as in the figures in paragraph 4 of Mr. Blane's letter, apparently a clerical erpor,) and with the average collections Rs. $51,921$.
"In paragraphs 16 to $23, \mathrm{Mr}$. Davies gives the proportions of the cultivated lands bearing the different deseriptions of crops, produced in the Pargana, and the rates of assessment he thinks applicable. These lands are classed and proportioned as follows :-

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Per cent. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Irrigated | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | ... | ... | ... |  | ... | $0 \cdot 14$ |
| Rice lands | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | - | $\ldots$ | ... | .." |  | $\cdots$ | 4.43 |
| Light moil | $\cdots$ | ... |  | ... | -.. | ... |  | ... | 31.39 |
| Black soil | *. | $\cdots$ |  | ... | -. | ... | - | $\cdots$ | 61.63 |
| Grass land | *** | ... |  | *** | ... | ... |  | ... | 236 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |

" Mr. Davies has deemed it expedient, except in a very few instances, to retain Mr. Vibart's rates on the gorat or light soil. His reductions on the latter are, however, moderate. Excluding the town of Jambusar from the general view, where the lands are represented in bighas, the fullowing abstract taken from the statement shows the modifications recommended :-

Nots,-These raten are por kumbhe ${ }^{2}$ per cento leas than an acre-L. A.

＂The following are rates present and proposed on the black soil，exclasive also of those in the town of Jambasar：－

＂In both cases the intermediate rates more or less prevail，but what．the relative bearing of these rates or the lands subjected to theq is，there are no means of judging，and his Lordship in Council must rely on the Collector＇s discretion that they are justly applied．＂

69．A statement shpwing the classification of every village of Jambusar and the com－ parative rates fixed by the Moonsiffs，Mr．Vibart，and Mr．Davies，in every description of soil prevailing，is appended．It also gives the items of decrease in each village caused by Mr．Davies＇settlement．
＊．70．The following statement exhibits the extent of Government land annually under Diagram Statement． cultivation during the last twenty years，remissions granted and net revenue realized．
It was observed that－
（a）The cultivated area of Government lands has increased from 79，614 acres in 1850－56 to 89，126 acres in 1874－75，the increase being 9，512 acres，or 11 柔 per cent．
（b）The corresponding increase of the collections on Government caltivated lands has been Rs． $1,41,374$ or 618 per cent．

71．The remissions，though small on the average（being about $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent．），of the demand Remissions．was exceedingly heavy in 1864－65，due to a failure of the crops Bára tract．
owing to untimely rain，the appearance of locusts，chiefly in the
72．The sum of Rs． 36,575 ，granted in the course of twenty years is made up of the following items：－

| Oi fallow lands ．．．＊ | ．．． | ．． | ．．． |  | 9，205 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On account of locusts | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |  | 3，544 |
| Partial failure of crops | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |  | 20，625 |
| Road compensation | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 208 |
| On account of fires | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 165 |
| Earth being washed away |  |  | ．．． | ． | 4 |
| Remissions on account of | rcha | reve | ．．． |  | 2，824 |

73．The material progress of the tiluka is best indicated by the developtont of stock and other resources in the space of twenty－three years，that is，between the Collector＇s enumera－ tion of 1851 and 1878－74．


74．The ratio of development in each instance has been：Population $26 \frac{9}{4}$ per cent．， Ratio of development．cultivated area 11 量 per cent，houses 224 per cent，tanks 95 妥 per cent．，wells $21 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent．，ploughs $2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cent．，horses $107 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent．，other．animals $35 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent．

75．In the following items there appears to be a decrease：－

> | > Carts, $1 \ddagger$ per cent. | Oxen, $20 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. |
| :--- | :--- |
| > Cows, 64 por cent. | Buffaloes; $8 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. > |

I＇his must，of course，be due to erroneous enumeration made by the Collector＇s establishment． If the population ard cultivated area have incroased to the extent shown，it must follow that carts and oxen，\＆c．，mast have likewise increased prorortiouately．
76. From statistics furnished by the Registration Department, it would seem that in the Occupancy ; value of land. year 1867, 172 $\frac{10}{\circ}$ acres of land were prichased at a total cost of of the occupancy right. In the year 1874 . the corresponding figures show $2,122 \frac{24}{10}$ acres transferred at a cost of Rs. 1,07, 708, or on an average value of Rs. 50-11-10. This valuation being the result of private transactions arising from necessity, is, of course, not such a true index of the market value of land as sales conducted by public auction. I hope the result of the auction sale of arable waste land I intend having. during the ensuing Jamabandi will prove that the market value is much bigher than Rs. 50 per acre.
77. From inquiries instituted all over the district, I find that the occupants of Government land do sublet portions of their holdings to annual tenants for double, and, in some instances, treble the rates of assessment now in force. It is true that the high prices now existing enable this to be done without depriving the sub-tenants of a fair margin of profit.
78. From the foregoing facts it might be safely asserted that this taluka is in a highly General condition. prosperons condition-a condition clearly indicated by the wellclothed and healthy appearance of the cultivating classes, their substantial houses, and abundance of stock, especially milch cattle-a source of as much profit as the land itself, ghee being exported in large quantity, after satisfying home consumption?
79. As to their alleged state of indebtedness, all I can say is that it is a very big ques-tion-a question which applies to all classes of native society, and not exclusively to the agricultural commanity. The attempt to account for it, by attributing it to the land assessments of the country, will appear frívolous to a degree, if the condition of people who pay no land assessments be taken into consideration. I need not at present state my opinion on a subject which is now being investigated by a competent Commission in Poona, but I cannot but hope that the harmonious relations between the ryots and Saukars in Native States will be honestly entered into, even at the risk of lowering our pride in the matter of possessing a Civil Code. The practical working of the natural law of mutual self-interest, and the common law of equity between creditor and debtor, being compared as to results with that elaborate machinery which the ryots from sad experience very pardonably conceive must have been devised solely in the interests of Muktiars and Saukars.
80. The first survey of Jambusar was commenced shortly after the final accession of the Survey of Jambasar. taluka in 1817, and was completed by Lieut:-Colonel Monier Williams in 1820. At that time the táluka contained 86 villages, the measured area of which was 221,237 acres. This area disagrees with the results arrived at by the present survey, according to which there are 235,103 acres, the district having only altered by the accession of one village-Bojádra-from the A'mod Táluka. The 2,724 pacres of Bojadra being duly deducted, still leaves a discrepancy of 11,044 acres between the two surveys, which cannot.be accounted for unless it is admitted that the old survey was not very particular in recording the area of Khar and Kharábo.*
81. The Revenue Survey of this taluka was commenced in 1864-65 and completed in 1871-72 under the superintendence of Messrs. Hancock, Prescott, DeSouza, Cathcart, Summers and Dalzell. The classification of soils was commenced in 186s-69 and finished in 1872-7s by Messrs. Pedder, Critchell, Fernandez, and Bulkley. The field-work of native subordinates was tested to the extent of 10 per cent., the results proving that the work had been creditably performed.
82. The gradation from inferior marwa to black soil was very often very difficult to define

Diffecult classification.
without digging deeply and carefully claseifying; and in like degree, thongh in a different way, no little discrimination was needed to class accurately the grades of the hali to be met with in the western and southwestern villages included within that tract called the Bára.
83. It was found in many parts of Guzerat, but more especially in this taluka, that the Standard. joint report or Southern Maratha 16 annas classification-standard for black, and 14 annas scale for red soils, were not adapted to express the relatice fertility of these soils. Ordinarily we have had to transpose the scale, giving prectdence to the light soils, but even this expedient was insufficient to maintain the respective values here, consequently whilst the 16 -annas scale has been retained for black we have bien compelled to raise the red to 24 aunas.
84. Having supplicd you with all the data necessary to form an opinion as to the rates
 which should be imposed in this taluka, I shall proceed to state what I think desirable, bearing in mind the improved revenue paying capabilities of the land sirce last settlement (1847-48) and the rates which have been considered suitable in the four talukas notid in the margin either settled or under settlement by this Department.
85. I have decided upon dividing the 85 villages under revision in four groups, and Grouping. feel greater confidence in the propriety of doing so, from the fact of having had, as I stated before, the privilege of discussing viva voce the whole subject in all its bearings with Colonel Francis, when he was in my camp a few weeks ago.
86. Group I., coloured pink, contains two villages-the Jani and Kanbi Patis of Kasba Jambusar,-the market town of the district, a place of considerable importance, containing as it does the chief mercantile community and five Ginning mills. It is far better situated than $A^{\prime}$ mod (though the latter taluka is five miles nearer the Palej Railway station) because of having the alternative of a shipping port only nine miles off.
87. The maximum dry-crop rate proposed is Rs. $\delta \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ for the first group, as in the A'mod taluka. It is true that this rate will apply to a classification of soils having a range of 24 annas instead of 16 , but the difference is but the measure of the comparative natural fertility of the soil in the two talukas. Mr. Davies' dry-crop rate in these wo villages was as high as Rs. 10 per acre, and according to Mr. Vibart's settlement, which preceded Mr. Davies', Rs. 14 per acre. Now, although a maximum of Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ on 24 annas classifiaction will be virtually a rate of Rs. $8 \pm$ per acre, you will observe that it is lower than Mr. Davies. by Rs. $1 \frac{3}{4}$ and Mr. Vibart's by Rs. $5 \frac{3}{4}$; nevertheless the rate is stil too high for extended application, and were it not that it will only fall upon lands of extraordinary fertility classed at the top of the scale, and, therefore, limited in area, I should hesitate to propose it. `At the same time it must be remembered that to fix a lower maximum than Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ wll unnecessarily lower the assessment on the greater area of land ranging below 16 annas of the classification scale. Besides which, the question might well be studied, how a rate of Rs. 10 imposed by Mr. Davies in 1847-48, when the price of staple products was scarcely half what it is now, was considered equitable by the ryots themselves? Mr. Davies' praise being in every month. In truth his rate was not too high for the lands so assessed, and substantial proof of this being the case is furnished by the sub-letting value having been twice that figure without impoverishing the sub-tenant. If this be the case, you will naturally say why propose lower rates? My answer is, I must maintain an equality in the incidence of the survey assessment throughout the collectorate, and cannot avoid looking beyond Jombusar, to be just. You will perhaps agree with me that I shall not be justified in imposing à rate higher than Rs. 84, notwithstanding what Messrs. Davies and Vibart may have done, as indirect compensation granted by them in the shape of light grass land rates is not admissible now, and as our rales are very much more rigid, the rates must necessarily be easier.
88. If you turn to the general statement of results, yon will perhaps be struck by the fact that the Survey has raised the villages in the group 32 per cent.; but I hope you will not fail to observe that columns 28 and 29 show that the increase is due, in a very great measure, to 827 acres of cultivated land foand in the possession of the ryots in excess of what they were supposed to have held, the assessed value of which being Rs. 5,133 . Now this state of things only proves that the survey rate, though pitched lower than the former rate, has the tendenoy of raising the. revenue, by reason of obtaining correct areas and classification. It is well known that interested Patels who had a very great share in the work of former settlements, as a rule, placed a greater extent of their own land and land of their bhaiband or friends in the doem and soem scale than was quite justifiable, and thns neutralized the effects of a high maximum rate.
89. Excluding the excess or voadhara land assessmen in this group, the increase by the

| Staple, |  |  | Prioe of Staplen. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1847 -48 | 1874-75. |  |
|  |  |  | $\cdot$ | Ra, | B8; |  |
| Cotton | $\cdots$ | ... | 309 | $\begin{array}{ll}84 & \text { per } \\ 20\end{array}$ | Bhar.* |
| Wheat | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  | Kalai. |
| Rice :.. | $\ldots$ | ... | 9\% | 216 " |  |
| Jupar ... | ... | ... |  |  |  | proposed rate is only $8 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.an exceedingly moderate enhancement of the State demand, as viewed from prices ruling, which have risen from 100 to 150 per cent. and are not likely to be, under the gloomiest forecast, much less than the former during the term of the statement.

## - Bhar $=960 \mathrm{lbs}, \quad$ Kalai $=640 \mathrm{lba}$.

90. Group II., coloured yellow, contains the 42 villages in the margin. It comprises all

1 Mirrapar alias Koteswar,
2 Umra, 3 Dibha, 4 Uber,
5 Gajera, 8 Wávi, 7 Uchhad,
8 Volam, 9 Bojédra, 10 Jáfarpura
11 Ankhi, 12 Tugrelpur alias Bhánchetar, 18 Magnad,
14 Mahzpura alias Kajampar,
15 Kandal alias Dostpur,
16 Limoj, 17 Karmad, 18 Rampara, 19 Bhodar, 20 Nobar,
21 Amanpur nanu, 22 Amanpur mota, 23 Nadbna.

24 Walipar, 25 Kavi Musalman pati, 26 Kavi Hindu pati, 27 Kawa, 28 Khappur Kavi, 27 Ahmedpor alias Kar
80 Gulál, 81 Degam, 88 Kamboi alias Mamadpur, 83 sámoj,
34 Sárod, 35 Tandoj, 36 Runéd
37 Kangam, 38 Náhár, 89 Kimoj,
40 Moradpar, 41 Vedach,
42 Sigam.

It comprises all the superior villages of the Márwa. type Standing above the line of drought. and other vicissitades of the Bára and Nimbára tracts fur.
ther south, the villages have on the whole ample water resources, which can be turned to account in emergency, and in this respect belong to a superior gioup. They have ready access to the Jambusar market as well as to the two bandars-Degam and Tankaria.
91. A rate of Rs. 5 is suitable for this group. It will raise the assessment 17 per cent inclusive of Rs. 9,621 on 1,817 acres of Wadhära land. As the reduction for mileage has not. been computed until the rates are approved, it is as well to state that such reduction will result in making the actual increase about 12 per cent.
92. I may as well anticipate objection to villages near Jambusar and Degam being pat into the same group, but no one can possibly object who happens to know the district. A reference to the general statement as to how the villages near Degam are affected by the rates, and an inspection of Mr. Davies' rates which I have appended, will, I am sare, justify what has been done. The fact is that the villages round about Degam and Kavi are by far the best cotton producing villages of the taluka, not excepting the Jani and Kanbi Patis, which belong to my first group, and which you know are in point of fertility beyond all comparison with any part of the other four tallukas of your collectorate.
93. Group III., coloured blue, contains 32 villages, 28 of which constitute the Nimbaira

1 Khanpar Dohe, 2 Kalak,
3 Wansetas 4i Naridd, 5 Panchakda,
6 Kora, 7 Sambha, 8 Wradadla,
9 Orangpur Timbi, 10 Salepar,
11 Dildostpur alias Kaliari,
12 Fakarpur, 13 Jantran, 14 Dari,
15 Chhidra, 16 Jamdi, 17 Chand pur mara, 18 Isan-
par,
19 Pilodra, 20 Káreli, 21 Wanto-kareli,
22 Kanwa, 24 Dolia alias Jahejpur,
23 Tankaria, 25 Sardarpur
26 Chandpur baru, 27 Pauch-pipla,
28. Sigarna, 29 Islampur,

30 Aganwad, 81 Bakarpar Timbi, 32 Madafar.
(extending from the low lying level of Khanpur on the Dhadhar to the Gulf of Cambay), so called from its position between the Bara and Kanam villages, and partaking of each in climatic and other conditions. It is not a very good cotton tract, bat the quality of its wheat and rice is strperior to the produce of the second group, though it is much more liable to blight and the ravages of locusts engendered in the soil in some years strange to say when the rainfall is least. A rate of $4 \frac{1}{3}$ rupees for this group will raise the assessment $11 \frac{1}{\mathrm{z}}$ per cent., minus 5 per cent. for mileage.
94. The reason for my having placed four villages-Kareli, Kareli-Wanto,* Kanwa, and Pilodra-in this group, is certainly not becanse of their being of the Nimbara type, but on account of the less favourable market position they are in at the extreme end of the táluka. Their position was doubtless a matter which had weight in Mr. Davies' settlement; also because the rate, even of the third group, teads to raise them in much greater ratio than other villages of the taluka have been : besides which the villages of the Borsad Taluka on the north and opposite bank of the Máhi have a rate of Rs. 4 only.
95. Group IV. contains nine villages, coloured neutral tint, situsted in the part called

1 Kapuria, 2 Devla, 3 Sindhau. 4 Bhadkodra, 5 Malpur.
6 Nada, 7 Asarsa.
6 Nsda, 7 Asarsa.
Sharfrajpur alias Thakor Tslavdi, 9 Kankus alias Kaneagluar. the Bara. These villages, although inferior in appearance to those in the Kanam, are by no manner of means wanting in fertility, and are certainly far superior to the Bara villages of Vagra; yet the evils attending the Nimbara group are, if anything, proportionately greater here. The villages in respect to a market are exceedingly well off in the possession of Tankaria Bandar, the best shipping port in Gujarat, which affords this group the opportanity of sending its rice and wheat to Cutch and Káthiáwar, and its cotton to Bombay direct. The villages of the Vagra Táluka, on the opposite or soath side of the Dhadhar, having a rate of 4 rapees, I am precluded from proposing a lower rate, especially as it has the effect of only increasing the nine villages on an average one-eighth per cent. Tankaria itself, on account of its bandar"and market, has been put into the next superior group.
96. The remissions which appear in the statement, given at para. 72,-were chiefly granted to this group of villages; consequently I am opposed to a higher rate, impressed as I am with the very great difference which exists in the permanent revenve-paying capabilities of the several groups.
97. Rice, although extensively sown as a mired crop in pare dry-crop land, drilled Rice-rate. every third furrow with cotton, is not, in the sense of bond firle bonded rice-lands and regular plantation cultivation, of any importance in this taluka. The small rainfall and the absence of large tanks in black soil are against saperior cultivation. Only Sutarsal or the mediam quality of rice is raised, the -prinoipal description being Dhandhni. The rice area requiring a separate soil and water-rate amounts to 3,324 acres, or 367 acres in excess of what has hitherto been considered rice-land here.
98. What I propose is that the soil should remain at the dry-crop. rate of the gronp in which the village may be, and the water-rate should be one rupee below the soil rate. This plan is in accordance with that which has been adopted by my predecessor and myself in all the talukas of Broach we have settled.
99. The revenne derived from rice-land according to the old system was Rs: 16,755 , the average rate being Rs. 5-10-8. The revenue which my rate will produce is Rs. 20,088, the average rate being Rs. 6-0-8. Mr. Davies' maximnm in Jantran, supposed to be the best rice village, was Rs. 10 per kumbhai; my rate in the same village, soil and water combined, will be Rs. 8 per acre. The kumbha is within 2 per cent. of the acre.
100. The irrigsted area under the old system was only 107 acres, paying Re, 1,051Garden ratea -. averaging 10 rupees per acre, Mr. Davies highest rate in the Mr. Vibart's rate of 24 rupees and the old Moonsiff's settlement rate which was the same as Mr. Vibart's. The survey finds 860 acres under 226 wells capable of garden cultivation, not more than 4 aares being on an average allotted to each well, on the principle of pherpálí or rotation requirements.
101. Instead of assessing garden land by a fixed rate, I shall adopt the plan usual in this survey, where wells are not an unimportant resource of the district, by putting on a well kasar. The kasar I think suitable is a maximum of Rs. 24 per kos, a rate Colonel Prescott adopted in the Ankleswar Táluka of this district. This rate will, of course, vary considerably according to the capabilities of the well, and the result, as ascertained by computation in detail, is that Rs. 6,587 will be realized on the 860 acres of soil and water combined, being on an average Rs. $7 \frac{3}{3}$ per acre. What I lose in maximum, as will appear on comparing my rates with Mr. Davies', I gain by a smaller figure extended over a large area. That such a rate is hardly of the nature of well taration must be apparent to any one conversant with the profits of garden cultivation, and I cannot be convinced that Government in only levying a moderate well assessment, such as this is, are either acting against the custom of the country or the feelings of the people, much less are they guilty of any economical indiscretion.
102. The general statement appended shows how the rates affect each village, and the former state of things is added for comparison. It is unnecessary to enter into the case of any particular village, as the principle adopted is uniform and affects all alike. The general results are however given in the following abstract :-

| Gronp. |  |  |  | Number of Villages. | Realizations of Government land under the old system. |  | According to the Survey rates, | Percontage increase by the Survey. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { years' } \\ \text { byerage } \\ \text { collections. } \end{gathered}$ | Last year's collections. | On <br> 10 yeara' <br> average |  | On last. year's collections. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { I. } \\ \text { III. } \\ \text { IV. } \end{gathered}$ | $\cdots$$\cdots$$\cdots$ |  | +0 <br> $\because \cdot$ <br> *.. <br> Total |  | Bge | \%s, | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | R. |
|  |  |  |  | 2 | 21,607 | 22,008 | 29,046 | 344 | 82 |
|  |  |  |  | 42 | 1,96,636 | 2,01,204 | 2,35,777 | 20 | 17 |
|  |  |  |  | 32 | 1,08,857 | 1,04,405 | $\cdot 1,16,527$ | 124 | 111 |
|  |  |  |  | 9 | 42,799 | 42,798 | 42,851 | \% | $\frac{1}{8}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 85 | 3,64,899 | 8,70,404 | 4,24,201 | 263 | - 14, |

As before stated, a reduction for mileage will have the effect of reducing this increase about 5 per cent.
103. The realizations under each description of cultivation are as ander:-

| Group. |  |  |  | According to the old ratee as fixed by Mr. J. M. Davies. |  |  |  | According to the eatimated Revenue Survey Assessment. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Asseamment on the area cultivated in 4.D. 1874-7 5 . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Dry-crop. | Garden. | Bice. | Total. | Dry-crop. | Garden. | Rice. | Total. |
| 1 |  |  |  | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { II. } \\ \text { III. } \\ \text { II. } \end{gathered}$ | $\therefore$. $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br>  Total |  |  | Re. | Re. | Rs. | Res. | , $\mathrm{R}_{\text {s. }}$ | Rs. | R. | Rs. |
|  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 13,590 $1,96,531$ | 414 432 | 7,898 4,241 | 23,003 $2,01,204$ | 18,975 $2,26,440$ | 611 4.784 | 10,060 | 29,046 |
|  |  |  | - | 1,99,684 | 805 | 4,516 | 2,04,405 | 2,26,440 $\mathbf{3}, 10,900$ | 4,784 1,152 | 5,653 4,475 | 2,35,777 |
|  |  |  | *- | 42,793 | ... | ... | 42,793 | 42,811 | 40 | $\cdot \ldots$ | 42,851 |
|  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 3,52,698 | 1,061 | 16,756 | 3,70,404 | 8,97,626 | 6,587 | 20,088 | 4,24,201 |

104. The survey average rates on each description are:-

105. The average rates according to the old system and the new are set forth below: -

106. The effect of the proposed rates on the revenue derived from Government land is as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Old System... ... ... |  | ... | ... | 3,70,404 |
| Survey assessment of Government cur | vated land | ... | ... | 4,24,202 |
| Difference ... ... ... ... or $14 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. more by the Survey. |  | *.. | ". | 53,798 |
| Add |  |  |  |  |
| Survey assessment of Government | e land ... | ... | -•• | 32,043 |
| Survey kamal or total assessment of | vernment la |  | ... | 4,56,245 |

107. It will be noticed that the statement, para. 5, shows that there are no less than 10,500 acres of unoccupied culturable land still available for assessment. This is in one sense true. This area, however, includes village pasture lands to the extent of 4,000 acres, which will be granted rent-free, and includes land taken up or encroached upon since the last páháni or inspection was made. The Hisawar measurements now in progress for the settlement will be completed in a month hence, and I fully expect that it will diminish the unoccupied area by at least 3,000 acres, which will leave only 3,500 acres actually waste, the rental of which at an average rate of Rs. $3 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}}$ will produce Rs. 12,250.
108. My experience in the neighbouring táluka (A'mod) last year enables me to assert with some measure of cenfidence that all the waste land will be sold off by public auction to the assembled rayats at Jamábandi, to the very last acre.
109. As the foregoing details will enable Government to decide upon the suitability of the rates, I need not at present add to this report; suffice it to say, that other questions, for instance, (a) the disposal of vadhara land found in alienated holdings; (b) abolition of shepherd and other such cesses; (c) Ghardbharu; and (d) fruit trees, will be gtrictly carried out in conformity with *the views of Government expressed in the case of the other talukas of this Collectorate.
110. In conclusion, I would suggest that this report be not printed, as it is but a sketch of what the settlement is likely to be, and I may have an opportunity of rendering it fuller and more interesting after the experimental introduction of rates, when it is likely many more subjects for consideration will turn up, as is usually the case.
111. The orders of Government are solicited for (a) the proposed rates, and (b) for treat- ment of the Japti-Kheru question.

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

- No. 2411.

Revenue Depparthent.
Bombay Castle, 20th April 1876.
Resolution.-The Jambusar Taluka, to which these papers relate, is one of the most favoured in the Province of Gujarat with regard to soil and climate, and although not on the direct line of communication with Bombay by railway, is so near it that its slight inferiority below other districts in this respect is compensated for by the possession of two ports on the Gulf of Cambay, which provide for the export of its two chief exportable staples, cotton and wheat, to Bombay, Kathiawar; \&c. The general standard of the revised assessment proposed for it has therefore been rightly kept up to that sanctioned in previous Resolutions for the remainder of the Broach Collectorate.
8. The grouping of villages it is proposed to adopt for maximum rates of dry-orop assessment corresponds generally with the three varieties of soil to be found in the taluka, viz., the Goraroo (Gorat) or light coloured, occasionally called red in the Superintendent's report; the Khanun, or black cotton boil ; and thirdly, the inferior black, more or less impregnated with salt in the sea-coast tract on the south-west. What is called the first gronp is merely the two divisions of the kasba town of Jambusar, properly belonging to the Goraroo tract, raised a class on scconnt of their superior facilities for disposal of produce in the market of that place. Three out lying villages in the northeast, also belonging to the Goraroo group, have been lowered a-class on account of their distance from market, and the village of Tankaria, in the Khánun group, has been raised a class in consequence of its being itself a port of export. As this grouping corresponds also generally with that which should be adopted on consideration of distance from market, it may be sanctioned, with liberty to the Superintendent, if he should on further consideration deem it advisable to lower the rate for the north-west villages in his second class, from Nahar westward, by four annas on account of their greater distance from the market of Jambusar and the railway than the remaining villages of the group.
3. The maximum dry-crop rates, ranging from Rs. $5 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ in the town of Jambusar to Rs. 4 in the fourth group, are the same as those already sanctioned in the $A^{\prime}$ mod and Wagra Talukas, and may be approved.
4. The rice lands in this taluka are not extensive, and are of inferior quality. It is proposed to fix the maximum rates for water in these lands, as has been done in geveral other parts of the Province, at one rupee lees than the dry-crop rates of the villages in which they lie. The average increase per acre over the existing rates by the adoption of this system will only be six annas, or 6.3 per cent. This, considering that the price of rice has risen since 1885 from 534 to 30 seers per rupee, is very moderate and the proposal may be sanctioned without hesitation.
5. With regard to garden lands, the Survey Officers propose the imposition of a maximum water-bag rate of Rs. 24, resulting in average rates of assessment of Re. 9-11-2, 7-13.6, 6-8-2 and 4, for the four groups of villages respectively. The average on the whole, Rs. 7-10-1, is a reduction of $22 \frac{1}{5}$ per cent. on Mr. J. M. Davies rates of 1849. The Revenue Commissioner would prefer the adoption of the Deccan plan of rendering the water-rate altogether, but imposing in each place the maximum dry-crop rat on all lands under wells, on the groand that it would increase the area of irrigation. Ae the people are arare that any land brought under irrigation hereafter from new wells will be only taxed at dry-crop rates, His Ex xeellency in Council cannot see how the Revenue Commissioner's proposal would tend to the increase of irrigated area : it might, in fact, have the contrary effect in inducing people to make more use of old wells instead of building new ones. It is not as if these wells were of recent construction, the cost of which might not have been fairly recouped to those who made them : in such cases the Superintendent would be authorized to grant remission of the well-rates, in order that their owners should not lose by their enterprise. The wells have probably existed for generations, and the lands
under them have paid garden assessment from beyond the memory of the present generation. Under these circumstances it would amount to a quixotic sacrifice of revenue not to levy a -moderate rate under that head, and as, as shown above, the proposals of the Sarvey Officers. show a redaction of over 22 per cent,, the rate proposed may be approved.
6. The general effect of the adoption of the proposed revision will be to increase the assessment of the two divisions comprised in Jambusar itself by 32 per cent. ; in the second group, even if the authorization given above to the Superintendent to reduce the maximam in the villages in the north-west corner by four annas shoald not be made use of, $\mathbf{1 7}$ per cent.; in the third groap $11 \$$ per cent.; and in the last by only \& per cent. After the nsual reduction at the time of settlement on account of distance of fields from village sites, these will be lowered by about 5 per cent. more, so that in the lowest class the new will actually be less on the whole than the, old assesment, while the increase in no single village in the group will be above 103 -per cent." Considering that the prices of the staple products of the district have, as ahown in paragraph 35 of the Superintendents report, increased within the last twenty years. by from 100 to 150 per cent., and the probability that as one of the consequences of the fall in value of silver and the rupee, the value of agricaltural produce in the rupee currency will rise greatly, the proposed rates of revision cannot but be considered extremely moderate. These considerations, in fact in a great measure justify the Collector's apprehension that the rates are, if anything, too low, but His Excellency in Council prefers to adopt them in face of the almost certainty that the value of the chief exportable prodnct, cotton, will fall, as the production of the longer staple American and other exotic varieties increases.
7. Mr. Beyts has laid these proposais before Government in a very complete and satisfactory manner, and deserves the commendation of His Excellency in Coancil.

E. W. RAVENSCROFT,<br>Acting Chief Secretary to Govermment.

No. 1016 or 1877.
N'asik, 15th Marck 1877.
To
Ter Hon'ble E. W. RaVENSCROFT, C.S.I, Chief Seoretary to Government, Revenue Department,

Bombay.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward the final report of the Superintendent of Survey on the revised assessment of the Jambusar Taluka of Broach. This report should have reached me through the Survey Commissioner, but as he is in Sind I will make my remarks and leave him to add any that he thinks necessary in handing this report to Government.
2. It will be remembered that by Government Resolution No. 2411 of 20th April 1876, the following rates were sanctioned for the Jambusar Taluka :-

| Group. | Number of Villages. | Dry-Crap. | Garden. | Rice. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 42 \\ 32 \\ 9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 5 & 14 & 11 \\ 5 & 0 & 8 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r\|r} \text { Rs. } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ \hline 10 & 12 & 10 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 7 & 11 & 2 \\ 5 & 12 & 10 \end{array}$ | Rs. a p. <br> 6 7. 8 <br> 6 6 0 <br> 5 7 10 <br> $\ldots$   | $\begin{array}{rll} \text { Rs } & \text { a. } & \text { P. } \\ 6 & 2 & 10 \\ 5 & 1 & 8 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 85 | 471 | . 895 | 631 | 487 |

These rates gave an increase of Rs. 53,943-13-7, or $14 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent, but under the operation of the scale for distance from the village this has been redueed to Rs. 50,867-1-7, or an increase of $13 \AA$ per cent. on the late demand, but the Superintendent explains, para. 5, that this sum does not include Rs. 3,712-8-0, the rental of $751 \frac{1 s}{40}$ acres of Wadhara land held by
alienees in excess of what they are entitled to, so that the actual increase is $\mathrm{Rs}, 54,579-4-7$, and there are still 7,763 acres of unocoupied arable waste, assessed at Rs. 23,354 , available for the extension of cultivation.
3. I agree with the Superintendent that there was no necessity to reduce the rates sanctioned for the villages, north-west of Náhár. -
4. The right to all trees, except those on road-aides, tank embankments, and public places, has been vested in the occupant of the land.
5. Ground-rest. Only Rs. 131-10-1 is levied from the non-agricultural classes as groundrent. The Superintendent of Sarvey suggests that ground-rent should be taken from mills and other factories, and I agree with him.
6. The assessment of kacha lands in excess of $\mathbf{1 0}$ gunthas is correct. These lands are compounds attached to houses, and 10 ganthas is sufficient for that purpose.
7. A separate oess (Swadio Fatanhas) of Rs. 67-14-11 has hitherto been paid by the holders of alienated lands. If the sanads for these lands have been prepared without the entry of this sam, it must be remitted, bat if the sanads have not yet been issued, it will be included in the sanads. The Collector should have reported on this point.
8. It is proposed to settle the long-pending dispate between the Bhágdárs of Jambusar and their Japti-Kherats, or permanent tenants, at the expense of Government. Government is to forego Rs. 1,011 per annum from the Bhagdars, and they agree to give their Kherats a permanent tenant-right on certain specified conditions. I doubt the necessity of making this sacrifice in one particular village. If a tenant-right is to be purchased in one village, the same mast be done in all, and the amount will be considerable. There can be no doabt of the existence of the tenant-rights by the Japti-Kheruts, and I think, instead of Government purchasing what already belongs to them, the Collector should be ordered to contest in the Courts the next attempt to increase the assessment of, or to dispossess a Japti Kheruts. It is hardly possible that the Bhagdars would have consented to this concession if they had not been aware that they had no power over the Japtis.
9. The revised assessment may now be finally sanctioned. The guarantee to terminate with the year 1901-02 at the same time as $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$ mod.

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

Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

No. 471 of 1877.
To

> L. R. ASHBURNER, Esq, C.S.I., Refrnue Commssioner, N. D.

Camp A'mod, 7th March 1877.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward a report No. 314 of the 24th altimo, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, on the actwal assessment of the Jambusar Táluka, and to offer a few observations upon it.

From paragraph 8 of $\mathbf{M r}$. Beyts' report you will observe that, after assigning 2,392 acres for village pasturage, 7,763 acres of the assessed value of Res. 23,354 are available for occupation.

In regand ta paragraph 9 of the report, I concur with Mr. Beyts as to the unadrisableness of lomering the rates of the villages of the second class, north-west of Nahar.

The proposals made in paragraph 24 in the interests of peace between the Bhagdars of Jambusar and the Japti-Kherats will, I trust, meet with the approval of Government, as the only plan likely to lead to a settlement of their long-existing differences. The terms by which the Bhagdars are willing to abide are given in detail in paragraph 22, and the Japti-Kherats are alco apparently agreeable to the conditions in question, as Mr. Beyts proposes in paragraph 25 to take a joint Kabulayat from both parties embodying those conditions. The knowledge that Government has reserved the option of reverting to the levy of the full Survey Kamal in the event of an infraction of the agreement by the Bhagdars will, doubtless, have a wholesome effect in keeping them to it.

In conclusion, I beğ that you will move Government to give the usual guarantee commencing from the year 1875-76 and ending in the year 1901-02) asked for in Mr. Beyts' - last paragraph.

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

No. 566 or 1877.

## Forwarded to Government.

2. The Survey and Settlement Commissioner intended to make some remarks on this settlement, but, owing to press of work at the last, he has not had time to do so, and submits the papers as received from the Revenue Commissioner.

Revenue Department.
Poona, 14th April 1877.
J. FRANCIS, Colonel,
. . Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

No. 314 or 1877.
To
J. G. WHITE, Esq.,

Collector of Broach.

## Superintendents Office, Camp Paríntij, 24th February 1877.

## Sir,

Having carried out the settlement of the Jambusar Taluka originally sketched in report No. 86 of the 26th January 1876, and sanctioned by Government in their Resolution No. 2411 of the 20th April last, I have now the honour to report simply on the actual assessments in substitution of the estimated figures, because Government have already reviewed the arguments upon which the revised rates have been based.
2. The appended, villagewar statement contains all the information necessary for General village statement in a minute scrutiny into the effects of the rates in each one of the three parta, 85 Kh 多se villages.

Comparison of old and new . 3. The general effect on Government occupied land is given realizations in groapa. below in the four classes according to groups:-

| Group. | Number of Villagen. |  |  | Imerbabr. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Old Syatem ; last year's collection. | Survey System. | Rapeea, | Per cent. |
| 12-34 | 2 |  | Rs. at p. | Re. a. p. | 32 |
|  |  |  | 29,081 012 | 7,050136 |  |
|  |  | 1,99,429 22 | 28,020 012 | 6,039 13 6 | 271 |
|  | 42 |  | 3,637 0 4 | 34,208 110 | $17 t$ |
|  |  | 1,04,044 $\quad 0 \quad 5$ | 2,31,868 08 | 32,439 510 | 164 |
|  | 32 |  | 1,16,444 012 | 12,400 117 | 12\% |
|  | 9 | - 42,432154 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}1,16,147 & 0 & 12 \\ 42,717 & 0 & 2\end{array}$ | 12,10311 284 2 | 11衰 |
| Total. | 85 | 3,67,887 0 | 4,21,830 00014 | 53,943 $13 \quad 7$ |  |
|  |  |  | 4,18,754 02 | 50,867 17 | 134 |

The black figures are emendations in the reduction for distance and represent the true assessment leviable.

Net financial resolte of the settle. ment.
4.: The net financial results of the settlement, omitting Miscellaneous Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess, are compared below.

> On Government Land.

Rs. a. p.
$\begin{array}{lcccccccc}\text { Last year's collection, old system } & \ldots & \ldots & 3,67,887 & 0 & 5 \\ \text { Survey assessment } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 4,18,754 & 2 & 0 \\ & & \ldots & \ldots & & \\ & \text { Net Inerease } & \ldots & 50,867 & 1 & 7\end{array}$

| Last year's colleotion, old system |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 70,571 | 4 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Survey commuted quit-rents | -0. | ... | .*. | 76,272 | 15 | 8 |
|  | Net Increase |  | . $\cdot$ | 5,701 | 11 | 8 |


| Lest year's collection of land assessment | and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| quit-rents | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $4,38,458$ | 4 | 5 |
| Survey assessment | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $4,95,027$ | 1 | 8 |  |

-which is 184 per cent. on Government land, and 8 per cent. on quit-rents.
5. It should be remarked, however, that as $751 \neq \frac{1}{\circ}$ acres of Vadhara or excess land have been included in the alienated holdings on full assessment,
Vsdhsra or Govarnment land held in exeese folly assensed, but. amounting to Rs. 3,712-3-0, the aetual increase on Government land is R.s. 50,367-1-7, plus Rs. 3,712-3-0 $=$ Rs. 54,579-4-7; and on alienated land so much less, but the account must obviously stand under the heading given in the preceding paragraph.

Oid average rates.
6. The old average rates on each description of land

| Group. | Number of Villages, | Dry-crop. ' | Garden. | Bice. | Total, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - | Rs. . a. p. | Rs. at p. | Rs. . a. pr. | Re. a. p. |
| I. | 2 | 569 . | 11117 | 61111 | 5116 |
| II. | 42 | 484 | 1012 | 5139 | 4810 |
| III. | 32 | 3118 | 726 | 4140 | 3124 |
| IV. | 9 | 3 3 4 | -00.0. | **...* | 3: 3: 4 |
| Total. | 85 | 417 | 9185 | $510 \cdot 8$ | 426 |

The survey average rates on each description are given for comparison:-

| Group. | Number of Villagen, | . Dry-cropo | Garden, | Rica | Total, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs, an p. | Rss.at po | Rs, a p. | Rs. ac p. |
| I. | 2 | 51411. | 101210 | 678 | 6210 |
| II. | 42 | 5008 | 8910 | 660 | 5118 |
| III. | 32 | 4. 01 | 7112 | 5710 | 411 |
| IV. | 9 | 3'1 3 | 51210 | . 3.00 | 3 1. 3 |
| Total. | 85 | 471. | 895 | 631. | 48.7 |

8. The arable waste land not included in holdings was ascertained to be $10,155 \frac{3}{3}$ acres, "of the assessed value of Re. 30,644-12-0. Out of this area I set

Area and asseament of arable Warte, apart for village pasturage 2,392: acres, leaving 7,763 acres of the assessed value of Rs, 23,354 available for occupation, which will increase the land revenue to that extent plus the increase noted in paragraph 4. I postponed putting the land up to auction at time of Jamabandi, because of having no time to attend to it before the monsoon set in. How much of this land has aince been taken up during the current season-1876-77-will be reported hereafter.
9. In respect to the permission granted me by Government to lower the rates of the

Option to lower the north-west villages. viliages. that these villages have now a market in Kávi, and export their produce rrom Degam Bandax. The two Ginning mills recently erected in Kavi have conduced to separate the interests of these villages from the distant lines of railway. Besides which, this north-western group has in reality the beat climate of any in the district. It is not only on the fertile Marwar ridge elevated above the Bara and Nimbara depression, but has the direct influence of ses air (without actual saline impregnation of soil) which more than snything else is well-known to improve the texture of cotton-a theory practically exemplified in the reputation of the cotton from this part of Jambusar. The third consideration is that this particular part of the second group is on an average only raised $9 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., whereas the remaining portion averages 17 per cent. This, taken in connection with the fact that prices have risen more than cent per cent. since Mr. Davies' rates were imposed, render it unadvisable to still lower the demand, which errs, if anything, in extreme moderation. The reduction of 4 annas in the maximum rate would be equal to lowering the average increase from $9 \frac{1}{2}$ to $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on last year's collections.
10. There are no teakwood, blackwood, or sandalwood trees in this district, and no revenue was derived from fruit trees during the past year. It was intimated to the rayats that the trees on their holdings were to be considered their own, and that trees on waste land would be sold with the occopancy. The usual notice reserving road aide trees, and trees on tanks, publio ground, \&o., was given. The sum of Rs. 3-5-0 was levied as Vanchs--literally, for shodow cast by trees. This item will be absorbed in the land assessment.
11. Rs. 181-10-1 were levied for ground-rent, of which Rs. 62 were levied in the Kasba Ground-renta, town. As a rule, ground-rent levied from caltivators in villages is remitted, the levy being only admissible in the case of nonagricultural occupants. It is a question for your consideration whether or not the cultivated land taken up for mills should not be assessed, as they have been in Broach and elsewhere, in the intrerests of the Municipality.
12. There are about ten acres of land held under this head. I have ordered that the Fadas

## Ghar Kache or Vidach

or enclosures in excess of 10 gunthás should be fully assessed. The one acre limit is obviously only intended for holdings in

## - Kaliparaj and Bhil districts.

-13. Fatochás-an extra item of land rovenue-due from Vatandari lands, and levied as Fatochik. a Swadia under the old system, amounting to Rs. 67-14-11, ought to have been included in the sanads issaed. The levying of this sum as a cash payment (nagdi upaj) distinct from the permanent land revenue is a mistake. If the sanads issued cannot be altered, the sum ought to be strack out of the accounts, but I do not see any valid reason why an eversight of this nature should not be rectified at once.
14. The appended Jamabandi statement is an abstract of the Vasul-baki-Yatraks. The red figures ere corrections made after the Jamabandi, vide paras. 3. Jamaband - Statement for Yod figures ere corrections made after the Jamabandi, vide para, 3.
1875-76. practice of not levpying the increaeed assessment during the introductory jear of the settlement. The increase will be duly brought to account in 1876-77.
15. I have now to state what has been done with the Japti-Kherut question referred to in

Japti-Kherut queation. peras. 52 to 62 of my original repart No. 86 of the 26 th January 1876, the essence of which is that the Japti-Kheruts, who held their Iand and paid their rent direct to Government anterior to certain villages having been conceded to certain middlemen on the Bhagdari tenure, have (from time to time, owing to various causes over which they have had no control) been gradually losing their independence until they are now reduced to very little more than the tenants-at-will of the rapacious middlemen, who have, by a series of mancuvres-Civil Court deerees and systematic intimidation, either usurped the holdings, or deem themselves justified in rack-renting the Japti cultivators.
16. The appeal to the revenue anthoritien-(who have unwittingly been instrumental in sinking their title, first by including the Japti bands in a tenure established in favour of outsiders, the spirit of which is diametrically opposed to rayatwari independence; and, secondly, by introduction of Blane's forms abolished certain records, in which these Japti-Kheruts used to appear as tenants of the State, that is, Khatedars on their own account)-has not elicited more
than advice to seek redress in the Civil Courts. In the total absence of any tenant-at-law in this Presidency defining the relations between the semi-independent Japti cultivators and Bhagdars, this advice may seem slightly ironical. Even if there had been any law existing, the oppressed and indebted cultivator would still be at a disadvantage in any contest with the influential Bhagdars in the Courts of Subordinate Judges. As it is, the Bhagdars have it all their own way, and it is extremely difficult to impress men with moral obligations, when their sense of it has been very much blonted by the liberty allowed them to do what they like.

Different poeitions held by JaptiKheruts.

In. Kavi the accidental retention of their Khatas-separate from the Bhagdars-though

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 subordinate to the Bhagwari division, and the fact of the JaptiKherats paping their revenue from the earliest time to the present day through the Talati without interference of the middlemen, have secured them a prescriptive title by the common law of the country. As their names appear in the Khatavais, I shall continne to record them in the survey papers. The only conflict likely to take place before long is the right of mortgage, transfer, and sale. The Japti-Kherats in this village hold to it, and have obtained decrees in their favour, whilst the Bhagdárs insist npon their reversionary right to such holdings in the event of lapse of heirs to the original holders. The dispute is of such a nature that it is not possible to make them think alike, oo the case must stand. Resumption and enhanced rentals have not been attempted in this village, partly owing to the greater apathy of the Musalman Bhágdars.18. In Káawa the Japti-Kheruts are a small body suffering at the hands of the Brahmin K_nwan Bhagdars. They unfortunately have no official recognition in the present records of the toluka. The reason of this may be that they were alwayg timid and early subdued by the Bhagdars. I intend tracing, if possible, their history during the current season, to record it in the Ikrarnama of the village. I may possibly induce the Bhágdars to deal with them in a fair spirit.
19. In these two villages, or rather two divisions of one village, the Bhagdars are Brahmins, Kunbis, Banias and Boras. The Japti-Kheruts were recog-

Konbi and Jani Patis of Jame busar. nized up to the last revision settlement, but Mr. Davies left very imperfect record of their right which the Bhágdárs and Courts have not recognized, so that the Japti-Kherats have been either bollied out of their holdings, or have been imposed apon for higher than the revision renta.
20. All my efforts to compromise matters in these villages previous to the day of declaring the new jama had failed, simply becanse the Bhágdars, on one hand, were fushed with Civil Court decrees and intimate knowledge of the existing law ; and the Japti-Kherate, on the other hand, were unduly impressed with the idea that the Sarkar was boand to fight the case-amounting in their conception to a complete restoration of all their lands, incherding that which had been decreed away; exemption beyond the survey assessment; and liberty to pay the revenue direct into the Treasury.
21. A few days after the declaration of the jams, which proved to be a very decided increase of the Bhagdárs' liabilities to the State, a very decided ehange hikewise tools place in their views of the dispute. Under the impression that I had raised the jams of their villages to punish them for not conceding anything to the Japti cultivators, they loft the sottlement of the dispute entirely to me and agreed to sign any kabuliat I dictated. They were distinctly told that the jama was the result of rates deemed equitable for the taloka irrerpective of the quarrel, but that I would ask Government to fix the phalla slightly below the kamal in consideration of their being reconciled to the Japti-Kheruts, in such measure as to reatore them the rights Mr. Davies supposed he had secuxed for them in 1848.
22. Having advanced so far towards a satisfactory settlement, it was now the turn of the Japti-Khernts (encouraged by their Muktiars) to be most unreasonable; they increased their demand by wishing to include a great deal of land which they said Mr. Davies had omitted and threatened to desert the village, or do worse, if the Bhagdars did not agree. I subsequently heard that they and ald the cultivators, even of Bhagdari lands not recognized in the Japti, had met in a temple and solemnly and mutually wowed that no Bhagdari land was to be cultivated in Jambusar until they obtained redress, a threat which, if carried out, would most certsindy ruin themselves, and possibly break down the Bhagdars, as the Bhágdars are not caltivators and depend upon the occupation rentals to pay the Gorernment jama. Ultimately, during midmonsoon the Japti cultivators followed me to Surat (at their own expense) and handed in an agreement, omitting all the unreasonable demands. After a time the Bhagdars also appeared and assented to the following terms:-
A.-The Japti-Eherat to pay only the survey assessment and local fund cess on his holding.
B.-The Japti-Kherat to have no right either to sell or transfer Japti lands. The occapation right can only revert to his legal heirs. If necessary to mortgage the land for peyment of debtr, the mortgage shall be limited to five years only.
C.-The revenue instalments are to be paid by the Japti-Kherut through the Bhagdar and not direct through the Taláti. But ehould the Bhagdar, from any sinister motive, refuse to receire the instalments offered by the Japti-Kherut, the latter may pay it into the Treasury minus the value of the stamp necessary to petition the Mamlatdar on the subject.
D-Record of payment in a regular receipt-book, as given to ryotwari cultivators, to be supplied to the Japti-Kherut by the Bhagdar.
E.-Japti lands recognized by Mr. Davies (1848) but resumed by decrees of the Civil Courte, or otherwise by the Bhágdars and leased to outsiders, to be restored to the Japti-Kheruts, who are to pay the Bhagdar an additional anna in the rapee of assessment, in consideration of such restoration.
F.-If it be necessary to oust an outside cultivator put in possession of Japti lands by the Bhagdar, the Bhágdár is bound to file the suit in his own name, and obtain a decree, the law expenses thereof to be liquidated by the Japti-Kherut solely; but in case the Bhágdar delays entering npon the suit, he, the Bhágdar, will make over to the JaptiKherut any sarplus rent recoived from the outsider.
G.-The Bhagdar is not expected to restore lands to the Japti-Kherut or his heirs in all those instances in which the Japti-Kherat either resigned or deserted his holding, from no canse of oppression on the part of the Bhagdar; and thereby threw the responsibility of liquidating the annual jama on the Bhágdar.
H.-The Japti and other lands now held in mixed holdings to be separated by the Hisawar survey, and a distinct record of the area and assessment of the Japti and the Bhagdari portions to be supplied the Japti-Kherut and the revenue authorities.
I.-The present or actual survey area of the Japti land to be sccepted, whether it be more or less than the former documentary area.
J.-The annual repair of boundary marks to be effected by the Japti-Kheruts,
23. The Japti lands in the kasba, concerning which all this dispute has raged during the last 28 years, only amounts to $8600^{9}$ acres of the survey assessed value of Rs. 4,677. This sum can, however, be increased by the cupidity of the Bhágdars to double the amounts. Although the area is small, when compared with the total Bhagdari area of the village, it must be remembered that these Japti cultivators are representative men, and that they and their relations constitate the chief portion of the kasba tenantry. No better proof oan be given, that the dispute has a wider range than the small area of 660 acres, than the Mámlatdar's report to the effect that the greater portion of the two patis of Jambusar had not even ploughed the land for cultivation up to the lst of August, so that the loss on the kharif crop in this village was a certainty,* confirming the statement as to the vow taken in the tomple. I scarcely need assure you of the relief felt, when the parties agreed to my terms, and returned to the village to make the most of the remaining season.

## 24. The Survey kamal of the Kanbi-pati is Rs. 15,200, and the kamál of the Jami-pati

 Reduction in the Phalle. Rs. 11,703, total Rs. 26,903. I propose the phalla should be fixed at Rs. 25,892, or Rs. 1,011 less than the kamal, Rs. 448 in favour of the Kanbi-pati and Rs. 563 for the Jami-pati. This will enable the Bhagdars to cover their retreat, and it is after all only a triting reduction in the percentage increase of this immense village. If Government should not approve of what I have done, the Bhagdars and Japti-Kheruts will resume the fight, which can only end, as far as the interests of Government are concerned, in the revenue-paying capabilities of the villages being altimately reduced-. either by impoverishing law-suite, or the suicidal action of an incensed and combined tenantryvowing not to cultivate.25. A joint kabuliat, according to the terms in para. 22, will be duly executed, and in case the Bhagdars hereafter disregard it, they will be told that Government reserve to themselves the option of reverting to the levy of the full Survey kamal, that is, the present phalla plus the Re. 1,011, which shall, if necessary, be recovered from the first year of settlement. I must inform you that the reduction of Rs. 1,011 , though provisional, has already been made in the figures of my third and fourth paras.
26. In concluaion, $I$ am glad to state that notwithstanding a very inefficient staff of Talatis, the majority of whom know nothing about the preparation of the survey papers, the Mámlatdar of the táluka, Azum Amratram Chintámanishankar, rendered me very great assistance.

[^12]27. Should the results of this settlement fulfil the expectations Government formed on my first report, I hope they will kindly give the usual guarantee, commencing from the year 1875-76 and ending in the year 1901-02 simultaneously with the A'mod settlement.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, N. B. BEYTS, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat.

No. 2774.

## Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle, Soth April 1877.

Resolution.-The result of the introduction of the revised rates of assessment sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 2411 of the 20th April 1876, corresponds very closely with that estimated, and is satisfactory. The total percentage increase estimated was $14 \frac{5}{4}$, and this ban, after the usual deductions and additions to assessment in consequence of distance of lands from the village sites, been reduced to $13 \frac{1}{4}$, the actual increase in realizable revenue beyond that under ${ }^{*}$ the old system being Rs. $50,867-1$-7. It is explained by the Superintendent of Survey that it was found unnecessary to lower the maximum rate in the north-west of the taluka from Náhar westward, with regard to which a discretionary power was given to Mr. Beyts in paragraph 2 of the former Government Resolution: he shows that they have a separate market of their own in the village of Kávi, and a port of export at Degam, besides possessing the advantage of the moist sea air which is so favourable for the production of cotton.
2. In alienated land there is also an increase of Rs. 5,701-11-8, due partly to revision of quit-rents, and partly to the assessment at full sarvey rates of about 750 acres found to be in excess of the authorized alienated area. The Collector should be directed to report whether the Phatochás cess leviable on these lands, as described in the 13th paragraph of the Superintendent, has been included in the Summary Settlement sanads given on account of lands, and, if not, what is the nature of the settlement he would propose with regard to the cess. From its name it would appear to be leviable only when the land on which it is due is cultivated.
3. The full assessment of lands attached to houses as compounds in excess of one-fourth an acre is approved, as well as the continuation of the levy of ground rent, which the Revenue Commissioner assumes to be now paid by non-agriculturists only. A detailed statement of the lands on which the latter is payable should be submitted by the Collector, with his opinion on the question of levying special ground rent on land occupied by factories and mills noticed by the Revenue Commissioner and the Superintendent.
4. There being no forests in the taluka, the vesting of all trees in the occupants of land is approved. Roadside trees, and trees in tanks and on public ground have properly been reserved to Government. Where the occupancy right of land now waste is sold any trees there may be in existence on it should be sold with it. It will of course be discretionary with the Collector to sell such lands or not, as may appear best in the interests of Government.
5. The usual guarantee for the permanence of the revised assessment for thirty years may be given, except in Jambusar itself and other Bhagdári villages in which the disputes between the Bhagdárs and occupancy tenants are of sufficient importance in the opinion of the Collector and the Superintendent to warrant its postponement until some such tercas as those proposed for the settlement in Jambusar have been agreed to. It will probsbly be convenient that the guarantee should expire in the year after that of the Ámod Taluka and not in the same year, in order that the revision of too large a tract of country may not be on hand at once when the time arrives.
6. There appears to be doubt that the position of the "Japti" cultivators in the Bhagdári villages in Broach, referred to in the papers before Government, similarly to that of the "Chálu" cultivators in the Narwádári in Kaira and of the Dhárekaris in Khoti villages in the Konkan, was one of independence as far as holding their lands on the payment of the Government assessment was concerned, and that that position has been jeopardised, if not entirely lost in some villages in the taluka under settlement by the encroachments of the Bhagdárs, with the assistance of the Civil Courts, and through the ignorance and want of foresight of the inferior holders, and partly through the action of the local authorities in inaccurately recording the rights of the parties when Blane's forms of village accounts were introduced.
7. Their original status is proved by what is found to be the case to the present day in the village of Kávi, where the " khátás" or holdings of the "Japti" oultivators are recorded separately and their payments of revenue to Government are made directly to the village

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acoountant instead of indirectly through the Bhágdans. This system should be continued in this village, as well as in that of Kanwa, reported on in paragraph 18 of Mr. Beyta' letter, $\boldsymbol{m}_{0}$ far as the original holdinge of the "Japti" cultivators can be traced.
8. In the two Patis or sab-divisions of Jambasar itself matters appear to have gone mach farther than in Kávi and Kánwa, and there is no prospect of a settlement except by means of a compromise between the parties themselves. This is contained in the articles of agreement embodied in paragraph 22 of Mr: Beyts' letter, which virtually secure to the "Japti" cultivator his independence of the Bhagdar as far as the assessment of his land is concerned, but limit his right of transfer except by inheritance. It is proposed by the Superintendent, and apparently approved of by the Collector, as an inducement to the Bhágdars to carry out this agreement, to remit out of the phald, or lump assessment payable by the Bhagdárs, Rs. 448, in one division of the village and Rs. 553 in the other, i.e., a total of Rs. 1,011 out of a rental of Rs. 26,903 . To this the Revenue Commissioner objects, and would, whilst levying the full assessment, direct the Collector to contest in the Courts the next attempt to increase the assessment of or to dispussess a "Japti" cultivator. It is not easy to see, however, how he would assist those who have already been dispossessed, or whose assessments have already been increased, possibly on decrees of Court passed in pursuance of agreements given to such increases or in consequence of past enhanced payments. The adoption of this proposal weuld, moreover, only intensify the dispates that have been going on more or less for the last 28 years. Government on the whole cons der that, as the present state of affairs has been brought abont chiefly by the negligence of their own officers in not framing a proper record of rights at the time of Mr. Davies' settlement, the small sacrifice of revenue proposed by the Superintendent is not too much to pay for restoring matters as far as possible to their original condition, and the Superintendent's proposal may accordingly be sanctioned on the condition, to be reduced to writing in due legal form under the advice of the Legal Remembrancer, that in case of the breach of the conditions by any Bhagdar the Bhágdári tenure of the pati to which he belongs shall be dissolved and direct management by the Collector introduced. Any difficulty that may arise in carrying out these instructions should at once be reported for orders, and the Collector should be directed to assist the Superintendent in fixing once and for all the lands to be held by "Japti" cultivators with respect to which the proposed privileges are to be enjoyed.
E. W. RAVENSCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 3491 or 1902.

From
The COLLECTOR of BROACH;
To
The DIRECTOR of LAND RECORDS and AGRICULTURE.
Broach, 17th September 1902.
SIR,
I have the honour to forward Mr. Mehta's report, No. 115, dated the 3rd January 1901, on the Revision of the Jambusar Survey Settlement. The report reached me in March 1902, and was sent to the Mámlatdar of the Taluka for report on certain points. My reference and the Mámlatdar's report are annexed, as the latter officer has been several years in the Táluka and his report contains information which is wanting in that of the Assistant Superintendent of Survey.
2. Mr. Mehta's proposals involve a reduction in the assessment of Rs. 64,920 or about 16 per cent., only Rs, 5,205 of which are due to re-classification, while the rest results from general considerations and the application of the distance soale. This is a very liberal reduction. I do not, however, contest it, for I consider that it is better to have a perbaps unduly light assessment and stringent. collection in normal-times, than to have one which can with any show of reason be called so high as to justify leniency as a permanent principle of the system. It must be understood that however disinterested the intentions of Government may be, leniency will always be sold by the village officers, and when a market is thus opened, it is obvious that subject to such slight restraint as the supervision of superior officers may impose, the amount of leniency sold will depend primarily on the amount in demand and the price offered, and not on actual necessity. The loss to the State is thus enhanced, and the traffic between the villagers and their officers demoralises both parties. I use the word traffic advisedly, for in many of the cases that are constantly coming under my notice, I see no reason to suppose that there was any element of extortion. It has suited the villagers to pay so much per acre or per rupee for remissions or suspensions, and if they did not in the first instance suggest the bargain they entered into it with good will and content. To cure the unwholesome state of things which has come to prevail, it seems necessary that we should return to the old principle that the assessment is a tax to be paid as a matter of course in load years as well as good, and that the burden of a very strict proof must be thrown on the shoulders of any who wish to be exceptions. These remarks I consider not out of place here, for they touch on an integral principle of the Survey Settlement, the maintenance of which will be the only justification for the great reduction of the assessments in this district.
3. Although I offer no objection to Mr. Mehta's reductions, I must add a few remarks to show that his report contains no adequate reasons in support. of them.
4. Among the facts on which stress is always likely to be laid in estimating the effect of a past settlement is that of the increase or decrease of the unocoupied cultivable area, and in paragraph 8 of his report Mr. Mehta deals with this point. He gives the impression that during the current settlement up to the time he was writing the waste area had steadily increased from nothing to 13,500 acres; and in this matter contrasts Jambusar with all the rest of the Presidency. His presentation of the case is most fallacious. In the first year of the Survey Settlement (1875-76) the area of waste was 7,763 acres, and between that date and 1896-97 it was continually fluctuating, rising as high as 12,804 in 1889-90, and falling to 9,290 acres in 1895-96. In 1898-99, the last good year before the Revision report was written, the area of waste was 10,530 acres. The increase of waste, therefore, between the first and last normal years of the survey period is the difference between 7,763 and 10,530 or 2,767 acres
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only, and even if this lincrease could be shown to be incontestably" due to the incidence of the assessment, it would prove very little against it. In fact, however, there is no reason to suppose that the assessment has had anything to do with it. As the Mámlatdar shows in paragraph 2 of his report, the fluotuations of the assessed waste have been mainly cepnected with alterations of the Bhagdári tenure. With the constant dissolution of Bhags which took place from time to time, the poorer lands were thrown up by the liberated sharers, and the increase in waste would be marked (though after all we are dealing throughout with a very small area only, at its largest 7 per cent. of the assessed area) : then the area would decrease by absorption, to increase again with the next dissolution of Bhags. The fact that after all fluctuations there remained a small net increase may be due merely to a decrease of population. Such a decrease among all the upper classes of Hindu cultivators, the Patidárs, Girássias and Bráhmans was going on in 1895 when I was here before, and is still in operation. It is apparently due to the restriction of marriage owing to the boundless extravagance demanded by social custom, and certainly has nothing to do with the revenue system. It will be observed that the villages of Kava, Kalak, Jantran and Nadiad, where the area of assessed waste is conspicuously large, are described by the Mámlatdár as having once had a thriving population of just these classesKanbis (or Pátidárs) and Rájputs, who have died out. Other classes who are mostly far less thrifty and skillful and who live under the same revenue system do not perish under it.
5. The remarks in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Revision Report do not invite extended comment, for they have no particular point. It is true that Jambusar has no métalled roads, but this has no bearing on the question of a reduction of assessment, for it had none in 1875, and therefore the conditions of the old and new Settlements are in this respect identical. It is alsa correct that there is little trafic at the two ports ; but the ' preference of the cultivator and middleman for export by rail over export by sea is no proof of any decline in their profits.
6. In paragraph 15 it is stated that in the past fivo years the rainfall had been unseasonable and defective. This was written in 1900. The figures for the five years proceding the famine were:-

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| 1898 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 50 | $"$ |

In the last season (1901) with a rainfall of 24 inches the Taluka produced crops which as I saw myself had a most luxuriant appearance. The rats ate away the growing produce and partly disappointed the husbandman of his hopes, but except perhaps in the worst parts of the Bara tract the rain was evidently enough to have given at least a fully normal crop. I am convinced that with 25 inches of rain seasonably distributed, the district generally can yield 12 anna crops. The quantity of rain therefore, which was received in Jambusar in the five years previous to the famine was not necessarily insufficient in any year, and in three out of the five was above the district average. It may have been unseasonable, but it was not defective, and the figures lend no support to the theory that there had been any steady deterioration of the monsoon previous to 1899-1900, or that there will be any continuance of failures.
7. In paragraph 20 Mr . Mehta deals with population. The figures he had to deal with showed that between 1874 and 1891 population had remained practically stationary. We do not know that there had been any actual decrease in numbers between 1891 and 1898; but if there had been, which I think possible from what I was constantly hearing in 1895 and 1896, it was due to social causes acting on particular classes. What Mr. Mehta means by a decrease of population owing to the unprofitable cultivation of water-logged lands I do not clearly understand. The area of culturable waste in that period was under 10,000 acres, or 5 per cent. of the assessed area, so that it is clear
that people were not throwing up their lands to any extent, and I fancy that a man would usually throw up his lands, and so at any rate esoape the assessment, when he began to find that the land was killing him. I cannot disoover either the point or the proof of the remark; while on the other hand, as paragraph 18 shows, considerable progress, wholly at the expense of Government, had been made in draining water-logged areas. The census of 1901 shows that the population of the Taluka has declined to 61,846 . This of course is mainly due to the epidemics of cholera and fever which followed the famine, and by itself affords no ground for a reduction of the assessment. Government of course is likely to lose revenue from the temporary increase of waste, but there is no reason to suppose that the surviving cultivators are less able than before to pay the assessments on the land they retain.
8. Passing to paragraph 21 of the Report, I make no comments on the sale and mortgage values derived from registered deeds, because as I have pointed out in commenting on previous revision reports, we never know what these figures really mean. Outright sales of land at its market value where the purchaser takes over no incumbrance are extremely rare. In the cases where Government is the purchaser the market value claimed and awarded is generally very high; in such cases the declarations of annual profit are usually surprising and in striking contrast to the statements made when the incidence of the assessment is in question. Mr. Mehta admits that the usual rent for land is twice the assessment, which in my view is conclusive proof by itself of the moderation of the latter. He adds that "of late years" the owners have not been able to realise even the survey assessment-a statement which he appears to have made as an inference from the dissolution of 13 Bhags, not from his own knowledge. It is no doubt true that since the famine and the large decrease in population, tenants have been hard to find and some landlords have been taking whatever rent they could get. But the dissolution of the 13 Bhags cannot afford any inference whatever as to what had been happening in "late years," for more than half of them were dissolved between 1881 and 1884, and all but three before 1890. As shown by the Mámlatdár, the causes for the dissolution of these Bhags were various; but the general reason for the tendency of Bhags to disappear is the disruptive effect of our survey system. A Bhag is a little Zemindári oasis in the midst of aryotwári system, and in the varying circumstances which arise, Bhagdars and tenants in turn, no doubt, often turn longing eyes on the position of the free khátedár: the former when they feel the burden of their joint responsibility for an immense property, and the latter when they feel the burden of a landlord. Again the Bhag system affords much scope for evasion of the land tax, and the revenue officers are often compelled to put an end to it for that reason. For these reasons the disappearance of Bhags does not necessarily afford any inferences regarding the burden of the assessment; and as Mr. Mehta has made no distinct statement to the contrary, I may leave the matter here.
9. A reduction of Rs. 64,920 in the assessment involves a loss to Government of $19 \frac{1}{4}$ lákhs of revenue during the currency of the revised settlement, and I suppose that until late years so great a sacrifice would never have been accepted on such a string of loose and inconclusive statements as I have been criticising above. Against them I would set one broad fact as regards the annual produce of the Táluka which may be thought to have some importance. In the statement $G$ drawn up by the Mámlatdár, the average not cropped area of the whole Táluka for the nine years between 1890 and 1893 is shown to be 153,219 . acres, of which 68,182 aeres were under cotton and 85,0:37 acres under other crops. The average net cropped area of Government villages may be taken according to Mr. Mehta's report (paragraph 8) at about 91,000 acres, and assuming the division of crops to be the same as for the whole area, the area under cotton may be taken at 40,000 acres; and if the average yield of an acre be taken at 8 maunds (which is moderate for this Táluka) and the average price of a maund Rs. 3-8-0 (giving Rs. 28 per acre), the annual gross yield of this area would be Rs. $11,20,000$. There would remain 51,000 acres under other crops, and if the moderate estimate of Rs, 20 per acre be taken for this tract, the gross outturn would be Rs. $10,20,000$. Added to the cotton this gives a total gross outturn of Rs. $21,40,000$, of which the old asssss-
ment of Rs. 4,10,000 was a little less than one-fifth, while the new assessment of Rs. $3,61,000$ will be only one-sixth.
10. Assuming that the rates are to bo reduced, there is no reason on the whole to object to Mr. Mehta's groupings. These no doubt represent with fair accuracy the inequalities in natural advantages of the different tracts. The only point which calls for special comment is perhaps the merging of the old group I consisting of the two Patis of Jambusar, the Jani and the Kalmi Patis, with the villages of the old group II, and the reduction of the old rate of Rs. $5-8-0$ for these Patis to Rs, 4-12-0. In the ordinary course one expects land lying in the immediate neighbourhood of the Táluka market to bear a higher tax than land 10 or 15 miles away : but Mr. Mehta supports his action by reference to the dissolution of the Bhags "under the pressure of high assessment" and by treating Palej as the real market for Jambusar produce.
11. A reference to Mr. Beyts' account of these Bhags on page 46 of his report will show that they were an artificial creation by our own officers in 1837 to facilitate the collection of the revenue from the permanent occupants of the land and that the latter resisted from the first the attempts of the new Bhagdars to obtain rent in addition to the assessment. The struggle was still raging at the time of Mr. Beyts and continued till the Bhagdars finally succumbed, under the current settlement. It may be true (though the Mámlatdár thinks otherwise) that the latter found the assessment too high to make it worth their while to keep up the Bhags in the face of incessant opposition from the JabtiKheduts; but this is not evidence that the assessment was more than the JabtiKheduts could have paid with ease had they been khatedars with no landlords over them. The Mámlatdár declares that the condition of these people who are now responsible for the assessment, is not below that of other classes, and that the land in normal times lets at $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment. This proves that although the assessment is relatively somewhat heavier than elsewhere (where the land lets at double the assessment), it is still not oppressive. There would therefore seem to be insufficient reason for the drastic reduction from Rs. 5-8-0 to Rs. 4-12-0. Mr. Mehta remarks that he has imposed Rs. 5-4-0 on the group round A'mod and puts a lower rate on Jambusar because it is further away from the Railway. He omits to notice that the ryot can get all bis cotton ginned in Jambusar, and that even if he could not, the half dozen miles of bridged road by which Jambusar is further from Palej than A'mod make practically no difference in cost of carriage. To get an extra rupee or two per bhar of 1,016 lbs. the Jambusar ryot brings his cotton all the way into Broach. Moreover if this six milas is so important a factor in the assessment, how can Mr. Mehta defend his putting Kavi and Kareli at the extreme north-west and north-east of the Taluke, with no road between, in the same group with the two Patis ? I see no reason therefore why the Jambusar Patis should not be raised to Rs. 5-4.0 and put in a group by themselves.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant, A. C. LOGAN, Collector of Broach.

Camp Nodhna, 11th March 1902.

Forwarded to the Mámlatdár of Jambusar for opinion as to the necessity for reducing the assessment of the tajluka by nearly 16 per cent. to a figure below the settlement of 1849 (though prices have greatly risen in the interval) and for report on the following points :-
2. Increase of assessed waste (vide paragraph 8).-It is stated that the unoccupied assessed area has been continually increasing under the present Settlement till it reached about 13,500 acres in 1899 . Appendix $\mathbf{Q}(1)$, however, shows 9,204 acres, which is less than the corresponding area in 1875. Half of this is in the villages of Group IV, and nearly half in that group is in the two villages of Kalak and Kava (see paragraph 34). It should be easy to ascertain what is the precise reason of all this land lying uncultivated in this group and in the two villages in particular, also whether this area was ever cultivated under the Settlements before that of 1875. It certainly was not under cultivation in that year, and the same remark applies to all the unoccupied areas in the other groups. The next largest item of such land is in Group I, and explanation should be given with regard to the two or three villages showing comparatively large areas. As regards the assessed waste generally the questions suggest themselves: Are these lands really unculturable, and if so why? If culturable are they not taken up because the assessment is too high, or because population is too small, or finally because the people find it more profitable to buy the grazing annually at trifling prices and use or sell the grass? Are all assessed waste numbers habitually sold for grazing and at about what average price per acre ? Presumably the 3,500 acres said to have been thrown up since 1897 were thrown up in, or in consequence of, the famine. Is any tendency to take them up again yet visible? Where are they mostly situated?
3. Sale value of land (paragraph 21).-Registration and Court statistics are valueless on the point. Can the Mámlatdar say of his personal knowledge or ascertain by inquiry what are the prices given in bond fide sales in the best and worst parts of the taluka? What prices are claimed when Government acquires land? What was the ordinary rent obtained by sowcars for the best and worst lands before the famine? (see Appendix M). Had the dissolution of the 13 bhágs anything to do with rents?
4. Distraints, \&c. (paragraph 24).-How far did notices and distraints before the famine arise from the troublesome character of part of the population rather than from any other cause ? Where did the distraints mentioned in this paragraph chiefly take place and how far were they resorted to in the case of bohras and sowcars? 1s there any reason to believe that these distraints were made on people who could not pay because the assessment was too high ?
5. Jambusar Patis (paragraph 30).-Is there really any justification for reducing the assessment of this tract by some 4,000 rupees ? Is it true that 1,195 acres are now unoccupied (Appendix $Q^{(1)}$ shows 544 acres which is less than the figure of 1875) and if so has this any bearing on the question of assessment ? How did the high assessment force the Bhagdars to give up the tenure? What is the present condition of the Khatedars of the Patis ? If they are in debt can this debt be traced in any case to the pressure of the assessment rather than to the ordinary cause valuable assets on which to borrow? What rents were obtained before the famine by those who sublet their lands ?
6. Which part of the taluka is, in the Mámlatdár's opinion, most fairly assessed at present, and which part is most heavily mortgaged or has gone to sowcars ?
7. What is the normal yield per acre of cotton (in maunds) in the best and worst soils? Can it be asoertained from the local gin owners and others what the total yield of cotton was in bhars in normal years preceding the famine? 'How many pounds are there in a Jambusar bhar and what is the ordinary price at the Jambusar gins?
8. Can any estimate be made of the total value in a normal year of the (A) kharif and (B) rabi crops of the táluka, counting cotton as rabi i?
9. The Mámlatdár may take two months if necessary for a careful inquiry into all these points. His report should be submitted through the District Deputy Collector.

A. C. LOGAN,<br>Collector, Broach.

Through the District Deputy Collector.
No. 838 or 1902.
Camp Anor, 15th March 1902.
Forwarded to the Mámlatdár of Jambusar for early compliance.

R. E. KANGA, District Deputy Collector.

## Copy of Mámlatdar's report No. 430, dated 23rd May 1902.

## Respectfully returned.

The Mámlatdár is humbly of opinion that the assessment of the táluka should not be reduced by so much as 16 per cent. to a figure below the settlement of 1849. Until the year of famine, with all its preceding bad seasons, namely, those of 1877, 1887 and 1897, \&c., the taluka did not at any time appear to be specially ill off. In 1898 the people were apparently as well off as ever notwithstanding some of them were in arrears of revenue to Government ; they celebrated marriages as usual, gave caste dinners as usual, kept carriages and bullocks and horses as usual and did every other thing as they did before. For, if their land yielded a meagre crop one year, it yielded an abundant one next year. It is true they are deeply indebted, but the reason lies not in high assessment. Let the assessment be reduced by almost any amount, and yet the majority of them will not be able to get out of their debts. It is the extravagance of the cultivator, born and bred in him by the fruitfulness of his land, that launches him into debt. There is a horde of saykárs that thrive upon the rayat; their numbers seem to be comparatively larger here than elsewhere, and they deal exclusively in locally produced grain and cotton and in money-lending; and it is almost impossible to expect the rayat to improve with this parasite to live and thrive upon him. A good year yields about 20 lákhs rupees worth of cotton in the taluka ; the cultivator then builds a good house, lavishly marries his children, buys good clothes and animals and otherwise wastes money; he also pays his old debts and incurs new ones. The remedy of all this lies not in the reduction of assessment, but in improving his knowledge and character and perhaps in alfenating him from his friend, the sávkár. The unprecedented famine of 1899-1900the knowledge of it-induces one to be lenient towards rayat; this might, however, be not in the standard of assessment but in the extent of remissions.
2. Increase of assessed waste.-It will be seen from Appendix 0 that the assessed waste was 2,149 acres in 1874-75, 7,763 acres in 1875-76, 9,621 acres in 1897-98 and 10,153 acres in 1898-99. Statement A, submitted herewith, will show that it rose to 14,153 acres in $1900-01$. Both the appendix and the statement show that at the original survey, a large waste area was laid under assessment for the first time. (Please vide statement, paragraph 5, and paragraph 107 of Mr. Beyts' report No. 86, dated the 20th January 1876, and paragraph 8 of his report No. 314, dated the 24th February 1877). This area has remained almost unoccupied till now.

In 1874-75 the year before the introduction of the original sarvey, the unoccupied assessed area was only 2,149 acres, in 1875-76 on the introduction of the sarvey, it rose at once to 7,763 acres without any corresponding diminution
in the occupied area. As noticed above, this large increase appears to have been due to certain unassessed land being assessed at the survey settlement. It rose to 8,312 acres the next year, owing, no doubt to relinquishments consequent upon enhancement of assessment on individual holdings at the settlement. It declined a little during the next two years owing perbaps to light assessed lands having been taken up, but it again began to increase from 1879-80 till it reached to 12,052 acres in 1882-88. The large increases in 1881-82 and 1882-83 were due to the Bhágdari tenure having been dissolved, in the villages of Kora and Shambha in the former year and in the villages of Sindhav, Kansagar, Madafar and Panch Pipla in the latter year. The area again decreased the two next years owing to lands again having been taken up in these villages, and it again began to increase from 1885-86 till it rose to 12,804 acrès in 1889-90-the result, again, of Bhágs having been dismembered in Jantran, in 1885-86 in Jambusar, Kalmi Pati and Kajampore in $1888-89$ and in Chandpor Para in 1889-90. It began to decrease again from 1890-91 till it went down to 9,290 acres in 1895-96, the decrease being due to lands having been taken up for cultivation owing to (1) the excavation of new drainage channels in Jantran, Kora and other villages, and (2) the good crops of $1889-90$ and 1890-91. From 1896-97 the unoccupied assessed area began to increase again till it reached 14,154 acres in 1900-01 owing to lands having been given up on account of insufficient rain and consequent bad seasons. [Appendix (1) shows in its column 7 the total area of assessed waste to be 9,622 acres "by former survey"; this, it may be noted, is not for the year 1875 but for the year 1897-98. Please see Appendix O and Statement A and the figures of assessed waste area in Kava, Kalak aud Jantran, as given in Appendix 0 and Statement B].

Statement B shows the area of assessed waste in Kava, Kalak, Jantran and Nadiád villages of the fourth group of Mr. Mehta, during the last 30 years, and the gross receipts realised in them. It will be seen frum the figures that the waste area has been continuously increasing all along in Kalak, and up to 1889-90, in the three other villages, where consequent upon the excavation of the drainage channels, it became less. In Kalak the land is, I believe, salt at a certain depth, and the scanty rainfalls do no good to such land. Besides, there is a great deal of rice land in the village, of which the greater portion has gone out of cultivation. The total rice areais 683 acres, assessed at Rs. 3,588, out of which 450 acres, assessed at Rs. 2,347; are now waste. The other three villages were more or less water-logged, and they improved after the drainage channels were dug. In Kava also, there is large area of waste rice land. The total rice land is 438 acres, assessed at Rs. 2,741, out of which 240 acres, assessed at Rs. 1,512, are waste now. The grazing fees, it will be seen, are only nominal, being much under an anna per acre on the average. Between the years 1891-92 and 1898-99 these fees were comparatively larger, but they never rose above two annas per acre.

I am of opinion that these large waste areas have more to do with the thinness of the population and the badness of the seasons than with the burden of the assessment. Vital statistics of the ante-survey period about these villages (as also others) are not available, bat I feel pretty sure that from what the people say and from a look at the village sites and the ruined houses and other vestiges therein that Kava, Kalak, Jantran and Nadiád were once comparatively large and prosperous villages, with an industrious Kanbi, Rajputs and other superior classes of cultivators, and that they have lost a great deal of this population during the last 50 years. The result has been not onlyithat more waste land did not come under cultivation, but that much land formerly occupied was given up owing to want of cultivators and consequent fall in the rents.

Statement C shows the population of the taluika as taken out from the Táluka Form No. 34 and other sources. Mr. Mehta remarks in paragraph 19 of his report "that these population figures are conflicting," but as they are; they sufficiently indicate that the population has not during the last 30 years increased as il ought to have done in ordinary course. (Please see Statement C.1).

The decrease in population inthese four villages is due chiefly to one reason, namely, the paucity of wives amongst the Kanbis and Rajputs and other Hindu classes. As every family was anxious to marry its girls in a higher one, the boys
of the inferior families had to go without wives. To avoid this, various means were devised, all, however, resulting in no real good to the majority of the people. The chief of these means was to form "Ekdas" or unions of several villages; beyond which no marriages were to be contracted. This plan also has not succeeded, though it is still in vogue, for girls are given to the highest bidders within the unions. The rich only can thus afford to marry, on those only that have credit or recklessness enough to raise the necessary amount of money to purchase a wife. Numbers of people have thas to pass a single life, while those that secure wives under such trying circumstances are hardly more useful members of society, for their generative powers are paralyzed; their debts and their creditors allow them no peace of mind, and they are always labouring under anxiety and excitement of the head. Strange as this might appear, it has nevertheless struck me jas a possible explanation of the fact. In Nadiád, the Patidars have entirely "disappeared now, and the village is an almost deserted one, being the resort of a few ruined and destitute cultivators from other villages. The large population of Patidars, Kachhias and Barots in Jantran has now dwindled down, and the Musalmán Girássias, who owned large Inám lands therein but lived in the Baroda Terrritory on the rents of their wanta, have been obliged some years since to remove to Jantran and take to cultivation, for there were none to cultivate their. lands there and pay them rent as during the past. The Kava Rajputs and Patidárs, as also those of Kalak have suffered in the same way. This thinness of population has naturally caused a decrease in the extent of the cultivated area, and any artificial stimulus given by lowering the assessment is bardly likely to lead to a real improvement. That the Patidârs and the Rajputs and others have ceased to multiply, while the Kolis and Vohras and other Musalmans are increasing fast is a fact. within the observation of every one.

Scanty rainfall and bad seasons have also a good deal to do with the large areas of assessed waste. The rainfall was insufficient in 1876-77, while the crops suffered considerably in the year 1886-87 on account of frost (Him). The rainfall was again insufficient in 1887-88, and as we all know, the year 1889-1900 was one of a severe famine. People say that insufficient and irregular rainfall breeds caterpillas and other insects which injure their crops; the kiari rice lands do not yield anything, bad neighbours (Kolis and Vohras, \&c.) also prove a nuisance to the mild Kanbi and Kachhia; the deer roam about the country and babula and other growth increase apace and check cultivation. Thus lands are thrown up gradually year after year. If these reasons did not exist, I do not think that a rupee or so of assessment more or less per acre would affect the cultivators.

Statement $D$ shows for the past several years the area of assessed waste in the villages of Chhidra, Bhadkodra and Dahri, as also the grazing fees realised in them. It will be seen that in the former two villages the area has almost remained stationary since the introduction of the original survey; while it once decreased in Dahri and again increased two years ago, the decrease being due to more gamagtia (Government) land having been taken up after the good seasons of 1889-90 and 1890-91 and the increase to the dismemberment of the Bhags of the village. The grazing fees are merely nominal, The real cause of all this waste is again to be found in a thinness of population and in a sufficienoy of other lands. People find it profitable here as elsewhere to buy the grazing right in the waste annually for a trifling value and use or in some cases sell the grass. Part of the Bhadkodra waste is adjacent to a salt khadi, and people do not take to it kindly.

The area thrown up in the taluka since 1897 is a large one, as will be seen from Statement A. It was in consequence of the repeated bad seasons following the year 1895-96 and in consequence of the famine of 1899-1900. Most of this area will be taken up again before long, with a couple of good years, notwithstanding the population has gone down. The tendency to take it up is most visible in Jambusar town, where a large area was cultivated on the "Eksali" tenure during the last two years as shown below:-

|  |  |  |  | 1800-1901. |  |  |  |  | 1801-1908 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  |  |  |  | g. | Rs. | . |  | A. | g. |  | $a_{9}$ |  |
| Kalmi Pati ..: | $\cdots$ | -* | . $\cdot$ |  | 8 | 889 | 4 | 0 | 266 | 12 | 1,487 | 4 | 0 |
| Jani Pati ... | -•• | ** |  | 671 | 28 | 3,816 |  | 0 | 908 | 22 | 5,291 | 6 | 0 |

3. Sale value of land.-Throughout the taluka, excepting some of the Bara villages, the selling price of Government land varies from Rs. 50 to Rs, 125 per acre. In the northeeast villages, where the population is thick and the soil rich, outright sales are rare, and when they take place, they fetch more than 100 rupees per acre. In several of the Bára villages land generally sells at from Rs. 25 to Rs. 50. The sales by Courts cannot be taken as a standard, for such sales almost always take place when the land has been heavily encumbered and cannot be called disposed of privately. I know of two instances of mortgages of lands in Kareli Talpad, which the mortgagees would be glad to convert into sales by paying something more if necessary; in one of these, 1 acre 20 gunthäs of land fetched Rs. 350 and 3 acres 21 gunthás fetched Rs. 1,600, though these were rather exceptional cases.

The rent obtained is usually twice the assessment. In case of superior lands it often goes above twice the assessment, while in the case of inferior lands it sometimes falls to the assessment and a quarter.

The Bhág tenure was as shown below dissolved in 13 villages in the táluka during the pending settlement:-

| Village. |  |  |  |  |  | Tear. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Kors | ... | ... | ... | .- | 1881-82: |
| 2. | Shambha | ... | ... | .. | ... |  |
| 3. | Sindhav | ... | $\ldots$ | - | ... | 1882-83. |
| 4. | Kansagar | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| 5. | Madafar | ... | ... | ... | ... | " |
| 6. | Panch Pip |  | ... | ... | ... |  |
| 7. | Jantran |  | ... | ... | ... | 1883-84. |
| 8. | Jambusar | Kalmi Pati | ... | ... | ... | 1888-89. |
| 9. | Kajampor | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | -.. |  |
| 10. | Chandpor | Bara | ... | . | ".0 | 1889-90. |
| 11. | Jambusar | Jani Pati | ... | ... | ... | 1899-1900. |
| 12. | Karmad | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | , |
| 18. | Dahri | ... | ... | ... | ... | \% |

In some of these, such as Kansagar, Panch Pipla, Madafar and Chandpor Bára, the cultivators were Musalmáns (other than Vohras), notorious for their indolence, extravagance, rascality and contumacy, and they took advantage of the Bhágdári tenure and did not pay their land revenue regularly. The tenure had therefore to be dissolved by Government. This step was rendered specially necessary on account of the bad seasons of the years 1877 and 1878 (and of 1887 in the case of Chandpor).

It will appear from Statement $E$ that after the dissolution of the tenure the waste area in Madafar has rather decreased, which is a result due to a comparatively large population and to better years, and it has not been adversely affected in Kansagar, a result due to the Vohras of the neighbouring village of Bhadkodra cultivating the lands. It will also be seen that though the population of Panch Pipla has almost entirely disappeared (and the surrounding villages have a thin population and extensive lands), the waste has not increased very appreciably in that village, being about 2 acres before the dissolution of the Bhágs and 59 acres by the Revision Survey. The population of Panch Pipla was 57 according to the Census of 1881 and 41 according to that of 1891 ; it was probably more than 57 according to the Census of 1872, while it is nil now. In Chandpor Bára the waste increased from 3 acres to 425 acres on the dissolution of the Bhags; it finally came down to 210 acres, which is hardly to be wondered at if we take into consideration the indolence and extravagance of the Musalmán oultivators of the village and their small number.

Kora, Shambha and Jantran were water-logged villages, in which the crops always suffered even when the rainfall was not heavy. The population had also become thin and the Bhágdárs became unable to pay up their land revenue. The Koli residents of Shambha and the Rajputs and Musalmáns and others of Kora were rather bad cultivators, inferior in skill and industry, and they, as well as the cultivators of Jantran, were all deeply involved in debt on account of their social expenses, their ignorance and their past prosperity which had taught them extravagance. They then went into arrears, particularly on account of the bad seasons of 1877 and 1878, and Government thought it necessary to dissolve

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their Bhág tenure. Their arrears were written off and they then threw up those of their lands that did not yield them a good profit or that they did not require for their maintenance. I do not look upon the waste lands of any of these three villages as of a particularly inferior quality.

The miscellaneous population of Sindhav does not make good cultivators, and some of its lands being adjacent to a salt khadi, is inferior.

The Bhágs of the two Patis of Jambusar, of Kajampor and of Karmad and Dahri were dissolved by Government at the desire of the Bhágdars. The case of Jambusar is a peculiar one. Kajampor was and is a water-logged village with a population of Kolis, \&c., while as regards Karmad, the Pátidars are very good cultivators, but their social expenses had ruined them. Dahri is a Koli village, whereas in Karmad the Bhágdars felt the difficulties brought on by the bad seasons following the year 1895-96 and they had to ask for a dissolution of the tenure. It will be seen that in Karmad the waste area has not increased after the dissolution of the Bhágdári tenure.

In the two Patis of Jambusar the Bhágdári tenure had to be dissolved, because the Bhágdárs had waxed fat on the tenants whom they persecuted and did not treat well; the latter therefore in their turn did not give the Bhágdárs their rent when the bad years came. The dissolution of the tenure had, in my opinion, had nothing to do with the land or its assessment. In the Kalmi Pati the Bhagdárs were humbled after the bad years of 1887 and 1888, while in the Jani Patithey were forced to submit to the tenants after the bad seasons following the year 1895-96, for I look upon the dissolution of the tenure as nothing but a succumbing to the tenants. I feel certain that all the new waste in these two Patis will be taken up greedily by the tenants as soon as the famine conditions disappear. The area of assessed waste was 243 acres in the Kalmi Pati in 1888-89, the year before the dissolution of the Bhágdári tenure; it became 660 acres on the dissolution of the Bhags; then it gradually went down to 390 acres during the next seven years.

I am of opinion that the dissolution of the Bháss has generally nothing. to do with the assessment. It is the extravagance of the cultivator himself, bred by prosperity that lays him low before a couple of bad seasons like those of 1876 and 1877 or 1887 and 1888. In some villages, such as Kansagar, Jantran, the Patis of Jambusar, Dahri and others, the Bbágs were very large-much too large-for a single BLágdár to cultivate by himself; if he was a good husbandman or if he could look well after his affairs, he grew rich in a few years; if otherwise, he was involved hopelessly in debt and difficulties. Most of the class, however, came in the latter category and were unable to stand a single bad season; they could not throw up a portion of their lands even though they did not or could not cultivate it with any good margin of profit; neither could they sell it; Government were also hopeless, for they could not ease them of any portion of their burden by forfeiting the superfluous or inferior land. The tenants who were not treated well and looked down upon, felt no pride or interest in the land and did not toil hard to improve it, being mere tenants at the will of the Bhágdars. Such tenants did not prosper in most cases and were naturally unable to pay their rent or would not pay it when they bad any possible excuse such as of a bad season. Thus the Bhágs had to be dissolved by Government either of their own accord or at the request of the Bhágdárs. In the year of the dissolution and for another year or so, the lands thrown up remained waste, especially if that year or the preceding ones were not favourable, but otherwise the waste was generally taken up, the old tenants being mostly in a hurry to take up the lands in their former occupation. With alittle increase in population and with a few good years, the waste lands in most of these villages will be taken up for cultivation; but some of the waste though not set apart for cattle grazing is looked upon as such by the people, who would not take it up themselves and would not allow others also to do it, and they use it for grazing purposes for a trifling value. There will also be other waste which will not be brought under cultivation as being over and above the wants of the people or as being of inferior soil.
4. Distraints, \&c.-The notices and distraints referred to in Mr. Mehta's paragraph 24 are those of the three years preceding the famine. There is no
exact record to show amongst what classes of people they were resorted to, but it is certain that they were due to the indifferent years, to the ignorance and indebtedness of the rayats and to the cunning and contumacy of the savkárs and others ; the rayats allow their crops to be taken awaý by the sárkárs and their other creditors either as rent for mortgaged lands or as interest for their other debts. The sávkárs and other mortgagees almost always kept in the background and did not pay the land revenue due from them, and, as said above, they cheated their debtors out of their means, from which the latter could have otherwise paid their dues to Government. The cultivators had also their marriage and other expenses all the same even in the indifferent years. They therefore ran into arrears and the notices, \&c.; were rendered necessary. Some of the Musalmán cultivators in Nadiád, Cbandpor, Madafar, Kansagar and other villages were habitual defaulters; they were irregular in their payment in the best of years; the Bhágdári tenure also had something to do with it; the people of the táluka had also learned that all that they had to do after an indifferent year was to withstand notices and distraints and manage to allow the year to pass over and their arrears would be written off by Government. This had been their experience on more occasions than one during the past. I believe the notices were chiefly amongst the Musalmán cultivators of the abovementioned villages and amongst the Koli cultivators of the Bára villages between Tankári and Jambusar.

There is no reason to believe that these coercive measures were made on people who could not pay because the assessment was too high.
5. Jambusar Patis.-The Bhágdári tenure in these Patis had died a natural death and it has nothing to do with the assessment question.

In the first place the Bhags were too large to be managed by single Bbágdárs, and the Bhágdárs were also often incompetent or estravagant persons. Three of the Bhägdárs are still well-to-do, two others went somewhat into deht, one because he tried to build an almost palatial residence and there were family dissensions, and the other because he built several houses and speculated in siver; two more Bráhmins thought it wisest to keep by their cash in a bad season and let the Bhags go to pieces, for they were childless; while three or four others mismanaged the property and fell into debt. They did not treat their tenants well in good years and the tenants were consequently not well disposed towards them. In a bad year some of the tenants were really unable .to pay their rent and others pretended to be unable to do so, while the Bhágdárs having the means to pay could be coerced into payment. The Bhágdárs therefore wanted to keep the best of their lands and ihrow up the rest and they accordingly asked for a dissolution of the tenure. The best land did not always mean the best soil but the best paying, that is to say, having the best tenant or a tenant of means or a tenant who was regular in the payment of his rent; this generally meant a Kanbi or a Kachhia tenant. The tenure being dismem-- bered, a lot of lands has been relinquished by the Bhágdars and it is pretty certain that the tenants would come forward and take it up on their own responsibility after the famine conditions will disappear.

There is another reason also why these Bhágdars failed. The agricultural population of Jambusar Town consists of five classes, namely, (1) the Kanbis, (2) the Kachhias, (3) the Kolis, (4) the Vohras and (5) the other Musalmáns. Out of these, the first two are very mild; they do not thrive where they have any of the other three as cultivating neighbours, because the latter steal and injure their crops and do other mischief. The latter three, particularly the Kolis and the Musalmáns, also do not thrive themselves, because they are indolent and extravagant and inferior in skill and application and they make bad tenants. These circumstances therefore contributed not a little to the ruin of the Bhágdárs.

The present condition of the Khátedirs of these Patis is not inferior as compared to the Khátedars of the rest of the táluka villages. They are in debt: their debt, howerer, is not due to the pressure of assessment but to the ordinary reasons. The rents obtained before the famine averaged about one and half times the assessment or a little more. The accompanying Statement $\mathbf{E} 1$ shows the
extent of assessed waste in Jambusar Town during the last 30 years. The area, which has come to 2,200 acres for the year 1901-02, is due to famine conditions, and it will go down to nearly its one-fourth before long. It may be noticed that there is a very large proportion of Inam land in the Jambusar Patis and it is as under:-

6. The nine villages constituting Mr. Beyts' fourth group are the most fairly assessed ones in the talika. They are the extreme villages of the much decried Bara portion of the táluka. Mr. Beyts says in paragraph 95 of his report (page 54 of the compilation), "these villages although inferior in appearance to those in the Kanam are by no manner of means wanting in fertility and are certainly far superior to the Bara villages of Vágra." Mr. Beyts has also remarked in paragraph 8 of his report "that the south-west corner, called the Bara, is distinguished by a considerable tract of fertile black soil." These villages were, however, put by him in his last group. Nada, Málpore. Kapuria, Devla and Bhadkodra are considered as those of the few most fertile and well-to-do villages in the táluka, and the Thákors of A'mod and Kerwáda are said to look upon their Wantas in these villages as amongst their best.

The Vohras of Islámpur cultivate the lands of Sarfarajpor with great success, and those of Bhadkodra, the lands of Kansagar. Sindhav is not a bad village in point of its soil generally speaking; all these villages are as good as Islémpur which was placed by Mr. Beyts in his third group. Asarsa is the only wretched village in this tract, which might well change places with Vadála in Mr. Mehta's grouping.

The part most heavily mortgaged or gone to the sávkárs is the Bara tract with a Koli population situated between Jambusar and Tankari and the villages of Unara, Koteshvar and Rampor, which being near to Jambusar, are easily overrun by the sávkárs.
7. The normal yield per acre of cotton is 12 maunds in the best and 3 maunds in the worst soil. The accompanying Statement $F$ shows the annual yield of cotton in the tálaka during the 11 years preceding the famine and the area under it during those years; the former ascertained from the looal gin owners' books and the latter from the Mámlatdár's records. About one-sixteenth of the cotton ginned came from the Baroda villages adjoining the taluka, while at least one-fourth of the yield of the táluka went either to Palej add Broach by the road or to Bhávnagar and Cambay by the sea, several of the cultivators doing it either to obtain a higher price or to secure a profit equal to their cart-hire, and others in order to evade the payment of land revenue due to Government. Taking the average of these years, the annual yield of cotton amounts to 15,080 bhars, which calculated at the rate of Rs. 80 per bhar (the average price during those years) means Rs. 12,06,400. The statement does not overestimate the yield, for I have been unable to obtain information about one of the ginning factories in Jambusar. The owner says he kept no accounts, but is sure that he never ginned more than 1,000 bhars in any year and that his factory did not work at all after 1895-96 and before that worked but rarely.
8. The accompanying Statement $\mathbf{G}$ shows the area under various crops in the taluka.

STATEMENT A.
3. Statement showing details of Occupied and Unoccwpied Lands, \&c., Taluka Jambusar.

(Signed) GOPALJI G ${ }_{\text {, }}$
Mámlátảár, Jambusar.

STATEMENT B.
Statement showing the area of Assessed Waste, \&ce, in Kava and three other Villages of G'roup IV of the Revision Survey in the Jamizisar Talluka.

| $\rightarrow$ se $*$ Years, | $\mathbf{K}_{\text {ata }}$. |  | Katar, |  | Jantrax. |  | Nadia'd. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Area. | Grazing fees. | Area, | Grazing feea, | Area. | Grazing fees, | Arean | Grazing 2064, |
|  | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. |
| 1871-72 to 1874-75. | 47 | $\cdots$ | 30 | ... | 26 | ... | 52 | ... |
| 1875-76 | 210 | 5 | 482 | 322 | 865 | 33 | 80 | 14 |
| 1876-77 | 770 | 5 | 524 | 42 | 871 | 54 | 84 | 15 |
| 1877-78 | 781 | ..' | 545 | 18 | 871 | 4 | $\varepsilon 0$ | ... |
| 1878-79 | 792 | ... | 521 | 50 | 871 | 20 | 82 | 15 |
| 1879-80 | 824 | 3 | 595 | 36 | 871 | 13 | 92 | 11 |
| 1880-81 | 857 | 3 | 608 | 25 | 87.1 | 13 | 92 | 11 |
| 1881-82 | 892 | 3 | 643 | 51 | 877 | 12 | 110 | 11 |
| 1882-83 | 1,156 | 8 | 823 | 41 | 877 | - 13 | 216 | 11 |
| 1883-84 | 1,208 | 3 | 854 | 151 | 1,116 | 18 | 341 | 11 |
| 1884-85 | 1,122 | 7 | 860 | 35 | 1,127 | 14 | 328 | 12 |
| 1885-86 | 1,136 | 31 | 847 | 8 | 1,347 | 14. | 382 | 11 |
| 1886-87 | 1,180 | 5 | 890 | 9 | 1,476 | 14 | 450 | 11 |
| 1887-88 | 1,557 | 6 | 948 | 8 | 1,744 | 24 | 503 | 63. |
| 1888-89 | 1,366 | 6 | 975 | ... | 1,955 | 14 | 547 | 11 |
| 1889-90 | 1,456 | 5 | 992 | 9 | $I_{2} 402$ | 14 | 738 | 12 |
| 1890-91 | 1,223 | 6 | 991 | 9 | 1,394 | 14 | 597 | 12 |
| 1891-92 | 1,028 | 85 | 994 | 10 | 1,133 | 40 | 558 | 12 |
| 1892-93 | 987 | 165 | 994 | 41 | 1,086 | 40 | 543 | 25 |
| 1893-94 | 979 | 200 | 994 | 41 | 923 | 36 | 510 | 76 |
| 1894-95 | 982 | 200 | 999 | 41 | 919 | 36 | 510 | 40 |
| 1895-96 ... | 1,019 | 162 | 999 | 41 | 897 | 34 | 510 | 40 |
| 1896-97 ... | 1,101 | 150 | 999 | 41 | 986 | 36 | 510 | 40 |
| 1897-98 - ... | 1,080 | 115 | 1,029 | 43 | 1,046 | 33 | 518 | 44 |
| 1898-99 -.. | 1,054 | 117 | 1,082 | 43 | 1,178 | \% 36 | 536 | 44 |
| 1899-1900 | 1,168 | $\cdots$ | 1,098 | ... | 1,589 | $\cdots$ | 542 | $\cdots$ |
| 1900-1801 ... | 1,527 | 28 | 1,165 | 23 | 1,734 | 20. | 579 | ... |
| 1901-1002 $\quad \therefore$ | 1,567 | 29 | 1,251 | 23 | 1,734 | 20 | 708 | 8 |

## STATEMENT C.

Population of the táluka according to Táluka Form No. 34.


Note,-There was an epidemic in 1873 and 1878.

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n- STATEMENT C-I.
Statement showing Population of the villages of the Jambusar Táluka.


(Signed) GOPALJI G.,
Mamlatdar, Jambusar.

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STATEMENT D.
Statement showing Area of assessed Waste in villages of group III, Talska Jambusar.

| Years, | Nambs of Vielags, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - Chbidra |  | Bhedkodra |  | Dahri. |  |
|  | Area. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Grazing } \\ & \text { fees. } \end{aligned}$ | Area, | Grasing feen, | Ares, | Grazing fees. |
| 1871-72 to 1874-75 | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs, |
|  | 52 | 7 | 151 | 19 | ... | $\because 4$ |
| 1875-76 | 455 | 7 | 357 | 20 | 352 | 6 |
| 1880-81 | 457 | 5 | 393 | 22 | 357 | 6 |
| 1885-86 | 510 | . 6 | 389 | 14 | 362 | 7 |
| 1890-91 | 497 | 8 | 386 | 15 | 362 | 6 |
| 1895-96 | 496 | 42 | 399 | 55 | 159 | 8 |
| 1896-97 | 496 | 42 | 399 | 55 | 159 | 8 |
| 1897-98 | 496 | 42 | 399. | 45 | 169 | 8 |
| 1898-99 | 496 | 42 | 399 | 45 | 165 | 8 |
| 1899-1900 | 496 | ... | 399 | ... | 171 | - |
| 190001 | 496 | 25 | 407 | 22 | 460 | , 4 |
| 1901-02 | 559 | 22 | 399 | - 16 | 479 | 4 |
| - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | STATEM | NT E . |  |  |  |

Statement showing details of Waste Lands in the 13 Villages of the Jambusar Taluka in which the Bhagdari tenare was dissolved during the term of the Original Survey.

| No. | Name of Village. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Year of dis. } \\ \text { solution of Bhag } \\ \text { temare. } \end{gathered}$ | Aria in acrus oy absbesed wastr in |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | The year befors the diseolation. | Year of dissolotion | Year after dissolution. | $1897-98$ |
|  | $\cdots *$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Kora... ' - .. | ... | 1881-82 | 251 | 721 | 610 | 239 |
| 2 | Shambha | .-. | .. | 40 | 409 | 433 | 301 |
| 8 | Sindhap | ... | 1882-83 |  | 426 | 150 | 114 |
| 4 | Kansagar -... | $\cdots$ | ...... | 40 | 410 | 40 | 37 |
| 5 | Madafor -... | $\ldots$ | ...... | 203 | 718 | 231 | 96 |
| 6 | Panchpipla -.. | ... |  | 1 | 114 | 121 | 80 |
| 7 | Jantran ... | ... | 1883-84 ..- | 877 | 1,116 | 1,127 | 1,046 |
| 8 | Jambusar Kulmi Pati | ... | 1888-89 | 243 | , 660 | 608 | 391 |
| 9 | Kajampore ... | ... |  | 67 | 124 | 137 | 62 |
| 10 | Chandhore Bahara | ... | 1889-90 ... | 23 | 425 | 425 | 810 |
| 11. | Jambuear Jani Pati |  | 1899-1900 ... | 157 | 159 | 1,187 | 158 |
| 12 | Karmad |  |  | 62 | 63 | 1,81 | 62 |
| 18 | Dahari | -0* | .. | 165 | 171 | 460 | 159 |

TATEMENT E-I.
Stalement showing area of assessed waste lands in Jambusar Town.


## STATEMENT F.

Comparative Statement of area under Cotton and the quantity of Cotton ginned in the Factories at $\dot{J}_{\text {ambusar }}$ during the last 11 years.


## STATEMENT G.

| - - Statement showing area under each crop, Taluka Jambusar. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\dagger$ year | Jowart. | 84jiri. | Rice or Putdy: | Wheat. | Kodra. | Hiscellane. ous crops such as jies, cattar oil seed, \&c. | Scarme. | Indigo. | Cutton. | Grose area eropped, | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Deduct area } \\ \text { croppyct } \\ \text { wore than } \\ \text { oulce. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Remainder net area cropped. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Add carrent } \\ \text { fallowen } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { (columns } \\ 18 \text { and } 14) . \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Unocecupied } \\ \text { cultivithele } \\ \text { ascoged } \\ \text { landd. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cucultivable } \\ \text { land. } \end{gathered}$ | Total land. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Land } \\ \text { reinn } \\ \text { quished. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 7 | 8 | $\theta$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|  | A. g. | A. g. | A. $\dot{\mathrm{g}}$. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. |
| 1800091 ... ... | 18,236 23 | 14,998 10 | B, 60234 | 11,24128 | 4,733 25 | 13,034 16 | 1,561 11 | 70020 | 88,904 92 | 154,123 29 | 8887 | 154,040 32 | 0,818 32 | 100,880 24 | 11,815 36 | 72,678 4 | 240,254 24 | 3211 | 1,004 13 |
| 1991-92 ... ... | 18,298 20 | 9,488 8 | 5,699 83 | 29,080 32 | 5,361 8 | 13,1:66 10 | 2,239 12 | Q83 5 | 72,275 21 | 166,170 29 | 5182 | 156,118 37 | 5,460 39 | 181,679 30 | 11,601 2 | 72,683 27 | 245,254 19 | - 10118 | 7840 |
| 1998.98 .. | 19,757 18 | 13,675 25 | 6,752 3 | 34,907 22 | 7,079 10 | 18,8928 8 | 1,786 $\quad 9$ | 80827 | 54,472 39 | 155,916 1 | 47834 | 165,437 7 | 8,894 39 | 182,332 8 | 10,936 38 | 72,014 2 | 245,283 1 | 883 | 77232 |
| 1893-94 ... ... | 19,723 20 | 9,040 | 2,848 13 | 18,017 11 | b,271 16 | 12,9035 | 2,048 14 | 6003 | 88,0561 | 155,8944 89 | 12829 | 165,076 5 | 7,510 32 | 169,180 37 | 0,363 28 | 72,785 8 | 245,305 35 | 86 | 87125 |
| 2590-t5 ... | 29,718 39 | 7,354 23 | 7,883 24 | 43,6838 | 5,067 6 | 13,810 8 | 1,668 4 | 1,093 7 | 47,783 20 | 356,882 10 | 2,186 6 | 154,808 14 | 8,545 日 | 163,211 22 | 9,298 18 | 72,709 17 | 245,807 17 | 234 | 499 |
| 1835-96 ... | 20,979 88 | 7,4774 | 7,400 11 | 7,632 23 | 6,517 23 | 10,150 32 | 1,471 30 | 97537 | 87,737 9 | 149,983 $\mathbf{1 0}$ | 815 | 149,312 5 | 13,883 39 | 193,190 4 | 9,2023 36 | 72,855 6 | 215,314 6 | 481 | 334 |
| 1586-87 ... -.. | 40,371 28 | 7,082 10 | 6,822 2 | 14,817 28 | 6,317 18 | 11,781 27 | 3,241 0 | 9817 | 66,240 85 | 147,565 2 | 454 | 247,519 38 | 15,375 22 | 182,895 20 | 9,476 34 | 72,941 32 | 245,316 6 | 21815 | 1413 |
| 1897-98 ... ..- | 27,944 16 | 0,457 33 | 6,24922 | 15,755 12 | 0,616 10 | 12,078 2 | 1,263 23 | 7378 | 79,187 33 | 151,033 96 | 11280 | 161,521 8 | 11,264 25 | 182,785 31 | 0,592 34 | 72,935 21 | \$46,314 6 | 2253 | 1189 |
| 1898-99 ... | 38,930 97 | 8,872 8 | 0,551 12 | 21,530 38 | 7,745 35 | 14,104 33 | 2,420 23 | 04228 | 47,039 8 | 148,746 38 | 677 | 118,679 31 | 13,576 1 | 162,255 32 | 20,122 85 | 72,034 81 | 245,313 18 | 47736 | 2827 |
| Total | 228,489 ${ }^{37}$ | 88,205 10 | 64,308 34 | 198,667 7 | 59,693 21 | 110,079 1 | 17,769 15 | 7,302 10 | 613,646 13 | 1,376,218 97 | 8,244 22 | ,372,972 16 | 80,931 31 | .483,804 6 | 90,35\% 11 | 654,907 25 | 3,207,681 2 | 1,154 19 | $8,677 \quad 2$ |
|  | 25,385 23 | 9,800 23 | 8,033-50 | 21,651 36 | 5,065 38 | 12,597 27 | 1,873 11 | 82115 | 68,182 37 | 152,012 89 | -.... | ..."* | ..... | ..... | ...." | ....* | $\cdots$ | ...." | ..... |

No. 1553 of 1902.
Camp A'mod, 25th May 1902.
Forwarded with compliments to the Collector of Broach.
2. The reduction of the assessment of the taluka is necessary, though not to the extent of 16 per cent. to a figure below the settlement of 1849. It is true that prices have risen, but not to such a degree as to cause a material change in the condition of the rayat. There has been no rise since 1874-75 in the price of cotton, which is the chief crop of the táluka. Its price was Rs. 84 per bhar at the time of the original survey; now it is Rs. 80 per bhar. Juvar, the crop of next importance, does not show much rise. It was 35 lbs . per rupee in 1874-75, and 32 lbs . in 1898-99, according to Appendix N. The fluctuation between these two figures has not varied much. The cultivator has not derived much benefit by the change in prices.
3. The continual increase in the unoccupied assessed area is partly due to the thinness of population and may be due partly to inability to pay assessment. The large quantity of rice lands remaining waste in Kalak and Kava points to the same conclusion. The lands shown under assessed waste are not culturable. They are not taken up for the above two causes. It is not the case that people do not take up waste land in order to obtain grazing at trifling prices and then use or sell grass. In ordinary years, grass and crop fodder are so plentiful everywhere that no one would care for the grass of the waste lands. A series of bad seasons is said to be one of the causes of large assessed waste. Caterpillars and other insects and herds of deer injure the crops. All these are natural causes and they should be taken into consideration in fixing assessment. No tendency to take up land is yet visible. The instance given by the Mámlatdár of the desire of the people of the town of Jambusar to take up land on one year's tenure is no criterion for the whole táluka. Even after a succession of good years, much land will not be taken up, because the population has decreased by 19,516 souls.
4. The sale value of land is fair, but the dissolution of the 13 bhágs cannot have been solely due to the debts of the bhágdárs. It must have been due to a certain extent to their inability to recover rents. At least such an impression is conveyed by what the Mámlatdár has written on the subject.
5. If distraints were made on the Musalmáns of Nadiád, Chándpor Madafar, Kansagar and the Kolis of the Bara villages between Tankari and Jambusar, there is reason to believe that they were made on a people who could not pay assessment, because these Musalmáns and Kolis are notoriously poor.
6. In no case the indebtedness of the rayats can be justly ascribed solely to the pressure of assessment. It is due chiefly to other causes, but it cannot be gainsaid that when hard-pressed the cultivator is driven to the sávkár for the payment of the assessment. This may or may not be true of the Jambusar Patis. But the bhágdárs appear to have been forced to give up the tenure partly owing to their own folly and partly to their inability to get on well with their permanent tenants. The large area of waste is due to famine conditions. But the rent obtained before the famine for sub-letting land was about one and a half times the assessment; whereas the rental for the best land was twice the assessment or even more, as stated in paragraph 3 of the Mámlatdar's report. Thus the lands of Jambusar Patis cannot be said to be of the best quality. However, owing to the great facility for the disposal of all kinds of produce in the town of Jambusar, these lands may be assessed at a higher rate than those of the rest of the taluka. The current assessment of Rs. 6-2-5 per acre appears to be somewhat high. To reduce it to Rs. 4-12-0 would be lowering it too much. It would be fair to levy an assessment of Rs. 5-8-0 per acre
and to make these Patis into a separate group by themselves and the remaining four groups may be classed as under:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. | p. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Group II | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 5 | 0 |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Group IV | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Group V | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 3 | 8 |

Thus the grours will be five instead of four.
(Signed) R. E. KANGA, District Deputy Collector, Broach. (True Copy)
A. C. LOGAN,

Collector.

No. A-6001 of 1902.
From
The DIRECTOR, LAND RECORDS and AGRICULTURE;
To
The COMMISSIONER, Northern Division.

Poona, 26th December 1902.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward the report on the revision of the survey settlement of Jambusar Táluka received with Mr. Logan's review dated September 17th. The submission of the report has been delayed pending consultation with the Collector, resulting in the modification of a portion of his review.
2. Mr. Logan accepts Mr. Mehta's proposals on the ground that though they render the assessment " unduly light" they will enable stringent collection to be made in normal times. However the calculations made in his paragraph 9 , which agree with the information on record in this office regarding the approximate value of agricultural profits in this district, show that the proposed reduction of the assessment is from 20 per cent. to 16 per cent. of the gross produce. I do not think this latter incidence is unduly light in a tract which has undoubtedly experienced a series of unprosperous seasons in the course of the last settlement.
3. The figures given in the margin for the year 1900-1901 should be

|  | Population and resources. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |

- This figare is for the Imperial census of 1901.
indications of the necessity of lenient treatment of this tract.

4. Comparison with the rates recently sanctioned for other talukas of this district shows that under the present proposals Group I will be closely assimilated, excluding the Patis of the chief towns, to the similar groups of Ankleshvar and Broach ; Group II is well below the group in Broach and is slightly higher than the groups in Ankleshvar, Vagra and A'mod ; Group III is considerably lower than in any other táluka, and Group IV closely approximates that in táluka Vágra.
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Exceptas to the Patis of Jambusar these results are accepted by the Collector and appear to be free from objection; in regard to the Patis I agree, however, in Mr. Logan's criticism and recommendation in paragraphs 10 and 11 of his review.
5. As the existing settlement does not expire until July 31st, 1905, no increase of assessment can be imposed unitil then. $\cdots$ Such increases, varying from 4 to 14 per cent., have been proposed for 7 villages in Group I, and the question whether they should be imposed at all may be considered after the experience of the next three years.

But in regard to the reductions recommended it is submitted that early action may be taken. I venture to suggest that relief should be given by remissions to the extent proposed from the demand for the current year and of the unexpired years of the settlement.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir, Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) H. S. LAWRENCE, Director, Land Records and Agriculture.
No. 463 or 1903.
Revente Department.
Camp Surat, 6th February 1903.

## Submitted to Government.

2. Mr. Beyts' settlement of this taluka was made at the end of a cycle of high prices and good crops. The eleven years 1862-63 to 1872-73 give an average of $9 \frac{1}{5}$ pounds of kuppas per rupee compared with 13 pounds in the present year. He rightly described the country then as "highly prosperous,"-words which could not be applied to it now in view of diminished population, diminished resources, and a tendency to diminished cultivation. Mr. Lely first knew the taluka soon after the introduction of the current rates, and as Assistant Collector he had to deal with a serious failure of crops, amounting in the western or Bara area to positive famine. Since then there has been a continuous reaction, which may be temporary, but is, in the Commissioner's opinion, unmistakeable. Among the causes are (1) indifferent seasons, (2) constant cultivation of cotton as the cash-producing crop, in disregard of the necessity of fallows and of proper rotation, (3) growth among the cultivators of a taste for foreign luxuries and of general self-indulgence, resulting in extravagant social ceremonids and in less simple and more expensive habits of life.
3. Mr. Logan accepts the proposed reduction of revenue demand, but underlying his acquiescence is a current of protest against Mr. Mehta's arguments, to which, in the Commissioner's view, he does something less than justice. The heavy reduction in mileh cattle between 1874 and 1888 and again in 1900, cut deep into the most valuable asset of wealth and means of physical sustention. The drop in the area of cultivated land after the introduction of the first settlement was a contrast to most other districts and the tendency throughout the period was such as to bear out Mr. Mehta's statement. It is no explanation to attribute much of it to the dissolution of bhágdari tenures, for that again did not occur in other more favoured districts and would not. have occurred here had the rights of the bhagdar over the land heen worth retaining.
4. It is not meant that these untoward results have been caused by an over-high assessment any more than the sterility of pátidár women has been caused thereby. It is not even meant that Mr. Beyts took too bright a view in 1876 of things as they then existed. Agriculture fluctuates like every other industry and an evolution of adverse influences has diminished for the time the revenue-producing power of the táluka. This is sufficient justification for asking Government, by virtue of their touch with the people, to abate their demand in sympathy with the depression. Natural causes, which operate slowly, will no doubt turn the wheel again, especially if aided by improvements in the means and methods of agriculture.

- 5. The Commissioner, therefore, entirely agrees that the decrease proposed by Mr. Mehta is appropriate, subject to the modification of raising the two Jambusar patis to a class by themselves at Rs. $5-4-0$ as proposed by Messrs. Logan and Lawrence.

6. In the last line but one of Mr. Mehta's paragraph 17 "Broach" is apparently a mistake for "Dehgám," and in paragraph 19 "Vagra" is certainly a mistake for "Palej."

F. S. P. LELY, Commissioner, Northern Division.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Broach.
Revision settlement of the Jambusar Táluka.

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\text { No. } 1647 .
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## Revenue Dipartment.

Bombay Castle, 9th Maroh 1903.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 463, dated 6th February 1908-Submitting, with his remarks, the papers specified in the margin

Letter from the Assiitant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Surpey, No. 175, dated 3rd Janviary 1901.
Letter from the Collector of Brosoh, No. 3491, dated 17th September 1902.
Letter from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. A 6001, dated 26th December 1902. containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Jambusar Táluka of the Broaoh District.

Resolution.-As the Collector does not object to the reduction of the assessment which is proposed by the Assistant Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey, it is unnecessary to examine at length his criticism of the reasons assigned for the reduction. The statistics afford unmistakeable indications that the táluka, which on the introduction of the original settlement was regarded by Government as one of the most favoured in the province of Gujarat with regard to soil and climate, has not prospered in the course of the settlement, and that the assessment, which was pronounced extremely moderate, is higher than is desirable in existing circumstances. Extension of cultivation, high prices as shown by Registration records and Court sales, high rents, and the collection of full revenue without coercion are rightly regarded as evidence of a moderate assessment, and a combination of facts of a more or less opposite nature cannot be held to be fully explained by such considerations as are set forth by Mr. Logan.
2. For reasons which have frequently been stated the two paitis of Jambusar should be kept in a separate group, the maximum rate of Rs. 5-4-0 recommended by the Collector, Director of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner being adopted. On other points the proposals of the Assist. ant Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey, which are accepted by all these officers, should be sanctioned.
3. The proposal made by the Director of Land Records and Ägriculture to give immediate effect by way of remission to any decrease of assessment which tbe proposals involve and to introduce the revision settlement formally after 31st July 1905 is approved.

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

To

| D., | With an intimation that the |
| :---: | :---: |
| The Collector of Broaoh, | papers are being printed in |
| The Director of Land Records and Agricultures | e records of Government |
| The Accountant General, | and that, when it in ready, |
| The Public Works Department of the Secretariat. | it will be forwarded to them. |



## APPENDIX Q.




APP ENDIX Q-continued.



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PAPERS

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including
PETHA-MAHAL HANSOT

OF THE
BROACH COLLECTORATE
-


## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SETTLEMENT OF THE ANKLESHVAR TA'LUKA INCLUDING HA'NSOT MAHA'L OF THE BROACH COLLECTORATE.



## From

Ter 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 the 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. Constitutior.-Under Government Resolution No. 4373 of 19th

| Piladra. | 6. Dangr |
| :---: | :---: |
| Adol. | 7. Ambhet |
| Hajat. | 8. Faner. |
| 5. Cohhapli, | 9. Sahol. | December 1902, four villages were transferred from Broach táluka on account of their situation on the southern bank of the Narbada. The taluka now comprises 109 villages, of which 106 are Government and 3 alienated. Of the Government villages 85 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 taluka Ankleshwar, inclusive of the peta-mahal Hansot, with a superficial area of 306 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 Olpad táluka of the Surat Collectorate.
6. Physical features and soils.-The taluka presents no physical features worthy of mention except the two rivers Narbada and Kim which 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 becoming less effective, and a large area in the centre of the taluka 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 mabal 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 tendency 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 $32-49$ inches. 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 much 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 $21 \cdot 78$ 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 has 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 traverses 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 Rájpipla State, are in fair condition.
12. Harkets.-The chief market towns are Ankleshwar and Hansot, but a considersble quaptity of cotton finds its way to Kim and Kosamba from the South-Western portion ơ the táluka, 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 Hansot and luáv.

No weekly bazars are held in the táluka.
13. Railway traffc.-The following statement shows the inward atid outward goods traffic at Ankleshwar and Panoli stationa :-

| 1 | Ankleshwar. |  |  |  | Panoli. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ontward. |  | Inward. |  | Oatward. |  | Inward. |  |
|  | Quantity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amonnt. | Qasntity. | Amount. | Quantity. | Amount ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 1871 (figures in original report). | Tons. 6,444 | $\underset{\mathbf{6 3 , 1 8 9}}{\substack{\text { Rsi }}}$ | Tons. 1,984 | $\underset{\text { 16,879 }}{\text { R. }}$ | Tous. | - $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rss } \\ & \cdots \\ & \square\end{aligned}$ | Tons. | R88 |
| Average of years 1801 to | 7,995 | 38,546 | 7,258 | 38,546 | 344 | - 1,570 | 208 | 1,075 |
| Average of years 1906 to 1910. | 17,717 | 79,977 | 15,213 | 63,719 | 537 | 961 | 292 | 776 |

Thus while there was only a moderate increase in traffic during 30 years, it has doubled itself in the last five years. The years $1901-05$ show returns slightly below the average of the preceding few years, probably because they were 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 started but that is not sufficient explanation. The bringing of large areas in Rájpipla State under cotton cultivation and the general expansion of trade are factors contributing to the increase. A considerable portion of the trafic at Ankleshwar and Panoli comes from adjoining native states, while the traffic to and from the south-western portion of the táluka is handled at Kosamba and Kim stations.
14. Population.-The following table compares the figures of total population at various periods of the present settlement:-

| 1873. | 1874. | 1891. | 1897. | 1901. | 1911. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 66,085 | 63,257 | 68,387 | 63,075 | 61,131 | $: 68,931$ |

Thus for the first twenty years of the settlement the population remained almost stationary. The bad years in the nineties followed by famine brought about a large decrease. The last decade has to some extent redressed the balance, but the figures for 1911 include four villages, with a population of about 3,000 , which were formerly in Broach taluka and thus there is still a considerable decrease from 1891.
15.- Agricultural Population.-Statistics show that only $60 \cdot 46$ per cent.

Appendix "D". of the total population live by agricultural pursuits. Considering that Ankleshwar is the only town of any appreciable size and that the táluka is purely agricultural, these figures are difficult to explain. The fact that at the time of taking the census a large number of cotton-gin labourers were temporarily domiciled in the táluka would have some 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 statistios received from the Director 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 widespread, 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 custom.-The habits of the people and the race to which they belong has much to do with the productiveness of the soil tilled. The

Sajodra Brahmins, who own most of the land in the north-west of the taluka, are the best cultivators. Unfortunately their numbers are decreasing rapidly, owing to their marriage castoms, and in the course of the next century they will probably become extinct. The Borahs, numbering about one-half of the total Musulmans, are industrions, but not such clever cultivators as the Borabs north of the Narbada. The other Musulman sects, the Rajputs, and the Kolis are careless in their methods, and obtain nothing like the full yield of the soil.
17. Schools.-There are in all 68 boys' and 7 girls' gchools with total
Aperage attendance of 2,180 and 438 respectively. Female education is not so backward as would appear from these figures, for a few girls attend many of the village schools, which are classed as boys' schools. A large portion of the population consists of backward races, such as Bhils and Kolis, and hence these figures are fairly satisfactory.

Appendix "F".
18. Agricultural Stock.-The following table compares the resources of the táluka :-

|  | 1872 | 1887. | 1897. | 1911. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agricultural cattle | 17,951 | 17,138 | 14,344 | 14,720 |
| Milch cattle and yonog cows | 20,514 | 20,969 | 20,576 | 23,216 |
| Horses | 515 | 587 | 635 | . 855 |
| Sheep and goats | 7,304 | 11,652 | 11,046 | 12,248 |
| Carts | 5,304 | 4,813 | 4,423 | 4,641 |
| Ploughs | 7,955 | 7,622 | 8,572 | 7,167 |

The decrease in agricultural cattle and ploughs from 1887 to 1897 is marked. There must have been a further large decrease in the famine of 1900 and the lean years following, so that the slight increase in 1911 over 1897 indicates recuperative power in the prosperous years from 1905 onwards. The increase in the number of horses is due to the fashion, which is growing especially among the Borahs, of spending auy surplus money in increasing dignity by becoming the owner of a horse.
19. Water-supply.-In the greater part of the taluka there is an ample Appendix " J". supply of good water from wells. But in about 20 villages in the south-west and middle of the táluka, the level of the land being low, only salt-water is obtainable from the ordinary well. The drinking wells are usually placed in the bed of the tank and the water remains potable until about a month after the tank becomes dry. During the last three years the tanks in most of these affected villages have been excavated, but it is probable that in many of the villages drinking-water will still have to be brought from a distance for a month or so before the monsoon.
20. Survey numbers cultivated by oroners.-This information has been Appendix "I". extracted from the Record-of-Rights and is quite reliable. Of the Government numbers $C 0$ per cent. and of the alienated numbers 57 per cent. are cultivated by the owners themselves. About 35 per cent. of the Government land is in the possession of the sávkárs. No information on this point is available from the original report, but there is no doubt that between 1850 and 1905 a considerable quantity of land passed into the hands of non-agricalturists. 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 sávkárs, but in the southern half of Hansot mahal they are still in possesision of as much as 50 per cent. of the land.
21. These appendices have been compiled from the Record-of-Rights. To ensure accuracy I deputed a kárkún to make up Appendices "K", "L", the village lists and I myself checked the lists in "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 under 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 $I$ 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 has been remitted) I have retained them. Statistics of sales and mortgages bave been given for representative villages in each group.
22. The Ggures of rentals show fairly conclusively that the former assessment was too higi. 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 approximation to this standard. I will deal more particularly with the figures in making my proposals for grouping.
23. Prices.-In a talluka like Ankleshwar in which about one-half of the

Appendix " 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 definite 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 and 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 Rs. 100 per bhar 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 have 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 oultivation.
25. Revenue-history.-The revenue-history of the táluka does not call for Appendices " $\mathrm{O}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{O}^{9}$ ". any extended notioe. The amount of occupied Gorernment assessed land has remained fairly aniform. There is a marked decrease in the area occupied in the years 1899 to 1902 due to famine. From 1902 the area occupied has gradually increased and now the amount of unoccupied land is almost the same as in 1871. The permanent в 935-2
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 faminie.
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 distraint cases. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average of three years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1895-96 to 1897-98 | -.. | $\cdots$ | -** | 89 | 1,584 | 129 |
| 1902-03 to 1904-05 | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 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 Gigures for the years 1895-96 to $\mathbf{1 8 9 7}$-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 maximum rates and also separated off 20 low-lying villages from the 3rd and 4th groups and made them into a 5 th 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 oarried out. The reductions on account of salt-impregnation were made permanent by Government Resolution No. 10601 of 28th October 1907.
28. Proposed maximum rates.-In view of all that has been written on the subject, it seems unncessary for me to recapitulate 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. No drainage scheme has yet been undertaken to relieve the waterlodgged area and there is no sign that any scheme will be undertaken in the near future. I, therefore, propose that the classification reductions due to flooding and water-logging should be made permanent. The deterioration of the land having been 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 propose 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 11.7 per cent., the decrease being small in the first two groups and considerable in the third and fourth groups which most need it.
30. The effect of the proposals group by group is as follows :-

Group I.-The four villages transferred from Broach táluka fall naturally into this group, though all the land, being Bhatha, is separately treated. The assessments shown in Appendix " $M$ " are identical with those of the present proposals, and thus judged by the test of rent, the proposed reduction is equitable.
31. Group I1.-Gadkhol does notebelong to the tract locally called the "low country" which comprises the remainder of the first group and hence it has been sreduced to the second group. All the cultivators of Telod live in Hansot and the distance-scale is reckoned from Hansot. I have therefore included it in the second group. The proportion of assessment to rent is low for this group, but I think that the small reduction of 8.8 per cent is quite justified.
32. Group III.-I have included the villages of Ambheta, Vausnoli, Badodra, Sayan and Alva in this group, on account of their proximity to Hansot and the rise in the value of the land owing to the increased desire of the Musulmans of Hansot to take up land for cultivation. Sarthan and Teiva are two wretchedly poor villages and I have therefore reduced them to the fourth group. Owing to the inclusion of the villages above and the fact that the assessments of four other villages are according to the maximum rate fixed for Mr. Mehta's fifth group, the proportion of assessment to rent will work out somewhat higher under the present proposals than is shown in Appendix " $M$ ". On a rough calculation I reckon that it will be about 43 per cent.
33. Group IV includes all the villages in the south of Hansot petamahal and also a small number of villages in the south-east of Ankleshwar which are situated on hilly, broken ground quite different in character from the rest 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.
35. 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 statistics of rent in Appendix " $M$ ".
(C) Any information available as to the price obtained yearly in auction for adjoining land which is not permanently assessed.
36. The following table shows the proposed changes in the rates :-

37. The Bhatha of Kansia and Mandwa Buzrag is by far the best in the taluka, and the rental value is high, hence the rate in these villages has been raised to the maximum of Rs. 10. In Borebhatha and Sakarpore the application of the distance scale has resulted in a large increase. I am of the opinion that no increase is justified in these villages and the rates have been reduced so as to produce a slight decrease. The same applies in a lesser degree to Sarphudin.

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

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> H. DENNING,
> Assistant Collector and Assistant Settlement Officer.

Statement siowing Rainfall recorded at Ankleshwar, district Broach, for the years 1900 to 1910.

APPENDIX B.
Details of cultivation and orops in the villages of the Anklesvir Táluka of the Broach Collectorate.


## APPENDIX D.

Detail of population according to occupation by percentages in Ankleskwar Talwka.

| Agricultaral popalation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agricaltural Popolation. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Haring intarest in land. |  |  |  |  | 7 Labourera |  |  | Total agricalcural populetion. |  |  |  |
| - Land socupants - not altivating. | Land occapents cultivating. | Tensnia and therers cultivating. | Others. | Total. | Farm Bervanta. | Field labourers and crop watchers. | Total: |  | Crafta. | Others | Total nore agricultaral popalation. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 0.54 | 30:89 | ... | 0.41 | 31.84 | 0.03 | 28.61 | 28.63 | 60.47 | 12-44 | 27-09 | 8953 |

## APPENDIX E.

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


APPENDIX F.
Statement showing the Agricultural stock of the Government Fillages in the dukleshwar Tiluka of the Broack Collectorate.


## APPENDIX G.

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


## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the yoar 1911.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villges. } \end{aligned}$ | District. | Government Schools. |  |  |  | Manicipal schools. |  |  |  | Private achools. |  | Reararks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  | Boya |  |  |
|  |  |  | Avorage attendance. | Number of schools. | Average attendance. |  | Average attendance. | Number of schools. | Average attendance. | Number of schools. | Average stteadance. |  |
| 1 | 2. | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 46 |  | 50 | 1,643 | 6 | 229 | 5 | 428 | 2 | 109 | 13 | 109 |  |

## APPENDIX I.

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

| Number of villages. | Disarict. | Total numbers cultivated by occupents oz Inâmdás. |  | Total numbers cultivated by occupants ar Inćmders in partnership with others. |  | Total numbera cultivated by sab-tenants oa money rent. |  | Total numbers cultivated bry sub-temants for produce of grain rent. |  | Waste nambers. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Param- } \\ \text { poz } \\ \text { nambera. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total Number. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inám. | Government. | Inam. | Governmeng. | Inâm. | Government. | Inám. |  |  | Government. | Insm. |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 |
| 108 | Broarth, taluka Anhleahwar. | 21,264 | 5,812 | 854 | 123 | 10,548 | 3,880 | 127 | 49 | 3,086 | ** | 85,380 | 9,44* |

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## APPENDIX K.

Showing Mortgages with Possession.

| SerialnumberinAppen-diz $M$. | Name of Villuge. | Upto 1871. |  |  | From 1871 to 1880. |  |  | From 1881 to 1880, |  |  | From 1801 to 1900. |  |  | Fram 1801 to present day: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Assersment. | Mort. gage debt. |  | Assesg ment. | Mortgage debt. | Proportion of afscess-mortgage debt. | Aness- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mrit- } \\ & \text { garo } \\ & \text { debt. } \end{aligned}$ | Propor. tion of mescsor to mortgige debl. | Asgestment. | Mortgake debr | Propore tion of Mesess-mortgrage uebt. | Asseasment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mort- } \\ & \text { grgo } \\ & \text { debt. } \end{aligned}$ | Propor ticn of amers mort. gage debt. |  |
|  | Group 1. | H. | ${ }^{\mathbf{R} \mathrm{B}_{4}}$ | P. 0. | Re. | Rs . | P. C. | Re. | $\mathbf{R s}$. | P. 0. | Rs. | Rs, | P. C. | R8. | Re. | P. 6. | : |
| 1 | Kausia (Bhatha) .r. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | - | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 38 | 99 | 28-23 | 485 | 7,130 | 6.79 |  |
| 2 | Borbbaths ( Do. $^{\text {c }}$ ) .. | 6 | 15 | 40.0 | 61 | 879 | 10.53 | 82 | 678 | 13.13 | 687 | 8,899 | 8.8 | 590 | 8,889 | 10.08 |  |
| 4 | Salsarpore ( Do. ) ... | 12 | 358 | 3.4 | 41 | 251 | 16.88 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 60 | 490 | $13 \cdot 82$ | $\cdots$ | - 0 | ... |  |
| 8 | Haripart ( Do. ) ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 20 | 49 | 40.81 | -i | ... | $\cdots$ | 110 | 048 | 16.97 | 80 | 77 | 25.97 |  |
|  | Do. (Dry orup) ... | 8 | 48 | 16.60 | 18 | 82 | 40.68 | 6 | 88 | $8 \cdot 25$ | 223 | 2,854 | 9.48 | 161 | J,607 | 10\%1 |  |
| 7 | ITvi Do. ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 17 | 113 | 15.04 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 25 | 761 | 3.28 | 4 | 16 | 25.0 |  |
| 10 | Mandwa Bujrag (Bhatha). | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 77 | 702 | 10.10 | 71 | 740 | $0 \cdot 60$ |  |
|  | Do. (Dry- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 8 | 191 | $4 \cdot 18$ | 25 | 788 | $8 \cdot 13$ | 803 | 1,362 | 22.17 | 168 | 2,151 | $0 \cdot 11$ |  |
|  | Total of Group I ... | 28 | 415 | 6.98 | 100 | 1,215 | 1817 | 113 | 1,670 | $7 \cdot 10$ | 1.515 | 13,384 | 11.32 | 1.627 | 17,818 | 870 |  |
| 23 | Growp II. <br> Sajod (Dry-crup) | 8 | 87 | 15-09 | 7 | 128 | $5 \cdot 5$ | 60 | 661 | 10.85 | 251 | 3,015 | 8:32 | 170 | 2,321 | 738 |  |
|  | Grousp III, |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | Jitali ( Dry.crop)... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\theta$ | 182 | 7.37 | 86 | 538 | 6.71 | 260 | 2,537 | 10.25 |  |
| 37 |  | 48 | 451 | 10.86 | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | 10 | 89 | 10.10 | 167 | 1,300 | 1888 | 1,134 | 9,171 | 12;36 |  |
|  | Total of Group III ... | 40 | 451 | $10 \cdot 38$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | 19 | 221 | $8{ }^{5} 50$ | 203 | 1,836 | 11.05 | 1,304 | 11,709 | 11.8 |  |
|  | Grosp 17. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 67 | Sengpar (Dry-crop)... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 79 | 514 | 15.37 | 26 | 210 | 11.90 | 160 | 1,587 | $8 \cdot 51$ |  |
| 11 | Sarthan Do. ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | 107 | 1,455 | 7.95 | 109 | 765 | 14.25 | 203 | 078 | $20 \cdot 88$ | 172 | 887 | 20.55 |  |
| 83 | Amod . Do. ... | $\cdots$ | * | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 1 | 48 | 2.04 | 28 | 158 | 1674 | 149 | 1,545 | $0 \cdot 65$ |  |
| 89 | Sunev-Kalla Do. ... | 34 | 287 | 13.23 | 40 | 757 | $5 \cdot 88$ | 63 | C02 | 9-63 | 132 | 081 | $14 \cdot 17$ | 250 | 3,400 | 7.88 |  |
| 88 | Sunev-Khurd Po. ... | 68 | 1,868 | 4.82 | 17 | 326 | 5.81 | 179 | 8,0¢0 | $8 \cdot 60$ | 98 | 1,881 | 5-35 | 252 | 3,097 | $8 \cdot 14$ |  |
| 108 | Katpor Do. | 71 | 1,086 | 0.64 | 69 | 651 | 10\% | 81 | 1,00s | 8.08 | 410 | - 4,114 | 9.96 | 665 | 5,688 | 2178 |  |
| 16 | Kantiojal Do. ... | 1 | 19 | $5 \cdot 26$ | 0 | 139 | 4.61 | 28 | 423 | 8.14 | 36 | 618 | $5 \cdot 82$ | 31 | 482 | 8.48 |  |
|  | Total of Group IV .. | 169 | 8,725 | 6.84 | 228 | 3,288 | 710 | 583 | E,437 | $0 \cdot \mathrm{E}$ | 987 | 8,832 | 10.5 | 1,676 | 18,650 | 10.08 |  |
|  | Grand Total ... | 265 | 3,647 | 6.91 | 398 | 4,563 | $8-67$ | 754 | 8,059 | 9•39 | 2,806 | 27,087 | 10.69 | 4,767 | 18,267 | 98 |  |

## APPENDIX K .

Showing Sales.


## APPENDIX MI.

Showing sublettings.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Num- } \\ \text { ber. } \end{gathered}$ | Name of village. | Bhatha. |  |  | Percontage of assc ssment on rent. | Dry crop and rice. |  |  | Percentage of assessment on rent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Area. | Assessmenth | Rent. |  | Area, | Asscssment. | Rent. |  |
|  | Group 1. | Acres, | Rs. | Re. |  | Acres. | Rs. | Re. |  |
| 1 | Kansia • ... $\quad .0$ | 968 | 7,548 | 21,180 | $85 \cdot 6$ | $\ldots$ | ... | *** | *** |
| 2 | Borebbatha ... ... | 373 | 8,885 | 8,809 | 46.5 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | -* |
| 8 | Ssrphadin -.. ... | 72 | $7{ }^{\text {i8 }}$ | 1,731 | 48.7 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | "• |
| 4 | Sakarpore -.. ... | 64 | 505. | 1,063 | 42.5 | - 0 | *** | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | ..0 |
| 5 | Pungam . ... ... | 5 | 85 | 84 | $41 \cdot 7$ | 262 | 1,308 | 3,032 | $43 \cdot 1$ |
| 6 | Haripura . ... ... | 9 | 100 | 161 | 62.1 | 129 | 778 | 2,018 | 38.8 |
| 7 | Divi ... .. | 87 | $2 \mathrm{C9}$ | 618 | 83.8 | 81 | 574 | 1,053 | 54.5 |
| 8 | Chhapra ... ... | 4 | 43 | 81 | 568 | 12 | 71 | 146 | $48 \cdot 6$ |
| 9 | Samor ... | ... | ..* | -** | - | 257 | 1,419 | 2,770 | 51.2 |
| 10 | Mandva Bujrag ... ... | . 336 | 2,870 | 9,694 | 29.9 | 184 | 1,352 | 2,676 | 49.8 |
| 11 | Andada -as | -* | -* | ... | ... | 263 | 1,306 | 2,670 | 48.9 |
| 12 | Survadi -.. | .." | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 200 | 1,002 | 2,473 | 40.5 |
| 13 | Chorasi ... | - | ..0 | ... | $\cdots$ | 71 | 490 | 992 | 49.4 |
| 14 | Diva Rajput Pati $\quad$..* | $\cdots$ | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | -* | ... | 109 | 609 | 1,559 | $89 \cdot 1$ |
| 15 | Diva Borah Pati ... | ... | -." | -." | .-® | ¢4. | 565 | 1,261 | 44.8 |
| 16 | Panod | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | 28 | 132 | 885 | 46.3 |
| 17 | Ankleshwar | $\cdots$ | .." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 985 | 4,383 | 7,965 | 54.4 |
|  | Total Group I .. | 1,870 | 15,984 | 42,882L | 87-2 | 2,635 | 13,917 | 28,900 | $48 \cdot 1$ |
|  | Group II. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Gadkhol | ... | .. | - 0 | ... | 249 | 919 | 1,863 | 4.3 3 |
| 13 | Piraman ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | -a* | 194 | 652. | 1,698 | 88.4 |
| 20 | Boidra ... | ** | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 132 | 551 | 1,442 | 38.2 |
| 21 | Nagal ... $\quad$ | .* | ** | - 0 | ... | 323 | 1,226 | 2,895 | 42.3 |
| 22 | Sajcd -.. | ... | ..' | ..* | ... | 677 | 12,802 | 7,120 | 40.0 |
| 23 | Panoli | -* | .." | -." | -* | 238 | 923 | 2,554 | $36 \cdot 1$ |
| 24 | Hansot ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ... | 158 | 772 | 1,889 | 42.0 |
| 25 | Telod - .. | *** | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 384 | 3,545 | 3,954 | 48.6 |
|  | Total of Group II ...Group III. | - ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 2,361 | 0,440 | 23,365 | $40 \cdot 4$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 0 Motali ...s .. | - ... | *** | $\cdots$ | .* | 192 | 581 | 1,469 | 89.5 |
| 27 | 7 Earangpore | ... | .* | $\cdots$ | - 0 | 266 | 886 | 1,800 | $49 \cdot 2$ |
| 28 | 8 Jitali - ... - | ** | ** | "* | ** | 78 | 245 | 560 | 415 |
| 29 | 9 Bhadkodra ... . | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -. | 102 | 285 | 608 | 469 |
| 30 | 0 Kosamdi ... . | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | -*' | 168 | 538 | 3,811 | 40.6 |
| 81 | 1 Kapodra ... . | -•* | ... | $\cdots$ | -.. | 88 | 121 | 242 | 50.0 |
| 82 | 2 Bakzolo ${ }^{\text {at }}$ | -* ..* | ... | *** | *** | 165 | 580 | 1,061 | 54.7 |

APPENDIX M-continued.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nam. } \\ & \text { Ner. } \end{aligned}$ | Name of village. | Bhatha, |  |  | Percentage of assess. on rent on rean | Dry crop and rice. |  |  | Percentag of asseas-menton rent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Arcon | Ascess. ment. | Rent. |  | Area | $\underset{\substack{\text { Asesesg- } \\ \text { ment. }}}{-}$ | Rent. |  |
|  | Growp III--coutinued. | Aотea | Rs. | Rs. |  | Aorse. | Rs, | Rs. |  |
| 33 | Bhadi | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $69^{\circ}$ | 231 | 472 | 48.9 |
| 94 | Rharod ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | 172 | 471 | 1,779 | 26.5 |
| 35 | Sanjall . ... | $\cdots$ | .. | $\ldots$ | .* | 120 | 472 | 1,060 | 445 |
| 36 | Umarbar ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | .-* | 8 | 28 | 61 | $42 \cdot 8$ |
| 37 | Umarvada ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 167 | 614 | 1,461 | 420 |
| 88 | Saphipura ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .." | 10 | 37 | 95 | 38.9 |
| 89 | Aloj ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ..' | ... | 27 | 70 | 142 | 49.3 |
| 40 | Ravidra ... | ... | .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 73 | 244 | 429 | 56.9 |
| 41 | Earmali ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 24 | 78 | 248 | 315 |
| 42 | Piludra | ... | ." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 88 | 190 | 422 | 450 |
| 43 | Adol ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 475 | 1,527 | 3,068 | 498 |
| 4 | Hajat ... | $\cdots$ | ." | ." | $\cdots$ | 149 | 468 | 849 | 54.4 |
| 45 | Kalanvs ... | ... | ... | ... | ..- | 55 | 811 | 431 | 489 |
| 46 | Matied ... | '.' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | 201 | 789 | 1,686. | 48.2 |
| 47 | Mandma Mıatied ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | 30 | 116 | 237 | 48.9 |
| 48 | Ganpatpara ... ... | ... | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .- |
| 49 | Shera ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 167 | 613 | 1,203 | 51.0 |
| 50 | Mothis ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | .* | 137 | 475 | 980 | 49.5 |
| 51 | Digas ... ... | ... | ..0 | ... | - | 775 | 8,073 | 7,353 | 41.8 |
| 52 | Mangrole ... | - ${ }^{\circ}$ | "• | $\cdots$ | .." | 144 | 577 | 1,479 | 89.0 |
| 63 | Atta ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 548 | 2,136 | 5,016 | 426 |
| 54 | Utraj ... | $\cdots$ | .." | $\cdots$ | ... | 288 | 1,026 | 2,648 | 88.7 |
| 55 | Alva | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 117 | 882 | 995 | 38.4 |
| 56 | Sayan ... | $\cdots$ | .." | ... | .. | 626 | 2,077 | 5,270 | 39.4 |
| 57 | Badodra ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ** | 893 | 1,850 | 4,216 | 82.0 |
| 58 | Vansnoli ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 804 | 1,031 | 2,923 | 35.3 |
| 59 | Amblieta | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | -." | 363 | 1,091 | 3,892 | 28.0 |
| 60 | Pardi Ambheta ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | 138 | 485 | 1,423 | 840 |
|  | Total of Groap III ... | $\cdots$ | -•• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 8,670 | 28,084 | 56,854 | 40.6 |
|  | Growp 17. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | Amimitpura ... | .." | ..* | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 215 | 544 | 1,360 | 46.0 |
| 62 | Uehbail ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | 185 | 812 | 669 | $46 \cdot 8$ |
| 63 | Kararvel ... | $\cdots$ | ." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 47 | 162 | 408 | 87.4 |
| 64 | Avadar ... ... | $\cdots$ | ..- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 58 | 174 | 332 | 45.5 |
| 65 | Pardi Mukha ... | $\cdots$ | -* | ... | "* | 21 | 68 | 195 | 43.0 |
| 66 | Piprod ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .." | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |
| 67 | Shengpore ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 41 | 131 | 247 | 53.0 |
| 68 | Raima ... ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | s | 436 | 1,878 | 3,248 | $48 \%$ |
| 69 | Vaner |  | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 977 | 1,237 | 2,581 | 47.9 |

## APPENDIX M-concluded.



Percentage of Assoasment on romt of all landa 41.3

## APPENDIX N.

State ment showing the prices prevalent in the Ankleskpar Taluka from 1866-67 to 1910.

| Years | Lba of 99 Tolks per Rapee. |  |  |  |  |  | Un-clcaned Cotton. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wheat. | Rice in hask. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rico } \\ \text { cleaned. } \end{gathered}$ | 'Tur, | Jowar. | Bajiri. |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | - | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1866-67 ... | 32 | 588 | 224 | 29 | 631 | 40 | ... |  |
| $186768 . .$. | 314 | 584 | 294 | ${ }_{3}^{28}$ | ${ }_{49}^{51}$ | -354 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1868.69 ... $\quad . .0$ | $30 \pm$ | ${ }_{537}^{45}$ | 24. | ${ }_{30}^{35}$ | 49, | ${ }_{421}^{33 \%}$ | ... |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{llll}1867-70 \\ 187071\end{array}\right) .$. | ${ }_{29}$ | 51 | ${ }_{24}^{24}$ | $80 \pm$ | 214 | 37 | ... |  |
| Total .. | 304 | 52ı | 24 | 293 | 454 | 374 | ... |  |
| 1871-78 ... ... ... | $28 \pm$ | 53 | $24 \pm$ | 32 | 454 | 9 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1872-73 ... ... ... | 285 | 53 f |  | 30才 | 44. |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1874.75 <br> $\ldots .0$ <br> 18 | ${ }_{30+}$ | 45 | ${ }_{8} 8.5$ | 471 | 40 | 40 | ... |  |
| $1875-75$... ... .. | 25 | 459 | 224 | 49! | 40 | 40 | ... |  |
| $1876-77$... ... ... | ${ }^{26}$ | 85 \% | 20 | 254 | S04 | ${ }^{20}$ | $\cdots$ |  |
|  | $18 t$ | 3, 38 | 17\% | 20 | 212 | 20 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1879.80 ... ... ... | 182 | 374 | 34] | 373 | 331 | 29 | ... |  |
| Total ... | 243 | 424 | 224 | 321 | 85 | 337 | ... |  |
| 1890-81 ... ... ... | 32 | 53 | 243 | 427 | 687 | 454 | ... |  |
| 1881-82 ..0. $\quad .0$ | 384 | ${ }_{59}$ | ${ }_{261}^{264}$ | ${ }_{\text {cki }}^{32}$ | ${ }_{857}$ | ${ }_{30 \pm}^{354}$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| ${ }_{188984}^{1882-83} \ldots \ldots$ | 20i | - 429 | ${ }_{24 t}^{264}$ | 46 | 87 | 32 | ... |  |
| 1884-85 ... ... | 377 | 40 | 212 | $97 \frac{1}{4}$ | 40 | 454 | ... |  |
| 1885.86 ... ... | $30 \pm$ | 40 | 243 | 40 | 40 | ${ }_{93}$ |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{24}^{229}$ | ${ }_{42}^{40}$ | 24it | ${ }_{88 \pm}^{351}$ | 4424 | 39 29 |  |  |
| 1888-89 $\ldots$ | 221 | 331 | 25 | 24: |  | 29 | 124 |  |
| Total ... | 283 | 491 | 243 | 37 | 4 | 842 | ... |  |
| 1889.90 ... ... ... | 299 | $45 \pm$ | $25 \frac{3}{3}$ | $30 \pm$ | 371 | 39 | 113 |  |
| $1890 \cdot 91$ <br> 1891.92 <br> 1.0 <br> .. <br> 1 | ${ }_{192}^{27}$ | ${ }_{469}^{422}$ |  | 364 | ${ }_{31}^{44}$ | 34. 3.3 3 | 13¢ |  |
|  | 20ı | - ${ }_{45}^{468}$ | ${ }_{20}^{253}$ | - | ${ }_{36}$ | ${ }_{32}$ | 16 |  |
| 1899-94 ... ... ... | 29 | 37\% | 204 | 382 | ${ }^{377}$ | 293 | 117 |  |
| ${ }_{18}^{1894.95} \ldots$ | 302 | ${ }_{422}^{492}$ | ${ }_{25}^{228}$ | ${ }_{35}^{32}$ | 878 | 251 <br> 31 <br>  <br> 1 | 123 |  |
| ${ }_{1896.97}^{1895-96} \sim \ldots 000$ | ${ }_{15}^{29}$ |  | ${ }_{18}{ }^{25}$ | - ${ }_{22} 5$ | S27 | 17 | 124 |  |
| 1897-98 | 149 | ${ }_{86}$ | $19 \%$ | 25in | 80. | 27 | 16 |  |
| Total ... | 234 | 48 | 224 | 331 | 35 | $20 \frac{1}{3}$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1899 ... ... ... | 224 | 354 | 204 | 24 | 29. | ${ }^{245}$ | $16 \frac{1}{102}$ |  |
| 1902 ... ... | 201 | $33 \dot{1}$ | 25 | 19 | 284 | 27 | 124 |  |
| 1903 ... ... ... | 244 | $38{ }^{\text {\% }}$ | 21d | 80! | 46 t | 334 | 1 |  |
| 1904 ... ... | 24 | ${ }^{361}$ | 207 | 192 | ${ }^{384}$ | ${ }^{344}$ | $10^{4}$ |  |
| 1905    <br> 1908 $\cdots .0$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> 1. $\cdots$   | 282 | - | 2173 |  | ${ }_{26 \pm}^{299}$ | ${ }_{23}$ | 94 |  |
| 1907 .a. | 18 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | $17{ }^{1}$ | $16 \frac{1}{4}$ | 254 | 25 | 9 |  |
| 1908 ... | 144 | 234 | 164 | 13 | 21! | 192 | ${ }^{9+1}$ |  |
| 1910 $\cdots$ $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> ..    | ${ }_{178}^{158}$ | ${ }_{83}^{24}$ | ${ }_{21} 1$ | ${ }_{21}^{162}$ | ${ }_{281}^{248}$ | ${ }_{28}^{284}$ | 7 |  |
| Total ... | 19 | 303 | 20 | 18 | 294 | 95 | 103 |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{O}^{(1)}$.

Revenue Statement for Government villages situated in the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broack Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement wus introduced in 1870-71.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


APPENDIX $\mathrm{O}^{(1)}$-continued.


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

Revenue statement for Government *Tillages situated in the Anklesvar Táluka of the Broach Collectorato into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1870-71.



APPENDIX $Q$.




- Q-continxed.



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

Showing area of Villages for Settlement with details.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{(1)-c o n t i n z e d . ~}$

|  | Name of Fillage. | Former Taluka. | By Former Sarray. |  |  |  | By Rotision Survey, |  |  |  | Popro lation. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Government asossed land. |  | Grobie area inolading Inam. |  | Government assessed land. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Available for coltivation. |  | Ocoaried. | $\underset{\text { oecupied. }}{\text { Un- }}$ | A vailable ration. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Not } \\ \text { arisilable } \\ \text { for catui- } \\ \text { vation. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Oconpiod. | $\underset{\substack{\text { On- } \\ \text { ocapied. }}}{\text { cose }}$ |  |  |
| 1 | 9 | $s$ | 4 | ${ }^{6}$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|  | Group III-continued. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | Karmal |  | 890 | 28 | 518 | 1 | 889 | 21 | 818 | 6 | 185 |  |
| 48 | Piluara ... ... |  | 1,500 | 101 | 1,044 | 109 | 1,551 | 108 | 1,165 | 214 | 250 |  |
| 48 | Adol $\quad$ - | $\begin{aligned} & \text {....... } \\ & \text {..... } \end{aligned}$ | 8,220 | 181 | 1,037 | 87 | 2,222 | 189 | 1,184 | 108 | 560 |  |
| 4 | Hajat ... ... | ..... ...... | 1,248 | 109 | 831 | ... | 1,258 | 96 | 735 | 130 | 288 |  |
| 4 | Kabanva ... ... |  | 43 | 19 | 249 | 2 | 443 | 19 | 244 | 7 | 83 |  |
| 46 | Matied -.. .-. | $\cdots$ | 1,058 | 365 | 838 | 206 | 1,657 | 979 | 693 | 408 | 405 |  |
| 47 | Mandva Matied . | ...... ...... | 045 | 739 | 507 | 182 | 798 | 914 | 203 | 871 | 301 |  |
| 48 | Ganpatpura ... ... |  | 845 | 1,820 | 52 | 78 | 818 | 1,510 | 01 | 781 | 51 |  |
| 40 | Shara ... ... | ...... | 1,580 | 831 | 048 | 178 | 1,516 | 344 | 811 | 805 | 317 |  |
| 50 | Mothim ... ... | - | 1,208 | 148 | 795 | 1 | 1,283 | 148 | 701 | 41 | 383 |  |
| 51 | Dtgas ... ... | ..... | 2,038 | 113 | 1,139 | ... | 2,099 | 118 | 1,104 | 35 | 685 |  |
| 62 | Mengrol ... ... | $\cdots$ | 88 | 68 | 595 | ... | 943 | 88 | S85 | ... | 258 |  |
| ss | Asta $\quad .$. | $\cdots$ | 1,889 | 08 | 1,189 | ... | 1,890 | 94 | 1,189 | ..* | 485 |  |
| 56 | Utrai ... ... | ...... | 1,018 | $46 \%$ | 608 | ¢9 | 1,015 | 457 | 610 | 67 | 205 |  |
| ${ }_{5} 5$ | Alve ... ... | ...... | 047 | 41 | 795 | 13 | 988 | 41 | 73 | 13 | 89 |  |
| 56 | Sayan - ... | ...... | 2.155 | 489 | 1,000 | 1 | 2,155 | 469 | 1,053 | 7 | 581 |  |
| 57 | Bododra. ... ... | $\cdots$ | 798 | 318 | 683 | 16 | 800 | 341 | 690 | 13 | 318 |  |
| 58 | Vasmoll ... ... | ...... | 461 | 235 | 368 | 7 | 481 | 295 | 877 | 18 | 197 |  |
| 69 | Ambhota ... ... | ...... | 1,147 | 1,230 | '828 | 123 | 1,148 | 1,221 | 793 | 157 | 613 |  |
| 60 | Pardi Ambheta me... | .... | 288 | 353 | ${ }^{1} 10$ | 39 | 480. | 698 | 385 | 80 | 208 |  |
| ... | Totav, Groap IL ... | ...... | 48,215 | 9,492 | 93,313 | 8,145 | 48,144 | 10,309 | 82,875 | 9,116 | 14,874 |  |
|  | Group IV. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Amritpura } & \text {... } & \text {... } \\ \text { Uahbali } & \ldots & -\end{array}$ | ...... ...... | 555 | 16 | 804 | 31 | 555 | 16 | 505 | s4 | 138 |  |
| 63 |  |  | 879 | 299 | 705 | 18 | 854 | 287 | 687 | 8 | s34 |  |
| 63 | Lararvel ... ... | $\cdots \cdots$ | 1,688 | 239 | 1,258 | 216 | 1,645 | 235 | 2,412 | $\omega$ | 452 |  |
| 64 | Avador ... | ...... | 1,030 | 194 | 780 | 124 | 1,03s | 147 | 673 | 13 | 915 |  |
| 06 | Pardi Maska ... | ...... | 498 | 38 | 535 | 48 | 400 | 35 | 383 | 39 | 207 |  |
| ${ }_{68}$ | Piprod ... ... | ...... | 574 | 88 | 468 | 78 | 575 | 6s | 508 | 46 | 140 |  |
| d | Shenspore ... ... | ..... | 2,094 | 360 | 1,871 | 641 | 2.968 | 340 | 9,184 | 397 | 049 |  |
| 68 | Brims ... | ..... | 1,102 | 6es | 578 | ... | 1,100 | 584 | 575 | 2 | 972 |  |
| 60 | Vanor | ...... | 2,623 | 192 | 1,587 | ... | 2,029 | 193 | 1,638 | -. | 68 |  |
| 70 | Kalam ... ... | ...... | 1,036 | 69 | 748 | $\cdots$ | 1,095 | 60 | 762 | ... | 288 |  |
| 71 | Sarthan $\quad$ - ... | ..... | 1,887 | 127 | 1,148 | 90 | 1,931 | 87 | 1,083 | 191 | 669 |  |
| 72 | Telva | ...... | 880 | 42 | 890 | 28 | 880 | 65 | 597 | 105 | 233 |  |
| 7 | Motwau ... ... | $\cdots$ | 1,003 | 59 | 708 | 18 | 1,004 | 69 | 705 | 18 | 228 |  |
| 74 | Rohid ' ... ... | $-4+8.4$ | 1,413 | 184 | 1,015 | 15 | 1,113 | 324 | 948 | 84 | 3:8 |  |
| 78 | Kudadra ... ... | ...... | 1,0:8 | 05 | 608 | -* | 1,077 | 98 | 731 | 88 | 224 |  |
| 76 | Kathodre ... ... | $\cdots$ | 1,159 | 148 | 710 | ... | 1,198 | 142 | 845 | 8 | 263 |  |
| 78 | Purdi Idran ... ... | $\cdots$ | 1,20) | 193 | 887 | 65 | 1,896 | 138 | 854 | 89 | ses |  |
| 78 | Sdadra $\quad$-- | -40 *** | 840 | 68 | ${ }_{676}$ | 1 | 658 | 64 | 684 | 6 | 1;0 |  |
| 78 | Cocedra -- | ...... | 1,008 | 218 | 693 | 67 | 1,403 | 218 | 706 | 70 | 3*s |  |
| 80 | Sisodra | ...... | 8,973 | 228 | 2,010 | 63 | 3,567 | 236 | 2,457 | 32 | 634 |  |
| 01 | Parrat ... |  | 1,737 | 139 | 1,04 | .. | 1,798 | 140 | 1,087 | 31 | 388 |  |
| 62 | Pandval ... | $\ldots m$ | 900 | 02 | 439 | 1 | 009 | 68 | 41 | 8 | 218 |  |
| 8 | Amod -.. | ...... | 671 | 51 | 488 | 8 | 679 | 51 | 451 | 18 | 205 |  |
| 84 | kharach | $\cdots$ | 1,680 | 125 | 869 | 489 | 1,679 | 156 | 570 | 405 | 556 |  |
| 88 | Daugra ... | ..... | 915 | 4 | 83 | -* | 015 | 43 | 89 | $\cdots$ | 24 |  |
|  | Panjoril me. | .* | 1,200 | 8287 | 600 | 16 | 1,200 | 287 | 676 | 14 | 623 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{(1)}$ _concluled.



## APPENDIX R. <br> No. 1450 or 1872.

From
Libotenant-Colomel C. J. PRESCOTT, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát;
J. G. WHITE, Esquire,
Collector of Broach.

Suporintendent's Office, Surat, 12th September 1872.
Sir,
With reference to the Revenue Commissioner's letter, to your address, No. 2245 of the 15uh 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 Saperintendent, Revenue Sarroy Commissioner in his letter above quoted, and as the rates nnd Assessment, Gajardt, to the Come been introduced in accordance therewith, I shall in this Collector of Broaoh, No. 356, dated
the tth of March 1872.
report show them according to the Revenue Commissioner's grouping only.
3. Before proceeding to disouss 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 taluka 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 Vasravi Purgonna of His Highness the Gaekwar and the Ulpar Taluka of the Surat Collectorate on the south. Its greatest extent in length, east and west, is about 37 miles, and in breadth, north and south, 15 miles.
5. Ankleshwar and Hansot 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 years under British rule.
6. There are 105 villages in this talaka, of which 102 are Government and 8 alienated. Of the Government villages 73 are Senja and 29 Bhágdári.
7. The superficial area of this tálake is as follows :-

|  |  |  |  | Acres, | Ganthas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Government land Alienated villages | ... |  | $\cdots$ | 147,930 | 32 |
|  | - 0 |  | ... | 35,591 | 37 |
|  |  | Total | $\cdots$ | 188,522 | 29 |
| 4dd- <br> Area of 3 alienated villages | - $*$ |  | ** | 3,864 | 1 |
|  | Grand | Total | $\cdots$ | 187,386 | 30 |

Thus the area of the entire taluka is 292 square statute miles, $286 \underset{4}{3}$ being Government and 6 alienated villages.
8. The lands of the Government villages have been subdivided and classed as follows :-

9. The nature of the Bhagdári tenure has been so often and so fully described,

Bhagdari Tenare No. CXIV, New Seriea. especially in the selection from the Records of the Bombay Government noted in the margin, that it will be sufficient to say that of the 29 villages held on this tenure the Bhagdárs of 18 agreed to have their quota of assessment distributed according to their respective holdings and those of 16 desired to retain the apportionment according to the original "Phalla." In all cases agreements from the Bhágdars were taken in writing.
10. The country is much the same as the taluka Broach, which is graphically described by Mr. Beyts in the Settlement Report of that táluka. Water
Description of the country. is generally good and abundant for drinking purposes throughout the taluka, but it is reported that, in consequence of the paucity 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 principal division and in Hánsot) of the saperior order known 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 merges into the alluvial "Bhatta," along the shore of the river.
12. In this tract of land is perpetual verdure, which contrasts strangely with the arid black cotton soil plain around. Fine live hedges are everywhere met with, grand umbrageons trees aboand, and the palmyra and date palm rear their graceful heads around the village sites.
13. Round many of the village tanks, especially in the Hansot Mahal, are some fine rice beds, which produce superior "Pankhalee Kamod" in favourable seasons. The soil difers in no respect from the prevailing kinds of the tálaka, except that it is mollified and edriched by the action of water.
14. The local market-towns are Ankleshwar and Hansot. The former is a Railway station on the B. B. \& C. I. Railway, and the other, the chief town of the Mahál of that name; neither are very large markets, but Ankleshwar is rising in importance as the entrepoft of the Rajpipla country, whence a large supply of timber, firewood, and juagle produce, such as wax, honey and drags, are received for export by rail.
15. The Agent of the B. B. C. I. Railway has kindly furnished me with a statement of the traffic from and to Ankleshwar Station for the last 5 years, which will be found in the annexed appendix (marked A). By this it will be seen that in the year 1871, no less than 1,652

Exports and Imports, and their raline. tons of cleaned cotton left the Ankleshwar Station. This redaced to local measure (and taking the averuge price of that year at Rs. 65 per "bhar") shows that this item 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 tálaka-the NurRivers budda and the Kim. The value of the former, as a menna of Rivers. communication between Broach and the villages along its banks mast not be lost sight of, although it appears to be made mach 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 dificult to cross.
17. The water-supply is from tanks and wells. Of the former there are 350 in the two Water-napply. districts, of which 26 are of large size. Of the latter there are in all 529. Of these -

## 484 are in repair,

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45 out of repair ; and of these-
220 are used for drinking purposes only,
- 264 are used for irrigation.
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18. The climate of this taluka is in some small degree better than that of Brosch. It is cold from the end of December to the middle of February, When the hot winds set in ; but these are tempered by the seabreeze, which blows stronger and stronger as the monsoon approaches. The rains are moderates, but in most seasons sufficient for the requirements of agriculture.
19. The averaga rainfall for the last nine years in this taluka is nearly 32 inches, as shown below:-

20. The B. B. \& C. I. Railway traverses this táluka from north to south, and adds very considerably to the prosperity of the district, the comState of the roald and com- fort of the inhabitants, and the convenience of all Government municationg generally. officials. By Appendix A it will be seen that 85,043 passengers paying fares amounting to Rs. 15,299, went from the Ankleshwar Station in 1871, and 84,789, paying fares amounting 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 ontwards, paying a freight of Rs. 63,189. 28 tons of cotion, 736 tons of grain, and 1,220 tons of other articles were entered inwards, paying a freight of Rs. 16,879.
21. A very excellent local funds road, now nearly completed, has been constructed to connect Hánsot with the railway station and town of Ankleshwar. This roud is of the greatest importance to the district generally, as it opens communication with the entire western portion.
22. Another capital line of road has been opened out, traversing the district sonth to north from Ilay to Hánsot. The Klm, one of the most dangerous rivers to cross during the rains in this part of Gujarat, has been spanned by a splendid masonry bridge, which is of incalculable value to all the southern 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 Ankleshwar 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, and if the Raja knew his own interest he would do his ntmost to improve that portion of it passing throngh his country, which he is not likely to do, however, till we set him the example, by improving the portion 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 Rájpipla. I don't know whether a good road increases traffic in Gujarát, having no statistics to guide me ; but at all events it makes it easier for man and beast.
24. A short road joins the Bore-13hatta 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 as there is direct railway communication between Ankleshwar and Broach, money can be better spent elsewhere than here.
25. There is also a road from the Páhánoli Railway Station to Hansot, 12 miles, another from Hánsot to Kathpur, 8 miles, and from Hánsot to Sahol, 11 miles, all of which are usefal lines for drawing the resources of the district to the markets and towards the railway.
26. The new census was taken in this talaka in February last, and I have been favourPopulation. ed with a rough statement of the resalt so far as the population is concerned. The other items set forth in the annezed 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.

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { By Old Survey; } \\ & 1816 \end{aligned}$ | New Survey, 1872. | Increase per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total inhabitants | $\cdots$ | 42,793 | 66,035 | 54 |
| Houses ** | ... | 9,901 | 18,159 | . 83 |
| Cows and buffaloes | -0. | 19,963 | 20,514 | 3 |
| Oxen |  | 11,687 | 17,951 | 54 |
| Ploughs *** | $\cdots$ | 5,375 | 7,955 | 48 |

No. II.

| Area of Government Villsges $286{ }_{\text {aid }}^{400}$ square miles. |  | To the Square Mile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Old Survey, 1816. | New Survay, 1872 |
| Inhabitants | *** | 149 | 230 |
| Houses | - $0 \cdot$ | 35 | 63 |
| Cows and buffaloes | -. | 69 | 71 |
| Oxen | ... | 40 | 62 |
| Ploughs ... | - | 19 | 28 |

28. Before analyzing these statements, I will place the figures they contain in juxtaposition with those relating to similar statistics in Broach and Ulpad, the tálukas respectively north and south of Ankleshwar:-

|  |  | Per Square Mile. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Broach, | Olpad. | Ankleskwar. |
| Inhabitants | ...) | 80 $\quad 319$ | 266 | 230 |
| Houses -.. |  |  | 71 | 63 |
| Cows and buffaloes |  |  |  | 71 |
| Oxen ... . |  |  |  | 62 |
| Ploughs ... |  | $\rightarrow$ - 22 | 29 | 28 |

29. These figares prove that Ankleshwar is quite as prosperous as the talukas with which it is compared, for in the Broach figures the large and populous town is included, and similarly Ránder in Olpád.
30. The population of Ankleshwar has increased from 42,793 in 1816 to 68,035 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 Europe it is amall indeed. In several previous reports I have noticed this subject, and shown that in Europe the population doubles itself in from 41 to 45 years and in England from 49 to 52 years. Of course, the very early'marriages and comparatively early deaths of a tropical climate account for the more rapid passing away of each generation ; bat this circumstance does not account for the proportion of deaths being so mach in excess of that of births, as it must be, looking at these figares.

[^14]31. As before observed, there are two grand divisions of
82. The agricultural produce of the gorat soil is as follows :-

| Bajri | ... | ... | (Holcus spicatus.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Baota | . 0 | ... | (Panicum frumentaceum.) |
| Kodra | - | - | (Paspalum frumentacoum.) |
| Jowar | ... | ... | (Holcus sorgum.) Very little, |
| Dángar | ... | ... | (Dry rice.) |
| Math | ** | ... | (Phassolus acowitifolius.) |
| Tur | ... | ... | (Oibysus cajan.) |
| Til | ... | ... | (Sesamum orientale.) |
| Erandi o |  | ... | (Ricinis communis.) |
| Wal | ... | ... | (Dolichos lablah.) |
| Moong | ... | ... | (Phaseolws musago.) |
| Udid | ... | ... | (Phaseolus mas.) |
| Chowla | ... | - |  |
| Banti | ... | -* |  |
| Gurar | ... | -. | (Dalickos tube fumwe.) |
| Chana | ... | .-. | (Pantcum miliaceum,) |
| Káng | ... | - | (Panicum Italicum.) |
| Bhendi | ... | -. | (Hibiscus canabinus.) |

Tobacoo is cultivated to some extent in the plain Goradu, and extenaively in the Bhítta soil.
38. The staple grain orop 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 "kuthol" when growing with it; the principal cropthe béjri-being distingnished by the name of " dhán. "
34. All the kathol palses, consisting of math, val, mang, udid, \&c., together with the bajri,.are sown early in June; and it is common here, as in other parts of Gujarat, to see two and three different kinds of orops all growing together in the same field.
35. The corn crop, or "dhán," in the gorat is therefore generally either bajjri, jowdr, kodra, dángar, bánti, or bowta, 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" harvest in gorat land, as-and especially in the best descriptions of it-" rabi" crops are not sown. But this does not upply to bhátta, which is under crop from September to April.
36. The "gorat" soil is wonderfully productive, if not allowed to deteriorate; but constant manuring is absolutely necessary to keep it up to the standard. Gorat, tilled by Kunbis, Borahs, and the richer class of cultivators, is in very many situations manured freely every year, in which event 10 or 12 cart-loads per acre is usually applied; but when, from eny capse, the manuring is dispensed with beyond the second year, doable this quan-tity-say 25 cart-loads-is required to make up for the exhaustion of the soil. Manure is very carefully preserved in this táluka, which, being comparatively near the Rajpipla Hills, whence firewood is procurable, burns less of the precions article so necessary for agriculture than is the case in other talukas; but 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 mach required, and from 12 annas to 1 rupee a cart-load is the price paid for it. The weeding of this "gorát" land is also a very expensive and tedious operation, 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.
37. Now, although the "earth gives forth her iacrease" 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 labour in cultivating this soil is immense, and the expense proportionately great.
38. The method of sowing is very strange, when compared with that of Europe; but it is wonderfully well adapted to the soil, to the wants of the cultivators, 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 heavy rain, and where it drains off, and adopts the style of coltivation 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 aore of land; or he will mix 4 pounds of bájri with the same quantity of "val," "math," and "muny," sow it together and carefully harvest each crop separately as it ripens. Kodra he will sow with kappas, -about 3 pounds of the former and 6 of the latter per acre,-but these he will not mix; he will put them in the ground separately, through different pipes of the drill plough. 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 inohes high is transplanted out in the field. About 4 pounds of seed to the are 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 jowár wheat, and kappas, and the following is the list of all, or almost all, the produce:-

| 1. Kappas | ... | ... | ... | (Gosypium herbacewm.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Jowár | ... | .- | ... | (Holcus sorghum.) |
| 3. Ghow or | Wheat | - | ... | (Triticum cestivum.) |
| 4. Gram | ... | ... | ... | (Cicer arietisum.) |
| 5. Erandi | ... | $\cdots$ | ..0 | (Ricinisicommumis.) |
| 6. Dangar | ... | ... | . 0 | (Coarse dry rice.) |
| 7. Til | ... | ... | ... | (Sesamum oriontale.) |
| 8. Mung | $\cdots$ | - 0 | . 0 | (Phaseolus mungo.) |
| $9 . \mathrm{Tar}$ | ... | ... | *** | (Citysus cajam.) |

40. Kappas (ootton) is grown in three years' rotations, either alone or with "dangar" or "kodra." I think of late years it has been grown more alone than formerly, probably becanse the produce is cleaner. It is sown generally between the 15th of June and the 15th of July, and is gathered from the middle of February to the latter end of Maroh, generally in three pickings, at intervals of 14 or 20 days.
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 "mung" grow with it. Many villages of this táluka grow the finest sort of jowár, which is a late crop generally, not being sown till August or harvested till February. It is well known as " 8 ialu" or "winter" jowar, in contradistinction to the "chomasu" or "rain" jowar.
42. The proper rotation seems to be:-

First year, cotton alone, or with dangar.
Second year, jowar alone, or with mung.
Third year, fallow, or gram, or wheat, according to the season.
43. The jowári straw or "kharab" is especially fine in some parts of this táluka, and with the "kupessia" 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 much to do, not only with the productiveness of the soil tilled, but with the crops grown in Gujarát, and a "Kunbi" or Borah would hear a Settlement Officer say, with the ntmost 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 surver, which treats all classes alike, as far as it is possible to do so ; and thas, while the rich, indastrions, energetic, and skilfal caltivators find their assessment only moderately increased, the poor, idle, unthrifty, lethargic Rajputs and Mussalmáns find it considerally raised. But perhaps it is good for thern that it should be so. It makes them industrious in spite of themselves.
45. In some of the poorer villages of Anlleshwar and Hánsot a good deal of wheat is grown. No doubt 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 "Musalmans" 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 castom:" the fact being that wheat requires less labour than any other crop. If the ground is scratched np and the seed put in, it requires no more looking after till harvest, and then it is simply pulled ap by the roots without any labour whatever. This light labour is just. what the classes alluded to delight in; it saits their hand-to-mouth way of living. The mistake they make is 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 prodaction than other crops; but then it requires constant watching, especially in Gajarat, where herds of deer, troops of monkeys, and cloads of birds, are always making raids on the ripening wheat; and no one natching the flights of kullum over wheat-growing tracts can help identifying them with the cranes of Homer which devastated the felds 25 centuries ago.
46. Wheat, then, being such an uncertain crop; cannot be said to be a paying one. Of course, I am alluding to "ehassia," or dry wheat. The kind grown in this taluka differs in no respect from the ordinary grain. It is bearded, and grows to the height of about two feet 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 about five, or at most six, pounds of jowar to sorr an acre of land, whereas 36 or 38 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 tobaceo, and all kinds of grain and pulses, separately or mixed, and a giant description of erandi (ricinis communis). 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 bajui into the villages or towns, and sell it by measure for ready-money to all comers. The tobacco finds its way to Surat. The great staple, cotton, is bought ap 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 locally 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 letat nearly double the assessment ; sub-tenants are, as a rule, the poorest of the poor, and never out of debt. They pay grain rents and eke out a subsistence by laboor. I need scarcely say such high rates could never be pyid in money. At what rate lande are mb-let. In the case of grain rents, the extortion and oppression of the landlord is quite terrible. He
takes care to get his rent out of the crop, and cares very little what becomes of tho cultivator.

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


Of these, 806 are the sons of those paying the local funds cess.
52. There are girls' schools at the villages of Iláv, Hánsot and Ankleshwar, where 116 girls are edacated; so the javenile population now at school in this large taluka amounts to 1,343 or on the average-

53. In other words, the 18,159 honses of the taluka send forth 1,343 children only to the Government schools, from which $I$ infer that there must be a large number of indigenous private schools, where very young children are instructed in the rudiments of reading and writing, \&c.
54. Ankleshwar and Hánsot were managed on the farming and kultur system from

Former Rovenve mauagement.
Mr. Coleas' Report, dated 12th August 1848.
the introduction of British rule in 1802 to the year 1842, when Mr. Coles, the then Collector, first brought them under fixed rates of assessment upon the measured bigha.
55. These rates were sanctioned for five years, at the end of which period Mr. J. M. Davis, the then Collector, proposed their revision in one of the ablest No. 206, of the 12 th June 1848 . $\begin{gathered}\text { reports which has probably ever been submitted to Government. }\end{gathered}$
This report is of such extraordinary length that (although it is to be regretted it should not become historical) I refrain from embodying it in this letter on account of the cost of printing; but I believe I am justified in placing on record the remarks of Government thereon, which are as follows:-
"I have laid before the Right Honourable the Governor in Council your predecessor's letter No. 1632, dated the 16th Augast last, submitting one from the Collector of Broach reporting on the state of the assessment of that district, and proposing new rates for the Ankleshwar and Hansot Parganas; and have been desired to convey to you the following observations and instructions 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 | M | 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 under consideration at the time, and it was resolved to await the result of inqairies which Mr. Davis, the then newly appointed Colleotor, contemplated institating into the general subject of the assessment of the Broach Zilla. Mr. Davis has now so fully reported on the nhole 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 country；for the greater part was acquired long before 1816－17；the review dates from the year in which the zilla ussumed its present limits
＂In paragraphs 1 to 30 of his report Mr．Davis appears clearly to establish the proposition that the assessment，heretofore considered fair，can now no longer be deemed practicable．Depreciated value of produce and other causes have tended to make the existing rates oppressive to a degree to require an immediate redaction，and under their operation the bhágdari system has failed to maintain its superiority over the other local aystems 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
－Vide Statoment $\Delta$ ，Jamábandi Beport． originally bhágdári；that while during the last 20 years only 15 villages were taken on this tenure， 43 have been relinquished，and about half this namber again，or 21，are in a failing condition；that of the above 43 villages no less than 35 have fallen in during the 10 yeara antecedent to 1846，and 6 in 1847．It is evident that at this rate the bhágdari tenure mast， unless relief be afforded，soon disappear．
＂Taking the state of the Bhágdari villages as a pretty fair index of the effects of the fiscal measures adopted by us of late years，there can be no doubt that，as argued by Mr．Davis in paragraph 17，the mere financial result of the measares 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 Hánsot，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 Govern－ ment on the 27th May 1843，and the rates introduced were to continue for a peroid of five years．
＂On that occasion the lands were olassed by the agency of amply qualified Pancha－ yets，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 measure 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 measure by an expression of approbation at the manner in which it had been carried out by the Sub－ Collector，Mr．Coles，and laid before Government by Sir R．Arbathnot，the Collector，and Mr．Simpson，the sole Revenue Commissioner．
＂Mr．Davis，in the course of hia proceedings now reported，appears to have gone over those of Mr．Coles with great care，and，beyond pointing out an error in regard to the cur－ rency adopted in exhibiting the resalte，seems to have regarded them as generally correct．
＂The following abstract statement shows the relative bearing of the rates of assess． ment under the former system of estimate of crop and those introduced by Mr．Coles in 1841－42：－

| Parganas． | Former Ratas prombegrdix nomiras． |  |  |  |  |  | Bates thier Mr，Coliss satTubment． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ratees |  |  | Clanges in each village of these ratcen <br> Ranging |  |  | Retem | Classea in each village of these rateb， |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ranging． |
|  |  |  |  | From | To |  |  | From To |
| Aukleshwar ．．． <br> Hazoot | Re． | Re． | 8 10 | 1 | 5 |  | 2 | The intermediate reten being， moreover，very moderately gradusted． | $11 \& 10$ 4  <br>  7 48 <br> The intermediate clana predomi－ nating． |

"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 himself to exhibiting those imposed on the soils, according to their variety. These are limited in Ankleshwar to four, 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 cultivation.
"As regards rice lands in Ankleshwar, of which 1,746 bighas are in cultivation, some slight alteration was called for. This description of produce depends chiefly on the monsoon and oocasional irrigation from tanks, and is of a nature not liable to much fluctuation 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 :-

| village. | Pasing por Bigha | The rate was reduced to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. | Rs. |
| In 1 out 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 Rs. 7; the produce is chiefly cotton, bajri, and palse. The leeaviest assessed village (Diva) was dealt with as follows:-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Rates at } 7 \text { and } 6 \\
& " \quad 5-8,5-0,4-8 \\
& " \quad 2
\end{aligned}
$$

reduced to 5 rapees.

These, the Collector states, afford a pretty fair specimen of the redaction made throughont the talaka, and in one instance-Pánoli-they were lowered to the minimam of Res 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, bat 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 villagea of Diva, Divi, Sarvari, Rohid, Nangul, Boridra, and Andada. The modifications were as follows:-

## Diva-

Nxiating rates.
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrr}\text { Rs. } & 6 & 0 & 0 & & & & \\ \text { \# } & 4 & 0 & 0 & \& & 3 & 0 & 0\end{array}$
Divi and Survari-

$$
\begin{array}{rrrr}
\text { Rs. } & 4 & 8 & 0 \\
\# & 3 & 8 & 0 \\
\# & 2 & 8 & 0
\end{array}
$$

## Proposed reduction.

Rs. 400
280
Rs. 400 0 \& 3.8
" 300
$\# 200$

Rohid, Nangul, Boridra and Undhara-

| Rs. 3 | 0 | 0 | Rs, 2 |  |  | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , 2 | 8 | 0 | ,2 | 0 |  | 0 |
| $\because 2$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |  | 0 |

' ${ }^{4}$ Mr. Davis has divided the villages into five classes, each class having a descending scale of assessment for its black soil, thus :-

| Clasm. | No. of Viilages, |  | Rates |  | No. of Rates, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st | . 0 | 3 | 4 to 2 | per bigha | 5 |
| 2nd | ... | 8 | $2 \frac{1}{2}, 1 \frac{1}{2}$ | \% | 3 |
| 3rd | *** | 12 | $24,1 \frac{1}{4}$ | 3 | 3 |
| 4th | ... | 15 | 2 , 14 | \% | 3 |
| 5th | ... | 3 | $2 \% 1$ | " | 3 |

"The pargana of Hánsot appears to have been placed 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 capacity of the district.
"While with reference to Hánsot, Mr. Davis saye that, notwithstanding Mr. Coles having 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 sobsequent period no bhágdari tenures have been dissolved (though he declares some to be in a tottering condition), cultivation 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 appearances, it has been deemed necessary to reauce the Government demands, the rates being too high, with reference to the altered state of the market, to render their continuance consistent with the prosperity of the people.
"As in Ankleshwar, and, indeed, throughont the Collectorate generally, the land under irrigation bears but a trifling proportion to the whole area. It obtains only in one village of Bánot, and amounts to a little less than nine bighas. The assessment, Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per bigha, Mr. Davis would allow to stand.
" The rice lands in cultivation amount to bighas 1,551 名. The rates vary from Rs. 3 to 7 , the latter being found in only two villages, and it is proposed to reduce them to Ks. 6. The next lower rate is Rs. 6 ; it is paid in 17 villages, in 15 of which Mr. Davis wishes to lower it to Rs. 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 should 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 thero Mr. Davis proposed striking off the fraction. The lowest rate of rupees in two villages is not interfered with.
"The light soil of the Hansot Pargana nader tillage measared bighas $504 \frac{1}{8}$ 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. 23. The Rs. 3 rate Mr. Davis would reduce to Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$, and in one village to Rs. 2

"The table entered in the margtn shows the relative difference of the assessment on this class of land in the two parganas under consideration, and the lower rates in Hánsot are accounted for by the fact of the soil being 'greatly inferior' to that of Ankleshwar, being, moreover, in comparison trifing in extent.
"The black soil is the general characteristic of this district: it amounts to bighas 58,653 : its assessment varies from Rs. 1 to Rs, 3 per bigha, the general average rate being Rs. 3, while that in Ankleshwar is Hs. 2-8, the superior value of the staple article of wheat being assigned as the cause of this enhancement. Mr. Davis proposes some very trifling reductions in this portion of the assessment, on account of the depression of the market not affecting wheat: A similar disparity of rates was observed by Mr. Coles in assessing the pasture lands of these parganss on acconnt 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 Olasses. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | ... | 13 | 23 to 18 | 3 |
| 2 | ... | 18 | $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ | 3 |
| 3 | . | 10 | $2 \frac{1}{4}$ to $1 \frac{1}{1}$ | 3 |
| 4 | ... | 6 | 2 to 1 | 3 |

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

"The regret of Government has already been expressed in its letter No. 1427 of 7th

## Paragraphs 48 to 45 of Mr, Davis" Beport.

 May 1847, at the great neglect on the part of Mr. Ravenscroft, the late Collector of Broach, in omitting to carry out the liberal measares intended for the benefit of the Bhagdars and Khatedars ; and as Mr. Davis, in the latter paragraph, is favourably disposed towards these measures, he will doabtless use his best endeavours to introdace them. From the concluding observations of the same paragraph there appears resson to anticipate success."Mr. Davis states that he has not distarbed the classification of lands, as fixed ander Mr. Coles' settlement ; his proposed revision has been one exclasively of rates; and His Lordship in Council considers the reductions recommended liberal, and the prospects appear fair of the districts improving under their operation.
"Under all the circumstances detailed in this correspondence, the Governor in Council 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 Revenue Survey, you will observe, by a referenoe 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 báthá and gorat lands, the minate assessment of rice lands watered from tanks, and the assessment at 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 caltivator having a water privilege, or occupying natural bágayet lands, pays his proper proportion of the revenoe, according to the value. of his individual holding.
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. In its proper place will be found a comparison between Mr. Davis' rates and those fixed by the survey.
60. I now beg to eall your attention to the annexed diagram, which exhibits the cultivaThe Diagram. tion and assessment of the 102 Government villages for the last 20 years, that is, from 4.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 undor occupation, making a total of 118,064 acres.
62. In 1870-71,99,960 of Government and 33,696 acres of alienated land were occapied, 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 Diagram exhibitisg the extent of Gonernment and Alienated Land annually under oultivation for the last 20 years in 102 villages of the $4 n$ kleshwar Pargane aad its gross and net absessment.


63. This seems a suall increase; but the fact is there is little or no cultarable waste innd available, as last year the proportion of the cultivated and occapied land bore to the entire arable area amounted to $93 \cdot 40$ per cent.
64. In A.D. 1851-52 the collections on Government cultivated land amounted to Rs. $\mathbf{3 , 0 7 , 5 9 7 , ~ a n d ~ o n ~ a l i e n a t e d ~ l a n d ~ t o ~ R s . ~ 2 2 , 3 8 9 ; ~ a n d ~ i n ~ A . D . ~ 1 8 7 0 - 7 1 ~ t o ~ R s . ~ 3 , 7 4 , 2 8 9 ~ o n ~}$ Government, and $\mathrm{Rs}_{\mathrm{s}} 38,458$ on aliensted land, showing. an increase on Government land of $21 \frac{3}{3}$ 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 aversge on the last 10 years' figures, the remission is still more insignificant, smonnting to Re. 151 per annum only on the average.
67. The a verage ratés, calculated on the entire occupied area of Government land, were as under:-

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 33,698 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 "Nukra," 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

Pricen. of years, and believe the figares in the following statement are reliable:-

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

| Kapas <br> Juwar | *-. | ... Re, 59 per bhar of 960 lbs , or 16 lbs . ... 214 per kulsi of 640 lbs ., or 45 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | ... | ... | "18 | " | 36 | 2 |
| Rice | .0. | *** | , 18 | , | 36 |  |
| Tur | ... | ... | \% 18 | " | 36 |  |
| Bajri | -6\% | -.. | , 16 | \% | 40 |  |

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

| Kapas | .*. | ** | Rs. | 113 per bhar, or 8 lbs. per Re $23 \frac{1}{2}$ per kalsi, or 27 lbs |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juwár | - | - 0 | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat | *** | -..' | " | 31 | " | 20 | 0 |
| Rice | ... | - $\cdot$ | 3 | 35 | " | 18 |  |
| Tar |  | ... | $n$ | 37 | " | 17 |  |
| Bajjri | *-. | $\cdots$ | \% | 40 | " | 16 |  |

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

| No. | Year 4.l. |  |  |  | Engitie poonde for oum Rupas. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Wheat. | Jowar. | Bijri. | Mang. | Grame | Tor. | Rice. | Ghee. |
| 1 | 1850-51 | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 64 | 80 | 71 | 71 | 64 | 454 |  |  |
| 2 | 1851-58 | ... | ** | $\cdots$ | 534 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 454 | $45 \%$ | 40 | 5 |
| 3 | 1852-53 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 64 | 80 | 71 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 40 | 5 |
| 4 | 1853-54 | . | $\cdots$ | - | 588 | 71 | 64 | 58. | 458 | 481 | 38 | 5 |
| 5 | 1854.65 | $\ldots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 594 | 658 | 474 | 49 | 424 | 458 | 29 | 4 |
| 6 | 185556 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 49 | 64 | 534 | 75 | 64 | 424 | 27 | 4 |
| 7 | 1856-67 | $\cdots$ | . | -0. | 140 | 581 454 | 534 40 | 68\% | 453 | 424 | 32 | $3{ }^{36}$ |
| 8 | 1858-69 | $\cdots$ | ".. | ... | 46\% | 468 | 63 | 4.58 | 48 | 40 97 | 27 | $\frac{34}{5}$ |
| 10 | 1859-60 | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 85 ? | 33 | 421 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 81 |
| 11 | 1860-61 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 18 | 21 | 213 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 3 |
| 12 | 1861-68 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\ldots$ | 20 | 82 \% | 298 | 213 | 191 | 154 | 161 | 1 |
| 13 | 1862-63 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 301 | 304 | 38 | 35 | 29 | $20^{*}$ | 20 | 1 |
| 14 | 1863-64 | $\ldots$ | -.. | ... | 184 | 21. | 214 | 174 | 173 | 16 | 16 | 1 |
| 15 | 1864.65 | $\cdots$ | ... | -.. | 16 | 32 | 25 j | 16 | 18 | 111 | 184 | 1 |
| 18 | 1865-66 | ... | ... | -.. | 20 | 88 | 32 | 32 | 20 | 178 | 178 | 1 |
| 17 | 1856-67 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 254 | 82 | 88 | 88 | 212 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 18 | 1867-68 | ... | ... | ** | 85 | 301 | 269 | 82 | 218 | 251 | 20 | 3 |
| 19 | 1868-69 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 1\% | 304 | 24, | 213 | 228 | 20 | 20 | 1 |
| 20 | 1869.70 1870.71 | ... | ... | -6 | ${ }_{261}^{20}$ | 251 | 24 | 224 | 208 | 16 | $18 \%$ | 1 |
| 21 | 1870-71 | ... | ** | -0. | 264 | 38 | 281 | 281 | 23 | 40 | 86 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total | 7494 | 914륜 | 841) | 861 | 7243 | 6561 | 5497 | 651 |
|  |  |  | an | age | 851 | 481 | $10^{\circ}$ | 41 | 34 | 313 | 263 |  |

72. Mr. Stormont, the Superintendent of Cotton Esperiments at Broach, in his report, dated 30th Janaary 1871, writes as follows:-

## Surat and Broach.

The cotton crop is now pretty evenly balanced between the field and the market; in other words, the season is about half done. The expectations of a fine crop, indulged in by almost everybody, will not be disappointed. The gin factories are all basy; 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 $1,020 \mathrm{lbs}$.) is Rs. 112, which gives a return of Rs. 37 per acre to the cultivator, calculating at the rate of eight maunds, or deducting rent, etc., a profit of about Rs. 30. (A Broach maund will be about 40 lbs .)

The juwar (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 apprehensions with regard to food supply for man and beast. The weather is agreeable, not nearly so cold as the first week of the month. Maximum temperatare 90 degrees; minimum 43 degrees; heat in sun's rays 126.2
75. As I believe Mr. Stormont's calculations are thoroughly 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 likely 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 R.s. 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 must be very careful not to over-do it. Extra profit to the ragat is not, necessarily, loss to Government: it is absolutely gain to the country: but a few years of no profit at all is rain 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 numerous, 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 Gujarát, 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 the interests of Government and the well-being of its subjects"; and if we overstep the bounds of moderation the entire land

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 and if we overstep the boundsaddenly be in great jeopardy. 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 heary assessment during a decade of low prices it can

## - MR, Mansry'g Examination before the "Fingncial Committes."

Sir David Wedperbiza :-Has not the low re-ssgessment of districts recently settled tended to reduce the only source of revenne which is paid by the people of India without any senee of grievance ? -' The re-assessment of the land revanue has been attended to, I belisve, with very great cara by experienced officers nuder the vigilantsuperintendence, net only of the Government of India, but of the Secretary of State. There are various opinions in India as to the rates of assessment which have been adopted. Some oonsider that the rates have been too low ; on the other hand, it bas boen thought dosirable to lighten this burden as much as poseible, For my part, looking at theae ratea, I should think that they were very lenient

But will not the fact of our lowering the new assessment be not merely to reduce our present income, but eqreatly to compromise our tuture income; becanae these assessments are easily lowered, and it is almost impossible to raise then again $p$-The assessments are mostly for limited periods, and the principle on which they are adjusted is that they should be from time to time aubject to revision. Undoubtedly, if the assessmenta are pitched too low, there are considerable difficulties in the wey of increasing them again, the same difficulty whioh attends every operation of taxation in India. I do not say the increase could not again be made ; bat I should be disposed to exact a good rent in the first instance.

Low rents have a tendency to induce careleas farming and extravagance among the people, such extravagance as they are capeble of 9 -. Well, that may be so; I cannot opesk from knowledge on that point.

I find a passage in the report on the revenue setsloment which touk place in 1869 in Surat, which atatea that villages in Gujarat are now paying an average rate of Rs. 20 per acre, while it is recorded in their memoirs or records that they paid a rate equivalent to $\mathrm{Be}, 160$ per acre in 1883 , at the time when the price of prodnce was only half what it is now; and in that same report it atates that the adjoining villages belonging to the Gaikwer are atill paying the old assessment of Rs, 160 per aore, and that the rayats do not show any desire to abandon their caltivation or emigrate into British territory. That anm wonld be equivalent at the present price to Bs. 320 , the price of gram having doubled.

Teiz Cenarman : That is enormous ; it must be mistake.
anch
Sir D. Whodsrageit : What should you consider to be the aurplus produce of rich garden land in a fertilds are I should be sorry to commit myself to an opinion on that point

Is it very considerable $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Oh}-\mathrm{Verg}$.
I need scarcely eay the Chairman was right. The quotation alluded to refers to one villinge in the $\mathbf{S}$ and not to all Gujarat, as in asserted-C. J. $P$.
necessarily pay a higher during the entire period of three decades, 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 Officer, who is responsible, to a very great extent, for the future fiscal condition of a district.
79. In the first place, he must 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 moment 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 caltivators may be.
80. In the second place, the Settlement Officer must 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 conclusion :-

Taking prices as a guide, I think that almost all the villages in Ankleshwar and Hansot inhabited by the superior class of cultiratore, have been very generally assessed highly, and that those inhabited by indifferent cultivators, such as Rajputs, Masalmans, and Bhils, have been very moderately assessed by the Pancbaits. As a role, 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 many of them are, and don't hesitate to slay that ; but for the intervention of the moneyed classes, who for a consideration pay the instaments at a moment's notice, the whole revenue woald 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 pouring 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 turn of the wheel of fortnne brings it back again to India. It is now argued that because the 4 per cents. are op at 101 $\frac{1}{7}$, there must be an immense supply of surplus capital in the country. It does appear so at first sight ; but in all probability all the sarplus up-country trading capital, which is locked up during the mousoon, 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 noder the auspices of the Rossian Government, will open out fresh 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 oultivated, 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. $113 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ 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 taluka equal to about 18 per cent., which is precisely the rise in the neighbouring taluka of Broach.

\footnotetext{

- Some intercsting information with regard to the importation of cotton from the United States is given by the Commissioners of Cuatoms in their rejort for the past year just issued. The very large inerease in that aupply in 1872 ns compared with 1870, namely, from $6,385,045 \mathrm{ewt}$ to $9,278,910 \mathrm{cwt}$. (a rise of $2,878,885 \mathrm{cwt}$ ) has very nearly again placed the United Statea in the same position they occapied in 1860, when the quantity aent to this country was 2, $863,809 \mathrm{cwt}$. By this large importation in 1871 following that of 1870 , which showed a considerable increase over 1869, the United States have now entirely distanced their great competitor Britiah India, whome contribation for ten years, from 1860 to 1869 inclusive, to the wants of this country bed exceeded their own; the total quantity rent in these last two years from these two countries respeotively being as follows :-m

| $\begin{aligned} & 1870 \\ & 1871 \end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ |  |  | United Stater. Cwt. | From British India, Cwt. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - | $\cdots$ | 6,395,045 | 3,048,819 |
|  |  | -.. | .." | 9,278,910 | 3,860,087 |
|  |  |  | ... | 15,668,955 | 6,888,806 |

Excess of imports trom the United States in tro years, 8,77ch,049 owt,
The supply from the countries where cotton in only cultivated to s smaller extent, or from"othere which pass on to
86. The next test is to estimate the present gross produce of the districts, which I admit 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 produce. Withoat some estimate of this kind, it is next to impossible to jadge whether, in fixing an assessment for such a long term of years, sufficient margin has been allowed for bad seasons, fluctaating prices, and other vicissitudes of agrioultare.
87. An estimate, made by cultivators, patils, hereditary officers, or any other interested parties, is atterly antrustworthy, and the surprising ignorance of native officials on the sabjeot 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 Mamlatdár, and revised by me from the data in my office; and is, I believe, generally a fair estimate for the futare considering the many 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 much lower. As regards the orops under cultivation, it mast be borne in mind that last year was an exceptionally bad one :-

69. Now, if this statement is at all reliable, it shows that the revenue survey assess-

[^15] ment is about one-fifth of the gross produce, which is as mach as we are justified in taking, considering that Local Fands are imposed in addition to the Imperial assessment.

The grouping of the villages for aspeament.
90. The grouping of the villages for assessiment is the next subject to be brought before you.
91. The maximum dry-crop rates $I$ consider suitable for this talaka are based on those already fixed for Olpad and Broach. The highest dry-crop maximum fixed for the 1st class villages of Ankleshwar is Rs. 6-8-0, being equal to that of the 2nd class villages of Broach.

| 1. Ankleshwar. | 8. Chorasi. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Huripara. | 9. Survidi. |
| 3. Pungaum, | 10. Andádá |
| 4. Páhánod. | 11. Chápra. |
| 5. Diva Rajputpati. | 12. Samor. |
| 6. Diva Vorápáti. | 13. Mandva Bojrag, |
| 7. Divi- | 14. Gudkhol. |

92. The first groap of villages is comprised of the 14 noted in the margin, which are colonred pink in the annexed map, and are the best situated in the táluka, not only as regards position with respect to the local market, bat because they are all within a very easy distance of the railway station, by which they have direct commanication with the town of Broach.

| 1. Piráman, <br> 2. Hansot. <br> 3. Pahanoli. | Sujod.  <br> Nagul. 3 rd <br> Bodidra. is | 93. The 2nd class group corresponds with the Broach 3rd class, the maximum dry-crop rate of which is Rs. 6 and is formed of the villages noted in the margin. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Pardi Umbhetta | 12 Surthano | 128. Umarbár. | 94. The 3rd class group corres- |
| 2. Telod. | 15. Ráiama. | 24. Kı́podit. |  |
| 3. Asta. | 14. Hujat. | 25. Sanjali | ponds with the Broach 4th Class |
| 4. Mangrols | 16. Telva. | 26. Khurod. <br> 27. Bá krol. | ponds with the Broach til Class |
| 6. Gunputpor | 17. Ddole. | 28. Bhádi. | villages, and has the same maximum |
| 7. Mandws Matied. | 18. Umarvada | 29. Kosumdi. | dame maximum |
| 8. Matied. | 19. Aloj. <br> 20. Kurmali. | 30. Bharkodre. 31. Jitali. |  |
| 8. Mothia | 20. Kurmali. 21. Ruvidra. | 31. Jitali. <br> 32. Sárangpur. | dry-crop rate, Rs, 5-8-0. It contains |
| 11. Dighus | 22. Suphipara. | 33. Motali. | 33 villages. |
| 1. Motvan. | 18. Pénjroli. | 35. Dhamrad. | The 4th class villages at the |
| 2. Kulum. | 19. Dingrs, | 36. Anknlva. <br> 87. Kutpur. | , |
| 4. Ulwah. | 21. Kudádra, | 38. Jetpur. | extreme west have a maximum dry |
| 5. Umbheta, | 22. Purvat. | 39. Samli. <br> 40. Vamlasor. | extrome west bave a maximam dry |
| 7. Sayun. | 24. Asurma. | 41. Kuntíjal. | crop rate of Rs. 5, and correspond with |
| 8. Rsema. | 25. Sthol. | 42. Amritpara. |  |
| 9. Vaner. | 27. Slavido Kharad. | 43. Uchali. |  |
| 11. Pardi Edaris. | 28. Sunaoknls. | 45. Avádur. | the Olpad 4th and 5th class groups |
| 18. Kuthodra. | 29. Ulíarra. | 46. Piprod. |  |
| 13. Adadra | 80. Mélanpur, 31. Bolay. | 47. Pardimakha. | which: they run up to towards the |
| 14. Ghodadra, <br> 15. Pandvéi. | ${ }^{32}$. Chilodra, |  |  |
| 16. Amod. | 33. Duntrai, |  | south. |

Seven villages of this group at the extreme east join the Rajpipla State, and are put specially into this closs on account of their comparative poverty, the people being for the most part Bhils and Kolis, though there are some Boráhs well-to-do, bat they have other means of getting a living, and are not totally dependent on agricultare, 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 underassessed; 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.
96. Below the groups and rates are given in a tabulated form for easy reference:-

| Class or Groap. |  | maxmiok Ratra, |  |  | Deecription of the Group. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dry-crop <br> and <br> anioe <br> Bion it <br> 18 annas.$\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bice- } \\ \text { water at } \\ 24 \text { annas. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Bhatts } \\ \text { at } 28 \\ \text { snnas. } \end{array}$ |  |
| I ... . | 14 | 6.8 | 9-12 | 12.0 | The town and railway station of Ankleshwar, and the villages joining on the north towards the river Narbaua. (Pink on the map.) |
| II ... ... | 6 | 6.0 | $9 \cdot 0$ | 12.0 | The market town of Hansot and the railway station Pahánoli, and 4 other villages near Aukleshwar railway station. (White on the map.) |

III
97. As the variations of climate between different parts of this tálaka are very trifling, the grouping of the villages can be regulated only sccording to the relative accessibility to markets of each group. In short, it becomes a question of distance only; for, wilh the exception of the villages east of a line drawn from Kutpur on the north-east to Godadra, on the south-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 about one anna a maund for 10 miles; so, taking 16 maunds of jowar as the average yield per acre,* a distance of 10 miles frocn the market adds apparently about $R e .1$ per acre to the cost of caltivation. But it mast be remembered that this refers to carrying by professional carrers, 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 have to be crossed, a few miles of extra distance to market is scarcely felt by the cultivator, who generally times his departure from bome 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 market about the same time.
99. If I am right in supposing that a fow miles extra of distance to market in an easy country is felt very little, if at all, by the culivator, the difference in the maximam rates is amply sufficient.
100. With regard to the maximam rice-water rates which are fixed in the same propor-

## Bice-water rates.

tion as the dry-crop, and are, 1 st class $R \mathrm{~s} .9-12-0$, 2nd class Rs. $9-0.0$, 3 rd class Rs. $8-4-0$, and 4th class Rs. $7-8$, the Revenue Commissioner in his review of the preliminary report on this taluka observes that, preserving
No. 2945 of 15th April 1872, paragraph 7. the same uniformity in the grouping for water as has been observed for soil, is faulty, and that "the quality of the sapply may, from various canses, be far better in a village of a lightly assessed group than in another of a higher class." Now, I would very respectfully 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 bills, or being in depressions of the country get a supply of water during all vicissitades, 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 classification, 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 circumstances.
102. The following is an extract from the report of the Assistant Collector in charge

Mr. Rogers' Report No. 16 of the 18th of November 1848. of this taluka, after a bad season in which this very yillage "Katpur" is referred to. He says: "It was with regret that I had to recommend the grant of remissions to a considerable amount 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 circumstances in

[^16]the season; a deficient supply of in the earlier part of the season cansed 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 " $K_{u t}{ }_{f}$ fur, ${ }^{\text {, }}$ "Akalwa,' and others on the west towards the sea, the rice lands were allowed to be warte, 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 canse, 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 has been in that of 'Kantiajal.' The peculiarity of soil in that village is anch 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 principal 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 apon this kind of land varies from Rs. $3 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ 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 coltivators, whether bbágdárs or rayats, generally obtain or are in future likely to obtain abatements when want of rain renders these lands anproductive". (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 aniform, 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 bear-considering how precarions 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 bagáat lands, and Rs. 24

Bhithas and Garden Lends. per koss of water bag (in addition to soil rate) for a 1st 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.
103. Absolately no progress has been made in this department of caltivation since the dars of Mr. Davis, and some lands once irrigated from pucka wells are now under dry-crop only. This is not a garden conntry; * the bhátha and natural bagáyat 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, bat, escepting in one, to a very limited extent. The whole irrigated lands in caltivation amonnt to but 804-7-0 bigas, of which 439-8-15 bighas are fond in the village of Diva. The produce raised is sagarcane in a very small quantity, chillies, ginger, tarmeric and vegetables, and the assessment ranges from Rs. 4 to Rs. $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per bigha, the average being vearer the latter than the former. With these rates I have not interfered, with the exception of the village of Dira, in which the assessment had thrown land of this decription ont of cultivation. The rates I fond $\mathbf{i x e d}$ at Rs. $7 \frac{1}{5}, 7,6 \frac{1}{2}, 6,5 \frac{1}{2}$, 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 fired on too high a scale. I therefore propose modifying these rates as follows, vii., $7 \frac{1}{2}$, and 7 to Rs. 6 , and $6 \frac{1}{2}, 6,5 \frac{1}{2}$, and 5 to Ks .5 per bigha."
107. Before showing the effect of the survey assessment, resulting from the maximam rates described above as a whole, I will show how each gronp of villages has been affected thereby:-

No. I.

| Groap. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Villagea } \end{aligned}$ | Realizations of Government Land under the old aysten. |  | Aecording to the Survey Rates. | Percentage increase by 8arvey. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { years' } \\ & \text { average } \end{aligned}$ collections | Last year's collections. |  | On <br> 10 years average. | On lust year'scollections. |
|  |  | Re. a. | Rs, ac | Ba. |  |  |
| I | 14 | 65,504 38 | 54,337 5 | 60,449 5 | 81 | 113 |
| III | 6 | 3:468 11 | 38,773 1 | 44,296 11 | 15 | $14 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 111 | 38 | 1,05,067 15 | 1,04,739 12 | 1,30,056 5 | 238 | 243 |
| IV | 49 | 1,75,009 2 | 1,69,929 6 | 1,89,948 6 | 81 | 118 |
| Total | 108 | 8,74,363 8 | 3,67,779 8 | 4,24,780 11 | 181 | 154 |

[^17]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 "Bhátha" came under the denomination of, "Gorat dry-crop," whereas under the sarvey system it is entered as "natural Bagayat," in contradistinction to the "Gorat," which has been classed by the survey as " superior order dry-crop" :-

No. II:

| Gipup | Aoconting to the old Rates, wa flxed by Mr. J. M. Davia. |  |  |  | According to the Revenue Surver Assemment. |  |  |  | Hemaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Asembernt on the aree cultifited$\text { A.D. } 1970.75$ |  |  |  | Jiratit or Dry-rop. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Burgirat or } \\ & \text { Ganden. } \end{aligned}$ | Rice. | Totall |  |
|  | Jirfit or Dy-trop. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bugrat } \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { oarden. } \end{aligned}$ | Eicen | Totel |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| I II <br> III <br> IV | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Ba } & 4 \\ \text { 4,013 } & 0 \\ 80,88 & 0 \\ 00,868 & 0 \\ 1,64084 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Bra } & \text { a. } \\ 8,098 & 0 \\ 135 & 0 \\ 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rr}\mathrm{Ba} & n_{0} \\ 88,071 & 0 \\ 39,030 & 0 \\ 1,06,054 & 0 \\ 1,73,525 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Re } & \text { a } & p \\ 48,591 & 6 & 0 \\ 43,254 & 1 & 0 \\ 1,93,557 & 10 & 0 \\ 1,80,325 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re } & \text { a } & p \\ 1,888 & 10 & 0 \\ 851 & 0 & 0 \\ 6,345 & 0 & 0 \\ 0,101 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | 3,60,783 0 | 6,3:9 0 | 18,258 0 | 8,74,389 0 | 2,05,641 100 | 10,954 20 | 18,184 160 | 4,24,780 110 |  |

109. It is to be remembered that althongh much of the bátha entered as "nataral Bagayat" is not irrigated artificially, it contains sufficient inherent moistare to produce tobacco, luxariant grain crops, and palses, and althongb entered ander the old system as "Gorat" simply, yet it paid garden rates-often 7 rapees a bigha-and is very correctly described by the sarvey as natural bágáyat. The scale goes op to 24 annas in superior order "gorat," and as high as 28 annas in the bhatha. Although the maximum of 12 rupees 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 sarvey average rate on each description of land in every village, and the following abstract gives the general average of the groups :-

| Group. |  |  | Dry-crop. | Rice. | Begryat. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Ros } & 2 & \text { p. } \\ 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 10 & 3 \\ 3 & 14 & 6 \\ 3 & 14 & 2 \end{array}$ | Ras a p . | Re. a p. | Bs, as p. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { II } \\ & \text { II } \\ & \text { II } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{llll}9 & 10 & 11 \\ 9 & 13 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}8 & 8 & 5 \\ 8 & 11 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 14 & 8 \\ 4 & 11 & 8\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | 9 8 8 198 | 8110 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}411 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 8\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | 7192 | 78.8 | 3 1510 |
|  |  |  |  | 419 | 855 | 874 | 442 |

111. The average rates according to the old system (as nearly as can be calculattd) and the new are set forth below :-

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

or $15 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ per cente more by the survey.
[^18]| ACd-m. |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Survey assessment of Government waste land | $\ldots$. |  |
| Survey kamál or total assessment of Government land | $\ldots .0$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 8 0}$ |
| 4,49,860 |  |  |

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

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

## Deduct-


114. The permanent and fluctuating quit-rents and imposts on alienated lands have Alienated Lande been fixed on the principle laid down in the several Resolutions
No. CXIV. New Series.
$\begin{array}{llllr} & & & \text { Rs. } \\ \text { Under the old system they amonnted to } & \ldots & \ldots & 54,559 \\ \text { Under the survey system they amount to } & \ldots & \ldots & 61,917 \\ \text { Showing an increase by the sarvey of } & \ldots & \ldots & 7,348\end{array}$

## Exeess Lands

115. Therenwas a large area of excess alienated land in this tánka, and for settlement it has been divided under three heads-
(a) Lands held in excess, of which there was no specific record, and 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 duly 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 occapied 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 conld 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 Fund cess collected also according to that assessmento

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

Excess lands coming under class (c) were transferred from the head of "Government" to that of "Alienated," and the fall 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 bond fide 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) :-

IANDS ENTERED AS GOVERNMENT.


Nombers entirely waste:-

| Drytap Lende | Garden Lands |  |  |  |  | Rice Lands | Total Assess. ment of Waste Iand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lends satered from Wells. |  |  | Bhithe | Total Garden Lands. |  |  |
|  | Dry-erop Asemestinent | Kamar. | Total Assensment |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 11 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re } & \text { a } & \text { P. } \\ 23554 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ | -10eo | $\cdots$ | -80.0 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Res } & \text { as } & \text { P } \\ 758 & 14 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re } & \text { a } & \text { pu } \\ 758 & 14 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Res a. } \\ \hline 766 & 18 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Ra. } & 2 & \mathrm{p}_{4} \\ 25,080 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |

Total of lands entered as Government :-

| Dry-erop <br> Lacole | Garden Lavils. |  |  |  |  | Rice Tands | Tokal Agsess ment of Government Coltivated and Waste Land. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Iands whtered from Wells |  |  | Bhâtha. | Total Garden Lands. |  |  |
|  | Dryaerop Anessment. | $K_{\text {mann }}$ | Total of Lend watered from Weile |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| $\begin{array}{rccc} \text { Re } & \text { a } & \text { p } \\ 4,19,196 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Recer } & \text { as } \\ 1,431 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | Res <br> 534 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrr}\text { Res } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,903 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right.$ |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Bro } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 11,713 } & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Be. } & \text { act } \\ 18,951 & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} R_{6} & 2 & p_{4} \\ 4,49,860 & 18 & 0^{\prime} \end{array}$ |

Lands entered as alienated :-

| Dry-arop Lends | Garden Lends |  |  |  |  | Rice Lands. | Total Absegment of Alienated Lands. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lands witered from Wells. |  |  | Bhathas. | Tokal Garden Lande |  |  |
|  | Dry-crop Aseasament | Kasar. | Total of Iand watered from Wells. |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 81 | 32 | 38 |
| $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Re, } 2 & \mathrm{p} . \\ 1,46,587 & 11 & \mathbf{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Ras an 40811 48 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re } & \text { a } \\ 198 \\ 198 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Res } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 2,288 } & 8 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Re. at. } & \text { p. } \\ 2979 & 15 \\ 10 \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rcc}\text { R4, } & \text { a } & \mathrm{p} \\ 4,970 & 13 & 2\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Be } \end{array} \frac{\mathrm{p}}{} \begin{array}{r} 1,53,788 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

Total assessment of the arable lands of the district :-

| Dry-erop Lands | Garden Lands. |  |  |  |  | Rice Lends, | Grand Totalo |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lands witered from Wefle. |  |  | Bhathn. | Tokal of Garien Lands. |  |  |
|  | Dry-crop A ssestanemt. | Kasar. | Total $A$ seest- <br> ment of <br> hands waterea <br> from Wello |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | 35 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 39 | 40 | 41 |
| $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Ben } & \text { an } \\ 5.65,733 & 18 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Ras } & \text { an } & p \\ 1,929 & 11 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Rn } & \text { a } & \mathrm{p} \\ 726 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re. an p. } \\ 14,69215 & 10 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Rs}_{6} & \mathrm{a} & \mathrm{p} \\ 23,2028 & 8 & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \mathrm{Ra}_{\mathrm{a}} & \text { a. } \mathrm{p} \\ 6,03,649 & 4 . \end{array}$ |

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

|  | On account of Cultivated Government Landso |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | According to late system. |  | According to Survey 8ystem. |  | Acoorting to the Bur vey Syatem. |  |  |  | Net inereare caused by the Burvey. |
|  | Coltivated Acres. | Bupees of Assessment, Bamvat 1988, A. D. 18A-72 without Ceasea. | Lands actually cultivated. |  | Waste facluded in Numbers partinlly Cultivated. |  | Total Aesesment of Cultivited Landa to the Sarvey Systom. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Rapese of Assesement. | Acron. | Bupeex | Acrea | Rapeea. |  |
| 1 | $\cdots$ | 8 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 102 | ${ }_{99,076}^{\text {A. }}$ g. | ${ }_{3,67,779}^{\text {R8, }}$ | ${ }_{80,075}^{8.88}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs, } \\ 4,28,806 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{672}{ }^{\text {A }}$ 31 | $\underset{\substack{\text { R8, } \\ \hline 16 \\ 8}}{8}$ |  |  | $\underset{67,001}{\text { Re. }}$ |

On account of Alienated land :-

| Late System, | Survey System. | Net increase cansed by the Survey. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Selámis, Savádiss, and Impoets of all kinds, except Cessen. | Fixed Commuted Salamis. |  |
| 11 | 12 | 18 |
| $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 64,569 & 0 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \ldots & \mathrm{p} \\ 61,917 & 5 & 11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Rs. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ 7,948 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ |

Total of Government and Alienated lands :-

| Lato Systera. |  |  |  |  |  | Total of Goveroment and Alienkted Landa. |  | Mincellaneous itemil ol Lend Revonae. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Caren of which were |  |  |  | Total of late Syatemp | Burvey Byatem. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and Salami. mocording to Columa 8 agd 11 | $\left(\left.\begin{array}{\|} \text { Impored } \\ \text { ais fined } \\ \text { Balanals } \\ \text { on } \\ \text { Alienst } \\ \text { ed Land } \end{array} \right\rvert\,\right.$ | AbeortA ment Government Innd. | 8track off. | Total Censea. |  | Arsesament and fixed Balámis, socording to Columma 9 and 12 | Net increare caused by the Sarrey. | of exles of nocr. pancy right | of cultivation in unaseemed Lands, to | On account of sales of Graes, Wood, ter | On account of Local Fand. | Total. |
| 14 | 15 | 10 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 9 | 28 | 53 | 4 | 85 | 26 |
| $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Re. } & \text { m. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,82,483 & 9 & 6 \end{array}$ | ** | 40 | $\cdots$ | * | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { P } \\ 4,28,348 & 9 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs } & \text { a. } & \text { p } \\ 486,098 & 0 & 11 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rus } & \text { a } & \text { p } \\ 64,340 & 7 & \text { e } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Bn}_{6} & 2 & \mathrm{p} \\ 12,566 & 8 & 0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Ras } & 2 & \mathrm{P} \\ \text { 5,98s } & 7 & 10\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Rs } & 2 & \text { p. } \\ 2143 & & 11\end{array}$ | Becccer | Bs, an 5, 212 |


| Total Grom A asteament cocording to the Sarvey System, | Reminsian to be dedncted. |  |  | Remaing to be collected. | Of which colleoted ap to the day of settlement in each village. | Fajil or Revenue collectod in exome |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | On socount of Goverament and Alienated Lande. |  | Total <br> Remissions. |  |  |  | Transforred in the account it from thehend |  |  | Balanee of |
|  | Incresse of Acmessment and quit-ront caured by the Surves. | Hiacel- Heneous. |  |  |  | the Parties entitled to repaive it. | Goverament Iand to collections on mosoment of Alienated Land. | to be refonded | Total Prjil. | outatanding. |
| 27 | 28 | 20 | 30 | 31 | 58 | 3 | 34 | 35 | 88 | 87 |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ba} . \\ 5,40,80 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{R}_{0} \& \mathrm{p}_{0} \\ 7470 \end{array}$ |  |  | Ba \% p <br> $4,08,370$   | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rs. a p. } \\ 4,76,27610 \quad 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p } \\ 8.800 & 4 & 10\end{array}$ |  | Ro. a 30 300 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Ben } & 0 & \text { p. } \\ 11.88 & 0 & 7\end{array}$ | 80. c p |

118. Although the settlement of the Giras allowances has been carried out by the Girss allowances. Alienation Department, it seems desirable that the Settlement Report should contain a record of the balance of claims remaining on the books, and Mr. Pestonji Jehángir has faroured me with the following statement :-

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| Clans I., Permanent. |  | Class II., Hereditary. |  | Class IV. for Life. |  | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Amoant | No. | Amount, | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| 1 | Ra. 845 | 41 | $\underset{8,297}{\text { Rs. }}$ | 15 | $\stackrel{88 .}{ }{ }_{787}$ | 57 | Rs. 4,379 |

The number of claims and amount of the same, as shown above, represents all the work under this head remaining to be done.
119. The ghar-bhéru or ground rent amounts to Rs. 898. This impost has very

## Ghar-bháru.

agricaltural community, and
Resolution No. 5244, dated 20th October 1871. generally been remitted in Gajarát on the introduction of the survey assessment, as it is an extra coss. levied from a purely should, as a general rale, be covered by the survey assessment. Government has since expressed regret that this impost should have been absadoned, and I therefore await farther orders before striking it off in Ankleshwar. The towns of Hansot and Ankleshwar have no municipal government, otherwise the ghar-bhara collected therein might be credited to the municipality. Under any circamstances 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

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Grazing Lande. } & \text { places for village cattle under the provisions of Section XXXII } \\
\text { of Act I of 1865. The requirements of most of the villages }
\end{array}
$$ were much in excess of the grants I felt justified in making, and the people were told that if they required extra grazing ground they mast 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 mach per head for grazing their cattle; whereas under the survey system they must share-and share alike-in the grazing lands, every "Khátedár" having a right to send his cattle there.
121. There is no assessment or tax on toddy trees in the Ankleshwar Taluka generally,

Ansesesment of today trees. and the owners sell the right of extracting the liquor at so much per tree per annom to the toddy-drawers. In the villages of Andada and Diva the right to draw toddy is annaally sold by auction to the highest bidder. In Pungaon there are a considerable number of toddy trees, the juice of which is not atilized : 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, Mád, and Sisodra, and for its sale at Kutpur, has been sold by auction.

In the principal division of the Ankleshwar Talaka, 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 during the last five years from this source is as follows:-


As no extra assessment has been placed on fields in which toddy trees atand, 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 "guarantee", unless, 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 annexed figured Statements*, marked I and II respectively, are sufficiently clear and explicit. Colamns 4, 8, $9,13,19,23$,
Explanation of the figured Statements. and 24 show the maximum rates for soil and water, and columns $5,10,20$ and 25 the average rate of every village in the taluka. Columns 33 to 46 show comparatively the sssessment nuder the old and new systems and the general average rate under each. Column 37 shows the actual coltivated area assessed by the sarvey; 38 the peta-padtar, or culturable waste included in survey numbers; and 39 the total area of the cultivated numbers. Column 40 shows the assessment of the area actually cultivated, and 41 that of the peta-padtar respectively. Column 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 sarvey "Kamál" respectively. Columns 47 to 54 show the area and assessment of alienated land, dry-crop, rice, garden, and total, and columns 57 and 58 the quit-rents on the same according to the old and new survey 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 columns 5 and 6 the percentage of the same.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

C. J. PRESCOTT,<br>Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat.

No. 800 of 1873.
Mahableshwoar, 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 us being consequently the full 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 ratea as shown above, have consequently effected an increase of about $15 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on last year's revenue payments. The Colleotor, Mr. White, is of opinion that this enhancement of assessment is insufficient ; the circamstance 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 his chief reasons for coming to this conclusion.
3. It seems to be safficient to state, in regard to this argament, that it is not the policy of our Government in making a settlement of its land revennes, to adopt the rackrenting system said to be followed in the Gáikwar'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 coltivators as native princes and native landlords can very fairly do on their tenants." It is the object of our settlements to fix a moderate assessment, which shall leaye such an amount of profit to the cultivator as will constitute his holding a valuable, heritable, and saleable property; whilst the Gáikwạ́r, on the other hand, would seem to proceed upon 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 upon euch different conditions. But I am sure Mr. White would not like the duty of lerying a revenue pressing so heavily upon the resoarces of the people as the Gaikwar's rent payments are said to do.
5. A careful perasal of the Saperintendent's remarks regarding prices and the value of the retarns from coltivation 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 Rs. 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 calculated. 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. ia the present assessment of the taluka.
6. It is extremely difficult, as the. Superintendent observes, to form an opinion upon the fature range of prices. They have been falling of late, and the cotton mariket just 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 throaghout 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 ancertainty regarding the future, it is obviously our daty 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 opinion, be dismissed.
8. Referring to the discussion upon the question as to whether the water rate for rice lands should be regalated according to the groaping for jirait rates, I wonld observe thst 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 Paragrephan 105 and 106. which the Kevenue Commissioner considered to be too low. In arguing on the subject, he brings forward the important fact that there has been no increase whatever in this caltivation since Mr. Davis' settlement ; indeed he adds that, "some lands once irrigated from packs wells are now ander dry-crop only." Statements of this kind seem to me to be conclusive, not only against the policy of increasing the well assessment, but as pointing to the expediency of dispensing with it altogether. Bat as this would be sach an entire change in the system hitherto carried ont in these districts, its adoption is ont of the question; as however, we cannot dispense with the bagayit 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 reasonsble enough, considering the laxariant crops which it produces.
11. Orders are required as to whether the ghar-bhara coss is to be continued, and, if Pangraph 119. so, whether it is to be credited to the manicipal revenues of the towns in which it is levied, or to the imperial revenue of the State.

J. FRANOIS, Colonel,<br>Sarvey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

# The CHIEF SECRETARY ro GOVERNMENT, Revenue Departmont, Bombay. 

Mátherán, 6th June 1873.

## Sir,

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 conntry and of its resources, and I may at once pass on to notice the points which are open to discussion.
2. The Superintendent remarks (paragraph 30) that the population has increased from 42,793 in 1816 to 66,085 in 1872, or 54 per cent. in 55 years, and that compared with the progress in Europe, the increase is small indeed. I am not aware that the Superintendent has looked into the statistics of each year of this period, but I observe 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 sack a state of things, it is obvious there must have been strong preventive check against any increase in popalation, and it is improbable there would have been any effective stimulus to increase until about the year 1848, when a liberal reduction of assessments, conpled with a rise in , prices, led to an extension of cultivation. I observe cultivation has nearly advanced to the limits of the culturable area, and in the absence of an improved system of agricultare, which is rather improbable, the agricultural population will progress slowly; bat an increase may be looked for in the urban population following the development of the mechanical industries which have been founded in the district.
3. The table under paragraph 62 is interesting: it shows a steady increase of coltivation dating from 1851-52. There was a vigorous extension of coltivation during the decade of high prices, and, although caltivation declined during the last three yeara, it apparently keeps very steady - at about 100,000 acres. The average of the Governenent 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 Re. 1,515. These facts are conclasive as to the lightness of the past assessunent during a period when the price of cotton ranged from Rs. $49 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. $113 \frac{1}{2}$ per bhar, and the price of the staple product of jowár from Ks. $11 \frac{1}{4}$ to Rs. $23 \frac{1}{3}$ per kalsi. From the extent of land nnder cotton cultivation, Ankleshwar is a grain-importing táluka, and the quantity of cotton exported is shown by the railway returna to be 1,562 tons in 1s71, which at present prices, Rs. 3 per maund (paragraph 88), gives a value of Rs. 2,62,416 which is not a fourth of the produce of the taluka. It is improbable that the difference is consamed in local manufactures; and I mast, therefore, infer that a mach larger quantity is exported, though perhaps from other railway stations 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 talnka 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 increase to the assessment is justifiable, is fully borne out and sustained by the facts. It is not an easy matter to determine what increase should be made. It is impossible to forecast with precision what future prices will be; but this must be done with as near an approach to correctness as it is possible to obtain. The Superintendent is not aanguine of continuance of high prices; he believes they have attained their highest limit, and that the tendency is now towards a rapid deoline. He points to the vigorous effort which 'America has made, and made successfully, to regain her ascendancy in the Liverpool cotton market, and he thinks, somewhat despondently, that prices may decline one-third, from Rs. 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 concar with the Superintendent. 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 manafactore her own piece-goods with her own cotton than to export it to England. Should this occar, and with the rapid progress which America is still making, it is quite likely it will occur within the next ten or twenty years, America will only be able to export her acrplus cotton to England. It is trae that with her immense culturable wastes there is practically no limit to the expansion of cotton calture
in America; atill, as the more remote tracts are taken $u p$ for calture, it can only be at an increasing cost, and so year by year Indian cotton will stand a bettor chance, of oompeting with American.
6. I do not anticipate any evil from the competition of Australian 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 Australion
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 retarns 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. Our small trade with China in tea and silk $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{i}}$ as nothing to the value of the opium trade, and so the balance has to be remitted to India in specie. 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 annum. But this sum was modified by other witnesses, and there was a general agreement that it was abont ten millions sterling. It is evident that so long as this influx of silver continues, 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 monoy will be given for the same quantity of produce, 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 country has an immediate effect in cansing a fall in prices; bat the supply 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 sufficiently 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 successfully 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, therefqre, 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 cultivator after payment of rent, etc., would be Ris. 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 is quite true that the rent of land in Gaikwári territory may be far in excess of what the Superintendent proposes to fix in Ankleshwar, but the Gáikwári system involves large remissions; he trasts 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 endeavours 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 occupants, and this insensibly leads 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 effect would 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 would have given Rs. $4,24,780$, so that the increase by the new rates is $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The waste is assessed at Rs. 25,080 , and the total survey 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 Rs. 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 came under wet-crop assessment by the old syitem (paragraph 105); and hence, although the maximum rate in bagáyat has apparently been raised from Rs. 7 to Rs. 12, jet 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 doable what it was under the old system. I believe myself that the bágayat rates could have been increased withont pressure on the occupants; but I am willing to accept the Superintendent's objections to raising the rates in consideration of the comparatively large amount of skill and capitil required for the caltivation of such land. I believe the area of sice land to be
the same, and I remark that the Saperintendent 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 Re. 8-5-5. I do not think there was any necessity for reduction; the cultivation does not appear 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 regalarity and without any strong ground for believing in a permanent decline of prices, I do not quite concar in the expediency of the reduction. The bhátha waste is even less, being Rs. 758 out of Rs. 9,742, and for the same reasons the reduction is open to objection; yet, as I have already said, would not interfere with the Superintendent's rates.
12. I observe the kasar on welle irrigating Government land is only Rs. 534 per annam. I would be glad to see this small sam strack off; the loss would not be felt, and it woald be more in harmony with the principle of the survey system to relieve wells from taration. It would, in fact, merely anticipate the gradual discontinance of the tax on wells as they fail in or become-useless, and it may be assumed that in the next thirty years there will hardly be a dozen wells in all Gujarat 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 boilding by exacting a rent for the site.
14. Regarding grazing allotmenta to villages, I bave to refer to my recent letter No. 2438, dated 26th altimo, 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 Saperinteudent 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, Sir, Yoar most obedient Servant,<br>L. R. ASHBURNER, Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 3839.

# Rrvenue Dipartment. 

## Bombay Castle, 7tk Jwly 1573.

Resolution.-This report, which contains proposals for the revision of assessment in the whole Ankleshwar Taluka, inclusive of the Mabal of Háneot, has been drawn up with Lientenant-Colonel Prescott's ususl 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 Sarveys.
2. The arrangement of the villages into four groups for the purpose of maximum rates of dry-crop assessment according to distance from markets and railway stations, there being no difference in climate sufficiently appreciable to warrant a conclasion that it would 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 táloks that, although they are not more distant from market than some of the villages of the 3rd groap, they have been rightly placed in the 4th in consequence of their soil being much more strong and, therefore, less fertile.
3. The maximan rate for dry-crop for the talaka, Rs, 6-8-0, is also approved. The arguments ased in the Resolntion giving the sanction to the Sarvey rates in the Broach Taluka No. 3804, of the 4th instant, with regard to the incidence of the assessment, apply with greater force in Ankleshwar, in which the soil is equally fertile, bot the average drycrop rate is 13 annas 6 pies per acre less.
4. Government concur with the Sarvey Commissioner that the water-rate for rioe lands should not invariably follow the grouping of villages for dry-orop assessment where the water is lept distinot from the dry-crop, inasmuoh as distance from market is taken
into account in fixing tbe latter, and there is no necessity for the same process being repeated in calculating the former also. In this taluka, however, every tank depeuds for its supply on the rainfall alone, and none are more favourably situated with regard to drainage, area, and greater certainty of supply than others, so that the classification of Fater may be depended on to regulate equitably the relative value of the supply in all parts. The maximum 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 dryecrop rates, may accordingly be approved.
5. It is not apparent from the Superintendent's or the Survey Commissioner's letters whether the maximum of Rs. 12 per acre in bhatha or alluvial
N.B.-This would seem to be the case from the average in olle village, Chapra, being in excess of Ri. 12. soil according to 24 -anna scale is meant to imply an assessment of Rs. 18 on 24 -anna 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 removed from the Narbada, and therefore not likely to contain good alluvial soil; this should be investigated by the Superintendent, to guard 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 presamably 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 cultivation, His Excellency in Council considers fair. He is not disposed to relinquish the extra revenue to be derived from this source, because its levy is in accordance with the immemorial usage of the country, and its levy in no way interferes with, but rather encourages, the future investment of capital, the full benefit of which will, under the survey system, be reaped by the cultivator.
7. The levg of ghar-bbarru shonld be continued according to Resolution No. 541 of the 30th January last. Colonel Prescott is in error in calling it an extra cess levied from a purely agricaltural community, the fact being that it is levied chiefly from non-agriculturists 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 agricalturists, provided it is understood 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 usual guarantee 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 Kevenue 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 Gazotte.

F. S. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government,

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\text { No. } 160 \text { of } 1878 .
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To
L. ASHBURNER, Esquirs, C.S.I., Rorenue, Commissioner, N., D.

Camp.Vágra, 16th January 1873.

## Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Report No. I450 of the 12th September last, of the Superintendent, Reveuue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat, upon the introduction of the revenue survey assessment in the Ankleshwar Taluka, 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 leisure to go into it carefully sooner.
2. The remarks called for from me appear to be few.
3. In paragraphs 74 to 89 of his report, Colonel Prescott has gone into the main question as to the extent to which the assessment can safely be raised for the revenue
survey term of 30 years. Now, though I am not prepared to find fanlt with the arguments 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 18th March 1871, No. 2816, dated 2nd December 1872, and No. 582, dated 18th 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 double 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 circamstance, that the rayats 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 maximum rice water rates.
5. In respect to the levging of ghar-bháru, or ground-rent, referred to in paragraph 119 of the report, I requent the favour of obtaining the orders of Government. The total momount 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, <br> Collector.

No. 31 or 1899.
From

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

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

Original settlement year 1871-1872, so that the period of guarantee expires on the 31st of Jaly 1901.
Constitution.
3. There has been no change in the number of alienated villages. The táluka comprises in all 105 villages, of which 102 are Government Alienated villages. 1 and 3 alienated. Of the Government villages 73 are senja

 (co-shared). Since the original settlement the villages noted in the margin have been | 1. Haját | 3. Adol. transferred from bhagdari to bighoti tenure at the request |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | 2. Piludra

8. Dangria. of the sharers.
9. 'The revision field operations were carried out in the working seasons of 1896-1897 Measurement. 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 clubbed together, (iii) from which land wrs appropriated to public parposes, and (iv) to numbers partly rendered unculturable by the inroad of salt water.
10. The classification operations in addition to the above included jarayat numbers Clessification, 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 jaréyat area is concerned, its original classification may be said to hare been almost entirely deduced from existing records.
11. In the villages noted - in the margin, khants were sabstituted for bindhs as explained in the Settlement 1. Pánod.
12. Pangam.
13. Divi.
14. Malanpar.
15. Raema.
16. Rohid. Heport on Broach (vide paragraph 6).
17. The following statement shows the increase in the number of fields due to revision and the percentage difference in area between the original and revision survey numbers:-


Column 3 refers only to those survey numbers which have been broken ap into two or more without any part of their area being taken up by roads, etc., in order that the percentage difference may be correctly represented.
8. In the following table the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared:-

| . | Total. | Unarable waste. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Remaining } \\ & \text { arsble. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| By Original Survey By Revision Survey | 183,782 | 42,023 | 141,759 |
|  | 184,518 | 43,817 | 140,701 |
| Decrease | ....0. | .....0 | 1,058 |
| Increase ... | 736 | 1,794 | - |

The incresse of 1,794 acres in the narable waste is due to the addition of 786 acres on account of half the areas of rivers and creeks (left out by mistake at the original sarvey) 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 roads and other public purposes.
9. Details of occupied land are shown below :-

| Deacription of land. |  | By former Survey. |  |  |  | By Revision Sarvey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Goverament. |  | Alienated. | Total. | Government. |  | Alienated, | Total. |
|  |  | Oconpied. | Unocenpied. |  |  | Occapied. | Unoconpied. |  |  |
| Dry orop <br> New rice <br> Old rice <br> Bágéyat <br> bhitha <br> Uncultarable | $\cdots$ | 97,784 | 6,789 | 88,521 | 137,100 | 88,211 | 4,894 | 33,773 | 136,976 |
|  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 211 |  | 38 | 259 |
|  | $\cdots$ | 2,119 | 230 | 504 | 2,850 | 2,016 | ${ }^{47}$ | 512 | 2,576 |
|  | $\cdots$ | 835 | 6 | 384 | 1,225 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 587 |  |  |  | 851 | 1 |  | 890 |
|  | ... | - .0. | 41,986 | 37 | 42,025 | ... | 43,780 | 87 | 43,817 |
|  | Total | 101,325 | 48,011 | 34,446 | 183,782 | 101,269 | 48,823 | 34,427 | 184,518 |

10. The decrease of 56 acres in the total occupied ares is due to the land being taken up for rosds and other pablic parposes. The decrease of 983 acres in the total nnoccupied area is owing to the transfer to the heading "Unoulturable" of acres rendered uncultarable in villages sitnated on the sea coast, 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 up by the new railway line to Nándod.

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

No area is shown under bagayat in the revision figures. Land treated as natural bágáyat at the original survey is now classed as uttam jaráyat. 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 unculturable waste has already been explained.
11. The táluka Ankleshwar, comprising the peta mahál of Háneot with a superficial Position: area of 293 square miles, is situated on the south bank of the river Narmada. On the east it is bounded by the Baroda and Rajpipla territories; on the west by the Gulf of Cambay; while the river Kim runs along its sonthern boundary and divides it from taluka Olpad of the Surat Collectorate.
12. Except for a few villages in the north-west corner of the talaka, locally known as the "low country" (said to be a portion of the former bed of the river Narmada), Ankleshwar resembles in its physical Phyrical features, soil, eto. features the black-soil talnke of Olpad on the north and of Broach on the south. The
prevailing soil is black and grows cotton and jowari alternately, varied with tur, til and wheat, which take the place of jowár in some jears. The sea-coast villages of Kantiajal, Wamleshwar, Katpor, Samli, etc., grow only one crop, namely, wheat, without any rotation, with patches of jowar here and there. The soil of these villages is slightly impregnated with salt, and wheat is the only crop that thrives well in it. Notwithstanding 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 Olpád Revision Settlement Report). The low conntry contains gorat and bhátha soils, which grow monsoon jowari, bajjri, cotton, pulses, tobacco, gaavas, plantains, and abound in trees and hedges. Colonel Prescott has so fully described the agriculture of the talaka in his original settlement report (paragraphs 10 to 48) that it is unnecessary to enter into a repetition of the sabject in this place.
13. There are two rivers, the Narmada and the Kim, which respectively skirt the Rivera. northern and southern boundaries of the taluka. The coarse 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 dificult to cross, but the bridge, spanning this river near Sahol, was reconstructed last year, and now affords ample facilities for cart trafic between this táluka and the Surat and Kim stations.
14. The táluka ander ceport 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 stations-Ankleshwar and Panoliwithin its limits. The south-western villages make use of the Kim Station, situated in the Olpád Táluka, aboat 8 miles from the Sahol bridge. A narrow gange line has been lately opened by the Raja of Nandod. It runs from Ankleshwar to Nándod, a distance of 40 miles.
15. Althongh no new metalled roads have been constructed since the original settlement, the existing means of commanication meet all the requirements of the táluka. The metalled road between Ankleshwar Station and Hánsot is the best-made road in the whole district. A branch metalled road conneots Ankleshwar with the ferry crossing on the Narmada. A good road, partly metalled, joins Hánsot to Surat viá the Sahol bridge. This bridge was washed away shortly after the introduction of the original settlement, but has been lately re-built at a cost of Rs. 38,700 by the Local Board of Broach, assisted by the Local Board of Surat to the extent of Rs. 10,000. Good cart tracts run from Ankleshwar and Hánsot to Panoli Station.
16. The average rainfall for the 10 years ending with 1897 was 40.84 inches. The

Appendix A.-Rainfall. averages given in the Broach Gazetteer (vido page 353) 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 lnst 3 or 4 years the fall has been mast anfavourable. 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; bat last season (1898-1898) 2,000 acres were saddenly relinquished. I visited the taluka in the month of March 1899, and can say that a much larger area would have been thrown up but for the fact that the rayats were nuder a false impression that they could not tender the notice of relinquishment unvil they had paid the demands for the carrent year, which, however, they were uuable to do before the 31st March.
17. The following extract from Appendix B shows the average percentage areas Appendir 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 tar, 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 Broach, 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 Hansot. ; But a considerable amount Markete. of agricultural produce finds its way to the Kim Station and to Surat.

There are in all 8 ginning factories, of which 4 are in Ankleshwar, 2 in Panoli, and one each in Hánsot and Tláv.
20. The following statement represents the tonnage and the freight on goods traffic Railway traffic. despatched from the stations named, in the last five years, as furnished by the railway authorities. Information for inward traffic is not available. It may be mentioned that, whereas a considerable portion of traffic despatched from Ankleshwar and Panoli comes from the adjoining Native States, the agricultural produce of the sonth-western portion of the taluka finds its way to Kim Station situated within the limits of the Olpad Táluka :-


## Popalation end resources

21. The following table compares the population and resources of the tálulka:-

22. The figares of popalation are conflicting. There is, however, no doubt that side by side with the decrease in agricultaral cattle, ploughs and carts, 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 probubly becanse 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 grasa is coarse but is largely consamed by cows and bufialoes, though horses are said to scour badly if fed upon it. The right of cutting grass and grazing is sold by auction. A large namber 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 population of Ankleshwar live by agricultural parsuits This is a small proportion for a parely agricultural taluka

Appendix D.-Agricultaral population. In the adjoining taluka of Broach the agricultural population amounts to 81 per cent. of the whole. Of the total popalation of 68,387 souls, Kanbis, Mahomedans and Kolis number 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 Shia Mahomedans outnumber the Suni Boráhs. The former are mostly engaged in petty trade and emigrate to South Africa and other places. The Kunbis and Masalmans are found chiefly in the northern villages; but the Boráhs reside in about a dozen villages scattered throaghout the talaka. The condition of the Kolis and Bhils, who are mostly fonnd in the southern villages, is not prosperous. Colonel Prescott describes the atate 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 landlard is terrible" (aide paragraph 50). Since then, however, the condition of the sabtenants has somewhat improved. The sávkár 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, atherwise 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 talaka. The average

Appendix H.-SSohools, 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 athers, the above figares may be considered satisfactory.
25. Of the total sarvey numbers, 61 per cent. are Government and the remainder alienated. Of the former 77 per cent. and of the latter 71 per cent. are caltivated by the owners themselves. The statistios regarding Government numbers are misleading. I

Appendix 1 .-Survey numbere colitivated by the owners. believe most of the Government land (excluding that held on the bhágdári tenare) is virtually in the hands of the sarkars, espcially in the Kali-paraj villages.
26. The usual information sapplied by the Registration Department, relating to sales, Appendices $K, K_{1}, L_{2} L 1, M$. mortgages and sub-lettings is furnished in the appendices 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 but either bhátha or rice. In 85 cases of sales by decree of Oourts, the price obtained in $6 /$ cases was 4 times and in 18 cases 14 times the assessment. In 94 cases of simple mortgages, lands were mortgaged at 8 and 14 times the assessment in 62 and 26 transaftions respectively. The figares relating to mortgages with possession are somewhat higher than those for simple mortgagea. The customary rate at which land is anb-let is double the assessment the owner paying the essessment. The above figares are not satisfactoty compared to those of Broach and the adjoining tálukas of Surat.


#### Abstract

 ; Broach talukas, the pricas of foodugraith thi teotton tratio semsined admost stationary doring the hest 80 yedrs. The figanes supplied by the Manalabdar for the presurvey period are apparently thailty. Rice and jowfári could not have been so cheap asp 54 lbs. and 45lbs, respectively, per rupeo daring tike sixties. Colonal Prescott's quatations (vide paragraph io of the criginsl report) show th average of 18 lbs . and 28 lbs , for the two staples for the 10 yours ending with 1872. As 18 well known, the prices of food-grains rose considerably, in sympathy with the price bit cotton, during the American war. The lollowing teble compares the prices of the 10 yearis preceding the survey with those prevailing since:-.



28. The revenue history of the taluks does not call for an extended notice. Daring Appendix 0 -Revenue History. the first year of the settlement the sum remitted represents , the difference in excess of the former assessment. The remissions shown in the succeeding years were granted on account of diluvion. I gather from the vasulbaki patrak of 1897-08 that the total autstanding balance of assessment at the end of March 1898 was Rs. 14,932.

Compaliory procossan
29. The following table shows the difficalty experienced in collecting the revenue:-

| Year. |  | Number of <br> Villages. | Nnmber of <br> notices | Namber <br> of distraint <br> cases. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1895-96$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 81 | .820 | 25 |
| $1896-97$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 92 | 1,286 | 89 |
| $1897-98$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 93 | 2,647 | 273 |

30. A reference to the revision reports of Gajarat will indicate that both in regard to notices and the number of distraint cases the talluka under report shows an unusually high number. Of course the above comparison cannot be accepted as quite accurate, inasmuch as the years differ in all cases, and it has been already pointed out how the past fow monsoons have proved unusually unfavoursble in Ankleshwar. At the same time daring the identical period there was not a single case of distraint in the adjoining taluka of Broach.
31. The carrent maximum rates in Ankleshwar were based on the rates fixed for Original Settlement. Olpad and Broach (vide paragraph 91 of the original report). I have already pointed out in my Broach Revision Report (paragraph 49) how in the case of Broach the effect of the high-pitched maximum rates was very materially modified by the application of reducing distance scales. The same process was adopted in the talnka under report, but not to such an extent as in Broach. The net inorease on Government lands was Rs. 57,000 (vide paragraph 112 of the original report).
32. From the statistics farnished in the foregoing pages it will have been gathered that the taluka under report has not prospered during the currency of the existing settlement. The southern villages-
4th and 5th groaps-are the greatest suffereas. The
Proponed maximam ratee those comprised in the proposed 4th and 5th groaps-are the greatest sufferear The
condition of the people of these villages is wretched and the appearance of the villages is condition of the people of these villages is wretched and the appearance of the villages is
far from being satisfactory. Many houses are shat ap and falling into decay, as the residents have left to search for livelihood elsewhere. Small as the population is, the labouring classes cross the Narmada, in search of employment as early as December and proceed to the northern tsklakas to assist in the harvesting of leng and jowari. Another proof of the unsuitability of assessment in the southern portion of the talnka is funnished by the fact that during the currency of the existing settlement the tenure of four bliagdent villages has boon convertod into ordinary bighoti; and petitions from the bhagderes of four
other villages are under consideration. Besides, several bhags have passed inta 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 foll of kankar (lime nodules), stiff clay in water-logged villages and soil showing considerable amount of saline efflorescence on the surface are all classed at about 14 annas uniformly with the productive soil of the more favourably situated villages. Taking all these facta into consideration I am respectfully of opinion that in the southern villages the current rates are high and require a substantial decrease. I am aware of the fact that most of the Government land is virtaally in the hands of the sávkars. At the same time it is true that of late years the savkars have paid not an inconsiderable share of the land revenne without having been fully compensated by the tenant. Many small savkars are said to have been thas rained.
33. At the original settlement, the talaka under report was divided into four gronps. I have added another by separating those villages which are low-lying and water-logged into a fifth group. The following statement shows the original and proposed groaping 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 groap 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 betreen the villages of the original third and foarth groups, 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 fourth having been transferred to make up my fifth end last group.
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 Rs. 10,000 in the total results, and as mach as about Rs. 1,000 in individual cases, I have thought proper to add a column showing the approximate result of the application of distance scales, which are calculated according to the population of each village :-

| By Former Sarvey. |  |  |  |  | By Revision Survey. |  |  |  |  | Increase or decrease after the applicationof distance scalen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group. | Number of villages. | Maximan rate. | Area. | dsseasment. | Group. | Nomber of villagea. | Marimum rate. | Area. | Atsossment. |  |
| I ... | $14\left\{\begin{array}{r}18 \\ 1\end{array}\right.$ |  | Acres. $9,768$ | Rs. 60,068 | 1 ... | 18 | Ra. 6 6 | $\underset{8,763}{\text { Acres. }}$ | $\underset{60,161}{\mathbf{R s}_{1}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{s}_{0}} \\ & +\mathbf{3 8 1} \end{aligned}$ |
| II | 1 | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 8 \\ 6 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,060 \\ & 9,907 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,105 \\ 46,041 \end{array}$ | II ... | 7 | 68 | 10,958 | 50,170 | -2,471 |
|  |  |  | 10,967 | 50,148 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| III | 38 ${ }^{28} 5$ | \} 58 | 27,787 | 1,10,585 | 1 II ... | 28 | 50 | 27,724 | 1,11,841 | -2,862 |
| IV . $\quad . .0$ | $49\left\{\begin{array}{l}84 \\ 15\end{array}\right.$ | $\} 50$ | 85,206 | 1,40,216 | IV ... | 34 | 48 | 35,200 | 1,27,246 | $-3,735$ |
| IV | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 16 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 5 & 8 \\ 5 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,647 \\ 18,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18,887 \\ & 51,421 \end{aligned}$ | V ... | 20 | 40 | 17,684 | 60,765 | -1,837 |
|  |  |  | 17,647 | 70,268 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total . $\quad$ - | 108 | $\cdots$ | 101,325 | 4,81,232 | Total. | 108 | ** | 101,269 | 4,10,173 | -10,024 |

86. It will be observed that the proposals result in a deoresse of Rs, 31,000 or $7 \cdot 2$ per cent. of the carrent 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 substantial reduction.
87. The decrease of assessment in most of the villages is due to the lowering of $\Delta$ ppendir $Q$. maximum rates. The application of distance scale will cause a decrease of about Rs. 400 each in Diwa Hora Páti 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 ; Rs. 700 in Katpor No. 55 ; and in increase of about Rs. 700 in MKndwa Bajrag No. 13.
88. I propose to adopt the same meximum rates for rice as those proposed for jarayat Bice. 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 táluka 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 oultivators-but will also improve the defective watersupply 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 táluka under report.
The following settlement shows the realizations of the annual auction sales of bhatha lands:-

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Serial } \\ \text { No. in } \\ \text { sppendix } \\ \text { Q } \end{gathered}$ | Village. |  | Average of 8 years ending July 1898. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | A.cres. | Rs. |
| 4 | Haripara | ... | 304 | 938 |
| 10 | Andáda .... | . | 168 | 683 |
| 11 | Chápara - ... | - | 76 | 867 |
| 13 | Mandwa Bujrag | ... | 215 | 5,927 |
| 18 | Sajod ... | -* | 139 | 87 |
| 19 | Hánsot ... | ... | 1,229 | 861 |
| 21 | Páedi Ambheta | ... | 322 | 249 |
| 26 | Ganpatpara ... | ... | 521 | 385 |
| 27 | Mándwa Matied | ... | 1,283 | 1,067 |
| 64 | Ambheta . ... | ... | 405 | 815 |
|  | Katpor .e.* | ... | 90 | 46 |
|  |  | Total | 4,752 | 11,420 |


42. On the whole, the bhátha of Ankleshwar is poorer than that of Broach. Chápara and Mándwe Bujrag are exceptions. They receive fresh rich silt every year and grow luxuriant crops of tobacco which finds a ready sale in this and the adjoining district of Surat. Most of the poorer quality of bhatha is flooded by the salt waters of the Narmada and is usefal only for grazing. The Hansot reclamation project, which has been started aa a famine relief work, will improve the bhátha between Ganpatpara and Hánsot. A large area of this land has been classed at a low rate on account of the salt deposited by the floods. The soil is of good quality and will be easily. reclaimed. It will grow rice, jowari and cotton, and will have to be reclassed if the reclamation project prove successfal.
43. It will be seen from the following statement that I have not changed the carrent rates on bhátha lands. It will be remembered that in the case of the bhatthe land of Brosch I have proposed an increase, as it is on the whole superior in point of fertility to the allavial deposits of Ankleshwar.
44. The following statement compares the result of the application of rates on bhátha lands:-

45. In the talnke under report, kacha or vada lands are allowed free of assessment ap to 10 gunthas. I would therefore recommend that the existing
Vadan vadas may be continued to the holders free of assessment up to 10 gunthas.
46. The nsual reservation to Government of teak, sandalwood and blackwood trees Trees. will be declared at the time of announcing the rates. Other trees growing in occupied land belong to the occupants.
47. In conclasion I have the honoar to recommend that Guarantee. the rates, if sanctioned, may be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
P. R. MEHTA, M.R.A.C., Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gajaráto
Through W. S. Cole, Esquire, Depaty Superintendent, Gajarát Revenue Surveg.

No. 18 or 1900.
Surat, 191k Jawnary 1300.
Forwarded to the Collector of Brosch with compliments,

W. SCOTT COLE,<br>Depaty Superintendent, Revenue Survey,<br>Gujarat.

Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Ankleshwar, District Broach, for the yoars 1888 to 1897.

| Yes. |  | Early Rain thet January to 10th $\Delta$ Apri). |  | Ante-Monsoon (11th April to sth June) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monsoon Khart } \\ & \text { (6th Jone to } 1 \text { dth } \\ & \text { Anguat). } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monsoon Rabu } \\ & \text { (15ths Auguat to } \\ & \text { 2lat October). } \end{aligned}$ |  | Late Rains (2sind Ootober to 31ak Deeember). |  | Total. |  | Eryarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Fall. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raing } \\ \text { days. } \end{gathered}$ | Fall. | Raing | Fall. | $\frac{\text { Rainy }}{\text { deyj. }}$ | Pall | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \frac{\text { Ralng }}{} \\ \text { dayd. } \end{array}$ | Fall. | $\frac{\text { Rainy }}{\text { dayy. }}$ | Fall. | Raloy |  |
|  |  | Inches. | No. | Incher. | No. | Inchea. | No. | Inchas. | No. | Incheo. | No. | Inçees. | No. |  |
| 1888 | $\cdots \cdots \infty$ | 0.28 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 10.25 | 18 | 4.03 | 6 | 0.62 | 1 | 15.13 | 23 | Rainfall mach below avorage. Kharif rain favourable in the beginning but scanty at end of July. August rain beneficial and prospects generally improved. September-Ootober rain was almost sbsent and all crops suffered. The cyclonic storms in November were, however, mont opportune and gave relief. Season fair on the whole. |
| 1889 | $\cdots$ | 0.05 | $\cdots$ | 088 | 2 | 28.96 | 28 | 6.90 | 11 | '17 | '.' | 30779 | 41 | Fall below arernge. Bowing rain sufficient. August rain favourable though allghtly injuriout to young bejjri and cotton which had to be resown in places September rain deficient for rice. October rain good for otanding kbarif as well as for rabi oultivation. Season on the whole very good and cotton yielded a bumper crop. |
| 1890 | ** ** | ..* | -* | 1.51 | 1 | $25 \cdot 64$ | 80 | 6.85 | 10 | $\cdots$ | -* | 83.00 | 41 | Rain below average. Sowing rain seasonable and anfflient. Joly rain, though light, foll at seasonable intervale. August rair beneficial to standing cropa thoagh lnsufficient for rice, especially in Ankleahwar. Rain in September very neeful to kharif oropa and for rabi sowings. Very little rain fell subsequantly and rabi crops suffered from want of moistare. Kharif outtorn fair. Beason on the whole fair. |
| 1892 | $\cdots \cdots$ | "• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 48.10 | 24 | 18.49 | 14. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 61.59 | 88 | Rainfell above arerage. Sowing rain favourables, Cyolonic rain at ond of July injurious necessitating resowing in places. The bresk that followed was valuable for resowing and for growth of oropa. September rain measonable and usefal, No sain fell afterwarda. Seamon favourable on the whole. |
| 1892 | $\cdots \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.17 | 1 | 19.76 | 25 | 1715 | 20 | 100 | 1 | 38.08 | 47 | Fajl upto average. Sowing rain usefal. Auguat rain being seasonably relieved by short breaks at intervale, proved very beneficial to standing cropa. Rain in September alightly excessive for crops reudy for harvesto Reaping of kharif and sowing of rabi was carried on favourably during October. On the whole season good. |
| 1898 | $\cdots \cdots$ | 0.11 | $\cdots$ | 0.26 | 1 | 86.98 | 30 | 5.98 | 10 | 0.98 | . 8 | 44:31 | 44 | Rain exceeded the average Sowing rain too heavy. Break following too thort and on it supervened another burst of heavy rain. After a nseful break a seasonable fall came late in August. September fall light but usefal. Rabi crops were favoured by the light rains of Ootober and November, but standing kharif would have done better without it. Rabi cropa saffered from clondy weather in Febroary and March. |
| 1804 |  | 0.12 | 1 | $\cdots$ | 4 | 88.81 | 82 | $15 \cdot 49$ | 17 | 8.82 1.08 | 4 | 59.23 | 54 |  |
| 1895 |  | ."• | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 23:87 | 35 | $4 \cdot 60$ | 12 | 1.08 | 1 | 29.05 | 48 | Fall mach below average. Sowiog rain timely and sufticient. August rain beneficial to kharif as well for rabipreparations. Conditions changed in September, the fall being very insufficient for all orops, specially rice and rabi sowing: Normal rain of Uctober, though too late for rice, was useful for other kharif crops and rabi peedlingg. No rain afterwardo. |
| 1896 | $\cdots \quad \cdots \quad \cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 53.60 | 88 | 4.55 | 8 | 0.25 | 1 | 58.40 | 47 | Rain far exceeded the average. Sowing rain sufficient but the extraordinary heavy fall of July rotted cotton and other crops and all tillage opprations wers at a atandstill. The break in the second balf of August was very usefal to standing kherif crops and for resowings of cotton and til. September rain very deficient for resown crops and for rabi sowings, No rsin in October and kharif crops anffered. Light showers of Nevember and December were beneficial to rabi crops. |
| 1887 | -0* ... $\cdot \cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | 28•27 | 29 | 16.64 | 28 | -* | $\cdots$ | 88.81 | 55 | Rein above average. Sowing rain inguffleient in the beginoing. Retarded eowinge were made in July. F'alir of august and September good and orops flourished. October rain also seabonable and useful. No rain afterwards and rabi crops suffered. Heary showers in Febraary did some good. |
|  | Average ... | 0.05 | . ${ }$ | 0.28 | 1 | 29.97 | 29 | 9.26 | 18 | 1:88 | 1 | 40.84 | 44 |  |


| ralika． | crora－montinued． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Pulsemenonsmud． |  |  |  | Orchard and Garden |  |  |  | Drakrand |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{8}{8} \\ & \frac{1}{6} \\ & \text { y } \\ & \frac{8}{3} \\ & \frac{8}{6} \\ & \frac{0}{2} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | ontreedr． |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fibreas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 | ${ }^{23}$ | ${ }^{29}$ | 80 | ${ }^{91}$ | 88 | ${ }^{23}$ | 4 | ${ }_{85}$ | ${ }_{88}$ | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{88}$ | ${ }^{89}$ | $\infty$ | 41 | ${ }^{4}$ | 43 | 4 | 45 | 46 | 4 | 48 | 40 | s0 | 61 | ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | ${ }^{6}$ | ${ }^{6}$ |
| －${ }^{\text {Average }}$ ．．．．．． | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Aores. } \\ 771 \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Acrosa. } \\ e 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acreco. } \\ \mathbf{2}, 088 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Aoreses } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | \| Aores. $220$ | Acrea. ® | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Acras } \\ 128 \end{array}$ | A Areal s46 | Acroos， | －＂ | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { Acroa } \\ \text { o4s } \end{array}\right\|$ | Acros． <br> ${ }^{6}$ | Aoren． <br> 2，811 | Aores． | ${ }^{\text {Aoraes }}$ | Aorent | ．．． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aorese. } \\ \mathbf{8}, 045 \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Aores | A0ree． | ${ }^{\text {Aoresen }}$ | ${ }_{\text {Stasem }}$ | Aoren． | $\cdots$ | ．． |
|  | 0.28 | 0.08 | 237 | 4.98 | 0.19 | ．．． | $0 \cdot 11$ | 0.30 | $0 \cdot 80$ | － | $0 \cdot 80$ | 000 | 0.08 | 243 | ．．＂ | $0 \cdot 16$ | $\cdots$ |  | 880 | ．．． | $40 \cdot 46$ | ．．． | 4640 | 0.02 | 100 | ．． | ＂＇ |

APPENDIX D．．
Details of Population according to Occupation by Percentages in the Ankleshwar Taluka．

| agbioulnural Population． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nom－aghominozat Popunation． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having Interest in Land． |  |  |  |  | Labourera |  |  |  | 窇 |  | \％ |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 品 } \\ & \stackrel{4}{0} \end{aligned}$ | 帝 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 ） | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| 1．35 | 15．4s | 6.29 | 6.19 | $29 \cdot 18$ | $5 \cdot 30$ | 16．46 | 20.78 | 49.95 | 9.66 | 19．81 | 21.28 | 50.05 |
| APPENDIX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Details of Population according to Religion and Education．


APPENDIX F．
Slatement showing the Agricultwral Stock of the Government Villages in the Ankleshwar Taluka of the Broach Collectorato．


## APPENDIX G.

Stalement of Shops, Looms, Temples, etc., and average Births, Dealhs and Vaccinatios.


APPENDIX H.
Statement of Schools togetherivith their average Attendance in the year 1837.98.


APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the Proportion of Government Occupied and Inam Lands cultivated by Occupants and Sub-tenants, etc., in the yoar.


APPENDIX J.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tank and other sources of Water-supply in the Government Villages of the Anldeshwar Taluka of the Broach Collectorate for the years 1891-92 and 1896-97.


## APPENDIX K.

An Abstract Statement showing Ordinary Sales,


An Abstract Statement showing Sales by Deeree of.Court in the Government Villages of the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach Collectorate.


## APPENDIX L.

An Abstract Statement showing Simple Mortgages.

| Class of cases aocording to the number of times the surveg Assesement for which Land is sold。 | Number of Cases. | Total Acres Mortgaged. | Total Asseammenta | Aversge liate of Assensment per Acre, | Total Sum for which Mortgaged. | Average Rate $p$ Acre for which Mortgaged | Average Number of times the Sarvey Assessment for which Mortgagel. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Total | 62 | Acrea. $368 \cdot 4$ | Ra 1,654 | Ra. as p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. $24 . p$ |  |
|  | 26 | 368.4 89.27 | 1,654 892 | 4711 | $\begin{array}{lll}9,839 & 8 & 0 \\ 5,330 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{crrr}26 & 11 & 8 \\ 69 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ | $5 \cdot 87$ 18.59 |
|  | 4 | $11 \cdot 15$ | co 8 | 470 | 1,537 00 | 135111 | 80.48 |
|  | 2 | $1 \cdot 18$ | 68 | 478 | 354 0 | 2442 | $64 \cdot 46$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | ***... | ...... | -asoen |  |  | ...o.* |
|  | 84 | 470*24 | 2,108 8 | 476 | 17,081 00 | 8640 | $8 \cdot 11$ |

## APPENDIX L(a).

An Abstract Statement showing Mortgages with Possession.

| Class of casea according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | Namber of cases. | Total Acres mortgazed. | Total Assesment. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { rate of } \\ \text { Assessamont } \\ \text { per Acre. } \end{gathered}$ | Total sum for which mortgaged. | $\Delta$ verage rate per Aure for whioh mortgaged.' | Average number of times the Survey Ascessment for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class 1.- 1 to 10 times ... | 64 | Aores, 804.25 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { n } & \text { pu } \\ 1,218 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p } \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 7,845 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 25 & 12 & 0 \end{array}$ | 6.48 |
| \% II.- 11 to 25 | 27 | 145.0 | 67910 | 31510 | 0,008 00 | 6215 | 15.54 |
| $\because 1 I I .-26$ to $50 \quad 1 \quad \cdots$ | 9 | 10.25 | 61140 | 325 | 1,827 00 | 9316 | $29 \cdot 52$ |
| , $\quad V .-101$ to 150 |  | ....* | \%... | 23.45 | .atioi | + ......* | *...* |
| Total ... | 100 | 469•10 | 1,859 70 | 3145 | 18,675 120 | 39129 | 10.06 |

## APPENDIX M.

An Abstract Statement showing Sub-lettings.


## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Ankleshwar Táluka from 1866-67 to 1897.99.


## APPENDIX 0.

Revenue Statement for Government Villages, situated in the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach Collectorate into whech the Survey Settlement was introduced in $1870-71$.
[The years above the bluck line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


Effect of Revision Sttlement Proposals

on Government Occupied Lamd.




|  | Name of Village． | By Fomuri Stmpay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Raximum Rated． |  | Dry－crop． |  |  | －Rico． |  |  | Bhathan |  |  | Total． |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 串 | 蕒 | 先 | 宽 |  |  | 稁 | 宮 | 免 | $\frac{8}{4}$ |  | 产 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 17 |
| ${ }^{-58}$ | Growy IT－contd． Wamleshwar ．．． | 17 | Rs． 2. 60 | R\＆．a ．．．．． | actes． 7.12 | Re． <br> 3，034 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Res．as } \\ 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 2\end{array}$ | Acres． | 8s． | Re，a，p． | Acrea | Bn． | Raf．a．p． | Acres． <br> 729 | R8． | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re．a．p } \\ 4 & 7\end{array}$ |
| 87 | Kantiajal | IV | 50 | $\cdots$ | 017 | 2，403 | 2117 | 64 | 432 | 0120 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 881 | 2，880 | 2150 |
| 58 | Samli ．．． | 1v | 60 | ＊＊＊＊ | 639 | 2，408 | 3123 | 37 | 250 | 700 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 678 | 2，635 | 3151 |
| 59 | Jetpor ．．．．．． | Iv | 60 | ．．．．．． | 654 | 1，958 | 887 | 25 | 174 | 6154 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 679 | 2，132 | 810 Ll |
| 63 | Antolwa ．．．．．． | 1v | 50 | ．．．＊＊ | 978 | 3，87＊ | 8156 | 68 | 64； | 8105 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | 1，139 | 4，419 | 41 |
| 81 | Dhamrad ．．．．．． | Iv | 50 | $\cdots$ | 1，580 | 5，188 | 405 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ＊＊ | 1，280 | 5，169 | 405 |
| 62 | Wadhwin ．o．．．． | 17 | 80 | m．．． | 1，919 | 5，271 | 31511 | 21 | 151 | 8 812 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，360 | 8，453 | 412 |
| 63 | Dantrai ．．．．．． | Iv | 50 | ．．．．．＊ | 801 | 3，638 | 437 | 39 | 208 | 7103 | ．． | － | ．．． | 900 | 8，934 | 4511 |
| 64 | Chbllodra m ．．． | IV | 80 | ．．．．．． | 701 | 2，955 | 435 | 3 | 18 | 600 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 704 | 2，978 | $48 \%$ |
| 85 | Boholav ．．．．．． | Iv | 50 | ．．．．．． | 775 | 3，833 | 4110 | 11 | 85 | 7118 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 786 | 9，717 | 6118 |
| 68 | Malanpor ．．．．．． | IV | 50 | ．．．＊＊ | 1，607 | 4，058 | 407 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | 1，007 | $4{ }_{4} 18$ | 407 |
| 67 | Alladra | IV | B 0 | ．．．．．＊ | 533 | 2，244 | 436 | 9 | 76 | B 71 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $5 \$ 1$ | 23：0 | 4.7 |
| 88 | Belota ．．．．．． | İ | 50 | ．．．．．． | 1，680 | 8，978 | ． 3140 | 2 | 13 | 680 | ＊． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，67 | 8，880 | 3140 |
| 60 | miky ．．．．．． | IV | 60 | $\cdots$ | 2，309 | 0，018 | 3148 | 79 | 556 | 768 | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 2，387 | 0，694 | 404 |
| 70 | Shabol－$\quad$ ． | IV | 50 | ．．．．＊＊ | 000 | 3，027 | 407 | 31 | 280 | 7114 | ＊＇ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ${ }^{231}$ | 3，86E | 425 |
| 7 | Askrm ．．．．．． | IV | 50 | $\cdots$ | 972 | 4，144 | 448 | 13 | 125 | 9810 | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 936 | 4，209 | 454 |
| 72 | OUhs ．．．．． | IV | 10 | ＊＊．． | 1，880 | 8，112 | 433 | 14 | 108 | 788 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，044 | 8，218 | 438 |
| 79 | Suner Khard ．．． | IV | 50 | － | 1，024 | 4，499 | 484 | 33 | 210 | 6102 | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，057 | 4，718 | 476 |
| 75 | Rácma ．＂．．． | IV | 50 | ＂＇＊＊ | 678 | 2，916 | 3138 | ．．． | ．．． | ＊＊ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．． | 270 | 2，815 | \＄ 138 |
| 75 | Waber in ．．． | Iv | 50 | mo．． | 1，587 | 6，120 | 3158 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，5¢7 | 8，120 | 3138 |
| 78 | Amratpurs．．． | IV | 50 | ＂＊ | 808 | 1，102 | 2138 | 8 | 13 | 680 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | brs | 1，415 | 21911 |
| 77 | Uchall－．． | IV | 60 | $\ldots$ | 008 | 2，100 | 306 | 9 | 75 | 854 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 705 | 2，189 | 317 |
| 78 | Kardivel ．．．． | IV | 60 | ．．．．＂ | 1，360 | 4.296 | 370 | 3 | 20 | 6108 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，273 | 4，815 | 371 |
| 78 | A wadar ：$\quad .$. | IV | 50 | 00 | 738 | 3，348 | 3 3． 8 | 20 | 147 | 757 | 7 | 84 | 938 | 780 | 2，654 | 359 |
| 80 | Plprod ．．．．．． | Iv | 50 | 60 | 438 | 1，452 | 368 | 4 | 96 | 900 | 93 | 213 | 6106 | 488 | 1，701 | 3102 |
| 81 | Pardi Makha ．．． | 17 | 150 | ．．．$*$ | 388 | 1，100 | 80 | 1 | 2 | 200 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 383 | 1，162 | 308 |
| 82 | Shougpur ．．．．．． | IV | 60 | 6.0 | 1，768 | 5，867 | 386 | 108 | 870 | 928 | 19 | 87 | 814 | 1，871 | 7，034 | 8182 |
|  | Total of Grimp IV． | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | ＊＊＊＊ | S4，357 | 1，38，688 | 3148 | 788 | 8，259 | 7134 | 61 | 974 | 754 | 35，208 | 1，00，216 | \＄159 |
|  | Group $F$ ， |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83 | Hajat ．．．．．． | III | 58 | ＊＊＊＊ | 787 | 8，168 | 404 | 44 | 34 | 7151 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ＊＊ | 831 | 3，510 | 437 |
| 85 | Tolwn ．．．．．． | III | 58 | ．．．＂＊ | 690 | 2，858 | 438 | 10 | 87 | 8112 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | 690 | 2，043 | \＆ 6 |
| 65 | Plludra mo ．．． | III | 68 | ＊＊．．． | 1，092 | 4，057 | 31411 | 18 | 7 | 6148 | ．． | i．． | $\cdots$ | 1，044 | 4.128 | $4 \mathrm{LS}_{3}$ |

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pom-continued.




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

Showing drea of Villagos for Sotilement with Details.


APPENDIX $Q^{(1)-c o n t i n u e d . ~}$

|  | Name of Villaga． | Former TAALika． | By Formerir Eubity． |  |  |  |  | Bx Reyibion Subviy． |  |  |  |  |  | Remarks |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Government Ameesed Land． |  |  |  |  | Government Angessed Land． |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Unooc wa | pied e. |  |  |  | Unoc wa |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{6} \\ & \frac{1}{2} \\ & \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 㡙 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 免 } \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | 曹 采 要 |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 15 |
|  | Group $I V$ ． |  | Acres． | Acres， | A ${ }^{\text {ares．}}$ | Acres， | Rs． | Acres． | Acres． | Acres， | Acres． | Rs． |  |  |
| 49 | Kalam ．．．．．． |  | 1，104 | 69 | 742 | ， | ． | 1，104 | 69 | 742 | 1 | $\cdots$ | 224 |  |
| 50 | Alwa ．．．．．． |  | 988 | 41 | 735 | 13 | 47 | 988 | 44 | 733 | 13 | 43 | 167 |  |
| 51 | Sken ．．．．．． |  | 2，644 | 489 | 1，060 | 1 | 8 | 2，645 | 486 | 1，064 | 1 | 3 | 631 |  |
| 52 | Eadodra ．．．． |  | 1，143 | 343 | 688 | 16 | 42 | 1，142 | 84.4 | 687 | 36 | 41 | 352 |  |
| 58 | Wánsnoli ．．．．．． |  | 696 | 235 | 388 | 7 | 31. | 698 | 240 | 390 | 2 | 7 | 145 |  |
| 54 | Amblueta ．．． |  | 2，867 | 1，220 | 828 | 123 | 532 | 2，369 | 1，382 | 829 | 11 | 87 | 638 |  |
| 55 | Katpor ．． |  | 13，338 | 8，887 | 3，213 | 566 | 1，329 | 13，326 | 9，351 | 3，201 | 104 | 211 | 1，331 |  |
| 56 | Wamleshwar ．．． |  | 2，897 | 1，462 | 723 | 94 | 368 | 2，395 | 1，547 | 714 | 16 | 81 | 397 |  |
| 67 | Kantiajal $\quad$ ．．． |  | 6，411 | 5，262 | 981 | 102 | 242 | 6，412 | 5，286 | 987 | 78 | 91 | 644 |  |
| 58 | Samli ．．．．．． |  | J，246 | 413 | 676 | 5 | 18 | 1，247 | 419 | 678 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 661 |  |
| 59 | Jetpor ．．0．$\quad$ ．．． |  | 983 | 288 | 579 | － |  | 983 | 287 | 580 | ． | － | 159 |  |
| co | Ankglvá ．．． |  | 2，672 | 1，442 | 1，039 | $58^{\circ}$ | 184 | 2，672 | 1，444 | 1，038 | 52 | 156 | 314 |  |
| 61 | Ehamrid ．．．．． |  | 2，672 | 596 | 1，289 | 224 | 504 | 8，573 | 601 | 1，289 | 220 | 526 | 541 |  |
| 62 | Wadhwan．．． |  | 1，859 | 140 | 1，340 |  | $\cdots$ | 1，660 | 136 | 1，345 | － |  | 331 |  |
| 63 | Dantrai ．．．．．． |  | 1，299 | 243 | 900 | 60 | 184 | 1，300 | 248 | 900 | 66 | 157 | 296 |  |
| 64 | Chhilodrá ．．．．． |  | 1，205 | 858 | 704 | 7 | 17 | 1，205 | 861 | 704 | 5 | 11 | 334 |  |
| 65 | Boholdy ．．．．．．． | YAnkleshwar ． | 1，045 | 70 | 786 | 19 | 66. | 1，044 | 69 | 788 | 19 | 59 | 313 |  |
| 66 | Málanpor ．．．．．． |  | 1，264 | 128 | 1，007 | 28 | 42 | 1，266 | 129 | 1，003 | 22 | 88 | 252 |  |
| 67 | Aliadra ．．．．． |  | 909 | 50 | 541 | 8 | 8 | 908 | 49 | 541 | 2 | 8 | 286 |  |
| 68 | Balota ．．．．． |  | 3，254 | 1，313 | 1，57］ | 44 | 125 | 3，254 | 1，317 | 1，571 | 40 | 84. | 619 |  |
| 69 | Ilav ．．．．．． |  | 3，510 | 606 | 2，387 | 31 | 69 | 3，512 | 584 | 2，410 | 30 | 65 | 2，086 |  |
| 70 | Shahol $\quad .$. |  | 1，292 | 186 | 931 | 4 | 14. | 1，297 | 199 | 933 | 4 | 14 | 488 |  |
| 71 | Asarma ．．．．． |  | 1，384 | 115 | 985 | 97 | 285 | 1，384 | 115 | 985 | 97 | 265 | 423 |  |
| 72 | Obhá |  | 2，453 | 211 | 1，944 | 91 | 273 | 2，452 | 209 | 7，942 | 94 | 242 | 884 |  |
| 73 | Sunevkharad 0 |  | 1，831 | 101 | 1，057 | 1 | 1 | 1，825 | 196 | 1，057 | 1 | 1 | 766 |  |
| 74 | Ráemá ．．．． |  | 1，666 | 064 | 579 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，666 | 560 | 582 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 880 |  |
| 75 | Wáner ．． 0 －$\quad$. |  | 2，818 | 192 | 1，559 | $\because$ | ＇$\cdot$ | 2，822 | 196 | 1，587 | － 3 | 5 | 700 |  |
| 76 | Auratpura－o． |  | ${ }^{6} 71$ | 16 | 504 | 34 | 51. | 571 | 16 | 604 | 34 | 53 | 113 |  |
| 77 | Ucháli ．．．．． |  | 1，117 | 288 | 705 | 18 | 86 | 1，121 | 267 | 683 | 12 | 25 | 389 |  |
| 78 | Karalvel＊＊．．． |  | 1，778 | 230 | 1，258 | 216 | 597 | 1，779 | 285 | 1，249 | 216 | 622 | 504 |  |
| 79 | Avádar ．．．．．． |  | 1，164 | 184. | 760 | 124 | 358 | 1，214 | 192 | 757 | 120 | 298 | 391 |  |
| 80 81 |  |  | 637 | 63 83 | 468 385 | 73 | 226 | 638 | 64 | 473 | 70 40 | 165 | 163 |  |
| 82 | Shengpur ．．． |  | 8，344 | ${ }_{360}$ | 1，871 | 641 | 1，623 | 8，346 | 360 | 385 1,871 | 641 | 1，510 | 1，314 |  |
|  | Total of Group IV． | ．${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 73，285 | 26，108 | 85，206 | 2，781 | 7，452 | 78，341 | 26，887 | 35，201 | 2，011 | 4，835 | 17，357 |  |
|  | Group V． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83 | Haját ．．．．．． |  | 1，351 | 109 | 831 |  |  | 1，352 | 119 | 820 | 3 | 10 | 329 |  |
| 84 | Tolwe ．．．．．． |  | 932 | 42 | 690 | 22 | 91. | 935 | 51 | 688 | 19 | 71 | 195 |  |
| 85 | Piludra ．．．．．． |  | 1，661 | 101 | 1，044 | 109 | 355 | 1，659 | 108 | 1，045 | 107 | 301 | 352 |  |
| 86 | Adol $\quad . .$. |  | 2，411 | 181 | 1，087 | 87 | 223 | 2，41］ | 189 | 1，038 | 85 | 216 | 607 |  |
| 87 | Aloj $\quad . .$. |  | 1，399 | 98 | 1，045 | 16 | 45 | 1，401 | 99 | 1，044 | 18 | 39 | 396 |  |
| 88 | Motwan ．．．．．． |  | 1，061 | 59 | 703 | 18 | 60 | 1，062 | 58 | 704 | 18 | 50 | 242 |  |
| 89 | Rohid $\ldots$ |  | 1，537 | 124 | 1，015 | 15 | 35 | 1，537 | 126 | 1，015 | 13 | 22 | 519 |  |
| 90 | Párdi Edris ．．． |  | 1，832 | 132 | 867 | c5 | 193） | 1，834 | 136 | 865 | 65 | 177 | 448 |  |
| 91 | Katbodra ．．．．．． |  | 1，280 | 142 | 710 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1，280 | 146 | 710 | ， | $\cdots$ | 282 |  |
| 92 | Adadra ．．． |  | 911 | 62 | 676 | 1 | 11 | 911 | 61 | 677 | 1 | 1 | 240 |  |
| 93 | Ghudadra ．．．．． | Ankleshwar ． | 1，620 | 218 | 692 | 57 | 141 | 1，619 | 223 | 691 | 56 | 147 | 433 |  |
| 94 | Pandwá ．．． |  | 971 | 62 | 438 | 1 | 2 | 970 | 62 | 432 | 1 | 2 | 261 |  |
| 95 | $\mathbf{A}^{\prime} \mathrm{mod}$ |  | 722 | 51 | 422 | 8 | 11 | 792 | 51 | 423 | $\beta$ | 10 | 187 |  |
| 96 | Kharach ．．．．． |  | 1，805 | 325 | 669 | 498 | 1，072 | 1，804 | 125 | 669 | 493 | 288 | 619 |  |
| 97 98 | Pánjroli Dapgra an |  | $\begin{array}{r}1,487 \\ \hline 958\end{array}$ | 287 43 | 660 823 | 16 | 57 | 1,487 958 | 286 | 681 | 16 | 46 | 576 |  |
| 99 |  |  | 3，605 | 232 | 2，010 | \％0 | 255 | 3，603 | 236 | 2，006 | 69 | 211 | 825 |  |
| 100 | Kudadra ．．．．．． |  | 1，173 | 95 | 666 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1，173 | 96 | ， 668 | ．．． | －＊ | 273 |  |
| 101 | Parwat ．．．．．． |  | 1，376 | 139 | 1，041 | $\cdots$ | ． | 1，877 | 140 | 1，041 | $\ldots$ | … | 482 |  |
| 102 | Suner Kala ．． |  | 2，959 | 109 | 1，610 | 88 | 116 | 2，969 | 109 | 1，610 | 88 | 91 | 686 |  |
|  | Total of Group V． | －00．．． | 81，551 | 2，411 | 17，647 | 1，012 | 2，657 | 31，554 | 2，460 | 17，025 | 1，005 | 2，382 | 8，077 |  |
|  | Grand Total ．．． | ．．． | 183，782 | 42，023 | 101，825 | 6，025 | 18，208 | 184，518 | 48，817 | 101，269 | 5，042 | 12，410 | 68，887 |  |

## APPENDIX $Q^{(2)}$ ．

Comparative statement showing amount of old well Kasar and new sulsoil water assessment．

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
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\begin{aligned}
\& \text { 安 } \\
\& \text { 曷 } \\
\& \text { • }
\end{aligned}
\]} \& \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Name of Viliage．} \& \multicolumn{11}{|c|}{Subboll watrr asbesimisit．} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} \\
\hline \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Original well Kasar.} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Dry－crop－} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{New rico．} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Old rice} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Bhátha．} \& \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Total．\({ }^{\text {．}}\)} \& \\
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\frac{0}{4}
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年 \& 啚 \& 安 \&  \& 萝 \& 呂 \& \\
\hline 1 \& 2 \& 8 \& 4 \& 5 \& 6 \& 7 \& 8 \& 9. \& 10 \& 11 \& 12 \& 18 \& 14 \\
\hline 1 \& Ankleshwar ．．．\(\quad .\). \& \(23^{*}\) \& Agres．
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71
\] \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Rs． \\
80
\end{tabular} \& Acres 6 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Rs． \\
11
\end{tabular} \& Acrea， 14 \& Rs，

26 \& Acres． \& Rs

．．． \& | Acres， |
| :---: |
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| 83 | \& B．

127 \& ＋702 <br>
\hline 3 \& Pungam ．．．.. \& 32 \& ＊－ \& $\bigcirc$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& ＊＊ \& ． 0 \& ＋12．56 <br>
\hline 5 \& Diva Rajput Páti ．．． \& 48＊ \& 465 \& 463 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ．． \& ．．＇ \& 465 \& 468 \& ＋5．71 <br>
\hline 6 \& Diwa Hora Pati ．．． \& $28^{*}$ \& 460 \& 418 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ${ }^{\circ}$ \& $\cdots$ \& － \& $\cdots$ \& 460 \& 413 \& ＋174 <br>
\hline 7 \& Divi ．．．．．．．0．0 \& ．．．＊ \& 141 \& 142 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 17 \& 16 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 158 \& 158 \& ＋3．05 <br>
\hline 8 \& Chorasi ．．．．．． \& 25＊ \& 73 \& 44 \& 14. \& 15 \& 69 \& 60 \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& 156 \& 119 \& ＋1•17 <br>
\hline 9 \& Survadi ．．．．． \& 26 \& 82 \& 43 \& 8 \& 8 \& ：$\cdot$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ．．． \& 85 \& 46 \& $-16.70$ <br>
\hline 10 \& Andtds－－ca ．－ \& 64 \& 87 \& 24 \& 27 \& 21 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 64 \& 45 \& $-7 \cdot 44$ <br>
\hline 11 \& Chhápra ．．．．．． \& 27 \& 18 \& 16 \& $\cdots$ \& ＊ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 18 \& 16 \& －5．21 <br>
\hline 12 \& stmor－．．．．． \& 6 \& 68 \& 87 \& 4 \& 8 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& 72 \& 40 \& －5．40 <br>
\hline 13 \& Msndwa Bujrag ．．． \& 150 \& 841 \& 261 \& 4 \& 3 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ＊＊ \& 345 \& 264 \& －2．43 <br>
\hline 15 \& Pirámau ．．．．．． \& 17 \& 16 \& 9 \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& 7 \& 5 \& ．．． \& $\cdots$ \& 23 \& 14 \& ＋13．60 <br>
\hline 19 \& Hansot ．．．．．．0 \& 8 \& 7 \& 8. \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\because$ \& 9. \& 4 \& －9．10 <br>
\hline 25 \& Utraj－．．．． \& 8 \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ＊＊ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ．． \& －0．08 <br>
\hline 47 \& Sarangpur ．．．．．． \& 28 \& 23. \& 8 \& 8 \& 1 \& 2 \& 1 \& $\cdots$ \& ．． \& 28 \& 10 \& $-3.37$ <br>
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# The SURVEY COMMISSIONNER AND DIRECTOR, LAND_RECORDS AND AGRICOLTURE, Bombay; 

To
The COMMISSIONER, Northern Division.

Pooma, 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 Suryey. The proposals are forwarded, without remarks, by the District officers, in accordance with Government Resolation No. 6057, dated 29th September 1900. The proposals remained some months 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 the talnka 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 $7 \cdot 2$ 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 farther 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 decrease of assessment and to recommend thern to Government for introduction on the expiry of the present period of guarantee, which comes to an end on the 31st July next.'
2. Mr. E. 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 sonthern 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 alleclassed 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 efflorescence. The Deputy 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 should take the form of some remission of the revenue to be assessed at revision settlement. This course was spproved hy the Survey Commissioner (Mr. Fforde), who remarked that the method followed in Ahmedabad District was to have the lands reclassed by a qualified Circle Inspector, and to make remissions of the difference 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 classifioation 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 maximura 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 Rs. $5-8-0$ or Rs. 5 to Rs. 418.0 or Rs. 4. This reduction, however, ouly lowers the average dry-crop assessment from Rs. 3-14-3 to Rs. 3-8-6 the acre in the 4 th group, and from Rs. $3-14-0$ to Rs. $3-5-9$ in the lowest group. In some villages (e.g. No. 76) the average dry-orop assessment is raised. When recently discussing the subject with me, Mr. Melita said be thought the rates in these two groups should be lowered

25 per cent. With a rate of Rs. 3, the average assessment would still be Rs. 2-8-3 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 is advisable 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 Survey cotton has fallen from Rs. 150-200 per bhar to Rss. 60-85. This is of course exaggerated, bat the estimate bears a certain similarity to that made by Colonel Prescott in paragraph 85 of his report on the original settlement: "The average was ...... for 1861-1872, Rs. 1131 a bhar. Dare we assume that the average of the next 30 years will be Rs. 70 per bhar ? ${ }^{3}$. 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 Rs. 59 the bhar, and for the following 30 years Rs. 70 per bhar, and it was arged that a rise of 18 per cent. was thas 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 ráluka daring 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 Rs. 66 in 1897-98 according to Mr. Mehta's figares. In Appendix $N$ 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 1897-98. Thus the price has touched the price which Colonel Prescott took as the average for the 60 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 argament for the 18 per cent. increase cannot be maintained, and an 18 per cent. decrease at the present time wonld not be unreasonable. 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 táluka to propose increases in assessments known to be already high. In paragraph 75, after enumerating the various canses of prosperity, he pleads for a moderate increase, and expresses the opinion that the survey assessment of Gujarat has already been brought ap 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 táluks bas 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 andergoing a corresponding decline, for varions reasons not ailogether unconnected with the deterioration in the quality of what are still called 'Surats', but are really Surats and moch 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 Talaka were conducted 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 ontturn 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 17.76 to 28.81 per cent. and averaged 22.12. The villages bear the same rate as those of the Ankleshvar first groap. In each field rice was subordinato to the cotton. The rice was not tested, but was assumed to produce sufficient to pay the assessment. "It has to be remembered, however, that the practice of fallowing is common in the district and that on an average perbaps 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 ares. 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 cotton in the taluka. Mr. Starmont in 1871 estimated the valne of the outturn at Rs. 37 the acre with cotton at Rs. 112 the bhar (paragraph 72 of the original settlement report. It should be noted that Ra, 7 cannot cover both rent and cost of cultivation). At Rs. 70 the bhar the outtarn would 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 Ankleshvar is inferior to Broach and the practice of fallowing is curtailed by the necessity of raising money. Tuking the outturn at Rs. 24 the acre the assessment should not as a rule exceed Rs. 4.
11. In paragraph 89 of the original report, Colonel Prescott estimates the surver 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 exceed 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 orops. 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 Hansot Mahal. 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 10.01 to $32 \cdot 44$ per cent., averaging $22 \cdot 21$. This is high. In one village, No. 19, Hzusot, the present proposals contemplate a reduction of the average dry-crop assessment from Rs. 5-9-6 to Rs. 4-14-9, bat in the other village, No. 25, Utraj, the reduction is only from Rs, 4-5-10 to Rs. 4-5-9.
14. Three experiments on jowári were taken in village, No. 39, Kapodra. The outturn was Rs. 19-3 to Rs. 26-11, averaging Rs. 23-6; the assessment was R. 3-3-3 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 jowári were taken in village No. 38, Umarwada The outturas were Rs. 31-12-7 and Rs. 33-13-7; the assessments Rs. $3-1-0$ and Rs. 3-5-4, and the incidence 9.63 and $9 \cdot 84$. These were good crops on the higher level fields. The drycrop assessment in this village is proposed to be increased 12 per cent., or after application of distance scale between 8 and 9 per cent. The villagers have petitioned for a reduction of assessment.
16. Two experiments on sesame, conducted by Mr. Sorabshah Hormasji in the same year, showed outtarn Rs. 12-8 and Rs. 20-12 and incidence 82.75 and 23.44 per cent. Two on jowar gave outtarn Rs. 22-9-7 and Re. 30-15 and incidence 19-23 and 16.53 per cent. Another experiment on sesame by the same officer in 1899 gave outturn Rs. 19-13-6 and inoidence $25 \cdot 38$ per cent. An experiment on rice gave Rs. 48 and 25.5 per cent. The rice is followed by wheat in favourable seasons.
17. It is to be remembered that crop experiments are generally conducted on fairly good crops and allowance cannot be made for partial failures or for ancaltivated strips. Thus the average incidence is generally higher than that indicated by experiments. The results in this talaka seem to show that the barthen of the assessment is not grievously heary in fairly good years, bat they also show that the assessment is sufficiently heavy and that increases cannot safely be proposed. The present proposals, though contemplating a decrease on the whole, involve increases in many villages and on this acconnt further reductions seem advisable.
18. The first groop comprises the villages in the north east (not north-west) of the taluks, described by Mr. Mehta in paragraph 12 of the report and by Colonel Prescott in his 12 th paragraph. The actual increase proposed is only Rs. 93 or with distance scale Rs. 474. The increase on account of 74 acres 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 badgayat (see paragraph 10 of the report), the assessment on which is very nearly equal to the totul 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 soale, abont compensate for the proposed reduction of the rate from Rs. 6-8 to Rs. 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 Diwe Hors Patti becomes a decrease on the application of distance scale, but that in Divi is increased, and the decreases in Samor and Mandvi Bujrag are both converted into incresses, 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 shonld be inclined to recommend a decrease of 8 anuas 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 decrease, but perhaps it may suffice on account of the fertility of the tract and the proximity of the villages to Broach.
19. In the second group it is surprising to find that Gadkhol, which has been removed by Mr. Mehta from the first group, as explained in his 34th paragraph, shows an increase of over 13 per cento, although the dry-crop rate is reduced by a whole rupee, the
area is redaced by 11 acres, there is no garden land and no subsoil water assessment has been applied. The explanation 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 rapees The new scale will take off Rs. 435 and reduce the increase to Rs. 110 or 26 per cent., but it is doubtful whether even this increase is justified. I would recommend for the whole group a decrease of 8 annas in the rate, both for dry-crop and for rice, which would lead to a reduction of 9 per cent., or with distance scale about 14 per cent.
20. In the remaining three groups the old dry-crop assessment averages about Rs. 3 -14 the acre. It is slightly higher in the villages with a Rse 5 rate than in those with a Rs. $5-8$ rates showing that the soil was classed high in the inferior villages and that excessive redactions by scale were made in the superior villages.
21. In group III the eight-anna reduction proposed by Mr. Mehta results in an increase of $1 \cdot 18$ per cent., but on the application of distance scale thin is changed to a decrease slightly under 1 per cent. In several villages the proposals involve increases which do not seem justifiable. Thus No. 32, Sarthan, dry-crop assessment Rs. 4-2-1 proposed to be raised to Rs. 4-13-5_an increase of $15 \cdot 89$ per cent., to be slightly 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. 38, Umarware, Rs. 3-9-3 to Rs. 8-15-11-an increase of 12 per cent., to be reduced to 8.5 per cent. by distance scale. No. 42, Bakrol, Rs. 344-5 to Rs. 3-1406-an increase of 18 per cent., to be sedaced to 14 per cent. by distance scale. In nearly half the villages the proposals resalt 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 group also. This would lead to a further redaction 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 6 above, and the rice fate 8 annas. With a rate of Rs. 3-8, the average assessment on dry-crop in the fourth group would be abont Rs. 2-12-0, and with a rate of Rs. 3 the average dry crop assessment in the lowest group, which consists of low-lying and water-logged villages (paragraph 33), - fronld be about Rs. 2-8-8. But as the rates proposed by Mr. Mehtagive rise to decreases of 9.25 per cent. and 13.54 per cent.; which woald be further increased by deductions 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 farther decreases of 11 and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The necessity of granting remissions in anfavourable seasone would have to be recognised.
23. The proposals made in this letter would involve a further decrease of Re. 41,776 fin the essessmeat of the táluka, or with distance scales Rs. 50,779. The total decrease would thas amount to Rs. 71,889 or $16 \cdot 6$ per cent. of the whole. Under the circumstances this is a moderate decrease. The object aimed at has been to avoid increases in the apper groups and to give substantial relief in the lower groups. It would not be difficult to jastify larger redactions.
24. The increase in the bhatha area is to be regretted, as the custom of the Sarvey Department of assessing as bhatha large tracts which are not popalarly known as such and Which do not as a rule bear bhatha crops, is a constant source of complaint in Gujarat. The average assessment has, however; been slightly 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 bhathe must necessarily be sabject to revision from time to time and the circumstance that reclassification must in future be to the disadvantage of the State is an additional reason for not giving bhatha in occapation when this can be avoided.
25. If the modifications suggested in this letter are accepted, it wonld be well that they should 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 guarantee may be supported.
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. P. SYMONDS,

Furvey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agrionltarea

## No. 1753 or 1901.

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# G. D. PANSE, Esquirz, C. S., <br> Collector of Broach; 

To
Teif Honodrable Mr. F. S. P. LeLY, I.C. S., C.S.I.,
Commissioner, N. D.
Broach, s0th April 1901.
Sre,
I have the honour to submit my remarks on the proposals submitted by Mr. Mehte on the Revenue Settlement of the Anklesvar Talnka, 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 táluka 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 Hznsot, Sajad and Pánoli and of three villages near Anklesvar, the third of 33 villages forming the central belt of the talaka, and the fourth of the remaining 49 villages to the south-west.
4. The maximum rates for these foar classes were:fixed at Rs. 6-8-0, 6, 5-8-0, and 5 respectively. These, as in the case of Broach, were pitched rather too high and had the effect of unduly raising the total assessment, which was to some extent redaced by the application of the lowering scale, but the net increase amounted to Rs. 57,000 or 18 per cent. This incresse was justified by the favourable conditions which prevailed in the decade at the close of whicb 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 donbt as to the marked decline that has since then taken place in the resources and the material condition of the agricultaral classes in the tálaka.
5. Mr. Mehta now proposes to retain the first group, as it is with the exception of one village, Godkol, which he proposes to transfer to the second group, the latter group is also retained as it is with only the single addition of the last named village. Out of the 33 villages which compose the present third group he proposes to transfer 5 to the new fifth groap, and to divide the existing fourth group into two, retaining 34 of its villages for the new fourth group, and transferring the remaining 15 to form the new fifth group with the five transferred to it from the third. He also proposes to reduce the maximum rates for each groap by annas 8, i.e., to Rs. $6,5-8-0,5$, and 4-8-0 respectively and toprovide a lower rate of Rs. \& for the now fifth gronp. This re-grouping and lowering of the rates, however, secure a total reduction of only $4: 88$ per cent. and with the application of the distance test to 7.2 per cent. The greater part of this reduction goes to the last two olasses withont affordng any apprecisble relief to the villages in the first three groups, in the case of several of which the existing burden instesd of being reduced is increased and in some cases considerably. This was hardly desirable, when all the villages had saffered more or less alike by general canses, which brought about a decline 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 egricultaral classes enjoyed during the decade at the end of which the existing settlement was introduced, was of short daration. The temporary high prices, which had brought it bout, 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 aboat 46 per cent. of the total area of the taluka.
6. During the first decade the agricalturist classes were able to keep on in normal nondition 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 straggle too hard for them and they had to draw more largely on the security of the lands. Their indebtedness has in consequance greatly increased, and a large proportion of their lands become hesvily encumbered and virtaally gone into the hands of their creditors. Daring the last five years in particular the seasons were more than unusually unfavourable owing to the rainfall being deficient, excessive or not timely, and the agricaltaral classes suffered more heavily. They found it difficult to maintain themselves and were hardly in a position to pay anything to their Sawkars. The latter, who were themselves large land-holders, on
their part alike suffered by the unfavourable seasons and, while they were anable to recover any considerable part of their outstandings or rents from their debtors and tenants, had to pay the assessment not only on their own lands, bat 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 anxious to give up part of their lands they held as security, rather than accept new ones. Some difficulty has in consequence been felt daring the last four or five years in collecting Government Revenue in the taluka, as will appear from figares given in paragraph 29 of Mr. Mehta's report. The number of relinquishments has also increased and several Bhagdars have also given up portions of their holdings, through their insbility to realize from them enough to pay Government assessment.
7. Even before the famine the population had decreased, as also the number of agricultural cattle and ploughs, and the last year's famine has crippled the resources of the agricultural classes to the last extreme. Under these circumstances it is bardly 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 redaction of 10, 11 and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., respectively, for the three lowest classes in addition to that already proposed by Mr. Mehta. The total decreage thus proposed amounts to Rs. 71,839 or 16.6 per cent. in the total assessment. This reduction would afford substantial relief, and considering the present condition of the talaka, could appear to be absolntely needed. The few modifications I would 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 suggest 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 groups 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 villages. Thus only those villages which bear the same assessment or nearly equal assessment with a difference of abont annas 8 should appear under the same group and that group should cover all such villages and be confined to them alone. This wauld 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 aseessed 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 suggested, 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 higber than that for the first group of the Broaoh 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 Tainka, do not enjoy 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 group 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 superior land assessed over Rs, 5 the average yield wonld come to Rs. 24 to 28 , and the assessment, according to the accepted proportion of $\frac{1}{6}$ produce, should not on such 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 raised in 7 out of the 18 villages included in this group. The only substantial reduction would appear 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 have been also equally fortanate. 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 Bhata lands along with dry crop, but those for dry crop alone in the case of Mandwa and Chapra would appear to be over Rs. 7. The reduction of Re, 0-8-0 for ary and Re. 0-4-0 for rice proposed by Mr. Symonds would not, I think, give adequate relief to this group, and I would submit that the dry orop rate be reduced by Re. 0-12-0 and the Bagayat and rice rates by Ke. 0.8-0 each. The villagers of Chapra havelong 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 would have to forfeit their houses, which stood in part of Bhagland. In group No. 2 the increase in Gadkol and Piraman would appear 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 lands,
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 Ganpatpara 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 alsa Safipura. 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. Oat of the fourth group the villages of Amritpura, Uchhali, Kararwal, Awadar and Pardi Makha may, I think, well be transferred to the fifth groap, 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 fourth 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, Piludra and Alanja by the water-logging of their lands. Piludra appears to have suffered more seriously. Its population, which in 1891 nambered 352, is now reduced to 139, and considerable areas have been relinquished within the last few years. Serious difficulty has also been experienced in collecting the assessment and the ontstandings have been increasing. The reduction for this village should under these circumstances 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 Talluka, and the maximum 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 ased for only winter jowari and for sabsidiary crops.
11. In oonclasion I would beg that the recommendation made by Mr. Symonds be adopted with the few modifications that I have suggested. The talnka has undergone a severe distress after a succession 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 daring the sixties, 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 continued succession of cotton and wheat crops over the greater portion of its area and the caltivators were for the most part too ignorant and poor to do the needfal to keep up the quality of the soil. The practice of keeping a part of the land fallow every year does not prevail 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 taluka, excepting Borahs, consist mainly of the more backward elasses of Kolis and Bhils, who cannot for a long time be expected to compete with their more intelligent brethren in the successful 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 secarity, and the agricultaral debtor has hardly any credit apart from his land. Under these circumstances if the assessment be kept at its present pitch, there is every fear of the lands being more largely relinquished for their losing in value.

I have the honour to be, Sir,<br>Your most obedient servent,<br>G. D. PANSE,<br>Collector of Broach,

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Camp Tithal, 6th May 1901.
Forwarded to E. Maconochie, Esquire, Collector of Ahmedabad, for favorr of any remark that his recent observation of the tálnka may suggest.

F. S. P. LELY,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

## From

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

To
The COMMISSIONER, N. D.
Camp! Viramgám, 14th May 1901.
Sir,
In returning the papers relating to the Revision Settlement of the Anklesvar Taluka of Broach, forwarded with your No. 3553 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 $\beta$ foll one, and in certain tracts more than that. It was imposed at a time of general prosperity, and was accordingly borne without mach dificulty. The pressure of the assessment has, however, told in the course of yeare, 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 cultivators have gradually been drainea of their resources, and the land of its fertility. A series of unfavourable years from 1893 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 redactions on Mr. Mehta's proposed rates, which would give an all-round decrease of 16.6 per cent. I would venture to strongly support a reduction 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 ander cice, it seems doubtful whether it is worth while to complicate matters by having a separate rate for rice, and the rice might, I think, be given the same benefit as the dry orop. When we come to the second group, however, the difficulties of the situation begin to be apparent. As pointed out by Mr. Syraonds, thongh Gadkhol has been reduced from the first to the second groap, and its maximum rate is redaced from Rs. 6-8-0 to Rs. 5-8-0, it still shows an increase of $18 \cdot 28$ per cent., owing to the manipulations of the distance scale at the last settlement. This menipulation has been the despair of the Revision Settlement Officer in Gajarat throughout the Revision Settlement, and the strict adherence to rule at the time of revision has, I am convinced, been productive of no small hardship in the poorer villages. If Mr. Mehta's rate is reduced by eight annas, there will in Gadkhol and Piraman still be an increase of 3.9 and $2 \cdot 2$, qespectively. The increase is trifling, no doubt, 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 appreciable increases in the following villages:-

| Matied | ... |  | $4 \cdot 28$ | Mothia | ... | -•• | $5 \cdot 11$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sarthan | ... |  | 15.89 | Kahanwa | .-' | ... | 8.74 |
| Karmáli | . $*$ | - 0 | 4.86 | Umarwára | -0* | ... | 12.04 |
| Bakrol | ** | $\cdots$ | 18.05 | Kosaradi | ... |  | $4 \cdot 82$ |

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

| Matied | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $-6 \cdot 1$ | Mothia | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sarthán | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $+4 \cdot 2$ | Kahanwa | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Karmáli | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -5 | ... | Umarwára | $\ldots$ |
| Bakrol | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +8.2 | $\ldots$ | +8 |  |
| Kosamdi | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -56 |  |  |  |

The results are satisfactory 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 ahould, I think, be placed in the fourth gronp, and then if the reduction proposed for that group by the Sarvey Commissioner is given, the village
will get a reduction of Ra. 362, or $7 \cdot 2$ per cent. Land has gone out of cultivation in Umarwars, and in the western portion the land saffers from salt and water-logging like that of the adjoining villages of the central group. To place it in that group would, however, be to lower the assessment unnecessarily, and unless we are to abandon all attempt at gronping, 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 warrants it?
4. As regards the fourth group, I think the further reduction proposed by the Survey Commissioner is generally justified. But I would add Alwa, Saen, Badodra, Wansnoli, and Ambheta to the third group. The redactions that they get at the rate proposed by Mr. Mehta is, I think, quite sufficient. They are good villages; though with the excep tion of Alwa they have fallen a prey to the money-lender and a farther 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 Sarrey Commissioner is, I think, sll that is needed.

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

Acting Collector.

## Report as to the condition of the Ankleshvar Ta'luka and Ha'nsot Maha' 1 in 1899-1900.

The materials for forming a conclusion as to the condition of the Ankleshvar Talaka and the Hansot Mahal prior to the famine and of the ability of the people to meet the demands for revenue made upon them in the course of the revenue year 1899-1900 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 difficult task for a Settlement Officer to decide what is the actaal condition of the people of a given tract at the time when he is making his inquiries, and it is mach more difficalt when the enquiries 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 stadying nsually 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 taluka 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 agricalturists 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 unrecovered balance at the end of 1893-94 was only Rs. 813. 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 thoasand were relinquished in the Anklesvar Tkluka alone, and lands yielding about Rs. 2,000 as assessment were relinquished in the Petha Mahal of Hánsot. Considerable areas of lands in the villages of Sarthan, Telwa, Piludra, Ravidra, Karmáli, Sisodra, Adadra were pat to sale last year in consequence of the non-payment of Government demands, but they found no bidders."
8. In paragraph 11 of his letter of the 28th September 1900, the Honoarable Mr. Parekh says :-"" A large area of land is absolately 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 outturn and the assessment and other costs is not enough to defray even barely the cost of agricaltural laboar. They indicate that the difference between the valne of the outturn and the costs, including the Government assessment, has become so attenuated 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 Resolation No. 4840, Revenue Department, of the 3rd August 1900, show the position of affairs on the 15th September 1899. The outstanding balances of Land Revenue and Local Fund for colleotion were on that date as follows:-


Of the outstandings in Anklesrar, Rs. 5,970 were due from the village of Sisodra alone, and almost the whole sum was owed by Messrs. Jivanji and Edulji Limjibhai. From a statement supplied by the Mámlatdar of Anklesvar, I find that the outstandings at the close of the revenue year for the whole tálaka from 1892-93 onwards were as follows ;-

| 1892-93 | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | R. A, p. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | .-* | -0...0 |  |
| $1893-94$ | ... | - | ... | ... | ... | 268 | 50 |
| 1894-95 | ... | .-. | ... | ... | -* | 148 | 46 |
| 1895-98 | - | ... | ** | - | $\cdots$ | 1,958 | 710 |
| 1896-97 | *- | - | -6 | -." | ... | 4,916 | 45 |
| 1897-98 | ... | ** | *0 | ... | ... | 9,488 | 1811 |
| 1898.99 | $\cdots$ | - 0 | -00 | $\cdots$ | ... | 14,630 | 136 |
| 1899-1900 | $\bullet$ | -* | ** | $\cdot \square$ |  | 19,502 | 85 |

5. As regards relinquishments of land, I tried to get details for the years 1895-96 onwards for each village. But those supplied from Anklesvar were so incorrect that I have been obliged to reject them and can only give the totals. Taking the figares in columns 2, 3, 11 and 12 in Appendix 0 to the Revision Settlement Report from 1895-95 onwards and the same details obtained from the Maujewar Terij (Táluka Form No. 27) for the years 1898-39 and 1899-1800, the following results are obtained:-


The details supplied from Anklesvar, though not accurate, indicate sufficiently the village in which relinquishments have been most extensive. These are Uchhsli, Awadar, A. $10 n j$, Umarwada, Karánwel, Kosamdi, Jitáli, Panoli, 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 insm land has been relinquished on a considerable saale are Piludra and Sisodra. Both of these belong to the central tract.,
B. I am able to give figures in detail for Hánsot as I have been able to verify them personally. For the five years ending 1899-1900, the area and assessment of land relinquished or forfeited and taken op were as follows:-


Up to 1899-1900, land measuring acres 410 and ganthas 10, assessed at Rs. 1,579-13-0, went out of occupation. The only villages in which the net relinquishments were appreciable were:-


These three villages are sitaated in the extreme sontheast of the Petha Mahál and belong to the tract which has been recommezded by Mr. Mehta for lenient treatment. Other villages in which there have been small relinquishments are Pand wái, Pánjroli, Obha, Parvat, Sunev-Kalla and Balota in the sonth, and Katpore and Kantiajal in the west. It is apparent, however, that Anklesvar is responsible for the greater portion of the relinquishmenta.

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

| Year. |  | Government occupied. | Alienated. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Brs, | Res. |
| 1895-96 | .." | Nil. | Nil. |
| 1896-97 | ... | 1,090 | 8 |
| 1897 -98 | ** | 882 | - |
| 1898.99 | $\cdots$ | 1,519 | 47 |
| 1899-1900 | - | 10,750 | 770 |

7. From the information given above, it will be seen that the figares of relinquishments were not materially overstaterl by "Gujaráti") and that there is some jnstification for Mr. Parekh's remarks. As regards alienated land, there can be only one reason for its relinquishment, and that is that it yielde nothing more than the expenses of cultivation including the cost of the oultivator'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 Mámlatdár that some of the Bhils and Kolis of these villages have gone off into natire territory to escape the exactions of the sowlárs and money-lenders. But this will not account for the relinquishments in the centre of the tálaka, the canses 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, part of their case, and the bare statements, generally of the vaguest character, cannot be accepted by themselves. But they receive sapport both from the rainfall 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 Hánsot. Reference may also be made to Appendix A to the Revision Settlement Report. The most favourable distribution of the rainfall in this táluka 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 Angust and September breaks are required for the sowing of cotton and the winter jowar, and in October a moderate fall is requised for the late-sown crops.
9. In 1894 the falls during the monsoon monbhs in Anklesvar and Hánsot were as follows:-


In Appendix A to the Revenue Settlement Report the season is described as follows:-"Rainfall far above average. Sowing rain sufficient. Joly rain very heavy, destroying seed and necessitating re-sowing. Break in Angast 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 irregalar, was not bad." This last statement is not borne out 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 unfavourable for staple dry-crops. Again, on page 7 he says, 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 unseasonably delayed owing to early heavy rains. Late sown cotton rarely succeeds. The crop was considerably damaged by rain in November and by excessive cold during three consecutive 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 Talaka, and the incidence of the assessment on the value of the outturn was 38.09 per cent. in the case of the cotton and 30.82 per cent. in the case of the til. The local estimate in annas was 10 and 12, respectively. It seems protty clear that the season was a bad one, at any rate for cotton.
10. In 1835 the rainfall was as under:-


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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 insafficient for all crops. No experiment was made on cottop or other important staples in that year, but the remarks on the Broach experiments in the tabular summary for 1895-j6 show that the season was generally unfavourable and that crops suffered from lack of muisture.

From paragraph 7 of the District Deputy Collector's report for 1893-93 it appears that the eastern part of the Anklesvar Taluka and the Hánsot Mahal did remarkably well. In the western portions the season was less favourable, but cotton was not below the average. I'be evidence is, therefore, somewhat conflicting, but on the whole it may be assumed that the seasion of $\mathbf{1 8 9 5 - 9 5}$ was not a bad one.
11. The raiufall of 1896 whe as follows:-


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 crop gave a 14 -anna yield according to local estimate, the incidence of assessment on the gross produce being $21 \cdot 77$. The jowar and rice were both 16 -anna crops. The season is described as unfavourable to ootton and favourable to other crops.

The District Deputy Collector, in paragraph 7 of his annual 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 some extent redeemed by a good fall of rain in November. The jowar crops were best, being excellent in some localities, especially near Anklesvar town. Cottion varied considerably According to locality", Later on, he says: "The effents of the high price of food-grains have of course been fels 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 serious difficulty."

Looking at the rainfall figures I am inclined to think that the Deputy Collector's view was somewhat optimistic. Re-sowings mast have been required on a very large scale after the July rains and 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 assessment in Broach was postponed till the nest year. (Vide Review of Crop Experiments, 1897-98, page 7.)
12. In 1897 the rainfall was as follows :-

| Taluka. |  |  |  | June. | July. | Augnst. | September. | October. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anklesvar | * | $\cdots$ | $\bullet$ | 1.81 | 18.42 | 10'89 | 6.81 | 9.39 |
| Hincolt | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1-78 | 13.19 | 11-49 | 6.12 | 1-56 |

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

In this year Mr. Mollison carried out 19 experiments in the Broach and Anklesvar Tálukss. He carried out $\mathbf{5}$ wheat experiments in Hansot. He observes with reference to them (Review, page 11): "The soil is black throughout and season favourable, the rainfall in February having helped to bring the crop to full maturity and fill the grain well." The outturn according to local estimate variod from 9 to 16 annas and the incidence of the assessment on the gross produce from 10.91 to 32.44 per.cent. The same officer carried out 5 experiments ou jowar in the Anklesvar Taluka. 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 remarks in the Review it appears that the jowar crop varied considerably, but on the whole the impression conveyed is that the year was favourable, 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 Bronch and Anklesvar the cotton crops varied considerably; many fields were considerably under average.

The Deputy Collector, in paragraph 6 of his annaal report for 1897-98, alluded 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 Anklesvar and eastern villages of Hánsot were poor this year. The past season also was not a good one, and this accounts for the outstandings in this taluka." In paragraph 7 of his report be says: "In the Anklesvar Táluka rain was favourable for rice, the oatturn of which was normal ; jowdr and wheat, which looked so 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 8 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 insafficient and the crops were. poor. In the Hánsot Petba rice was good and above the average, being annas 14 ; cotton was slightly below the normal, being annas 10 ; jowar and wheat were annas 8, while b\&jri and tur, the cultivation of which is very small, were annas 4 only. The western villages of this Mahal had oome out best ; the eastern portion was the worst and rest middling."

It seems that the year was not a good one for cotton, but generally speaking was not a particularly bad one.
13. In 1899 the rainfall was us under:-


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

The season was evidently decidedly unfarourable owing to the absence of late rain and efcessive cold in the winter season. Mr. Sorabsha, the ofticer who had held charge of the tituka 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 nufavourable, 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 insigni'ficant. 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 rough examination are cotton, wheat, and jowar. It appears from paragraph 17 of Mr. Mehta's Revision Settlement Report that these crops ocoupy 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 raling 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 comparison 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 fesults:-

| Cotton | - |  |  |  | Tibs, per rapee, |  | Lbic. per. rupee average for 10 years ending |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1872, | 1897-98. |
| Wheat |  | *** | -6 | ** | -40 | 138 | 181 |
| Jowar | i | -4. | -. | 000 | 04 | 851 | 85 |

Except in the case of wheat the prices though there have been considerable variations in individual years, have remained practically unchanged. The figures for cotton in Appendix N only go back to 1892-93. From enquiries made focally I find that they fairly represent the average price in the jears for whioh they are given. The price of seed cotton
is ordinarily quoted for the 6 hár of 960 lbs . Stated in bhárs 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 1899-1900, to go back farther 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 sny of the statistics suggest that the assessment was found burdensome before then. In these 5 yeare the price of wheat was considerably below the decennial average in 1894-95 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 18y4-95 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; bat the outstandinge increased, and though the area given op in the next year was somewhat smaller, the process of relinquishment did not cease. In 1897-98, though the price of cotton fell heavily, 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 matrer 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 canse at work, namely, poor outturn of cotton and the fall in the price. In 1898-99 the fall in the price of cotton and jowár was disastrons.
18. Besides these figares 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 beth 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 then 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 has Desai watan in five villages and Jat-inám and other land in 14 villages. In 1893-94 he had in Ucchali 223
acres and 15 gnnthas, assessed at Rs. 734-15-9. He let it for Rs. 1,075-14.0 and recovered all but Re. 61. 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. 979 ; be recovered only Rs. 666 or Rs, 23 less than the assessment. He gave op 4 acres that year. The next year, 1898-99, he had to pay Rs. 678-8-0. He let the land for Rs. 959, and recovered Rs. 200 only. He then relinquished all but 88 acres assessed at Rs. 272. He let this in 1899-1900, bat recovered nothing. In the six years ending 1899-1900 he had to pay Rs. 4,502 assessment and got Rs. 4,479 rent, that is he lost Rs. 23 on the whole period. Only the last three years were really bad ones however. In Samor he had in 1898-94 73 acres and 30 gunthas, assessed at Rs. 508; this was rented for Rs. 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 1899-1200 the rent was Rs. 752, but only Rs. 296 was recovered. In Anklesvar he has 185 acres of bhag land, assessed at Rs. 848. He realized over Rs. 1,100 rent down to 1898-9y when he only got Rs. 892 and in 1899-1900 he recovered only Rs. 811. On 125 acres of other land in Anklesvar assessed at about Rs. 558, he realized between Ms. 888 and Rs. 799 down to 1898-99, when he only recovered Rs. 588. In 1899-1900 he recovered Rs. 237 only. These figares show that his land was let in ordinary seasons at about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times the assessment, and that there was no real 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


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

| In 1896-97 | amounting to | *00 | -** | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | *** | Rs. | 0 | p. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% 1897-98 | do. | ** | ** | 08 | 4 | 186 | 0 | 0 |
| \% 1898-99 | do. | ... | ** | ** | ** | . 587 | 0 | 0 |
| \# 1899-1900 | do. | -. | ** | ** | ** | 652 | 0 | 0 |

These figures again indicate that 1898-99 was the first year when real difficulty arose. From statements supplied by Hansot Banyás and others it sppears that arrears began to be serious in 1897-98, bat there was a difficulty in collecting rent before that time.

Pranvellabh Atmaram, the leading money-lender of Hánsot (generally known as Kika Desai), who has a high repatation for honesty and truthfulness, stated to me that his receipts for rent had been poor since 1893-94. From 1896-97 to 1898-99 his receipts fell short of the.Government assessment and in 1899-1900 his recoveries 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 Hansot seem to run higher than in Anklesvar and vary from $l_{1}$ to 3 times the Government assessment, but there is no general rale. 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 acconnts relating to two small estates in the villages of Waner and Dhamrad, which are ander the management of the Mahalkari owing to the minority of the owners. The accounts are as follows :-

Waner.

| Year. | Area, | Ascessementa | Bent. | Recoveries. | Arrears |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. g. | Bs. a. p. | Re, s. p . | Rs, a. p. | Bs. en p. |
| 1896-97 | 590 | 199125 | 48600 | 372140 | 6320 |
| 1897-98 | 590 | 199125 | 62100 | 23480 | 28780 |
| 1898-99 | 590 | 199125 | 3650 | 388145 | 17617 |
| 1899-1900 | 59 0 | 19918 E | 257140 | Nil | 257140 |

## Dhamrad.

| 1896-97 | ... | 63 31 |  | 1 |  | 89410 |  | 259 |  | 105 | 4 | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1897-9 | $\ldots$ | 6881 |  | 1 |  | 40815 |  | 350 |  | 531 |  | 8 |
| 1898-69 | $\cdots$ | 6831 |  | 1 | 2 | 8578 | 9 | 22812 | 4 |  | 7 | 8 |
| 1889-1900 | ... | 6831 | 237 | 1 | 2 | 33112 | 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 regolar settlement which is still in force was introduced by Colonel C. J. Prescott in the year 1871-72, and his report is printed as
pages 140-237 of Government Selections, No. CXLVI, New Series, and as Appendix $\boldsymbol{R}$ to the Revision Settlement Report lately submitted by Mr. P. R. Mehta Colonel Yrescott divided the taluka into four groups with maximam dry crop rates falling by 8 annas in each group from Rs. $6-8$ to Rs. 5. On a consideration of the general rise in prices since the last settlement the improvement of communications, and the general prosperity of the people, induced in a great measure by the "immense supply of the precious metals" that "came into this part of the country, as into other parts of Gajarat during the American War," Colonel Prescott proposed an increase of assessment anounting to $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. He oalculated (paragraphs 88-89) that the assessment so arrived at amounted roughly to one-fifth of the value of the average gross produce of the tsluka at the prices then ruling.
20. According to his figures 48.7 per cent. of the oropped area was then under cotton, 26.7 per cent. under jowár and $15 \cdot 2$ per cent. under wheat. These proportions have remained practically unaltered, whilsi the priees at whioh Colonel Prescott calculated the value of the gross outturn have, as has already been shown, varied on the average very slightly. If Colonel Presoott's caloulations were, to use his own words, "at all reliable," the incidence of the assessment on the gross produce must have altered very little unless the average outturn has fallen off. But there can be little doubt that he put the average produce at a very moderate figare. He estimated the average outturn of seed-cotton at 8 maunds per acre, of jowar at 21 maunds, and of wheat at 10 maunds. In the tables showing the estimated average yield per acre of the principal crops, based on crop experiments made during the five years ending 1896-97, the jield per acre of the orops in Broach is given as follows-Cotton (cleaned) lbs. 130. This would give 390 lbs of uncleaned cotton or $9 \frac{9}{4}$ maunds. Jowár lbs. 1,160 kharif and lbs. 1,020 rabl, or 29 mannds and $25 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds, respectively. Wheat lbs. 600 or 15 maunds. Mr. Mollison's five experiments on jowar made in Anklesvar in 1837-98 gave outturns varying from $11 \frac{1}{2}$ maunds to 23 maunds. His five wheat experiments in Hánsot gave yields of frnm $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to 22 maunds. Considering the capriciousness of the seasons in this taluka, Colonel Prescott's estimates seem to me to be fair, bat 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 assumed that cotton would remain at Rs. 70 per bhar, an increase of about 18 per cent. would be justifiable. As a mastter 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 increased prosperity of the tract. It is curions 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 House of Commons that assessments in Gujarat were too low. But with all this moderation the incidence of his assessment worked out to one-fifth of the gross produce. It is generally accepted that in a fertile conntry 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 heary according to Bombay settlement theories, and I think there can be little doubt that as soon as cotton fell to Rs .70 per bhar or less the assessment was a full one.
22. Turning to the Revision Settlement Report there is little in the revenue 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 1883-8i abont 4,829 acres went out of occupation. From that year onward the occupied area increased steadily up to $1894-95$ by 0,502 acres in all. It then began to decline again, but had decreased by 460 acres only in 1897-98. Since that time, as has been seen, relinquishments have been considerable. So tar there is nothing to suggest that any decline in prosperity that may have taken place was due to other than temporary causes. But the figures of popalation and resources given in paragraph 21 of the report are not satisfactorg. If the figures are at all to be trasted, population has decreased by 3,000 since 1872 and by 5,000 since 1887. Probably the figures for 1897 , are incorrect. If the 1891 figures are taken es more nearly correct, the increase amounts to 3.50 per cent. only in 19 years. Agricultural cattle show a decrease of $3,6 \mathrm{~J} 0$, ploughs of 2,300 , and carts of 800. Mr. Mehta states that only half the population are dependent on agricalture. No doabt a considerable number of Borahs go away to earn their living by trade and many of the lower olasses go away to labour, or to private service. Too much importance need not, therefore, be attached to the figures of population. As to the decrease in ploughs and carts, I cannot help thinking that it is due in some measure to the steady impoverishment of the bhagdárs and the other superior caltivators mainly through their own extravagance. All the officers who have served in the district agree as to the general recklessness and extravagance of the better classes of oultivators. Their standard of living no doubt rose immoderately in the days of high prices and prosperity that succeeded the outbreak of the American. War, and they have never been able to adapt themselves to altered ciroumstances.
23. (As regards the extent to which land has passed from the cultivators into the hands of sowkars, I agree with Mr. Mehta that the figures given in Appendix I are entirely
untrustworthy and that the greater proportion of Government land is in the hand of sewkars. 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 Hansot, practically the whole village has passed out of the caltivators' hands.) The canse 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 np to ten years ago the well-to-do classes of Broach and Surat were enger to put 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 canses have doutbless been at work.
24. But though it is difficult to draw any very definite conclasions 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 nnsuitability of the existing rates in the extreme eastern, the central, and the southern villages, which he has placed in his fourth and fifth groups. The main physical features of the talnka may here be briefly referred to. On the east of the railway there are the few goradu villages lying along the Narbadda, which are fertile and prosperous. The next group consists of the villages on the east of the Amrawati stream and two on the west, Piprod and Singpar. The surface of these villages is mach 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 sarface is less broken, and Singpur, Dadhal, and Jitali are all good level villages. The surface 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 mach. The drainage of these villages is to the west. To the west of the railway as far as Pangam the villages to the north of Anklesvar belong to the fertile goradn tract. From Sajod westward the soil is black except in a amall area in what was formerly the bed of the river. From Amratpura 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 south side to the south and west of the taluka towards the "Wand" creek, and the surface being generally very level, all the central villages suffer more or less from waterlogging in an ordinary season. The resalt 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 sonth 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, bot there are no complaints of waterlogging. Katpur, Ankalwa, and the other villages in the extreme west suffer somewhat from salt but not to the same extent as the Bahára tracts in Vagra and Olpád.
25. The first set of villages referred to above (i.e. in the extreme east) was specially placed by Colonel Prescott in his lowest groap 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 Bhag has been broken up. 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 tenants 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 doubtfal. It is with diffidence that I question the classification made by the expert classers of 30 years ago onder so able an officer as Colonel Prescott, and it is possible that a change may have been going on in the sarface 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. Mehta observes in paragraph 32 of his report-" Lands full of kankar (lime nodules), stiff clay in wateriogged villages and soil showing considerable amount of saline efflorescence 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 statement is correct. About Piludra large tracts of land were waste this year, the crops in the cultivated lands, were very inferior and evidence of khar (saline efflorescence) were everywhere visible, not only in the appearance of the soil and the crops, bat in the universal 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 naturally 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 worst is Piludra, which is an absolute wreck. They will all need genervus 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 results 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 bad 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 taluka I have no remarks to offer on Colonel Prescott's settlement, though 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 difficulty that has been experienced in the collection of the revenue during the past few years has, I think, been mainly due to unfivourable seasons.
26. It has again been suggested that the soil has deteriorated and that the outtarn 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 saits. If deterioration has taken place elsewhere it is, I think, due to the general transfer of property in the land to the non-cultivating classes, who pat nothing back into it and leave their tenants with a bare subsistence. It was suggested by one witness that the bhagdári 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 oan 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.Talaka 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 unable to doubt that in 1899-1900 the cultivators 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 cultivators 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 previons years and the larger ones were afraid to lend. Practically the only persons who had a sarplus of resources from which to meet the revence were the wealthiur 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 case of the central, and possibly some of the eastern and sonthern 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 crops, though in the badly drained portion of the táluka 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 origioal 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 luxurious 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 throughont the taluka. Then came the series of more or less unfavourable seasons from 1893 onwards, culminating in the positively bad season of 1898-99. 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 assumed that the cultivators were accumulating nothing. The permanent cause of deterioration was, outside the water logged tract, such as must always operate so long as the transfer of land to non-cultivating classes goes on anrestricted and very possibly no lightness of assessment would have made any very material difference. The bad seasons and fall in the price of cotton in 1898 and 1899 and of jowár in the latter year were, under 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 cultivators 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, but 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 has been practially no default on the part of the Koli rayats of the village. Similarly in the case of Mr. Umedram's land in Kudadra, referred to by witness No. 52 of the Hánsot enquiry, it is admitted that the canse of failure is the want of good tenants. The Patel says: "There is a lot of land and cultivators are few. The cultivators are inferior and spoil the land." It may of course be urged 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 cheerfal 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 taluka requires generous treatment. The savkars and mortgagees will of course benefit thereby, but at any rate it will put heart into the cultivators 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 cultivator's maintenance is provided for, is likely to find its way into the pockets of savkars. 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 coltivator's profits up to a point at which investment in land becomes unprofitable to the non-caltivating capitalist. Under the present revenue system it seems impossible to differentiate between the interests of the rayat and the savikir. 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. Upásani, the Subordinate Judge of Anklesvar, two statements relating to Civil Court decrees, executions, and recoveries during the last five years. I append these statements (Appendix ). Statement No. I shows the total number of saits 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 number of applications for execntion filed in each year, the total amount recovered and the number of judgment-debtors arrested and sent to jail. These figures refer to all classes of debtors and not to agriculturists only. The figares are not very conclusive. The total recoveries in each year (Statement II) have fallen off steadily since 1896, bat the applications for execation have been fewer. But the very small proportion of claims against agricaltarist debtors recovered since 1896 seems to have some significance. Ont of claims amounting in all to Rs. 2,91,252, only Rs. 51,413 have been recovered, or 17.6 per cent.

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## - Submitted to Government.

2. Colonel Prescott's report in 1872 leaves no doubt that Ankleshvar was then fully as prosperous as the Broach taluka on the other side of the river. It will be apparent to Chovernment on reading the reports of Messrs. Mehta, Maconochie and Panse that it is so no longer, even though the standard in Brosch has somewhat declined.
3. This is disappointing, for the taluka has many advantages-the B. B. \& C. I. Railway ranning through it, the Ankleshvar-Nandod Railway, and generally a fertile soil. Colonel Prescott's assessments, moreover, were made with stadions moderation and in fall view of a possible fall of prices greater than has actually occurred. The causes are in the Commissioner's opinion fairly summed up in paragraph 28 of Mr. Maconochie's printed note. They are partly, it may be hoped, temporary, and partly of a permanent nature. Of the former class are bad seasons, the recent fall of prices and the thoughtless readiness of the people to use their oredit with the savkar and encumber 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 Maturia 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 relinquishment has taken place. Colonel Prescoti says nothing about it and the Commissioner believes it to be one phase of a recent natural process which is going on all round the Gulf of Cambay, viz,, a silting up of the rivers and a consequent forcing back on the low-lying parts near the mouths of water which oan no longer get a free exit. It is a matter of common knowledge that the bed of the Tápti river is filling up. It can now be crossed on foot at low water at places where within living memory ships would float; hence the water-logged areas of Olpad taluka. The same process is probably going on more or less in the Kim river with a corresponding effect on Anklesvar táluka, 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 much too high except in the abovementioned special area. So far as it has unduly added to the rajat's barden it has been rather by rigidly exacting it in successive years of deficiency. No assessmen t that will give Government its fair share of the crop in a god 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 eeduction is necessary to pat heart into the people. The statistics in Mr. Mehta's 21s' paragraph show that population, cattle, ploughs and carts have all decreased. His paragraph 29 shows an unusual number of distraints in collecting the reveaue. $F^{s}$ paragraph 32 describes general decay. Under these circumstances the rates proposer by the Survey Commissioner would probably meet his views better than those sugges ${ }^{4}$, by himself.
5. Mr. Mehta's grouping commands general acceptance. Ag the rates of the first group Mr. Symonds proposes Rs. 5-8-0 for maximum dry crop, whis a reduction of one rupee on present rates : and Mr. Maconochie proposes the sam rate for rice. Mr. Panse compares Mr. Mehta's average rate of Rs. 6-2-7 with Rs. ${ }^{\circ}-4$, which is given by Mr. Beyts in his report as the average jirayet rate for villages ose to Broach. The comparison is fallacious. If Mr. Symonds' reduction and Mr. Maco chie's suggestion about rice and also that (made below) of remitting increases for dis nce from village be accepted the rates for these villages, which are all good ones, wille sufficiently moderate.
6. In the second groap there is a nnanimon upinion that Mr. Mehta's rate should be reduced by eight annas. Mr. Maconochie poiss out that even this will result in an increase in Gadkhol and Piraman of 3.9 and ${ }^{\circ}$ per cent., the former due to the working of the distance from village scales alluder to below (paragraph 10). It is recommended that for the present these increases be str ${ }^{5}$ off by remission for ten years.
7. In the third group Mr. Mehtrerates should similarly be redaced by eight annas. Messrs. Maconochie and Panse rec'mend that Surthan should be transferred to the fourth group, apparently with goo eason. Mr. Panse suggests the same treatment of Mandwa-Matied, Matied, Ganpadira, Karmali, Umarbar and Safipura. Ganpatpura gains 2 large decrease as it is and $n$ not be disturbed, but Mandwa-Matied and Matied might be considered. If the Cots description of them is correct, a very substantial reduction will have to be for if at is to be of any use. They might well go with Surthan into the fourth gronp, for the sake of system the tiny village of Kahanwa should apparently go too. Tr's estimate Karmali, Umarbar and Safipara on the map make it likely that the Col dr's estimate of them is right and that they are, or soon will be, partially water-liie's They cannot, however, be placed in the fourth group, unless to use Mr. Macor and water-ling continues according to the Commissioner's surmise, the day is probably not far df from their wada cost from their position be reduced to the fourth groap, but in view of what both Mesersaconochie and Panse say of their condition it seems impossible to raise their ass zent as would be the result of merely deducting eight annas from Mr. Mehta's rates. assjnly course seems to be, as suggested by Mr. Maconochie, to remit the increase Grisionally for ten years. Mr. Panse would place Telod, Asta, Digas and Sanjali in the jecond group, but he does not explain why, and there are obvious objections on the map to doing so.
8. The fourth group comprises that part of the talluka which constitates the extreme west and east. In the eastern or smaller section relinquishments have been frequent. The western section suffers from sand and salt like the contiguous part of Olpad taluka. The reduction of one rapee and eight annas (for rice) on these low class lands, as proposed by the Survey Commissioner and supported by Mr. Maconochie, seems to be required. The latter officer would, however, add to the third group Alwa, Saen, Badodra, Wannnoli and Ambheta, and his opivion not being contested by the Collector, might be accepted. M M Panse thinks most of the eastern section and three villages 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 rupee 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 result of mistakes of the people but 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. Mebta mentions Mandwa Bajrag, where there will be an increase of Ra. 700. The Commissioner would again venture to repeat what he has said about this on previous reports. The old Survey Officers used this scale deliberately to put the assessments 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 now put op, either Colonel Prescott, an officer distinguished for his knowledge of the country, is convicted of having acted without reason, 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 would respectfully suggest that when the distance from village scale canses an increase it be provisionally remitted.
11. Finally the undersigned would again draw attention to his suggeation that the Yzers debouching into the Gulf of Cambay are gradnally silting op. Sandbanks are being forsed or enlarged at their mouths or in their beds with the result that the drainage of the conntiz is obstructed and areas are getting water-logged. The well-known changes in the Trapti an some other rivers give enough colour to the theory to warrant an expert enquiry. If it is trat it will apparently be fond that the height of the sub-soil water in the waterlogged areas ad 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 ill probably extend and (2) that attempts to combat it by means of small local drains are futi

F. S, P. LELY, Commissioner, Northern Division.

Revenue Survey and Lesessment.
Revision settlement of the Anklest Taluka of the Broach District.


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

Letter ${ }^{\text {E }}$ from the Assistant Buperintendems, Gajarat Revenue Surves $\mathrm{NO}_{0}$ 31, dated 11 th December 1899.
Letter* from the Survey Commibsioner and Director of Land Becort Agricultare, No B.- 478 , dated 29th March 1901.
Lettere from the Collector of Broach, Na. 1758,'dated 25th A pril 1901
Letter from Mr. En Maconochie, L.C.S., Collector of Ahmedsbad, No. 1165 dated 14th May l.201, with accompanimento
with his remarke, the papers specified in the margin, contsining proposals for the revition settlement of the paleswar Taluka of Broach District.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals of the Assistant Superin
Revenue Survey, Mr. P. R. Mehta, for the revision settlement of the Andent; Gujarat together with reviews by the Survey Oommissioner and Director of Lancar Talnka, Agricultare, the Collector of Broach and the Commissioner, N. D., and a note words and Maconochie, who also has fully reviewed the economic and agricultural conditMr. E. taluka in recent years in the report called for in Government Resolation - No. 3467, ${ }^{\text {f }}$ the 9th October 1900, Famine Department. After a careful perasal of these papers, incited Mr. Maconochie's special report, the Governor in Council has come to the conclusion that temporary measure of relief from the existing burden of assessment should be given at onco 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 doubt that there has been a considerable period of depression. There is some conflict of statement as regards some of the years after 1893-94, bat none of the seasons have been distinctly good and at any rate the last three have been distinctly bad. The information given by Mr. Maconochie as to the rents of two estates under 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 taluka bas not recently been profitable. Good

- Printed as accompaniments to this Resolation.
reason has also been shown for believing that either from permanent or temporary causes, or both, there has been considerable deterioration 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 sexions defects in the classification due partly to overvaluation 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 guaranteeing the rates proposed for a period of thirty years. They cause an inequitable distribution of the assessment, whether the total demand be moderate or otherwise, and they should not be perpetuated. It is also said that if the Hansot 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 effiorescence 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 Coancil thinks, might well come within the scope of the inquiry of the Irrigation Commission, and he is aocordingly pleased to direct that the Hononrable Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, Chief Secretary 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 irrigation.
4. The Governor in Conncil is therefore pleased to direct that the introduction of a revision settlement in the Anklesvar Taluka should be deferred for five years, but that relief should at once be given by an abatement of the demand to the full extent proposed by the Commissioner, N. D., snbject 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-crop 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 should 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 carrent 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 guaranteed for a period of thirty years. But reclassification should be deferred until some definite conclusion is arrived at as to the temporary or permanent nature 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 course 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, instractions will be given as to the manner in which allowance should be made for it.
*- 6. The Director of Lasd Records and Agriculture should consider and report by what establishment the reciassification can be efficiently carried out. Unless reliance can be placed for the purpose 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,
> Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Broach,
The Director of Land Records and Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat,
The Famine Department of the Secretariat,
The Honourable Mr. J. W. P. Mair-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 conclasion expressed in his paragraph 2 that Government intended that the inquiry into the classification 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 prosecation of this inquiry in the course of the next 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 February 1904 require to be modified.
4. If Government accept the present recommendation, it will suffice to depate a party of 6 surveyors 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, \&c.,<br>H. S. Lawrexoe,<br>Director, Land Records and Agricaltare.

No. 1557, dated 30th May 1904.
To-The Director of Land Records and Agricaltare.
Sir,
According to my verbal promise I arranged my tour this season so as to be in Anklesvar táluka for the reclassification under Government Resolution No. 8093, dated the 19th November 1901; but when this was postponed by the Resolation 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 Groap $V$, 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 groap; bat 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 talaka, and have therefore directed my inquiries to this region alone.
3. The villages of Group $\mathbf{V}$ are the following 20 :-

|  |  | Anklesvar. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Haját. | 6. | Adádra. |
| 2. | Adol. | 7. | Sisodra |
| 3. | $\mathrm{A}^{\text {'lonj. }}$ | 8. | Motvan. |
| 4. | Piludra. | 9. | Telva. |
|  | Hánsot. |  |  |
| 10. | Ghodadra. | 16. | Parvat. |
| 11. | Pandrai. | 17. | Suneokala. |
| 12. | Amod. | 18. | Kudádra. |
| 13. | Kharach. | 19. | Kathodra. |
| 14. | Panjroli. | 20. | Rohid. |
| 15. | Dungra. |  |  |

and their position is shown in the appended map. They lie on both sides of the boundary between the taluka and the Mahal.
4. Previously to my visit the Mámlatdár and Mahalkari had prepared reports on the portions lying in their charges, and the facts narrated below are drawn from these reports (which 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 bears bat a small proportion to the totol area of the group. Thus the 9 Anklesvar villages with a total area of 15,164 acres show an area of only 1,755 acres of true 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, but 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. Out of a total of 16,420 acres, 869 acres are water-logged in the strict sense, and 2,127 flooded by streams, \&cc., giving a total of 2,996 acres or 18 per cent.
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 sabstantial total of 2,627 acres or 17 per cent. of the whole: in the Hansot 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 8,962 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 Haját possess a drainage channel constracted within the last 18 years (and the cause of much 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 cured 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 sbout 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 $A^{\prime}$ lonj have no waterlogging to complain of ; bat 20 per cent. of Piludra and nearly the whole of $A^{\prime}$ loni 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 Group 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 an example) has been reduced from Rs. 5,179 to Rs. $\mathbf{3 , 3 7 8}$. It is difficult to see what more they can 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" appears to be no more than is good for the land in normal years. In Piludra and A'lonj the waste land is similarly being taken up, and the people of $A^{\prime} l o n j$, which on the Mámlatdar's table makes the worst show in the group, are said to be perfectly satisfied with the present reduction. There can be nothing seriously wrong with the assessment when the nooccapied lands, presumably the worst, have been reduced to less than a quarter in the last ferv yeara. 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, which 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 salt land; bat hardly any waste. In Sisodra the area of water-logged and salt 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 redaced. In Adádra there is no water-logging; but a small area is salt.
8. Turning to the mahal, Rohid besides a little salt land, has 444 acres of waterlogged land, on which, according to the villagers, production of cotton has been reduced from 10 to 5 mannds per acre 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 attribate 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 agricultaral operations. This aberration of the season is trae, but is probsbly 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 groap, except Suneokala there is no complaint of water-logging proper. Kudádra (540 acres), Ghodádra (250), Pandvai (31), Amod (66), Kharach (231) and Panjroli (161) complain of flooding to the extent shown against each village : some patting it down to the Vand and others to diversions made by neighboaring villages and other local causes. It seems that mach drainage of the sonthern villages such as Pandvái and Amod, which nsed to go to the Kim now goes northwards towards tributaries of the Vand. This may have talen place since the survey, but has probably only caused an exchange, not an increase, of water-logging. It will be noticed that the flooded area is rarely extensive, and in some villages, like Pandvai and Amod, is trifling. In Parvat there is no complaint of water at all ; bat 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 survey, and certainly the pebbles must have been there ever since the land emerged from some old lake. In Suneokala 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 pat down to the Adol-Hajat channel : but the villagers admit that in 1902 the
floods benefited the crops. As the rainfall was heavy that year, it follows that the floods must usually be beneficial and rarely injurious. Dungra, the last village of the groap, has nothing at all to complain of.
9. In Government Resolution 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, bat so far as I know it did not do so, and such a detail hardly came within its scope. My own conclusions are that there is no question of deterioration except where the land has become salt, and that this deterioration will outlast the present generation which is permanency enough for survey parposes. But the salt land is but a fraction of the area of the group; 4,075 acres out of 31,538 or about one-eighth. As regards the flooding and water-logging which affects 4,890 acres or abont one-sixth of the area, the people mostly imputed it to various canses coming into operation since the survey of 1872 , and as I cannot find the slightest reference to the phenomenon 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 matter 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-classification should be started as soon as possible and restricted to this Groap V. There is so far as I know on grond for applying it anywhere else. The Hánsot reclamation (specially referred to in the Resolution) will not be generally ready for caltivation for another ten years, and the proper settlement of the revence of the talnka and mahal 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 fixed. Government, moreover, are giving the rayats the benefits of all the drastic redactions 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 lugubrious forecasts has been rising in value every year and seems likely to continue at a high rate for the next decade. When it is remembered that during the greater part of the old survey term cotton was at or below Rs. 75 a bhár, whereas it has fluctuated 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 praclical 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 talnka, no matter what the assessment may be.

I have, \&c.,<br>a. C. Liogan,<br>Collector of Broach.

Old and new assessments in the villages of Group $V$, Anklesvar tailuka.

A. O. Logant,

Col'ector of Broach.

## Revenwe Swrvey and dseesment.

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

No, 6049.
Bombay Castle, 9 th A aggist 1904.
Letter from the Direotor of Land Records and Agricultare, No. A.-4233, dated I6th July 1904.

Resonution:-The recommendations made in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the letter from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture are approved.

G. F. KELTINGE,

Under Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioneri, N. D.
The Collector of Broach (with the map),
The Director of Land Records and Agriculturié,
The Accountant General,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.
Revenue Survey and Asesssment.
Revision settlement of the Anklesvar Taluka
of the Broach District.
No. 939
Refenoe Drpabtmext.
Bombay Castle, 28th Jantrary 1907.
Letter from the Direotor of Land Reoords, No. 193, dated 19th January 1907 :-
"In their Resolution No. 8093, dated November 19th; 1901, paragraph 4, Government were pleased to direct thait the original settlement of the Anklesvar Traluka should be continued for a further period of five year, subjeot to the abatement granted in the orders passed on the report of the Commissioner, N. D. They farther directed that steps should be taken to re-classify certain aread affected by salt effloresconioe and water-logging. In a subsequent Government Resolation No. 6049 of 9 th Augast 1904 they defined these areas iś being contained in cortair villages in group $\nabla$.
"2. The re-classifioation was carried out by a party of surveyors under Mr. Jukes, Superintendent, Lard Records and Registration, N. D., in the hot weather of 1905 ; but owing to a misunderstanding occasioned by a proposal put forward by the Collector of Broach, Mr. Begnell; to extend the operationi to other villages, the sinbmisston of the report on the re-classification wat delayed: It bas now been reveived and forwarded to the Collector: for opinion, but as it appears that this officer is anxions to propose eweeping modifications, it may be some time before it reaches Government.
"3. Meanwhile the five years for which the original settlement was continied have expired (the date of its first introduction was Augast 1st, 1871). In order to legalise the recovery of the assessment doring the current year, If have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to direct that the term of five yeari for which the original settlement should be extended should be increased to sir yeard, and to cominunicate this ordeŕ to the Colleotor of Broach by telegraph. I regret the delay which bas occurred in bringing this fact to the notice of Government, but the fact that the settlement dated fromi 1871 hais only recently come to my notice. I am now in commurication with the Commissioner, $\mathrm{N}: \mathrm{D}_{\text {; }}$; es to the steps to be taken for the revision settioment of the Axkle日tar Taluka; and propose to sddress Government again on the anbject shortiy،"

Resolotion.-Tithe recommendation made by the Director of Land Records is sanctioned.

G. MONTEATH,<br>Üader Secretarty to Governments

To
The Commissioner, N. D.
The Collector of Broach (also by telegrate No. 828, dated 25 th J̇anuary 1907),
The Director of Laterd Records,
Tre Birector of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

No. 1500, dated 4th October 1906.

## To-The Director of Land Records.

Sir,
With reference to the correspondence commencing with your No. A.- 5305 of November 10th, 1902, I have the honoar to report the results of the re-classification work in the Ankleshvar Táluks, ordered by Government Resolation No. 8093 of November 19th, 1901.
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 eanctioned by your No. A. 2854 of 1905 on my representation that the effects of salt are more or less permanent, while the evils due to water may at any time be remedied by drainage ; and that hence any remission given on account of the effects of surface-water chould be temporary only, and should be kept entirely distinct from permanent reductions made for salt efflorescence.
3. The work was carried out by six classers of my field party in the months of March, April and May of last year. The party was under the charge of Head Surveyor Mohanlal Ishvardas, the most experienced and trustworthy classer at the disposal of the Department. The principles to be followed in carrying out 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 Taluka and Hánsot Mahal. Such inquiry was mainly confined to the sarvey 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 sware of the situation 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 suffered 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. Mohankl was sent to the spot during the monsoon to see the land after a heary fall of rain, when he found the conclasions previously arrived at to be correct in practically every case.
6. The whole area found to be water-logged amounted to only five hundred aores. The greater part of the area entered as water-logged was found to be suffering from another fault-liability to be swept by ranning water. This is a fanlt always recognised by the Survey Department, and its evil effects are obvions. The fertile top layers of soil, as well as manure and seeds, are constantly being swept away, while the land itself is so cut up by small channels and gatters as to render caltivation difficult. The reason for the great prevalence of this fault 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 Kudadre on the Vand, which receives practically all the surface-water of all the surrounding 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 oultivation, though it is still retained by the khátedars to produce grass for their cattle. It must be sdded that this fault, 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 area was found affected by one, two or even three fanlts of salt; and I personally tools a test of many such survey numbers. But on this point I should like to clear away one doubt. 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 barnt in the Surat fire, it is true that a definite pronouncement cannot be made on the subject. Still the original classification values of these sarvey nambers vary from $13 \frac{1}{1}$ to 16 annas, and in most cases exceed 14 annas. Every number showe a full fault of "Valsar,"-a fault which will hardly increase or decrease to any extent with years. Many also show Dhofan. 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 exist. 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 suggest that the only possible remedy is drainage. Even drainage would be necessary on so large a scale that the cost would be prohibitive. But 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, doepened, and in many places straightened and a number 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 suggestion 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 thonsand 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. $\Delta$ very little labour would convert them into excellont rice-fields. Indeed, I suspected some intention of such oonversion 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 unywhere in the neighbourhood. Under these circamstances, 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 oat by the Oollector of Broach on a five-years' lease at reduced rates.
11. In conclusion I would mention that I was ordered to rewclass the land, and have therefore done so. It was out of my province to make any inquiry into the inoidence 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 proposel 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.

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| J. E. C. Jokrs, |
| Superintendent, Land Records and |
| Registration, N. D. |

No. 382, dated 26th Janaary 1907.
To-The Director of Land Records.
Sir,
With reference to Mr. Jukes' Noº 1500 of the 4th October 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. Jukes except some of the Dhowan numbers which contain grass and a more or less thick growth of Babul bushes and cannot be cultivated, but have to be kept under grass on account of the large nalas and their branches which go through these nambers.
3. I went purposely to these areas at the ond of November and in December when the crops had been 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 and Dhowan and Bolan had been made.
4. I have entered notes against each namber of the state of the orops and of the rents obtained and the effeots of Bolan, Dhowan and Khar and they represent what the cultivators have repeated to me in each village daring an inspeotion which lasted fot month of long mornings in the field.
5. The monsoon of 1906 was a copious one and we did not have sufficient breaks in the rain to allow of weeding and ploughing ap the land between the showers and thoroughly cleaning it, so conditions were somewhat abnormal this year. Water-logging occurs in low-lying land; the rain or flood water accumalates often about knee deep and remains there for several days; it requires a good long break for the water to go off for the land to dry for the plongh; after this the land is plonghed and sown, but when the rain is continuous and the breake 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 August 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 half 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 settle; for all this time such land is getting full 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 crop in land which bas been well weeded and constantly turned up for two months before the crop in Bolan has begun to sprout. In a copious monsoon with insufficiently long breaks the Bolan area saffers 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 cannot be as fertile as lands which do not water-log. I think the average gield in Bolan is from about three mannds of cotton per acre, some give four maunds and the worst give two mannds, but three maunds 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 sncceed 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 -anos 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 $2 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ monthe later than other cotton and the land cannot be worked up as other land is. In some villages like Sisodra ( 795 acres), Suner Kala ( 250 acres), 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 plough and sow will pass away unless all the fielde can be taleen in hand at once; hence you have the complaint that the owner had no time to cultivate or the time in which to caltivate passed by and the land has remained unsown or been turned up with the plough and left ansown becouse it has dried up. In some Bolan lands when cotton has failed three times the rayat will give up cotton and sow wheat and juwar: water-logged land is therefore more fitted for wheat and juwar, but a cotton crop is more valusble, and if saccessful in Bolan a better paying crop than wheat as the seed is far oheaper and cultivation less intense, but both to give the land a rotation of crops and to get in some turns of paying cotton, cotton is sown in Bolan lands though with heary 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. Lrang is a crop which is largely sown in Bolan areas, but it is a poor paying crop at annas 12 to $\mathrm{Ke}, 1$ a mand and much inferior to wheat or cotton. In Bolan areas we find at times a growth of dabh grase which is a grass with long and most persistent roots which cannot be pulled up by hand and has to be dug out at great labour as it cannot be even ploughed up and it takes up much good from the soil.
6. Khar-Salt-efflorescence.-These lands are impregnated with salt and abundantrain appears to bring up the salt. The "Damro" plant is said to be sign of Khar and it grows extensively in fields 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 salt dust in cracks in the soil : here and there yon will find cotton or juwari plante quite withered and in bad Khar the plants of juwar put forth hardly any roots, whilet in wallsing 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 bolls 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 no orop 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 orop is ripe as it has a withered look; the eare of juwar are small with much: less grain than the fine large ears full of grains of good juwar; wheat in Khar has small short ears and gives a pgor yield. There are all degrees of Khar, but I think the gield in
field with average Khar is less than half the yield in sweet soil. 'There is a kind of Khar, called Oodhan which is caused by salt dust blowing on to the land especially in the hot weather in heavy clouds in March, April and May from the large area of alt 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 Narbudda; 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 such lands do verp badly: sach 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 found at the mouths of the Kim and Nerbudda. There is a kind of Khar which the rayats call Kadva or bitter Khar which they distingaish from salt Khar. You cannot mistake the evil effect of Khar if yon see it in a half or wholly ripened crop. In the hot weather when there is no crop on the ground the measurers find it by digging a hole and when you get down to about 2 feet you come on the salt wet earth which shows the Khar. The only way to improve such soil is to manure it heavily.

## 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: bat to effect a remedy by drainage you must have a small drain in each field going into a subsidiary drain which again leads into several large main drains and for these you must 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 scaall isolated drains withoat sabsidiary 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 mach 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 namerous 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 ranning there drains into it at Pardi Idris the villages 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 oatlet for the water of these or any drains which woald take the flood right away as when the rain is heavy the Nerbndda itself overfloods its soathern bank and the Kim rises over its banks which are low in most places. The possibility of successful drainage is therefore doabtfal, while the expense of a wholesale system of drainage wonld be enormons and could hardly pay; but in case of the contemplation of such a remedy the occapants shonld be given clearly to onderstand that if at any time water-logging and flooding are remedied by Government the remissions given for such defects will cease.

Paragraph 3.-A great advantage wonld have been secured if the classers conld have been sent into the fields when the crops were on the ground. The harvest season in 1906 was a very early one and by March 1906 there was very little crop left on the ground. When crops are ripe or half ripe yon can make a rough estimate of the area in each survey number which is injured by Bolan, Dhowan and Khar and it is then that water fanlts of Bolan are far easier of detection than when the land is all bare. Dhowan is visible at any time.

Paragrap 4.-It is clear that in Sisodra the salt lands were not all pointed out to either the mámlatdár on his original inquiry or to Mr. Jakes. I made a special inspection of them myself at the urgent request of the villagers and have added a eupplemental list of Khar for Sisodra : the villagers are perfectly well acquainted with Khar and after you have seen many a feld 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 yield 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, but a larger portion of it is: the details are given in the inspection note on each survey number. The monsoon of 1905 was aboat $17^{\circ}$, whilst the monsoon of 1906 has been apto some $45^{\prime \prime}$; the area actually water-logged in the rains of 1905 was undoubtedly far less tharin the monsoon of 1906 and this has probably led Mr. Sukes to think that the area has been much exaggerated, but it is important to distinguish between the ares water-logged and the area liable to water-logging : in a normal monsoon of $41^{\circ}$ the water-logged area is far more 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 water-logged area is larger still, but we have to deal rather with the area liable to water-logging. I have seen all this area
under conditions far different from those in which Mr. Jukes saw it, and the waterlogged area I saw is probably about the largest in extent to which it ever 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 ground mark out the inferior crops on the lower levels where the water has settled long and 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 yield which is about half that of average land in the village because 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 and cleaned late in the season cannot be as fertile as soil which is ploughed, tarned and weeded for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ or 5 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 uplikely that the area water-logged by the monsoon (17") of 1905 was 500 acres, but 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 area given in the statement. The effect of a liability to be swept by running water is as described by Mr. Jakes : in bad cases there is not mach of the upper layer left and the field looke as if you could sweep it clean very so on with a broom and reach the hard under layer which is not broken ap by the plough in which the plant has 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 Augast 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 itself: 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 up there and coming back agdin. Almost all the land of Kndadra is swept over by flood water, and my proposals for reduction practically agree with Mr. Jukes; in Gudadra which is on a very troublesome tributary 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 because Mr. Jukes and his classers saw the land after a monsoon of $17^{\prime \prime}$ when there were no crops on it, and I have seen it after a rainfall of $45^{\prime \prime}$ and the crops after they had been a growing for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months 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 obvions and the harm which it does to the crop is best seen when the plant is growing; the salt efflorescence can be detected on the ground itself and tested in the soil, whilst every rayat will tell you of the various 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 Vand River would be enormous: to straighten it for 18 or 19 miles would be a Herculean 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 straightened as well as the main branch through Godadra and Adadra and then you wonld 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 precarious in this thluka 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 ont 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 yon 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 abats on one-third of the south side of the tank and on the west, whilst the rice lands are on the south-east, east and north, where the water most readily gravitates and the cultivators who should know best did not think much more rice could be grown.

Paragraph 11.-The value of the land as indicated by leases and all otherinformation that could be gathered from the record of rights which had been mostly completed in these villages has been noted in my separate inspection notes.*

[^19]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 numbers which suffer from these thres defects are marked out in different colours, and the reason for the proposed assessment for each number will be found in a note attached to each. A consolidated statement* marked Appendix A is forwarded for Bolan and Dhowan and Khar. The total area of Bolan and Dhowan is 5,408 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, but most of it is liable to water-logging, though the actual water-logged area varies according to the nature of the monsoon : 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 essessment 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 an additional reduction of Rs. 673 for which details are given against each survey number: this is a very moderate inorease when we consider that the area water-logged and over-flooded after 1908 was undoubtedly mach larger with a $45^{\prime \prime}$ monsoon than the area over-flooded and waterlogged after the rains of 1905 with a $17^{\prime \prime}$ monsoon : the monsoon of $1900^{3}$ was over abathdant 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 $41^{\prime \prime}$ thongh 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 R3, 2-1-0 per acre; there is not mach 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 crop 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 average land which is not water-logged swept over with flood water and salted with Khar in these villages is aboat 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 solicit 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 cultarable 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 pay the assessment. The caltivators 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 have 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-looded and Kbar fields the number is often let for the assessment only. With a heavy monsoon the area sown with cotton, the most paying crop, has been less by 300 acres, and wheat, lang and jawar have been substitnted and in a heavy monsoon a good deal of land this year- 500 acres-remaius uncultivated becanse the constant rain does not admit of ploughing it in time and the area of the village is so large and the 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 oultivators being thriftless have not so many cattle or such command of labour as in better villages. It is likely also that some of the Kolis have more land than they oan manage to cultivate thoroughly. An additional redaction of hs. 86-10-0 is proposed in the Bolan area because the water-logging is excessive in these numbers; the crop this year is poor and the best crop which the land, proposed for further reduction, will give indifferent as the notes on each number will indicate. The average rate for Bolan works out at Rs. 2-8-0 per acre. 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 cultivated. An additional reduction of Rs. $16.8-0$ with a resulting average of Rs. 2-3.0 per acre is proposed for the Khar in Sisodra as the crops in the Khar are poor because a copions monsoon has brought up the salt more than usual and October 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 state of the crops which are poor and all the visible signs of Khar are there anch 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

[^20]the proposed reductions are almost on the same scale as for the ares of 105 acres and the average assessment, if sanction is given, comes to Rs. 2-4-0 per acre. This area should withont donbt be included in the Khar area of Sisodra and the proposed redaction be sanctioned; the Land Records Department could arrange the details'if the Bhag annas are not correctly dealt with, bat the resulting assessment shonld 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 must be given to Bolan, Dhowan and Khar areas. The general reduction on revision has been Rs. 3,759, but waterlogged, over-flooded and Khar areas are here again specially dealt with. The village has suffered a good deal this year from the heavy downpours with insufficient breaks; the area of cotton is less by 200 acres and the juwar and wheat have been mach retarded by heavy rain. Much of the cotton has been sown three times. Where the land has been forfeited it is "Gamatia" 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 abont 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 actual flooded area is given in the notes. Both these vary yearly : an additional reduction of Rs. 22-12-0 is proposed which may be sanctioned. The average assessment works out at Rs. 2-6-0 per acre. There is a large strip of Khar 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 mach Khar where the crop is really quite poor that substantial 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 annewari 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 assessment per acre is Rs. 2 which is not nnfair in proportion to the average assessment in the Bplan and Dhowan area at Rs. 2-6-0 per acre. The damage done to cotton, wheat and jowar 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 rush of water (Dhowan) is about 150 acres out of 168: bat 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 and juwar in consequence are quite poor and the rents are low. The same remarks as made for Suner Kala apply here and the additional proposed reduction of Rs. 227-8-0 will give an average assessment of Rs. 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 tenure 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 substituted 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 ares is 245 acres 26 gunthas and the proposed total reduction is Rs. $72+35-8-0=$ Rs. $107-8-0$ which gives an average assessment of Rs. 2-8-0 per acre os the crops in some of the Khar area are not so poor as in Parvat and Sunev Kala.
(v) Kharach.- 313 acres are held on the new tenare of land, resigned 200 acres and forfeited for arrears 113 acres. Some $4 \overline{5} 6$ acres are still resigned and waste because of Khar in the land. Dhowan area, 116 acres and 11 gunthas; proposed total reduction $\mathrm{Ks} .42-8-0+12-8-0=\mathrm{Rs}$. 54 , giving an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. This over-flooding is considerable and comes from the Kim river and the land has also Khar; most of it has been forfeited and is held on the new tenure. The Khar area is 104 acres and 12 gunthas and the proposed reduction of Rs. 30-12-0+ 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 serious as elsewhere: much of this area is held on the new tenure.
(vi) Telva.-Musalmans (Shaikh) and Bhil village. Culturable area, acres 884. 106 acres of land forfeited and resigned still waste. Cotton sown three times ou acconnt of heavy rains. Drainage channel broken in two places which water-logs fields near. The Bolan area, 37 acres and 21 gunthas though small has much Bolan in it and some Khar as well and the crops are poor. With the total proposed reductions Rs. 7-12-0+ Rs. $28-8-0=\mathrm{Rs}, 36-4-0$, the average assessment is Rs. $2.4-0$ per acre. The most serious defect in Telva is Khar in 344 acres. 12 ganthas: the crops in these field wore puite poor and the harvest will be poorer, for as the orops mature in such 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 inadequate relief in such an area in which the crops do only a little better with a $\mathbf{1 7}^{\prime \prime}$ to $20^{\prime \prime}$ rainfall as in 1905-06 though the normal fall is $41^{\prime \prime}$ and in 1906 we had about $45^{\prime \prime}$. Telva and Sarthan are the poorest villages in the taluka, one from water-logging in almost its wholejarea and Telva from moch Khar. In makitg his proposals no crops could have been seen by Mr. Jukes in Telva as they had been mostly removed in March 1908, 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 absolutely essential here and with that the average assessment comes to R. $2-200$ per acre. See the note at the end of the Khar statement. Himat Khan of Surat had to resign 95 acres which he took ap in Telva, and Hnssein 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. Much land is swept over with flood water and the village is cut up 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 nalas. Much of this land is under grass and cannot be cultivated though the Bohrahs are most energetic cultivators and have taken up land in Sisodra where they will have to be encouraged to take more land. The Dhowan ares 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 additional reduction is needed as the land is much deteriorated and will go on deteriorating and suffers considerably in heavy rainfalls. The Khar area is acres 109, total proposed reduction Rs. $84-8-0+20=$ 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 Sunev Kala Khar lands.
(vii) Motwan.-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 assessmenl with the additional reduction is Rs. 2-8-0 per acre. The Khar area is 215 acres and the total proposed reduction is Ris. $85+119-8-0=204-8-0$ which gives an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre.
(ix) Piludra:-Bhil and Koli village. Culturable area acres 1,550. More than half of this land, 849 acres , is held on the new tenare 124 acres resigned and the rest, acres 725, forfeited for arrears. There are two drains in this village which give some help, but only the lands just on the drains get benefit. Cotton was sown once, but proving a failure wheat and juwar were largely substituted and there are 250 aores less of cotton this year and the cotton is poor on account of heavy 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 chielly under grass; much of the water-logged area has poor crops. The total proposed reduction, Rs. $36-14-0+69-8$-0 = Re. 106-6-0, giving an averege assessment per acre of Rs. 2-4-0. Khar area 313 acres; proposed reduction, Rs. $94-8-0+164-8-0=$ Rs. 259 , gives an average assessment of Rs. 1-12-0 per acre. The land has muoh Khar and the orops are poor, so the additional reduction is required. Much 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) Pandoai.-A poor and mach indebted village of Masalmans (Maleks), Bhils and Kolis. The land, 202 acres, suffers from being ewept 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. 2-8-0 per acre. There is much Khar in 41 acres and the total redactions, Rs. 13-4-0 + 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 much of it suffers in a heavy monsoon : the cotton was sown thrice this year and has been much retarded. A good deal of the land has Khar. Of the oulturable area, 1,285 acres, 470 acres are held on the new tenure. The Bolan area, 265 acres, is much water-logged and the crops, cotton and juwar, this year were poor. The rents 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 redaction of $\mathrm{Rs}, 90-4-0$ is proposed and needed and with the total reduction of Rs. 51-8-0 + Rs. $90-4-0=$ Rs. 141-12-0 the average assessment is Rs. 2 per acre. This village is a poor one and saffers from

Khar also and in normal monsoons the owners of these numbers 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. $13=$ Rs. 18, gives an average assessment of Ks. 2 per acre.
(xii) Adadra.-Brahmin, Rajput, Koli and Bhil village. Some 250 acres left uncultivated on account of the heavy rain (1906): this year 250 acres cotton; last year 614 acres cotton : many of the crops have suffered from much rain as the village is low-lying. The Bolan aroa is 250 acres and in this there is Dhowan also : in the latter an additional reduction of Rs. 28-8-0 is proposed. The total redaction, Rs. 110-8.0 + Rs. 29-8 $0=$ Rs. 140, gives an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. Khar area 215 acres : total reduction proposed, Rs. $98+$ Rs. $7=$ Rs. 105 , give an average assessment of Rs. 1-12-0 per acre. The Khar is not so serious as in Telva, Sunev Kala and Parvat.
(xiii) Pardi Idris.-Koli, Rajput and Bhil village. In much rain the water comes from Telva, Adol and Hajat, and many of the fields on the north of the Vand get water-logged, whilst their drainage channel does not help them but rather so fills up the Vand that the people have to keep the water out of the villuge 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. $37-4-0+$ Rs. $67-8-0=$ Rs. 104-12.0 give an average assessment of Rs. 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. $19+$ Re. $37 \cdot 8-0=$ Rs. $56-8-0$, give an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre and the additional redaction is required.
(xiv) Amod (Vigotia).-Musalman (Shaikh), Bhil, Dhed village. A poor village and much indebted : 66 acres are swept over with rain water rather than water-logged. Total preposed reductions, Rs. $20.8 \cdot 0+$ Rs. $5-8-0=$ Rs. 26 , give an average assessment of Rs. 2-4-0 per acre. Many of the crops in this are poor. Khar area, 48 acres 9 gunthas. Total proposed reductions, Rs. 13 + Rs. $8-8-0=$ Rs. 21-8.0, give an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre. Land is let generally for the assessment ouly.
(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 average assessment of Rs. 2-2-0 per acre. The Khar area is 73 acres : aithough there is Khar the cotton is fair in some places. The total proposed reductions, Rs. $24-8-0+$ Rs. $6-8-0=$ Rs. 31 , give an average assessment of Rs. 2-8-0 per acre.
(xvi) Rohid.-Brahmin, Koli, Bhil, Rajput village. Cultarable area 1,413 acres, of which 350 acres are mortgaged. Of the area which suffers from flooding 250 acres, ore swept over with rain water on both sides of the Jogi nála. Rohid is a fair villago. The total proposed reductions in Dhowan and Bolan, Rs. $102-12-0+$ Rs. $18=$ Rs. $120-12-0$, give an average assessment of Rs. $2-2-0$ per acre. Thers is Khar in 101 acres and total proposed reductions Rs. 37-8-0 + Rs. $22=$ Rs. 59-8-0, give an average assessment of Rs. 2 per acre.
(svii) Kudadra.-Koli, Bhil, Dhed village. 320 acres out of culturable area of 1,077 acres, held on new tenure. 'Che Dhowan area is 848 acres and total proposed reductions of Rs. 446-12-0 + Rs. 15-4-0 = Rs. 462-0-0 give an average assessment of Rs. 2-4-0 por 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 tenure, 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 grasse The drains let into the Vand have greatly increased the volume of water here. It is a poor Koli village and used atways to be mach in arrears.
(xviii) Dungra.-Musalman, 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) Panjroli.-R Rajput Koli village. Dhowan is 140 acres and with total reductions of Rs. $63-10-0+$ Rs. 1-12-0 = Ks. 65-6-0, the average assessment would be Rs. 8 per acre. The crops here are not so poor as in other bad Bolan and Dhowan areas 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 consisting of Ankleshwar and Hansot rain returns for five years for the months of June, July, August, September and

October from 1902 to 1906. In 1904 the rainfall at Ankleshwar was 14 inches $\mathbf{8 6}$ cents and at no time was there any heary rain. In 1905 the rainfall was 17 iaches 51 cents and only on the 22nd and 23rd Joly was the rain heavy; otherwise it came in light showers and the cotton was mach of it sown in the end of July; it was after this light monsoon that the water-logged areas were seen by Mr. Jakes and his classers in the hot weather of 1306 . In the monsoon of 1906 we had a total 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 dowafall 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 accompsaiment to Government Resolation No. 6049 of 9th Angust 1904, I would venture to point out that his inspection, which was not a very detailed one, took place in the hot 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 taluka and mahal 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 bat little relief te 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 238 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 Khar ( 27 acres 20 ganthas) and waterlogged land ( 268 acres 28 gunthas), total 291 acres 8 gnnthas, in Alonj is Rs. 1,169; new assessment Rs. 757; rednction Rs. 412; Alonj no doubt requires the further rednctions proposed. In Telva the water-logged area is not large, but the Khar area has mach salt in it and is at least 344 acres: there are still 106 acres culturable waste in Telpa nnoccupied and the taking op of land there has caased a good deal of loss to two occupants, one of whom abandoned his land altogether. There are 210 acres culturable waste in Piladra still unoccopied and some 18 acres in Alonj where the people suffer mach in a normal monsoon from water-logging and complained with reason of their hard luck this year: although land is taken up in Pardhi Idris still the cotton in Bolan suffers: people take op their old forfeited lands becanse their livelihood is agriculture only and they do not want to become mere day-laboarers. In Siqodra the water-logged area is about 800 acres which is $\frac{1}{4}$ or 25 per cent. of the calturable area of 3,331 acres; there are 33 acres waste and 500 acres are ansown this year becanse of too heavy rain which did not permit of time to coltivate before the land dried up. In Rohid the classers found 250 acres swept over by a rush of water which is far more serions than water-logging. In Kathodra an area of some 400 acres ( 395 acres 12 ganthas) 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 sarvey. In Sanve 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 Pandwai the Dhowan area is 200 acres, whereas in Kndadra and Ghodadra it is extensive. The water-logged area in Parwat is about 18 acres, but 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 and it is probable that salt efflorescence has been there at and before the sarvey of 1872. In Suner Kala the water-logged area is about 250 acres and the area swept over by flood water 250 acres and althongh 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 cause a rush of water the deterioration increases from year to year and a heavy monsoon does mach harm by Bulan and Dhowan ; it is only with a light monsoon if some $20^{\circ \prime}$ 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 swept over by rain water. Dungra has 140 acres of land swept over by a rash of water which canses a poor yield of crops in normal times. Paragraph 9.-There is no question whatsoever that land mast of necessity and does deteriorate by water-logging and mach more so by a sweep of water over it; with the first defect the cotton or juwar has to be sown three times and at the last in the end of Angust; it loses $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months of the benefit of the monsoon and mack of the good of the soil has been taken out by rank weeds and fertilising agents soaked through; ro manure can then be put on the field and mach of water-logged land gives half the gield in a monsoon of $20^{\circ}$ to that of average land, whilat in a heavy monsoon the damage done is great, in a normal monsoon the crop is poor. The deterioration by Dhowan is worse and continues becanse more sarface soil is washed away year by year and a thinner opper layer left; in some fields the cultivators sweep up the upper layer and heap it ap against the cotton plants. It is donbtful if art can cure water-logging and flooding, bat in any case to do it thoroughly the expense woald be enormons and coald never pay, whilst small drains may well prove to be futile and the two acres of Bolan and Dhowan may be increasing. It could not pay to drain the tract; the areas are in each village so scattered and the whole area, some 5,400 acres, is bat of the size of one large village. It is in these very 19 villages that reductions of Rs. 8,660 in 5,400 acres of water-logged,

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flooded and salt land have given some relief and a further reduction of Rs. 5,05i is needed. The price of cotton is still fairly high at Rs. 100 a bhar, but cotton does badly in all these areas and its quality is inferior. In Sisodra we have 500 acres, Parwat 32 acres, Adol 89 acres, 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 acres, Pardi Idris 30 acres, Amod 4 acres, Kadadra 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 althnogh price of cotton is high on acconnt of Bulan, 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 $\mathbf{V}$ there are villages in other groups which can certainly revert to the assessment of the old survey. 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 proposals reductions have been given, all round in each class, but $I$ submit an appendix* $D$ with notes. Diva Vora Pati was in the original survey in groap I with a maximam dry crop of 6-8: this has been reduced to 5-s with corresponding reduction this year of Rs. 790 : in the same way Diwa Rajput Pati gets a reduction of Rs. 966, yet except occasionally when there are three floods in the Nerbudda after abnormal heavy downpours this village does well and when wheat and jnwar and tar are substituted for cotton these crops are very fine because the Nerbadda leaves a rich silt which is most fractifying. The two villages have about 50,000 palm trees equally distribated 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 annam : 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 nncultivated. Last year the cotton in 700 acres was fine. The revenue-payers are contamacions Bohrahs. The total assessment on Government lands is Rs. 17,974 and nearly half is paid from sale of tad leaves for roofing hats and houses; ship-loads go to Bhavnagar and railway wagon loads elsewhere. Mandva Bujrag has been lowered from 6-8 to 5-S in its maximun rate; yet it is a most fertile village in which the Nurbudda leaves a rich silt and most paying crops of tobacco are grown and it has a rich bet land which brings in mach wealth both to the cultivators and the farmer ijardar of the bet. There is a good revenue of Rs. 4,000 or Rs. 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 safkárs of Broach own 1,000 acres which they bought when the land was auctioned for its occapancy price, it having been previonsly as 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 maximam 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 cultivators in the taluka so very well-off that they cultivate through hired labour under their own supervision and have bought 400 acres from the Kolis aud have 125 acres in Kanva, 50 in Matied, 400 in Haripara and 50 in Nagal with gcattered lands in other villages all bought up through the prosperity of Sajod. I consider that-

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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 Talaka 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 jamabandi according to the old and the revision anrvey as entered in the notes on the villages include assessments on inám lands and were ascertained at the recent jamébandi of the tsiluka. They do not correspond with the figures in Appendix Q of Mr. Mehta's report.

I have, etc.,<br>H. W. J. Bagnely,<br>Collector of Broach.

No. 857, dated Poona, 12th March 1907.
To-The Commissioner, Northern Division, Ahmedabad.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward for submission to Government copy of a report No. 1500 of October 4th, 1806; 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. 8093 of November 19th, 1901. Subsequently doubts arose as to the exact area in which it was to be carried ont 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:-

|  | Villages. | Ares of Survay Numbers and affected. | Present asseasment. | Reduced anserement. | Difference. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Areas suffering from water logging and flooding. | 19 | 5,484 | 14,605 | 12,597 | 1,908 |
| Areas suffering from salt ... | 16 | 2,878 | 8,056 | 7,026 | 1,030 |
| Totel ... |  | 8,362 | 22,661 | 19,723 | 2,938 |

The net reduction in the assessment will thus he Rs. 2,933. The total assessment of the survey numbers affected in these villages according to the original survey was Rs. 32,358 ; this was reduced by the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 8093, dated November 19th, 1901, to Rs. 28,700 and will now be further reduced to Rs. 19,723. The total reduction in the burden of the assessment will thas be 40 per cent.
4. Mr. Jukes has been carefolly over the area inspecting all the survey numbers which the Revenue Department considered to have deteriorated as well as those pointed out by the villagers. His examination was made in March and April which are the best months for studying the effects of sult efflorescence and his conclusions were checked by a second examination carried out by Mr. Mohanlal Ishwardas, an experienced Head Survesor, after heavy rains in August. 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: 1,403 for salt should be granted.
6. It is for consideration now whether Mr. Jukes' or Mr. Bagnell's proposals should be accepted. I should have been glad to settle the point by personal examination, bat 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 pare and simple and therefore one for decision by a sarvey 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 subject, 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 clearly the factor of which the Survey Department are to take cognizance in classifying the land. The 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 character 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 varions 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; bat given the skill and experience, it is I think generally admitted that the final estimate of the productive power of the soil formed by the Surver Department has been always wonderfully acourate.
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 crops, plas numerons miscellaneons factors such as population, prices, area under caltivation, letting value in preference to that framed by the technical department. I leave it for Government to decide which should be accepted. The conditions of the current year, during 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 deductions from the standard assessment due to the lack of it are already ascertainable from the records.

I have, etc.,<br>G. S. SURTIS, Director, Land Records.

No. 127.1, dated 20th March 1907.

## Submitted to Government.

2. The Commissioner agrees with the Director throughout.
3. The special reduction may for the present be sanctioned for a period of five years.

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

## Revanue Survey and Assessment.

Broach.
Reclassification of certain villages in the Ankleshwar Táluka.

No. 5855.
Refenoe Departhent.
Bombay Castle, 1 lith June 1907.
Letter from the Director of Land Records, No. 857, dated 12th Murch 1907.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1271, dated 20th March 1907.
Resolution.-After careful consideration, the Governor in Council 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 limited to the survey numbers selected by the Revenue Department there might be room for doubt ; but the villagers were given opportanities of pointing out additional numbers, 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 Saperintendent of Land Records and Registration, mast 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 during the heavy rains of 1908 by an exceptionally able and experienced surveyor. The Collector made his inspection at the close of an exceptionally unfavourable monsoon, and based his recommendations principally on the state of the crops grown in such abnormal conditions. Government fully 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 Mr. Jukes are without doubt sufficient to obviate all risk of over-assessment.
2. The reductions being reductions of classification will not be subject to change when the revision settlement proposals, which entail no alterations of classification, come up for consideration. The reductions for "dhowán" and "bolan" are therefore sanctioned for five years. Those for "khar" may be made permanent unless the Director of Land lecords shonld be of opinion that they also can be remedied within a reasonable period.
3. The Director of Agriculture should be requested to have this tract examined, in consultation with the Executive Engineer and to report whether any scheme of drainage or other measure 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 would lead to definite conolusions as to the utility or the reverse of a comprehensive scheme.

> R. P. BARROW,
> Acting Chief Secretary to Govornment.

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 "bolán" and "dhowán" and "khar" received with Mr. Jukes' letter),
The Director of Agriculture and of Co-operative Credit Societies,
The Accountant General,
The Superintending Engineer, N. D.,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.
No. 2056, dated 24th June 1907.
To-The Commissioner, N. D.
Sir,
I have the honour to refer to Government Resolution No. 9.99, dated January 28th, 1907, and my No. 386, dated Jannary 31st, 1907, to the address of the Collector of Broach, copy of which is attached 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 annexed reply. As you will see from the remarks in the Collector's paragraph 18, the financial effect of his proposals had to be worked out in this offics, and there has in consequence been some delay. I should have preferred also to have been able to propare a map, which would show the grouping proposed by the Collector, bat the matter is somewhat urgent, and I therefore forward the papers withont 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 further period of five years. The Collector has found himself anable 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) according to Mr. Bagnell's present proposals,
with the differences plus and minus between them.

5. It will be seen that the total assessment ander the past settlement was Rs. 4,31,232. The reduced assessment under the orders of 1901 is Rs, 3,53,831, and that now proposed by Mr. Bagnell is Rs. 3,78,192.
6. A further statement is attached showing the number of villages in each group, and the rates assigned to each :-

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

There seem to be three conrses open to us :-
(i) To accept the Collector's recommendations as they stand, introduce his rates, and gaarantee them for 30 gears. In this case the present rates mast 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 continasace 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. Out of these three courses I atrongly 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 tálaka, 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 are 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 agricultural conditions and it is not right to assume that the circumstances of the rillages in the south-west of the taluks are as desperate as they are made ont 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 pechliar. In 1901, as 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 taluka. The officer deputed to conduct the inquiry, Mr. E. Maconochje, formulated certain conclusions which led Government to order a large reduction of the assessment. The question is now whether those conclasions were correct. Mr. Maconochie conducted his inquiry onder considersble 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 compondiam of information now collected noder 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 careful examination of the record of rights with a view to test Mr. Maeonochie'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 Talaka, I ventore 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 unjustifiable and in a recent correspondence I had occasion to point nat the incompatibility of his proposals with received survey principles (vule 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 tha rating of soils according to an empirical valuation of their productiveness made by himself and his sabordinates, ignoring the fact that differences in fertility have already been folly allowed for in the classification. As an instance of this, I have only to refer to paragraph 11 of his present letter, in which, if I anderstand bim rightly, he recommends the adoption of two maximum rates in a single village. To adopt proposals framed on this principle, withont careful test, might lead to most undesirable anomalies.
9. Assuming, therefore, that the Collector's proposals 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, riz., in 1907-08 or in 1909-10. In my humble opinion the latter year would

[^21]be preferable. For the last two and a half years the taluka or parts of it have been in what may be described as a continual state of unrest. Circle Inspectors, Mámlatdárs, at least two Depaty Collectors and finally the Collector himself have been going rcund inviting complaints as to deterioration of soil and erroneousness of classification, and making proposals for reduction of the assessment, all of which have come to nothing. What is wanted now is a little 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 Resolation No. 5855, dated 11 th instant, and from what I saw myself (and I inspected a large area in which Mr. Bagnell had declared reductions to be absolutely necessary) there is no reason to suppose that the present rates are anywhere excessive. Let us, 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 demanded from the richer villages; but this need not be regretted. It will be far better to wait aud 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 Superintendent, 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.407i, dated May 2lst, 1901, printed at page 86 of the revision settiement papers. Instructions will be given to have the assessment correctly calculated and communicated to the revenue authorities in place of those now leried.

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 confused (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 technical one which might be decided entirely by officers of the Survey Department. My locum 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 leqve 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 faults', '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 taluka, I would point out that the five years for which the existing assessments were continued under the orders contained in paragraph 4 of Gorernment Resolution No. 8093, dated 19th November 1901, expired on July 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 ferv days back I addressed Government and asked them to communicate to jou their sanction by telegraph. I trust that that sanction* has been received.
5. Meanwhile, we have to consider whether we have collected sufficient information to jüstify our submitting 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 profits, areas which have been under cereals have not been so remunerative to their owners. We require further experience of years of a less abnormal character.

Secondly, the record of rights has only just been introduced 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 talaka is the price of cotton, which is at the present moment extremely high. Experts differ as to whether this level will continue ; and it is impossible to say at present which of them is 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 normal years the area nuder caltivation

- Vide Government Readotion No. 939, deted 28th January 1907.

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contracted or not. Obviously the time which has elapsed aince that agreement has not been sufficient to settle the point.
6. On these grounds I am inclined to ask Government to continue the existing assessment for a furtber term of five years from July 31st, 1906, to July 31st, 1911, and to suggest that a special Settlement Officer be appointed to review the condition of the taluka in 1909-10. I shall be obliged if you will favour me with your views on this suggestion.

I have, \&c.,
(Signed) G. S. Curits, Director of Land Records.

No. 746, dated 20th February 1907.
To-The Director of Land Records, Poona.
Sir,
With reference to your 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 taluka 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 settlementi of the taluka. The report on group $V$ is quite distinct 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 Survey (former sarvey) would make up for the additional revenue to be remitted in group $V$.
4. ${ }^{\text {F }}$ Your paragraph 3.-I was bound to go and see the lands and to give my opinion as the facts appeared to me. I have visited these survey numbers in group $V$ under different conditions of a rainfall of some 44 inches in 1996 as compared to about 14 inches in 1904 and 77 inches in 1905, after which two dry seasons the lands were classed by the Land Records. Department and Mr. Jukes has pointed out this very difficalty in paragraph 5 of his* No. 1500 of 4th October 1906. In such a bad waterlogged area it was hardly possible to allow for all the faults after a rainfall 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. Jukes classification. I merely pointed out what seemed to me to be needed when the conditions were soentirely different and mach 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 lst August 1907 for five years and we would bein a better position then to see how such a settlement was suited to the taluka.
6. Although we had a rat year in 1902 and 14 inches in 1904 and 17 inches in 1905, yet the rainfall in 1903 was normal with a high price of cotton and the rains in 1908 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 upon, I find that in group I (Revision Survey) out of a gross area including inkm of 15,410 acress only 1,599 acres are mortgaged, 393 acres have been forfeited and restored on the new tenare-and this chiefly on account of contumacy and not because the occupants could not pay and retain their land on the old tenare- 199 acres have been resigned and 115 acres are still uncultivated, having been forfeited for arrears. The former maximum 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 survey.
7. I would bring to your notice the following facts in some of the separate villages of group I.
dakleshear,-138 acres resigned as well as 20 acres forfeited have all been taken op for cultivation. Panod.-27 acres forfeited are now being cultivated. The increase of abont Rs. 200 in Government land in Pungam is not levied under Government Resolation No. 8093, dated 19th November 1901. A very small ares of 24 acres is waste; there are no forfeitares or arrears since the famine: Since the former survey Government has bailt a long bund in Pangám which protects a large aroa from flooding from the Amla Khadi. Rice is

[^22]grown with the cotton though it has been reported that such is not the custom in the Ankleshvar Tálaka; the profits from palm leaves are from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 4,000 a year in this fine village with its fine crops.

Haripura.-The Sajodra Bráhmins and Rajpats of Sajod pay sereneighth of the' assessment. The former are the most skilled and well-to-do cultivators of the taluka and they have acquired most of the land in Haripura and live close by at Sajod. Tlie flood from the Narbadda leaves a rich silt end renews the lands every year. With three floods in the Narbadda (1906) only 100 acres were resown, but the second sowing of wheat and jowar has given and always gives splendid craps in the resulting silt. The Bet has 136 acres which brings in a rent of Rs. 12 per acre with good profits to the Machhi and Bhil tenants. All the forfeited area ( 61 acres) has been taken up and there are no arrears since 1901-02 in any year.

Diva Vohora Pati.-Though sometimes flooded in parts to excess by the Narbudda, it has fine later crops of wheat and jowar and tar in the resulting silt and in the following year if the flood is not so high very fine cotton is grown as the silt renews 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 a 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 Rs. 600 to Rs. 1,000 from its tad leaves. 58 acres forfeited have all been taiken up. Although the bhágs were broken in Chapra and the land made khalisa there are only 50 acres of culturable waste not taken up. The Narbudde spreads its silt over most of this village of well-to-do patidars. Samor in the same way is favoured by the Narbudda and is held largely by well-to-do Badias. Mandwa Buzrag is perhaps the richest village of the group as it grows tobacco in 200 acres. All its land benefits from the silt of the Narbudde : 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 much produce by boat to Broach for disposal including. much hariali grass from its bets which fetches a high price per head-load. No land has ever been forfeited here nor have there been any arrears. It is owned by the richest safkárs in Broach.

Although Gadkhol is a Bhil and Talabda Koli village yet two-thirds of it is owned by well-to-do Kachias and Kunbis of Anklesh var., All the land (70 acres), forfeited after the famine, has been taken ap: it has fine crops of cotton with several gins at its doors and one-third of the popalation 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 rillage gets silt from the Narbudda 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 Kahanwa, 50 acres in Matied, 400 acres in Haripura and 50 acres in Nagal and scattered lands as far away as Raima. The yield of cotton 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 group I of the former survey with a Rs. 6-8-0 maximum rate.
8. There are the following villages in which the maximum rates of the former survey might well be restored :-

Hánsot (group II). -It is the head-quarters of the Mahal and does much basiness with all the Mahál villages. All the well-to-do savkars live here, and land sells at Rs. 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 acre is forfeited.

Telod (group III).-No land forfeited or resigned. It is as good as Asta which is the best village of the Mahál. The khatedars are well-to-do Kolis and Musalmans of Hánsot. Land is sold at Rs. 150 an acro. In Asta (group III) no land is resigned or forfeited: a bhágdári village of which the six bhaggs are owned by Sajodra Brahmins who are well off and most excellent oultivators; hardly any arrears after the famine. In Mangrol (group III) no land is resigned or forfeited and errears 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 iu arrears and has no land forfeited or resigned, owned by Sajodra Bráhmins and is a well-to-do village. Digus (III) is a fair village never in arrears. Alwa, a village like Asta which is never in arrears: a Bhágdári village of Sajodra Bráhmins 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 acres waste and never in arrears. 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 new tenure and a sale rate of about Rs. 68 per acre; never in arrears. Raima, a village like Asta; with no arrears and no waste land and 4 acres only forfeited.
9. I would therefore restore the maximam rates of the former survey in the abovenamed villages as a tentative measure 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 survey, and the rest of the group with the exceptions above mentioned
(omitting Sarthan) and in 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 survey were not suited and this portion of the talaka did not do well ander the old settlement.
10. On Mr. Maconochie's (page 83, paragraph 25, and page 71) suggestion Sarthan was placed in the IV group. Both Messrs. Symonds, Panse and the Commissioner agreed that it required a reduction from a maximum rate of Rss 5-8-0 (former survey) to Rs, 4, yet we find that there is an actual increase 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 $1800^{\circ}$ 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 Dheds. I again visited Sarthan this year after a rainfall of 44 inches and with the crops on the ground and went through each field. There is no donbt that most of the village suffers from water-logging and the greater part of the crops is in consequence poor-about annas 6-as may be seen from the noteg I made on each number. Before the famine 130 acres were resigned and since 120 acres are forfeited of which 98 acres remain khálsa and uncultivated. Much cotton has to be sown three times and the crop in the end is poor. The Dheds are better off than the Mnssalmans and their lands have less waterlogging ; they are more diligent cultivators and live on less. I think Sarthan is 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 dae to the application of the revision distance from village scale; althongh 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 suggestions. As a reduction from Rs. 5-8-0 to Rs. 4 has not lowered the assessment, I would propose a maximam rate of Rs. 3 with the present distance from village scale. I forward herewith an Appendix A. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ with my notes on each number in Sarthan.
11. With regard to gronp $V$, out of a total gross area including inam of $\mathbf{3 1 , 5 5 4}$ acres there are some 1,138 acres mortgaged, 3,434 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 22 (page 65, Revision Settlement papers) at first proposed that the maximam rate of this group should be Rs. 3, or Re. 1 below Mr. Mehts's rate of Rs. 4 becanse Mr. Mehta 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. 8 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 ithe deliberate opinion that Rs. 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 resalt of mistakes of the people bat of irresistible natural forces." There is no donbt that the villages of group V except Panjroli, Kharach, Hajat, Rohid, Motwan and Pardi Idris are poor villages and being low lying suffer from excess of water. Sir F. Lely had been Assistant Collector in this district and Collactor of Surat for some time where he knew well water-logged villages in the Olpad Táluka in which reductions were given on revision sarvey. 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 Pardi 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 October 1906.
12. Taking these villages of group $V$ in their order, $I$ would point out that-

Telwa has 88 acres on the now tenure and 106 acres uncultivated of which 79 are forfeited and waste and 27 acres have been resigned. In a heavy 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).

Piludra has 849 acres on the new tenare 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 89 acres resigned, because the land is water-logged and mach 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 np 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) nncultivated 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.

Pandvai is a poor village like Parvat where excess of water impoverishes the crop.
$A^{\prime}$ mod is a similar village with 114 acres on the new tenare, 39 acres still forfeited and not taken up as the land is poor.

Dungra is a much indebted village like Pandvai with 106 acres on the new tenure and 79 acres mortgaged.

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

Kudadra has 320 acres held on the new tenare, 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 Mahál 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 recommended 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 consamption. If there is a copious monsoon and rain in October the wheat does well, but except Dhamrad they have no cotton to fall back on. Cotton 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. Muoh of the area has salt dust blown over it and requires much rain to wash out the salt. Ankalwa has 36 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 crop. Samli has its people mach 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 mach in debt. Katpore has 269 acres resigned, 159 acres forfeited and waste and 20 acres on the new tenare. It is alwaysin 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, because land is poor, of which 40 acres were resigned three years ago because of the salt dust blown over it. It is a poor village where cotton is poor: it keeps in arrears and the land generally fetches the assessment only as rent. In Dantrai the people are much 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 soath-west portion has salt dust blown over it and the village is always in arrears.
15. Your parágraph 5.-It would not take long to digest the details which are required from the record of rights. The chief facts 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, (e) the amount of land resigned, ( $f$ ) the area forfeited and still uncultivated, ( $g$ ) the rate at which land is mortgaged peracre, (h) the culturable waste still uncultivated. My office collected these details whilst doing the Jamábandi of the taluka this year and the results are I think fairly accurate. It is dificult 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 rupee an acre above the assessment. The price of cotton varies so mach 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 abont 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, say, an anna to each rapee of assessment of land under cotton if the price exceeded, say, Rs. 120 \& Bharat 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 previous 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 mach each year.
17. To sum up my proposals, I would ask that the present rates should continue for one year from 31st July 1908 and that from the lst Angust 1907 the following groaping and maximum rates shonld be temporarily introduced for fire years until 1912.

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Group I, maximmen rate Is. 6-8-0.

| 1. | Ankleshwar. | 6. | Diva Vohara Páti. | 11. | Chhapran |
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| 2. | Pánod. | 7. | Divi. | 12. | Samor. |
| 3. | Pangam. | 8. | Chorísi. | 13. | Mandva Buzrag. |
| 4. | Haripura. | 9. | Surwadi. | 14. | Gadkhol. |
| 5. | Diwa Rajput Pati. | 10. | Andsda. | 18. | Sajod. |

Growp II, rate Rs. 6.
19. Hánsot.

Gromp III, rato Rs. 5-8-0.
22. Telod.
23. Asta.
15. Piráman.
16. Boidra.
17. Nagal.
21. Pardi Ambheta.
26. Ganpatpuran
29. Mothis.
30. Shera.
34. Karmáli.
35. Ravidra.
36. Umerbar.
37. Safipura,
27. Mandva Matied.
28. Matied.
33. Kahanwa
49. Kalam.
56. Vamleshwar.
64. Chhilodra.
69. Ilav.
55. Katpore.
57. Kantiazal.
58. :Samli.
59. Jetpore.
60. Ankalwa.
24. Mangrol.
25. Utraj.

Growp IV, rate Rs. 5.
20. Pánoli.
50. Alwa.
65. Bolav.

Growp $V$, rate Rs. 4-8-0.
38. Umerwáda.
39. Kapodra.
40. Sanjali.
41. Kharod.
42. "Bekrol.
43. Bhadi.
44. Kosamdi.
45. Bhadkodra.

Growp $V I$, rate Rs. 4.
70. Sahol.
71. Asarma.
72. Obha.
78. Sunev Khurd.
75. Varner.
76. Amarat Pura.
31. Digas.
66. Malanpur.
67. Aliadra,
74. Raima,
46. Jitali.
47. Sarangpore.
48. Motali.
51. Sayan.
52. Badodra.
53. Vansnoli.
54. Ambheta.

Growp VII, rate Re. 3-8-0.
61. Dhamrad.
:62. "Waghwan.
63. Dantrai.
68. Balota
83. Hazat.
77. Uchhali.
78. Kararwell.
79. Awadar.
80. Piprod.
81. Párdi Makha.
82. Shangpore.

- Growp VIII, rate Re. 3.

4. Telve.
5. Piladra.
6. Adol.
7. Alonj.
8. Kathodra.
9. Ádadra.
10. Godadra.
11. .Pandvai.
95.: A'mod.
12. $\therefore$ Dụngara.
13. Motwan.
14. Rohid.
15. Párdi Idris,
16. Karaoh.
17. Panjroli.
18. Sisodra.
19. Kudadra
20. Parvat.
21. Saner Kallan
1..32. Sarthan.
22. The groóaps in all cases are not very compact, bab owing to the varying conditions of their villages this cannot be helped.

From the 102 villages in Appendix Q I have proposed increases in nambers 1 to 18 of grodp 1 ; in'Nost 14; 18 and 19, gronp II; in Nos. 22, 23; 24, 25 and 31 of gronp III; in Nos. $50 ; 65,66 ; 67 ; 74$ of group IV, making 26 villages in all : and I have suggested dectreasses ir No. S2; group IIIF ; Nose $55,57,58,59,60,61,62,63$ and 68 , groap $1 V$; and ${ }^{-}$Nos, $84 ; 85,86,87,91492,93,94,95,98,99,100,101$ and.102, group $V$, or a total of 24 viltages. Thas in 50 villages altogether have changes been anggested. It may be that the incteases in "the'tone'set/will balance the decreases in the other including the decreases "proposed in my'report* Nos. 382, dated 26th January 1907, and the total figare for the settle"ment'of'the talluka'may remain the same as now. It would not take very long for the " Superiritendent;'Lrand Records, N. D., to make the calculations.
19. I consider that these proposals are justified by the information already acquired which is collected in detail in notes on the villages of groups I to $V$ (Appendix Q) which wert 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 scheme they will be of use to the officer making the settlement later on as they give information about the

[^23]population, the class of cultivators, the cultarable occupied area with its former and present assessment, the remissions, including the remissions calculated on Indm lands, the areas resigned, held on the new tenure, forfeited and still uncultivated, the culturable areas atill waste and the conditions of the village affecting its prosperity or otherwise to which a settloment officer would have to direct his attention.
20. Last 6 lines of your paragraph 5.-I agree that the "certain area" alladed to may be examined some time hence. The proposals of my paragraphs 13 and 14 are made on general considerations.
21. I have forwarded a copy of this report to the Commissioner, N. D.

## I have, \&o.,

H. W. J. Bagmale, Collector' of Broach. No. 4141, dated 12th July 1907.

Submitted to Government.
2. The Commissioner entirely conours with Mr. Curtis.

R. M. Kynasdy,<br>Commissioner ${ }_{\text {R }}$ N. D.

No. 2951, dated 13th July 1907.
To - The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Bombay.
Sir,
I have the honour to state that the period of extension of the old survey allowed by Government Resolation No. 939, dated the 28 th Janaary 1907, is coming to a close.- Early orders are required for, the contionance of a survey settlement in Ankleshvar Taluka to legalise the levy of the assessment.

I have, \&o.,<br>H. W. J. 'Baanmli,<br>V. Collector of Broach.

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

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 …7 Conimetissioner, N.D.
## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Broach.
Revision settlement of the Ankleshvar Taluka.

No. 8471.
Rbvenue Departmbnt.
Bombay Castle, 27th August 1907.
Letter from the Direotor of Land Records, No. 2056, dated 24th June 1907. Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4141, dated 12th July 1907. Letter from the Collector of Broach, No. 2951, dated 13th July 1907.
Memarandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4245, dated 16th July 1907.
Rrsolumion.-In the opinion of the Governor in Council the Ankleshvar Talaka certainly needs a rest. The existing settlement should be maintained till 31st 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,<br>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 Febraary 1907),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agricalture,
The Saperintending 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 " lands in certain villages of the Ankleshvar Táluka.

No. 10601.
Refenoe Department.

## Bombay Castle, 28th October 1907.

Letter frum the Settlement Commiasioner and Director of Land Records, No. 3200, dated 26th September 1907 :-
" With reference to paragraph 2 of Government Resolution No. 5855, dated 11th June 1907, I have the honour to atate that the deterioration on account of ' khar' seems to me to be of a permanent nature and that therefore the reductions sanctioned in the Government Resolution for such deteriorations should be made permanento"
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 5646, dated 8th October 1907 :-
"Sobmitted to Government for information."
Resolution,-Recorded.

M. K. NARIMAN,<br>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 Agricalture,
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

OTTO ROTHFELD, EsquIre, B.A., I. C. S., Collector of Broach;

To
The COMMISSIONER, Northern_Division, Alhmedabad.

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 reclassification was furth er made by Mr. Jukes in 19 villages, with the result that the assessment was further lowered, the decrease being at once made permanent in the case of certain classification defects and declared to be temporary in the case 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 maxims 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 concur. 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 percentage of rent to assessment which Mr. Denning has collected.
4. In certain cases, however, the maxima of assessment will 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. Maconochie 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 villages 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 criticism of the classification made in this táluka is not unjustified; and to rectify what inference from experience shows must have been errors in the scientific process of olassification, regrouping las 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 sávkárs-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 scrutiny 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 oheds the working out of Appendix $Q$, notably in respect of deductions and в 935-36
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 correct, while the figures for farm servants given by the Director of Agriculture are certainly glaringly incorrect.
6. I have, therefore, the honour to recommend that the proposals be submitted to Government for the favour of sanction. In my opinion Mr. Denning deserves credit for a moderate and careful investigation and conclusion of a complicated matter.

I bave the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
OTTO ROTHFELD, Collector, Broach.

Through the Settlement ${ }^{4}$ Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Presidency.

Ref. No. $\frac{467}{8.8 .}$ of 1912.
Camp Ankleshwar, 11th April 1913.
From

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

To
The COMMISSIONER, Northern Division,

Ahmedabad.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward Revision Settlement proposals for the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach District prepared by Mr. H. Denning, I. C. 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. $\mathbf{3 8 9 6}$ of 11 th 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 Settlement should be postponed and that in the meantime the existing assossments 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 necessary 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 19 th November 1901 were in everything but name and technical formality a complete resettlement of the taluka.

For four groups assessed at Re. 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 calculated out in detail for every survey number in the talluka 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 desoribed 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 considering his proposals the practical question whioh arises isHow do they affect the assessments now being levied ? And the answer to this question, which I will shortly give in full detail, makes it impossible for me to aocept 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 defect rests not on Mr. Denning but on myself and my olfice for the effeet of the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 10380 of 27th October 1909 was not clearly brougit to Mr. Denning's notice. 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 uncertainty 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 $Q$ 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 Gujarát táluka to come under revision subsequent to those orders. Mr. Denning's Appendix $Q$ 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:-

| Piludra <br> Aloj <br> Adol <br> Hajat | ... |  |  | Sir Frederick Lely's rate non in force. |  | Rate now proposed by Mr. Denning | Reaulting percentage increase. |
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| Telva | ... | . $\cdot$. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| Motwan | . | ... | .. |  |  |  |  |
| Robid | ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Kudadra | ... | - | .. |  |  |  |  |
| Kathodra | ... | ... | .- |  |  |  |  |
| Pardi Edris | $\cdot$ | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Adadra | ... | ... | . |  |  |  |  |
| Ghodadra | ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Shisodra | ... | -.• | ... | 3 | 8 | 40 | 14.25 per cent. |
| Parwat. | - | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Pandwai | ** | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Amod | $\cdots$ | ... | .. |  |  |  |  |
| Kharach | ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Dangra Panjroli | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |
| Sunev Kala | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | * |

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 inoreases 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 justitied 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 pitch of the assessment. That policy should not now be reversed.

The evidence of all observers of these villages shews that the pitch 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 district 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 actual effect of this operation would be to leave the Sarthan 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 affeet the following villages in the following way:-

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

Proposed Groups I and II.-I accept 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.

Proposed Group III.-I accept this group and the rate proposed subject | $*$ Piludra. | Adol. | to this modification that the villages* must be exclud- |
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| Hajat | ed and kept where they are now in |  | Aloj. $\quad$ Hajat. 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 were set up in 1901 and have been in existence ever since and I have given my reasons above for thinking that they ought to be kept distinct. I have given the names of the twenty villages of group 2 paragraph 6 above. By common consent these .- в 985-37
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 asse ssments even after the reductions made in 1901 is still considerable. In several 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 proposals 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 bas also made a serious mistake in supposing that large increases have resulted from the application of the distance scale in the villages of Borbhata, Sakarpur and Sarfudin; but this point will be 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 Chhapra and Haripura he has proposed a decrease from Rs. 8 to Rs. 6 and tbis is also thought neeessary by the Colleotor 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 Broaoh Táluka Selection 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 Government 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 ali the land originally dry erop which has been newly converted into bhatha 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 Broach 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 Kansta and Borebhatha while in Sakarpur and Sarfudin the assessments remained at pretty much the same level. I have satisfied myself 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 relief) 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 has shewn in Appendix M.
14. I now formulate my own proposals which are simple The assessments of Borebhatha, 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 departure 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 "groups as now proposed by me.

# I have the honour to be, 

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
F. PRATT,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Reoords.

Skeleton Appendia Q of the Ankleshwoar Tálaka.



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

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No. 2009 or 1913.

Ahmedabad, Sháhibágh, W. D. No. 1, 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 $I I$.-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 Groap V.

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

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

Maximam rate Rs. 3-1-0 for all but Sarthan where it should be Rs. 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 direeting the cancellation 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, Rs. 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<br>Director of Land Records, Poona;

## To

> THE COMMISSIONER,
> Northern Division.

Sir,
With reference to paragraph 12 of my letter Reference No. 467-S. S. of 11th April 1913, forwarding the Revision Settlement proposals of the Ankleshwar Táluka of the Broach 1)istriet, 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 Taluka and to recommend that the sanction 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.

> No. 2428 of 1913.
> Ahmedabad, Sháhibágh, W. D. No. 1, 20th June 1913.

## Revenue 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 onversion 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 of 1913.

Camp Khaparvada, 28th May 1913.
From

Khin Bahídur P. R. mehta, Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, . Northern Division;

To
Ter 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 Taluka.
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.
. Statement showing the results of the Test taken by the Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D.
(Accompaniment to Superintendent, Land Records and Registration, N. D.'s No. 1115 of 28th May 191:3.)


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P. R. MEHTA,

Superintendent, Land Records and Registration,
Northern Division.

# Revenue Survey and Assessment. <br> Broach. <br> Revision settlement of the Anklesvar tálaka. 

No. 10241.
Revenue Department.
Bombay Castle, 12th November 1913.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2009, dated 20th May 1913—Submitting,
with his remarks, the papers specified
in tle margin, containing proposals
for the revision settlement of the
Anklesvar táluza of the Broach district.

Letter* from the Collector of Broach, No. 4510, dated 26 th October 1912-Forwarding, with his remarks, petitious of objections received from certain villagers of the Anklesvar taluka agaiust the proposed grouping and rates.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Ref. No. 467 -s.s., dated 30 th October 1912, to the Collector of Broach.
Memorandu n* from the Collector of Broach, No. 4890, dated 19 th November 1912-Submitting an English précis of the petitions of objections accompanying his letter No. 4510, dated 2ith October 1912.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Ref. No. 467-s.s., dated 24th 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 1913-Submitting, with his recommendation, a letter No. 329-s.s., dated 7th June 1913, from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, who forwards a letter No. 1115, dated 28th May 1913, from the Superintendent of Land Records and Registration, N. D., and recommends that sanction may be accorded to the conversion into dry crop of certain survey nambers in the villages of Divi, Haripara, Mándwa, Sámor and Jitáli of the Anklesvar táluka.
Resolution.-The proposals made by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records in his letter No. $46 \overline{1}-$-s.s., dated 11th April 1913, are sanctioned. 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 fually.
2. The action reported in paragraph 12 of the Settlement Commissioner's letter No. 467-s.s., dated 11th April 1913, regtarding the treatment of new bhatha lands in the village of Pungám is confirmed, and the recommendation made by the Commissioner, N. D., in his memorandum No. 2428, dated, 20th June 1913, regarding the conversion of certain bhatha survey numbers into dry orop is approved.
3. The changes in classification temporarily introduced under Government Resolution No. $\mathbf{5 8 5} 5$, dated 11th June 1907, should be made permanent.
4. The appended statement $\dagger$ shows the rates as sanctioned. The revised rates should be introduced in the current revenue year 1y13-14, levied in and from the Revenue year 1914-15 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, Under Secretary to Governmont.


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 Government Resolution No. 10241, dated 12th November 1913.

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REVISED APPENDIX $Q$.

Effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Government occupied lamd


LEPENDIX Q.

- sthe Ankleshvar Talluka of the Broach District.




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Superintendent, Land Records and Regigtration, N. D.




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[^3]:    I have the honour to be,
    Sir,
    Your most obedient servant,
    G. H. COWAN,

    Assistant Collector and Revenue Settlement Officer .

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