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OF LAND RECORDS IN THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
INCLUDING SIND, FOR THE YEAR 1921-22.

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From

Poona, 24th November 1922.

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Acting Settlement Commissioner and Director of

To

Land Records, Poona;

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records for the year ending 31st July 1922.

CHAPTER I.

Prefatory.

1. The charge of the Department was held by Mr. F. G. H. Anderson, M.A., I.C.S., up to 8th September 1921, and by me throughout the year from that date.

2. In the Northern and Central Divisions, Messrs. C. D. Kavi and V. B. Mardhekar held charge respectively as Superintendents of Land Records. In the Southern Division, Mr. E. Gawan Taylor, I.C.S., was Superintendent from 1st August to 2nd December 1921, and again from 19th May to 31st July 1922. In the interval Mr. Taylor was on deputation as Settlement Officer, Sawantwadi State, and Rao Saheb D. B. Nesarikar acted for him.

3. During the year I toured in the Districts of Kolaba, Thana, Dharwar, Hyderabad, Karachi, Thar Parkar, Ahmedabad, Surat, Satara, Ahmednagar and Poona for the inspection and test of city surveys, pot hissa surveys, inam village surveys, and important measurement works, *e.g.*, Tansa main quadrupling survey, carried out by field party surveyors. I also carried out the usual inspection of District Survey Offices, and made local inquiries in connection with my reviews of settlement reports. The Superintendents toured actively and extensively in their Divisions, controlling and testing the work of the field parties, also pot hissa, city and inam village surveys, the record of rights, and routine measurement work. They also performed the usual inspection of District Survey Offices.

CHAPTER II.

Land Records Establishment.

4. During the year the staff was curtailed on account of financial stringency, the usual grant for the field parties being drastically cut down by Government for the financial year 1921-22, and cut out entirely by the Legislative Council for the financial year 1922-23. The main function of the staff is to keep all survey records up to date, and to carry out in the field the preliminary operations necessary to incorporating the changes in the said records. It also supervises the preparation and maintenance of the record of rights, carries out pot hissias and city surveys, and the survey of inam villages for settlement or re-settlement or for the purpose of introducing the record of rights. It is also employed on the maintenance of pot hissa and city surveys, and on measurement work done on applications received from private parties or for Government. As many as 145 inam villages in the Central Division are now overdue for revision settlement, and it had been intended to carry out the necessary re-survey in a large number of them during the year, but the curtailment and subsequent abolition of the field party establishment necessitated by the inadequate financial provision for it involved the curtailment and finally the entire stoppage of this work.

Training of Junior Civilians.

5. Two Assistant Collectors and three Probationary Deputy Collectors were trained in survey as required by standing orders.