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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMEN'T OF THE KA'LOL TA'LUKA OF THE PANCH MAHA'LS COLLECTORATE.



From

W. S. COLE, Esquire,<br>Deputy Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey;

To
The COLLECTOR of the PANCH MAHA'LS.
Poona, 13th June 1900.

## Str,

I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of tảluka Kálol of your Collectorate.
2. The original survey settlement was experimentally introduced from

Original settlement. the year 1870-71, and subsequently confirmed under the sanction of Goverament Resolution No. 1259, dated the 18th March 1872, for the full term of thirty years, which will expire on the 31st of July next.
3. At the commencement of the lease, the táluka consisted of 68 Constitution of the taluka. villages; of which, 58 for the purpose of settlement, were treated as Khálsa; 9 were Inám; and one Táluk-
Government Resolution No. 2826, dári. Of the Khálsa villages, 21 were, under dated 7th May 1887. Government the authority of the marginally noted GovResofation No. 992, dated 14th Febrary ernment Resolutions, considered as Mehvasi 1888. Governmont Reesolation No. 1873, from the year 1887, and banded over to datad 20th February 1890.

Mehvás Patels, who recover from occupants the survey assessment, paying a quit-rent to Government on the revenue yield; which is subject to revision when new rates are sanctioned for the táluka.

No territorial changes bave taken place during the settlement. This report therefore deals with 37 Government villages, and the 21 held under Mehvás tenure, of which the quit-rent payable per rupee of revenue demand will be fixed by the Collector of the District when the revised survey rates are introduced.

Revision measuremento
4. Revision measurement was carried out on the partial system.
It included-
(I) The separation of olubbed occapancies.
(II) Measurement of new rice areas.
(III) The breaking up of large waste oultivable numbers.
(IV) Miscellaneous measurements necessary to bring the survey record up to date.
b. The revision classification also was on the partial system. Owing

Revision olassification. however to the destruction to some extent, of the original survey record, it was necessary to re-examine all dry-crop numbers of which the anna values could not be deduced. Rice lands also, were reclassed both for soil and water, where the original record did not exist. The treatment of Government and Mehvasi villages, both as regards revision measurement and classification, was the same, except, that under the

[^0]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:-


In the subjoined table the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared :-


The difference of $\mathbf{2 6 0}$ acres in the total acreage is chiefly due to errors discovered at revision in the areas of large waste numbers in the village of Alwa. These mistakes have now been rectified, and the correct areas entered in the revision papers.

Details of arable land are given below :- -




The difference of 274 acres in the total acreagé of Government and Mehvás villages is due to errors in calculation which have now been corrected. In Government occupied dry-orop, the decrease of 651 acres ; and in garden of 918 aeres; is owing to the conversion of these lands to new rice. Sixty-two acres of old rice have at the same time been transferred to dry-crop.

The increase in dry-orop waste, is explained by the fact, that large areas formerly entered as kharáb, have now been classed as cultivable.

A considerable area of waste land in Mehvás villages has been brought under cultivation; and the large increase in dry-crop waste, is owing to the inclusion of forest in the arable area, most of which was, at the original survey, considered as kharáb.
7. Kálol lies about 25 miles north-west of Baroda. It is bounded on the

Poaition and boundaries. north by the Godhra Taluka; on the east by the Devgad Báriya State ; on the south by Halol; and on the west by territories of His Highness the Gáekwar of Baroda and the Rewa Kántha State. Of compact form but for the existence of five isolated villages which lie beyond its main limite; the taluka has a mean length of 20 miles east and west, and a breadth of about 10 miles from north to south. The total area is 134 square miles; and by the Imperial Census of 1891, the population numbered 40,695 souls.
8. In the 7th paragraph of his original report, Mr. Beyts refers to the Physiosl aepect. general appearance of the taluka as being much finer than most partsof the Kaira Collectorate; he also states " No district in Gujarat, as a whole, gives a better idea of being long inhabited by an industrious people." The following description of the physical features of the sub-division is found in the Gazetteer of the Panch Maháls:-"Open to the west, and with some slightly rising ground and patches of brushwood to the east, Kalol is a rich well-wooded plain, its fields fenced by high hedges and rows of brab palms, and its villages as comfortable and well built as those of Kaira." The chief rivers are the Goma, the Karad, and the Mesri. Rising in the Báriya highlands and flowing westward to the Mahi, they are alike in becoming dangerous torrents during the rains, and in losing their flow of water shortly after the commencement of the fair season. Tanks are numerous ; but, as a rule, they are shallow, and unsuited for irrigational purposes.
9. The forest area is large, namely, 33.73 square miles. Government Foreat areas. reserved forest to the extent of 15,868 acres is found in 15 Khálsa villages. Of that area, 1,443 acres are contributed by Navágam and Hanmatia which are entirely forest. In eleven Mehvasi villages 5,720 acres are reserved. There is no protected forest in the táluka.
10. The existing internal communications are sufficient for all requireCommunications. ments, and no improvements in them have been -oarried out during the settlement. A good road from Goilhra to Baroda,-bridged, except at the crossing of the Goma river, intersects the sub-division passing through the head-quarter town; Kálol. On this road,
numerous cart tracks passable at all seasons from village to village converge. By the opening of the Baroda-Godhra chord line at present under oonstruction as a famine relief work, the taluka will be placed indirect communioation with its chief markets. It will also greatly benefit by the facilities for the export of surplus produce to all parts of the country offered by the Bombay Baroda system. The map accompanying this report shows the alignment of the new railway. There will be stations in the villages of Kálol and Vejalpur.
11. Appendix A containg the rainfall statistios for 10 years ending with Rainfall and climate. 1897. The average annual rainfall during the period is registered as 38.83 inches. Of the seasons, seven have been classed as fair or fairly good, one as good, and two unfavourable. Although fluctuations in the annual rainfall are observable; the kharif rains, on the whole, may be considered to have been seasonable and sufficient. The climate of Kalol, owing to the more open nature of the country, is less malarious after the rains, and more temperate and congenial during the hot months than that of the adjoining táluka of Godhra. It is said, indeed, to equal the charotar districts of Nadiad, Borsad and Anand, the most fertile and favourably situated tract as regards climate and rainfall in the province.
12. The following extract from Appendix $B$ shows the average percentage Details of cultivation. areas under different crops from the years 1893-94 to


Among the cereals bajri occupies the largest area; next come the coarse grains kodra, bavto, and banti, Rice holds a not unimportant position: but except in the village of Maleo, where Kamod, Sukhvel, Jirásal and superior
varieties are grown, the rice lands mostly yield Sutarsal or other inferior kinds of rice. Pulses cover 10.32 per cent. of the total cultivated area. Tưr, mag, math, with kodra and bavto, are mostly consumed locally; rice and bájri are exported. The percentages of cereals and pulses in the taluka under reportbut for the larger area under rice, compare with similar returns furnisbed for the adjacent táluka of Anand, where cereals cover $79 \cdot 48$, and pulses 12.02 per cent. of the total cropped area. In the 19th paragraph of the original settlement report, attached as Appendix R, will be found an interesting account of the various methods of cultivation practised in the sub-division.
13. From Appendix D•it appears that only 55 per cent. of the population is agricultural, as compared with 70 in A'nand and 65 in Nadiad. Of the number, $29 \cdot 7$ per cent. have interest in land; $\mathbf{2 6 0 0}$ per cent. are farm labourers.

The strength of the chief cultivating castes is as shown in the marginal

| Dharilas | ... | 99 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pátidara | .. | 46 |
| Rajput | ... | 1,125 |
| Mohumedan |  |  | statement. A comparison of these figures with those given in Appendix B of Mr, Beyts' report would lave little value, because there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the latter, and in some instances the castes have not been separately enumerated. It appears, however, that Dharalas, Rajputs, and Mohomedans have increased; while the Patidírs, although they show no actual decrease, have remained almost stationary.

14. No weekly fairs are held in the taluka. The looal markets are Kalol, Markets Vejalpur, Malao, Jantrál, Dehlol, Kánod, Pingli and Aradra. Of these, the two first named only, have any noteworthy trade. Surplus produce from Kálol is exported both to Godhra and Baroda. Vejalpur has a considerable population of wealthy sávkárs, who besides their large local connection, do business with Godhra and adjoining Native States. Rice in husk, oil seeds, bájri and the various pulses, timber for building purposes and fuel, are the chief articles of export.
15. The following comparison of population and resources indicates the progress made by the táluka in twenty-seven years of the lease:-

|  | Original Gigurea for the year 1870-71. | Revision figares for the year 1897-98. | Increase. | Decresse. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Population | 32,510 | 40,695 | 8,185 | ... | + $25 \cdot 18$ |
| Wells | 421 | 723 | 802 | $\ldots$ | $+71.73$ |
| Agricultural cattle $\quad \ldots$ | 10,071 | 13,151 | 8,080 | ... | $+30.58$ |
| Cows, buffaloes and their young $\qquad$ | 33,324 |  |  | $\ldots$ | +80.11 +68.11 |
| Horses and ponies ${ }^{\text {a* }}$... | -3,324 | 22,399 830 | 9,075 | $\ldots$ | +68.11 +4.43 |
| Sheep and goats | 1,797 | 8,151 | 1,351 |  | +753 |
| Ploughs | 4,561 | 6,323 | 1,762 |  | + 38.63 |
| Carts | 1,672 | 1,981 | ,259 | ... | +15.49 |

The figures of population in columns 1 and 2 taken, the former from the original report, the latter from the village census of 1897-98, show a substantial percontage inorease ; and although hardly to be accepted as altogether accurate, they are sufficiently reliable to indicate that considerable progress has been made.

By Imperial census combined figures for the taluka and the petty subdivision of Hálol only are available:

They are as under :-

| Your of Imperisl Census. |  | Population. | Percentage increase. | Dendity per nquare mile. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1872 | - | 66,431 | ** | 168 |
| 1881 | ... | 76,522 | $15 \cdot 20$ | 194 |
| 1891 | ... | 87,851 | 14.81 | 222 |

Here also, an increase, though not so great as that acoording to these village census, is to be noted.
16. Appendix $\mathbf{F}$ gives details of agricultural stook. These figures, Live stook however, after the present disastrous season are of no value. The mortality amongst the cattle of Gujarat, owing to the failuro of last rains, and the prevailing soarcity of fodder, has been unprecedented. Kálol has suffered heavily. Milch cows, buifaloes and young stock have almost totally disappeared; and although every effort is being made by means of cattle camps; the sale at reduced rates of grass imported by Government; and takaviadvances for the purpose of sinking temporary wells to irrigate crops of quickly growing fodder; it is certain, a few only of the best and strongest plough oxen can survive. Horses and ponies are not numerous. They arv owned chiefly by Thákurs and the Hindu traning classes. The increase in the number of sheep and goats, although it has little bearing on the prosperity of the taluka, is satisfactory.
17. Ploughs have increased by $38 \cdot 63 \cdot$ por cent. carts $15 \cdot 49$ por cent. Ploughe and carts. There is now one plough on the average to 16 acres of the cultivated area.
18. Appendix G contains the usual information regarding shops, looms,
bhops, looms, de. births, deaths, \&c. There are thrie hand looms for
the manufacture of coarse cloth and 79 oil presses of the usual village pattern to express oil for loeal consumption.

The excess of births over deaths during the last five years is in accordanee with the increase shown by the figures of population.
19. Appendix II furnishes details of the progress of education in the taluka. The number of Local Board schools for boys is 20 and for girls 3; the average attendance being 35.1 and 13.1 per cent. respectively. Besides the above, there are three boys' schools, supported by the Kálol Municipality, where the average attendance is 61.1 per cent., and one girls' school with an attendance of 31.9 per cent. The total number of boys under instruction at the various schools amounts to 4.24 per cent. of the male population of the taluka, and the girls to 0.36 per cent. of the female population. These figures cannot be considered very satisfactory. It must, however, be remembered that the bulk of the population consists of Dharalas who avail themselves but slowly of educational advantages.
23. In Appendix I will be found the proportion of Government occupied
and Inám numbers and land held under Mehvási
tenure cultivated by occupants and sub-tenants. There
ape 7,126 Government and 5,646 Inám survey num-
panta
bers in Khálea villages ; while the Mehvási villages contain 6,292 numbere
of Mehvás tenure, anà 2,28f held as Inán. by .tlé Mehvásdárs from Govern-
ment. Of the total of these numbers, 73 per cent. are cultivated by the occu-
pants or Inámdárs themselves, and 2 per cent. and 14 per cent. in partnership
with others or by sub-tenants. There are in Government villages 1,311 waste
numbers, of which, 766 are assessed, and 54 C unassesseci.
21. The subject of waste lands in these viliages requires to be dealt with

Asscessed snd unaqeessed waste in Mehvási villages. somewhat in detail. In the 3rd paragraph of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 2826, dated the 7th May 1889, referring to the Kalol Mehvás lands it is stated -"The Pátels should be restrieted in their demands on all occupants now holding from Government and on future occupants of waste to the survey assessment. The Patels have a lien over the assessed waste on the above conditions, but Government will obtain the control of the whole lorest area."

By the leases now in force, all assessed waste areas are held free of jania or quit-rent for the term of the current settlement; and it rests with Government whether, on the introduction of revised survey rates, these lands are to be again granted ou the same terms, or a certain percentage of jama is to be $r$ ecovered from the Mehvásdars.

When the 21 villages were handed over in 1887-88, they contained 6,385 acres of assessed waste ; there are now 1,501 acres, divided into 466 survey numbers. The unassessed waste is found in 15 numbers; the total area being 855 acres. An area of $\mathbf{1 6 , 4 3 9}$ acres from both assessed and unassessed waste survey numbers in Mehvás villages has been included in Government forests.
22. In the 15th paragraph of 'Mr. Beyts' report the wells in existence at Welle and tanks. the commencement of the settlement are shown to have been 421.
That number however*-included both permanent and temporary wells. There are now 615 permanent and 108 temporary wells in the táluka. Of these, 302 and 61 are for irrigation; 237 and 40 for drinking purposes and watering cattle; and 76 and 7 are in disuse. Water of good quality is found at easy depths throughout the sub-division.

Appendix $J$ furnishes the usual information regarding, wells, tanke and other sources of supply. The number of kacha tanks for irrigation is 2 , while tanks for miscellaneous use number 189. The area of old rice in Khalsa villages is 2,475 acres, of which 220 acres are irrigated; and of the new rice area ( 1,690 acies) $12 \frac{1}{2}$ acres receive a tank supply. No irrigated rice lands are found in the Mehvás villages.
23. Appendix K gives an abstract of 100 cases of ordinary sales of land Sales. obtained from the Registration Department. The figures are satisfactory. It will be seen, in 64 cases the sums realised were on the average 27.72 times, and in 28 cases $63 \cdot 31$ times the Government assessment.
24. In Appendix $K^{(2)}$ will be found recorded six cases of sales by order of the Civil Courts. Here the average price obtained amounted to $21 \cdot 75$ times the assessment.
25. Appendix $L$ furnishes 33 cases of simple mortgage. In five cases the Mortgages. amount of the mortgage exceeded the Government assessment $3: 87$ times; in 15 cases 18.32 times; in 11, $36 \cdot 48$; and in $2,77 \cdot 30$; the average being $19 \cdot 94$ on the whole.
26. Appendix $L^{(2)}$ contains information regarding 100 cases of mortgage with possession. The average price per acre of the mortgaged land ranges from Rs. 16 to 103, and the sum for which the land was mortgaged, from 8.62 , to $59 \cdot 60$ times the assessment.
27. Eighty-five cases of sub-letting are given in Appendix M. In 77 of these cases, the rent obtained was 2.89 times the survey assessment; in 7, 7.23 times; and in 1, 17.37. On the total number of cases the average rental amounts to 3.23 times the Government demand.
28. In. Statement $\mathbf{N}$ will be found the prices of bajri, wheat, paddy,

Proon. kodra, bavto and gram for 5 years before the settlement, and 28 years of the current lease. Examining the figures of the periods into which the years of settiement have been divided, a tendency towards the same general rise in prices, noted in tálukas previously brought under revision, will be observed. The returns, however, for the final settlement period being incomplete, no satisfactory comparison of averages can be made.
29. The revenue history is contained in three Appendices; $O, O^{1}$ and $O^{2}$.

Revenue History. Statistios for five years preceding the introduction of survey rates, together with the history of 37 Government villages and of the 21 Menvási villages which remained Khálsa till the year 1887-88, are furnished in the first of these statements. The next two, give separately the revenue bistory from that year, to 1s97-98, for Government villages, and those now held under Mehvás tenure.

Throughout the lease, the figures of occupied area and colleotions have remained very steady, and some increase in the latter years under both hoads is observable. The large decreases in the areas recorded as assessed unoccupied
waste have been fully explained in the columns of remarks. Except in the first year of settlement, when considerable abatements of revenue were, as is usual, granted, the remissions and unrecovered outstanding balances are small, and of no account.
30. The extent to which it has been necessary to resort to compulsory process for the collection of the revenue in the last three years is shown in the subjoined statement :-

| Year, |  | Number of vilingers | Number of noticen. | Number of distraine cames. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1805-96 ... | $\cdots$ | 35 | 834 | 1 |
| 1896-97 ... | $9 \times$ | 22 | 89 | 2 |
| 1897.98 . | *- | 35 | 379 | ..' |

The increase in the number of notices served in the years 1895-96 and 1897-98 is said to be due io the season's variations. On the whole the revenue has been collected punctually and without difficulty.
31. No record of any crop experiments carried out in this taluka is to be Crop experimente. found in the published returns.
32. Owing to the approaching close of the Gujarat Survey in October

General remarks. next, and the desirability of completing, by survey agency before that date, revision reports on all talukas of which the original settlements will shortly expire; it has been necessary to undertake the inspection of Kalol for the preparation of this report under most unfavourable circumstances, at a time when the district is suffering from acute famine due, to the almost total failure of last season's rains.

The question of revision rates has, therefore, received my very careful consideration; and, in view of the marked fertility of the talluka, added to the fact that it has enjoyed under the current lease to the commencement of the present disastrous year a period of great prosperity with exceptionally lenient rating; I am of opinion-provided within the next few years-favourable recovery be made, that some enhancement of revenue may reasonably be looked for. As a result of the famine and loss of plough cattle an immediate contraction in occupied area will most probably take place. It would therefore be advisable before revised rates are introduced, to ascertain the condition of the taluka by a comparison of the revenue history in years preceding 1899-1800, with those immediately following.
33. The important subject of grouping must now be considered. Under Grouping. the current lease, the villages of the taluka have been divided into five classes, according to their general quality, and position with regard to markets and. lines of communication. This grouping fits in well with present conditions, and but little change is necessary.

In place of the five groups; for the purpose of revision settlement, I now propose four classes as under.

In the original grouping, Kasbo Kalol by itself constitutes the 1st group; whatever reason then existed for this arrangement is no longer apparent. I therefore form my 1st group of Kalol; the 22 original 2nd class villages surrounding it; and the isolated 2nd group village of Vejalpur. These are the best villages in the taluka.

The 2nd group contains the 18 villages now forming the 3rd group, which are all of medium character and position.

In the 3rd group have been placed 8 villages towards the eastern boundary at present constituting the 4th group. They have larger areas under forest, and are inferior both as regards soil and climate to villages in the first two groups.

The 4th and last group contains the 8 villages in the east of the taluka requiring the lowest assessment, which were formerly placed in the 5th group.
34. To the four groups 1 propose to apply the following maximum rates

|  |  |  |  |  | Bice | ganden |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Soil. | Water, |  |
|  |  |  | Villages. | Rs. 2. | Rs, a. | Rs. as. | Re, a. |
| I. | -* | - 0 | - 24 | 212 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| II. | ... | ... | ... 18 | 24 | 34 | 34 | ... |
| III. | ** | :• | -.. 8 | 1. 8 | 28 | 28 | - |
| IV. | . 0 |  | -.. 8 | 14 | 20 | 20 | ... |

The original rates were as shown in the subjoined statement :-


Briefly stated, the above proposals amount to a four anna increase on drycrop in tho first two groups, the lower groups remaining unchanged. Rice, soil and water-rates according to the system now usually adopted have been equalised.

## Government villages.

35. Of the 23 Government villages' contained in group I, 14 have per-

Appendix Q-increase or deorease. centage increases above 20 per cent. In Jeli No. $12+$ 33.84, Sama (15) $+30 \cdot 81$, Bhadroli Bujrag (18) $+52 \cdot 47$, Katol (20) $+58 \cdot 45$, Vejalpur (23) $+48 \cdot 17$, the increase is due to a rise of four annas in the dry-crop maximum rate; the conversion of dry-crop into new rice; the re-classification of old rice, and the application at original survey of reducing distance scales. In Samaldevi also, No. 11, +62.14, the increase is due to the above reasons, and an addition of 57 acres to the cultivated area.

Anidra (2), Jetpur (3), Derol (18) and Boru (19) have percentage increases of $40.43,26.65,21.01$ and 44.92 , respectively, owing to the raising of the maximum rate, and the re-classification of old rice. Alwa, No. 5, and Kandach, No. 8, have percentage increase of 45.08 and $45 \cdot 83$, respectively. This enhancement can be traced to the increased rate, the revision of the old rice classification and the conversion of dry-crop into new rice. In Tarvada, No. 4, and Jadka, No. 17, the percentages of +24.47 and $+35 \cdot 26$, respectively, are due to the application of original reducing scales and increase in maximum rate.

[^1]That of +28.35 in Satamna (27) and of +50.35 in Karada (30), is owing to the application of reducing distance scales; the conversion of dry-orop into new rices reclassifioation of old rice ; the addition of 14 and 56 acree, respectively, to cultivated area, and the raising of the dry-crop maximum rate.

In Sansoli ( 28 ) $+2 \boldsymbol{z} \cdot 82$ and Ambála (29) $+33 \cdot 77$, the enhancement is due to similar reasons except increase in occupied area. A reducing distance soale also was applied to the latter village only.
37. This group contains four Government villages, of which one, Gusar, No. $32,+29 \cdot 16$, has an increase exceeding 20 per centdue to reclassification, the conversion of dry-orop into new rice, and the application of a reducing scale at the original survey.

## Mehvás Villages.

38. One Mehvás village only in this class has an increase over 20 per cent. That is Vintoj, No. (I) +35.04 , where an increase of 37 acres in the cultivated area; the reclassification of old rice ; the conversion of dry-erop, and the enhancement of the maximum rate ; are the reasons for increase.
39. Of the 11 Mehvás villages in this group, 5 show increases exceeding 20 per cent.

## Seoend group.

In Bhadroli Khurd (3) $+75 \cdot 85$, Pingli (4) +38.91 and Bhelidra (7) $+34 \cdot 2$ I $^{\circ}$ increase is due to the rise in the maximum dry-crop rate, as well as the conversion of dry-crop to new rice; the reclassification of old rice; and reducing scales. The occupied areas of the two first named villages also have increased by 129 acres and 110 acres, respectively. In Naran Paginu Muwaru, No. 5, the increase of +28.63 per cent., and in Kanod, No. 10, of $36 \cdot 70$; is on account of the expansion in cultivated! area of 66 and 218 acres, respectively; the rise in maximum rate; the conversion of dry-crop into new rice, and the reclassification of old rice.
40. There are four Mehvás villages in this group, of which one, Paruns Thind group. No. $15+47 \cdot 78$, has an increase exceeding 20 per cent. This increase is entirely due to an addition of 175 acres to the cultivated area, and to the conversion of dry-crop into new rice.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { : Foarth group. } & \text { 41. Of the six Mehvas villages in this olass, } s\end{array}$ show percentage increases exceeding 20 per cent.
Káhánpur, No. 16, and Chalali, No. 20 , have percentages of $+43 \cdot 71$, and $+21 \cdot 19$, respectively. This is chiefly owing to the increase in cultivation of 326 and 247 acres. The conversion of dry-orop, and the reclassification of old rice, also add somewhat to the enhancement. In Gangapura (17) $+189^{\circ} 06$, Rohin (18) $+64 \cdot 36$ and Karoli (19) $+61 \cdot 15$; the spread of cultivation, the effect of heavy reducing scales,-and in the last named village the enlargement of the rice area, all contribute towards the increase.

| Application of the proposed rates. |  |  | 42. The following abstract of Appendix $Q$ shows the result of the application of the proposed rates to Government- occupied and Mehvás lands of the táluka:- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cless. | Number of villagee. | Dry-erop maximum ratem. | By yormbe sumiz. |  | Br Retisioy Soryiy. |  | Percentage incremee or doareace |
|  |  |  | Government occupied and Mehvife lande. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Area. | Aseomment. | Arem | Anessment. |  |
|  |  |  | 11,830 | 87,252 | 11,946 | 83,008 | +21.12 G |
|  |  |  | 11,80 | +254 | ,227 | 343 | $+35.04 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  |  |  | 8,791 | 6,849 | 3,920 | 8,4:32 | +23.11G |
|  |  |  | 7,039 | 12,900 | 7,755 | 16,325 | $+26.55 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  |  |  | 1,558 | 12,900 1,793 | 1,571 | 2,077 | +15.84 G |
|  |  |  | 2,115 | 2,603 | 2,458 | 3,045 | $+16.98 \mathrm{M}$ |
|  |  |  | 2,393 | 2,392 | 3,446 | 3,501 | + + 40.36 M |
|  |  |  | 17,179 | 35,894 | 17,487 | 43,517 | +21.23 G |
|  |  |  | 11,737 | 18,149 | 13,886 | 23,214 | +27.91 M |

As will be seen, the total result is an increase of 258 acres and Rs. 7,623 in Government land, and of 2,149 acres and Rs. 5,065 in land held under Mehvás tenure.
43. Appendir $Q^{3}$ furnishes the usual details with Sab-poil water. regard to sub-soil water classification and the well kasar of the original survey.
44. A total area of 37 acres 33 gunthas of ordinary dhekudiat is found in one Government village. Of this, 1 acre 4 gunthas orty is Government occupied land, the remainder being Ordinary Jirayat dhekadiat. aliesated. To this Government land, it is proposed to apply the rice soil rate of the group and a special water-rate of Rs. 4. By these rates the assessment at present levied remains unchanged. There is no bhatha land in any Government or Mehvás village of the táluka.
45. At the time of original survey there were 34 acres of váda land. The area now is 80 acres. In Vejalpur and Kálol, homestead lands up to 10 gunthas, and in other villages of one Vidas or homeatead lande. acre in extent are granted under the current lease free of assessment. Government have been pleased to continue such concessions in the case of talukas previously brought under revised settlement, and I therefore recommend, that the same privilege be extended to Kálol.
46. All new rice at the next revision survey should be treated in the manner sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 887

Traatment of new riee at fnture revigion. of the 23rd February 1889, and assessed at the maximum dry-crop rate of the group to which it belongs.
47. The usual reservation to Government of teak, sandal wood and black wood trees will be declared at the time of announcing the rates.
48. If the proposed rates are approved, I beg to recommend that they be Guarantee. guaranteed for a period of 30 years, beginning with the year of their actual levy.

I have the honour to be, Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant, W. SCOTT COLE,<br>Deputy Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey.

## $\triangle$ PPENDIX A.

Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Kalol, District Panch Makale, for the gears 1888 to 1897.


## Details of Cultivation and Crops．



| Trubar | Puiseo－contas |  |  |  | Orebrit end Garien |  |  |  | Druga and Nerootie． |  |  | $\underline{8}$ |  | oil ecedr． |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fibrea |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 膏 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \％ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 先 | \％ |  |  |  |  | \％ |  |  |  | $\stackrel{\text { \％}}{\square}$ | \％ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 勉 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\frac{8}{3}$ | $\frac{\square}{6}$ |  | 曾 | 膏 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 息 } \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{8}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 喜 } \\ & \hline \text { 号 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{0}{i} \\ & \frac{b}{3} \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{E}{6}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { et } \\ & \hline 8 . \end{aligned}$ | 咢 | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{5} \\ & \frac{8}{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | $$ | \％ | 害 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 28 | 29 | 80 | 31 | 32 | ${ }^{33}$ | 84 | 85 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 89 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 48 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 62 | ${ }^{5}$ | 64 |
| 品）－（ | 1，329 | 1，403 | 284 | 4.825 | 120 | 60 |  | 180 | 54 | ．．． | 54 | $\cdots$ | 234 | 158 | ．．． | 204 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 362 | $\ldots$ | 41 | 132 | 178 | $\cdots$ | 46，903 | ．．． | 46，908 |
|  | 2.83 | $2 \cdot 88$ | 0.65 | $10 \cdot 32$ |  |  |  | 0.37 | $0 \cdot 11$ | ．．． | 0.11 |  | 0.28 | 0.33 |  |  | $\cdots$ | ．． | 0.77 | ．．． | 0.09 | $0 \cdot 28$ | 0.37 | ．．． | 100 | ．．． | ． 100 |

## APPENDIX D．

Delail of Population according to Occupation by Percentages．

| Aemioulatani Populatioy． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non－agricenjumax Popunation． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having Intereast in Land． |  |  |  |  | Labotaresh |  |  | Totel， agrioulturnalPopalatioo． | Cruttm | Unckilled Lebour． | Othern． | Total，no agricalta 1 popalstio |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Land } \\ \text { occupante } \\ \text { not cultivit- } \\ \text { ing. } \end{gathered}$ | Land occupante coltivating． | Tenanta and sharer ealtivating． | Others | Total | $\underset{\text { mervinta }}{\text { Parm }}$ | Mold and croy－ watchern， | Total． |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 |  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 18 |
| 1.79 | 13.24 | $9 \cdot 66$ | 4.38 | 29.07 | $6 \cdot 66$ | 19.34 | 26.00 | 55.07 | $4 \cdot 69$ | 17.85 | 22.89 | 44.96 |

APPENDIX E．
Delail of Population according to Religion and Edjcation．

| Sex． | As per imperial orCenaga．$\qquad$ |  | Reviorox． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hinda Casters |  |  | Masalmín Seeta，－ |  |  | Cariatiann， | Píris， | Others |
|  |  |  | Dharalka | Petidara． | Others | Stipti． | Ganohi． | Others． |  |  |  |
| Males | 20，889 | $17 \cdot 30$ | 11，788 | 772 | 7，411 | 393 | 418 | 101 | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | －${ }^{\circ}$ |
| Females | 19，806 | 0.14 | 12，411 | 674 | 5，802 | 372 | 407 | 140 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| Total | 40，695 | $8 \cdot 94$ | 24，199 | 1，446 | 18，213 | 771 | 825 | 241 | ＂•＇ | －$\cdot$ | ．．＇ |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{F}$ ．

Statement showing the Agricultural Stock．

| Number of Villegse． | Taluks． | Castim |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Plovers． |  | Catist |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Por ploagh． |  | For breed－ tig． |  | For alber parposes |  | $\underset{\text { cattic }}{\text { con }}$ |  | Tonns whet． |  | 突 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | d |  | 呂 |  | 官 |  | $8$ |  |  |  |  |  | \％ | $\frac{8}{8}$ | 突 | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \% \\ & 58 \\ & 88 \\ & 38 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | $\cdots$ |  | － | 7 | 0 | － | 10 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 |  | 18 | 17 | $1{ }^{1}$ | $\pm$ | 5 | 92 |
| 58 | Kibolion m | 48，004 | 4 |  |  | 4 |  | 8，206 | 8888 | 7.078 | 8，67\％ | 85，600 | \％00 |  | 3，147 | 6880 | $\cdots$ | 4 | 4，007 | 10 |

## APPENDIX $G$.

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, \&e., and avorago Births, Deaths and Feccination.


Statement of Schools together with their average Attendance.

| - | District | Loant Bonsd gomoora |  |  |  | Mumitipat Sonoox. |  |  |  | Privita sohools. |  |  |  | Bemarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20aber |  | Boyn. |  | Girls. |  | Boye. |  | Girla. |  | Boys. |  | Girla |  |  |
|  |  | Namber of gehoola | Average Attendence | Namber of Echoole. | A verage Attendance. | Number of 8chool. | Average Attendance. | Number of schoola. | Average Attendance. | Number of Schools. | Average Attendance. | Number of School. | Average Attendanoe |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8. | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 15 |
| 88 | Kalol ... | 20 | $35 \cdot 1$ | 3 | 13•1 | 3 | $61 \cdot 1$ | 1 | 31.9 | ** | ** | -0* | -•• |  |

APPENDIX I.
Slatement showing the proportion of Government occupiel and Inam Lands cullivated by Oceupants and Sub-tenanta.


APPENDIX J.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks, and other Sources of Water-oupply.

| Num. ber of Vif. Jages | Taluke | Wella, Budgiand the hixi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tanki |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Otmar suobowe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Fo | or tian. | For drinking supply of human being but not for irrigation. |  | For cattle and washing and other parposen but not or Irrigation or drinking supply of human briags |  | In disune. |  | For irtigation. |  |  |  |  |  | In diaune. |  | For Irrigathon. |  |  |  |  |  | In dinama |  | Rnos |
|  | $\therefore$ | Puksa. | Racbe | Patks. | Kacha. | Pakka | Kacha. | Fallon in or in disrepair. | Other саикев. $\square$ | Prakc. | Kacha | Pakka. | Kacha. | Pakka. | Kacha. | Fallon in 4 ja dia. repair. | Other caune | Pukke. | Kache. | Pokka. | Kacha. | Pakke. | Keche. | Fallon in or in dife repait. | Other cosuma |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 18 | 10 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 80 | 21 | 92 | 88 | 84 |  | 28 | 27 |
| 88 | Kelal ... ... | 802 | 61 | 160 | 40 | 77 | $\cdots$ | 76 | 7 | ... |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 188 | 1 | -* | ... | 1 | -... | 2 | $\cdots$ | 108 | 1 | *.. | ** |

APPENDIX K.
Showisg ordinary sales.

| Ches of ceses scoording to the number of times the burvey Amenment for which land is cold. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { coses. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { 2croes } \\ & \text { cold. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { eascamanent. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Averago rate } \\ \text { of ceaseament } \\ \text { per acre. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total sum } \\ \text { for which } \\ \text { vold. } \end{gathered}$ | Average rate per acre for which sold. <br> - | Average number of time the gesessmeat for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 |  | 6 | 7 | . 8 |
|  | $\} \begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 64 \\ 28 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rc} \text { A. } & \mathrm{g} . \\ 21 & 32 \\ : 15 & 16 \\ 63 & 30 \\ 2 & 11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 53 & 8 & 0 \\ 395 & 12 & 0 \\ 120 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2 & 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 12 & 3 \\ 1 & 14 & 1 \\ 1 & 14 & 9 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 404 & 8 & 0 \\ 12,056 & 12 & 0 \\ 7,609 & 14 & 0 \\ 564 & 6 & 0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 18 & 8 & 10 \\ 49 & 0 & 1 \\ 119 & 5 & 11 \\ 248 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.55 \\ 27 \cdot 72 \\ \text { 63.31 } \\ 129 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 100 | 3039 | 573130 | 178 | $\begin{array}{llll}20,635 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 67156 | 35.96 |

APPENDIX K ${ }^{(1)}$.
Showing sales wnder Court Decreo.

| Clane of onves nccosding to the number of timee the Survey Ansensment for which land is sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Noimber } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { ceoch } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \substack{\text { Rcroes } \\ \text { Boldd }} \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\text { Total }}{\text { incement. }}$ | Average rate of ascensment per scre. | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per acre for which sold. | Average times the survey for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | A. g. | Rs. ${ }_{\text {a. }}$ | Rs. a. $p$. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a. }}$ P. |  |
| " II - 11 to 25 ,.. | 1 | 118 | 500 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 7 & 1\end{array}$ | $65 \quad 00$ | 441312 | 13.00 |
| ", III - 26 to 50 \% | s | 81 | 16140 | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 1 & 7\end{array}$ | 4950 | 611010 | 29.33 |
| ", 1V-51 to 100 | 1 | 131 | 190 | 0141 | $80 \quad 0$ | $451{ }^{15}$ | 51. 2 |
| " V-101 to 250 „ | ... | - |  |  |  | ... |  |
| Total | 6 | 1781 | 31150 | 1128 | 68) 00 | 38125 | 21.75 |

APPENDIX L,

## Showing simple mortgages.

| Clese of camen acoording to the manimber of times the survoy assest meat for which lend in auld. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Namber } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { ecocer. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { serea } \\ \text { mortgaged. } \end{gathered}$ | Total aceasments | Average rate of essesment par ecra. | Total anm for which mortgaged. | Average rate per acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the surrey asesessment for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { A. g. } \\ 43 & 8\end{array}$ | Rs. a. p. <br> 86 2  <br> 1   | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| Clase II - 11 to 25 \%... | 15 | 43 58 20 | $\begin{array}{rrr}86 & 2 & 0 \\ 132 & 14 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}1 & 12 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}333 & 12 & 0 \\ 2,435 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}6 & 12 & 9 \\ 41 & 10 & 0\end{array}$ | 3.87 18.32 |
| ${ }^{3}$ III- 26 to 50 | 11 | 5416 | 8100 | 179 | 2,955 810 | $\begin{array}{llll}54 & 5 & 3\end{array}$ | -36.48 |
| "IV- 51 to 100 | 2 | 324 | 480 | 140 | 347140 | $\begin{array}{lll}96 & 3 & 2\end{array}$ | 77.30 |
| * V-101 to |  | ... | ...... | ... | ...... | ... | ... |
| Total | 33 | 16523 | 50480 | 135 | 6,072 40 | 36109 | $19 \cdot 94$ |

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

Showing Mortgages with Pos session.

| Chese of cases according to the number of times the survey sesesement for which lead in sold. | Number of cases. | Total nocrea nortgaged. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Totul } \\ \text { nonessment. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Average rate } \\ \text { of reeasment } \\ \text { per ncraf } \end{array}$ | Total nam for which morigagod. | $\Delta$ rerage rate per acre for which mortgaged. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class I - 1 to 10 times. | 3 | A. g. 1232 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 24 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Re. } & \text { ar } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 14 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. p. } \\ 206 & 15 & 0 \end{array}$ | Rs. 2.0 p. | $8 \cdot 62$ |
| , II - 11 to 25 , ... | 24 | 7611 | 19530 | 2811 | 3,326 220 | $43 \quad 8 \quad 8$ | 17.05 |
| , III- 26 to 50 , | 56 | 1498 | 28310 | 1144 | 10,846 8 8 0 | $69 \quad 56$ | 86.57 |
| , IV - 51 to 100, | 17 | 3610 | 6200 | $111 \cdot 4$ | 8,759 0 | 103111 | 59.60 |
| "V-101 to 150 , | ... | . | ....0* | ... | ...... | ... |  |
| Total | 100 | 27421 | 56440 | 2010 | 17,638 40 | 6440 | 81.30 |

## APPENDIX M.

An Abstract Statement showing aub-lettings.

| Class of easea according to the number of times the survey assessment for which land is sold. | Number of casen. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { acrea } \\ \text { anb-leto } \end{gathered}$ | Total antesesment. | Average rate of sasessment per acre. | Total sum for which sub-let. | Average rate per acre for whioh aub-let. - | Averuge times the survey s.easmen sub.lots |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class I- 1 to 5 times... | 77 | A. g. 2484 | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } \\ \hline 10 & 12 \\ 410 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 10 & 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,189 & 6 & 9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4 & 12 & 8 \end{array}$ | 2•89 |
| \% II-6 to 10 n ... | 7 | 918. | 2090 | 229 | 14877 | 15114 | $7 \cdot 23$ |
| " III-11 to 25 n ... | 1 | 135 | 400 | 221 | 6980 | 3715 | 17.37 |
| " IV - 26 to 50 \% $\quad \cdots$ | $\ldots$ | .. | *** | : 0 | ...... | ** | ... |
| V-above 50.n | ... | ... | -,...0* | ... | *..... | ... | ... |
| Total | 85 | 25917 | $435 \quad 6 \quad 0$ | 11010 | 1,407 7 4 | 568 | $3 \cdot 23$ |

## APPENDIX N.

Statement ahowing the Prices prevalent.


## APPENDIX 0.

- Revonwe Statement for 58 Khalsa Villages into silich the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1570-71.
[The yerre sbove the black line are thom anteoodent to the Surrey Setllement.]

| Years |  zo Goviangenz. |  |  |  |  |  | UROCOUPTED Absmbemp arablit Govianment LAND. |  |  | LAND, THE RE• VENEE OT WHICR jB ALDNATMD Empisily on pabtiakz INA․ |  |  | Toral handGovery wimf, Ocovpind, Uncoevpitid AND ImAx. |  |  |  |  | 龺 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Bombsalong during the jear. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \frac{3}{3} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{~} \\ \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{6} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | ¢ | 6 | 7 | 8 | - | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
|  |  | Re. |  | Re. | Bu. | R. |  | Re. | R. |  | Ra, | 8a | Acres. | R. | Rs. | Re. | B. |  |
| 1360-60 . | .." | "•' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 41,077 | 10 | .." |  |
| 1880-87 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | "' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -" | $\cdots$ | $*$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 50,009 | 4 | - |  |
| 1987-68 ... | $\cdots$ | .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | ". | .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | *3,026 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1889-69 . | - | .." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .'. | $\cdots$ | " | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | '* | $\cdots$ | 40,597 | 8 | 30 |  |
| 1699-70 ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ".* | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 40,610 |  | ..' |  |
| Average ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ". | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 4,572 | 18. | $B$ |  |
| 970-71 ... | 30,864 | 64,817 | .' | *16,534 | 18,634 | 30,283 | 24,705 | 17,810 | 98 | 10,040 | 34,978 | 8,843 | 76,107 | 1,00,805 | 68,154 | 4,037 | 18,854 |  |
| 1871-79 | 28,700 | 61,188 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 61,168 | 27,771 | 20,319 | 882 | 18,898 | 87,180 | 7.107 | 75,408 | 1,08,910 | 88,767 | 88 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878-73 ... | 20,008 | 83,567 | $\cdots$ | 809 | 609 | 62,048 | 28,123 | 22,010 | 365 | 10,3s8 | 86,517 | 7,400 | 76,402 | 1,10,084 | 69,808 | ... | 000 |  |
| 978-74 ... | 38,901 | 61,942 | $\cdots$ | 022 | 038 | 50,919 | 26,803 | 10,283 | 808 | 18,674 | 40, 188 | 20,105 | 7,788 | 1,11,257 | 01,419 | $\cdots$ | 08 |  |
| 874-76 | 98,718 | 51,323 | ... | 208 | 288 | 61,067 | 29,639 | 21,802 | 200 | 18,879 | 81,587 | 11,109 | 76,894 | 1,04,062 | 63,654 | ... | 290 |  |
| 1876-76 ... | 28,850 | 50,926 | $\cdots$ | 118 | 122 | 60,803 | 28,630 | 28,212 | 804 | 18,654 | 31,532 | 12,159 | 78,813 | 1,06,659 | 02,208 | $\cdots$ | 111 |  |
| 187e-77 .. | ${ }^{28,808}$ | 80,710 | $\cdots$ | 140 | 140 | 80,879 | 29.708 | 20,311 | 806 | 18,54 | 11,532 | 11,149 | 75,669 | 1,04,509 | 01,089 | ... | 100 |  |
| 197-78 ... | 27,898 | 80,180 | $\cdots$ | 00 | 80 | 60,040 | 29,648 | 28,888 | 4 | 18,64t | 81,000 | 14,181 | 75,500 | 1,06,518 | 01,289 | 4.108 | 80 |  |
| 1978-79 ... | 87,800 | 60,185 | $\cdots$ | 180 | 189 | 80,006 | 20,727 | 28,809 | 280 | 18,589 | 31,481 | 11,130 | 76,800 | 1,04,814 | 01,305 | 1,880, | 190 |  |
| 1890-60 | 27,400 | ,50,201 | $\cdots$ | 97 | 97 | 60,104 | 28.071 | 22,825 | 240 | $18,680$ | 91,476 | 11,129 | 76,007 | 1,04,802 | 61,639 | 162 | 07 |  |
| Average .. | 28,478 | 81,386 | $\cdots$ | 1,778 | 1,778 | 40,608 | 27,988 | 21,381 | 380 | 18,814 | 33,623 | 10,061 | 75,076 | 1,00,598 | 69,929 | 681 |  |  |
| 1890-01 ... | 26,899 | 49,021 | $\cdots$ | 163 | 158 | 69,788 | 189,069 | \%8,420 | 24 | 18,588 | 81,478 | 11,127 | 74,498 | 1,08,829 | 01,140 | $\cdots$ | 15 |  |
| 1881-68 ... | 26,989 | \$0,040 | ... | 110 | 120 | 49,836 | 28,029 | 81,622 | 207 | 18,520 | 31,408 | 11,181 | 78,480 | 2,08,096 | 81,234 | $\cdots$ | 110 |  |
| 1898-63 ... | 27,069 | 50,108 | ... | or | 0 | 50,014 | 118,701 | 13,806 | 238 | 18,514 | 31,468 | 11,180 | 69,384 | 00,40 | 61,420 | ... | 0 |  |
| 1893-94 ... | 27,499 | 50,577 | ... | 66 | 68 | 50,511 | 18,938 | 12,001 | 298 | 18,400 | 81,489 | 11,001 | 69,835 | 94,081 | 61,000 | ... | $\omega$ |  |
| 1894-65 ... | 27,727 | 51,004 | $\cdots$ | 81 | 81 | 50,023 | 12,744 | 11,762 | 207 | 18,451 | 31,414 | 11,889 | 88,9*2 | 0,180 | 62,318 | 8 | 61 |  |
| 1886-86 ... | 20,018 | 51,809 | ... | 36 | 85 | 61,328 | 12,465 | 11,815 | 276 | 18,440 | 31,883 | 11,008 | 68,988 | 06,001 | 03,607 | cr | 85 |  |
| 1888-97 ... | 28,126 | 81,487 | $\cdots$ | 126 | 115 | 61,372 | 12,903 | 11,820 | 882 | 18,408 | 31,867 | 11,084 | 89,820 | 94,004 | 61,788 | - | 116 |  |
| 1897-89 ... | 23,347 | 51,814 | ... | 28 | 2 | 51,502 | 19,503 | 21,181 | 288 | 18,483 | 31,865 | 11,083 | $\boldsymbol{5 0 , 0 6 2}$ | 94,100 | 68,808 | 1 | 24 |  |
| Average ... | 27,856 | 80,762 | $\cdots$ | 64 | 84 | 60,688 | 26,080 | 14,201 | 290 | 18,476 | ${ }^{31,418}$ | 11.108 | 08,780 | 96,461 | 68,050 | 6 | 06 |  |

[^2]APPENDIX $0^{\circ}$.

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|  |  | Rs. |  | Re. | Rs. | Rs. | , | Ro. | Re. |  | Rs. | Rs. |  | Re, | R8。 | E. | Rs. |  |
| 1888.89 ... | 16,516 | 34,617 | ** | 25 | 25 | 34,592 | 5,913 | 5,978 | 150 | 13,805 | 24,292 | 9,108 | 36,234 | 64,888 | 43,848 | ?.4 | 25 |  |
| 1889.90 ... | 16,605 | 84,64] | -." | 19 | 19 | 84,622 | 6,824 | 6,840 | 155 | 13,805 | 24,407 | 9,106 | 36,294 | 64,888 | 43,883 | - ... | 18 |  |
| 1890.91 ... ... | 16,774 | 34,866 | ** | 15 | 15 | 34,851 | 2,544 | 8,078 | 154 | 13,805 | 24,407 | 9,106 | 83,123 | 62,349 | 44,111 | ... | 15 |  |
| 1891-92 ... | 16,833 | 84,937 | ... | 15 | 15 | 34,9:2 | 2,558 | 3,089 | 158 | 18,805 | 24,404 | 9,106 | 33,196 | 62,430 | 44,184 | -•• | 15 |  |
| 1892-93 ... ... | 17,001 | 85,110 | $\cdots$ | 15 | 15 | 35,095 | 2,385 | 2,911 | 177 | 18,804 | 24,402 | 9,108 | 38,190 | 62,423 | 44,378 | $\cdots$ | 15 |  |
| 1893-91 ... '.. | 17,082 | 85,328 | -• | 22 | 22 | 35,306 | 2,302 | 2,677 | 185 | 13,804 | 24,402 | 9,106 | 38,188 | 62,407 | 44,598 | $\cdots$ | 22 |  |
| 1894.95 ... ... | 17,232 | 35,455 | $\cdots$ | 18 | 18 | 35,437 | 2,145 | 2,502 | 191 | 18,804 | 24,402 | 9,106 | 38,181 | 62,359 | 44,733 | $\cdots$ | 18 |  |
| 1895.96 ... | 17,341 | 35,556 | $\cdots$ | 19 | 39 | -35,537 | 2,083 | 2,447 | 189 | 13,804 | 24,401 | 9,106 | 33,228 | \$2,404 | 44,883 | 5 | 18 |  |
| 1896-97 ... | 17,303 | 35,492 | ... | 24 | 24. | 35,468 | 2,180 | 2,487 | 193 | 13,790 | 24,401 | 9,109 | 33,232 | 62,380 | 44,770 | $\ldots$ | 2\% |  |
| $1897-98$... | 17,358 | 35,584 | ... | 60 | 60 | 35,524 | 2,722 | 3,096 | 205 | 13,799 | 24,401 | 9,109 | 33,880 | 68,081 | 44,837 | ... | 60 |  |
| $\Delta$ verape | 17,005 | 35,159 | ... | 23 | 23 | 35,135 | 3,061 | 3,410 | 175 | 13,803 | 24,382 | 0,107 | 33,869 | 62,861 | 44,417 | $\cdots$ | 23 |  |

- $A$ PPENDIX $0^{(\%}$.

Revenue Statement for 21 Mehwáshi Villages, situated in the Kalol Taluka of the Panch Maháls Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was istroduced in 1870-71,
[Thene rillages were treated at Khales up to the year $1887-88$ when they wero handed over to $\mathbf{M}$ ehvas Patelo.]

| Years." |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  Hated Eminimit on paitially (Ina'v). |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { fronilt } \\ & \text { romitco. } \end{aligned}$ | Lematta. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Occupied } \\ & \text { Acres. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Foll } \\ \text { Btandiard } \\ \text { Autesment. } \end{gathered}$ | Beminomond during the yoar. |  |  | Balance for <br> Collection | Aster. | Aracesment. |  | A0rra. | Frull BrandardAwcutucut. | Collections,Quit-rent,\& | $\underset{\substack{\text { Total of } \\ \text { Columnas } \\ \text { and } 11_{2}, ~}}{ }$ |  | Orand Total tion. Total 7, 10 and 19 . |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Permanont. | cranal, | Totas. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| . 1 | 2 | $:$ | - | 5 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 16. | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|  |  | Ra, | Ra. | Rs. | Rs. | Ra. |  | Ra. | R. |  | Rs. | Ra. | Acrea. | R. | Re. | R. | Rs. |  |
| 1888:89 ... | 14,479 | 11,235 | $\cdots$ | " | $\cdots$ | 21,236 | 8,641 | 2,473 | ... | 4,635 | 16,510 | 1,977 | 22,755 | 29,218 | 13,212 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1889.00 ... ... | 14,480 | 11,115 | ..* | $\cdots$ | ... | 11,118 | 8,64 | 2,473 | $\cdots$ | 4,684 | 16,031 | 1,877 | 22,755 | 29,219 | 18,092 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1890-91 ... ... | 14,485 | 11,117 | ** | ... | $\cdots$ | 11,117 | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 4,685 | 16,632 | 1,978 | 19,120 | 26,740 | 13,095 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 3891-92 ... ... | 24,645 | 11,122 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11,129 | "' | "• | ". | 4,834 | 16,785 | 1,978 | 19,279 | 26,907 | 18,100 | $\cdots$ | -. |  |
| 1882-98 ... ... | 14,852 | 12,134 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 11,134 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 4,629 | 15,879 | 1,978 | 19,4 ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ | 27,018 | 18,112 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1893-94 ... ... | 14,888 | 11,138 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11,132 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 4,627 | 15,877 | 1,977 | 18,475 | 27,009 | 18,109 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1894-95 ... ... | 14,849 | 11,134 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 11,185 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 4,826 | 15,875 | 1,977 | 19,475 | 27,009 | 18,111 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1895-08 ... ... | 14,849 | 13,134 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11,134 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 4,626 | 15,876 | 1,977 | 19,975 | 97,009 | 13,111 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-97 ... ... | 14,848 | 11,132 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 21,183 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 4,625 | 15873 | 1,977 | 10,478 | 27,005 | 18,109 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1897-98 ... ... | 36,080 | 11,139 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 11,189 | ... | ... | .. | 4.828 | 16,038 | 1,977 | 19,708 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 27,178 | 13,116 | $\ldots$ | ... |  |
| ATorage | 14,741 | 11,139 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 11,189 | 728 | 495 | - $\cdot$ | 4,680 | 36,798 | 1,977 | 20,099 | 27,482 | 18,116 | ... | ... |  |

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\text { APPENDIX } \mathbb{Q}
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Q.

Government Occupied Land.



Note,-The comparison in the 9 statement top the Mebvasi villages th between the jear (in which the fillagow were handed over to tre Mehviedite) and 397.03.

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

Showing Area of Villages for Settlement, witil Detailo.


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

Shouing Area of Villages for Settlement, with details.


## APPENDIX Q:

Comparative Statement bhowing Amount of Old Well Kasar and New Subsoil Wator Asesssment.


Nots.-The Mehvie villages hare not been clamed or ceesesed for subgoil water advanages.

## APPENDIX R.

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\text { No. } \frac{\Delta}{1071} \text { or } 1871 .
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From

N. B. BEYTS, Esq.,<br>Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat:

To
The EXTRA FIRST ASSISTANT COLLECTOR in charge Panch Maháls.

Superintendent's Office, Surat, 2nd November 1871.

## SIR

I have the honour to submit, for the consideration and sanction of Government, the results of an experimental introduction of the Survey-assessment carried out by me during the past season in the Kalol sub-division of the Kalol Taluka, Panch Maháls, by permission conveyed in the Revenue Commiseioner's letter No. 2580, dated 26th May 1871.
2. The taluka is situated 25 miles north of Baroda, the capital of His Highness the Gaikwar. It has the Bariya Raja's territory on the east Bondarion side; villages belonging to Rewa Kantha Chief and the Gaikwar on the west side; our Godhra Mahal is on the north boundary; and the. Hálol subdivision on the south boundary. From Jantral, the western extremity of the group, the distance to the Mahi river, upon the west bank of which our Kaira Collectorate abuts, is only 18 miles.
3. Were it not for the separation of Kabanpur and Gajapura by a narrow strip of Form and area. Báriya land; Palasa and Nevaria by Gaikwari territoryand the isolated position of Vintoj, situated half-way between Kalol and the Myhi, the taluka would have a compact form, within an area of 140 square miles. The accompanying map will make up for a better description.
4. The chief rivers are the Goma, Kavad and Mesri, all having their sources in the monntainous parts of Báriya, and like all soch streams are formidable daring the monsoon, but dwindle down to insignifioance shortly after the cold weather. The largest of them, which flows past the town, sinks below the surface of loose sand and is lost to sight soon after the monsoon.
5. The hills within the limit of the sub-division are confined to the western side and do not- rise bigher than a few bundred feet above the level of the plain. They are metamorphic in character, being a fusion of granite and quartz rooks. About Aradra they are fantastically capped with boulders threatening to slip off the smooth crystalline surface of the mountain side -brown externally, but on fracture presenting a grayish white ecintillating appearance. The stones used for the Malow bund, obtained from neighbouring hills, are of micaceans granite.
6. A straight raised road has been in construction for several years past connecting Godhra with Baroda. It is finished up to the boundary of the Rnade. Gaikwar's territory and awaits the Gaikwar's pleasure for completion. He would probably be moved to pity, were he to witness the dreadful aareer of laden carts compelled to pay him toll and oustom dues at the gates of his capital, tossing about in ruts like ships in a storm. The country roads in Káol, which are sandy, are very good after a fall of rain, but, though level, make travelling very heavy at other times.
7. The general appearance of the district is much finer than most parts of the Kaira Collectorate. Trees are numerous and large, and the hedge rows abound with foliage of great variety. The brab palm which grows luxuriantly forms a distinct feature in the landscape from other parts of Gujarat. It is seldom seen without parasites growing up its stem to the very summit, the pepal and burr also delighting in the same murderous embrace. Fields are regularly laid out and apparently well attended to, very few being without hedges. Excepting in Bhil villages the houses are tiled and look as comfortable as they are in Kaira. The term
' jungle ' applied to Kálol is a misnomer, no diatrict in Gujarat as a whole gives a better idea of being long inhabited by an industrions people. Tanks unfortanately owing to the porous nature of the ground do not hold water long, but there is a fair amount of irrigation in each village from wells.
8. The annual rainfall registered by the Mamlatdar since 1867 gives, as per margin, a mean average of 41 inches. This is a higher indication of moisture than is the case either in the Kaira or Ahmedabad Collectorates, but the loose soil fully requires it.

|  | Rai | Climate. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1867 |  | Inches. |
| 1868 | ... | … 728 |
| 1869 | ... | ... 47.48 |
| 1870 | .. | ... $40 \cdot 18$ | The climate is consequently very temperate and congenial to the growth of trees. The last hot weather season was one of the pleasantest I experienced, only demanding a tattie during a few exceptional days. Fever is not more prevalent than in Kaira, and epidemics are perhaps on the whole less prevalent. Water is good throughout the district, and the people do not appear to be afficted by any special disease.

9. The taluka contains 68 villages in all; 9 are held on service tenures by the Desais;
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Namber of villages. } \quad 1 \text { inclusire of several hamlets is quasi-Talukdari; and } 58 \\ & \text { are pure Kbalsa. For the present our operations are confined }\end{aligned}$ to the latter, and all the statistics which follow will have reference solely to them.

Diviaion of land.
10. The division into survey numbers according to the three different classes of cultivation is given in detail below :-

11. The gross area of the 58 villages is a little over 126 square miles. Out of the Waste. 55,059 acres of Government land, 24,705 acres are lying waste and only 30,354 acree are in occupation; so that, roughly speaking, nearly balf the area of Kalol still invites immigration. This half, however, is almost entirely confined to the western villages-Karoli, Kahanpur, Parina, Novagam, Ghusar, Richia and Chulah. Some contain large tracts of land, quite deserted I am told, on account of the Bhats and Charans keeping large herds of cattle destructive to crops, and thus materially backing their dreaded curses against settlers upon the land,
12. By sarvey enumeration (vide Appendix B), there appear to be 32,510 men, women, Population. and children in the district; the adult males numbering 9,190 and females 10,010 . The ratio of 251 sonls to the square mile upen the gross area of Kalol is much higher than I had expected. It does not compare badly with Thásra and Kapadvanj, though it be bue half the proportion of Borsad. Considering, however, that little more than half the culturable ares is occupied, I think the other "alf is as densely populated as any district in Gujarát. This is by no means supprising, as we know that Kálol is a much older and longer occupied district than most parts of Kaira. When Nadiad and Thasra were unreclaimed from the jungle and the abode of wild beasts and equally wild tribes, the country round Champanir, once the capital of Gujarat, was in a flourishing eondition. The great number of brab palms planted in straight lines on the boundary of fields, by compatation of the ringe which appear on their bark, prove a well-ordered state of things many centuries back. - Wereit not that the poor villages on the Báriya frontier help to reduce the average condition of the taluka treated as a whole, I would be jnstified in classing it high in the scale of that most favourable feature of prosperity-redundant population.
13. The occrpations of the people are given below; the children are supposed to be of their father's profession :-

| Oconpation |  |  |  |  |  | Number. | Ocenpation. |  |  |  |  |  | Number. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricalturista |  | ‥ | $\cdots$ | . 0 |  | 34,351 | Golas ... |  |  |  |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| Shepberds :- | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | . | $\cdots$ |  | Oilmen ... | ... | ... | . | ... | $\ldots$ | 110 |
| Cabourers ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1,982 1,734 | Phoemakers | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 122 |
| Carpenters ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 419 | Blecksmiths | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .. | 162 |
| Barbers ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 322 | Khalpae ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |  |
| Cbamars ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\because$ | 210 | Bhangis ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 98 |
| Merchants ... |  |  | -.. | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,699 | Saranias ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 82 |
| Men living on i | door |  | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 98 | Dheds ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 119 |
| Beggars ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 682 | Bricklayara | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | 43 |
| Graziers ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |  | 89 | Ravalias ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $14^{4}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Tailors }}$ | ... | … | ... |  | $\cdots$ | 202 | ${ }^{\text {Gardionera }}$ Blavara | ... |  | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 17 |
| Washermen ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | ... | .. | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 37 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goldsmithe ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 |  |  |  |  | Total | ... | 32,510 |

14. Referring to column 8 of Appendix B, you will perceive that out of 32,510 inPrincipal class. habitants no less than 15,945 are Kolis and Bhils. Next in importance are 3,630 Brahmins und Banias, 1,671 Kunbis, 1,187 Mussalman, all the rest being made up of small numbers in 37 different classes.
15. Inquiry into the resources of each village by the classing establishment results in showing the following state of things:-


The resources per square mile are consequently-


Deisila of occupancy.
16. The following statement may be found interesting:-

| Number of Khatas dis. tinotly reoorded. | Average area of each Khata. | Average number of Agricultariate to each Khata | Aversge Acres of cultivation to each head of Total Population. | Average Acres of caltivation of Agricultoral Population only. | Average Acrea of oultivation to one plough. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7,003 |  | 8 | $\stackrel{1}{40}$ | $\frac{2 \cdot 1}{40}$ | $\begin{array}{r}10 \cdot 83 \\ \hline 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { anc } & \text { p. } \\ \text { II } & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rll}\text { Rs. } & \text { a } & \text { p. } \\ 8 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ |

The largest Khata, or individual account kept with the Revenue officers, is found in a holding in Kálol of $116 \frac{3}{1} \frac{9}{0}$ acres in extent.
17. It would be incorrect to generalize upon the condition of a district containing Genoral condition of tie people. . people of extreme habits, to wit, the industrious Kunbi and the wretched Naikra, -one comparatively wealthy and the other reduced to the lowest dopths of poverty; but it may be safely said that within a radius of about six miles of the Kasba town, and at Vejalpur itself, the rayats are a thriving

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community; their industry conducing to a state of being well fed, respectably clothed, and in possension of means sufficient to give them character, and compare with any class of rayats in Gujarat. The inhabitants of villages on the northern and eastern boundary are much lower in the social scale. The Koolis are a fine set of fellows, but with them opium-anting and impecuuiosity are found to go hand in hand; consequently the fruit of all their labour -goes to the village Bania, who virtually owns the farm and dictates what the Kooli shall eat, drink, wear, and when marry ; the incentives to exertion thus being blighted even if opium-eating had left him any energy. Notwithstanding this they are a sensitive people and proud in their very raga, still retaining the traditions of what was to them a plorious period of rapine and independence. Much below the Kooli come the Bhil and Naikra, creatures of omens and prognostics, almost every action of their daily life being guided by the spirit world. Their foad and clothing is of the poorest kind, and their houses are constructed of branches and grass so as to enable them to leave the spot when the spirit may dictate (even by the fall of a leaf or cry of a bird) without a single regret. Hence they carry their ploughs to now lands and are a most unsettled race. The Naikra campaign is much too recent to let ns forget that these people are capable of doing mischief, and are ready tools for any mutinous knave.

18. There are only two kinds of soil in the taluka, gorara and basar; the former prevails everywhere and the latter is to be found mostly in a few villages, principally in the vicinity of Bedia and Pengli, and in patches in all low-lying parts of villages. The gorara is the detritus of the metamorphie rocks of the neighbouriood; is coarse in texture, but yet possesses considerable fertility. In several villages near Kálol it is of a superior order, more calcareous and adhesive, but this character, especially towards the north-east, sliades off to very great inferiority. The bssar is a clayey soil of a dark colour, is well adapted for rice and kodra cultivation, and is found unsuitable for other descriptions of grain. The pure black regur soil ncwhere exists here, which accounts for Kalol never having attempted to grow cotton, basur not being congenial to the plant.
19. Gorara fields are ploughed after the first fall of rain; the soil never cakes and is
State of hasbandry.
easily worked. Manure is applid from 10 to 12 cart-loads to lie falluw, as weeds are considered to be as exhaustive as a crop of grain. The natare and texture of the soil appears only to improve by constant cultivation. The oldest fields are the finest. The seed is drilled into the land, and after it has attained a few inches in height a kurrub or weeding plough is passed between the furrows. Basur fields are mostly cultivated with rice. In bunded lands it is planted in the usual manner, and sown broadcast in open spaces. Very little irrigation of rice takes place. Malow and a few other villages utilise their tanks, but nine-tenths of rice fields are classified as pure akasia or receiving direct monsoon rain only. Manuring rice is a necessity, if it is intended to be at all more remunerative than ordinary dry-crop cultivation. The broadcast sowing is a lazy improvident mode, resorted to by men who are deficient in stock, very little profit being gained by the very little trouble taken. Kodra cultivation in the manner practised by the Koolis and Bhils in new basur land is very paying, simply because the land is new or permitted to lie fallow, without the rayat being made liable for more than the assessment in the year of cultivation-his plough being assessed instead of the land. 20 bighas of kodra may be sown with one plough, and no further sttention is generally bestowed upon it, beyond reaping the produce in eight weeks following. Basur can be tilled in rotation without any fallowing ; but without the assistance of manure, it needs rest every third year. The rotations in basur and goraru soils hardly require more than passing notice. A mixed crop of a dozen descriptions of grain is the favourite system in gorara; and in basur, kodra, oil seed and rice follow each other. Bunded rice beds produce rice annually without change, and no second crop in that very year is ever attempted upon it.
20. The productive character of the soil is best indicated by the variety' of orope raised during the past season. When any one kind of grain in mixed Produce of the district. sowing predominates, the crop of the field is put under that head solely.


21．Taking three favourable years of jirayat cultivation as a specimen of advan－ Yield and proste of caltivation． tageous rotation，and valuing the produce at prices which the village Bania pays the rayat－which are slightly lower than the bazaar quotation，we obtain the fullowing data upon the bigha；which is equal to $\frac{4}{7}$ ths of an acre．The maund is equivalent to 40 lbs．


The average cost of cultivation is $21 \frac{3}{3}$ rupees，and sapposing the hire of stock，pay－： ment of field labour，and purchase of manure only amounts to Rs．15，it leaves the rayat a clear balance of Rs． $6 \frac{3}{4}$ per bighe or Rs． 11 per acre ；out of which the Government assess－ ment has to be defrayed．Poor fields in the district bardly yield more than just enough to cover the expenditure．

A rice field will yield 30 maunds，grain and straw being worth Rs．30，and the expenditure Rs． 20 per bighn，leaves a balance of Rs． 17 per acre between Government and the rayat．

A kodra field will yield 20 mannds of grain at an expense incurred of about Rs． 10 per bigha，leaving in like manner a balance of Rs， 9 per acre．The profit on kodra cul－ tivation above shown，it must be remembered，is derived from land two years under fallow； if an annual rent is to be levied，the 9 rupees should be divided by 3 to obtain an average yearly return．

22．It should also be borne in mind that the maximam yield of a good field，in a good season，with prices high，cannot serve as a basis for maximum rates intended to apply for the next thirty years．It will be reasonable to allow for failures and reduction of prices to a fair average level．

23．The prices given below are what obtained in the Kalol market during the last ten Prioes．
years．The rayate do not sell at these rates within 25 per cent．， just depending，if they are in a position to do so，upon the threat to cart the produce to Baroda ：－

Pounds per Rupee．

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 总 } \\ & \text { 悬 } \\ & \text { 邑 } \end{aligned}$ | Xears． | 号 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { WHE } \\ \hline \text { 它 } \\ \text { 畐 } \end{array}\right.$ | 莫 | 遒 | 䍖 |  |  | 发 | 莒 | 吕 | 宫 | 蒠 | 品 | 品 | 宫 | 宮 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | Ibs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs． | lbs |
| 1 | A．D． 1860.61 ．．．．．．．．．．． | 51 | 26 | 29 | $\cdots$ | 40 | － | 49 | 11 | 68 | 46 | 80 |  | ．．＇ |  | $\cdots$ |  | ．．． |
| 2 | n 1881．62 ．．．．．．．．．．． | 49 | 24 | 21 | $\cdots$ | 34 | ．．． | 30 | 10 | 39 | 37 | 30 | 56 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 8 | ＂1862－63 | 32 | 19 | 20 | ．．． | 32 | ．．． | 27 | 10 | 36 | 80 | 27. | 48 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ |
| 4 | ＂1863－64 ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 22 | 15 | 18 | 34 | 27 | 18 | 28 | 11 | 80 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 58 | 26 | 46 | 26 | 30 |
| 5 | ＂1864．6B ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 48 | 12 | 13 | 35 | 14 | 22 | 27 | 9 | 27 | 36 | 18 | 58 | 64 | 48 | 64 | 48 | 48 |
| 6 | n 1885－60 ．．．．．．．．．．． | 45 | 12 | 18 | 35 | 14 | 23 | 27 | 6 | 87 | 36 | 18 | 46 | 69 | 36 | 69 | 33 | 86 |
| $\cdot 7$ | 1866－67 ．．．．．．．．．．． | 86 | 14 | 17 | 27 | ． 22 | 29 | 30 | 5 | 28 | 86 | 20 | 63 | 40 | 86 | 85 | 42 | 45 |
| 8 | ，1867－68 ．．．．．．．．．．．． | 94 | 14 | 17 | 36 | 14 | 34 | 38 | 6 | 36 | 33 | 20 | 46 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 37 | 82 |
| 9 | 1868－69 | 38 | 16 | 19 | 32 | 18 | 85 | 28 | 11 | 38 | 30 | 15 | 40 | 69 | 34 | 67 | 35 | 44 |
| Jo | 1869．70 ．．．．． | 27 | 14 | 18 | 40 | 11 | 27 | 22 | 9 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 30 | 49 | 88 | 48 | 27 | 86 |
|  | Total | 377 | 166 | 185 | 239 | 228 | 188 | 305 | 88 | 354 | 334 | 228 | 107 | 389 | 248 | 419 | 251 | 271 |
|  | Mean Average ．．． | 88 | 17 | 18 | 84 | 23 | 27 | 31 | 9 | 35 | 33 | 28 | 45 | 55 | 35 | 57 | 88 | 89 |

24．The market for the surplas produce of the district is at Baroda，nearly 20 koss
Merketa． from Kálol，entailing transit and octroi dues，potwithstanding which the rayats who have bullocks and carts prefer conveging their grain to that place to dealing with the merchants ohiefly located in Kálol and Vejalpur． I．was told by returning cartmen from Baroda that they had disposed of their loads at a rate of four rupees more per kalsi（ 16 maunds）than they could have realised in Kálol．
25. Beyond the meagre facts that the Panch Mahais were under the Mussalman sovereigns of Ahmedabad from A.D. 1678 to 1730, and that they
Historical noto. only remained a brief and uneventful yoar under the Peshwa, lapsing by conquest to Scindia, whose Subhas ruled up to 1853, the year in which the district was handed over to the British Government, in the first instance for simple management on behalf of Scindia, to whom the possession was more troublesome than profitable, and sabsequently made over for good in exchange for territory acquired by us during the great Mutiny, no historical material is available to throw light on a country which once in reality contained the metropolis of Gujarat-Champanir-said to be founded and raised to great importance between A.D. 720 and 750 by Champa, the minister of Wanraj of Anhilwara, who was formerly a merchant distinguished alike for his gallantry and warlike skill. The rains of Champanir, extending many miles round, some of which still very fine, prove that the traditions of its greatness are not wholly imaginary. Situated at the foot of Powaghar, an inaccessible fortress of great strength, towering above the city and plain, its masters might well be supposed to have had considerable control over the destiny of Gajarat. Its decline and final desertion in the early part of the eighteenth century is attributed by local tradition to no other cause than the ourses of Kalka-Mata, the tutelary goddess of the hill, whose shrine appears to have been desecrated by the tomb of a Mussalman saint having been erected over the temple. The anomalous position of two shrines in one building of most opposite religious faith, occupying the first and second floors, exists to the present day on the higest peak of Powaghar, and serves to attract pilgrims of both creeds, especially the Hindu, in great concourse annually. The real cause of ruin must be that which has repeatedly prevented the occupation of the deserted fields, extreme unhealthiness of air and water, found prejudicial even to the aborigines of the country. The secarity which Powaghar afforded in early times, and the location of imperial offices, could hardly have been sufficient to create an immense city, in the face of deadly malaria; hence it is presumable that the springs have sabsequently changed their character, and now contain some subtle matter most detrimental to human life.
26. The revenue in former times used to be collected from Rajput and Koli chieftains in a lump sum. The distribution of the village lands being entirely left in their hands were apportioned among relatives
t of revenue collected from them depended chiefly upon the
Former revenue management. and sapporters. The amount of revenue collected from them depended chiefly upon the
strength of the Mulagari force which accompanied the tax-gatherer. As years passed away strength of the Mesistance became feeble by reason of the rivalry and divisions among the Thakaras, Government were enabled to demand from the patels of each village a lump sum in proportion to the area under'cultivation, roughly estimated annually.
27. This cannot be mistaken for the bhagdari tenure, as the essential compact between
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Not Bhagdari. } & \text { the rayats and the State, by which the former are bound }\end{array}$
individually and collectively for the revenue of all the village, lands, waste and occupied, was not fulfilled by the village patel, who merely collected a small sum for Government on lands annually taken up, his responsibility being more customary than legal, as under whatever tenure lands may have been held, the patel has been from time immemorial answerable, his recognized position rendering bim capable of preventing frand, for which office he has received an equivalent in the exemption apon certain allotments made to him of land.
28. The aeveral systems of collecting the land revence prevailing under Scindia's Systems. Subhas, and continued up to the present time with scarcely any modification, are best described on the authority of Major Bückle, the former Political Superintendent.
(a) The predominate system-that which includes the greater number of villages and inhabitants, is.to ascertain the probable amount of equitable Government demand, and if the patel is willing to pay that amount, the village was leased to him for the year only.
(b) In all tho Maháls there are villages which pay their revenue by a plough tax varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. 15, depending entirely upon the class of inhabitants. As the plough is capaide of drilling 15 bighas of land, the assessment upon this system is in reality from two annas por bighs to one rupee as the maximam.
(c) In Kálol and Hálol there are Udhad villages paying a fixed amount through their patels.
(d) In all the Makals there are villages which are leased for several years on the Istawa principle or increasing rate per annum-five years being the general limit.
(e) The begoti system, introduced by Major Wallace upon a rough revenue survey ${ }^{-}$ conducted by his native subordinates, ebtains in the Kasba towns of Kalol and Godhra; and in five villages of the latter and fifteen of the former taluka.
( $f$ ) The Talukdars in general pay a lump sum, which varies annually in proportion to -their gross revenue, ascertained by the merest guess on the part of the Mamlatdar of the district, or a show of cooked accounts by the karbhari.
(g) In villages for which the patel does not engage to pay what is considered a fair estimate to Government, a katch vivat is adopted, and village accountants are employed to look after each individual cultivator, who is called upon to pay a certain rate per bigha.
29. Survey operations were conducted in Kalol between the years 1855 and 1858 , nnder the supervision of a native surveyor, witi the view of drawing op village khardas, or lists of fields, which were not, it is supposed, kept by Scindia's people. If they were kept, the Desais must have done away with them to prevent disclosure of the frauds they have by common consent been gailty of. The sarvey was started by a few hands with a primitive cross staff and a bundle of cords instead of a chain. The villages done in this manner were subsequently resurveyed by chain. It is said that in 1857, 54 villages had been surveyed, but only 44 were completed. The divisions of land into 28,183 numbers were, however, left undefined by boundary marks, which is sufficient to account for the present area of fields being much greater than the old survey records make them out.
30. As the survey proceeded, the services of experienced patels from the Kaira Zilla were engaged to allot to each field one or other of three classes of land, with a view to a re-adjustment of the assessment on the begoti principle. The classification took into consideration the position of fields as much as their quality, and did not wholly keep out of view the class of the cultivator : hence in two fields intrinsically the same one may be awal or first class, and the other seom or third class, without any other assignable reason for the difference.
31. Major Wallace upon this proceeded in $1865-66$ to introduce his rates into the $\mathbf{1 6}$ villages enumerated in the margin; but on what data they were based is not known, as no report of the procedure, or financial results of the revision, has been left on record. It is just possible that not having reduced the revenue, he did not consider it necessary to supply Governnent with information upon details. A statement of rates is all that appears of the work done by him, besides certain measures adopted in respect to Khatadars and alienated holdings, recorded in the Dhara.

Major Wallace'a rates.
32. The rates below per bigha were made applicablè alike to the Kasba town and distant villages :-

|  | Aval. | Doenm. | Seom. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  | Rs. a. ${ }^{\text {c }}$ p | Rs. 8v p. |
| Jirayat ........................ | 1120 | 116 | 0106 |
| Rice rate, soil and water a.t. | 8•80 | 230 | 150 |

The doeum rate may be accepted as the prevailing one.
33. If sugarcane were raised on Government land watered from a Government well, the rate imposed was Rse ss per bigha for that year. If alienated land were watered from a well situated in Government land, Desais, Mazmandars, and the Phunvis paid Rs. 2-3-0 per bigha, and Brahmina and Bhats Re. 1-5-0. Excepting sugarcane, the higher descriptions of garden produce, such as ginger and saffron, had a rate of Rs, 4-6-0 nnd onions and chillies a rate of Rs. 3-1-0 per bigho. These rates, however, only applied to the land in yeare devoted to garden culcivation.
34. The revenue from the remaining 42 villages

Other sytems allowed to remain intact. continued up to the present time to be levied in various ways, thas-
(a) Levied in 27 villages according to Uchak-khatas or by a lump sum on mixed holdings containing Government and alienated land-

| 1. Kantol. | 10. | Pingli. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Kanod. | 11. | Phansi. |
| 8. Khadki. | 12. | Boridre. |
| 4. Kharsalys. | 13. | Bora. |
| 6. Nosda | 14. | Bedia. |
| 6. Novaria. | 15. | Bhelidra |
| 7. Nardarkha. | 16. | Nalow. |
| 8. Bhaki-no-Mowara. | 17. | Mokol. |
| 9. Palase | 18. | Viasda. |

19. Batamna.
20. Samaldevi.
21. Aradia.
22. Ambalana-no-Mowara.
23. Anidre.
24. Kalantia
25. Kanetia.
26. Bhadroli Khorad.
27. Paruna.

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The assessments of these villages were either lowered or raised during short leases, according to a rough estimate of the ability of the villagers to pay assessment.
(b) Narain-Pugi-no-Mowaru, Novagam and Chalali were assessed Kultarwar on the bhagbatai system-being a share of field produce. The Desais and Mamlatdar of the district weighed the crops, allowed 20 per cent. reduction, and upon that took a third or fourth of the produce as circumstances rendered desirable.
(c) Tarvada was assessed by begoti rates on different descriptions of crops, called Jinniswar begoti.
(d) The following villages had a plough tax only, the maximum rate being Rs. 15 per plough-enabling the rayats to caltivate wherever they liked:-


## Cesses,

35. Various cesses have also been levied up to the year of the present settlement:
From the non-agricultural commanity excepting Watandars-

|  |  |  |  |  | 1869-70. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |
| 1. | Betheli varo ... | . | ... | .. | ... 303 |  |  |
| 2. | Kasab vara ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... 976 |  | 0 |
| 3. | Pani-Pidha vero | ... | ... | ... | ... 337 | 9 | 4 |
| 4. | Kharch-Patti | ". | ... | ... | ... ${ }^{77}$ | 18 | 0 |
| 5. | Ghasdana | ** | ... | ... | -. 257 | 6 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,952 1 | 15 | 0 |

These cesses have different origin, but one object,-simply to make the nou-cultivators contribute for the support of Government establishments.
36. The cesses levied in connection with the land are not general, but seem only to include a few individuals in a few villages such as Derol, Katol, Utralia, Palsana and Jetper:-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Hull varo ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ..* | . | ... |  | 2 |  |
| 2 Pudtha-Paeli | ... | ... | . $\cdot$ | ... | ... | 107 | 10 | 9 |
| 3 Khudthra-Khata | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 326 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 Pani verg ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 175 | 10 | 8 |

All the four cesses were imposed by Major Wallace in the 16 villages of his settlement, and were intended to make up for a. decrease in the khatas of individnals caused by the begoti system. Thus if a man's khata were reduced from Rs. 20 to 15 , Rs. 5 was imposed as a Khudthe khata cess. If any man took up a less area of sugarcane cultivation than he had usually done, he had to pay a cess of Pudtha-Paeli, and so on with the rest.
37. Under the belief that the terms upon which land is rented in the Bariya Raja's territory (adjoining Kálol and Godhrs in those parts which have the poorest and most fickle of our popalation) have relation to our settlements, I asked the Political Agent, Major

Present terms of land occupation in Bariya. Barton, for information on several points of common interest, to which he very promptly replied as follows: "As a general rule, the land revenue of Báriya is levied from the rayats by means of a plough tax. Owing to the great difference in the area that can be cultivated by a thrifty Kunbi with a pair of bullocks, in comparison with the outturn of the labour of a Bhil or Naikra, it was resolved, with the approbation of Government, to divide the cultivating popalation into eight classes: the highest to pay a plough tax of Rs. 20, and the lowest of Ras. $2 \frac{1}{2}$. The system has been fond to work very well, although it is dependent in some measure on the good faith and judgment of the Talatis ander the supervision of higher authority. * * * From irquiries made, it appears that a Kunbi can bring about 18 bighas under coltivation with a pair of bullocks, that his gross earnings may be about Rs. 177, and his expenses about Rs. 67. His net profit would be about Rs. 110 and the Government demand Rs. 20 or less than Re. 1-2-0 per bigha, the net profit of the cultivator being Rs. 90 or Rs. 5 per bigha exclasive of straw, \&c. The best of the ruder classes, such as Bhils and Naikras, can only bring about 10 bighas under cultivation, and their net profits do not exceed Rs. 50. Their assessment would not exceed $\mathrm{Re}_{*} 1$ per bigha, while the lowest class of all, who till the land with a spade, would not pay at the outside more than 8 annas per bigah of cultivation. In the few
villages where the 'Eulter' system yet prevails, the State demand is one-fourth of the produce. All salamis and veros in addition to the land revenue have been abolished, though there is reason to beliere that in consequence of the extreme ignorance of the cultivators some unauthorized demands may still be made by the diatrict anthorities. Considerable liberty bas been permitted the rajats from time immemorial in the matter of felling timber ; bat efforts are being made to restrict them in the indiscriminate enjoyment of these rights."
38. The above is fresh testimony that class rates are atill considered necessary for a

Class rates necessary in some dintrictn. district like Bariya, and, I may add, not without reason. As perfectly equal rate of assessment in theory is that which, making allowances for ail the substantial causes that affect the value of the gross produce raised on different bighas, should as nearly as possible afford the same recompense for an equal quantity of labour and stock everywhere, with exception so far as required in favour of such class of agricalturists who, while they may not be able to furnish the same quantity of labour and capital, may yet demand an equal value of food with those who do.
89. I may pass on to show how the revenue of the district has flactuated within the Revenue derived in past yearr. Jast 17 years of British rule. I am sorry to say that the area under cultivation cannot be given for the same period, because a record of that nature was never kept until recently. I have also been unable to separate the Government land assessment from the salami apon alienated land paid in Uchak-khatas. Najor Wallace effeeted a separation in the 16 villages referred to in paragraph 31, but as their exclusion at the present time will throw out the comparisor, both are given merely to show the general increase of revenue in 17 years.

| 1853-54 | ... | Net Realizations. |  |  |  | 1860-61 | *** |  | Net realizations, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Re. | a. |  |  |
|  |  | ... | 36,556 | 3 | 2 |  |  | ... | 37,059 | 9 |  |  |
| 1854-55 | $\cdots$ | ... | 38,935 | 2 | 0 |  | 1861-62 | 18 | - | 38,850 | 10 |  | 2 |
| - 1855-56 | ... | ... | 38,442 | 10 | 6 | 1862-63 | - | -• | 42,599 | 11 |  | 2 |
| 1856-57 | $\cdots$ | ... | 39,389 |  | 3 | 1863-64 | *e | '.. | 43,948 | 14 |  | 7 |
| 1857 -58 | ... | ... | 38,399 | 7 | 2 | 1864-65 | ... | ... | 43,723 | 8 |  | 1 |
| 1858-59 | ... | ... | 39,054 |  | 11 | 1865-66 | ... | ... | 44,701 | 15 |  | 2 |
| 1859.60 | ... | ... | 38,442 1 | 15 | 5 | 1866-67 | $\cdots$ | . 0 | 45,785 | 14 |  | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1867-68 | -* | ... | 47,358 | 1 |  | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1868-69 | ... | - | 51,301 | 2 |  | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1869-70 | $\cdots$ | -.. | 52,105 | 5 |  | 1 |
| Mean average of |  |  |  |  |  | Mean average of the last 10 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 years |  | ..' | 38,460 | 0 | 7 |  |  | ** | 44,743 |  | 7 | 7 |

The difference between the revenue obtained in 1853-54 and 1869-70 being Rs. 15,548, or 42 per cent.
40. Remissions have not been recorded, as upon the system in practice here formerly the demand was only made for what could be realized.
$\therefore$ 41. I am, however, in a position to give a little more detail for the past five years, though it be still much less eatisfactory than what is usaally obtainable in other collectorates. In order to separate the Udhud sums, or lamp payments on joint holdings of Government and alienated land, I have been compelled to estimate salami rates according to the Mamul-dhara.


The increase of revenue in these 5 jears mmonts to Rs. 4,223 or 25 per cent.
42. The measurements of the 58 villages, although commenced in 1865 by Captain Survey revision. Cathcart, - were not finished until late in April 1871 by Mr. Summers. The classification of soils was entirely conducted by the establishment of the late Mr. Critehell during the seasons of 1870 and 1871.

Both operations have been executed with creditable accuracy, vide Appendices C to F.
43. No district hitherto undertaken by the Gujarat Survey has ever presented such a

Ungatiefactory state of the secorda.
complete chaos. The utter confusion produced by the TIdud sy stem can scarcely be credited. To obtain the exact revenue paid on the area of Government land is as difficult as it would be to ascertain the price of a fancy article in a shopkeeper's bill when a lump sum is given of a dozen others, with no attempt at detail. In many respects the work puts one vividly in mind of that ancient episode of brick-making on the banks of the Nilu. On receiving charge from Scindia in the year 1853-54, Major Buckle says, "the British Officer obtained no detail. ed account of the measurement and appropriation of the lands of each village. The documents upon which all subsequent estimates of revenue derivable from each village were framed was the Putta-bundee list of leases issued by the late Subah Sadashiv Bullal; the leases commenced from, $1850-51$ and terminated in $1854-55$ or one year after the British Officer had received charge."
44. The consequence of this unaccountable neglect on the part of the Political Officer who received charge, in not ascertaining from the Desais in the presence of the Subah himself what were the reoognized alienation (the first thing which would have suggested itself to a revenue official), bas been nothing short of rendering our possession of the Mahsls very much less valuable then it should be, by reason of the wholesale appropriations of nearly half the cultivated area of K alol, now claiming in a great measure exemption from assessment.
45. At first it seemed to me impossible to commence the settlement of Kalol without at the outset instituting a xigid inquiry into the title to land veryDifficulties in the way of settlement. extensively clajmed as alienated, but on second consideration it occurred to me that the mere commutation of cesses already recorded and inquiry into title are two questions capable of being separately treated, without postponing the introduction of rates.

Another difficulty was the non-separation of Udhud holdings, and how to ascertain the value of the quit-rent apart from what constituted the proper rental of that portion not alienated, as, without this data in a district so much alienated, settlement proposal would have to be made completely in the dark. Before passing' on to the selection of rates, I may as well inform you how this obstacle was overcome.
46. The dhara I found to be no criterion, as the actual vivat or practice was at variance How disposed of. with it. The dhara yad being a document drawn up only recently by Desais and Karkans does not carry weight with it as it ehould do. There can, however, be no doubt that the vivat after all mecures a better status in point of law than evidence derived from documents stamped with untrustworthiness.
47. Sub-dividing the whole sum of the $\operatorname{lomp}$ assessment by the gross area of the holding would hardly be equitable, as it wonld be ignoring the usual difference existing between quit-rent and full field rental. Having tried every other expedient in vain, it occurred to me that the choota salami khatas in adjoining villages, in which the quit-rent has always been kept separate, would furnish an average which could be applied with auvantage in solving the values of the Udhud khatas, especially in villages having no reliable data to work upon.
48. When nuksan or loss has not beet recorded, it may invariably be taken for granted that the salami is eqnal to the begoti. For instance, in a kbata of 45 Rupees, containing 10 bighas Government, 10 bighas salami and 10 bighas of nukri land, the dhara being Rs. 2 per bigha, there is no alternative but to charge the Government land with fall assessmentRs. 20 , the salami full assessment-Rs. 20, and put the balance as a swadio on the nukri. It is not reasonable to suppose that the Rs. 45 belong entirely to the 10 bighas of Government land, when the highest village rate is only Rs. 2. The truth is all these nchak khatas have been tampered with, and salami and nurki fields have been newly created in the village khurdas with the connivance of the old Jureef karkuns and Desais.
49. The swadios hitherto existing on alienated land I bave commuted upon an average of the greatest number of years for which accounts are available.
50. Local cesses ón non-agrieulturist I have remitted, and cesses apon Government land have also been remitted and absorbed in the survey assessment.
51. The result of separating Government and alienated lands from the uchnk kbatas has been to lower the revenue by Rs. 3,226-1-1 in consequence of seyeral uchuk Khatadars not being at present in actual possession of the land. The sum, however, will be caught up by the summary settlement.
52. There is.no doubt that the amount of alienations rightly or wrongly in the possession of the people has been greatly conducive to the good condition of a great portion of the district. This fact cannot be overlooked, because in case alienated inquiries should hereafter justly

Preliminary considerations as to rates. deprive the people of this source of their present well-being, settlement proceedings will in a measure be stultified by rates having been pitched on an ephemeral condition. The varied circumatances disclosed in the statistical portion of this report, the almost opposite character of certain classes, and the peculiarity of the tenure upon which the Bhils cultivate land, render a settlement of this district as much a political as it is a revenue matter: A settlement officer cannot, without being open to the charge of grave indiscretion, argue that as the soil is capable of yielding to skilful labour a certain measure of profit, therefore Government are entitled to a theoretical share throughout the district. If such an idea were carried out, it would surely drive sway half the people over the frontier, where, according to Major Barton's account given in paragraph 37, the rayats enjoy a tenure doubtless suited to their taste, and upon terms adapted to their condition. If it be really our duty to tompar our administration to the poorer elasses of the people, in a manner so as to help and encourage them to choose a less inconvenient tenure of land than they have at present in the shape of a plough or spade tax, our fixed annual assessments must necessarily be low to prevent the shock that any change so great as the new system is certain to create among a people hardly yet within the pale of civilization. At the same time it mast be equally an object to impose rates which shall have a proportionate incidence throughout a tóluka, and the taluka itself must in an extended sphere be held liable for the State dues in proportion to what other settled parts of the Province have yielded. The solution of this delicate problem will, I trast, prove to be accomplished by the manner I have gronped the villages, and the results arising from rates made spplicable to each group. The refuements of soil classification and the reduction of field assessment, out of regard to its distance from the village site, are not mentioned because they are purely technical subjects and would not render you more conversant with the general bearing of the proposition.

## Gropping and dry-crop ratios <br> Claseses, <br> 53. The group map here given ehows at a glance the position of the five classes.

The first group, coloured pink, only contains the Kusba town and hamlets. The market town is always placed a class higher than the surrounding villages, as the land is for obvious reasons more valuable.

The dry-crop maximum rate has been fixed at Rs, 8 on a standard of 16 annas classification. This rate, I may inform you, is precisely the same as Major Wallace's maximumRs. 14 per bigha; but the value of their application to two totally different standards of soil classification are by no manner of means the same, as will be understood by the mere fact that. the survey rate inoreases Kalol 49 per cent. on precisely the same area, estimated on Major Wallace's awul, doem and seom rates recorded in that village.
54. The second group, coloured blue, contains 27 villages, which are the best in the . district, having a good olimate, and favourably situated in relation to the local and Baroda markets. Vejalpur is a latge and important place, and is in itself a minor market town.

The dry-crop rate of this group has been fired at Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$, which has had the effect of raising the revente $30 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
55. The third group, coloured yellow, contains 17 villages more on the Godhra frontier; they are inferior in position, are less healthy, and the land requires fallowing.

A rate of Rs. 2 is found suitable for them, resulting in an increase of $19 \frac{3}{}$ per cent. over . past collections.
56. The fourth group, coloured green, having a rate of Rs. $1_{\frac{1}{3}, \text { contaius } 9} 9$ villages which are inferior in every way regarding their dry-crop cultivation, climate and position. Since working out the results and giving the matter second thoughts, I find that Viasda should be in the third group, and although it has been numbered with the fourth in this proposal, the change should be effected during the current year before the guarantee is given. The difference in its assessment will.be an increase of Rs. 175, which will make the general increase uponlast year's collections 3 per cent. instead of 6 per cent. decrease as shown in the general statement.
57. The fifth group, coloured a neutral tint, contains 8 of the worst villages of the district. A maximum of one rupee is suitable, and apparently reduces the revenue of the group $15 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., but this is not the case, as all the plough rates should properly be distributed over the area of two years' fallow and one of cultivation, for the comparison, instead of the year of cultivation only, as taken by the survey.
68. The rice soil rates are the same as the dry-crop rates of each group. The water Rloe raton. rates I have fixed from Rs. 9 to is. 4 according to the natural 9 Rs. masimum has ouly been imposed in Malav, contsining as it does an inexhaustable tank, the water from which, delivered through gravitation gates to kamod rice beds, gives the village a supericr rice repatation to any in the talaka.
59. In the same village solely, as being the only one from which tank irrigation is

Dokoree rate. used for raising garden crops, a deloree rate of Rs. 6 per acre in addition to soil rate is levied.
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60, The sweet water wells of the district I have assessed at Ra. 24 the koss, provided Well rate. there be sufficient land under the well belonging to the owner to admit of pher-palee or rotations. As great care is taken to ascertain the irrigating power of the spring supply, the rate per acre under the most favourable conditions does not exceed Rs. 10.

Income from this source is-

61. You will learn from the tables given below what effect our operations have had on the area of occupied Government land in each of the five groups under report:-

| No. 1. | Groupr. |  |  |  |  | Ocoupied Government Land. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1. | II. | 111. | IV. | V. |  |
|  | Heserser | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ a $p_{0}$ | Bsoner ar | Ra. .a. p. | Rat. st. | Res a. pr |
| Experimental Settle ment | 2,004 60 | 26,864 20 | 18,804 140 | 6,079 11 0 | 8,161 0.10 | 55,404 110 |
| Recommended Revi- | 2,00460 | $\begin{array}{llll}25,865 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ | 18,730 14 e | 6,079 110 | 2,151 010 | 54,841 00 |
| Average realisations during the past 5 years <br> … ... | 1,311 21 | 19,292 48 | 18,078 156 | 5,006 08 | 1,534122 | 40,818210 |
| Lest year's (1870-71) collections under the former byatem. | 1,844 118 | 20,188 210 | 15,701 7 | 6,257 18 s | 2,546 27 | 46,083 46 |

Proportion raised,
62. Thas it appears that this settlement has raised the assessment in the following manner:-

| No. II. | Assesament | Inomase upon 5 years' average. |  | Incresee upon lent year's collections. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ba. A0 p. | $\mathbf{R s}_{4}$ an $\mathbf{p}_{0}$ | Centage. | Em, as p. | Centage. |
| Frive years' average ... *O. | 40,218 810 |  |  | ...... | -0...0 |
| Collections under old ayatem for 1870-71. | 46,038 $\leqslant 6$ | 5,820 118 | 144 | ...... | .....en |
| Experimental Settlement for 1870-71 <br> will be levied in 1871.72, unless the <br> reviaion below be sanctioned | 65,404 110 | 15,186 88 | 379 | 9,866 66 | 204 |
| -Revision for Guarantee .o. . ..t | 54,841 0 | 14,628 138 | 361 | 8,802 118 | 19 |

63. The diagram placed opposite is only for 5 years, during which time regular Diagram. talati's records have been kept. Green denotes Government occupied land. Green with bars the extent of waste land plus the former.
Yellow denotes net realizations of revenue. Pink the eurvey aasessment, and pink with bars the survey kamal or total realizable revenue inclusive of waste.

Alienated land and alienated assessment have not been included in the diagram which is intended to represent the state of Government land only.
64. Concerning the final settlement of alienated lands the difficulty is very great indeed, and has not yet been disposed of Mr. Stewart, who undertook the work of claseing the tenures and inquiring into titles, says: "The Government records in the Panch Mahals from which anything can be learnt with regard to alienations are very scanty and unreliable. During Scindia's reign no records of alienated land were ever drawn up, the villages being almost always either leased out to farmers or paying an udhud Jamábandi. When the Mahals were placed onder the Political Superintendence of the British Government, a rough survey was introduced into the greater number of the villages of Kalol and Godra, and khurdas were drawn np. These khardas are the only documents which can be of any use in guiding the officer engaged on the inquiry, and even they are not altogether reliable, as they are sometimes incorrect, and by frequent erasures and alterations bear evidence of having been tampered with. ${ }^{3}$.
65. Mr. Stewart issued a notics on the lst of November 1865 calling opon ah

Classification of Alienated concerned to registor their claims within a oertain time; by this proceeding a restriction was placed upon further usurpations, and a list was obtained for definite inquiry of avery valuable nature.
A. classitication of the claims in Kalol is given below :-

66. The treaty with Scindis of exchange of territory precludes all inquiry into title Suggeations. of rent free land, and cash allowances, ascertained to have been held at the date of cession; but as it is an undoubted fact that scarcely one of the present claimants have any documentary proof of title, and that Scindia's officers omitted to give us a list of recogaized alienations, an enquiry into usurputions notoriously effected within late jears does not constitute a breach of faith.
67. Very unfortunately Mr. Stewart left the district without having brought his inquiry to a final issue. He would have been just the officer to have been entrusted with a summary settlement. I have not the slightest doubt that a summary settlement of the question will prove more profitable than any laboured and protracted re-investigation, resulting perhaps in nothing more than what has already been put on record in Mr. Stewart's statements $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ accompanying his last report.
68. As Government have already decided that alienations made with the sanction of the Patels of a village are to be opheld (a decision founded, no doabt, apon a well-known fact that all the alienations even in our older provinces, which had to be recognized, were alienated according to custom by Patels responsible to the State for a lamp assessment : the extent of such alienations not having prejudiced the State demand in the slightest, as in the event of Patels ceasing to be responsible, the State reimbursed itself by imposing salamias and veros equal to the full amount of land revenue), all ground for an elaborate inquiry is virtually disallowed, as it is highly improbable that any alienation has ever been made without the concurrence of the Patels.
69. The best course to take amidst all the confusion existing is that which brings about the quickest settlement. I have been assured by a great number of the claimants that they would willingly accede to some such measure adopted by Major Wallace in the 16 villages he revised, than be left in euspense. Major Wallace confirmed the alienations in all cases, and imposed as a rule half the bigoti rates as a salamia. In some instances of less doubtful right, he imposed one-fourth the rate-a measure cheerfully accepted, and I cannot see any just reason to interfere with his proceedings, which were equitable and politic under the peouliar circumstance, that Government were not in a position to deny the rayat's prescriptions to their holdings.
70. I would with great deference recommend that an officer be appointed at once to complete Mr. Ítewart's B statement, and compile the C statement which has either been lost or stolen-most probally the latter; and to ascertain, in every case of more than one claimant to the same plot of ground, who the right person is, to whom a summary settlement may be offered.
71. The claimants under the first classification-Pasaito Nukroo-are chiefly Patels and members of their family, who had set apart lands for their jivai or subsistence; the land, atrictly speaking, belongs to the Crown and is resumable, -but it is a question more of State policy in the Panch Mahals than of abstraet right whether such holders should not be admitted to that generous treatment accorded to their brethren in the I6 villagee referred to above.
72. Chakria or service lands held by the useful members of the community, or Fusyias of a superior class, should be allowed a four-anna settlement in the Rupee of assessment; others, inoluding Dhobees, Mochees, etc., should have the option of paying half the aseessment; and Bungias shonld be held free from liability on condition of continuing to render service.
73. All lands hitherto paying distinctly recognizable salamee, i.e, not mixed up with the udhud khatas, should be rendered liable for a four-anna settlement in addition to salamee. Nukrees of every description should be allowed to accept eight annas in the Rupoe of assessment plus aawadias. Salamia holdings in udhud thatas should have four annas plas commuted salamee; provided in all casea that the survey: assessment is not axceeded.
74. Village lands, and 1 may add entire villages, held by Desais, Muzmundars, \&o, should be brought under the operations of the Wuttun settlement. It is these men who have chiefly appropriated the lion's share of the spoil, when they ought to have been the first to have prevented froud. The total absence of record clearly showe how those Watan
dars or hereditary revenue officers of the State neglected the primary' duties of their office. Less consideration should, therefore, be shown them than the rayate who are children of the soil, and Patels who were beyond question lords of the village lands under the late regime.
75. As the lands hitherto granted to Patels for service will be resumed and cash payments be made to them in lieu, 1 think it would be desirable to depart from the scale laid down in regulation districts and grant them 25 per eent. more in Kalol. Village watchmen

Remanerntion to Fillage servants (Rswanias) should be granted 12 bigahs of land to enable them to live entirely upon the produce. Both these classes of servants have a very great deal to do with the prosperity and happiness of the village community, and, therefore, should not be left without a cartain amount of independence.
76. Ghur Kacha, or the lands surrounding the rayats' housee, have been allowed in the Ghur Keoks land. district, wherever the right existed before, on the principle sanotioned in the Surat Talukas They only aggregate 35 acres.
77. Land for the village cattlo was reserved to an extent of 1831 y acres. The villagers

Standing room for cattle. were slow in sppreciating this boon, but as soon as they learn by experience that they are not at liberty to graze their cattle upon the waste without payment of the full assessment, applications. will be made for the extent allowed, two or three acres to every hundred head of cattle.
78. Owing to the lateness of the geason and to my having to visit Broach for juma

Fruit and Timber Trees. bundi before the monsoon set in, I could do no more than toll the rayats that they were not at liberty to fell timber. As no revenue has hitherto been derived from fruit trees, the rayats must be considered to have a prescriptive right to what is grown in their fields.
79. The brab palm is very numerons all over the district, but is rarely used for toddy Brab Palm. except in the Kuli villages. They are principally kept for the leaves used to thatch the rayats' cottagen. In Aradra, toddy scems to be drawn from all the trees for home consumption. Rather than leave this legitimate source of revenue untaced, I think four annas per trees when once under tap in the year should be levied, and the untapped trees should be exempt.
80. The following comparative statement of jumabandi in 58 Government villages

Jurpbandi Statements, only gives all the information necessary to understand the results in the year of settlement. Remissions appear because it is not usual to levy the inoreased rates during the introductory year :-


| Miscellaneous items of Revenue. |  |  |  | Gross Revenue according to Survey Settlement of 1870.71 . | Deduot remissions. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | on sccount of altivation in anassessed Land. | On account of sales of wood, grass, fruits, te. | Total Miscellaneous items. |  | Of increase of assessment caused by the Survey. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Miscella. } \\ \text { neous. } \end{gathered}$ | Total <br> Remissions, |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 88 | 84 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc\|c} R_{H_{0}} & \text { a. } & \text { p. } & \text { Rs } \\ 1,868 & 13 & 0 & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs, } & \text { a } & \text { po } \\ 88 & 14 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { : } \mathrm{Ra}_{8} & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ 1,817 & 12 & 3\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { as } & \mathrm{p}_{0} \\ 6,797 & 6 & 11\end{array}$ | Ren a. p. <br> 16,121 9 8 | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{rcc} \text { Rav } & \text { an } & \mathrm{p}_{4} \\ 16,121 & 9 & 8 \end{array}$ |
| - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Remained to be collected. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Ot which } \\ & \text { up to th } \\ & \text { Settlemer } \\ & \text { Vil } \end{aligned}\right.$ | oollected <br> date of nt of each lage, | al or Surple Collections refunded. | Net Balan outstanding the date of S ment of each $\nabla$ | on Amount <br> trom the <br> thage. <br> Settle <br> each <br> up to <br>  18 | collected date of ent of illagge July 1. | Net Balance outstanding on the 31st July 1871. |
| 25 |  | 86 | 87 | 28 | 29 |  | 80 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Bas } & \text { \& } & \text { p. } \\ 51,851 & 18 & 8 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { 8. } & \text { a. } & \text { P } \\ 40 & \text { is } & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { lis. } & \text { anc } & \text { p. } \\ \mathbf{3 , 8 2 5} & 12 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Re. } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,636 & 10 & 8\end{array}$ | Rs, a Po <br> 4,614 2 9 |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { an } & p \\ 22 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$ |

Detail of realizable land revenue.
81. The items of land revenue realizable in the year of settlement are as below :-

82. The following details of the survey assessment in the year of settlement will be useful to record :-


It has not been hitherto customary as in other collectorates to put up for sale the occu-
Permission to take up land. pation right of fields; I think, however, in the better portions of the talluka where land is limited and in demand, for instance in the first, second and third groups, the Mámlatdár shoułd not be at liberty to grant pérmission to enter upon land withont the formality of an auction. In the other groups where villages are almost deserted, and where to promote immigration would be very desirable, no such practice need be adopted. On the contrary, the liberal terms offered by Government in their Resolution No. 5134 of the 26th November 1870 for the colonization of the Mahals should not be permitted to lie a dead letter. 'I'wenty-five thousand acres of land in a good taluka is atill open to the enterprise of capitalists, and every effort should be made to induce them to come.
84. In conclusion, I trust my proceedings may meet with the approval of Government.

Conclusion. I wonld not recommend that the settlement be guaranteed ontil after the summary settlement of alienated lands has been effected ; but I have great confidence in recommending that the proposed rates should be sanctioned. In the present state of the Mahals I do not think it would be judicious to raise the revenue of the taluka more than I have done; and; with equal reasons, there is no necessity to lower it.
85. Azum Hurrikrishn Jugjiwandas, the Mámlatdár of Kálol, rendered me very valuable assistance; I found him a very intelligent active man, well ap in a knowledge of his charge The Settlement Sheristadar Jivanlal Laxmiram is also deserving of special notice.

# I have the honour to be, <br> Sir, <br> Your most obedient Servant, 

N. B. BEYTS,<br>Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarat.

No. 1816 or 1871.
From
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Extra First Assistant Collector in charge Panch Maháls;

To
L. R. ASHBURNER, Esq., I. C. S.,

Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
"Godhra, ${ }^{20 t h}$ December 1871.
SIR,
I have the honour to furward herewith Mr. Beyte' report on the introduction of the revised rates of assessment in the Kalol District of the Panch Mahals.
2. The report was received by me 14 days ago, with a request from Colonel Prescott that I would forward it for your consideration, as soon as possible, but as I was in England at the time of the settlement of the District, and consequently nuaware of the system proposed, I was obliged to send for the Chief Representatives of the Kalol District, and talk the matter over with them, before being in a position to remark apon the arrangements made by Mr. Beyts; hence a slight delay in the transmistion of the report arose.
3. As a rule, I think, the feẅer the reemarks made by the Collector of a District, upon Survey Settiemerts, after thei, completion;'the better; unless any really important decision of the settlement officer's has to be called in question, as affecting the welfare of inhabitants, \&c. A Survey Settlement Officer is generally so experienced in the work devolving upon him, and has had so many opportunities of studying the principles sanctioned by Government, during a long course of years, for the settlement of district of every discription that he really ought to know what decisiou to arrive at, better than any Oollector.
4. Having perused and considered Mr. Beyta' report very carefully and having also explained its contents both to the Revenue Officers and chief inhabitants of the Kalol - District, I have much pleasure in recording my opinion that the settlement proposed is upon the whole sonnd and satisfactory and well-adapted to the circumstances of the district,
6. The two chief complaints mildly brought forward by the representatives of KaloI were:-
I. The severity of the rice rate in some of the villages, especially Malao. I thoroughly argued the aubject at the meeting held by me and the result was that I could see no sufficient grond for recommending any reduction in the rate imposed by Mr. Beyts, a decision in which the dissentients themselves, after consideration, concurred.
II. The hardship entailed upon numerous persons in consequence of the measures adopted by Mr. Beyts (ride paragraphs 45 to 48) in the case of Khatedars paying a lamp sum on a mixed holding of Government and alienated land, there being no method of judging what portion of the amount was actually due on acconnt of the Government and alienated holding alone. In such cases Mr. Beyts has calculated the Bigoti payable on the alleged quantity of Government land in the bolding, and if that fall short of the total amount originally paid by the Khatedar, the balance has been imposed as a salami on the alienated portion of the entire holding.
6. The arrangement at first sight certainly appears arbitrary, bat a reference to the Sarvey Settlement in Kaira shows me that the subject was thoroughly argued by Mr. Pedder, and the present method of solving the difficulty approved, both by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., and Government. As a rule, therefore, it would be no harder for the people of the Panch Maháls than elsewhere to have a principle, officially decided to be just, applied in their case. In older established districts, however, I consider that it must hare been far easier to decide the "Mámul Dhara" or general rate obtaining in the neighbourhood than in these Mahals, and Mr. Beyts himself declared that for various reasons the "Mámal Dhars" in Kalol was unreliable; he was, therefore, driven to look to the "Choota Salami Khata" in adjoining villages as a partial gaide to the proper valuation of Salami in the case of alienated land intermized with Government holdings in one "Uodhar Khata."
7. I find, however, that in many cases the "Mámul Dhara" of Kalol was very unequal, and of this I have investigated actual proof. For instance, in one village a cultivator of poor means would habitually pay Rs. 2 on perhaps 2 bighas of land, while in the same any other village a practical Kunbi fairly well off would be charged 5 and 6 rapees per bigha for precisely the same kind of land. This variation in the ordinary rate of the district must, therefore, affect to a certain extent the soundness of Mr. Beyts' settlement in some cases, and consequently in some Khatas alienated land, previously free or paying a slight salami, will now be saddled with the full Government assessment.
8. I will now quote a case to exemplify the objectionable side of the settlement. The following is an actual Khata taken from a village in Kálol :-
$A$ had in his Occhak Khata land as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Bighas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Government land |  | - | $\cdots$ | - | ... | 1100 |
| Salami | $\ldots$ | -* | -* | ... | ... | 0100 |
| Rent-free | ** | -0 | .0. | *- | -." | 300 |
|  |  |  |  | Total | ... | 500 |

On this he used to pay a lump sum of Rs. 3. The amount, considering the circumatances of the cultivator, was not at all high even if applied only to the Government hohding. The salami in this particular case was fixed and ascertained and amnunted to 8 annas on the half bigha. Now in settling this particular case Mr. Beyts has charged Rs. 3 as formerly, but distributed it thas:

|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assessment on 1-10.0 big |  |  | 2 | ... 112 | 0 |
| Salami fired as before | .0. | ... | ... | $\ldots 08$ | 0 |
| Swadio on rent-free land | **' | -." | ... | $\because 012$ | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | ... 30 | 0 |

Here, I think, injustice has been done, inasmuch as although there is nothing whatever to show that, according to the varying custom of the district, the total amount payable on the Khata, vir., Rs. 3, was at all a high assessment on $1 \frac{1}{2}$ bighas of Government land, the portion held rent-fiee has now been hampered with a swadio of 12 andas.
9. The cases, however, in which Mr. Beyts' settlement of mixed Khatas has caused dise satisfaction are few, and not more than about Rs. 1,400 are involved in the arrangement.
10. The holders of the Khatas urge that it would be only fair to remit the parions amounts lately imposed as salami and they bind themselves to repay the various sums due on that account with any outstanding balanee, if, after the completion of the alienated land enquiry it be proved that the various items of alienated land now charged, fall and partial assessment have been correctly so charged.
11. The case alluded to above in which a certain degree of hardship has been exparienced might be multiplied, and I should even like to talk the matter over with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, but as the Settlement Report has to be submitted to Government vithout delay, I think it will be best to allow the proposed arrangement to stand, especially as a similar system has been adopted elsowhere.
12. With reference to paragraphs 43 and 44 of the report I would remark that Mr. Beyts' ${ }^{\prime}$ evere strictures on the conduct of the Political Officer who took over the Panch Maháls from His Highness Scindia are rather undeserved. The officers of that Government would probably have been able to tell as little about all small alienations, as if no such things existed at all. This I myself have experienced in the cases of reference to the Government of His Highness Scindia. The common answer for years past being that the British Government must please itself about any measures it may choose to adopt. The British Political Officer was merely bound to see that both Governments received a quid pro quo, and the subject of scattered alienations remained for future discovery and settlement.
18. Mr. Beyts' remarks upon the classification of villages and rates, commencing at paragraph 52, are interesting, and the arrangements made by him satisfactory. In other districts of the Panch Mahals also, the same principle will have to be adopted, although not with eo marked a difference in the rate of assessment as in Kalol where one side of the district is as regards cultivation equal to any portion of Gujarat, while a few miles on the otlier lead one into a dense hilly jungle. The mild rates fixed for the eastern portion of the district will however be forced to give way to tus more liberal terms offered by Government in the rules of November 26th, 187 v , in the case of influential persons taking up large areas of waste land and even as regards immigrants in a small way, we shall perchance find it necessary to hold forth the inducement of "Mafi" or freedom from rent for a few years. These however will be apecial cases, and may be treated as such without reference to the ordinary rate proposed by Mr. Beyts.
14. I consider, after consultation with the Distriot Officers that Phunsee, Bhukhi and Aradra should be transferred from Class 4 to Class 3, they being to the south of the Goma river and better than the villages on the north. Vyasda has been noticed by Mr. Beyts and the change from the 4th to the 3rd group effected.
15. The District Officers were in favour of the village of Derol being removed from the 2nd and included with Kálol itself in the first class, alleging that it is very near the market town and that in all other respects it is superior to Kalol itself. I have no objection to the change, but do not consider it important.
16. Paragraphs 58, 59,60. I have alluded previously to the rice rates, which are, I think, satisfactory. A "Dekori" rate of Rs. 6 per acre is fixed, but the general feeling seems to be that Rs. 9 or 12 for each "Koss" would be preferable so as to save yearly measurements, und the Mámlatdár informs me that in a Gujaráti shera from Mr. Beyts that gentleman seemed to favour the change.
17. I do not think that the final settlement of alienated lands need be largely discussed here. The present introduction of survey rates is not directly affected by the question, and as a special officer has been appointed for the work a separate report will have to be made on the subject, but Mr. Beyts' opinion will of course be considered when the final plan of settlement is decided apon. I only wish that Mr. Stewart had completed the investigation, but at the time it was considered necessary to wait for the sarvey, while Mr. Beyts naturally regrets that the survey did not find the alienation enquiry disposed of.
18. Paragraph 75. I quite agree in the suggestion that Patels in the Panch Mahals or at any rate in Kálol should certainly receive at least 25 per cent. more than in our older districts as service payments, but no steps in this direction can yet be taken, as many of the Kálol Patels are at present among the chief holders of large tracts of alienated land, and their future position as regards that land will have to be very carefully considered; in fact the final settlement of the Patels' free holdings will, in my opinion, form by far the most important portion of the alienation enquiry, and I am convinced that Government will have to grant liberal terms, or run the risk of disgusting a body of men, who until the last few years occupied a very influential position. Towards the end of this letter I shall have specially to touch apon the claims set forth by some of the Patels in the Kálol District, but the above remarks will apply to all those who, at present, hold large areas of reat-free land.
19. Paragraph 77. I cannot agree that even 5 acres of land where more is available are sufficient for every 100 head of cattle. The people of these districts are so thoroughly accustomed to huge tracts of grasing groand that it will be only right to give them a
liberal allowance, especially when we consider the miles and miles of anoccupied jungle now existing throughout the land. It is true that in one small portion of Kalol the cultivation is very close and waste land consequently scarce, but on pasturage failing in one spot cattle owners can with ease move off a mile or two to the open country. I would, therefore, after much consideration, propose that a mininum of 8 acres be allowed wherever practicable, and that in villages of the 4th and 5th clnss do sale of grazing rights in waste numbers be even attempted at present.
20. Paragraph 78. No revenue has as a rule been derived from fruit trees in Kaiol and I agree with Mr. Beyts that the ase of sach trees should be continued to the rayats free; in iact, with the exception of a fow villages, the sarvey rules on the subject of trees are not as yet applicable to any of these districts. The Forest Rules in force provide for the conservancy of valuable timber in all cases, while the cutting of worthless wood for fuel should be encouraged for the present. These remarks would not, of course, preclude he continuance of the general tax on Mhowra trees commenced about two years ago.
21. Paragraph 79. The proposed tax of 4 annas apon each toddy tree under tap in the year is too high. The toddy trees in no part of Kálol are tapped for trade parposes, the juice being merely consumed by the owner or manager of the tree, the leaves are of far mora importance to the inhabitants than the liquor. We cannot well tax the leaves which are used for thatch, and I therefore think that a fee of one anna for each tree tapped us now in force in the Halol District will be sufficient. We have held the Panch Mahals for so short a period that I would depricate the imposition of namerous petty taxes, annoying to the people and bearing little or no fruit to Government,
22. Paragraph 83. The sale by auction of the right of occupation of fields might certainly be introduced into about 12 or 20 villages of Kalol, but as these will in all probability be found to be brilliant exceptions throughout. over whole five districts, I should prefer seeing the rule held in abeyance, until it could be more generally brought into force.
23. I now come to a rather important subject and one which most certainly ought to have been disposed of before the completion of the measurement and application of revised rates to the Kalol District. The settlement, however, was made during my absence in England and the matter appears to have been lost sight of. From the time of the promiscuous introduction of Talátis into the Panch Maháls by Colonel Barr, late Political Agent in 1863, complaints from time to time cropped up among various heads of villages in Kalol to the effect that they had from time immemorial held a position far higher than that of Village Patels and claiming a far greater interest in the receipts of their villages; in fact in 1863 the Patels of Aradra aotually found their way to Bombay to lay the "Talati"" grievance before His-Excellenc̈y the Governor in Conncil, but having fallen into the hands of some scoundrel wese fleeced and had to return without transacting any business.
24. After these enquiries on the subject were made by myself, but I could not decide the question until I had had greater opportunities of beconing acquainted with the various tenures in the district; however in 1867 Mr . Rogers, Revenue Commissioner, just before leaving the Panch Maháls sent me a letter, No. 1030 of 8th March 1867, calling for a report upon the actual tenure of the following villages :-
(1) Beria (III. 6). (2) Pingli (III..1). (3) Aradra (IV. 4). (4) Kurohe (V. 7). (5) Khanpur (V. 6). (6) Gujupura (V. 5). (7) Naran Pagen nu maara (III. 16). (8) Bhudrolie Khurad (III. 16). (9) Vitoj (II. 23). (10) Ambara (III. 8). (11) Ambara nu muaru (III. 10). (12) Bhulodra (LII. 9). (13) Boridra (III. 14). (14) Mokul (III. 7). (15) Kanor (III. 15). (16) Vyasda (IV. 2). (17) Bha Khinu Juna Muaru (IV. 3). (18) Phunsi (IV. 1). (19) Royen. (20) Rinchia (V.8). (21) Puronu (IV. 5). (22) Chulali (V. 3). (23) Hunmuntia (V. 4).

## I reported on the matter very carefully in my No. 1181 of 4th October 1867.

25. Mr. Rogers in an endorsement, No. 4 of 12th October 1867, called for a very lengthy return of land, \&xc., in each village and this was forwarded by the Deputy Collector in charge Panch Maháls with his No. 1283 of 13 th December 1869. A further reference was made by the Revenue Commissioner, No. 7089 of 20th Decomber 1869, and a reply, No. 58 of 144 h January 1870, was submitted. Here the correspondence on the subject closed and I cannot discover up to the present time that any notice of the subject was jaken at the time of settlement; at any rate no decision has been given or further reference made to this office.
26. The consequence is that although everything connected with the Survey Settlement of Kálol is apparently ready for completion aad confirmation, the actual tenure of 23 villages is left in dispute. I must therefore request that before the confirmation of Mr. Beyta ${ }^{2}$ proposals be given, some action be taken in the matter of the villages claimed as Mehwassi, \&c. All the papers quoted above are in your office and I should say that Colonel Prescott after his very wide experience of tenares in Gujarat, \&c., would be able to quote similar cases in which a satisfactory decision has been arrived at. If therefore by some oversight no reference has as yet been made to the Survey Department, I would recommend that the claims be now referred for Colonel Prescott's opinion, especially as the same sort of dispute will yet arise in other parts of these districts.
27. It is quite clear from the tone of Mr. Rogers' endorsement No. 4 of 12th October 1867, that gentleman fully intended that the claimants should have every attention paid to their demands, and I therefore cannot understand how the matter was allowed to escape notice at the time of the Survey Settlement; however as the very fullest information has already been supplied to your office, I must await your opinion or instructions.
28. I have now, I think, alluded to all points connected with this settlement calling for notice and will now only add my testimony to the very satisfactory manner in which Mr. Beyts has perforned the work in the absence of the valuable records so easily obtainable in our older districts. The few cases in which I have felt bound to take exception to the proposals made are of so elight.s nature, with the exception of the unsetttled dispute alluded to above, that they do not detract from the general excellence of the whole. I am glad that the Mámlatdar of Kalol, Ajam Hari Krishna Jugjivandas; rendered Mr. Beyts such good service. According to his own statement he brought the subject of the 23 villages claimed as Mehwasi to the notice of Mr. Beyts, but that he received no distinct answer about them. I have told the Mámlatdár that if he again renders "valuable assistance" during the pending alienated land enquiry I shall be prepared to recommend him for some slight advancement.
29. By desire of Colonel Prescott, I have the honour to request that after all disputed points are cleared np, you will have the goodness to send on Mr. Beyts' report to Government . through the Revenue Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

I have the honour, \&c.,
(Signed) W. H. PROPERT,

Extra First Assistant Collector<br>in charge Panch Mahals.

To
No. 883 of 1872.
G. W. RAVENSCROFT, Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Camp Dholka, 14th February 1872.

## SIR,

I have the honour to submit for the orders of Government, with a view to the rates being put in force from the current season of 1871-72, proposals by the Aoting Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey and Assessment, for the revision of assessment according to the principles of Bombay Act I of 1865, in the taluka of Kálol, exclusive of its sub-division or Mahalkari's oharge of Halol, in the Panch Mahals. An experimental revision was carried out during the past season of 1870-71, under my instructions, and as the cultivators were then informed of the probability of the full introduction of the new rates from this year, there will be no legal difficulty in levying them at once. A letter from the Extra First Assistant Collector in charge of the Panch Mahạls, approving generally of the settlement proposed, accompanies this.
2. The ciroumstances under which these proposals are made are both interesting and important, inasmuch as the oocasion is that of superseding the cumbrous and unsatisfactory native methods of levying land revenue by a plough-tax, \&c., hitherto in foree by the simple gystem of assessmant on regularly defined survey fields, and of introduaing that order into the revenue administration which is the surest means of restoring to prosperity the agricultural population of a fertile tract of country which has to some extent relapsed from a flourishing condition through the devastation of war and the evils of general misrule into a state of primitive jungle. The latter remark applies chiefly to the more easterly and northerly portions of the taluka, thinly inhabited by Bhils, ahepherds and other poorer classes of agriculturists, for a graphic description of whose condition I may refer to paragraph 17 of $\mathbf{M r}^{\text {. }}$. Beyts' report.
8. The different systems of colleotion of revenue which have to be supplanted will be found noted in the 25th and 84th paingraphs of the letter. In 23 out of the 62 villages proposed to be settled, the tenure is still unsettled and will be reported on hereafter after due inquiry. Their measurement and assessment in detail ensble them to be included in the general report for the taluka, at the same time that precautions have been taken, by not gasranteeing survey occupancy rights to sab-tenants without further investigation, to leave the terms of the future tenure of the villages an open question, atd, if found necessary, to adnit of a settlement allied to that of the Narwadari villages in the Kaira Collectorate
by having lands in the possession of those who formerly paid the demands of the State in separate shares kept apart from each other in the formation of survey fields. These are the 23 villages alluded to in the 23 rd and following paragraphs of Mr. Propert's letter, and it will be understood from what has now been said that his apparent fear that the matter might have been overlooked was unfounded. Special instractions have lately been issued with regard to the necessary enquiry, for which the detailed survey operations carried out have of themselves opened the way, and a final report on the settlement of the tenares will be submitted immediately on its completion.
4. It will be seen from paragraphs 39 to 41 of the report that the revenue has been steadily on the increase since the introdaction of British rule. This may be attributed chiefly to the gradual abclition of the farming system formerly in force, and the substitution for it of direct Ryatwari management through paid village accountants. This increase even might have been considerably accelerated had the local Revenue Officers paid more attention in former years to the preparation of Field Registers of village lands, the absence of these all important documents rendering impossible any close sapervision of the land revenue realizable.
5. Before proceeding to remark on the revised assessments, it will be as well to gtate that the complaints with regard to the settlement of "Oochak Khatas" (holdings assessed at lamp sums inclusive of rent-free or partially assessed alienations) which Mr. Propert supports in his letter have no bearing on the pitch of the new rates, but apply only to the question of the assessment of alienated lands to quit-rents. The matter is being discussed in a separate correspondeuce and when an equitable settlement can be arrived at will be reported for the orders of His Excellency in Council.
6. The five groups into which Mr. Beyts proposes to divide the villages under settlement for maximum rates of assessment will be seen at a glance from the map faoing page 18 of the printed report. The main principle of the grouping is that the villages noarest the chief market in the neighbourhood, viz, that of Baroda, are, those with the highest maximam, the two local market towns of Kálol and Vejulpur being. each raised a class. The main body of the taluka is thus assessed for dry-crop soils at a maximum of $2 t$ or 2 rupees. Mr. Beyte shows (paragraph 58) that his highest rate of Rs. 3 is only equal to that fized by Major Wallace many years ago before the grest rise in the value of agricultural produce had taken place, and the great bulk of the taluka will thas be assessed at considerably lower rates than what was thought a fair maximum when prices were much lower than they are now. I-ehould accordingly hesitate to support proposals for so moderate a pitch of assessment were I not sure that the State will be amply repaid for its forbearance by the inereased revenue that will be bronght in by the extension of oultivation in the large area still lying waste in the proportion of about 6 to $7 \frac{1}{2}$. If Government, therefore, are pleased to sanction the pitch on this consideration, I think that, with a view to the continually increasing expenditure of the State, and the peonliar oircumstances which would alone warrant this being done, it might be advisable not to give a guarantee for the permanenoy of the rates for the full ussal period of thirty years, but to limit it to fifteen or twenty.
7. Mr. Beyts has modified his first grouping by putting the village of Viasda in the 3rd instead of the 4th group, and Mr. Propert (paragraph 14) wishes to raise Phunsi, Bhukhie and Aradra from the 4 th to the 3 rd. It will be seen from Appendix A that retaining these as grouped by the Superintendent would lower their present assessments respectively by 39 i, $\frac{1}{1}$ and 26 per cent.; raising them to the upper group would only increase the present assessment slightly in the case of Bhukhie, and I therefcre beg to support Mr. Propert's proposal.
8. It appears from Appendix A that the application of the proposed maximum of a rapee to the fifth group of villages lowers the assessment in all but two cases, and in these even tine actual increase is a mere triffe. I think the whole of these might well have their maximum raised from a rapee to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ rupee, or at least all but Kahanpur and Gajapura, which might be left as they are. I do not understand Mr. Beyts' remark in paragraph 57 that all the plough rates should properly for the comparison be distributed over the area of two years' fallow and one of cultivation instead of the year of cultivation only : the plough rates are an annual lery and the area in column 6 of Appendix A is that found under cultivation in the year of settlement.
9. The maximum water rate for rice lands in addition to the dry-crop rate proposed in the táluka is nine rupees, but this is confined to the village of Aradra. In no other is there a higher rate fixed than Rs. 7 and the lowest is one of Ris. 5 . The classification annas of the water in the different villages not being given in Mr. Beyts' returns, I have to trust to his judgment for the propriety of the varying rates. Considering the general high average in the classification of dry-crop, which would tell favourably for the productiveness of irrigated lands, I think the pitch fair. It will be seen from the 5th paragraph of Mr. Propert's letter that he has, with the oonsent of the people themselves, come to the same conclusion. It will be seen from the table in paragraph 82 of Mr. Beyte' letter that the average rate per acre on the rice lands in cultivation at the proposed rates will only be Rsi. 3-11-6, or not three times that on dry-crop lands, and this may therefore be considered moderate.
10. The rates on garden lands, which, according to paragraph 60, do not anywhere exeeod Bs, 10 the acre (inclusive of dry-crop), and on an average (paragraph 82) only come to

Br. 4-7-0 also appear moderate. Taking $3 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ acres as irrigable from one water-bag, the highest water separate from dry-crop rate would be about Rs, 7. I have no means of comparing the existing with the proposed rates, as Appendix A does not distinguish between the old and new aspessments on the different descriptions of land and the Superintendent probably could not separate the assessments in consequence of the prevalent system of assessing holdings in the lamp.
11. The dekuri rate of Rs. 6 per acre to be levied in the village of Mullao for water taken from the tank to raise irrigated crops may be commuted, as proposed in paragraph 16 of Mr. Propert's letter, to ore of Rs. 12 per water-bag, whatever the area irrigated may be.
12. The question of the Summary Settlement of alienations being already under separate discussion, I do not propose to onter on the subject in the present letter. The apportionment of a fair proportion of existing lump assessments on holdings containing both Goverument and alienated land on the latter is also, as already mentioned, being treated separately. All that requires to be done in the present report is to sanction the Superintendent's proceeding reported in paragraph 49 by which he has commuted the "Swadios" on alienated land (occasional quitrents when certain crops were raised) according to an average of the greatest number of years for which accounts were available.
13. With inference to paragraph 77 of Mr. Beyts' letter, Mr. Propert recommends (paragraph 19) that at least 8 acres per 100 head of cattle be allowed as grazing ground wherever: practicable, and that in the 4th and 5th classes of villages no sale of grazing rights in waste numbers should $\mathrm{ve}_{\mathrm{e}}$ attempted. I believe the land alluded to by Mr. Beyts is only standing ground on which the cattle may be at liberty to remain during the monsoon. At all events, such is the only purpose for which ground need be reserved as long as there is so much land lying waste. The taking up at auction of the right of grazing in waste should be encouraged as much as possible; we may be quite sure that no inconvenicnee will be caused at present, from the simple fact that no one will bid for the exclusive right until almost all the land is cultivated and becomes private property.
14. With regard to the proposed exemption of fruit-trees from taxation, a separate report will be called for. Mr, Propert apparently contradicts himself in the beginning and end of the paragraph. I concur with him in recommending that Mr. Beyts' proposal to tax toddy trees should not be sanctioned. The question of an amendment of the A'bkari laws is under consideration, and it is not advisable to complicate matters by the introduction of a tree tax where it has not existed before.
15. With reference to the question of selling by auction the occupancy right of survey 83 of Mr. Besta ; 77 of Mr . $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { fields discussed in the paragraphs noted in the margin, I } \\ \text { concur with Mr. Beyts that the practice should be introduced }\end{array}\right]$ Propert. into the first three groups of villages and would extend it to all cases where more than one person may desire to take up a field. The sooner people become acquainted with the idea of private property in their fields, which the purohase of the right of occupancy impresses on them, the sooner wilt careful tillage and improvement of the soil be resorted to, to the benefit of the State as well as of individuals.
16. I send this report direct to Government instead of through the Survey Commissioner, both because the course followed in other parts of the country is for the latter's remarks to pass through the Revenue Commissioner's office, and also to save time, as the season is rapidly advanoing, and the settlement should be completed before the ond of March.

I have, \&c.,<br>(Signed) A. ROGERS, Revenue Commissioner, N, D.

## No: 823 or 1872.

## Refenue Defabithert:

Lrinowli, 5th March 1872.
The settlement of thin district having been - effected prior to the Gujarat Sarvey being put under my control, I have taken no part in the preliminary discussion apon the rates and have therefore some hesitation in now giving my opinion upon the subject in complianoe with the foregoing instructions, especially as anything I may have to say ought properly to have gone through the Revenue Commissioner before the correspondence was submitted to Government.
2. The rates which the Superintendent has introdaced have beon fully approved of by the Revenue Commissioner, and the officer in charge of the Panch Mabdils, Mr. Propert. The latter, in my opinion, is entitled to great oredit for his careful enquiries into the alleged complaints regarding them, and it is satisfactory to an officer, possessing such an intimate knowledge of the country and of the character of the people, recording his opinion that "the Settlement is upon the whole sound and satisfictory aod well adapted to the circumstances of the district."
3. I agree with the above-mentioned officers that the rates considered with reference to the fertility of the soil and the advantages posseseed by the district in being the large market of Baroda within a short distance are appropriste. But I think the circumstance of the very large proportion of waste land in the district amounting to about 50 per cent. of the whole arrea and in the Mahalis generally should have suggested the expediency of having a somewhat lower demand. The survey aesessment, as will be seen from the statement given in paragraph 62, is about 37 per cent.in exceas of the average realizations of the past five years. Instead of imposing this increased demand upon the lands, now ander cultivation, it would in my opinion have been better for the future to have foregone a portion of it at any rate, though the total inorease is not more than very fairly be imposed-as there can be no doubt it would have been repaid oper and over again for the extension of cultuvation by the reclamation of waste for which the capital would have been available.
4. I look upon the Panch Mabals as being at the present in about the same state as Khándesh was when Captain Wingate reported upon the sarvey of that province in 1852 and should consider that the policy which he advocated in the settlement of its future laud revenue and which has been attended with such marked results shoold be generally adopted in this case. In alluding to the large extent of land then lying waste he observes as follows:-
"I have already in a previous part of this report brought to notice the fact of five-sixths of the arable land of Khaudesh lying waste. Nearly the whole of this is comparatively fertile and suitable to the growth of exportable products such as cotton oil-steds, \&c. These staples are chiefly exported from Bombay to foreign markets, where the consumption is so great as to prevent prices being perceptibly affected hy any increase of production capable of being effected in Kbándesh. There is therefore no risk of glatting these markets, and so lowering prices by stimalating production in Khandesh. They possess capabilities of taking off all, and more than all, that Khandesh could procure, wero even its fivo millions of waste acres, brought ander the ploogh. There is clearly then no dangor, but, on the contrary, the greatest udvantage to be anticipated from giving every encouragement to the extension of cultivation in Khandesh. The great obstacle is the want of population. The soil of Khándesh could easily subsist in comfort a population of two or three million souls, but the province only contains 760,000 . It is clearly, then, the policy of Government, oven in a financial point of view, to promoti a rapid increase of population. This nay be done by placing the existing population in a position of greater comfort than at present, and by offering encouragement to the location of new settlers. Both of these objects will be promoted by the imposition of a very moderate assessment on the land at the new settlement. I should say it would be dificicult to err on the side of liberality in a province in the situation of Khándesh, for with its millions of waste acres, capable of raising exportable products, there is ample room for the revenue to 'recover itself from any loss occasioned by lowering the rates of assessment.
5. The results of the policy here adrocated are reen at the present day in the extian ordinary extension of cultivation which has taken place during the interval of nearly 20 years. The cultivated ares which at that period referred to is returned by Captain Wingate as being only $1,356,681$ now amounts to $2,330,962$, and the revenue of Rs. $17,04,392$ has risen to Ra. $30,78,695$. Khándesh has certainly been greatly favoured as being the Railway passing throughout, an advantage which is not likely to be extended to the Panch Mahals during the next 20 years certainly, if ever. But in having extensive tracts of most fertilie land lying waste and a thin population the Mahalls are in a very similar state to Khándesh in 1852.
6. Then climate is perhaps more unhealthy, though at the same time there were parts of Khándesh which at the period referred to had a most unenviable notoriety for jungle fevers. The graphic description given by Captain Wingate of the deadly climate of the Yal-Tappu and of the sad fate of the first body of settlers who attempted to reclaim from the jungle furnishes proof of what 1 am here alluding to. But as even this once dreaded Yal-Tappu is now heing rapidly brought under caltivation there is no cause to despair of the climate of the Panch Mahals being eventually improved by the clearance of the jungle and the extension of cultivation which it should be our object to promote.
7. For the reasons stated above I am inclined to the opinion that we might have put an assessing hand with advantage somewhat higher on the better caltivated parts of the Kalol District in which the increase under new settlement occurs. I do not, however, venture to propose any reduction of the rates introduced. The Staperintendent should, I think, bear these remarks in mind in fixing low rates for other districts of the Mahals, in whinh . moreover from

What I have heard he will meet with a larger proportion of waste to cultivation than that obtaining in the Kálol. District. I would particularly advocate a lower rate for well-garden cultivation. It is only in thickly populated districts with large bazars near at hand that this kind of cultivation pays well.
8. Referring to some of the details of the settlement I beg to support the proposed modifications of the original grouping and zates alludod to by Mr. Rogers in his 7th paragraph. They were discassed by the Superintendent, Mr. Propert, and myself daring a recent meeting in the Mahals and considered to be appropriate. With the exceptions here concerned Mr. Beyts' rates may be adopted.
9. I șhould be sorry to see the increase in the rate of the 5 th group from 1 Rupee

Paragraph 81. to $1 \frac{1}{4}$ proposed by Mr . Rogers carried out., A very large proportion of the lands of the village concerned is now waste and the imposition of a higher rate would only clash with the application of the rules for granting waste lands on favourable terms, and the measure would thus have practical effeot only to the extent of the present verg limited cultivation.
10. With regard to the questions of free grazing allotments adverted to by Mr. Rogers in his 13 th paragraph, I agree with him that the only steps that need now be taken in the matter is to reserve from oultivation any land used as standing ground for the cattle near the village site, or near drinking water. In order to carry out this I would suggest that before giving out land for cultivation enquiry should be made for ascertaining

- whether it is used for such purpose and the application refused in cases where it is so used. The grazing upon all other lands so long as they are waste and without reference to their being assessed should, I think, be left to the villagers.

11. I am under the impression that $\mathrm{Mr}_{\text {. Propert told me that he takes a grazing fee }}$ at so much per head for cattle not belonging to the people of the distriot which are sent to graze there during the monsoon. The continuance of this, system for a tine is perhaps the best way of getting a revenue from outsiders who may fairly be charged for the privilege of grazing their cattle on the waste lands. It is advisable to know whether I am right in what I have stated to be the practice and to have definite orders passed for fature observance. I shall therefore call upon the Superintendent to report upon the subject and apply afterwards for instructions through the Revenue Commissioner.
12. The question of how waste lands should be disposed of is discussed by the Revenue Commissioner in the paragraph noted. He supports Mr. Beyts' proposal to except the villages of the first three groups from the operations of the waste land rules passed by Government Resolution No. 5834 in November 1870 and sell the right of occupancy by public auction.
13. The sale of the right of occupancy as here proposed is objectionable I think as being so much opposed to the spirit of the waste land rules which provide for land in other parts of the Mahals being given to applicants without any payment and rent free for a certain period at first. If it is thought advisable to eroept these three groups from the operations of the rules, because of the rates leviable under the latter being so much lower than those fixed by the survey settlement, the Officer of the district should have disaretionary power of disposing of waste in these cases on liberal torms to be as far as practicable in conformity with the terms of the rules. This, I admit, is not a good way of meeting the difficulty, and perhaps it would be well to refer the case to the Local Authorities for report as to what on further consideration they would recommend to be done in the case.
14. In suggesting that the settlement should be aanctioned for 15 or 20 years only the Revenue Commissioner has apparently overlooked that the waste land rules are based upon a guarante for 30 years being given for the district. And if this were not the case I would advocate its being given for that period so as to allow time for that extension of cultivation which, I expect, will follow npon the settlement, and which promises a large future return of revenue.
(Signed) J. T. FRANCIS, Colonel,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

## Revenue Survay and Assessment.

No. 1259.

# Revenue Departhent. 

Bombay Castle, 18th March 1872.

Memorandum from the Survey and Settlement Commisaioner, N. D., No. 323, dated 5th March 1872-Submitting, as called for, his opinion on the proposed rates and on certain other points discussed in the correspondence.

Resolution.-The rates and classing proposed by Mr. Beyts for the Kalol District of the Panch Mahals are generally supported by Mr. Propert, Mr. Rogers, and Culonel Franois, though the latter seems inclined to think that perhaps some of the rates are rather high. They seem to His Excellency the Governor in Council to be generally well considered and reasonable.
2. Government concur with the views expressed by Mr. Rogers in his 7th paragraph, Where he proposes a modification of the original grouping; and in his 8th paragraph, where he proposes raising certain maximum rates for the 5th group of villages from one rupee to one rupee and a quarter; and with these modifications the rates and classing are sanctioned for the usual period of thirty years. The necessary Notification should be drawn up and nubmitted for publication.
3. Government will not enter here into the question of the summary settlement for alienation; but the proceedings reported in paragraph 49 of Mr. Beyts' report, where he shows how he commated the "Swadios," are temporarily approved, and will be definitely nettled when the report on alienated land is considered. The views expressed by Mr. Rogers in his 13th paragraph about grazing ground are approved, and he should issue the necese sary instructions. The report promised in paragraph 14, relative to the proposed exemption of fruit trees, will be awaited; but in conneetion with the question of selling by auction the right of occupancy of survey fields, a further report from Mr. Rogers, after perasal of Colonel Francis' memorandum No. 323, dated 5th of March 1872, is expected.
(Signed) WASSUDEV PANDURANG,
for Acting Chief Seoretary to Government.
To
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D., with Colonel Francis' report, which, it is requestod, may be returned with Mr. Rogers' further report),
The Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

No. $\frac{8}{398}$ or 1901.
From

W. P. SYMONDS, EsQuirr,<br>Surver Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay ;

To
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THe COMMISSIONER,

> Northern Division.

Poona, 15th March 1901.
SIR,
I have the honour to forward the proposals for the revision settlement of the Kálol Táluka of the Panch Maháls, prepared by Mr. W. S. Cole. By Government Resolution No. 6057, dated 29th September 1900, Collectors of Gujarát districts who had received settlement reports were directed to forward them without remarks (unless they had already prepared any) to the Survey Commissioner, in order that he might review them before the close of the Survey Department. As the Survey Commissioner and the Settlement Officer are presumed to be in accord and the chief object of the review is to reconcile differences of opinion between the Settlement Officer and the District Officer, the review rather loses its point in the absence of the Collector's remarks. But in any case a lengthy review would not be oalled for at this stage, as it is unlikely that early action can be taken on these proposals unless they are largely modified. Under the spirit of Government Resolution No. 8235, dated 31st December 1900, proposals involving considerable increases in a district which has lately suffered from famine would not be sanctioned for some time to come.
2. I beg to append some excellent notes which were written for me one day at Kalol by Mr. H. D. Rendall, who shewed an intimate acquaintance with the circumstances of individual villages. Mr. Cole had little previous acquaintance with the taluka and he omitted to consult me regarding the proposed increases of assessment. In view of Mr. Rendall's remarks and of the facts that the táluka is already highly assessed (especially in comparison with the adjoining taluka of Godhra, to which Mr. Cole has not referred), and that the effects of severe famine have not yet passed over, I do not think that the proposals for increases can be supported at the present time.
3. In one village, No. 6, Malao, a definite decrease of assessment on one class of land is proposed, viz., old rice, from Rs. 6-13-4 to Rs. 6-2-3, the acre. The total difference of assessment on this class of land in this village is Rs. 266 only. I think this reduction should be given effect to at once, as there is a consensus of opinion that Malao is too highly assessed, In fact, Mr. Rendall does not think this reduction sufficient.
4. In the 37 Government villages the increase proposed by Mr. Cole is Rs. 7,623 or $21 \cdot 24$ per cent, 1,690 acres are classed as new rice and the difference between the assessment proposed on this and the former garden or dryorop assessment is about Rs. 750. The old well kasar yields Rs. 2,311 and the new sub-soil water assessment proposed would yield Rs. 3,621. Thus the increase on this account is Rs. 1,310. The increase proposed on old rice is Rs. 1,232 (8 annas the acre). These sums amount to about Rs. 3,300, leaving Rs. 4,323 unaccounted for, which is due to increase of rates on dry-crop land, and is equivalent to nearly 20 per cent. on the dry-crop assessment. Whether it is wise to increase the dry-crop assessment to this extent and at the same time to impose subsoil water assessment, making a total increase of about 30 per cent, on the dry-crop assessment, is open to question.
5. There is some doubt whether the subsoil water assessment is suited to the taluka. Mr. Rendall is of opinion that the old well kasar does not operate fairly, as many wells pay whioh supply no water, and that there is no objection

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to a moderate charge for water facilities which undoubtedly exist. On the other hand small advantage is likely to be taken of these facilities owing to the laziness of the people, and the want of manure, without which irrigation is useless.
6. (Para 5 of report). Mr. Rendall thinks that the subsoil water assessment should also have been imposed in the Mehvasi villages. But the Mehvásis are considered as Tálukdárs for the purposes of Government Resolution No. 4580, dated 27 th June 1889, and under paragraph 12 of that Resolution the assessment could not be imposed. As, however, the Mehvási Pátils in these villages merely collect the Government revenue (which they sometimes neglect to do) and hand it over for a percentage, they do not really differ from Pátils of ordinary villages, and they apparently would not object to being put on the same footing as regards the revenue. Mr. Rendall's remarks on the present system are an instructive reply to those who think that there is anything to be - gained by a reversion to the plan of dealing with the village as a whole rather than with individual rayats. In paragraph 21 of his report Mr. Cole raises the question as to the future position of the Mehvasis with regard to waste lands. There seems to be nothing to prevent Government from re-considering the position as recommended by Mr. Rendall in his remarks on this paragraph.
7. I agree with Mr. Rendall's remarks on paragraphs 8 to 11. The cultivation of Kalol is hardly to be compared with that of Kaira. Excellent lands produce nothing but inferior millets from year to year apparently for want of a little enterprise. The only made road is little more than a track, and the use of the bridges is not quite apparent, as when the nálas have water the road is a quagmire. The Baroda-Godhra Railway will not be made for many years and will only be of advantage to villages in the vicinity of stations.
8. Para. 12.-The area under rice is given as 23.88 of the whole, which is about the proportion of the rice land; but nearly the whole of this is inferior rice, which may be worth only Rs. 25 the acre. Over one-third of the whole is under bajri, which is not often a very paying crop, though sometimes worth Rs. 30 the acre. Over one-fourth of the cultivated area is under the inferior milletskodra or harik, bévto or náchni and banti (Panicum frumentaceam). An assessment of over Rs. 2 the acre, as proposed for the first group, seems rather high for lanids bearing these crops. The cultivation is no doubt capable of improvement, but the improvement has not yet come and the famine has thrown things back. No crop experiments seem to have been conducted in the taluka. Mr. Beyts in paragraph 21 of the original settlement report estimates the outturn of an acre of rice at Rs. $30 \times \frac{7}{4}$ or Rs. $52 \frac{1}{2}$, which seems high. Kodra he estimates at Rs. $17 \frac{1}{2}$ the acre, but points out that the land requires fallowing two years out of three. The average value of mixed crops, bajri and pulses, bavto, banti, til and pulses, in rotation, he estimates at Rs. 38 the acre gross and Rs. 11 net. He points out, however, that allowance should be made for failures and reduction of prices.
9. Para. 21.-Mr. Cole says that the 21 Mehvasi villages contained in 1887-88, 6,385 acres of assessed waste, and there are now 1,501 acres. Appendix $\mathrm{O}^{3}$, bowever, shows 3,641 acres only in 1889-90. The difference is due to area included in forest. The reason why no entries appear in this Appendix after 1889-90 is that since the villages were handed over to the Mehvási Pátils, under the orders referred to in paragraph 3 of Mr. Cole's report, the assessed waste has not been recorded. As the Patils furnish statistics, there appears to be no ground for the omission.
10. Appendix $\mathrm{O}^{2}$ shows a sudden drop in the area of assessed waste in Government villages between 1889-90 and 1890-91 from 5,824 to 2,544 acres. This also appears to be due to inclusion of land in forest.
11. It appears useless to offer remarks on the statistics of pnpulation and resoutrees as the famine bas rendered the statements valueless. Average prices for the 10 years ending 1897-98 appear to be much the same as for the 10 yoars preceding the settlement of 1869-70. The latter prices were temporarily inflated and there has been a fall followed by a rise during the period of the lease.
12. Mr. Cole proposes no changes in the grouping beyond abolishing the nominal first group which consisted of Kálol village only. Kálol is less rich
than Vejalpur, Mr. Rendall remarks. The isolated position of Vejalpur rather spoils the symmetry of the grouping, but this cannot well be helped. The contrast between the assessments in Vejalpur and those in the Godhra Táluka, the boundary of which is only a mile away, is striking. Mr. Rendall thinks the increase on rice land in this village heavy. The total increase is $48^{\circ} 17$ per cent., which is certainly large. Mr. Rendall thinks that 2 Anidra, 5 Aluwa, 21 Palasa and 22 Nevaria might have remained in the second group. The grouping is unchanged, but the rate is proposed to be raised. In Kalol the proposed lowering of the dry crop rate from Rs. 3 to Rs. 2-12 results in an increase of average dry crop assessment from Rs. 2-6-11 to Rs. 2-10-7, and the lowering of the rice rate from Rs. 8 to Rs. 4 results in an increase of assessment from Rs. 5-1-8 to Rs. 5-7-11. The increases are of course due to revised classification and subsoil water assessment. The different treatment of 57 acres of garden land produces a small decrease in the total assessment of $1 \cdot 11$ per cent. Since a decrease of 4 annas in the dry crop rate results in an increase of assessment, it is obvious that an increase of 4 annas, as proposed in the old 2nd and 3rd groups, would produce large increases. I think that the dry-crop rates should remain the same, at any rate until the táluka shows recovery and progress, in the old 2nd and 3rd groups, as already proposed by Mr. Cole for the old 4th and 5th groups. The proposed rice rate for the highest group might also be lowered from Rs. 4 to Rs 3-12-0. The assessment of rice would still show an increase of over 7 per cent.
13. In Group II, Khadki, Nesda and Karada, to which Mr. Rendall refers, are favourably situated along the high road and near the projected railway. The increases will be reduced if the dry-crop rate is not raised. Ghusar belongs properly to this group, but to raise it would cause rather a large increase.
14. In the Mehvási villages, several of which are very poor villages, as Mr. Rendall points out, I think the rates proposed by Mr. Cole both for drycrop and for rice should be lowered by 4 annas all round. Even so some of the resulting increases would be rather too high.
15. These proposals require some further detailed consideration before orders are passed upon them.
16. I beg to support the proposals made by Mr. Cole in paragraphs 44 to 48 of his report.

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

NOTES BY Mr. H. D. RENDALL, I.C.S., REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SURVEY COMMISSIONER'S No. S.398, DATED 15 te MARCI 1001, ON KA'LOL REVISION SURVEY.

## Mr. Beyts' Reportis

This report, which may serve as a guide now, is too optimistic, I think, and may be apt to mislead.

Kílol Táluka has excellent 'goradu' soil (loam) and poor ' basur' soil (clay) which latter is nothing like the true good black soil. Cotton will not grow on 'basur.' Which is only fit for inferior rice, and mostly produces ' kodra.' Though the soil is good, the taluka is hardly comparable to Kaira Talukas. The chief reason is that the oultivators are so much worse and so much lazier. A glance at the crops produced shows what little sugarcane (e.g.) or tobacco is raised. Sugarcane is raised in some three villages (Rabod, haunlet of Malao, Derol and Eral 'Tálukdari) which have Pátidár cultivators. Chief crops are bájri, bunti, bávto and kodra, and the three latter are worth little and grown mostly for home consumption. Land that would produce A'l crop is only so.rn with bunti or bávto. Water is near the surface, but little ussd, and a second crop is rarely
raised. It is not true that tiled houses are the rule except for Bhils-the Dharalas in all-but'the best villagers do not live (even now much less, I imagine in 1871) in tiled houses, but in houses thatched with brab leaves. Tiled houses are increasing, but slovoly. Communications are not good. I have been out in this taluka in the rains and then the fair weather traok from Godhra to Kalol and on to Hálol is terribly muddy and almost impassable. Village cart-tracks often in deep lanes are water-logged to a large extent. I have tried both. The market is Baroda not Godhra (for the majority of the taluka) and the road to Baroda is bad, with toll on the way and the Goma to cross, and 28 miles about from Kalol itself. It could hardly be said now (and how in 1871) that there is no 'jungle' in Kálol. Chámpáner is some 8 miles due south and surrounded with jungle to a wide area and there is similar jungle in small parts of Kalol now. The wells are in bad condition and many called 'pakka' are so out of repair as not to be used. The people filled their bellies with kharif crops such as bajri, bunti, bávto, \&c., and do not as a rule care about irrigating or proper manuring. The climate is very hot in April-June, and lhave found it over $110^{\circ}$ in the shade on several occasions. It seems to have increased in heat since Beyts' time: the frost in cold weather occasionally nips the rabi crops, but these are very few.

Kalol population is almost entirely Dharala.* It is a misnomer to talk

- Very few Bhils in East Kálol. of "from Kunbi to Naikda" when there are virtually no Naikdas and about 1,000 Pátidár cultivators and 24,000 Dharála cultivators: Mahomedan cultivators even are more than Pátidárs. Rájputs of a low olass-lazy and opium-eatingare not better cultivators than the Dharála.

In fact it comes to 1,500 good cultivators and 27,000 bad ones; and the Pátidárs are in a $\mathrm{f} \in \mathrm{w}$ villages and do well. This is why Kalol is poor, soil (goradu) good, water available, cultivators lazy and thriftless.

## Notes on Mr. Cole's Report.

Para. 5.-I do not understand why"Mehvási villages lands were not classed for sub-soil advantages. Tálukdári tenure dors not apply at all (cf. note on Mehvási tenure below).

Para. 8.-I think the prosperity is exaggerated: see above.
Para. 9.-Before the famine there was an outcry for land for cultivation. It was reported on and await Commissioner, Northern Division's visit. Much of the forest is absolutely useless and if deforested would grow kodra. I think the outcry was mostly sentimental, but it existed, perbaps, to get forest out of the way. But people hate settling in alienated villages, and $I$ don't wonder as the management is bad. There was an extension of cultivation in 1898-99, but famine will provide plenty of waste. Before famine, people were very chary of giving up land in Government villages in Kalol, which is twice as good as most Hálol and Godhraland (except West Godhra which is similar and almost as good).

Para. 10.-Internal communications are bad in the rains. And the KalolGodbra road is not " a good road."

The Baroda-Godhra Chord Railway will do something to cut local Banyas, throats, and it is said there will be a metal road from Kálol to Hálol constructed. If sa, Provincial Funds will have to keep it up, or it won't get repaired.

Para. 11.-Godbra Táluka is healtbier than Kálol Táluka in $\neq$ the rains, and Kalol climate is not astgood as Charotarclimate. The country is too much treed to be ever open.

Para. 12.-Bájri, kodra, banti and bávto $=$ ovèr 60 per cent., and paddy gives another 24 per cent.; the paddy is only first class at Malao; rest is, I think, almost all sutarsal.

The comparison with A'nand is dangerous and needs careful enquiry. What about "coarse grains" in A'nand? I cannot think the comparison is worth much, The coarse grains are very badly cultivated, too.

Sugarcane, tobacco and vegetables show a very small percentage : sugarcane in three villages only, I think.

Para. 13.-See remarks above. Pátidárs have occasionally come to settle here, but don't stay for various reasons. These figures of Dharála cultivators show the whole crux of the matter. Good land for the most part and almost entirely bad cultivation.

Para. 14-Vejalyur is wealthier than Kálol, as a lot of sowkárs live there. The local markets are poor, espegjally Kanod and Pingli.

If we compare the A'nand or other Kaira Táluka, the difference in population will at once appear. There are only few, probably 8 or 9 , villages of over 1,000 souls in .Kálol Táluka, and only (probably) 6 barely over 2,000 and one over 3,000 (Kalol itself).

Paras. 15-18.-The famine has swept away 75 per cent. at least of plough cattle, old and young, and at least 70 per cent. of useful beasts, if not more. Buffaloes got through best. The increase in carts is small. So much has gone of local wealth and so many cultivators have died that the figures given can mean of little, and will have to be revised. Our cattle camp, only one, held but 200 animals, and only 8 from Kálol Táluka and very little Government grass was available for Kalol and the supply ended a month and more before rain came.

Bullocks very short now and everyone wanting them for next harvest.
Para. 19.-Local Municipality was abolished last year. There are two girls' schools in the táluka. Not only do Dharálas go to school rarely, but forget everything directly they come out. Not 3 per cent. can sign their own names now!

Para. 20.-Land which the Mehvásdárs hold makes no difference to them as they only pay a fized "ankhada."

Puras. 21 and 22.-I think the whole question of Mehvási tenure will have to be reconsidered by Government, and Government can do exactly what they like according to the lease, I believe : paragraph 14 of lease says that of Mehvaisdars fail to pay ankada before revision survey, or after the present survey is expired, Government has discretion to make these villages khalsa, or has authority at the revision survey to modify, add to or revise any condition of the lease.

This Mehvási tenure is utterly bad. The Mehvásdárs have been a continual plague to us. They are uneducated and slack and idle and they have in many cases mortgaged their villages to a Banya or their own talati. These private talátis are all villains. It is absolutely necessary for Government to make these villages khalsa aud pay to the Mehvásdár the percentage of upaj to which he is entitled, minus establishment expenses. There oan be nothing but gain in this arrangement and we shall then get people settling in these villages, have regular reports and returns sent in, and get our revenue in (which we don't at present in a bad year because the Mehvásdar does not seek assistance under the Land Revenue Code and says it's too much trouble).

The Mohvásdárs have certain rights over trees which they have abused. In cultivated survey numbers they have the same rights as cultivators in Government villages. So they let the land out to anyone, get it transferred to their own names, cultivate it nominally, and cut down the trees ad libitum. Trees in assersed waste can be cut by Mehvásdírs to aid cultivation, and this privilege they have abused.

I think it absolutely necessary to abolish the present system which is very hard on the ryot who gets bullied; no tagávi and no occupancy rights! It is an experiment which 1 think, and all Mámlatdars of Kálol think, a very lugubrious one.

Para. 22.-I think more wells are useless than the numbers shown. It does not pay the cultivator to use them in some cases. When we have sub-soil water assessument, to whom will these wells belong? 'Kasar' will not have to be paid, I presume? Some of these wells are Government wells. Will they be auctioned with the occupancy to new occupants, and what about old occupants?

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Para. 28.-These prices are presumably bazaar prices, and if so are fallacious because the cultivator here (except Pátidárs) hand over all produce to the Banya who credits at whatever price he likes, debits at bazaar rates when the cultivator wants food, and keeps an account which the cultivator does not and cannot read. Similarly, Banyas book's figures in the Táluka are very misleading - an advance of Rs. 25 in books $=$ Rs. $20, \&$ c., \&o.

Para. 30.-Distraints are virtually unknown in this táluka and this shows that the present rates are a very moderate demand which is oheerfully met. I do not think I ever heard a complaint except in Malao. Banyas almost always pay the assessment for the Dharála cultivator and the Banya usually comes to the Chora with a bag of rupees and shells out.

Para. 32.-Famine did more harm here as the Dharalas had.no sarings and their Banyas won't trust them or look at them. Tagávi is a new thing in this district and the land much mortgaged in this taluka, and it looks as if the normal cultivator of Kalol Táluka won't be able to get credit or security enough to enable him to recover under the next ten years at most. An enormous number of cultivators have died and left child heirs.

## 33. Grouping and Increases. <br> Government Villages.

Group I.-Dry-crop average rises from Re. 1-11-9 to Rs. $2-6$-1 and rice average from Re, 4-7-5 to Rs. 5-2-11 and any total increase to $21 \cdot 12$ :-


These villages are poor villages and they were specially hard hit by famine and cannot easily bear the increase. In fact the poorer villages seem to have the biggest increases.

I doubt if the Malao decrease be sufficient, though there are skilled cultivators there.

Vejalpur shows a heavy increase in rice, Rs. 1-15-4.
I should have thought Alwa, Anidra, Palasa and Navana might have remained in Group II.

Group II.-Khadki, Nesda and Karada (heavy rice increase) are very poor villages and I think have a lot of busar soil. They might be in Group III.

Group III.-All very poor villages except Ghusar, which I should have thought might be in Group II. This is a rich village, and has not busar soil like the others.

## Mehvási Villages.

Group Ir.-A heavy increase on rice in Bhadroli Khurad, Pingli, Bhelidra and Kanod.

All these villages are not well off. Most Mehvási fillages are badly managed, which makes them worse.

Group III.-Paruna shows a heavy increase. It is a very poor village indeed.

Group IV.-Karoli and Kahanpur (claim to be Talukdari, I believe). Gajapura, Rohia, Chalali and Rinchia are all poor villages and have been hardor hit by famine than any and have particularly bad Mehvási Patels.

Expansion of cultivation counts for something, and it appears that that something is not much in many cases. I have quoted certain poor villages
which have large increases. In these villages increased cultivation and increased assessment works out as follows:-


The inorease in oultivated area is so large in Mehvisi as compared with Government villages that it looks as if the Méhvásdár had got the land nominally cultivated simply in order to get the trees for himself, as I believe he has done. It may be also due to the fact that the Mehvísdár does not take an occupanoy price as far as I know from a new occupant, and therefore cultivators prefer to cultivate in Mehvási villages.

The above figures seem to show that our demand is very heavy after two famine years and, as yet, great want of bullooks and enormously decreased credit (with the Banya) and security (for tagavi).

I think palmyra (toddy) trees are reserved and not auctioned to occupants though toddy is free in this táluks and everywhere except in three villages of Hálol which pay a small ' vero.'
Kallol,
H. D. RENDALL.

24th February 1901.

No. 8668 or 1902.
From
The COLLECTOR of PANCH MAHALS;
To
The COMMISSIONER, NORTHERN DIVISION,
Ahmedabad.
Office of the Collector, Panch M1ahais.
Dated at Godhra, 23rd September 190\%.
Sir,
I have the honour to resubmit the Revision Settlement Report of Kálol Taluka and to make the following remarks.
2. In spite of the great decrease in population, there is no indication that the three years of famine which have just ended has led to much land being thrown up. The occupied area in the Government villages has not been appreciably reduced. In 1898-99 the area was:-

| Under crops | ... | ... | ... | Acras |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | ... | 58,017 |
| Under fallow | . | ... | ..* | ... | 6,732 |
|  |  |  |  | ... | 64,749 |

In 1901-1902 the area was:-

| Under crop | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 48,553 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Uncer fallow | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 18,545 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | $\ldots$ |

3. With the good rain that has fallen in the current monsoon, the fallow area is expected to be again normal or below normal. This favourable result has been largely attained by a judicious use of the funds provided for tagavi and charitable grants especially in the matter of replacing the losses of plough cattle. Practically every cultivator who required it was provided with one or in most cases two bullocks. The agricultural stock figures are compared below with those for 1898-99:-

|  |  |  | $1898-99$. | $1901-1809$. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Plough bullocks | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 14,811 | 11,623 |  |
| Bulls | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 40 | 17 |
| Buffaloes | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4,400 | 2,484 |
| Cows | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 9,662 | 1,952 |

4. The loss in cows is the most serious feature as it effects the rate of increase which might be expected by breeding and the resources of the people have been so crippled that they will not be able to import many animals for some time. Their first business will be to pay off the heavy tagávi debts with which they are burdened. The loss of young stock will also be very severely felt.
5. I am not in a position to give much useful criticism of the details of the revision proposals, 1 have only seen the taluka under very unfavourable conditions. It is difficult now to account for the roseate picture of the táluka given by Mr. Beyts at the time of the introduction of the original settlement. The Patidar cultivators were not more numerous at that time than they are now, and there can hardly have been any change in the nature of the Kolis who bulk so largely among the cultivating classes that the others might almost be
neglected. It is true that looking to the condition of the one or two villages like Derol and Malao where the Patidárs are found and remembering that the Kálol climate is reputed to be good as compared with that of the other Mahals, it would not have been unreasonable to hope that there would be an increase in the better class of cultivators and an improvement in cultivation generally. This has not taken place. The táluka has remained mainly a Koli settlement with amall villages, and to compare it with A'nand is in my opinion very misleading. Even if the soil was generally as good as that of A'nand táluka, which I do not believe to be the case the class of its cultivators puts the taluka low down on the scale.
6. More land has fallen under the control of the sowkar in Kálol than elsewhere in the district. It does not necessarily follow that the cultivators have had more occasion than their brethren in the other Mahals for running into debt, or that they are less provident. The circumstance is probably altogether due to the fact that the climate being reputed healthy, the sowkar communities have grown and find that land is a more profitable investment than it has yet become in the other talukas.
7. The climate of Kalol has the reputation of being better than that of the rest of the district. It is doubtful whether its superiority is a fact, but fame always counts for much in such matters.
8. With regard to the means of communication, I would differ from Mr. Symond's view that an unmetalled bridged road is useless. It is a distinct advantage to have a fair weather track bridged. The village cart-tracks are no worse than may be seen elsewhere in Gujarat. The new Chord Railway line from Baroda to Godhra has now been sanctioned and work on it begun. It passes through the táluka parallel to its shortest diameter.
9. With regard to the proposed grouping of villages, I have no objeotion to offer. It is very appropriate to bring Kalol Kasba into the group by the villages of which it is surrounded.
10. Mr. Cole has proposed no change in the dry-orop rates for the two lowest groups, but recommends increases in the two highest groups, leaving out of account the group formrly constituted by Kalol Kasba, and now to be included in the first group. The Survey Commissioner recommends no increase for the present in any group and proposes to lower the maximum proposed by Mr. Cole for rice in Group 1 from Re. 4 to Rs. 3-12. I entirely agree with him that it would be very bad policy to impose at the present juncture rates which will give the large increases shown in the report. He seems to contemplate a possible reconsideration of the proposals after the effeets of the famine have passed away. In my opinion the rates are sufficiently high and should be adopted for the ordinary torm of settlement.
11. The new subsoil rating produces an increase of Rs. 1,310. Looking to the faot that the bulk of the cultivators are of the Koli class, it may safely be said that only to a limited extent will advantage be taken of the water facilities, and for this reason a reduction of the proposed subsoil water assessment seems necessary. If the final decision on the proposals is postponed, it would seem necessary to give Malao the benefit at once of the proposed reduction on the rice.
12. I have considered it more convenient to deal with the Mehwási villages in a separate report, and I would only remark here with regard to them that I see no reason why, if the Mehwasdars are required to pay a fixed proportion of the assessment collected, the rating should not be same for them in every respect as for Government villages in the same group.

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

(Signed) G. CARMICHAEL, Collector, Panch Maháls.

From
The COLLECTOR of PANCH MAHA'LS;
To

# Tee COMMISSIONER, NORTHERN DIVISION, 

Ahmedabad.<br>Office of the Collector, Panch Mahals.<br>Dated at Golhra, 26th September 1902.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit the following report with regard to the Mehwasi village in Kálol Táluka, the leases for which expire with the sottlement for the táluka that is just ending.
2. The villages are 21 in number and are referred to in paragraph 21 of Mr . Cole's settlement report. There were originally 23, but two were entirely included in forest and the Mehwási rights therein were commuted for coslb payments.
3. The present leases were issued under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 2826, dated 7th May 1887, and it was provided that the terms would become subject to revision at the time of the revision settlement of the táluka.
4. The first orders passed by Government with regard to the settlement of these villages are contained in Government Resolution No. 367, dated 21st January 1873. On consideration of the detailed reports on the subjeet, Government came to the conclusion that the tenure approximated to that of the Talukdári villages in Ahmedabad and they decided to recognise the proprietary right of the Mehwási Patels to the land absolutely as against the tenants and subject to a provision as regards the State. The land referred to included all the waste Iand and apparently what has now been classed as forest. The Mohwásdars were to be required to pay the survey assessment of the unalienated land under cultivation, and a quit-rent on the alienated land. All assessed waste was to be free for the first ten years of the lease, but for the second 10 years the Mehwísdars were to pay 4 annas in the rupee and for the third ten years 8 annas. As the orders above detailed involved a modification of the then existing tenure, it was decided to give leases of the villages and take counterparts from the Mehwásdars.
5. In 1876 Government Resolution No. 674, dated 31st January, was passed declaring the villages "Khalsa" on the understanding that the Patels of the Mehwasi villages had refused the terms offered in 1873. It was subsequently discovered that there was no evidence to support the conclusion that the Patels had finally declined to accept the terms, and Government decided by Government Resolution No. 2826, dated 7th May 1887, to revert to the position as it stood previous to 1876. In the meantime the villages had been under direct management and the Forest Settlement had been carried out. To suit the new conditions the terms offered in 1873 had to be modified. Government retained control of the forest area and stipulated that the occupants then holding from Government and the future occupants of assessed waste should not be required to pay to the Mehwásdars more than the survey assessment on their holdings. In return the Jama was to be calculated at easier rates and the Mehwásdars were to have a lien over the assessed waste and could let it out for cultivation without becoming liable for any increase to his Jama. The Jama was to be calculated on the assessment of the land then under cultivation with the following reductions :-


A guarantee was to be taken that accounts were properly kept.
6. These conditions were accepted by the Mehwásdars and have been embodied in the leases now about to expire.
7. Looking to the previout history briefly described above, it is obvious that no fundamental change can be made in the leases. The rights of the Mehwásdars existed from a date far anterior to the execution of the leases which were merely the means Government took to define the conditions under which the rights were to be exercised. Again, as Government did not give back the forest area in 1887, it must be assumed that the reduction of the Jama particularly in respect of land occupied by the rayats was allowed as compensation for the forest rights, and it would not be fair now to alter the reduction percentages. The lien allowed over the assessed waste may also have been allowed in consideration of the forest rights or it may have been that as under the proposals of 1873 the Mehwásdars were to have been given command of the waste for ten years without extra payment, it was not thought necessary to put any time limit on the lien granted in 1888 as the leases had only 15 years to run. Probably the latter view is correct as the lien was allowed to all without reference to the extent of forest area in each village.
8. A statement is attached showing the area of assessed waste in each village as it stood in 1888, in the year preceding the famine and in 1900-1901. Except in Vintoj and Boridra the proportion of assessed waste taken up for cultivation is considerable and except in Bedia no large amount of it went out of cultivation in the famime. There is however reason to believe that in a number of cases the occupation is nominal, the land being taken up with a view to enable - the Mehwásdars to cut down the trees.
9. The Mehwásdars as a class are Barias of the Koli caste, one exception being certain sharers in Chalali who belong to the Kálol Desai family. Their villages are impoverished and badly cultivated and they themselves are improvident and deep in debt. The practice of subdividing their shares has ruined the value of their property and has reduced the sharers to the level of the ordinary Koli cultivator. In the famine the villages were badly hit and the Mehwásdars fell hopelessly into arrears with their Jama. One village, Bodia, has been attaohed under the Land Revenue Code, and for the others remission has been granted on condition that remission is given to the agriculturist tenants.
10. Managed'as they are the villages are necessarily a drag on the prost perity of the táluka, and in one respect serious administrative inconvenience is oaused. The Government Talátis were removed from the villages under the conditions of the lease and the Mehwásdar was allowed to make his own arrangements as regards the keeping of records and accounts. It is true that he was made responsible that the accounts were correctly kept, but he has not fulfilled his duty in this respect and there is no efficient method of enforcing the responsibility. The Collector can impose a tine on the Mehwásdar for neglect of duty, but the occasional exercise of the power does not lead to permanent improvement. The irresponsible men taken on as Talatis by the Mehwásdars usually develop into their sowkars and by lending them money acquire an undesirable influence and position in the village. It would therefore benefit both the administrators and the Mehwásdars themselves if the Talatis were appointed by the Collector and graded with the Talátis of Government villazes. This I think could be done without taking the collection of the revenue and the payment of the Jama into the Treasury out of the Mehwasdar's hands. If any Mehwásdar wished that the Taláti should have the same power as in Government villages this could be provided for his particular village.
11. If it is decided that the Talatis should be appointed by Government their pay will have to be provided out of the Mehwasdar's profits.
12. Mr. Cole proposes to exempt the Mehwási villages from subsoil water rating under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 4580, da ed 27th June 1889. I would recommend the same treatment for them as for the Government villages. Leaving out of account the lien on assessed waste, the

Mehwásdar's profits consist of a fixed percentage of the survey assessment, and assuming that the subsoil water assessment is a fair one both Government and the Mehwásdar lose if full survey rates are not levied.
13. With regard to the lien on assessed waste, I would recommend that the lien be continued for another ten years at least. At the end of that time it would perhaps be advisable to levy a charge on what has been actually brought under cultivation. The amount of such land could be ascertained and a fixed amount added to the Jama for the next ten years calculated at 4 annas on the assessment. The increment might be again revised and calculated at 8 annas on the assessment for the third ten years. I would not recommend that any charge be made for assessed waste that is not brought under cultivation.
14. To recapitulate my proposals are :-
(1) That the villages be rated in exactly.the same way as Government willages in the same group.
(2) That the percentages on the assessment allowed as profit to the Mehwásdárs be maintained at the existing figure both with regard to the lands belgoning to the Pátels and with regard to the land in the occupancy of rayats.
(3) That the lien on assessed waste as it stood in 1888 be continued, but that after ten years an addition be made to the Jama calculated at 4 annas on the assessment of waste brought under cultivation since 1888, the addition to remain constant for ten years but to be recalculated at 8 annas for the third ten years.
(4)"That for the maintenance of correct records and accounts, Talatis should be appointed by the Collector and paid for out of recoveries made from the Mehwásdárs in addition to the Jama.
15. The fourth proposal will not be palatable to the Patels. One of their most frequent requests before 1873 was for the removal of the Talátis who were at that time appointed by Government. But the conditions have ohanged. The rayats have now a survey tenure in all but name. They pay survey rates, cannot be turned out as long as they pay, and sell and mortgage their land; while the Mehwásdár has been reduced to the position of a Patel who collects the revenue and receives a percentage on it. His proprietary rights which were to have been recognised at first have disappeared, and as he has failed to maintain proper records and accounts, I think we are justified in putting in our own Talátis. A middle course would be to allow him to nominate from a list of candidates approved by the Collector and to empower the Collector to remove an unsuitable man.

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

(Signed) G. CARMICHAEL,<br>Collector, Panch Maháls.

Statement showing eertain information regarding Mewási Fillages of the Kálol Taluka, *.

G. CARMICHAEL,

Collector, Panch Mabáls.

# Ahmedabad, 14th October 1902. 

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2. Considering the policy of Government as declared in general terms and evinced in other recent settlements, the Commissioner ventures to say that Mr. Cole's proposals, involving an average increase of over 20 per cent. and in some villages of over 50 per cent., are out of the question.
3. The Collector's figures of cattle, the chief form of agricultural capital, partly indicate the loss entailed by the famine. Plough bullocks have been largely replaced out of Tagávi and Charity Funds, but still show a deficiency of about 3,000 out of 14,800 . On his tour last year through the táluka, the Commissioner was much struck by the fact that nearly every cultivator, however small, had a single bullock, sometimes saved from the wreck, but more often bought with public money. It meant that every one had the means of ploughing his land, but in many cases had a single animal instead of a pair and was moreover in debt for Tagávi advanced for its purchase and for seed, \&c. A loss which cuts deeper into the quick is that of female buffaloes and cows. Not only does it hinder recovery by breeding young stock, but it deprives the people for the time being of their only form of animal food.
4. On the whole it may be said that if the seasons are fairly good, the people will again attain their normal condition long before the forthcoming period of settlement expires, but that at present they need lenient treatment because their resources are diminished; they are physically and mentally depressed ; and, in addition to all, they are burdened with a heavy Tagavi debt.
5. The Baroda-Godhra Chord line will soon be completed and will connect the táluka with its chief market, Baroda. The experience, however, of the Parántij line and Bárdoli-Surat section of the Tapti Valley line shows that a short railway-lead is not much atilised for the carriage of produce, the bulk of which is still carried by country cart. The railway will be a great convenience and will open out the táluka in many ways, but it is doubtful if it will put money into the local Dharála's pocket which will 'enable him to :pay a higher assessment yet awhile.
6. On the whole the Commissioner concurs with the Survey Commisaioner that the dry-crop maxima should remain unchanged and that the rice-rate in Group I should be reduced from Rs. 4 to Rs. 3-12-0. Any increase due to distance from village should be remitted for five years and then reconsidered. It would be better still to remit it altogether, because the reductions were originally made not without reason and because any change in the course of the lease would be a complication of accounts and therefore undesirable.
7. The Mehvási villages have not been classed for sub-soil water. In the Government villages this form of assessment is to yield Rs. 3,621 as against Rs. 2,311 of well kasar which. was fixed at Rs. 24 per kos. It would appear that the objections to taxing the possible use of water instead of the actual use reach their extreme point in a táluka like Kálol. As a matter of fact, however much water the Dharála may have under his ground, he never thinks of digging to get at it. It is very seldom that he will even take the trouble to draw water out of a well that happens to exist, still less to repair it when it gets out of order. Consequently if we regard facts as they exist and not theories, the charge for sub-soil water advantages is an addition to the dry-crop assessment, pure and simple. The Commissioner would urge that under the apecial circumstances of this taluka the well kasar should be retained, and that steps should be taken to remit it on wells that no longer gield a supply. If this is not approved, the whole of the sub-soil assessment ought to be treated in the same way as the rates for distance from village.
8. The Mehvásdárs form the subject of a separate report by the Collector. It is difficult, by the way, to reconcile the account now given of these peoplo
with the persistent demands made by the District Officers that forest lands shall be surrendered to their childish greed (vide Government Resolution No. 6471 of 17th September 1902, and the correspondence returned under Government Memorandum No. 360-P, dated 26th July 1902). It is hinted that they have taken up assessed waste numbers solely to strip them of trees, and yet it is proposed to give up to them land which by careful conservation will become in 50 years' time of real value to the country. Apart from that, the question now at issue involves the status of this local squirearchy. The basis of settlement has been recognized by Government as that laid down in Government Resolution No. 367 of 21st January 1873. Agreements were taken under these orders (vide Government Resolution No. 2826 of 7th May 1887), but they were not of the nature of leases. They were simply records and written evidence of the conditions of proprietorship as recognized by Government and accepted by the land-holders. Act VI of 1888, moreover, places them on the same general footing (subject of course to special conditions) as the Talukdars of Ahmedabad and the Thákurs paying permanent Udhad Jama in Kaira. They have a position in the district and rights against Government which cannot be ignored, however much their ignorance and slovenly ways may offend the modern administrator. The Commissioner would strongly deprecate any change in their treatment for pretty much the same reasons as he deprecated any surrender to them of land which had been formally allotted as forest. Change is in itself undesirable and needs to be justified by overpowering reason. It unsettles people's minds and raises doubts of the future intentions of Government which the seditionmonger is only too ready to take advantage of.
9. The first proposals of the Collector seem reasonable. The only variant from present practice is a light assessment on cultivated waste, which would be fair if levied forthwith, and it is presumed that the only reason for suggesting its postponement for 10 years is reluctance to add to the demand so soon after famine.
10. The wish of the District Officers to introduce efficient talátis appointed by the Collector is intelligible, but it will break down the most cherished of territorial rights, the right of internal management. It was the overt sign (which Elphinstone swept away as mistaken and harsh) in the Tálukdari villages of Ahmedabad of the misunderstanding of their tenure in the early years of British rule. It is true, as the Collector says, that these "squireens" are a drag on the prosperity of the taluka, but before cancelling their hereditary rights it is fair to ask what has been done to make them wiser. They were found by Government occupying a position of some superiority ; their numbers increased under a reign of peace which gave them no outlet; they were tempted by the supply of foreign luxuries to live lazier and more expensive lives; and they were exposed to the wiles and power of the modern money-lender. To counteract these influences nothing has ever been done beyond the wholesome check imposed on borrowing by Section 31 of Act VI of 1888 and a very limited number of village schools. The Tálukdárs of Ahmedabad have been less neglected and there is already much cause to hope for their future. At any rate no one has ever suggested of late years that the power of appointing their own accountants should be taken away from them.

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

# Revenue Survey and Assessment. <br> Panch Maháls. <br> Revision settlement of the Kálol táluka. 

No. 1319.
Revbnuy Department. .
Bombay Castle, 24th February 1903.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 9104, dated 14th October 1902-Sub-

mitting, with his remarks, the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Kalol taluka of the Panch Maháls District.

* Letter from the Collector of the Panch Mahals, No. 99, dated 16th January 1903.
* Letter from the Collector of the Panch Maháls, No. 324, dated 30th January 1903 -Forwarding in reply to Government telegram No. 244, dated 15th idem, copies of two of the agreements taken from the chief sharers of the Mehwasi villages (Bedia and Pingli) in the Kálol taluka and their translation.

Resolution.-It is clear that no material increase of assessment should be made at the present time in the Kalol taluka and this is the case whether the increase would be due to sub-soil water rate or distance-from-village scale or to enhancement of rates. On the contrary the relief recommended by the Commissioner through the reduction of the rice rates in Group I shonld be given at once. It is presumed that the result in the village of Maláo will be a larger decrease than Mr. Cole proposes. The kos rate should be remitted for wells which do not now yield water. Government cannot agree that the maximum rate for Kálol kasba should be reduced either now or at a later date. For reasons frequently explained lands in close proximity to market towns should be more highly assessed than others.
2. At the same time Government cannot agree that they should at present commit themselves to continue these very moderate assessments for a further period of 30 years. The statistics of agricultural stock are not rendered valueless by the famine, as stated by Mr. Symonds. They show that in normal times the taluka prospered and afford grounds for the inference that the assessment is low. That inference is supported by the very high value of land and by the fact that the famine and loss of cattle have resulted in no great decrease of land in occupation. It is needless to conjecture what the effect of the BarodaGodhra Chord railway may be ; it will differ from the Prántij Rallway at any rate and connect the taluka with the large markets of the country without break of gauge, It is at least probable that it will sooner or later induce the production of exportable crops and greatly increase the profits of cultivation. It would not be justifable on the eve of the opening of a railway traversing the táluka to guarantee the low rates referred to for a further period of 30 years, more particularly as the sávkars seem to profit most from the low assessment.
3. In the circumstances the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the existing settlement subject to the special reductions above described should be continued for a further period of five years. Before the close of that period the condition of the taluka and indications of the effect of the railway should be reported and proposals made as to the rates which should be in force for the ensuing period of 30 years. In the meantime as many crop experiments as possible should be carried out.
4. Under this arrangement the existing leases for the Mehwási villages will be continued, and consideration of the revision of the terms may be
deferred until the expiry of the settlement is approaching. There would appear to be no reason why the sub-soil water assessment should not be imposed in these villages if it is imposed in the rest of the taluka. The advent of the railway is not unlikely to induce the utilization of the water which is not at present taken advantage of owing to want of enterprize. Government agree that the status of the Mewasis should be substantially maintained, but measures should be taken on the grant of new leases to make effective provision for the maintenance of correct records and accounts. Government have full power to revise the conditions of the lease, and it is but reasonable to insist on such a provision for the purpose of effeient administration.

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

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

Effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Government oecupied land in the 37 Gorornment


## APPENDIX $Q$.

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