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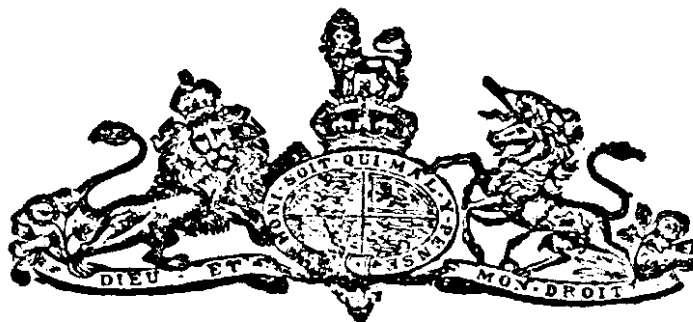
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Final report on the
settlement of fair
rents in the Rajhat
and Farrowah estates
(Bihar and Orissa)

FINAL REPORT
ON
THE SETTLEMENT OF FAIR RENTS
IN THE
RAJGHAT AND FARROWAH ESTATES
MADE
UNDER SEC. 112 OF THE BENGAL TENANCY ACT

BY
BABU PHANINDRA NATH GUPTA
Revenue Officer
1919



PATNA:
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1920.

Notification in Bihar and Orissa Gazette,
APPENDIX I.

The 4th February 1918.

No. 752-R—S-6.—WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is satisfied that the exercise of the powers conferred by section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885 (Act VIII of 1885), is necessary in the interests of public order and of the local welfare, and whereas the previous sanction of the Governor-General has been obtained.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is pleased, in exercise of the aforementioned powers, to invest each of the Revenue Officers named on the margin with the powers specified in clauses (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) of the said section and to direct that the said powers shall be exercisable within the mokarrari villages of the Rajghat and Farrowa Estates, Limited, in the district of Champaran.

M. J. A. Sweeney, I.C.S.
Mr. J. A. Saunders, I.C.S.
Babu-Phanindra Nath Gupta.

H. COUPLAND,

Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa.

APPENDIX II.

Comparative statement of areas.

Serial No.	Name of village with Thana No.	Area of Last Settlement.															Total areas according to road case return of 1911F.	Area of Revision Survey.															Mokarrari rent to Bettiah Raj.	Remarks.						
		Cultivated Land.			Uncultivated Land.			Total.			Cultivated Bighas.			Uncultivated Bighas.				Total Bighas.			Cultivated Land.			Uncultivated Land.			Total.			Cultivated Bighas.					Uncultivated Bighas.			Total Bighas.		
		A.	D.	Total.	A.	D.	Total.	A.	D.	Total.	B.	C.	Dh.	B.	C.	Dh.		B.	C.	Dh.	B.	C.	Dh.	A.	D.	Total.	A.	D.	Total.	B.	C.	Dh.			B.	C.	Dh.	B.	C.	Dh.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39		
1	Baljnathpur No. 245	398	87	309	09	607	08	807	4	1	140	1	8	407	5	8	407	6	8	400	08	128	22	528	27	308	4	15	85	17	10	364	8	5	1,074	11	0			
2	Bisbanpara No. 180	1,394	58	323	78	1,718	25	1,034	0	7	210	17	8	1,851	-1	13	832	0	8	1,038	26	178	08	1,211	27	692	2	2	119	4	5	811	9	8	1,190	0	0	474-87 acre transferred to village Paterna 33-45 District Board Board.		
3	Pakaria No. 174	1,378	68	860	09	1,748	87	928	11	8	247	18	8	1,171	4	17	1,176	12	16	1,277	04	287	26	1,715	20	828	0	0	228	0	12	1,149	0	12	1,260	0	0	District Board Road 18-08.		
4	Rampur Bairagi No. 253	194	24	41	05	238	29	120	0	8	27	9	19	127	10	7	127	10	7	179	21	54	64	233	05	119	10	0	27	5	7	156	18	7	255	0	0			
5	Amwa Majhar No. 250	1,028	55	473	22	214	22	1,117	5	12	217	8	8	1,434	13	19	1,424	13	19	1,772	11	268	22	2,127	42	1,187	-2	8	244	22	9	1,421	17	14	2,729	2	8			
6	Tola Jagannathpur No. 261	292	93	170	29	402	22	194	4	13	114	8	11	210	12	4	210	14	5	226	23	172	70	459	02	102	4	8	115	5	10	207	0	18	651	4	0			
7	Jahunia No. 264	990	00	129	61	1,129	61	628	2	19	23	12	2	754	16	1	774	16	2	890	63	121	79	1,012	72	608	18	0	71	14	19	690	10	19	1,290	0	0	District Board Road 22-52.		
8	Bisambharpur No. 252	590	48	141	71	722	19	226	11	4	93	15	5	499	7	9	---	---	---	595	24	126	21	721	65	402	4	0	27	2	10	490	5	10	1,290	0	0	The L. S. area total is probably wrong.		
9	Hardia No. 192	454	09	101	22	557	07	204	17	5	68	6	7	272	2	19	272	14	18	468	48	71	14	539	62	212	17	5	47	12	8	261	19	8	1,009	0	0	District Board Road 19-02.		
	Total	7,262	26	1,970	22	8,332	24	5,021	2	12	1,212	12	12	6,242	16	10	5,507	8	16	7,052	77	1,265	72	8,229	62	4,742	0	14	1,025	1	5	2,722	1	19	788	12	0			

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Assistant Settlement Officer.

APPENDIX III.

Statement of the classification of tenancies.

Serial No.	Name of village with thana number.	Occurancy holding.	Non-occupancy holding.	Brit-bandobasti.	Kabil-lagan.	Belagan.	Jagir.	Produce rent Bafai or Manhunda.	Shikmi.	Sharah moiyan.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Jamunia No. 254 ...	255	6	7	5	...	5	...	46	2	
2	Rampur Bairagi No. 252 ...	40	2	1	...	...	2	...	4	...	
3	Hardia No. 186 ...	159	...	1	...	...	2	...	10	...	
4	Amwa No. 250 ...	400	...	19	19	38	4	...	68	...	
5	Jagarnathpur No. 251 ...	84	6	1	2	...	2	1	32	...	
6	Pakaria No. 174 ...	417	8	...	5	...	4	3	65	...	
7	Baijnathpur No. 245 ...	138	...	2	...	...	1	5	38	...	
8	Bisambharpur No. 253 ...	198	3	19	2	...	6	...	60	...	
9	Bishunpura No. 180 ...	382	...	12	17	...	1	...	50	...	
	Total ...	2,078	25	62	50	38	26	9	393	2	

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APPENDIX IV.

Extract from the Report of the Committee on the Agrarian condition in Champaran. Volume I, Chapter 2, paragraph 12, page 12.

SPECIAL CASE OF RAJGHAT CONCERN.

Finally, we desire to refer to the peculiar conditions of the Rajghat Factory (Manager, Mr. Apperley), where no incident of tenancy is claimed but where written contracts had been entered into by the tenants for growing of indigo in consideration of freedom from rent enhancement. On the expiry of these contracts, this arrangement was continued by mutual consent, and consequently the factory refrained from applying for rent enhancement at the proper time during the revision settlement. At our local enquiry we were informed by the tenants that they now desired to abandon indigo. Under these circumstances, it is only reasonable that the factory should be enabled to apply for a general enhancement of rents in accordance with the settlement procedure, but as the time limit for this procedure under section 105 of the Bengal Tenancy Act has already expired, this is impossible unless the Government takes action under section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act. Failing this course, we recommend that the special legislation should contain a clause enabling this concern to take advantage of section 105.

APPENDIX V.

Extract from resolution No. 6296-B., of the Committee of Bihar and Orissa on the Champaran Agrarian Committee Report, paragraph 12.

THE CASE OF THE RAJGHAT, ETC.

The case of the Rajghat Factory has been mentioned by the Committee as on calling for special treatment. No incident of the tenancy is claimed but written contracts were entered into by the tenants for the growing of indigo in consideration of freedom from rent enhancement. On the expiry of the contracts this arrangement was continued by mutual consent and the Factory refrained from claiming in the settlement courts the enhancement of rent which might otherwise have obtained. The tenants now desire to give up indigo, and the Committee consider that an opportunity should be afforded to the Factory to sue for enhancement of rent, for which the time ordinarily admissible under section 105 of the Bengal Tenancy Act has expired. His Honour in Council agrees that this is a case in which the provisions of section 112 of the Act might reasonably be applied, and he proposes therefore to move the Governor-General in Council to sanction a settlement of rents in the villages of this concern under that section.

APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing retail prices of staple food-crops in the district of Champaran from 1898 to 1917.

Year.	Sadr subdivision.				Bettiah subdivision.				Remarks.
	Upland.		Lowland.		Upland.		Lowland.		
	Maize.		Rice.		Maize.		Rice.		
	Seers.	Chhataks.	Seers.	Chhataks.	Seers.	Chhataks.	Seers.	Chhataks.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1898	21	11½	13	8½	24	...	15	5½	
1899	21	8	14	4	22	11½	14	15½	
1900	18	2½	13	0½	19	14½	14	0½	
1901	20	16	12	19½	22	2	13	11½	
1902	24	13½	14	2½	26	4½	15	7½	
1903	25	14	13	4	28	12	17	8	
1904	30	...	16	15½	30	14½	17	4½	
1905	20	12	14	11	19	14	14	10	
1906	11	15½	9	15½	12	6½	9	15½	
1907	13	2½	8	12	13	5	9	4½	
Total	...	...	...	...	220	4½	142	4½	
1908	11	8	8	3½	12	8½	8	15½	
1909	17	1	10	4	18	3	11	6	
1910	19	2	13	5	18	13	12	12	
1911	19	14	13	4	19	9	13	8	
1912	23	4	12	2	22	2	12	8	
1913	15	3	9	4	15	7	9	6	
1914	11	4	8	10	11	8	9	5	
1915	12	10	8	13	12	10	9	1	
1916	14	11	9	13	14	9	10	3	
1917	...	...	...	...	18	2½	12	5½	
Total	...	...	...	...	163	7½	139	5½	

This statement has been prepared by me under orders of the Settlement Officer of North Bihar from lists published in the Gazette under section 39(5), Bengal Tenancy Act.

MOTIHARI :

The 7th February 1918.

PASUPATI GHOSE,

Assistant Settlement Officer.

[Arithmetical calculation under section 32(b).]

Makoi.

	Seers.	Chhataks.		
The average price for the earlier period =	22	½	(22½)	
	i.e., Rs. 1-13-1 per maund.			
	Seers.	Chhataks.		
The average price for the later period =	16	5½		
	i.e., Rs. 2-7-2 per maund.			
Hence the excess is ...	0	10	1	
Deduct ¼rd ...	0	3	4	
Balance ...	0	6	9	
The proportion of which } allowable in annas per rupee will be.	0	6	9 × 16	
	1	13	1	
=	0	3	11	
Average of both	=	0	3	6

Rico.

	Seers.	Chhataks.	
	14	¾	(14=3¼)
	i.e., Rs. 2-13-0 per maund.		
	Seers.	Chhataks.	
	10	15	
	i.e., Rs. 3-10-6 per maund.		
	0	13	6
	0	4	6
	0	9	0
	0	9	0 × 16
	2	13	0
	0	3	2½ or
	0	3	3

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Assistant Settlement Officer.

APPENDIX VII.

CORRECT TRANSLATION OF SATTAH.

I, Mahabir Rai, son of Baram Rai, by caste Bhumihar, a cultivator and inhabitant of village Baijnathpur, Tappa Khada, pargana Majhowa, district Champaran.

Whereas I took the sum of Rs. 7-8-0 the half of which being Rs. 3-12-0 as advance on my account out of my own free will for sowing indigo in 15 kathas of my land at 3 kathas per bigha of land of my occupancy to the ordinary *lagan* under the *lagan* of occupancy of my holding from 1302 *Fasli* to 1321 *Fasli* from your honour J. J. Menad, Esqr., Managing Proprietor of Lal-saraya concern according to the details mentioned below:—

1. That I shall sow indigo in the field measuring 15 kathas of the land of the first class to be chosen by the manager of the factory for the time being from my fields according to the 3 kathas *lagan* (Tin-kathia *lagan*) year by year to the end of duration of this *sattah* and will according to the order of the factory cultivate indigo land and will plough and do *tamni*, *uchhtani* and other works concerning the cultivation of indigo on the land according to the desire of the manager, the field will be measured by the manager with *lagga* of 8½ Hathas and I shall at the proper season sow indigo seeds which I shall borrow from the factory under the direction of the manager and the manager will measure my land according to his choice out of my holding for the purpose of indigo cultivation for the future year, in the month of *Chaiyat* and *Baisakh*. I shall cut the crops of the said land in next *Aswin* and will use the lands in such way as stipulated in the *Sattah*.

2. After sowing indigo I will be present on the land at every time when the manager himself or the *amlas* of the factory will go to visit the land and settle the rate of the land sown with the indigo and I will not object to whatever rate they will consider proper to fix, and will also get on account of the indigo land at Rs. 20 for the first class and Rs. 10 for the land on which indigo will not grow and the rent of my whole holding will be paid by me.

3. I shall cut and load the indigo plants on carts at the time of *mahai*. I shall not put forth any objection in this matter.

4. In the month of *Aghan* year by year when my account of indigo will be settled by the factory I shall be present at the factory and will take the account of *mal chhat* and will give the *Farkhati* of it to the factory. And I also shall receive the new advance for future from the factory year by year. I shall receive my account on cash or it will be deducted from my rent if it will be due by me to the factory. There will be no objection as to the deduction of the balance (*fazil*) from my new advance and I shall also have to repay the above *sattah* advance in cash or get it otherwise satisfied in my account at the end of the period of this *sattah*.

5. If according to this *sattah* I or my heirs will object to sow indigo, within the period of the *sattah* according to my *lagan* then the factory will have power to cultivate indigo itself on my indigo land by means of factory ploughs and coolies. The expenses of such cultivation will be deducted from my indigo account as will be settled by him (manager) at the time of *mal chhat*. If I or my heirs will interfere in this then the proprietor or manager or his heirs and representatives will have power to realise three times of the damage of the first class *mal*, namely, at Rs. 60 per bigha annually from me or my heirs and representatives. In this I or my heirs will have no objection, I therefore being aware of the contents of this *sattah* execute this *sattah* that it may be of use at the required time.

Be it known that the said *sahab* (proprietor or manager) or their heirs and representatives will not demand from me or my heirs any additional rent for the increase of area which may be found in excess of my holding or which may so come by measurement in view of executing this *sattah* till the duration of this *sattah*. If this is demanded then the said demand will be liable to be rejected by competent court.

Dated 24-12-94.

This *sattah* signed by Mahabir Rai that the contents of this *sattah* is true.

APPENDIX VIII.

Register of crop cutting experiment in thana Bettiah, district Champaran.

Name of crop.	Date of cutting.	Name of village.	Name of riyats.	Number of plot.	Class of soils.	Irrigated or not.	Outturn of $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the bighae in 80 tolas weight standard.	Outturn in maunds per bigha.	Outturn in maunds per acre.	Estimate of the percentage of crop.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aghani Paddy	26th November 1918	Bishambherpur 180 Bettiah.	Berbal Panday...	924	...	Not irrigated	Mds. sr. ch. 0 3 2	Mds. sr. ch. 31 10 0	Mds. sr. ch. 20 34 0	16 annas	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Jhanp Sah ...	922	...	Do. ...	0 0 10	6 10 0	4 7 0	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Tola Hardia 186	Ramsaran Koiry	666	...	Do. ...	0 2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 17 8	15 25 0	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Raghuna n d a n Dushad.	665	...	Do. ...	0 0 8	5 0 0	3 13 4	"	
Do. ...	27th November 1918	Amwa Majhar 250	Harnarain Bharthi	3,112	...	Do. ...	0 3 2	31 10 0	20 34 0	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Mahang Koiry...	3,152	...	Do. ...	0 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 17 8	2 11 10	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Tola Jagarnathpur 251	Bhajan Ahir ...	809	...	Do. ...	0 1 6	13 30 0	9 6 10	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ramdayal Mahto	924	...	Do. ...	0 0 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 27 8	13 5 0	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Rampur Bairagi 252.	Sahdeo Rai ...	273	...	Do. ...	0 2 12	27 20 0	18 13 5	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Chhadhari Rai, S/o Rooch Rai	264	...	Do. ...	0 0 12	7 20 0	4 20 0	"	
Do. ...	28th September 1918	Baijnathpur 245	Jokhan Nonia...	135	...	Do. ...	0 2 0	20 0 0	13 13 5	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Jawahir Mahto..	139	...	Do. ...	0 0 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 2 8	6 1 11	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Bishambharpur 253.	Ramdhani Mahto	242	...	Do. ...	0 3 10	36 10 0	24 7 4	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	244	...	Do. ...	0 1 6	13 30 0	9 6 10	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Pakaria 174 ...	Ramtabal Rai...	1 008	...	Do. ...	0 3 8	35 0 0	23 18 5	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Lochan Nonia...	1,013	...	Do. ...	0 1 0	10 0 0	6 26 11	"	
Do. ...	29th November 1918	Bishanpura 180	MosamatMongia	1,188	...	Do. ...	0 1 8	15 0 0	9 38 15	"	
Do. ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Palak Musnar...	1,192	...	Do. ...	0 0 14	8 30 0	5 33 5	"	

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APPENDIX IX.

Jamabandi of mokarrari villages of Rajghat and Furrowah Estates.

Serial No.	Name of village	Former Thicca 1308.			Excess by cadastral survey.	Present jamabandi 1324 F.			Remarks.
		Bighas.	Rate.	Amount.		Bighas.	Rate.	Amount.	
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		B. k. d.	Rs. a p.	Rs. a. p.	B. k. d.	B. k. d.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Pakeriah	516 9 12	3 3 6	1,665 9 6	162 7 17	694 7 3	2 9 0	1,783 1 3	
2	Jamuniah and Bishambherpur	721 7 0	2 14 9	2,103 12 9	203 13 7	925 19 17	2 5 6	2,164 11 0	
3	Hardiah	248 12 0	3 14 9	973 1 3	38 16 15	286 19 19	3 6 9	992 1 9	
4	Rampore	109 4 0	2 10 9	291 12 0	17 0 3	133 2 19	2 4 0	298 1 0	
5	Baijnathpur	289 8 0	3 5 9	973 7 6	36 10 8	324 4 7	2 13 0	904 11 6	
6	Bishunpura	456 6 0	3 2 9	1,444 13 3	124 14 9	589 2 18	2 9 0	1,511 0 0	
7	Amowah	868 10 0	3 2 0	2,714 2 0	155 8 3	1,016 17 18	2 11 6	2,706 5 3	
8	Jagarnathpur	146 3 0	3 5 6	488 5 0	43 15 13	192 6 6	2 9 3	496 10 0	
	Total	3,315 5 12	3 3 0	10,654 15 3	782 6 15	4,163 0 3	2 9 9	10,556 9 9	

BOARD OF REVENUE, BIHAR AND ORISSA.

No. 17 $\frac{23 \text{ of } 19}{5}$

FROM

T. W. BRIDGE, Esq., I.C.S.,
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
BIHAR AND ORISSA,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
BIHAR AND ORISSA, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated Bankipur, the 17th and 19th January 1920.

SIR,

WITH reference to the correspondence resting with Mr Owen's Memo. No. $\frac{5361-R.}{8-09}$, dated the 17th July 1919. sanctioning the rent settlement proceedings under section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act within nine villages held on *mukarrari* lease from the Bettiah Estate by the proprietor of the Rajghat Indigo Factory in the district of Champaran, I am directed to submit herewith a copy of letter No. 3826, dated the 9th November 1919, with the Revenue Officer's Final Report, Rent proposal and Rent rolls finally published in original. The proceedings are in order and I am to request you to be so good as to obtain the necessary approval of the Governor-General in Council under section 112 (3) of the Bengal Tenancy Act of the Final Report and the rent rolls.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. W. BRIDGE,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

BOARD OF REVENUE BIHAR AND ORISSA.

No. 17 ^{93 of 19}/₁₀

FROM

T. W. BRIDGE, Esq, I.C.S.,
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
BIHAR AND ORISSA,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
BIHAR AND ORISSA, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated Bankipur, the 14th June 1920.

SIR,

WITH reference to the correspondence resting with Government order No. ^{1082-R.}/₈₋₂₄, dated the 2nd February 1920, in connection with the Final Report under section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act concerning nine villages held on *mukarrari* lease from the Bettiah Estate by the proprietor of the Rajghat Indigo Factory in the district of Champaran, I am directed to forward herewith (45) forty-five printed spare copies of the report and rent proposal.

2. As regards the cost of proceedings the Director of Land Records and Surveys states that in view of the Local Government order contained in their letter No. ^{492-R.}/₁₋₅₋₁₉, dated the 14th March 1919, the whole cost of the proceeding under section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act in respect of the Rajghat and Furrows Estates was set against the surplus recovery of the costs of the Champaran revision operations. No recovery is therefore necessary.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. W. BRIDGE,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2691-R.T.
S-24-20.

FROM

THE HON'BLE MR. J. A. HUBBACK, I.C.S.,
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Dated Ranchi, the 2nd August 1920.

SIR

I AM directed to refer to the correspondance resting with Mr. Gilliat's letter No. 796-246—6, dated the 27th November 1917, and to submit to the Government of India the Final Report of the Revenue Officer employed on the settlement, under section 112 of the Bengal Tenancy Act, of all rents in the *mukararri* and proprietary villages of the Rajghat Indigo Concern in the Champaran district.

2. The rent rolls embodying the proposals of the Revenue Officer are submitted in original and I am to ask that they may be finally confirmed by the Governor-General in Council under section 112 (3) of that Act and returned in due course.

3. The expenditure on the rent settlement and on the work necessitated by the Champaran Agrarian Act has been treated as a part of the costs of the settlement revision of the district and has been debited against the excess recovery which amounted before this charge to Rs. 80,000.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. HUBBACK,

Secretary to Government.

No. 809—229-2, dated the 31st August 1920.

From—The Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa, Revenue Department.

In reply to your letter No. 2691-R.T.—S-24, dated the 5nd August 1920, I am directed to say that under section 112(3) of the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885, the Governor General in Council confirms the Settlement record prepared by the Settlement Officer in the course of proceedings under section 112 of the Act in respect of the *mukarrari* and proprietary villages of the Rajghat Indigo Concern in the district of Champaran.

2. The rent rolls forwarded with your letter are returned under separate cover.

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