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Poona, 26th December 1927.

From

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To

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 1927.

CHAPTER I

PREFATORY

1. The charge of the Department was held by me throughout the year.

2. *Superintendents of Land Records.*—In Northern and Central Divisions the charge was held by Messrs. C. D. Kavi and D. S. Modak respectively throughout the year. In Southern Division Rao Saheb K. S. Yardi was in charge for the most part of the year, Mr. V. B. Mardhekar being in charge only from 30th October 1926 to 20th December 1926.

3. *Touring.*—I toured in the districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Poona, Ahmednagar, Satara, Belgaum, Dharwar and Kanara and also visited Baroda for some boundary disputes and Miraj and Kolhapur for seeing the survey work there and had to be in Bombay for a month for the Legislative Council. I was out of Poona for 131 days. The Superintendent, N. D., toured for 123 days visiting 31 talukas in all districts of his charge. More touring he says could not be done as there was heavy work of supervising preparation of new Akarbands at Ahmedabad. Superintendent, C. D., toured for 184 days visiting all the seven districts and the Native States of Kolhapur, Miraj, Sangli and Raisingpur. This is very satisfactory looking to the fact that heavy akarband work was to be supervised at Poona. Superintendent, S. D., toured for 180 days, camping at 30 talukas and four mahals in all districts of his Division.

4. Touring of Superintendents, Land Records, is quite adequate except perhaps in Northern Division. The charge in Central Division is heavy while in Southern Division touring is difficult in Kolaba, Ratnagiri and Kanara. There was very heavy akarband work in Central Division. Mr. Modak deserves credit for organizing

an adequate temporary staff of 340 hands and supervising it. Many difficulties had to be encountered and solved. This enormous work was done within time to prepare new accounts and collect the revised assessments. Eleven talukas, comprising of 1,291 Government villages and 21 inam villages, were dealt with at an expenditure of Rs. 49,713, bringing in an increased revenue of about Rs. 6 lakhs annually to Government.

CHAPTER II

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT

5. The functions of the Land Records Department are to provide statistics necessary for sound administration in all matters connected with the land, to reduce, simplify and cheapen litigation in the Revenue and Civil Courts, to provide a Record of Rights for the protection of all who hold interests in land and lastly to simplify and cheapen periodical settlement operations.

6. The Land Records staff consists of a Director of Land Records, who is also Commissioner of Settlements, four Superintendents of Land Records, District Inspectors and Circle Inspectors.

Land Records staff is divided into two sections:—

(a) the district staff of Circle Inspectors under the Collectors in respect of whom the functions of the Director of Land Records have been limited to inspection and advice,

and (b) the cadastral survey staff direct under the Department of Land Records.

The Superintendents and the District Inspectors of Land Records supervise both the branches, but in respect of (a) their function is rather to advise and assist while the actual orders are given by the Revenue Officers. As to (b) the administration is direct.

7. A complete record of rights and interests in lands has been prepared for all unalienated and many alienated villages throughout the Presidency and steps are being taken to extend it to the remaining alienated villages. The record has proved of very great value to the land revenue administration and to the public at large who realise its importance as an authentic record of their titles.

8. City surveys form an important part of land records. Such surveys have now been introduced in Bombay City and in most (84) of the important cities and towns in the Presidency. Suitable arrangements have also been made for the maintenance of these city survey records after completion. In Bombay a special office, *viz.*, the Bombay City Survey and Land Records Office, does this work under the control of the Collector of Bombay.

9. On account of the close connexion which necessarily exists between the record of rights and the deeds registration, which is the business of the Registration Department, the offices of the Director of Land Records and Inspector General of Registration are placed under the control of one officer who holds both appointments. This officer also exercises general control over the work of the Photozincographic (Map Printing) Press at Poona.

10. The foundation of society and industry in India is in the land and the maintenance of a complete record of all rights is a great bulwark of public peace and of law and order. Moreover without such records it will be impossible to get true statistics of any species of production or any of the other economic facts connected with the land.

11. A great support of the Indian Administration is the land revenue, the right of the State to share in all the unearned rental values of land. The science of economics and fiscal theory is recognising more and more fully the right of the public to this share; and the pre-eminent position in every scheme of taxation necessary for the maintenance of a modern State of the land revenue. Survey and classification of land, and a full record of rights maintained—not spasmodically but every day as every change occurs—is indispensable for the assessment, and collection of land revenue. This is a task which is never completed. It extends to the cities as well as the country-side and forests. Uninteresting and tedious as much of its work must be, nevertheless the work of the Land Records Department lies as the woof and warp underneath all the elaborate material of which provincial administration is composed.

12. The main function of the Department is to maintain all survey and classification records up to date, and for this purpose to carry out the field operations preliminary to the incorporation of changes in these records. It has further to organise and carry out rural and city surveys on an extensive scale and maintain them in a state of usefulness. Special surveys for private individuals or bodies such as relate to Inam villages, surveys in connection with Railway or Municipal or Local Board projects, etc., and surveys on behalf of other Departments of Government and Native States are also frequently undertaken. The supervision of the preparation and maintenance of the record of rights, the periodical inspections of boundary marks and the introduction of Revenue Settlements complete the function of the Department.

13. The establishments under the Divisional Superintendents were the District Survey Offices, Permanent Field Parties, District and Cadastral Surveyors, establishments for city surveys and measurement of sub-divisions, and the City Survey maintenance establishments. All these establishments were controlled by the Superintendents and supervised by District Inspectors, Survey Mamlatdars and Head Surveyors.

Training of Junior Civilians

14. In Northern Division one Junior Civilian (Mr. D. V. Kerkar, I.C.S.) was trained in survey.

District Survey Offices

15. *Northern Division.*—The outturn of the Central Record Office, Ahmedabad, was satisfactory in quality and quantity. One thousand and ninety-five correction cases (5,530 Survey Nos.) were disposed of during the year, leaving 245 cases (621 Survey

Nos.) in arrears. Out of these 245 cases, 202 were on hand and 43 had been returned for further enquiry. Rs. 1,407 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and by sale of maps.

16. Thana District Survey Office disposed of 394 correction cases (2,364 Survey Nos.) as against 523 cases (2,912 Survey Nos.) of last year, leaving 295 cases (1,712 Survey Nos.) as against 155 cases (839 Survey Nos.) of last year. Rs. 604 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records and by sale of maps. Compared with past years the output of both offices seems small and arrears are rising. This is due to seven hands in the Central Record Office and 3 in District Survey Office, Thana, being reduced on account of financial stringency.

The Superintendent inspected both the offices and the Commissioner of Settlements inspected the Central Record Office at Ahmedabad.

17. *Central Division.*—The District Survey Offices disposed of 1,669 correction cases containing 5,761 Survey Nos. and 8,662 hissas as against 1,821 cases containing 7,214 Survey Nos. and 7,893 hissas leaving a balance of 465 cases in 2,365 Survey Nos. and 1,837 hissas as against 313 cases containing 1,447 Survey Nos. and 672 pot hissas. The outturn of work is greater than that of last year. Receipts during the year have greatly increased and the output has decreased owing to reduction of staff on account of financial stringency. The Superintendent inspected all the offices and the Commissioner of Settlements inspected the offices at Ahmednagar and Satara.

Rs. 7,684 were realised for supplying extracts from survey records against Rs. 7,795 of the last year. The expenditure incurred on account of the pay of the Fee Karkun is Rs. 3,640 as against Rs. 3,225 of the last year.

18. *Southern Division.*—The District Survey Offices disposed of correction work of 9,204 Survey Nos. as against 11,436 Survey Nos. of last year, leaving a balance of correction work of 1,211 Survey Nos. as against 2,034 Survey Nos. of last year. Last year figures for Ratnagiri District Survey Office were wrongly reported. Moreover, the District Survey Offices did correction work of 21,861 hissas, leaving a balance of correction work of 9,388 hissas. Outturn this year is less on account of reduction in staff, still arrears at the close of the year are smaller than last year. This is due to the Superintendent inspecting the offices frequently and issuing stringent orders for proper output. The Superintendents inspected all the District Survey Offices and the Commissioner of Settlements inspected the offices at Belgaum, Dharwar, Kolaba and Kanara.

District Inspectors

19. Statement IV shows the routine work performed by these officers. In the last year's report it was laid down that these officers should tour at least 190 days of the year. None of these officers have come up to this standard as last year's orders were received after the close of this fair season. Still there is no reason why some of the officers should not have toured as much as they did

last year. Mr. Sardeshpande of Ratnagiri is the worst offender in this respect and no reason is given why his touring this year is so short. The short touring of Mr. H. S. Patel in Ahmedabad was due to the unfortunate accident, a fall from a horse, which incapacitated him for out-door work for a large portion of the season. In Nasik also the touring is short on account of the District Inspector being very ill and praving had to go on long leave, his successor who is new to the duties requiring some time to settle down. These officers have to perform multifarious duties and to cope with the heavy work they must tour adequately.

20. In the Northern Division Mr. Patel of Ahmedabad takes too little interest in the work of this Department as he seems to be keen to revert to the Revenue Department. Mr. Joshi of Thana is reported to be the best District Inspector in the Division. In the Central Division Mr. Joshi (first of Sholapur and then of Nasik) spared no pains till he was physically incapacitated. He worked with zeal, tact and integrity.

Measurement Work

21. The following statement shows the establishment employed, its outturn and financial position :—

| Division | Strength | | Survey numbers and hissas measured | | | | Fees-earned including Government work | Cost of establishment |
|----------|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Cadastral surveyors | District surveyors | Private | | Government | | | |
| | | | Hissas | Survey numbers | Hissas | Survey numbers | | |
| Northern | 17 4 for 4½ months. 6 City Survey Maintenance Surveyors for 2½ months. | 6 | 16,851 | 2,791 | ... | 1,891 | Rs. 31,798 | Rs. 28,412 |
| Central | 45 | 7 | 16,905 | 5,736 | 2,914 | 3,450 | 50,113 | 49,678 |
| Southern | 23 permanent 23 temporary | 6 | 17,185 | 5,605 | 1,254 | 5,274 | 48,349 | 42,748 |
| | | | | | | | 1,30,260 | 1,20,638 |
| | | | | | | | Surplus | 9,422 |

The outturn is adequate in all the Divisions. The staff is now quite self supporting.

22. Statement II shows the outturn of measurement and classification work in each district. In the Northern Division, Ahmedabad shows very disappointing results. Receipts and disposals were smaller than last year's and hence arrears have increased. Thana should also make efforts to clear the arrears. Central Division figures compare very favourably throughout. Southern Division figures are also better except that of Kanara District where special efforts must be made to wipe out the arrears.

23. The arrears are absolutely large in Kaira, Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Dharwar, Kolaba and Ratnagiri. But it will be seen that in Sholapur and Ratnagiri the staff is gaining ground, and in Dharwar it is not losing. There remain Kaira, Ahmednagar and Kolaba which are in an unsatisfactory condition. It will be remembered that Kaira has been doubled up with Panch Mahals under one District Inspector of Land Records for the sake of economy, and during part of the year that District Inspector of Land Records has not unfortunately been a very competent man. Ahmednagar suffered from changes and break down in health of one District Inspector of Land Records. Kolaba has suffered from want of grip and efficiency also. Steps are being taken to deal with these weak points. On the grand total it will be seen that arrears fell and disposal exceeded receipts by 518 cases in the aggregate. This figure would have been much better if it had not been for these three rather weak districts.

Circle Inspectors

24. Statement I shows the work of these officials. The Commissioner of Settlements does not come much in touch with these officials. Superintendents of Land Records make the following remarks regarding the work of these officials:—

Northern Division.—There is nothing special to report about Circle Inspectors. With the separation of the special measuring staff and increase in technical work, very little of the work of Circle Inspectors comes under inspection. They generally neglect map correction work and the statement of new bissas to be measured (paragraph 20, page 95-C of the Revenue Accounts Manual) is generally incorrect.

Central Division.—From my experience of testing the Record of Rights work I find that the Inspection done by some ordinary Circle Inspectors is very superficial. Some Circle Inspectors were found lazy, beyond writing, the words "Examined" in the Record of Rights they do nothing. Talatis' errors are never reported, no instructions are given, no efforts made to improve them. The work of some village officers was found slipshod as will be found from the inspection notes sent to the Collectors; particularly the work of writing the crop and tenancy register was unsatisfactory, this is an important work which is much neglected in many talukas. To remedy this, a better check from the inspecting officers is needed. The circle inspectors' test ought to be thorough. As the Village Officers and Circle Inspectors are not under the control of the Land Records Department, they do not pay sufficient attention to the instructions given by the District Inspectors of Land Records and the Superintendent, Land Records. The exhaustive inspection notes drawn by the Superintendent of Land Records have had little effect because the Mamlatdars do not heed them and treat the Land Records Department as something like an outside alien body which can be ignored safely. In the worst cases, the Superintendent was compelled to report to the Prants or Collectors.

Southern Division.—Circle Inspectors failed to visit all the villages in their charges. It is desirable that they must visit all the villages in their charges once a year at least. This requires the attention of the Prant and Taluka Officers.

The number of days devoted to inspection work is less than that of the previous year in Bijapur and Ratnagiri, especially the latter.

The figures in column 7 of Statement I do not compare favourably with those of the last year. I tested the work of some of the Circle Inspectors in my tour and found that in a majority of cases, the work was done in a haphazard way.

25. This is not an encouraging record. The staff is under the Prants and Mamlatdars. But these Prant Officers and taluka officers are reduced in number and the standard of discipline is not high. They are borne on the Land Revenue establishment and paid under that head, but usually they are to be found quite otherwise engaged in exhibitions, baby-welfare, and making all sorts of miscellaneous arrangements for things, no doubt excellent in themselves, but quite unconnected with Land Revenue or the budget head from which their pay is drawn. When any class of officers become a sort of dumping ground for all sorts of miscellaneous work they become jacks of all trades and master of none and inept and inefficient all round without character or discernible functions. Whenever taken to task for deficiency in this they excuse themselves by their superactivities in that, and so they go round and round the tree and you cannot catch them. Whether this diagnosis, though based on personal observation, is correct or not at least I am sure of the facts. In villages and in talukas the work of the Record of Rights and revenue accounts (the frame and ground work of that great organisation of the land upon which all other activities must be based) is bad and unsatisfactory and constant mistakes, delays and annoyances to the public and to the interests of the tax-payer ensue. A bank cannot be run on the principle that the head can always be away at Conferences and social, political gatherings, and leave the details to the ledger clerks to do as they like and when they like. Yet it would be hard for any Collector to deny that we are not in danger of this condition so far as the fundamental village work is concerned. I propose to take more action to bring to light these deficiencies than I have been doing. My function is purely advisory, and sometimes if I complain of the work of a Mamlatdar or Prant Officer, or even of a Circle Inspector or a talati there are symptoms of a sort of resentment as though it was not my business. In defiance of that sentiment I have made up my mind that time has come when anything that is noticed in this Department must not be politely passed over.

26. *Statement III.*—In this statement we get some of the actual facts as to the supervision of Mamlatdars and Prant Officers. Before looking at individual details, I would point out that the statement indicates that officers generally are not making these inspections in the way I should like and from time to time have urged. The statement provides for recording the number of fields

in which crops, tenancies and record of rights entries are tested. Now an officer standing in a plot of land can in one operation and very satisfactorily test the crop entries and the tenancy entries (if there be any tenants and assuming that at least some of the persons concerned in that land or their neighbours are present); and that automatically leads to his seeing whether the present state of rights as recorded in the record of rights is or is not correct. If there has been any recent mutation than that mutation is checked and tested in the best possible way. Unfortunately it is to be feared that officers take a cursory glance at some fields for the purpose of checking the crops. They check the tenancy entries sometimes possibly in the field, sometimes in the chawdi which is not at all so convincing—and the Record of Rights entries are “tested” by looking at the returns received from the Sub-Registrars and ticking them off in the chawdi. In other words they attest quite different fields from those they inspect. If the former and better method is adopted the number of the figures in columns 5 and 8 will be the same. But if the bad method of disjunctive test, not in the field but partly in an arm-chair at the chawdi, is adopted then the figures will differ, and Government will see at once that the figures will differ, and differ very widely, showing that the Record of Rights tests are not made in the field. In fact they are not tests at all. It is easy to take up a book containing 1,000 entries, look at the first page, and look at the last, and then say, “I suppose it is all right” and initial the last page and then call that 1,000 entries tested. There is grave reason to fear from the figures given that this is the method sometimes adopted.

27. Turning now to the details, first there are the inspections by Sub-divisional officers. In East Khandesh the number of villages inspected by the Sub-divisional officer is very inadequate, and what sort of inspection it was can be seen from the other columns. Nasik (three officers) the whole of the figures are very poor. Belgaum (two officers) is equally bad. In Nasik separate figures for Circle Inspectors' work and Village Officers' work are not reported. In Surat, East Khandesh, West Khandesh and Nasik, Poona and Belgaum negligibly little has been done.

28. Turning to inspection of Record of Rights, from any point of view the Belgaum Sub-divisional Officers' output is quite unacceptable and most inadequate all through. Sholapur is a little better but still inadequate. Nasik: the discrepancy between columns 5 and 8 is very remarkable. Panch Mahals: the record both for the Sub-divisional Officers and the Mamlatdars is discreditable. But they did a very fair amount of crop and tenancy test. Perhaps the Record of Rights entries were *in addition* to those made in the course of crop inspection? On the other hand, for Surat 12,429 tests by two officers is, I should say, frankly impossible while in Kolaba the Sub-divisional Officers profess to have done 27,818 between two of them, and nine Mamlatdars altogether only did 21,683. In Ratnagiri the two Sub-divisional Officers actually claim to have done 38,217. After having myself done many thousands of these

tests I look with stupefaction upon the output of 38,000 by two men. These evidently are some quite different sort of tests to what we are accustomed to. The figures of test by the Ratnagiri and Thana Mamlatdars are impossibly high: and finally we come to the magnificent output of 114,721 by 11 Mamlatdars in Ratnagiri, *i.e.*, well over 10,000 each. It is splendid! The statement indicates that steps are plainly required to standardize and supervise these tests more thoroughly. I am taking action in that direction. First of all I am enquiring the exact meaning of the figures to which I have referred.

Boundary Disputes

29. Mr. C. D. Kavi was British Delegate for settlement of the boundary between the Baroda State and British territory. During the year boundaries to the length of 107½ miles were newly surveyed and settled and 27 miles of boundaries which were formerly surveyed and settled were checked in South Daskroi, Modasa, Kapadwanj, Thasra and Mehmedabad talukas of Ahmedabad and Kaira. Up to now the boundary of 520½ miles touching 220 British and 220 Baroda villages has been settled. In the boundary settled this year there are 693 interstatal marks which are to be maintained jointly by the British Government and Baroda Darbar. Besides there are 1,365 British Revenue Survey Marks and 580 Baroda Survey Marks to be maintained by the occupants. The cost during the year comes to Rs. 6,148, *i.e.*, Rs. 46 per mile (last year's figure of Rs. 30 should be read as Rs. 50).

Measurement of Sub-Divisions

30. *Northern Division.*—This work has been completed in the whole of this Division. Pôt hissa fees still remain to be collected in Ahmedabad District to the amount of Rs. 1,626 and in Thana District to the amount of Rs. 3,490.

31. *Central Division.*—The year began with 9 parties including two headquarter parties with a total strength of 94 hands including Nimitdars as most of the staff was employed on akarband work. During the monsoon these parties were engaged in calculating areas and distributing assessment over the sub-divisions measured during previous fair season and in preparing extracts of maps to be supplied to Kabjedars. At the beginning of the fair season some men had to be deputed for survey work in the C. D. Field party; so the fair season commenced with seven Field parties and two head quarter parties. As akarband and other special works finished, more parties were formed. So at the close of the year there were twelve field parties of 146 hands and one head quarter party. The field parties measured 92,720 hissass in 102 villages of 7 talukas and 2 petas. In the monsoon the parties calculated assessments over 101,330 Sub-Divisions and prepared 105,414 sketches of hissass for supply to Kabjedars. During the year demand statements for Rs. 1,44,121 were issued. Including arrears of past years Rs. 67,093 were recovered, leaving Rs. 1,75,907 still to be recovered.

32. *Southern Division*.—Five parties of 44 men measured 52,592 hissas in 24 Government and 55 khoti villages of Mahad Taluka, Kolaba District, and calculated assessment of 47,563 hissas. In Kanara District 5 parties of 45 hands measured 35,522 hissas in 96 villages of Kumta and 14 of Ankola. Assessment was calculated on 15,812 hissas during the rain. Demand statements for Rs. 30,017 were sent to the talukas for recovery. Including arrears of past years Rs. 53,390 were recovered.

33. Owing to mistakes detected by the hissa survey parties in the original survey record, assessment was reduced during the year to the extent of Rs. 593.

33a. Original pôt hissa survey remains to be done in the following talukas :—

| District | Taluka | Number of villages |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Nasik | { Peint | ... 245 |
| | { Nandgaon | ... 93 |
| | { Baglan | ... 161 |
| Satara | { Man | ... 78 |
| | { Khatav | ... 87 |
| Ratnagiri | { Ratnagiri | ... 1 |
| | { Chiplun | ... 2 |
| Kolaba | ... Mahad | ... 67 |
| Kanara | { Honavar | ... 159 |
| | { Karwar | ... 181 |
| | { Halyal | ... 123 |
| | { Siddapur | ... 202 |
| | { Yellapur and Mundgod. | 244 |
| | { Kumta | ... 30 |
| | { Ankola | ... 71 |
| { Sirsi | ... 226 | |

34. From the beginning the Department has now surveyed hissas, at no cost to the general tax-payer, as follows :—

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Up to 1925-26 | ... | 6,051,190 |
| 1926-27—Northern Division | ... | 15,851 new hissas. |
| Central Division | ... } | 9,270 original hissas. |
| | | 19,819 subsequent hissas. |
| Southern Division | ... } | 88,114 original hissas. |
| | | 18,449 subsequent hissas. |
| | | 6,202,693 |

CHAPTER III

SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT

Revenue Survey

35. *Northern Division*.—Four Field Party surveyors were employed in Gujarat. They did survey and classification work in talukdari villages of Godhra taluka for settlement and jama purposes, partition of villages of Tanachhia, Kanod and Baroda, survey of leased lands in Kaira District and Seaforde lands in Surat District and survey of Public Works Department Roads. In all they measured 545 survey Numbers (2,272 acres) and classified 32 survey Numbers (155 acres). In Thana 3 field party surveyors measured 835 acres and classified 42 acres and surveyed Public Works Department roads to a length of 23 miles. A special party surveyed 6 inam villages of Vada taluka for Record of Rights.

36. *Central Division*.—Seventeen inam villages were dealt with, of which measurement and classification was finished in 8 villages, theodolite work in 4 villages, measurement work only in 4 villages and in one village theodolite work was half done. Seven inam villages in Patan of Satara district were taken up for survey for Record of Rights purposes. In four villages Belavde, Garavde, Natoshi and Nadoli the survey is completed. 7,972 hissas in 513 survey Numbers and 153 entire survey Numbers were measured. In three villages Keloli, Dadholi and Wangole only theodolite work is completed. Survey of 32 villages of the Raisingpur State was taken up. Of these measurement was completed in 8 and classification in 3 last year. This year measurement was completed in 15 and classification in 17. The Kolhapur Darbar desired the survey of 19 inam villages of that State. Measurement and classification has been completed in all. Only calculation of areas, etc., remains to be done in 5 villages. The Miraj State has asked for the survey of their 3 talukas, Miraj, Laxmeshwar and Modnimb, comprising of 57 villages. In Miraj taluka measurement and classification was done in all villages (31). Only recess work is left in 14 villages. In Laxmeshwar taluka out of 16 villages measurement was done in 8 villages and classification in 5, and in Modnimb taluka out of 10 villages, measurement and classification has been done in 8 villages. All the States concerned bear the cost of these operations.

37. *Southern Division*.—Recess work of inam villages of Here, Punare and Bedag of Here Jhagir was completed. Survey operations were undertaken and completed in four inam villages of Belkud, Kulawalli, Malatwadi and Jokkanhatti of Belgaum district for settlement purposes. Classification work in inam village of Dhopeswar of Rajapur taluka, Ratnagiri district, was completed.

Settlements

33. *Northern Division*.—Revision settlements were sanctioned by Government for 8 talukas, viz., Prantij, Modasa, Viramgam, Sanand, Bardoli, Chorasi, Bhiwandi and Thana Mahal and for the

inam village of Okaf in North Daskroi. Calculation of revised assessments in North Daskroi, Halol, Kalol, Jhalod, Dohad, Kalyan and Murbad revision settlements which were sanctioned last year was completed and is in progress for the revision settlements of 8 talukas sanctioned during the year.

39. *Central Division.*—Revision Settlement of 81 Government and 4 inam villages of Mulshi Petha was sanctioned. Similarly permanent settlement of 9 inam villages and temporary settlement of 11 inam villages of the Division were sanctioned. Revised assessments of 11 talukas sanctioned last year were worked out.

40. *Southern Division.*—Revision settlements for 23 inam villages of Here Jahagir in Belgaum district, one inam village in Dharwar district, 13 inam villages in Belgaum district and one inam village in Ratnagiri district, were sanctioned by Government. Revision akarbands (implementing the revision sanctioned in the preceding year) were prepared for Alibag and Pen talukas of Kolaba district and Khed, Deogad and Rajapur talukas and Mandangad peta of Ratnagiri district.

CHAPTER IV

CITY SURVEYS

41. *Northern Division.*—No new city surveys were undertaken Thirty-four cities and 26 village sites are under regular maintenance.

42. *Central Division.*—Enquiry work in Malegaon city is completed and that in Lonavla is proceeding. Survey of Mahableshwar was completed. Enquiry is proceeding in the inam village site of Chinchwad. In all 30 cities and five village sites are under regular maintenance.

43. *Southern Division.*—City survey of Malwan in Ratnagiri district was completed. Enquiry is yet to be taken up. On request of Ramdurg State the city survey of the town of Ramdurg was completed. Enquiry is in progress. Survey of Matheran was completed. Nineteen cities are under regular maintenance.

General Remarks

44. Statement "A" is attached to show the earnings made by the City Survey maintenance establishment in the Presidency and the budget expenditure incurred upon it during the financial year 1926-27. This statement shows how many items of revenue which Government would not otherwise have realised are recovered and brought to credit through the existence of the city surveys and its offices and maintenance surveyors. It also shows that the city surveys and the maintenance staff as a whole are paying for themselves well. It is no doubt true that many items of rent and sales of land would go on even in the absence of city surveys, but a far greater proportion of revenue than in the case of agricultural revenue would be lost if there were no city surveys and maintenance.

45. The City Survey Maintenance staff in large towns earn sufficient revenue to pay their cost; in smaller towns the staff is hardly self-supporting. To remedy this, to some extent, two or more of the smaller towns are put in charge of one Maintenance Surveyor, some of his routine and non-technical work being transferred to the Sub-Registrars according to convenience. Direct indexing in the Property Registers by Sub-Registrars is a convenient arrangement by which the Property Index ordinarily maintained in Sub-Registry offices can be dispensed with. The system is operating in certain towns in all the three Divisions.

46. The system of writing the Property Register on cards, introduced in some cities as an experimental measure was found to work satisfactorily. It will be extended gradually to other city surveys in the Presidency.

47. If full use of our city surveys is not made by the local authorities concerned such surveys might as well be not undertaken at all. The number of encroachments detected during enquiry on Government and Municipal lands is already astonishingly large, and a few fresh cases are also noticed every year during review. But the progress made in removing them is very unsatisfactory. A statement B is attached to show the position.

Photozinc Press

48. The work turned out in the printing branch during the financial year was 1,100,519 machine pulls costing Rs. 33,050 and 137,191 hand pulls costing Rs. 35,414. This year the outturn is comparatively less while the cost is consequently greater. Other branches turned out work costing Rs. 88,607. The work of this press is reviewed in a separate Administration report.

CHAPTER V

RECORD OF RIGHTS

49. The Record of Rights has been re-written on the Maxwell system in the following talukas :—

Northern Division

| <i>District</i> | <i>Taluka</i> |
|------------------|--|
| Ahmedabad ... | ... Inam villages of Vasna, Makhtampur, Isanpur and Okaf in progress. |
| Panch Mahals ... | ... 37 villages of Tanda, Katwara and Chandvana estates of Dohad taluka. |
| Broach ... | ... Broach in progress. |
| Surat ... | ... In progress in all talukas. |
| Thana ... | ... 3 circles of North Salsette and Dahanu. |

Central Division

| <i>District</i> | <i>Taluka</i> |
|-------------------|--|
| East Khandesh ... | Edlabad, Bhusaval, Parola, Amalner and Chalisgaon in progress. |
| West Khandesh ... | 15 villages of Sindkheda and 6 of Taloda. |
| Nasik ... | Dindori, Malegaon. |
| Ahmednagar ... | Parner, Pathardi, Shevgaon, Rahuri, Akola, Ahmednagar, Jamkhed, Newasa, Kopergaon, Sanganner, in progress. |
| Poona ... | Bhimthadi (9 villages). Haveli and Poona City in progress. |
| Sholapur ... | Madha (6 villages), Karmala, in progress. |
| Satara ... | Koregaon (69 villages), Tasgaon (41), Karad (74), Malcompeth (57), Khandala (33), Jawli (2), Valwa (2), in progress. |

Southern Division

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Bijapur ... | 1. Bagalkot. 2. Shindgi. |
| Belgaum ... | 1. Belgaum including Chandgad Mahal. 2. Khanapur. 3. Sampagaon. |
| Dharwar ... | 1. Hubli (for agricultural lands for 10 villages within the Municipal limits). 2. Navalgund. |
| Kanara ... | 1. Karwar. 2. Kumta. 3. Yellapur. 4. Sirsi. 5. Siddapur. 6. Bhatkal Petha. 7. Mundgod Petha. 8. Supa Petha. |
| Kolaba ... | 1. Alibag. |

The Index in the new form has been written in 164 villages in Ratnagiri District as shown below :—

| <i>Name of Taluka</i> | <i>Number of villages</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Vengurla | 10 |
| 2. Malwau | 1 |
| 3. Deogad | 32 |
| 4. Rajapur | 37 |
| 5. Ratnagiri | 16 |
| 6. Sangmeshwar | 23 |
| 7. Chiplun | 7 |
| 8. Khed | 31 |
| 9. Dapoli | 1 |
| 10. Guhargar Petha | 6 |

The Record is prepared for the first time in the following inam villages :—

| <i>Villages</i> | <i>Taluka</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Shirsangi | } Parasgad. |
| 2. Gowankop | |
| 3. Kallapur | |
| 4. Hongal | |
| 5. Aurwad | } Chikodi. |
| 6. Gourwad | |
| 7. Chandur | |
| 8. Jirigwad | } Dharwar. |
| 9. Nuggikeri | |
| 10. Kanwihonnapur | |
| 11. Vat | Panwel. |

General Remarks

50. As in past years, Messrs. Kavi (N. D.), Jagatsingh (Sind), Sane (Pôt Hissa Survey) and Antia (Office Superintendent) with Mr. Audy at the Mapping Office have rendered the valuable service to be expected of the 'old guard' of experienced officers. In the Central Division, Mr. D. S. Modak developed well, and is now a zealous and efficient officer keen on showing the best results and he has certainly been chasing the lazy ones round, and getting good outturns. In the Southern Division we have had more changes than desirable. Rao Sabeab Yardi has worked with enthusiasm.

51. Among the District Inspectors may be noted the good work of Messrs. Joshi, Moghe, N. S. Kulkarni and Velhal.

52. The business of Settlement (with which this report does not deal) and of Land Records has been undergoing those transformations which are so necessary to keep pace with advancing civilisation and keener economic consciousness.

53. The new method of recording tenancies and its interlinking with the Electorals is perhaps the most important event of the year and will yield great improvements in our statistics of land, its crops and settlement valuation; but though it has put a lot of work on us, it does not figure in this report. Though so much of my time and attention has had to be devoted to these matters, I have always been thankful for the good work and conscientious support of my lieutenants.

Your most obedient servant,

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Commissioner of Settlements and
Director of Land Records.

Statement A referred to in paragraphs 44 (showing earnings and expenditure for City Survey offices for the financial year 1926-27)

| Division | No. of the city survey towns | RECURRING | | | | NON-RECURRING |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Rent | N. A. assessment (or altered assessment) | Any other recurring earning | Total of columns 3 to 6) | Coping fees |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Northern ... | 34 | Rs. a. p. 19,653 0 5 | Rs. a. p. 12,106 12 8 | Rs. a. p. 406 10 6 | Rs. a. p. 32,166 7 7 | Rs. a. p. 1,931 15 1 |
| Central ... | 29 | 9,986 9 1 | 46,518 1 9 | 3,898 7 1 | 62,403 1 11 | 2,178 12 0 |
| Southern ... | 19 | 6,615 14 1 | 5,878 11 5 | 36 14 0 | 12,531 7 6 | 1,817 12 9 |

| Division | NON-RECURRING—contd. | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Measurement fees | | | | Occupancy price | Penalty under record of rights | Fines for delay in taking sanads | Fees for showing measurements in sanads |
| | Government estimated | Private cases cadastral (a) or C. T. S. Sub-Division measurements (b) | | | | | | |
| 1 | 8 | 9 (a) | 10 (b) | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| Northern ... | Rs. a. p. 825 4 0 | Rs. a. p. 2,356 4 0 | Rs. a. p. 1,985 15 0 | Rs. a. p. 23,664 6 4 | Rs. a. p. 94 7 0 | Rs. a. p. 4,116 4 0 | Rs. a. p. 314 14 0 | |
| Central ... | 741 8 0 | 1,314 1 0 | 1,586 14 0 | 40,243 14 0 | 20 14 0 | 2,858 7 8 | 545 12 0 | |
| Southern ... | 245 4 0 | 470 4 0 | 1,793 6 0 | 5,406 4 8 | 36 13 0 | 3,853 8 0 | 1 0 0 | |

| Division | NON-RECURRING—concl. | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Fine for unauthorized occupation or N. A. use | Sale of Maps and forms | Witness bhatta | Other earnings | Totals of Columns 7 to 17 | Totals of Columns 6 to 18 | Budget expenditure for 1926-27 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Northern ... | Rs. a. p. 3,193 7 0 | Rs. a. p. 10,514 8 6 | Rs. a. p. 101 0 0 | Rs. a. p. 20,532 12 9 | Rs. a. p. 71,361 7 8 | Rs. a. p. 1,03,427 15 3 | Rs. a. p. 3,38,002 7 6 |
| Central ... | 6,292 10 4 | 1,016 10 8 | 63 8 0 | 6,289 12 0 | 67,249 12 6 | 1,29,652 14 5 | 30,390 0 0 |
| Southern ... | 32,300 4 0 | 439 10 6 | 58 14 0 | 5,384 12 5 | 42,012 13 4 | 54,544 4 10 | 18,599 0 0 |
| Grand Total ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | 2,87,625 2 6 | 85,991 7 6 |

NOTE.—Column 17 consists of such items as:—Temporary rent, ground-rent for past years or for period of encroachment, sales of grass, fruits, bricks of town-walls, earth, etc., notice-fees, fines for breach of conditions, fees for duplicate-copies of sanads, comparing search or tippans; commutation of assessments and notices fees, etc.

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Statement B referred to in paragraph 47

| Division | Encroachments on land | | Encroachments removed during the year under report | | Balance | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Government | Municipal | Government | Municipal | Government | Municipal |
| Northern | 3,017 | 19,436 | 840 | 2,491 | 2,117 | 1,694 |
| Central | 5,518 | 19,303 | 113 | 62 | 5,405 | 19,741 |
| Southern | 845 | 6,344 | 184 | 315 | 661 | 6,020 |
| Total | 9,380 | 45,083 | 1,137 | 2,868 | 8,183 | 27,464 |

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STATEMENT I

STATEMENT

Statement I, showing crop, waste, boundary marks and other

| Name of District | Number of Circle Inspectors in the District | Number of villages in each district | | Number of days actually devoted to inspection work |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| | | Total | Number inspected | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>Northern Division</i> | | | | <i>Average</i> |
| Ahmedabad | 18 | 446 | 446 | 936.1 |
| Kaira | 90 | 589 | 589 | 265 |
| Panch Mahals | 13 | 430 | 426 | 241 |
| Broach | 14 | 307 | 307 | 206.5 |
| Surat | 18 | 621 | 708 | 195.9 |
| Thana | 35 | 1,542 | 1,484 | 181.4 |
| <i>Central Division</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 40 | 1,800 | 1,788 | 160 |
| West Khandesh | 25 | 1,219 | 1,212 | 80 |
| Nasik | 37 | 1,805 | 1,870 | 225 |
| Ahmednagar | 87 | 1,375 | 1,354 | 275 |
| Poona | 25 | 1,177 | 1,177 | 228 |
| Sholapur | 15 | 709 | 709 | 225 |
| Satara | 23 | 1,258 | 1,258 | 228 |
| <i>Southern Division</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 27 | 1,112 | 1,010 | 202.2 |
| Bijapur | 24 | 1,173 | 1,108 | 267 |
| Dharwar | 24 | 1,242 | 1,262 | 250 |
| Kanara | 22 | 1,417 | 1,254 | 225 |
| Kolaba | 20 | 1,627 | 1,545 | 145 |
| Satnagiri | 17 | 312 | 295 | 175 |

I

inspection carried out by Circle Inspectors, during the year 1926-27

| Crop and Tenancy Inspection | | Waste Inspection | | Repair of boundary marks | |
|---|---|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total number of occupied Survey numbers | Number of Survey Nos. and Sub-Divisions | Number of Waste Nos. other than forest | Number inspected | Number of villages due for repair | |
| | | | | Arrears of past year | Current year's programme |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 185,508 | 33,380 H. 2,789 90,665 | 23,849 | 3,796 | 26 | 54 |
| 310,903 | H. 24,540 14,248 | 15,008 | 1,144 | 6 | 53 |
| 65,625 | H. 1,827 18,015 | 11,307 | 1,944 | .... | 71 |
| 136,523 | H. 31,749 23,695 | 8,285 | 1,359 | ..... | 49 |
| 245,942 | H. 39,069 26,691 | 12,588 | 1,150 | ..... | 66 |
| 195,951 | H. 107,058 | 16,677 | 3,171 | 5 | 143 |
| 311,055 | 22,171 H. 16,508 | 9,066 | 2,306 | ..... | 278 |
| 147,978 | 90,956 | 13,256 | 1,711 | ..... | 102 |
| 235,459 | 25,117 H. 22,761 25,816 | 12,605 | 1,685 | 17 | 206 |
| 238,781 | H. 3,189 17,363 | 5,174 | 1,397 | 82½ | 154 |
| 205,700 | H. 19,616 11,844 | 3,764 | 747 | 56 | 123 |
| 114,311 | H. 4,161 29,594 | 2,010 | 361 | 9 | 59 |
| 281,740 | H. 121,145 | 1,996 | 865 | ..... | 117 |
| 185,111 | 51,340 H. 27,710 27,551 | 5,521 | 1,019 | 9 | 89 |
| 161,611 | H. 15,865 33,522 | 9,963 | 1,105 | 9 | 99 |
| 167,566 | H. 32,536 33,253 | 10,481 | 2,091 | 1 | 102 |
| 148,517 | H. 95,198 13,428 | 11,255 | 3,560 | ..... | 168½ |
| 164,649 | H. 33,474 7,214 | 6,533 | 1,836 | 55½ | 120½ |
| 55,076 | H. 74,020 | 1,959 | 613 | ..... | 39½ |

STATEMENT

| Name of District | Repair of boundary marks—concid. | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Number of villages completely inspected and repaired | | Balance of villages outstanding at close of year | |
| | Arrears of past year | Current year's programme | Arrears of past year | Current year's programme |
| 1 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <i>Northern Division</i> | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 7 | 49 | 19 | 5 |
| Kaira | 6 | 53 | ..... | ..... |
| Panch Mahale | ..... | 71 | ..... | ..... |
| Broach | ..... | 48 | ..... | 1 |
| Surat | ..... | 66 | ..... | ..... |
| Thana | 5 | 142 | ..... | ..... |
| <i>Central Division</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | ..... | 278 | ..... | ..... |
| West Khandesh | ..... | 191 | ..... | 1 |
| Nasik | 16 | 203 | 1 | 9 |
| Ahmednagar | 67½ | 74 | 16 | 80 |
| Poona | 52 | 81 | 4 | 47 |
| Sholapur | 9 | 59 | ..... | ..... |
| Satara | ..... | 117 | ..... | ..... |
| <i>Southern Division</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 9 | 89 | ..... | ..... |
| Bijapur | 9 | 95 | | 4 |
| Dharwar | 1 | 89 | | 3 |
| Kanara | | 158½ | | |
| Kolaba | 32½ | 100 | 53½ | 20½ |
| Balnagiri | | 39½ | | |

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| Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors on the District inspection and repairs | Inspection of Tagai works | | Number of entries checked in the Birth and Register | Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII | Remarks |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | Number of Tagai works examined | Number in which work was finished | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22-1 | 5 | 4 | 10,859 | 11,063 | |
| 28 | 10 | 4 | 13,705 | 45,062 | |
| 43 | ..... | ..... | 6,635 | 69,932 | |
| 42-5 | ..... | ..... | 9,411 | 12,863 | |
| 41-6 | ..... | ..... | 15,508 | 46,862 | |
| 75-8 | 8 | 8 | 12,860 | 85,331 | |
| 49 | 35 | 33 | 23,009 | 69,950 | |
| 54 | 105 | 82 | 19,513 | 58,246 | |
| 58 | 16 | 11 | 22,577 | 12,831 | |
| 43 | 266 | 185 | 22,301 | 86,216 | |
| 46 | 375 | 219 | 10,768 | 41,080 | *Shedani village now surveyed is included. This figure of 1,177 includes 171 surveyed alienated villages but not 26 unsurveyed villages. |
| 38 | 97 | 25 | 12,496 | 15,866 | |
| 60 | 154 | 64 | 18,771 | 237,601 | † Last year 17 unsurveyed inam villages were wrongly included. |
| 59-5 | 95 | 58 | 21,585 | 120,249 | |
| 56 | 1,037 | 491 | 20,173 | 51,796 | |
| 64 | 18 | 13 | 26,336 | 40,446 | |
| 73 | ..... | ..... | 9,925 | 77,189 | |
| 78 | ..... | ..... | 13,615 | 102,068 | |
| 64 | | | 5,544 | 83,468 | Circle Inspectors checked 15,520 entries in V. F. VI and VII in 288 Khoti villages. Nine villages of Deogad taluka have been amalgamated with other villages as for G. R., R. D., No. 5640/34 of 1st June 1926; hence the number is less this year by nine. |

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STATEMENT II

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by Cadastral Surveyors and other establishments deputed on measurement work during the year 1926-1927

| Name of District | Arrears at the beginning of the year | | Received during the year | | Disposed of during the year | | Balance at the close of the year | | Remarks | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| Northern Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ahmedabad ... | 61 | 5 | 496 | 20 | 474 | 22 | 83 | 3 | The figures in last year's statement were exclusive of the units of Pot Eesses which have been taken into account in compiling this statement. | |
| Kaira ... | 406 | ... | 2,285 | 2 | 1,916 | 2 | 774 | ... | | |
| Panch Mahals... | 166 | 1 | 490 | 51 | 643 | 51 | 13 | 1 | | |
| Broach ... | 28 | ... | 1,193 | ... | 1,210 | ... | 11 | ... | | |
| Surat ... | 81 | ... | 1,325 | ... | 1,404 | ... | 2 | ... | | |
| Thane ... | 120 | 10 | 1,025 | 70 | 962 | 74 | 183 | 6 | | |
| Total ... | 861 | 16 | 6,814 | 143 | 6,609 | 149 | 1,066 | 10 | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Khan-desh. | 206 | ... | 3,579 | 35 | 3,732 | 35 | 53 | ... | | |
| West Khan-desh. | 36 | ... | 2,338 | 158 | 2,334 | 158 | 40 | ... | | |
| Nasik ... | 149 | ... | 2,324 | 31 | 2,250 | 31 | 223 | ... | | |
| Ahmednagar... | 363 | 15 | 2,234 | 3 | 2,110 | 15 | 487 | 3 | | |
| Poona ... | 1,233 | 26 | 4,666 | 85 | 5,583 | 111 | 366 | ... | | |
| Sholapur ... | 599 | 3 | 3,589 | 14 | 3,659 | 11 | 529 | 6 | | |
| Satara ... | 211 | .. | 5,490 | 74 | 5,479 | 74 | 222 | ... | | |
| Total ... | 2,847 | 44 | 24,220 | 400 | 25,147 | 435 | 1,920 | 9 | | |
| Southern Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belgaum ... | 233 | ... | 1,413 | 1 ^c | 1,471 | 15 | 235 | 3 | | |
| Bijapur ... | 207 | 1 | 1,653 | 63 | 1,691 | 50 | 169 | 13 | | |
| Dharwar ... | 465 | 10 | 3,920 | 139 | 3,919 | 149 | 466 | ... | | |
| Kanara ... | 351 | ... | 1,797 | 98 | 1,631 | 98 | 417 | ... | | |
| Kolaba ... | 271 | 1 | 1,156 | 95 | 970 | 95 | 457 | 1 | | |
| Ratnagiri ... | 455 | 23 | 919 | 27 | 927 | 36 | 447 | 13 | | |
| Total ... | 1,942 | 34 | 10,858 | 439 | 10,609 | 443 | 2,191 | 29 | | |
| Grand Total ... | 5,650 | 94 | 41,892 | 983 | 42,365 | 1,027 | 5,177 | 48 | | |

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STATEMENT III

STATEMENT

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle
in the districts during

| Name of District | Number of villages | | Number of boundary marks inspected | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | Total in District | Number inspected | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Ahmedabad | S. D. O. ... 3 | 446 | 356 | 1,884 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 440 | 3,850 |
| Maira | S. D. O. ... 2 | 589 | 373 | 2,240 |
| | Mr. ... 7 | | 518 | 2,925 |
| Panch Mahals | S. D. O. ... 2 | 430 | 360 | 3,625 |
| | Mr. ... 5 | | 413 | 9,684 |
| Broach | S. D. O. ... 2 | 397 | 376 | 1,184 |
| | Mr. ... 6 | | 397 | 4,027 |
| Surat | S. D. O. ... 2 | 821 | 420 | 1,282 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 790 | 4,332 |
| Thana | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,542 | 430 | 1,313 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,070 | 23,375 |
| East Khandesh | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,800½ | 235 | 1,110 |
| | Mr. ... 13 | | 1,701 | 11,104 |
| West Khandesh | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,219 | 528 | 938 |
| | Mr. ... 8 | | 1,191 | 4,552 |
| Nasik | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,695 | 417 | 2,313 |
| | Mr. ... 12 | | 1,666 | 8,333 |

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer.

Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III

*Inspectors' work by Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlaldars
the year 1926-27*

| Number of Survey numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked | Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII | Remarks |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Village Officers' work | Circle Inspectors' work | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 3,352 | 1,411 | 568 | 3,925 | |
| H. 40 | H. 13 | | | |
| 7,391 | 2,555 | 628 | 7,000 | |
| H. 1,782 | H. 27 | 283 | 9,495 | |
| 1,806 | 2,824 | | | |
| H. 1,474 | H. 3,570 | 539 | 17,831 | |
| 7,736 | 4,538 | | | |
| H. 2,032 | H. 1,696 | 4,506 | 380 | |
| 3,806 | 1,002 | | | |
| H. 2,239 | 1,402 | 15,559 | 413 | |
| 8,400 | H. 100 | | | |
| H. 1,688 | | | | |
| 4,335 | 3,585 | 362 | 3,789 | |
| 9,158 | 3,436 | 397 | 15,030 | |
| H. 6,001 | H. 2,395 | | | |
| 3,040 | 308 | 430 | 12,429 | |
| H. 2,294 | H. 156 | | | |
| 9,640 | 3,172 | 780 | 43,712 | |
| H. 11,793 | H. 3,951 | | | |
| 1,771 | 1,273 | 305 | 9,744 | |
| H. 3,294 | H. 1,579 | | | |
| 7,065 | 4,506 | 1,018 | 76,622 | |
| H. 30,405 | H. 20,359 | | | |
| 747 | 913 | 307 | 2,743 | |
| H. 52 | H. 25 | | | |
| 4,833 | 2,279 | 1,361 | 20,621 | |
| H. 1,824 | H. 319 | | | |
| 3,531 | 695 | 373 | 3,985 | |
| H. 187 | H. 90 | | | |
| 6,333 | 2,270 | 909 | 10,196 | |
| H. 687 | | | | |
| 1,274 | | 405 | 15,552 | |
| H. 1,244 | | | | |
| 9,509 | 4,761 | 1,666 | 27,512 | |

H. = Hissae.

STATEMENT

| Name of District | Number of villages | | Number of boundary marks inspected | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | Total in District | Number inspected | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Ahmednagar | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,379 | 469 | 510 |
| | Mr. ... 19 | | 1,304 | 2,014 |
| Poona | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,176 | 319 | 400 |
| | Mr. ... 19 | | 1,179 | 2,027 |
| Sholapur | S. D. O. ... 2 | 702 | 283 | 618 |
| | Mr. ... 7 | | 702 | 3,646 |
| Satara | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,358 | 399 | 1,580 |
| | Mr. ... 17 | | 1,349 | 7,954 |
| Belgaum | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,113 | 307 | 208 |
| | Mr. ... 10 | | 850 | 2,686 |
| Bijapur | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,173 | 351 | 336 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 1,120 | 1,266 |
| Dharwar | S. D. O. ... 3 | 1,342* | 489 | 1,924 |
| | Mr. ... 13 | | 1,301 | 7,354 |
| Kolaba | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,627 | 455 | 4,919 |
| | Mr. ... 9 | | 1,476 | 14,149 |
| Ratnagiri | S. D. O. ... 2 | 1,323 | 467 | 2,800 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,323 | 6,191 |
| Kanara | S. D. O. ... 4 | 1,417 | 279 | 4,943 |
| | Mr. ... 11 | | 1,297 | 16,364 |

S. D. O. = Sub-Divisional Officer.

Mr. = Mamlatdar or Mahalkari.

III—continued

| Number of Survey numbers in which Crop and Tenancy Record was inspected | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked | Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII | Remarks |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Village Officers' work | Circle Inspectors' work | | | |
| 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1,776 | | | | |
| H. 1,044 | 186 | 290 | 3,999 | |
| 5,652 | 2,576 | | | |
| H. 621 | H. 13 | 1,143 | 27,769 | |
| 1,870 | 578 | 278 | 3,776 | |
| 14,031 | 6,921 | 1,357 | 30,963 | |
| 1,209 | 624 | 223 | 2,156 | |
| 3,732 | 1,593 | | | |
| H. 2,099 | H. 1,091 | 701 | 30,495 | |
| 1,810 | 1,674 | | | |
| H. 6,137 | H. 5,741 | 379 | 12,404 | |
| 11,269 | 11,475 | | | |
| H. 25,166 | H. 10,363 | 1,282 | 51,433 | |
| 689 | 101 | 202 | 570 | |
| 4,522 | 1,833 | | | |
| H. 3,343 | H. 1,215 | 738 | 12,165 | |
| 2,738 | 1,462 | 306 | 3,972 | |
| 7,213 | 2,171 | 1,114 | 21,783 | |
| 1,172 | 982 | 227 | 2,319 | * Includes 63 surveyed inam villages. |
| 17,163 | 7,363 | 1,190 | 32,418 | |
| 3,018 | 382 | | | |
| H. 3,211 | H. 1,214 | 366 | 27,818 | |
| 3,659 | 907 | | | |
| H. 7,523 | H. 1,778 | 1,262 | 21,685 | |
| 384 | 164 | | | |
| H. 2,398 | H. 1,080 | 463 | 38,217 | |
| 2,109 | 555 | | | |
| H. 19,345 | H. 8,140 | 1,316 | 114,721 | |
| 857 | 1,601 | | | |
| H. 563 | H. 1,060 | 195 | 5,468 | |
| 9,816 | 4,384 | | | |
| H. 6,185 | H. 2,227 | 1,219 | 39,734 | |

H. = Hissas.

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STATEMENT

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District

| Name of District | Total Number of villages in the District | | Total Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection | Number of Circle Inspectors |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|---|-----------------------------|
| | Total | Inspected | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>Northern Division</i> | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 446 | 73 | 127 | 18 |
| Kaira | 589 | 69 | 92 | 20 |
| Panch Mahals | 430 | 70 | 78 | 13 |
| Broach | 397 | 65 | 52 | 14 |
| Surat | 821 | 131 | 96 | 18 |
| Thana | 1,549 | 165 | 167 | 35 |
| <i>Central Division</i> | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 1,800½ | 154 | 177 | 40 |
| West Khandesh | 1,216 | 105 | 181 | 25 |
| Nasik | 1,695 | 63 | 135 | 37 |
| Ahmednagar | 1,375 | 133 | 167 | 37 |
| Poona | 1,177½ | 204 | 163 | 25 |
| Sholapur | 702½ | 107 | 169 | 15 |
| Satara | 1,358 | 187 | 162 | 32 |
| <i>Southern Division</i> | | | | |
| Belgaum | 1,113 | 149 | 152 | 27 |
| Bijapur | 1,173½ | 174 | 173 | 24 |
| Dharwar | 1,342 | 160 | 170 | 34 |
| Kanara | 1,417 | 208 | 137 | 29 |
| Kolaba | 1,627 | 169 | 150 | 30 |
| Batnagiri | 319½ | 82 | 107 | 17 |

IV

Inspectors of Land Records of the Districts during the year 1926-27

| Number of Circles | Crop and Waste Inspections numbers checked | | | | | | Number of boundary marks examined | Entries in the Return of Population and agricultural stock tested |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Early | | Late | | Waste | | | |
| | Circle Inspectors' work | Village Accountants' work | Circle Inspectors' work | Village Accountants' work | Circle Inspectors' work | Village Accountants' work | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 19 | 225 | 995 | 37 | 164 | 11 | 108 | 861 | ..... |
| 20 | ..... | 477 | ... | 787 | ... | ... | 1,014 | ..... |
| 13 | ..... | 289 | ... | 131 | ... | ... | 1,300 | ..... |
| 14 | 271 | 921 | 710 | 837 | 72 | ... | 1,194 | ..... |
| 19 | 104 | 1,446 | 1,464 | 250 | 23 | ... | 2,347 | ..... |
| 35 | 1,589 | 1,660 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 10 | 4,075 | 13 |
| 40 | { 48 H. 11 | { 504 H. 846 | { 3 | { 47 | { 6 | { 16 | 792 | ..... |
| 25 | { 1,901 H. 356 | { 82 | { 761 H. 349 | { 70 | { 136 | { 2 | 6,368 | ..... |
| 37 | ..... | { H. 165 87 | ..... | { H. 128 833 | ..... | ..... | 266 | ..... |
| 37 | ..... | { H. 85 | ..... | { H. 1,129 | ..... | ..... | 357 | ..... |
| 25 | { 597 H. 1,323 | { 490 1,470 | { 717 | { 74 | { 74 | { 96 | 1,032 | ..... |
| 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 717 | ..... | ..... | 840 | ..... |
| 32 | { 150 H. 599 | { 248 H. 1,018 | { 30 H. 94 | { 36 H. 77 | { 7 H. 5 | { 96 H. 65 | 1,306 | ..... |
| 17 | 56 | 107 | 61 | 132 | ... | ... | 469 | ..... |
| 21 | ..... | { 235 H. 236 | { 31 H. 7 | { 505 H. 274 | { 25 H. 25 | { 17 | 1,609 | ..... |
| 31 | { 79 H. 119 | { 104 H. 172 | { 37 H. 68 | { 25 H. 62 | ..... | 17 | 1,258 | ..... |
| 29 | 493 | 495 | 68 | 56 | 26 | 97 | 5,344 | ..... |
| 30 | { 347 H. 1,038 | { 537 H. 1,818 | { 22 H. 10 | { 38 H. 138 | { 12 | { 17 | 5,636 | ..... |
| 11 | { 224 H. 1,730 | { 224 H. 1,730 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 1,309 | ..... |

H. = Hissas.

STATEMENT

| Name of District | Entries in the Birth and Death Register tested | Number of Survey Numbers tested | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Measured by the Cadastral Surveyor | Classed by the Cadastral Surveyor | Measured by the District Surveyor | Classed by the District Surveyors |
| | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| <i>Northern Division</i> | | | | | |
| Ahmedabad | 217 | 179 | ... | 15 | 13 |
| Kaira | 271 | 43 | ... | 10 | ... |
| Panch Mahals | 293 | 9 | ... | 10 | ... |
| Broach | 262 | 169 | 2 | 248 | ... |
| Surat | 597 | 225 | 1 | 449 | ... |
| Thana | 263 | 52 | ... | 94 | 19 |
| <i>Central Division</i> | | | | | |
| East Khandesh | 679 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 178 \\ \text{H. } 161 \\ 83 \end{array} \right\}$ | 3 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \text{H. } 5 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\}$ | 1 |
| West Khandesh | 905 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 61 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 10 \end{array} \right\}$ | 16 |
| Nasik | 53 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 68 \\ \text{H. } 92 \\ 62 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... | ... | ... |
| Ahmednagar | 773 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 21 \\ 150 \end{array} \right\}$ | 2 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 7 \\ \text{H. } 10 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... |
| Poona | 1,423 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 291 \\ 286 \end{array} \right\}$ | 7 | 18 | ... |
| Sholapur | 379 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 509 \\ 137 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... | ... | ... |
| Satara | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 436 \\ 381 \end{array} \right\}$ | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 153 \end{array} \right\}$ | 5 H. 9 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \text{H. } 5 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... |
| <i>Southern Division</i> | | | | | |
| Belgaum | 306 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 54 \\ \text{H. } 133 \\ 104 \end{array} \right\}$ | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| Bijapur | 1,306 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} \text{H. } 190 \end{array} \right\}$ | 11 | 5 | ... |
| Dharwar | 628 | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \text{H. } 231 \end{array} \right\}$ | ... | ... | $\left. \begin{array}{r} 5 \\ \text{H. } 6 \end{array} \right\}$ |
| Kanara | 424 | 76 | 2 | 15 | 4 |
| Kolaba | 401 | 62 | ... | 17 | 14 |
| Ratnagiri | ... | 66 | ... | 16 | 4 |

H. = Hissas.

IV—continued

| Number of entries in Village Forms VI and VII tested | Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work | Taluka Forms XX to XXII tested | Number of Tagai Work inspected | Number of entries in Village Form XVI inspected | Remarks |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 90 | 91 | 23 | 23 | 94 | |
| 784 | | 5 | ..... | 70 | |
| 1,375 | | | | 14 | |
| 411 | | | | 10 | |
| 2,993 | | | | | |
| 9,080 | | | 30 | ..... |  |
| 2,919 | 90* | ..... | ..... | ..... | * Three Circle Inspectors and 17 talatis were trained in Plane Table class and examined. |
| 1,934 | | | | | |
| 2,308 | | | | | |
| 430 | | | | | |
| 1,163 | | | | | |
| 6,327 | 542 | 12 | ..... | 245 | |
| 1,690 | | | | | † Shedani village now surveyed is included. This figure of 1177 includes 171 surveyed alienated villages but not 26 unsurveyed villages. |
| 9,677 | 690 | 514 | ..... | ..... | † Vide remark in statement I. |
| 3,371 | | | | | |
| 1,486 | | 8 | ..... | ..... | ‡ Includes 4 surveyed inam villages in which record of rights has been introduced. |
| 2,483 | | | | | 388 Entries in V. F. XII tested. |
| 4,643 | | | | | 1005 Entries in V. F. XII tested. |
| 2,901 | | | | | § Nine villages of Deogad taluka have been amalgamated with other villages as per G. R. R. D., 6540-84 of 1st June 1926, hence the number is less this year by 9. |
| 2,371 | | | | | |

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT:

Office of the Commissioner in Sind.

Government House, Karachi, 29th October 1927.

No revised irrigational settlements were introduced in any taluka during the year.

2. The work done during the year at the Head Record Office is detailed in appendices A and B. The figures in columns 2 to 4 of appendix A are slightly lower than those of the preceding year and call for no comment. Entries relating to 1,441 survey numbers were examined in the office of the Superintendent, Land Records, and only 16 mistakes were discovered. They were corrected at the time of inspection.

The number of copies of field books supplied was 8,817 as against 8,442 in the preceding year. The small increase requires no comment.

The Head Record Office supplied the Survey Officer, Lloyd Barrage and Canals Scheme, with plotted sketches of 13,632 survey numbers against 31,963 survey numbers in the previous year. The work was done by a special temporary establishment entertained at the Head Record Office, with the help of the ordinary establishment.

No land registers were prepared as no revision settlement was introduced during the year.

The number of maps supplied to Government officers and private individuals fell from 5,634 to 5,347. The difference is due to a smaller demand from the Public Works Department. Besides this number, 9,061 maps were supplied to the Public Works Department officers in connection with the Lloyd Barrage. In order to deal with this extra work, a special temporary establishment was entertained for three and half months in the Head Record Office to assist the ordinary establishment.

Appendix B relates to the work done in the Record Office in consequence of the measurements carried out by the village establishment. The number of measurement papers relating to survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Record Office exceeded the preceding year's figure by 428. The number of cases returned for correction of errors shows some increase as compared with that of the preceding year. The increase is mainly attributed to greater scrutiny of the plotted sketches received at the Head Record Office.

The Superintendent, Land Records, tested 316 survey numbers measured by the village establishment.

3. The work of sorting and destroying records is up to date.
4. The Head Record Office was inspected by the Superintendent, Land Records, in May and June last and the result was satisfactory.
5. No field survey parties were organised during the year.
6. No fresh city surveys were undertaken during the year.

The survey of the towns of Tando Adam and Mirpurkhas started during the preceding year was completed during the year under report. The question of the maintenance of these surveys is under consideration.

The apportionment of the cost of maintenance in respect of the Karachi City Survey as well as other cognate questions are now under the consideration of Government.

The maintenance work of the Shikarpur, Garhi Yasin, Sukkur, Rohri, Hyderabad, Larkana, Jacobabad and Karachi City Surveys continued to be done during the year.

In the course of the maintenance of the Hyderabad City Survey 6,958 properties and 230 theodolite stations were reviewed during the year. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 891 and of corrections made in maps 330. The amount of sanad fees recovered during the year was Rs. 4,519-12-0 and the realisations of the City Survey Office on account of copying fees and fines under section 135 (F) of the Land Revenue Code amounted to Rs. 1,315-2-3. The total amount realized up to the end of July last on account of this Survey was Rs. 35,309-14-11. The net balance outstanding against this city survey at the end of the year was Rs. 8,162-0-2. The Municipality realised Rs. 63,675 on account of occupancy price of the plots sold.

The amount spent during the year in connection with the maintenance of the city survey was Rs. 4,330-13-0.

At Shikarpur 643 theodolite stations and 6,222 properties were reviewed during the year. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 1,915 and of corrections made in maps 655. The amount recovered during the year on account of sanad fees was Rs. 159-4-0. This sum added to the previous surplus in favour of Government over and above the cost of the survey raises it to Rs. 4,631-15-8. The receipts of the City Survey Office amounted to Rs. 2,354-3-0. Besides this sum, Government and the municipality realized Rs. 962-13-0 and Rs. 622-5-7 respectively as under :—

| | By Government | By Municipality |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| Sale of plots ... | 953 11 0 | 616 8 8 |
| Assessment on plots leased. | 9 2 0 | 5 12 11 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 962 13 0 | 622 5 7 |

In the course of the maintenance of the Sukkur City Survey, the number of properties and theodolite stations reviewed was 1,380 and 67 respectively. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 1,314 and of corrections made in maps 113. The receipts of the City Survey Office during the year amounted to Rs. 447-12-3. Besides these, the following sums were realized by Government and the Municipality from the city survey area :—

| | By Government | By the Municipality |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| Sale of plots ... | 58 8 0 | 9,785 4 0 |
| Rent of plots leased ... | ..... | 4,260 8 6 |
| | 58 8 0 | 14,045 12 6 |

The realisations from sanad fees including late fees amounted to Rs. 383-8-0. The balance of Rs. 2,318-12-6 shown as outstanding in the last year's report was thus reduced to Rs. 1,935-4-6. The expenditure on account of the maintenance of the survey amounted to Rs. 2,632-8-6.

At Rohri, 37 theodolite stations and 690 properties were reviewed in the third cycle of review. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 395 and of corrections in maps 27. The amount recovered during the year on account of sanad fees was Rs. 17-8-0. The surplus in favour of Government over and above the cost of the survey is thus Rs. 663-5-9. The realizations of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 85-0-3. The Municipality realized Rs. 1,281 on account of occupancy price of the plots sold and Rs. 70-8-0 on account of unauthorised conversions and encroachments during the year. The expenditure on maintenance of the survey amounted to Rs. 398-0-6.

In the course of the maintenance of the Garhi Yasin city survey, the number of properties reviewed was 727 and of theodolite stations examined 49. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Registers was 152 and of corrections made in maps 64. As there were no arrears on account of sanad fees, the surplus in favour of Government over the cost of the survey is Rs. 481-11-11 as reported last year. The receipts of the city survey office amounted to Rs. 87-1-0. Besides this, Government realized Rs. 442-14-0 as under :—

| | Rs. a. p. |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sale of plots ... | 9 0 0 |
| Rent of plots leased .. | 0 2 0 |
| Assessment on plots ... | 433 12 0 |
| | 442 14 0 |

A sum of Rs. 139-6-0 was spent on account of contingencies.

At Larkana 76 theodolite stations and 1,387 properties were reviewed. The number of mutations recorded in the Property

Registers was 1,427 and of corrections made in maps 117. A sum of Rs. 6,169-12-0 was recovered on account of sanad fees during the year. The balance of Rs. 6,917-3-1 shown as outstanding last year against this survey was thus reduced to Rs. 747-7-1. The realizations of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 436-2-0. Government and the Municipality realized the following amounts :—

| | By Government | | | By the Municipality | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----|----|---------------------|----|----|
| | Rs. | a. | p. | Rs. | a. | p. |
| Occupancy price of plots sold | 1,266 | 4 | 0 | 14,894 | 15 | 9 |
| Rent of plots leased | 25 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | | | <hr/> | | |
| | 1,291 | 14 | 0 | 14,905 | 12 | 0 |

The expenditure on the maintenance of the survey amounted to Rs. 2,322-11-0.

In the course of the maintenance of the Jacobabad City survey, 21 theodolite stations and 916 properties were reviewed. The number of mutations recorded in the Property Register was 700 and of corrections made in maps 91. The amount of sanad fees recovered during the year was Rs. 3,147-8-0. The total recoveries up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 9,521-15-6 leaving a balance of Rs. 378-15-8 against the city survey. The receipts of the city survey office during the year amounted to Rs. 178-5-0. A sum of annas 6 was realized by Government on account of rent of plots leased during the year. The expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs. 182-2-9 on account of contingencies.

7. One Deputy Collector and three Mukhtiar-kars attended the prescribed survey course. All of them passed the test and were granted the usual certificates.

No survey party was formed for the training of Head Munshis and graduates. The course for training Head Munshis and graduates has been reduced from three months to one month *vide* Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8579/24, dated the 16th May 1927.

8. The Tapedars Training School remained closed during the year for the reasons stated in paragraph 8 of the last year's report.

9. The total cost of the Land Records Department for the year amounted to Rs. 77,021-10-10.

10. During the year under report the Record of Rights was not introduced in any part of the Province. As regards the six dehs of the Shahbunder taluka and two dehs of the Moro taluka referred to in paragraph 10 of the last year's report, the record was formally promulgated in the case of the former, but was inadvertently not promulgated in the case of the latter. The Collector of Nawabshah, however, reports that the record for the remaining two dehs of the Moro taluka will be duly promulgated during the ensuing cold weather.

The record was re-written in all districts owing to the introduction of new village forms with effect from the 1st August 1926. The work of measuring fresh sub-divisions was kept up to date by the village establishment as a part of their ordinary duties.

The total number of cases in which the acquisition of rights was not reported during the year was 1,715 and the fines imposed amounted to Rs. 3,943-10-0.

The revenue accounts were based on the entries in the Record of Rights except in the areas specially exempted from the operation of the rules.

The maintenance of the Record has been on the whole satisfactory.

Mr. Jagatsing has carried on his duties as Superintendent as efficiently as usual.

W. F. HUDSON,
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To

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The Manager, Government Central Press, Bombay.

APPENDIX A

Showing the work done in the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, in connection with sketches, etc., during 1926-27

| Year | Number of cases necessitating corrections in Survey Records | | | | Number of cases returned duly corrected | | | | Number of cases remaining for correction at the end of the year | | | | Number of extracts supplied from Survey Registers | Number of Survey Registers prepared and supplied to | | |
|---------|---|---------|--------|----------------------|---|---------|--------|----------------------|---|---------|--------|----------------------|---|---|-------------------|-------------|
| | Survey Registers | Maps | | List of Karia rebate | Survey Registers | Maps | | List of Karia rebate | Survey Registers | Maps | | List of Karia rebate | | Village Establishment | District Officers | Petitioners |
| | | English | Sindhi | | | English | Sindhi | | | English | Sindhi | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 1926-27 | 1,996 | 531 | 1,790 | ... | 1,990 | 531 | 1,784 | ... | 6 | ... | 6 | ... | 961 | 3 | ... | 5 |
| 1925-26 | 2,106 | 928 | 1,955 | ... | 2,106 | 928 | 1,955 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,099 | 118 | 12 | 4 |

APPENDIX A—continued

| Year | Number of copies of Field Books supplied | Land Registers prepared for the Head Record Office | Number of Maps supplied to | | | | | | | | | Maps prepared for printing | | Maps prepared to replace old office copies at the Head Record Office | Remarks |
|---------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|-----|--|---------|
| | | | Village Establishment free of cost | Village Establishment on payment of cost | To District Officers | | To petitioners on payment | | To the Public Works Department | | English | Sindhi | | | |
| | | | | | English | Sindhi | English | Sindhi | English | Sindhi | | | | | |
| 1 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| 1926-27 | ... No. of references 2,712 No. of S. Nos. 8,817 | ... | 3,482 | 232 | 122 | ... | 15 | 594 | 124 | 778 | 63 | 210 | 763 | | |
| 1925-26 | ... No. of references 2,922 No. of S. Nos. 8,442 | 18 | 2,777 | 243 | ... | ... | 8 | 710 | 289 | 1,657 | 7 | 570 | 263 | | |

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APPENDIX B

Showing work done at the Head Record Office, Hyderabad, Sind, in connection with measurements done by Village Establishments during year 1926-27

| District | Number of talukas in which survey work was done | Number of survey numbers received for examination and entry in the Survey records | Number of survey numbers returned after making entries in the Survey records | Number of survey numbers returned without entry in the Survey records, along with memoranda of errors | Arrears at the end of the year | Remarks |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Sukkur ... | 8 | 2,671 | 866 | 1,707 | 98 | |
| Upper Sind Frontier ... | 5 | 1,001 | 371 | 630 | ... | |
| Karachi ... | 11 | 1,500 | 728 | 770 | 2 | |
| Thar Parkar ... | 7 | 293 | 160 | 133 | ... | |
| Larkana ... | 11 | 532 | 270 | 262 | ... | |
| Nawabshah ... | 7 | 1,057 | 444 | 612 | 1 | |
| Hyderabad ... | 7 | 981 | 336 | 645 | ... | |
| Total for 1926-27 ... | 56 | 8,035 | 3,175 | 4,759 | 101 | |
| Total for 1925-26 ... | 56 | 7,607 | 4,325 | 3,282 | ... | |

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APPENDIX C

Statement showing the test of Tapedars' and Supervising Tapedars' inspection work by Sub-divisional Officers in the Province during 1926-27

| Name of district | Number of dehs | | Number of dehs in which boundary marks repaired were examined | Number of survey numbers in which crop and tenancy record was checked | | Number of dehs in which birth and death registers were checked | Number of entries checked in Village Forms VI and VII | Remarks |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---------|
| | Total in the district | Number visited during the year | | Tapedars' work | Supervising Tapedars' work | | | |
| Karachi | 799 | 474 | 67 | A. g. 12,870+ 619 4 Bigotimes- urement. | A. g. 3,308+81 4 Bigoti measurement. | 310 | 8,764 | |
| Hyderabad | 929 | 384 | 45 | 9,909 | 1,519 | 155 | 2,066 | |
| Thar Parkar | 962 | 772 | 48 | 31,026+ 651 33 Bigotimes- urement. | A. g. 17,763+ 34 17 Bigoti measurement. | 370 | 84,159 | |
| Nawabshah | 768 | 558 | 76 | 17,148+ 442 26 Do. | 5,043 | 326 | 2,682 | |
| Sukkur | 670 | 461 | 35 | 19,310+ 304 3 Do. | A. g. 4,404+ 48 15 Bigoti measurement. | 239 | 8,878 | |
| Larkana | 754 | 674 | 95 | 40,220+ 477 5 Do. | 14,265 | 209 | 11,608 | |
| Upper Sind Frontier | 483 | 366 | 51 | 13,548+ 2,215 17 Do. | A. g. 2,826+ 592 20 Bigoti measurement. | 215 | 2,771 | |
| Total | 5,316 | 3,689 | 411 | 144,031+ 4,710 8 Do. | A. g. 49,208+ 756 26 Bigoti measurement. | 1,804 | 115,223 | |

J. B. IRWIN,
Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

No. 608 of 1927

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
LAND RECORDS, BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION.Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, dated 2nd November 1927.

From

S. M. BHARUCHA, Esq., B.A.,
Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay ;

To

THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND
DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Office of the Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, Bombay, for the year ending 31st July 1927.

2. The charge of the office was held by me throughout the year under report.

3. *District Survey Office.*—During the year, 155 correction cases affecting 690 survey numbers and 1,520 miscellaneous cases were disposed of by the District Survey Office as against 127 correction cases and 534 miscellaneous cases last year, leaving a balance of 12 correction cases affecting 92 survey numbers. The sale-proceeds of printed maps and extracts from survey records amounted to Rs. 401 while the approximate cost of extracts supplied free to Government officers was Rs. 355-10-0.

It is creditable that the survey correction work consequent on vast acquisitions of land by the Development Department, and due to conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses, which had fallen in arrears during the past years was almost completed during this year. The Salsette Development Officer and the Assistant Development Officers, Bandra and Kurla Areas, rendered every assistance in clearing the old arrears. With the same co-operation in future, it is expected that by the end of the next year, the record will be up to date.

4. *Measurement and Classification.*—The survey staff consisting of 1 District Surveyor, 3 Circle Inspectors and 4 Surveyors (2 from the Salsette Development Office and 2 of the pot hissa survey) have done 732 measurement cases involving 1,085 survey numbers and four classification cases involving 4 survey numbers. There is a balance of 154 measurement cases. Rupees 885-9-0 were realised from private applicants as survey fees.

5. *Pot Hissa Survey.*—The 2 pôt hissa surveyors prepared fair “gat” books and registers during the last monsoon season for 1971 hissas measured by them during the fair season of the previous year, and the statements of recoveries amounting to Rs. 2,463-12-0 were sent to the Mamlatdar, South Salsette. Out of the total amount of Rs. 5,212-8-0 for which the statements of recoveries were sent to the Mamlatdar, South Salsette, during the last two years, an amount of Rs. 1,478-13-11 was recovered by the talatis up to the end of July 1927 and the balance of Rs. 3,733-10-1 was outstanding. The Mamlatdar, South Salsette, has been asked to expedite the recovery work and to report the progress of the recovery of the pôt hissa survey fees every month.

As the result of the partial pôt hissa survey was not satisfactory as reported last year, the work was stopped in March 1927 and a fresh proposal for the regular pôt hissa survey at the cost of Rs. 19,000 was submitted. An allotment of Rs. 9,000 has been sanctioned for the year 1927-28 and arrangements are being made to start the work in November 1927.

6. *City Surveys and Maintenance.*—During this year, 661 properties out of 2,117 were reviewed and 166 theodolite stones were examined in Bandra and Danda, while in the surveyed village sites 116 properties out of 1,067 properties were reviewed. Twenty-eight encroachments were detected in the city and village site surveyed areas. The amount of Rs. 77-8-0 as measurement and copying fees and annas 8 as fine were recovered. The sale of sketches to occupants in the village site surveyed areas brought in Rs. 140-12-0 leaving a balance of Rs. 530 to be recovered. Out of this Rs. 485-8-0 refer to the Malad village site survey, the amount being disputed by the villagers.

7. *Record of Rights.*—The re-writing of the Record of Rights was not done during the year under report as the regular pôt hissa survey and the second revision settlement work for the South Salsette taluka were shortly to be taken in hand.

8. *Boundary Marks.*—Five villages in Bandra Circle, 4 villages in Kurla Circle and 4 villages in Borivli Circle, were taken up for boundary marks inspection work during this year but the programme of 3 villages in Bandra Circle and 2 villages in Borivli Circle was cancelled. One village in Kurla Circle has remained partly incomplete owing to early rains.

9. *Establishment.*—The satisfactory progress of the survey correction work during the year and the good work of the District Survey staff are mainly due to the able supervision of Mr. Bhatkar, the District Inspector, Land Records, who has spared no pains in improving the standard of work of the District Survey Office. My clerk Mr. Phadnis also worked satisfactorily during the year.

10. *Special matters.*—The revision settlement work of the Inan village of Dahisar which was sanctioned by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 4662/21, dated 29th October 1925, was completed and the settlement report has been submitted to the

Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division, for obtaining Government orders. The second revision settlement papers of the Ambarnath Taluka were prepared and sent to the taluka in December last. The second revision settlement of the South Salsette Taluka has also been sanctioned and the papers are under preparation by the District Survey Office, Andheri.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) S. M. BHARUCHA,

Superintendent, Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

No. 241 OF 1927 .

OFFICE OF THE SETTLEMENT COMMISSIONER
AND DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,
BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIVISION :
Old Custom House Yard, Fort,
Bombay, dated 5th December 1927.

Submitted to Government.

2. There has been satisfactory progress in the correction of survey records, a matter specially commented on last year.

3. The Circle Inspectors' work was not sufficiently extensive being restricted to 39 villages, but it was otherwise adequate.

4. From 1st April next the control of the Settlement and Land Records work in the Bombay Suburban Division will be re-transferred to the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona.

R. D. BELL,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

STATEMENT I

Statement I showing crop, waste, boundary marks and other inspection carried out by Circle Inspectors in the District during the year 1926-27

| 1 Name of District | 2 Number of Circle Inspectors in the district | | 3 Total | 4 Number inspected | 5 Number of days actually devoted to inspection work (average) | 6 Crop and Tenancy Inspection | | 7 Waste Inspection | | REPAIR OF BOUNDARY MARKS | | | | | | 8 Inspection of Tagai works | | 9 Number of entries checked in Birth and Death Registers | 10 Number of entries checked in V. VI and VII | 11 Remarks |
|---------------------------|--|--|------------|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|-----|---|--|---------------|
| | 12 Total number of occupied Survey Numbers | 13 Number of Survey Numbers and sub-divisions | | | | 14 Number of Waste Numbers other than forest | 15 Number inspected | 16 Arrears, past year | 17 Current year's programme | 18 Arrears, past year | 19 Current year's programme | 20 Arrears, past year | 21 Current year's programme | 22 Average number of days spent by Circle Inspectors on inspection and repairs | 23 Number of Tagai works examined | 24 Number in which work was examined | | | | |
| Bombay Suburban District. | 88 | 39 | 180 | 10,618 | 811 | 6,434 | 447 | 101 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 7 | ... | 1 | 48 | ... | ... | 770 | 11,921 | |

STATEMENT II

Statement II showing the measurement and classification work performed by the Circle Inspectors during the year 1926-27

| Name of District | Arrears at the beginning of the year | | Received during the year | | Disposed of during the year | | Balance at close of the year | | Remarks |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | Measurement | Classification | |
| Bombay Suburban District | S. Nos. 435 | S. Nos. | S. Nos. 955 | S. Nos. 4 | S. Nos. 1,085 | S. Nos. 4 | S. Nos. 305 | S. Nos. | |

STATEMENT III

Statement III showing the test of Village Officers' and Circle Inspectors' work by the Sub-Divisional Officers and Mamlatdars in the district during the year 1926-27

| Name of District | Number of villages | | Number of boundary marks examined | Number of S. Nos. in which Crop and Tenancy Records were inspected | | Number of villages in which Birth and Death Registers were checked | Number of entries checked in V. F. VI and VII | Remarks |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|---|---------|
| | Total in district | Number inspected | | Village Officers' work | Circle Inspectors' work | | | |
| <i>Bombay Suburban District</i> | | | | | | | | |
| B. D. O. 1 | 98 | 79 | 495 | 1,104 | 504 | 79 | 1,442 | |
| Mamlatdar 1 | 95 | 95 | 224 | 496 | 198 | 82 | 2,455 | |
| | | | | <u>2,587 H*</u> | <u>667 H*</u> | | | |

*H = Hissas.

STATEMENT IV

Statement IV showing the details of work done by the District Inspector of Land Records, Bombay Suburban District, during the year 1926-27

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| 1 Name of District | Name of villages in the District | | 4 Number of days devoted to all kinds of inspection | 5 Number of Circle Inspectors | 6 Number of Circles | Crop and Waste inspection numbers tested | | | | | | 13 Number of Boundary Marks examined | 14 Entries in the Return of population and Agricultural Stock tested | 15 Entries in the Birth and Death Registers tested | Number of S. Nos. tested | | | | 20 Number of entries in V. F. VI and VII | 21 Number of Village Accountants examined in measurement work | 22 Taluka Forms XX to XXII tested | 23 Number of Tagal works examined | 24 Number of entries in V. F. XVI inspected | 25 Number of receipts examined | 26 Number of error slips issued | 27 Number of disputed cases decided | Remarks |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|----|----|-----------------|----|----|---|---|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| | 2 Total | 3 Inspected | | | | Early, Late, Waste | | | | | | | | | 16 Measured by Circle Inspector | 17 Classed by Circle Inspector | 18 Measured by District Surveyor | 19 Classed by District Surveyor | | | | | | | | | |
| Bombay Sub-urban District. | 98 | 81 | 322 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 85 467 H* | .. | 15 | 265 | .. | 191 | 423 | 8 | 81 | 8 | 1,475 | .. | .. | .. | 190 | .. | .. | 84 | + |

* H = Hissas.

† Supervised the revision survey work of Inam village Dahisar, revision settlement work of Ambernath Taluka, pôt hissa survey work, City Survey's and N. A. measurement work in Salotte.

R. D. BELL,
Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
Bombay Suburban Division.

Department of Land Records.

Annual report of — for the
year 1926-27.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. P. 62.

Bombay Castle, 12th March 1928.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind No. P. 85-B. dated 29th October 1927.

Letter from the Superintendent, Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 608 dated 2nd November 1927—Submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records of the Bombay Suburban Division for the year 1926-27.

Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Bombay Suburban Division, No. 241 dated 5th December 1927.

Letter from the Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records, No. A.D. 152 dated 26th December 1927—Submitting the Annual Report of the Department of Land Records in the Bombay Presidency for the year 1926-27; and making remarks.

RESOLUTION.—Government concur with the Commissioner of Settlements that the touring of the District Inspectors named by him was not adequate. This is a most important part of the District Inspector's duties, and they should be warned to be more active and energetic.

2. It is noticed that the orders of Government requiring Sub-divisional Officers, Mamlatdars and Circle Inspectors to do an adequate amount of inspection and supervision, have not had the effect which was expected. Government are glad to observe that the Commissioner of Settlements is taking action to secure a more effective supervision of the tests taken by the inspecting officers, and they will await his proposals on the subject.

3. The attention of the Commissioners, Northern, Central and Southern Divisions, should be drawn to the remarks in paragraph 47 of the Report of the Commissioner of Settlements regarding encroachments on Government and municipal lands and to the orders contained in paragraph 3 of Government Resolution No. P. 62 dated 14th May 1927. The Commissioners are requested to report the steps which they have taken in pursuance of these orders.

4. Government notice with satisfaction that the work of the Land Records Department both in the Presidency and in Sind was on the whole conducted efficiently, and they are pleased to endorse the commendations bestowed by Mr. Anderson on his assistants.

By order of the Governor in Council,

A. E. SERVAL,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
 The Commissioner, N. D.,
 The Commissioner, C. D.,
 The Commissioner, S. D.,
 The Commissioner, Bombay Suburban Division,
 All Collectors including the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind
 Frontier,
 The Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records,
 The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
 Bombay Suburban Division,
 The Accountant General,
 The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
 The High Commissioner for India (by letter).